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The 2025 Point in Time 'Homeless Census' Will Take Place January 29



Training will be provided to all volunteers online and in person before Jan. 28. Photo by Samuel Peter via Pexels

Butte County News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, Jan. 29, the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) will be conducting the Point in Time (PIT) count, also known as the homeless census, with the assistance of Butte County employees, Continuum of Care participating agencies and community volunteers.

As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Continuums of Care

nationwide are mandated to count the number of people experiencing homelessness who are in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

The Point in Time count helps to ensure appropriate funding is provided by the State and Federal government to assist local agencies that provide services, such as housing and healthcare, to Butte County's unsheltered population. Community volunteers are needed to make this year's Point in Time count a success.

Point in Time count volunteers canvass neighborhoods to conduct surveys and assist at hub locations.

Training will be provided to all volunteers online and in person before Jan. 28.

"This is really a helpful way to give back to our community, I encourage anyone looking for an opportunity to volunteer to consider helping with the PIT count. Homelessness impacts all of us in one way or another, this is an opportunity to help our community receive appropriate resources to

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Handyperson Exemption Increases to \$1,000



Assembly Bill 2622, effective Jan. 1, allows an unlicensed person to complete small projects up to \$1,000 without obtaining a contractor's license. Photo courtesy Pixabay

Contractors State License Board News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A new law will raise the threshold for work requiring a contractor's license from \$500 to \$1,000.

Assembly Bill 2622 (Carrillo, Chapter 240, Statutes of 2024), effective Jan. 1, allows an unlicensed person to complete small projects up to \$1,000 without obtaining a contractor's license if they do not hire workers and no building permits are needed. If a consumer's project under \$1,000 requires workers or permits, a contractor's license in the appropriate license classification is required.

The new law states that a person who is not licensed can advertise for construction work if the total contract price for labor, materials and all other items on a project is less than \$1,000. The \$1,000 includes all costs associated with the project. The advertisement must state that the person is not licensed.

As with any home-improvement construction project, Contractors State License Board cautions that a down payment should not exceed 10 percent of the contract price and any subsequent payments should not exceed the value of the work completed or the materials delivered.

If an unlicensed person provides a bid greater than \$1,000, performs work requiring a permit or employs any workers, that person is subject to legal action. Penalties for unlicensed contracting include administrative fines of up to \$15,000, jail sentences of up to six months and fines up to \$5,000. Repeat offenders can face a mandatory 90-day jail sentence and a fine of \$5,000 or 20 percent of the contract price, whichever is greater.

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

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State Route 70 Reopens After Hotel Marysville Demolition

Highway Reopens After Seven-Month Closure



Caltrans News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Caltrans, in partnership with the City of Marysville, announced the reopening of northbound State Route 70 (SR-70) on Jan. 10.

This reopening follows the closure of the highway due to the fire of historic Hotel Marysville that took place in June of last year, which caused significant safety concerns and required the demolition of the building that was built in 1926.



The City of Marysville and JM Environmental will host the "Farewell to Hotel Marysville Fest" Jan. 27. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

"Caltrans appreciates the partnership with the City of Marysville and Yuba and challenging process,"
County during this difficult
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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Whether you want to be affected by it or not, what's happening in the Middle East affects the entire world. So here's a brief primer on what the sides are. Islam has two primary sects, the Sunni and the Shia, and they hate each other. Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and the "Palestinians" are Sunni. Iran is Shia, and Iraq is divided. Syria is ~80% Sunni but has been under the control of the Shia (until last month). Lebanon is ~75% Sunni, but Hezbollah is Shia. Israel, which you have been hearing a lot about lately, is the only democracy in the area, and they allow Christians, Muslims, and other ethnic and religious minorities to be part of a democratically elected government. None of the countries listed above, which surround Israel and are controlled by either Shia or Sunni-based governments (or militias), allow Jews and

Christians to do much of anything other than be murdered or driven out of areas they control. When you sign up for the United States military, you need to be prepared to arm, train, and support one Muslim group against the other whenever it aligns with the interests of the United States. The Chinese and the Russians, who want to destroy the United States of America, fund and assist the non-democratically elected types in both religious flavors of Islam wherever they can.

As a Chaplain, I get to visit people when they are about to die. I had such a visit this week with Butte County Sheriff Sgt. Al Imhoff, who worked in the Sheriff's office for 60 years. If you were wondering if a person who worked in the same place for 60 years has a bunch of regrets as they get toward the end of their life, Al did not. He did not have regrets; he instead was making some arrangements to say goodbye to some of his friends and colleagues, and make arrangements for his funeral and his widow. One of the other chaplains asked him if he was ready to go and meet the Lord, and he said he was, and that at age 87 he felt he had lived a full life. He couldn't

think of anything that he would change. It was quite inspiring and amazing. Thought-provoking.

California-based In-N-Out Burger is planning to bring its Bronze Cue-style grilled burgers to new states in 2025. The burger chain, which does not franchise its restaurants, currently keeps its operations largely centered in the Western half of the U.S., mainly in California, Arizona, and Nevada. But there are also outposts in Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah, as well as dozens of locations in Texas. The reason for In-N-Out's relatively slow growth (compared to other fast-food chains) is because it is still family-owned, and they did not freeze any of the food, which requires a distribution network unlike "big burger" chains. The next states to get In-N-Out will be New Mexico, Washington, and Tennessee. This is bad news for all of us as more of our family members will move out of state when there are In-N-Out burgers there.

A former appointee to the U.S. Forest Service Resource Advisory Council, Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator.

LaMalfa Introduces the TORCH Act

Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release



Doug LaMalfa

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.

CORRECTION

In the Jan. 3 "Gridley Post Acute Earns Five Stars" front-page story, the phone number for Gridley Post Acute Skilled Nursing's marketing director Sarah Boesen should have been 530-370-3112. The Gridley Herald apologizes for the error.

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Community Volunteers Needed

Continued from page 1 help work toward solutions and provide services to those in need," said Chief Administrative Officer Andy Pickett.

The Point in Time count will be conducted throughout Butte County via in person interviews with individuals who are experiencing homelessness, with incentives available to those who participate. Individuals can participate by completing a survey at one of the hub locations or by speaking with volunteers who will be canvassing the county.

The survey locations are listed below.

Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Jan. 29, Chico residents can go to either Chico City Council Chambers Building (421 Main St., Chico) or to the Department of Employment and Social Services located at 765 East Ave. in Chico.



The Point in Time count will be conducted throughout Butte County via in person interviews with individuals who are experiencing homelessness. Photo by Timur Weber via Pexels

Oroville residents can go to the Oroville Hope Center at 2620 South 5th Ave. in Oroville or to the Department of Employment and Social Services at 78 Table Mountain Blvd. in Oroville.

Paradise residents can visit Jubilee Church, located at 6280 Clark Road in Paradise.

Lastly, Gridley residents can go to the Gridley Lions

Club at 186 Washington St. Individuals who would like to volunteer to assist with the 2025 Point in Time count can visit www.buttehomelesscoc.com or call 530.552.6200 for more information.

Additional information about the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care and the 2023 Point in Time count is available at www.buttehomelesscoc.com.

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Statistics Indicate County in Poor Health Overall

Story and photo by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gabrielle Kasza, the Enloe Hospital's Healthy Communities Collaborative coordinator, delivered some somber statistics at the Rotary Club meeting last week.

"The life expectancy for both men and women (in Butte County) is three years younger than the state average. We run sixth highest for suicides in the state. Our cancer rates were highest for colorectal cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer," Kasza said.

Some causes for these somber statistics have been attributed to the 12% of county residents who do not have health insurance. Food insecurity was cited as another probable cause, according to Kasza.

Thirty percent of African Americans can't find food or don't have consistent access to food and about 17% of Latino and Hispanic residents experience food insecurity, according to the data that Kasza presented.

Kasza added that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) have a negative impact on health with physical or mental abuse, as well as absence of a positive childhood mentor.

"About half of our county (residents) have one or more adverse childhood experiences. If you have four or more ACEs, that elevates your risk for poor health outcomes later in life. All of the diseases



Gabrielle Kasza addresses the Rotary Club on behalf of the Healthy Communities Collaborative.

I mentioned, as well as heart disease and diabetes, are preventable through healthy eating, physical activities, and connection and meaning."

The Healthy Communities Collaborative is a joint effort with Adventist Health Feather River Foundation and North Valley Community Foundation to form prevention-based health initiatives. For example, the "Healthy Here" app is available as a resource for those seeking a healthier lifestyle. Recipes, physical activities, links to health-related videos, maps

of recreational areas, a list of community organizations, and a passions and hobbies map are all available. Suicide prevention hotlines and centers are listed as well.

The Healthy Communities Collaborative is working with restaurants to designate healthier meal options with the Healthy Here logo. In addition, each participating restaurant will receive a Healthy Here window sticker for visibility to patrons.

A social media campaign will be launched later this year to promote the program. ★

State Route 70 Reopens After Hotel Marysville Demolition

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said District 3 Director Sergio Aceves. "Although we understand the inconvenience the highway closure has caused, the safety of the traveling public is always the department's top priority. Caltrans is committed to support economic prosperity in the communities we serve."

This reopening marks a major milestone toward restoring normalcy for commuters and businesses in the area. While the highway will be fully open, eastbound 5th Street will remain closed from SR-70 to D Street. Contractors will continue work to secure the site by covering the hotel debris with gunite and fencing off the property where the hotel once stood.

After the seven-month detour, traffic will return to normal with 3rd Street reverting back to two-way traffic. All signals along SR-70 will be fully operational and all lanes both north and south will be open.

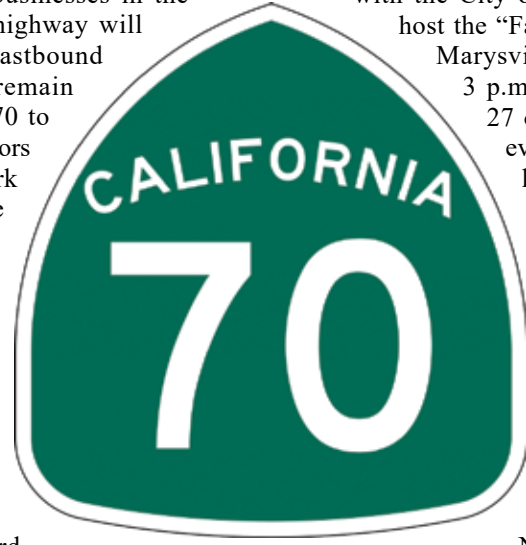
"This marks a bittersweet conclusion for the Marysville Hotel. The journey to resolve the legal, environmental, and safety challenges stemming from the hotel fire has been long and difficult. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the

collaborative efforts of the city, county, Caltrans and contractor teams," said Marysville Manager Jim Schaad. "Their unwavering dedication has been instrumental in minimizing disruptions while prioritizing safety, first after the fire, throughout the building demolition, and now with the full reopening of the state route."

JM Environmental, in coordination with the City of Marysville, will host the "Farewell to Hotel Marysville Fest" event at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27 on 5th Street. This event invites the public to pay tribute to the legacy and history of Hotel Marysville.

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

The department will issue updates on X @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic information, download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★



MEMORIAL

CHRISTEL RADLEY • 11/12/1941 - 12/29/2024

Christel Radley, 83 of Gridley California passed away peacefully December 29, 2024.

Born in Berlin Germany, November 12, 1941 Christel survived World War II as a child and later immigrated to the United States in her early twenties taking one of the first intercontinental jet plane flights and married her beloved husband, Lou Radley, in 1963 in Wisconsin.

A devoted homemaker, Christel cherished her family and enjoyed gardening and canning, sewing, and crocheting. During peach season she worked at the Libby's peach plant near her home in Gridley CA.

Christel is survived by her husband of 62 years, Lou Radley; daughter Michelle Zearfoss; son Milton Radley; grandsons Keith Radley, Dylan Sharrock, Luke Zearfoss, Henry Radley; granddaughter Britney Vanassen; and several great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son Dwight Radley.

The family will cherish Christel's memory and celebrate her remarkable life, marked by resilience, love, and dedication to her family.

There will be a celebration life for Christel Radley Sat. Feb. 1 from 11am to 1pm at the Gridley Moose hall 1533 hwy 99 Gridley. All friends and relatives welcome.

State Water Project Allocation Increases



Above average precipitation and snowpack allow for an increase in planned water deliveries for 2025. Photo courtesy California Department of Water Resources

California Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 23, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an update to the State Water Project allocation forecast for 2025. The allocation has increased to 15 percent of requested supplies, up from the initial allocation forecast of 5 percent announced in December. The State Water Project provides water to 29 public water agencies that serve 27-million Californians.

Strong storms in late November and early December have helped boost statewide precipitation to just above average for this time of year. Reservoir levels have also increased because of the storms. The initial allocation forecast announced on Dec. 2 had not accounted for these storms because the data was not yet available to water managers. Prior to the second half of November, the start of the water year had been dry and warm.

"The past several weeks have brought welcome rain and snow to Northern California and these improved conditions have allowed the State Water Project to increase the allocation forecast to the benefit of millions of Californians," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. "While we typically wait to provide an update until January, we felt it important to let our state water contractors know of the increase as soon as possible to allow them to better plan their water supply for the year ahead." ★

State water managers will continue to monitor precipitation and snowpack conditions, as well as account for dry soils that might soak up some of the spring runoff following record heat this past summer. Additionally, Southern California remains very dry and has not benefited from the atmospheric rivers experienced so far this season.

"California is still in the early months of our wet season and as recent history has shown, conditions can change quickly," said Dr. Michael Anderson, state climatologist. "While Northern California has benefitted from early season storms, dry conditions in the new year can leave us with below average totals when warmer weather arrives."

Each year, the Department of Water Resources provides State Water Project allocation forecasts 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. The next update will likely come this month and will use information from the season's first snow surveys.

The allocation forecast notice to state water contractors and historical data on State Water Project allocations are available online at water.ca.gov/programs/state-water-project/management/swp-water-contractors. ★

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Financial considerations when changing jobs

Are you changing jobs soon? If so, you'll obviously be interested in your new salary — but you'll also want to look at other financial considerations.

For starters, if you had a 401(k) through your previous employer, you'll need to decide what to do with it. You could leave it alone, if allowed, or transfer it to your new employer's 401(k), or roll it over to an IRA.

Also, find out whether your new employer offers a health savings account (HSA) or a flexible spending account (FSA), either of which can help with you with health care costs.

And it's important to know if there's a waiting period

before you can get on your new employer's health insurance. If so, you may need to explore COBRA coverage or get on your spouse's plan.

Don't forget term life insurance — does your new employer offer a group plan?

Finally, look at other available benefits. Your new employer may offer tuition reimbursement to help further your career or even provide college planning benefits for your children, such as matching contributions to a 529 education savings plan.

Changing jobs can be rewarding in many ways — so make sure you know all the benefits involved.

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Floating Classroom Program Highlights Chinook Salmon Lifecycle

California Department of Water Resources News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - During autumn, the Feather River in Oroville is home to adult Chinook salmon that have returned to their natural spawning grounds to complete their lifecycle and start the next generation. This infusion of thousands of salmon offers a prime opportunity for public education, with classes held on the river instead of within the four walls of a school. Through the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Feather River Floating Classroom Program, people of all ages are learning about the salmon lifecycle and critical ongoing conservation efforts and research in the Feather River.

Developed by environmental scientists within the Department of Water Resources' Division of Integrated Science and Engineering (DISE), the Feather River Floating Classroom Program has held various forms over the last decade. For many years, public tours were offered solely during the City of Oroville's Salmon Festival, celebrating the return of Chinook salmon. With the program's growing popularity, DWR is now supporting dozens of free tours for local schools and public members during the fall spawning season.

"The floating classroom program is so important because it gives people an opportunity to have a connection to their local environment," said Michelle Pepping, environmental scientist with the Division of Integrated Science and Engineering. "We're building that bridge from the environment directly to the community and sharing information about the salmon's life history and the work DWR does on the river to benefit salmon."

Floating classroom tours on the Feather River give students and public members an up-close



Feather River Floating Classroom participants listen as the Department of Water Resources' scientists provide information about the Chinook salmon lifecycle and ongoing conservation and research efforts. Photo courtesy of the Department of Water Resources

and personal view of Chinook salmon, as rafts guided by scientists' drift through their natural spawning habitat. Guides highlight redds, the nests of bright red fertilized eggs female Chinook salmon build in gravel beds, which then hatch into alevin, the first lifecycle stage of a new salmon.

"I touched two salmon twice," noted Plumas Avenue Elementary School fourth-grader Jeremy Gendreau. "It was slimy but pretty cool."

"The Floating Classroom offered experiences that we can't give in the classroom," said Angela McLean, fourth grade teacher at Plumas Avenue Elementary School in Oroville. "The students were right on the river and they got to see, touch, and smell. They had a scientist explaining everything that was happening around them and it's

all right here in their backyard."

Throughout the floating classroom tour, scientists also provide education about how the Department of Water Resources' State Water Project system operates and the work occurring in the Feather River to support and monitor Chinook salmon populations. This includes discussions about gravel improvement projects to enhance spawning habitat and the many scientific monitoring and data collection projects underway that track Chinook salmon throughout their lifecycle.

"We're collecting data through snorkel surveys, screw trapping, beach seining, water quality monitoring, environmental DNA analysis, drone surveys and more," Pepping said. "All that information is relayed to the public during floating classroom tours."

For local students participating in the floating classroom program, it also opens their eyes to potential career paths available in their hometown.

"I really want to have a job like this when I grow up," Gendreau added.

This unique experience educates students and community members of all ages who are eager to learn about salmon and the Feather River.

"This year, DWR has reached over 800 students and more than 600 community members with our floating classrooms tours, which we're really excited about," Pepping said. "Being able to provide this experience to students and the public is an amazing thing that we can do to continue to build these connections to people, their environment, and their water."

The 2024 fall-run spawning

season marked the first year in which the Department of Water Resources sponsored dozens of free tours to local schools and members of the public, with support from the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Thermalito Union Elementary School District. While the Feather River Floating Classroom program has concluded for the season, the Department of Water Resources' efforts continue year-round to study salmon and enhance the Feather River habitat and help Chinook Salmon populations thrive. The Feather River Floating Classroom program will resume in the fall with the return of fall-run Chinook salmon.

Visit the Department of Water Resources' Protecting California's Salmon StoryMap to see more of the work being done to help salmon in California. ★

Forbestown Man Sentenced to 25 Years to Life for Brutal Slaying of Grandmother

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Forbestown man was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison Jan. 8 in Butte County Superior Court, after previously pleading to a single count of first-degree murder for the brutal killing of his grandmother in January of 2024.

Kenneth Lewis, 38, was arrested on Jan. 21, 2024, after he called the Butte County Sheriff's Office to report that his grandmother, in whose home in Forbestown he lived, was deceased. Upon arrival, Butte County Sheriff's deputies, as well as Cal Fire responders, contacted Lewis, who told them he killed his grandmother. Authorities located Violet MacGregor, 80, naked and dead in a pool of blood in the home's primary bathroom tub. Lewis was arrested.

At a previous preliminary hearing in June of 2024, Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Roose presented evidence that a struggle occurred in the victim's bedroom. A Butte County Sheriff's detective testified there were blood stains on the bed, on the carpet next to the bed, and the walls and furniture of the bedroom.

Evidence was also presented that detectives interviewed Lewis the same afternoon he was arrested, and observed injuries to him, including his feet and swollen knuckles and hands. During the interview, Lewis admitted to detectives he killed MacGregor, beating her with his fists, and then kicking her while she was on the floor of her bedroom.

An autopsy report showed blunt force trauma to the head and neck as the cause of death. The autopsy showed brutal injuries to the victim's head, neck, and torso, including a broken hyoid bone in the victim's neck and broken ribs.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Lewis also told detectives that on the night of Jan. 20, 2024, he went into the victim's room and attempted to kiss her goodnight, but he became upset



when she bit his tongue. Lewis stated after he beat her, he dragged her into the tub, where he left her. Lewis said he could hear the victim breathing heavily when she was in the tub, but he left to go to sleep. Lewis said it was not until he woke up the next morning that he realized she was dead.

However, investigators located evidence someone had attempted to clean up the blood stains in the primary bedroom, with bloody paper towels and cleaning wipes being found in multiple trash cans, and blood smears found throughout the home, including in the laundry room and the secondary bathroom.

Ramsey said the evidence showed Lewis likely was not sleeping but attempting to clean up the evidence of his ruthless crime, while the victim was dying in the tub.

At the sentencing today, prosecutor Roose requested the court to impose the maximum term of 25 years to life in prison due to the brutal nature of the murder and the vulnerability of the victim, who had suffered a stroke approximately a week before the attack.

Lewis told Judge Kimberly Merrifield that he was sorry for what he had done, and he would have to live with the shame he brought upon himself and his family forever. The judge then sentenced him to the maximum term of 25 years to life. ★

Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings



How to Use Facebook & Instagram Ads to Grow Your Business (Red Bluff)

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Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 | **Time/Cost:** 9:00am - 11:00am; Free
ocation: Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 6161 Clark Road, Paradise

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According to the World Trade Center, "...70% of global purchasing power is outside of the United States, exporting companies grow two to four times faster, are 17% more profitable, 8.5% more productive, are more resilient, and survive longer in competitive markets..." Attend both or Part 1 or Part 2 of this event to learn how exporting can be part of your strategic business plan. You will learn: How to access global markets; The benefits of growing internationally; and How the World Trade Connect Incubator and Accelerator Programs can support your international growth.

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The Incubator! Part 1

- A dynamic, 90-minute program for the "Export Curious" (no experience, want to learn more).
- Provides an insightful overview of the key factors to consider when preparing your business for international markets.
- Includes a comprehensive self-assessment to evaluate your business readiness for global success.

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- Market Research Assistance: Identify promising markets.
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Take your first step towards global growth! Attend one or both parts of this event!
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 | **Time/Cost:** 9:00am - 12:30pm; Free
Location: Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico.

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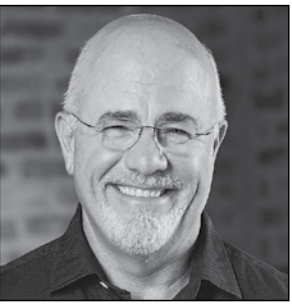
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Dave Ramsey Says Honor Your Obligations



Dave Ramsey

of situations.

You know, lots of times when people say they can't afford something, what they're really saying is they don't want to give up fun stuff in order to honor their obligations. If that's the case, I'm not the guy you need to be talking to or want on your team. You accepted the responsibilities that came with borrowing money. That means if you don't get to eat in restaurants, go on vacation or buy cool new gadgets until you repay the debt, that that's how it is.

However, if you're already living on a crazy-tight, rice and beans budget, and \$20 is literally all you can squeeze out, then give them \$20 a month. That way, at the very least, you're trying to honor your obligation. And you can tell them with a clean conscience it really is all you can afford.

But there's a bright spot in all this. If you're

already scrimping and saving and paying all the money you have—first toward running your household, then secondly to your creditors—you'll find an amazing thing starts to happen. Your dollars start to stretch a little bit further. This will help you clean up your student loan mess and enable you to have a little better life in the process. Good luck, Sydney. 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. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Check, check, check. Trees all pruned, trees all sprayed for fungus and giant Abutilon cut down to a stump. I have full faith that it will start growing immediately. Now I need to prune my Crimson Queen Japanese Maple. For Christmas my husband gave me the gift of building a torii gate. It will go in front

of the Crimson Queen to look graceful and wonderful as well as act like a shade structure in the summer. As we worked to measure and decide where the supports will go a friend of mine who is a tree expert stopped by. He looked up at the leaning birch and said that top needs to be cut. I've always used the long weeping branches of that birch to shade my Crimson Queen. As he talked about how to lighten the top of the birch, I looked at it and knew it was time for it to go. A hard decision but it is not in good health. So, it is going to be cut down. We don't need to wake up to a tree blocking the

street and smashing my maple. Once we have a less windy day it is getting taken down. It will change the profile of the yard. There will still be the straight and strong birch that is a bit farther back from the sidewalk. I have some geraniums that work hard to bloom in that area and they will welcome more sun. Once that tree is gone the torii will go up. I am very happy about that change. Now to cut at a very sticky plant called a puya it seems to think it needs to get big. It might have to go. I was hoping it would bloom its beautiful blue plume of a flower before I got rid of it. Ahh well, things change. ★



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Crypto Currency verses the US Dollar

Crypto currency comes in many forms. Bitcoin being the most notable, there are many others that go by names like Ethereum, Ripple, Stellar Loomis, EOS and Lightcoin to name a few. There are an estimated 10,000 crypto currencies now in existence.

The idea behind crypto is it is anywhere and everywhere there is internet access. Not controlled by any one government, crypto is "mined" by using mathematical formulas called block chain technology. Wikipedia describes it as: "A cryptocurrency is a digital asset designed to work as a medium of exchange that uses strong cryptography to secure financial transactions, control the creation of additional units, and verify the transfer of assets".

As a currency, crypto currencies meets some of the characteristics a medium of exchange must possess. A currency must be hard to replicate, be divisible, recognizable, have uniformity, be portable, have acceptability and maintain a store of value. On the first six characteristics, crypto coins could be argued fit the bill nicely. My objection is having issue with the last characteristic, maintaining a store of value.

Its goes without saying that at times, the price of crypto currencies can vary tremendously. Lately, that has been an understatement.

Stories of skyrocketing prices and subsequent roller coaster like plunges are common. Bitcoin itself briefly breached 100,000.00 a coin just a few weeks ago.

Although a rising price may convince some investors to believe crypto might make an acceptable currency replacement, the very fact it often moves so violently violates the store of value characteristic a useable currency must possess.

Store of value means both the buyer and seller of the currency must have faith in its stability. Stability meaning it doesn't go up or down much. Certainly the buyer of crypto relishes the meteoric rise when it occurs, but like all things money, there is always someone else on the other side of the trade.

If a buyer of crypto makes an overnight fortune on a price spike, the seller of that very same crypto lost an equal amount in value.

For to buy crypto, one must have exchanged something else for it.

For example, if it is another currency that is exchanged, the person who sold the crypto now holds a currency that has fallen in value by an equal amount.

Given the recent price instability of Bitcoin, the very definition of maintaining a store of value is almost nonexistent and therefore, at this place in time, Bitcoin cannot be considered a usable currency replacement.

Another attraction of crypto is the fact no one or no one government can shut it down. Again from Wikipedia:

"It is a decentralized digital currency without a central bank or single administrator.....".

Since the internet is worldwide and unstoppable, the thinking goes that crypto coins can't be confiscated by meddling governments.

However, governments of the world don't have to confiscate crypto currencies to stop their usage. All they have to do is shutdown the exchange websites that trade them. Sounds unlikely but many countries have already done so.

Quite simply, if your country of residence decides it doesn't want you trading crypto, it can shut down all the ways you can access it.

Internet workarounds are certainly possible, but to the average Joe, cyber space backdoors may be difficult to access.

Central governments will always strive to maintain strict controls over their respective currencies to insure their viability.

A country's currency is the lifeblood of their economy so controlling it insures the ability to use the government check book, which means the ability to deficit spend without restriction.

History has proven time and time again a government will insure its currency remains valid and is not usurped by another. This would obviously include curtailing the use of Bitcoin or any other currency whose ownership becomes too wide spread.

That said, to say central governments aren't fully aware of the threat crypto coins may present to their specific currencies would be more than naïve.

The U.S. government is already looking into issuing its own version of cyber coin called the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). President elect Trump has also indicated the U.S. government is looking to expand its control of the Bitcoin market by establishing a Bitcoin reserve of its own.

The U.S. is not alone. The issue is being discussed among central banks worldwide.

That said, in this analysts opinion, it's only a matter of time before governments bring down a harder hammer on the entire cyber coin phenomenon in order to insure continued control of all things money.

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

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New Year Marks Start of New Laws and Regulations

The start of another year has brought with it new laws and regulations that affect agricultural production in California. As of Jan. 1, new policies related to water, labor, air quality, endangered species and other issues that impact farmers have taken effect.

Leopold Conservation Award Finalists Show Personalized Approaches to Conservation

For 166 years, the Bowles and Lawrence families have nurtured the land and ecosystem of Bowles Farming Co. in Los Banos. Bowles Farming Co.'s sustainability efforts earned it the 2024 Leopold Conservation Award, which honors farmers and ranchers who practice outstanding environmental stewardship. The company's wide reach includes 640 acres of natural wetlands, providing an ideal forage habitat for native pollinators and migratory birds.

Photo Contest Winners Capture the Magic of Agriculture

Photographers who submitted their images to the 43rd annual California Farm Bureau Photo Contest captured inspiring moments last year on California farms, such as the birth of a calf, the beauty of almond bloom and the dedication of an overnight harvest crew. Rachel Ramey of Kern County took first place for her photo of a newborn calf at AdamsCows Dairy in Laton.

Field Report Offers Insight on California Chestnut Crop

Stanislaus County chestnut farmer Joe Avila told Ag Alert earlier this month about the chestnut crop he harvested in the fall. "The crop was a little bit light," Avila said. "We had a hot summer. The beginning of October was so hot in Modesto that it dried a lot of the chestnuts on the tree. When we picked them up mechanically, we were cracking a lot of them because they were so dry." ★



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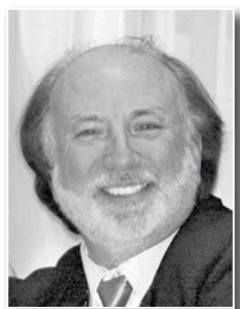
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The following person(s) are doing business as: Angels Little Child Care, 2480 A Street, Oroville, CA 95966
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The following person(s) are doing business as: The Mental Wellness Pivot, 287 Rio Lindo Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Robyn C McCarthy, 279 Rio Lindo Avenue, Apt 25, Chico, CA 95926
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The following person(s) are doing business as: Bangor Feed, 5690 La Porte Road, Bangor, CA 95914
Samantha Beers, PO Box 57, Bangor, CA 95914
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The following person(s) are doing business as: An Honest Smog, 2270 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA 95965.
Ecocheck Smog Services LLC, 18 Harmony Drive, Oroville, CA 95966.
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HONEST 1-31-25

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The following person(s) are doing business as: American Concrete Coatings, 1240 Bird Street, Oroville, CA 95965.
American Concrete Coatings, LLC, 1240 Bird Street, Oroville, CA 95965.
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HELENS 1-31-25

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The following person(s) are doing business as: Barber Johns Family Cuts, 1836 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926
Tammie Sue Barbee, 1836 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000014
The following person(s) are doing business as: BSR Design & Consulting, 1145 Richins Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV04030

Petitioner Ryeon Cook filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ryeon Eric Cook to Nazeo Ryeon Spavone.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 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 January 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on December 9, 2024
Tamara L Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025
RYEON 1-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE AMENDED
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV03952

Petitioner Leighanne Herndon Williams filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Leighanne Herndon Williams to Cherry Veritas Williams.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall 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 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 February 12, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on December 23, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
WILLIAMS 1-24-25

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Foreclosure No. 7181060 APN# 060-090-005 On February 5, 2025 at 3:30 p.m., Mid Valley Title and Escrow Company, Trustee, or Successor Trustee or Substituted Trustee of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Gregory D. Borene and Alexandra Borene, husband and wife, and recorded September 5, 2014 as Instrument No. 2014-0027918, of Official Records of Butte, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default thereunder recorded October 3, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024-0026227, of Official Records of said County, will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction for cash, lawful

money of the United States of America, a cashier's check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse at 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965, all that right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: shown on said Deed of Trust (X)The street address or other common designation of said property: 7362 Humboldt Road, Butte Meadows, CA 95942 (X) Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: Schweiger Trust, 1767 Brinson Lane, Durham, CA 95942 Directions to the above property may be obtained by requesting same in writing from the beneficiary within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed of Trust, plus estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale: \$108,180.00

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-24-998558-BF Order No.: 240520201-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/22/2020. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): EVAN WILLIAMS, A SINGLE MAN. Recorded: 6/25/2020 as Instrument No. 2020-0025081 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of BUTTE County, California; Date of Sale: 2/19/2025 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Main Entrance of the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$311,821.32 The purported property address is: 1595 OAK ST, GRIDLEY, CA 95948 Assessor's Parcel No.: 009-103-001-000 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 call 1-800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-24-998558-BF. 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: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice for abandoned mobile home. If the legal owner of the home at Grande MHP #7. Gridley CA 95948 does not claim it by January 22, 2025, it will be auctioned on e-bay.com for 10 days starting January 22, 2025. Contact BGMHP@OUTLOOK.COM HL Angel LLC 9009 Chaff Ct. Elk Grove CA 95758

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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

[Civ. Code Sec. 798.56a(e); Comm. Code Secs. 7209, 7210]

TO REGISTERED OWNERS CAROL DAUGHERTY, MITCHELL JACK MANLEY, ALICE MARJORIE MANLEY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST in the following goods:

A 1971 mobilehome, Tradename ACLID;
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61 feet, five inches in length and 12 feet in width per section for a total width of 24 feet.

SINCE THE DEMAND MADE under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209, 7210(2) of the Commercial Code by COBBLESTONE II OLH LLC ("Community Owner") for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of CAROL DAUGHERTY, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, notice is hereby given said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 3, 2025, at 139 BIRCH PARKWAY, OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95966. The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, "as-is" without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.

Please take notice payment at the public sale must be made by certified funds within three (3) days of the warehouse lien sale or at the time the mobilehome is removed from the premises, whichever is sooner. Failure to pay or remove as required will result in failure of the bid in which case the next highest third party bid will be taken subject to these same terms and conditions; if the next highest bidder is Community Owner's credit bid, then Community Owner's credit bid will prevail.

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COBBLESTONE II OLH LLC

Dated: January 7, 2024, at San Jose, California

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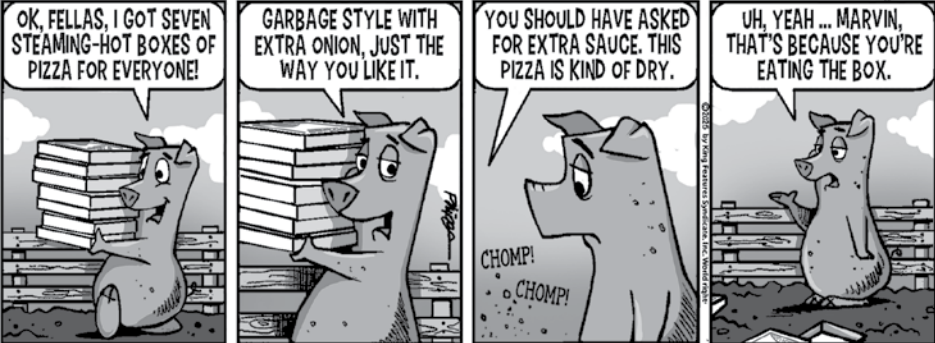
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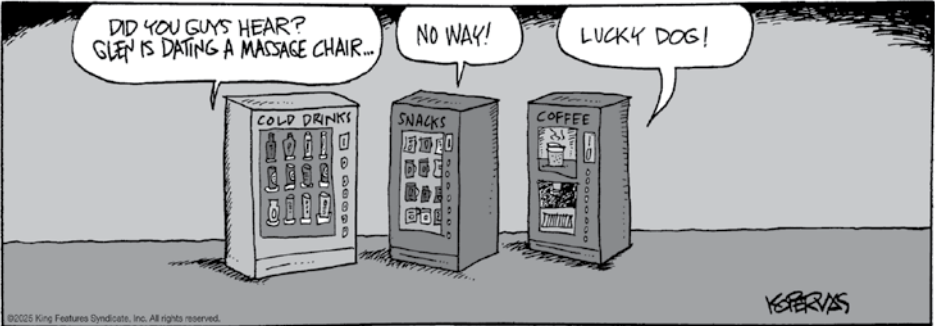
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



A team in search of an identity. That's all we've heard from the pundits all year. The Kings don't have an identity. They can't figure out who they are.

A six-game losing streak and falling six games below 500 cost coach Mike Brown his job.

Monte McNair and Vivek Ranadive were roundly criticized and vociferously so from columnists and even talk show hosts from Kings radio station 1140 AM.

Even the hiring of Doug Christie was met with raised eyebrows as he leap frogged over other assistant coaches with more experience.

Winners of seven out of eight games since Christie took over, including an eye popping seven straight wins, has fans and pundits singing an entirely different tune.

Winning five straight home games was amazing to be sure, but we were all prepared for what the inevitable would be when the Kings entered the Boston Garden. World Champs from last year and playing some of the best basketball in the NBA, the Celtics take no prisoners on their home court.

All that the Kings did was hand Boston their worst defeat of the season and win by an overwhelming 17 points! Platitudes alone don't tell the story. This was the Sacramento Kings at their finest hour, playing frenetic and inspired defense that Sactown fans had been dreaming of. Oh, did I mention that Kings leading scorer and point guard DeAaron Fox sat this one out with a hip injury?

It's time to get on your feet Sacramento and put your hands together, because this unit of basketball players deserves a standing ovation.

Sunday, DeMar DeRozan went into Chicago with his teammates riding a 6-game winning streak, and the game was a see-saw event with a total of 28 lead changes. Zach LaVine looked as though he was a one-man wrecking crew, and regardless of who the Kings put on him, LaVine did pretty much what he wanted. Add to that an inspired game by Lonzo Ball and this contest had all the makings of a game where winning streaks die.

The Kings played a style of defense once again that we have rarely seen, and

at crunch time took care of the ball, all the while making timely baskets. DeRozan was there to remind his former teammates why he was a 6-time all-star, and his 21 points were crucial to the Kings victory.

Domantas Sabonis continued his torrid streak with another stellar game, scoring 22 and adding 15 huge boards. His eight assists were only eclipsed only by Malik Monk nine, but in this victory, everyone played a part.

Admittedly the Kings are on a roll, and this team is fun to watch.

So, what's changed? If you ask the players, they will say that since Doug Christie took over, they are playing loose and having fun. The results don't lie, but why couldn't former coach Mike Brown achieve the same results.

Part of the answer lies in his desire to experiment with his bench on a constant basis, to the point that no one knew from game-to-game whether they would get significant minutes or no playing time at all. This type of coaching smacks a player's confidence, and it showed in bench players and starters alike.

There is no question that being a former NBA player brings a different perspective to a basketball team, and Doug Christie has their attention in a very positive way.

At this point, fans are taking a completely different attitude, and after giving the Celtics their worst defeat of the season and being only one of two teams to hold the world champs to under 100 points, anything looks possible.

So, how has this affected the Kings and their organization? Well, it quells crazy trade rumors and puts Sacramento in a much better bargaining position as it relates to players that might bolster the front court and give Sabonis some support.

The desultory play of the past is just that, past. This team is bent on showing DeAaron Fox why being a King for life is the ticket to happiness, and nothing would make me happier than to see DeAaron Fox in a Kings uniform for the next 10 years!

Stay tuned Kings fans because this is just heating up, and the best is yet to come!

All be best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Social Security Matters

About Investing Social Security Money in the Stock Market



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: For most folks collecting Social Security, you get back what you put in within 3-5 years, so for those that scream - "SS is not an entitlement, it is my money"- that is not entirely accurate beyond 3-5 years. For me personally 4.4 years is the number. But had I been able to invest that money over the 43 years I worked at a modest 6% interest, I expect the amount would have been a lot more. And of course, the stock market averaged 9.5% over that time. Perhaps Social Security should invest in the stock market instead of U.S. Government treasury bonds. **Signed: Interested Observer**

Dear Observer: You bring up a point we frequently hear - that if, instead of paying into Social Security, I had invested the same money in the stock market I would have gotten more. That, of course, might be the case if you had the unwavering discipline to religiously invest the equivalent amount in the market, avoiding the temptation to use that

investment for any other reason. And life is full of good reasons - financial emergencies, for example, or the simple temptation to buy something desperately needed, or just occasionally skipping a month to pay bills. Also, the stock market is notoriously volatile, which can create substantial angst for investors who are faint of heart. The fact is that Social Security provides guaranteed financial growth from the age of eligibility (normally 62), up to age 70 when the maximum benefit is attained. Benefits claimed at one's full retirement age are about 24% - 32% more than if taken at age 62 (depending on full retirement age), and benefits taken at age 70 are about 75% more than benefits taken at age 62. And that is guaranteed growth for those with the patience to wait longer to claim.

You may recall that the idea of investing Social Security reserves in the stock market has been floated a few times in previous years, but accompanying risks made Congress essentially unwilling to even entertain the idea. It has always been a political "hot potato" and those who suggest it are usually castigated for wanting to "give SS money to Wall Street," so I expect it is unlikely to happen. Guess we'll need to be satisfied with the interest on those Special Issue Government Bonds (which, by the way, returned about

\$67 billion to the Social Security Trust Fund in 2023). FYI, average interest rate for new deposits to the Trust Fund in 2023 was 4.1%, and the overall effective rate of return on all Trust Fund assets was 2.4%.

Social Security has some issues and will face some financial difficulty in less than a decade unless Congress enacts program reform soon. But it is a program which most seniors rely on for a major part of their retirement income and one which keeps over 22 million Americans out of poverty. Here at the AMAC Foundation, we strongly advocate for sensible Social Security reform and we're very optimistic about the program's future. But Congress needs to act soon to avoid a cut to everyone's Social Security amount in about 2033.

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Newsom and California Museum Induct 18th Class of California Hall of Fame

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 19, Governor Gavin Newsom, First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom and the California Museum inducted the 18th class of the California Hall of Fame, consisting of trailblazers in athletics, civil rights, culinary arts, entertainment and more.

For the first time in the history of the California Hall of Fame, this class is entirely comprised of women in a meaningful recognition of women's achievements, which have historically been underrepresented in California's history. The posthumous class was inducted on Thursday, Dec. 19 in a virtual ceremony.

The California Hall of Fame 18th Class inductees are Julia Child, a cook, author, television personality; Ina Donna Coolbrith, California's first poet laureate; Vicki Manalo Draves, an Olympic gold medalist; Mitsuye Endo, a civil rights activist; Dian Fossey, a primatologist, gorilla conservationist; Alice Piper, a civil rights hero; and Tina Turner, a singer and performer.

"We are very proud to induct the California Hall of Fame's 18th class. This all-female cohort consists of powerful women who remain beloved cultural icons and civil rights luminaries today, truly embodying the California spirit," said

Governor Gavin Newsom.

"We are thrilled to announce the induction of the first all-women class of honorees into the California Hall of Fame. These trailblazing women have shattered barriers, challenged societal norms, and driven progress that has transformed California and the world. By celebrating their extraordinary and lasting accomplishments, we are moving closer to truly honoring the rich diversity that defines our great state," said First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom.

"The California Museum is honored to be the home of the California Hall of Fame, celebrating remarkable individuals who have shaped our state and nation," said Anne Marie Petrie, Chair of the California Museum Board of Trustees. "The 18th class highlights the inspirational achievements of women who overcame obstacles, making indelible contributions to our culture and influencing the path of history. We are proud to play a part in recognizing their enduring legacies."

Launched in 2006, the California Hall of Fame honors history-making Californians who embody the state's spirit of innovation and have changed the state, the nation, and the world. Inductees are selected annually by the Governor and First Partner for achievements in arts, business and labor, entertainment, food and wine, literature, music, public service, science and sports. ★

Los Angeles County Wildfires Underscore California's Growing Threat of Disaster



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Hollywood thrives on depictions of desperate battles against overwhelming forces of destruction.

A real life version, the equal of any cinematic disaster film, is raging today. Wildfires, driven by fierce Santa Ana winds blowing off the desert, are sweeping through Los Angeles County neighborhoods, most prominently and destructively in Pacific Palisades, home to many film industry stars.

Thousands of residents have fled as thousands of acres of lavish, multimillion-dollar homes and lush foliage have been scorched, with at least five deaths reported so far.

As of noon, the fires were uncontrolled and firefighters were reporting that many water hydrants were unusable due to a shortage of water.

"We woke up to a dark cloud over all of Los Angeles, but it is darkest for those who are most intimately impacted by these fires," said LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath.

No one knows how far the fires will reach before being controlled. Movies come to a climactic end, but the outcome of this catastrophe is as dark as the Southland skies.

Just a few days earlier, Gov. Gavin Newsom released a very upbeat video looking back at 2024 in California.

But today he was on scene in Southern California, praising outgoing President Joe Biden for immediately offering aid with "no politics, no handwringing."

However, Biden's successor, Donald Trump, who will take office in less than a fortnight, didn't sympathize with California. Instead, he issued another blast at Newsom, one of his fiercest critics and a potential 2028 presidential candidate.

"Governor Gavin Newsom refused to sign the water restoration declaration put before him that would have allowed millions of gallons of water, from excess rain and snow melt from the north to flow daily into many parts of California, including the areas that are currently burning in a virtually apocalyptic way," Trump posted on his Truth Social website, mentioning a declaration that apparently doesn't exist. "He wanted to protect an essentially worthless fish called a smelt, by giving it less water (it didn't work), but didn't care about the people of California."

Will a President Trump be as generous with firefighting and reconstruction aid as Biden? He was quite helpful — and drew praise from Newsom — when the Camp Fire destroyed the town of Paradise in 2018. But that was before Newsom began building a national political image as a harsh critic.

Politics aside, Southern California's disaster again demonstrates that while wildfires were once mostly confined to rural timbered areas during summer and fall months, a warming climate means they can and do strike anywhere and anytime, including residential

neighborhoods in the middle of winter.

While Northern California has experienced strong winter rain and snow storms of late, Southern California has been bone dry, making it extremely vulnerable when Santa Ana winds stream from the region's deserts during winter months. Local authorities had warned that the lack of rain and the onset of Santa Ana winds posed a particularly high threat of disaster and their nightmares became reality.

There is one more aspect of the catastrophe that will be persist long after the fires are extinguished — whenever that happens.

Fire insurance payouts will be particularly heavy due to the value of the homes being consumed, bolstering the insurance industry's growing unwillingness to write policies in California under the current regulatory system. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, with support from Newsom, has proposed a major overhaul that would allow insurers to include projections of future losses and the cost of reinsurance in their premiums if they agree to continue writing policies in fire-prone areas.

If implemented, the new regulations would very likely lead to premium increases, which draws the ire of some consumer activists. But having such insurance is not optional in the real world, and without it, the residential real estate market could be doomed.

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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Bulldog Boys End the Preseason Strong

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs boys basketball team closed out the preseason with two home victories and extended their winning streak to seven in early January play.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, the Bulldogs faced the Wheatland Pirates and cruised to a win. The Bulldogs scored more points in the first quarter (25) than the Pirates scored all game (24) and dominated in all aspects of the game. Everyone on the roster scored as the Bulldogs won 64-24. Senior Luis Murillo led all scorers with 15 while also pitching in two rebounds, four assists, two steals, and a block. Junior Jacob Boyan also had 13 points.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, the Bulldogs faced the Sutter Huskies in a much more tightly contested game. The teams battled back and forth but the Bulldogs were eventually able



to take a solid lead and not look back. The Bulldogs won 64-54 as junior Jacob Boyan led Gridley in scoring with 17 points while adding seven rebounds, and one block. Senior Max Tolman added 15 points, and six rebounds and senior Luis Murillo chipped in with 11 points, five assists, and four steals.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to begin league play against the 13-5 Las Plumas Thunderbirds at home on Tuesday, Jan. 14, after press time. The game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. start time.

Stats and Scores Provided by Head Coach Nathan Link ★

Lions Split to End Preseason

By Dillon Longmire

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak Lions boys basketball team closed their preseason schedule by splitting games in early January.

The Lions faced the Los Molinos Bulldogs in a tightly contested game at home on Tuesday, Jan. 7. Neither team could get more than a five-point lead throughout the entirety of the game and the final



outcome was not decided until the final seconds when the Lions held on and defeated the Bulldogs 41-44. Junior Harjot Kular led the Lions with 19 points.

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, the Lions faced the Biggs Wolverines in Biggs. The Wolverines dominated on both sides of the ball in

the first half, scoring 39 points while holding the Lions to only 15 points. In the third quarter, the Lions made a push, but it ultimately was not enough to comeback against the strong offense from the Wolverines. Live Oak ended up dropping the game with a final score of 65-46.

The Lions are scheduled to open up league play against the Orland Trojans in Orland on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m., after press time. ★

Spending Time with Jack London's Daughter

By John Raspanti

Over forty years ago, I read that Becky London, the last surviving daughter of renowned author Jack London, was living in a makeshift bookstore in Glen Ellen, CA.

I knew the place well - having visited it many times.

Jack London was one of my favorite authors growing up. I had discovered him in a burst of literary discovery in my early teens.

As I grew older, it was London, the man who fascinated me. His time on the earth was short, but his list of accomplishments long and lasting. London was the ultimate man in a hurry. He joined the workforce at eight, graduating a few years later to laboring 12 hours a day, six days a week, at a cannery company in Oakland.

His restless nature led him to drift between legal and illegal work, sometimes as an oyster pirate, other times as a fish patrol officer. London did 30 days in jail for vagrancy - returning to Oakland to attend high school. There, he discovered his love for writing. His early adventures planted the seeds for later stories and characters. London traveled to the Klondike in 1897. His writing career began in earnest a year later - driven by his social conscience and a desire to escape poverty and from under the man's control.

London's breakthrough was the adventure novel *The Call of the Wild*, published in 1903. His life went international. He wrote over a thousand words a day, with publications yearly. His journalistic activities included covering the Japanese-Russian war.

He became a father to Joan in 1900 and Becky in 1902. London purchased a 1,000-acre ranch in Glen Ellen in 1905. He adored the place - seeing writing as a way to add to his ranch.

I could see why he loved the



Jack London with daughters Becky (left) and Joan (right). Courtesy photo

place. It sits above the town - surrounded by rolling hills and tall trees. Beautiful and peaceful. Quiet. I visited whenever I could.

My mind flashed on the ranch as I roamed the bookstore, trying to get up the nerve to ask about Becky London. I eventually made my way to the counter where the owner stood. He looked at me with a sideways smile.

I semi-whispered, "Is it true that Becky London lives here?"

"Yes," said the owner. "Did you want to meet her?"

Of course I did, but a lifetime of occasional shyness gripped me.

All I could do was nod. A few seconds later, a smallish, white-haired bundle of energy greeted me with a magnificent smile and blazing blue eyes.

"Hi," she said, shaking my hand firmly. "I see you like boxing."

I nodded, surprised at how quickly she noticed my T-shirt with two fighters.

"Daddy (she referred to Jack London as Daddy the entire time I was chatting with her) loved boxing."

"Yes, he did," I said, finally finding a part of my voice." He wrote about fights in Australia and Reno in 1908 and 1910."

"Daddy showed me how to throw a punch," said Becky, her eyes twinkling. "Up at the ranch."

"I love that ranch," I said. "So did he," she said, her voice turning wistful.

I asked her if she visits the ranch much.

She shook her head, "Not recently, but I have wonderful memories."

She asked me what my favorite Jack London novel was.

Oh boy. I paused a test. Shoot. "I like the boxing short story he wrote (*A Piece of Steak*), *Call of the Wild*, and *The Valley of the Moon*."

She looked pleased and changed the subject back to boxing. We conversed for some time - my shyness falling away. Her intelligence was obvious. I told her about my lifetime fascination with *The Sweet Science*, and for that matter, her father. She mesmerized me with stories about "Daddy" and her life. She was 14 when London died.

I lost track of time. The owner reminded Becky of an upcoming interview. We shook hands warmly.

She said, "Daddy would have liked you. Come back anytime."

It was my turn to smile.

Becky would die before I had a chance to see her again, but my memory of our meeting burns brightly.

The bookstore is long gone, but the structure remains. Whenever I pass by, I smile, remembering. ★



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