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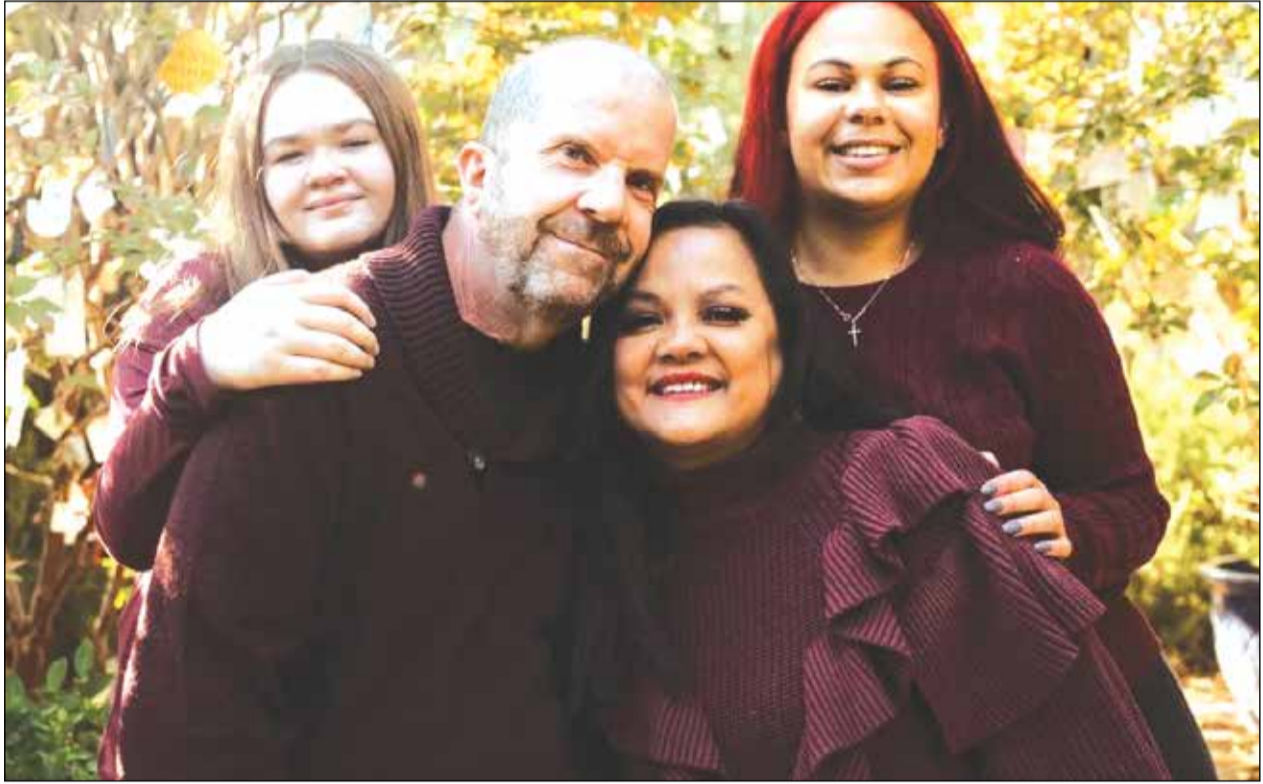
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From Fashion to Foster Care

Designer's Nonprofit Expands to NorCal



Gina Alexander and Richard Alexander, left, pose with their two adopted daughters, Katlyn and Makena. The Alexanders will celebrate the launch of WeGive NorCal, a Northern California branch of WeGive LA, on April 11 in Yuba City. This new nonprofit organization seeks to empower foster teens with essential life and career skills as they approach independence. Photo courtesy of WeGive LA

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - What if a handbag could change a life?

For years, designer Gina Alexander turned personal memories into fashion statements, creating custom photo handbags adored by both celebrities and high-end retailers.

But beyond the glitz and glamour, her true passion lay in something far more profound: giving foster youth the skills and support they need to build a future. Now, after years of success in Los Angeles, Alexander is bringing that mission home to Yuba City.

"My husband and I went through a devastating time trying to have kids," said Alexander. "Designing and making products really helped me heal.

The handbags were my therapy."

Determined to become a mother, Alexander faced countless fertility treatments and heartbreaking setbacks. When she discovered that adoption would cost \$20,000, Alexander turned to what she knew best: fashion. With a bold vision and unwavering determination, Alexander and her husband, Richard Alexander, opened their first store in 2000, in the heart of Los Angeles's entertainment district. Within just 11 months, their business skyrocketed, generating \$1.4 million in sales, and proving that purpose and passion could go hand in hand.

"All my customers became moms, moms who couldn't have kids, moms who adopted," said Alexander. "The sales of our bags have helped 12

families pay for their adoptions. I like to say it's a bag that keeps on giving."

Alexander wrapped up her handbag business around 2017 but her commitment to making a difference never wavered. Now a mother to two adopted daughters, Katelyn and Makena, Alexander has redirected her passion toward mentorship, hosting designer bag workshops and entrepreneurial training for foster teens and young adults.

Her dedication to empowering youth led to the creation of We Give LA in 2021, a nonprofit organization devoted to providing foster youth with the life and career skills they need to succeed as they transition out of the system.

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Council Approves Maintenance Contract for Ellis Lake

By Shaunna Boyd

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Marysville City Council's public hearing on March 4 considered modifications to the city's sign ordinance. The council requested the change to enhance historic aspects of the community through signage and to support economic development throughout the city.

Planning consultant Mike Luken said the current sign ordinance is "very rigid," outlining specific sizes allowed for various sign types. The proposed change will not increase the overall total signage space allowed but will provide much more flexibility in how businesses can use that space. The sign exceptions would go through a streamlined process but they would still need approval from the city's Planning Commission (or its Architectural Review Board subcommittee).

Councilmember Brad Hudson said the change "makes it a lot more



The City of Marysville selected Solitude Lake Management to provide annual lake maintenance for Ellis Lake. Photo courtesy of City of Marysville

friendly for current businesses and potential new businesses."

Mayor Chris Branscum supported the change, because "to express itself in a manner that's pleasing to the community."

Councilmember Stuart Gilchrist said, "We want to encourage signage that attracts people and so that's the whole point of this." The Marysville City

Council voted unanimously to approve the sign ordinance amendment.

The Yuba-Sutter Economic Development District presented its five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for council approval. The result of a local planning process, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy will guide the economic growth of the Yuba-Sutter region

by creating jobs, fostering a more stable and diverse economy, and improving living conditions.

Goal One is to create and maintain a competitive region by attracting new businesses and industries, supporting entrepreneurial development and expanding regional businesses. Goal Two is to attract and retain talent by increasing collaboration between

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Afato Named Yuba College Women's Soccer Coach

By Somer Hamso, Yuba College

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Growing up, Pete Afato couldn't wait to leave Yuba City and see the world beyond California. His soccer skills took him on an unforgettable journey across the country but it was only when he was far from home that he truly developed a deep sense of pride in his roots.

Afato's love for soccer eventually brought him back to Yuba City, where he invests in the local soccer community.

On March 13, with the approval of the Yuba Community College District Board, Afato was appointed as the head women's soccer coach for the 49ers.

"I take it with a lot of pride and honor and humility," Afato said. "I get to give back to a place that gave me something."

Afato is known not just for revitalizing programs but also for creating opportunities from scratch, such as starting the Yuba Football Club. As an assistant coach for Yuba College last year, he focused on recruiting. When the head coach position opened up, he saw it as a challenge he was eager to take on.

"He's motivated to be successful, win and bring in players," Yuba College Athletic Director Erick Burns said. "He's pretty well connected to the youth soccer in our area for girls and boys. I think that could be very helpful to him in utilizing the relationships he established in this community."

Being at Yuba College is a homecoming for Afato. A multi-sport athlete at Yuba City High School, he broke his ankle during his senior season. Despite receiving offers from colleges in the Midwest, Afato enrolled at Yuba College, where he was captain during his sophomore season.

"Yuba (College) got my playing career back on track," Afato said. "I know how important junior colleges can be to athletes who want to play at the next level who may not have the resources."

His performance for the 49ers earned him a spot in a showcase game in Los Angeles, Calif., which led to an offer from Sierra Nevada College, followed by a transfer to Florida Memorial University (FMU).

Afato was three games into his season at Florida Memorial University when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and he returned to the West Coast.

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Live Oak Seniors Compete Against First Responders

By Shamaya Sutton

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Basketball is back at Live Oak High School, and this time, it's all for a great cause. To raise funds for the senior class's safe and fun graduation celebration, the Live Oak High School Boosters Club will host a Sober Grad Night Basketball Game at 6 p.m. April 4.

"We put this together two or three years ago after having two or three DUI collisions, especially one that happened in Live Oak specifically that was a little near and dear to us," said Scott Smallwood, the undersheriff for Sutter County Sheriff's Office. "We said, 'How can we really help push sober driving,' and nothing seemed better than making sure we start with our youth."

The April 4 event is set to feature an exciting matchup as the Live Oak High School seniors take on members of the Sutter County Sheriff's Office and the Sutter County Fire Department in a friendly but competitive game. Tickets are \$10 at the door and all proceeds will go toward ensuring the seniors enjoy a substance-free grad night to remember.

"At our Sober Grad



To raise funds for the senior class's safe and fun graduation celebration, the Live Oak High School Boosters Club will host a Sober Grad Night Basketball Game at 6 p.m. April 4. Photo courtesy of Live Oak High School

Night, we had these sumo suits that people could get in and wrestle each other," said Sierra Pedley, Sutter County Sheriff's public information officer and River Valley High School alumni. "It was such a good time and I think for any senior, it's important to go as a kind of last hoorah to your high school."

This will be the third year that the Sutter County

Sheriff's and Sutter County Fire Department have played the seniors and they are currently the standing champions. Smallwood hopes to continue this streak on April 4 and is looking forward to the match.

"It's fun, it's entertaining and a great cause," said Smallwood. "Make sure to bring extra cash for raffles and food." ★

Council Approves Maintenance Contract for Ellis Lake

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educational institutions and improving understanding of all ethnicities and cultures in the region. Goal Three is to improve and modernize infrastructure, including transit planning and housing development. Goal Four is to foster overall quality of life through continued investment in regional amenities and shared resources to improve public safety.

Yuba-Sutter Economic Development District representatives said that while business growth and jobs in the region were increasing, unemployment levels also increased. There are many people in the region living in poverty and it is a struggle to improve the levels of education attainment. Having this plan in place helps the district find funding opportunities to support necessary improvements.

The council unanimously approved the district's five-year plan.

Next, the council considered an annual contract with Solitude Lake Management (SLM) to handle maintenance at Ellis Lake. In 2023, there was a high-level of algae and weed growth in the lake due to high summer temperatures, and it degraded the water quality and the public's ability to use and enjoy the lake.

Through a \$300,000 grant from Yuba Water Agency, the City of Marysville was able to cover the costs of improving the water quality. Solitude Lake Management was contracted to perform various treatments in the lake at a total cost of \$51,825. The treatments succeeded, and last summer, the lake was clean and

clear.

After a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an annual lake maintenance contract, Solitude Lake Management was selected as the best option, at a total contract cost of \$42,462. The scope of work includes systemic herbicide in the spring, inspections every two months during the summer with additional treatment as needed, and annual reporting to meet state regulations.

"Whatever worked last year, do it again," Mayor Branscum said.

Branscum said he lives on the lake and saw many more residents and visitors enjoying the lake last season: "It makes a big difference in the enjoyment of the lake."

The council voted unanimously to approve the maintenance contract.

Interim Finance Director Consultant Robin Bertagna presented the council with a mid-year review of the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget, with recommended adjustments. She explained that revenues from property taxes and permits have continued to increase above original projections but sales tax projections have declined, compared to initial forecasts. However, for this fiscal year, the city has three large revenues incoming: \$877,647 from a Caltrans settlement, \$905,935 from the B Street property sale and \$1.4 million from Marysville Hotel property remediation.

The recommended revenue adjustment was a total increase of \$3.4 million, with \$3.3 million as one-time revenue. Expenditures were recommended to increase by \$2.1 million,

with \$2 million in one-time expenditures.

Bertagna said the increased revenues are partially offset by increased expenses but most of those are also one-time expenses, with some expenses paid out of federal grants. One-time revenues and one-time expenditures are in the red by \$1.1 million "but that doesn't concern me," said Bertagna, because many of the expenditures are paying for projects with grant funding already received as revenue in prior fiscal years.

"This truly shows that we are not deficit spending our budget," Bertagna said. "Marysville is in the black, where ongoing revenues exceed ongoing expenditures by \$453,614."

Mayor Branscum said he has complete confidence in the report and the council voted unanimously to approve the mid-year budget adjustments.

During council updates, Councilmember Gilchrist said that the federal government had paused emergency food and shelter funds from FEMA, which could impact local food banks in the community.

City Manager Jim Schaad added that there are various federal actions "keeping us on our toes. ... Every day, there's something coming out from DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency) or the president that may or may not affect us."

While there are no immediate short-term effects, according to Schaad, there are potential long-term implications for federal grants.

"We just don't know yet," Schaad said. ★

Yuba Council Considers Forming Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Services



By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba City Council is reviewing a recommendation to establish an Adventist Health Ad Hoc Committee to explore opportunities for improving local medical and hospital services. The proposal follows concerns raised at a recent council meeting by Vice-Mayor Boomgaarden regarding the quality and accessibility of healthcare in the area during a recent council meeting.

If approved, the committee would be led by two designated council members for a period of up to one year unless further

action is taken by the Council. The committee would collaborate with community members and industry partners to assess medical service availability, facility locations and overall healthcare quality. A final report with recommendations would be presented to the full City Council for consideration.

The fiscal impact of the proposed committee is expected to be minimal, with costs limited to staff time supporting the initiative. The Council will determine whether to approve the formation of the committee or explore alternative approaches. ★

We Prosper Together Awards \$5 Million to Advance 11 High-Impact Projects

Blue Zones Project News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - We Prosper Together is investing \$5 million in 11 transformative initiatives across the Capital Region to advance economic resilience and create high-quality jobs. Spanning a diversity of sectors—including biotech, clean energy, food and agriculture, and precision manufacturing—these projects are poised to strengthen key industries, foster innovation, and expand economic opportunities for residents across all eight counties.

"We're creating a pipeline of transformative projects that address our region's economic challenges, leverage promising industry sectors, and create equitable economic growth. This funding is just the beginning. We're excited to continue supporting high-impact projects that will help residents earn a living wage and build a more secure future for themselves and their families," said Evan Schmidt, CEO of Valley Vision.

The funding represents the first round of investments in the Catalyst Phase, a critical step in enacting the strategies outlined in We Prosper Together's Regional Plan: Strategies for a Thriving and Inclusive Economy. The Catalyst Phase funding is designed to get projects and ideas ready for full implementation and position them to compete effectively for future federal, state, or private funding. The second round of Catalyst Phase funding will open within the next three months and distribute an additional \$4 million to projects across the region.

The selected projects tackle critical regional challenges from multiple angles, including expanding workforce training programs to address labor shortages, building opportunities in future-ready jobs, strengthening the local agricultural ecosystem through food hubs and incubators, and providing students with hands-on learning opportunities in high-demand careers.

"We Prosper Together is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to bring communities together to chart the future of good jobs in our region. This funding lets us take our workforce development programs into eight counties and work with community members of all ages to introduce them to jobs available now and the jobs that are coming up next," said Orville Thomas, CEO of the California Mobility Center.

The full list of funding recipients is as follows:

Building a Healthcare Talent Pipeline: Quality Jobs for Stronger Communities, Los Rios Community College District.

Capitol Region Biotech Talent Partnership, Sacramento Employment and Training Agency.

Cultivating Resilient Rural Food Ecosystems, Sierra Commons.

District Ranch Agritourism and Workforce Pilot, Nevada Joint Union High School District.

EPIC on the Road, Cal EPIC [California Energy, Power, and Innovation Collaborative], formerly the California Mobility Center.

Forest Biomass Business Center - Feasibility Study

and Business Planning, Camptonville Community Partnership.

Greater Sacramento TPM Manufacturing Collaborative: Digital Tools Initiative, Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Growing Quality Working Lands Jobs: Last-Mile Development of the Yolo Food Hub to Benefit Rural Agricultural Workers, Small Farms and Food Businesses, New Season Community Development Corporation.

Skilled Trades Workforce Pipeline Project, Sacramento Municipal Utility District.

The Plant Food and Agriculture Innovation Center Pre-Development Project, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Yuba Sutter Food Hub Feasibility Study, Yuba Sutter Food Bank.

The work of We Prosper Together is supported by the statewide initiative California Jobs First and builds on the newly released California Jobs First Economic Blueprint.

Representing eight counties in the Capital Region, over 150 organizations, and hundreds of community leaders and residents, We Prosper Together is driving a community-led approach to building a stronger regional economy. We Prosper Together is working to elevate diverse voices, encourage investments, amplify local solutions, and create living-wage jobs for families in Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties. Visit weprosper-together.org to learn more and get involved. ★

2025 California Purple Star Schools Announced

California Department of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond on March 13 announced that 83 schools have been designated as a Purple Star School in 2025, bringing the total number of California schools recognized with this honor to 179 since the program's inception in 2023.

The California Purple Star School Designation Program (Purple Star Program) seeks to reduce the burden on military-connected students and their families by articulating the most critical transition supports available. The Purple Star Program is a way to publicly recognize and designate schools that meet certain requirements, and signals which schools are the most committed and best equipped to meet

the unique needs of these students and their families.

The Purple Star Program was designed to help mitigate the challenges of high mobility by setting standards for and publicly designating military-friendly schools.

"Congratulations to the educators, staff, administrators, parents, and students at these schools," said Thurmond. "These schools are crucial to supporting our military-connected students, ensuring that they maintain their academic, college, and career aspirations while their parents serve our country."

Regional Purple Star Schools are Barry Elementary, Yuba City Unified in Sutter County; Compass Charter School of Yolo, Winters Joint Unified in Yolo County; and Bear River, Lone Tree Elementary, Wheatland Charter Academy and Wheatland Union High, all from Wheatland in Yuba County. ★

The Rack, New Boutique Open in Yuba City



The Rack in Yuba City offers everything from small, knitted trinkets and seasonal knick-knacks to antique hutches and even Brazilian cowhides. Owners Mary Wagner and Suzanne Zenahlik frequently work with overseas vendors to curate a distinct line of products not easily found elsewhere.

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - At the corner of Center Street and Plumas in Yuba City lies a sun-drenched store filled with a “little bit of everything.”

Here, owners Suzanne Zenahlik and Mary Wagner are living out a dream, channeling their passion for shopping into a functioning business.

“Our husbands are probably really happy that we have this store because not a lot is coming home anymore,” joked Wagner.

Wagner’s spunk mixes with Zenahlik’s pragmatic sensibilities, creating a powerful business duo. Zenahlik tends to focus more on decor and refurbishing while Wagner spills her energy into fashion, resulting in The Rack Home and Fashion Boutique, a local boutique filled with warm rustic elegance.

“We really don’t want to scare people off by the name ‘boutique,’” said Zenahlik. “We don’t have anything that’s excessively priced. Our goal is to have gifts for everyone at a price point they can afford.”

The Rack had its official opening on Feb. 2, taking the place of the former Nina Hive. On social media, The Rack is known as “therackonplumas,” a home and fashion boutique where



Mary Wagner, left, folds clothes at her new store, The Rack Home and Fashion Boutique in Yuba City.

everything is for sale.

“Even if there’s not a price tag, just ask and we’ll try and make an offer,” said Wagner. “We like to keep things fresh and that means moving inventory and making room for new things.”

The Rack offers everything from small, knitted trinkets and seasonal knick-knacks to antique hutches and even Brazilian cowhides. Wagner and Zenahlik frequently work with overseas vendors to curate a distinct line of products not easily found elsewhere. The shop’s large windows make for the perfect nursery, keeping their plants alive and healthy, waiting for new homes.

“The plants have been selling really well,” said Zenahlik. “It’s not just clothes and furniture

here; we have plants too. Unfortunately, we don’t offer consignments though.”

Zenahlik and Wagner described their business relationship as the perfect partnership. They are thrilled to be in a position that fosters their creativity and consider this Plumas Street location to be the ideal space.

“I don’t think I would have done anywhere else,” said Zenahlik.

Added Wagner, “We’ve had a really nice welcome from the business owners and the community itself too.”

To learn more about The Rack, visit 653 Plumas St. in Yuba City or call 530-635-9879. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays. ★



Suzanne Zenahlik, left, and Mary Wagner flank the counter of their new boutique store, The Rack Home and Fashion Boutique in Yuba City.

From Fashion to Foster Care



A group of foster teens show off their new handbags during a designer workshop led by Gina Alexander. Alexander and her husband, Richard, will celebrate the launch of WeGive NorCal, a Northern California branch of WeGive LA, on April 11 in Yuba City. Photo courtesy of WeGive LA

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“Foster youth aging out of the system often lose the support they had in foster homes, if they had any at all,” said Richard Alexander. “Many lack communication skills and the tools needed to become independent, productive citizens. We realized we could help by teaching them entrepreneurial and life skills at this critical point in their lives.”

WeGive LA provides foster youth, especially those approaching adulthood, with essential career training, business workshops and relief efforts. Since relocating to Yuba City two years ago, the Alexanders have actively immersed themselves in the community, hosting workshops for Sutter County’s Independent Living Program (ILP), speaking at local high schools and participating in community events.

“I grew up here. My dad was in the Air Force,” said Richard Alexander. “My mom still lives here and she’s starting to go blind, so we moved back to help her. So far, we love it here and we saw a real need for the kind of services we provide. Everything we developed in L.A., we’re bringing back home.”

On April 11, the Alexanders will celebrate the launch of WeGive NorCal, a Northern California branch of WeGive LA, based in Yuba City. The milestone event will feature a benefit dinner at Adventure Church of Yuba City, with live entertainment, inspiring success stories, a catered dinner and an exclusive auction to raise funds in support of local foster youth.

“We believe that every foster youth deserves a chance to thrive, not just survive,” said Gina Alexander. “This benefit isn’t just about raising funds; it’s about raising hope, opening doors and creating real opportunities for young people who need them most.”

Community members and businesses are encouraged to participate by attending, sponsoring or donating to the event. Tickets and sponsorship packages are available online at wegivela.org under the Fundraisers tab. Adventure Church is at 876 W Onstott Frontage Road in Yuba City. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and dinner will start at around 6:30 p.m. April 11. For more information, email wegivela@gmail.com or call 818-425-9812. ★

Afato Named Yuba College Women’s Soccer Coach

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As Afato’s dream of turning professional evolved, he focused more on coaching. Through his experience, Afato learned how to teach the same concepts to players of all ages from 7-year-olds to 30-year-olds.

Afato is not one to wait for opportunities to come to him. The ambitious 26-year-old sought coaching positions at local high schools, offered personal training and founded the Yuba Football Club with the goal to connect local people with the game and create a strong soccer community in Yuba City.

“My goal is to provide as many opportunities as I can for these women to play at the next level,” he said. “I want to be someone that brings hope and shows them I did it, now it’s your turn to do it.”

While Afato is determined to win, he believes



On March 13, Yuba City native Pete Afato was appointed as the head women’s soccer coach for the 49ers. Photo courtesy of Yuba College

his primary role is to develop athletes who are ready to play at the next level. He’s confident that with high standards and a

strong work ethic, success will come. “With the right kind of culture, winning follows,” Afato said. ★

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Stories from The Great Zelito Flea Circus

by Bill Crocker

A collection of humorous essays about the funny side of life

The Toss of the Shiv

When I was a boy in the late 1940s, we all carried jackknives. You just had to have a jackknife for carving your initials in a tree trunk, cleaning your fingernails, tightening a screw, peeling an apple in one, long, thin strip, and playing mumbly-peg, that very odd yet popular game of chicken with a shiv. Those were the days when a boy could play with pointy things without parental supervision, steel mesh gloves, or safety glasses. The knives did not carry warning labels and were advertised in Boys' Life and other wonderfully innocent boyhood publications.

There were several kinds of kid jackknives based on how much money had been saved to spend. Entry-level "hero" knives, such as Boone, Crockett, Hopalong Cassidy, and the Lone Ranger were popular. Some were called "Tony Galentos," named after the flamboyant, overweight prizefighter, Two-Ton Tony.

Playing mumbly-peg could be dangerous. It wasn't without risk. But that was part of the attraction. A nine-year-old with a knife was king, a man, and taking such risks demonstrated his manliness.

There are several varieties. The game I remember is very simple. It's played between two kids, one against the other.

The object is to be the last boy standing. Each boy throws his knife so it sticks in the ground close to his own foot. Then he has to move his foot to the knife. The second boy does the same thing. With each throw of the knife, feet move further apart until one boy can no longer stand. Since we all wore high-top Keds, Converse, or similar canvas footwear, it was entirely possible to stick the knife through the top and into your foot. The first to draw blood lost. This unfortunate move ended the game with a bloody limp home or to the doctor's office and the parental relief of the offending knife for at least a week.

I believe that present-day mumbly-peg comes from a seventeenth century British sailor's game. I have no reason to believe this, but it makes a good story. Of course, seventeenth century sailors did not wear shoes and the ships' decks were hard. So the "jacktar" had to give the knife a firm throw.

Alf Mumford was an ordinary seaman aboard Noxious, a single decked navy frigate carrying thirty-four guns. It was the year 1697, and he was an irascible young man of nineteen. Prior to his introduction to the British Navy, he served aboard the Dribble East Indiaman Earl of

Alf was not partial to the navy. He preferred the merchant fleet and was very happy to get three meals a day and a hammock. This was far better than his previous accommodations in the stable in back of The Hog's Breath Inn where he was employed as a house and stable boy prior to his nautical adventures. He emptied the morning chamber pots, mucked the stalls, and did other simple but nasty chores. In return for his service, the Inn's owner gave him a place in the stable and looked the other way as he finished off diners' dinner scraps as best he could as he cleared the dirty dishes.

The inn was a favorite haunt of the merchant sailors and Alf was drawn to the stories of far off lands. One day, after spilling Squire Snodbush's particularly nasty chamber pot on himself, Alf decided enough was enough. He gathered his meager belongings, headed out to the docks, and signed onto Earl of Dribble Manor, bound for Surat, India. During one dark night in a squalid alley of this West Indian village, Alf was set upon by a British Navy press gang and, after being beaten severely, was dragged aboard the frigate Noxious. Alf recovered and found he was now in the navy, minus his two upper front teeth.

Alf was not a happy man. The Noxious was just that. It reeked

of sweaty, stinking bodies. The meals were hardtack crawling with worms with occasional potatoes or vegetables, and brackish drinking water. Beer was the typical shipboard beverage and the allotment was a gallon per day, doled out in reasonable measures. This did not lend itself well to alert lads climbing the rigging. But Alf was not a serious drinker and, although others often fell from the rigging, he became accomplished at scampering up and down, tying off and unfurling the sails. He began climbing the rigging in the place of others—with compensation, of course,—and soon was one of the most popular seamen on the ship.

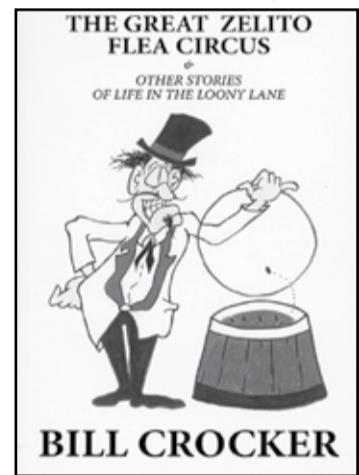
Although the men were usually busy with the tasks of sailing the ship, they were allowed one hour at noon after their meal to lounge and partake of their measure of grog. Alf, since he was usually sober, had the habit of choosing a target close by and throwing his knife at it. He became pretty accurate. Occasionally, he would throw it near a seaman's foot that always resulted in a friendly exchange of curses and laughter. As time went by, Alf devised a game that closely resembles the mumbly-peg of today. It was originally known as pegs, a nickname Alf acquired that referred to his two missing "pegs" or teeth.



Therefore, it is believed that one Alf Mumford, ordinary seaman, aboard the British frigate Noxious in 1697 was the creator of the popular game, pegs, later known as mumbly-peg. This belief is supported by an entry into the ship's log dated 12 November 1697.

Naval Frigate Noxious logbook, 12 November in the year of our Lord 1697 by Silas P. Hogsworth mate. Noxious bound from Surat south along the western coast. This day begins clear, pleasant. Favorable wind NNE.

Barber-surgeon Elois Smathers reports knife wound to the foot of ordinary seaman Iglbirth from a game on deck called pegs. Wound festering. Mr. Smathers attending. ★



The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

Yuba Feather Community Services will be holding an election of the board April 8. This group, along with many community members, make plans for events, manage the upkeep of the park, ball fields and community center and more. Without YFCS we would not have a center. Membership forms are available at Books & More or at the coffee shop. Please consider joining this group as it meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. It takes of "village" or two to keep the community center operating. Without it we would not have a place to have group gatherings, a park and more.

Happy First Day of Spring! The bud-dolls are on their way out, the red bud if opening, it will be dogwood time before you know it. I love spring on our mountain. It was a pretty mild winter, though. We all wonder what next year will bring.

News From Keri - Join us for a trans formative 10-week course starting March 17th and running through May 19th, every Monday from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Hillside Community Church in Brownsville. The classes will be facilitated by Carri Simeroth, with assistance from her sister-in-law, "Ms. Keri." This evidence-based parenting program is designed to empower parents with the confidence, tools, and skills needed to raise healthy, caring, and responsible children. You'll learn essential building

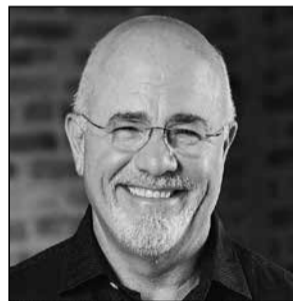
blocks that every child needs to thrive. Materials and refreshments will be provided, and the projected graduation date is June 2nd. For more information please visit www.resilientkidz.com (<http://www.resilientkidz.com>).

Stay tuned for exciting activities from the Forbestown Community Crew (formerly Forbestown Action Committee), including kids' play days, art lessons at the community hall, new fundraisers, and community get-togethers. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Nancy Anders at (530) 675-0219.

A heartfelt thank you to Brian Davis with Be Extra for the generous donation of new shoes to all students at Yuba Feather and Dobbins Elementary. We also want to recognize all the volunteers who dedicated their time to read to the kids during Read Across America Week at Dobbins and Yuba Feather Elementary. Your efforts truly make a difference! Let's continue to build a strong, supportive community together! Keep Finding The Joy!

Look Back in Time: In 1900 the Challenge Post Office was moved with horses, cables, and willing hands to a new location west of the hotel (a sturdy building).

*Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.
~ Yvonne*



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I've been listening to your show, and following the Baby Steps, for about a year. But I received some news from a family member recently, and I'm not sure what to tell them. One of my cousins just discovered she has cancer. She's a single mom with two young kids, and it doesn't sound like she has thought much about the future. What are the best steps she can take financially at this point to make sure her family is protected?

— Jackie

Dear Jackie,

I'm truly sorry to hear about this. A cancer diagnosis is a scary thing, so please remember to pray for her and be there for her all you can.

Most of the time when folks ask if a person has their affairs in order, they're usually referring

Dave Ramsey Says

Preparing for the Future

to a few different questions. First, are you right with God? Then, do you have life insurance and a will? Another important thing is having all the paperwork of your life organized and in a safe location, so someone you trust can handle the details in a worst case scenario.

Everyone should have good term life insurance in place. My advice is to have a policy worth 10 to 12 times your annual income. When it comes to a will, make sure it's state-specific. Probate and estate regulations aren't federal laws, they're state laws. So, any will should be drawn up according to guidelines for the state in which you live.

It's probably the hardest thing to think about, I know, but arrangements should be made for any minor children. Sitting down to talk with two or three trusted family members, or close friends,

to decide who will take them if the worst should happen is a good idea, too. Whoever is chosen for this responsibility should be a person who's incredibly mature, caring and willing to love and raise these kids as if they were their very own.

Good luck, Jackie. I know this is a difficult time for your whole family. Be there for each other, pray a lot and hug on one another all you can. God bless you all.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

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California's Cities and Schools Face Big Budget Gaps, Few Options



By Dan Walters,
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California's state budget is mired in what fiscal authorities call a "structural deficit," meaning its revenues cannot keep up with spending mandated by current law.

For several years, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature have papered over the chronic gap between income and outgo with gimmicks, including on- and off-budget borrowing and creative accounting, plus dips into "rainy day" funds set aside for emergencies.

Those maneuvers merely postpone the day of reckoning, because the administration and the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, project yearly multibillion-dollar shortfalls indefinitely.

The state's dilemma has several roots, most notably an erroneously high multi-year revenue forecast in 2022 that led to a belief that there would be an immense budget surplus and to sharply increased spending. The administration later pegged the revenue error at \$165 billion over four years.

That factor was exacerbated by what Petek dubbed "a sluggish economy."

"Outside of government and health care, the state has added no jobs in a year and a half," Petek noted in a November fiscal overview.

"Similarly, the number of Californians who are unemployed is 25% higher than during the strong labor markets of 2019 and 2022."

State government is not alone in facing chronic budget deficits. The state's major cities and many school districts are also feeling the pinch of stagnant revenues and inflation, especially with rising worker salaries. Add the horrendous Los Angeles wildfires and President Donald Trump's potentially huge federal spending reductions and the budget gaps could become even wider.

A few days ago, Matt Szabo, the City of Los Angeles' chief administrative officer, and city Controller Kenneth Mejia bluntly warned the city council that LA is several hundred million dollars short of covering its budgeted expenditures — not even counting the likely effects of wildfires on revenues and spending.

"The city is facing significant headwinds," Szabo said, adding "immediate spending reductions required."

"The city of L.A., financially, we are in trouble," Mejia told the council in a letter. He added, "The city is estimated to overspend by \$300 million over budget. So when you have less revenues compared to your budget, and you have more expenses over your budget — that's a big gap that we have to fill."

San Francisco's new mayor, Daniel Lurie, says he wants to "eliminate \$1 billion in overspending" over the next three years to cover an \$876 million deficit over two years. "The era of one-time or Band-Aid solutions is over," Lurie told other officials after taking office in January.

A number of smaller cities, including Sacramento, are also dealing with significant deficits.

Meanwhile many school districts are also facing big budget gaps due to declining enrollment and chronic absenteeism that reduce state aid based on attendance, in addition to the expiration of federal grants meant to cope with COVID-19 and employee union demands for raises to offset inflation-hammered personal budgets.

The Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, a state agency that monitors school district finances, recently issued a report on school systems in various degrees of fiscal difficulty, with those in Oakland and San Francisco on the list of the most troubled.

The agency cited not only enrollment declines, but the jolts of losing federal pandemic aid and rising costs, particularly for fire insurance and electric power, as factors.

In theory, local officials could seek tax increases as they ponder ways to balance their budgets. However voters facing rising living costs of their own are not likely to approve of that solution.

Therefore the options are either make real spending reductions, which might mean laying off workers and closing schools, or emulate the state's gimmickry and hope the problems solve themselves.

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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Time to Buy Real Estate or a Good Time to Sell?

We always hear it's either a good time to buy real estate or a good time to sell. Actually every time I am interested in real estate, no matter if I am buying or selling, I am told it's a good time. Of course, those comments don't come from any of my Wall Street compadres but from the person I call when I am interested in moving property.

I really can't wholly blame the realtors that tell me that whether I am buying or selling, it's a good time to do it. After all, it is said it is difficult to get a person to disagree with a premise if that person's income depends on that very same premise.

In economic reality, it is either a sellers' market or a buyers' market but rarely is it both. For it to be a good time to sell and buy at the same time, a market would have to be in perfect balance.

That is a rare condition no matter what product is being discussed.

Even though a market is not in balance, transactions still take place. If fact most of the time a market is not in balance. Like I said, it's rare a market ever is.

Just look at your local grocery store. Every item in there is either in a sellers' market or in a buyers' market. The completion of the transaction is just a buyer settling for the price or a seller taking the offer. Of course in the grocery store, the price is preset so there is no offer. You either just pay the price or go without. Therein lies how transactions take place. The selling price is the compromise between buyer and seller.

Demand for both products and services always adhere to the supply and demand premise in economics. Which is to say prices flex up and down depending on how much supply there is and how much demand. The third factor in the equation is the means to acquire whatever it is one wishes to acquire.

The means might be something like not having a car to get to a store even though the prices at the store are acceptable. Another might be not having enough money or even not being in the location where something is available. Getting fresh fish in the middle of the Mojave Desert for instance.

In real estate, one of the big influencing factors is the cost of capital. That simply means the cost of a mortgage for those needing one and that depends on interest rates. The higher the interest rate, the more costly are the payments. For those paying cash, there still the opportunity cost to consider. Opportunity cost is the income one could make from other sources should one not buy real estate but instead invest that

money somewhere else

When interest rates started to rise a few years back, I forecasted a decrease in home sales and therefore housing stocks would fall as well. However they remained stubbornly high. In the last few months however, companies that build houses have finally seen their stock prices drop, with some stocks down 20% or more.

As for sales, 2024 saw U.S. home sales fall to the lowest level since 1995.

(<https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/24/economy/us-home-sales-worst-year-in-three-decades/index.html>).

It took a while for housing stocks to fall. For longer than I expected and it brings me back to my theory that the markets will reflect reality eventually but their day to day movements are just the sum of the beliefs of all the players in it on any given day.

For example, back in 2008, when the housing market started to crack with the failure of two Bear Sterns real estate funds, housing stocks continued to run for months. They eventually got slaughtered but not right away. The delay was because investors did not believe the housing market would ever fall. Historically it rarely has.

The fact that home sales are now falling might be the steady rise in rates coupled with our persistent and egregious inflation. And when home sales fall, the stocks of home builders will eventually fall right along with it.

With housing in the doldrums, the supply/demand metric may now slam in reverse. Whereas home prices steadily increased with few interruptions since the housing crisis of 2008/09, prices may finally start a prolonged retreat.

And just to be clear, when prices are rising, it is a sellers' market. When prices start to fall, it can signal a trend reversal and a buyers' market may be right around the corner.

And now you know the rest of the story as well as a more honest answer to whether it's a good time to buy or sell a home.

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

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Adding Automation Helps Lower Farm Risk

To address labor shortages, reduce costs and improve efficiency, farmers are looking for ways to add more mechanization. Tim Chiala, chief operations officer of Morgan Hill-based George Chiala Farms Inc., has invested in more technology at his family-run farming and food-processing company. Chiala Farms is testing machines such as an automatic jalapeño de-stemmer and another with robotic arms that remove the tops, tails and peels of bulb onions. "The supply of labor fluctuates like crazy, but hopefully by adding robotics, it will give us some stability," Chiala said.

State Senate Hears About Response to Bird Flu Outbreak

With California's robust investment and experience in animal disease surveillance and detection, there's little disagreement in agricultural circles that the state was well prepared for bird flu. But agricultural officials, farmers and other industry representatives also acknowledge that the latest outbreak—which began in 2022 and has become the largest in U.S. history—has been no cakewalk. They spoke during an informational hearing last week on the state's response to bird flu, which has led to the destruction of more than 166 million birds nationwide, record-high egg prices and the disease infecting most of the state's dairies.

Initial Central Valley Project Water Allotment May Not Increase Plantings

Farmers south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta who irrigate with water supplied by the federal Central Valley Project say they are thankful for a 35% water allocation announced in February. But due to the timing of the announcement and lower crop prices, they say the initial allocation by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation may not lead to more planted acres. "Water use factors a little bit into it as far as what crop you're going to grow," Stanislaus County farmer Daniel Bays said. "With the current condition of the ag economy, a lot of it just depends on what we can get contracts for."

Young farmers fight hunger through Harvest for All

People facing hunger are being fed, young farmers are honing their skills, and communities throughout the state are engaging with agriculture and learning more about its importance. These accomplishments are made thanks to members of Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers program and its Harvest for All campaign, which began nationally in 2003 in collaboration with local Feeding America affiliates across the country. Last year, members of California Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers logged more than 1,500 volunteer hours, donated 78,839 pounds of food and raised more than \$95,300 in monetary contributions. ★

Trials and Tribulations



By Kathy Craig Harteis

Trials and tribulations are challenges of life. They are often presented with hard-learned lessons that lead to triumph.

We've all been there at least once. Maybe multiple times.

Hind sight has shown me why certain things happened in my life.

I can see clearly now why I had to journey through hard times of sadness, frustration and despair. There was a

greater plan for me. I just couldn't see it during the hard times. At my lowest points I always reminded myself that one year from that time I wouldn't remember the struggle.

Ironically, dislocating three bones in my ankle opened my eyes a bit.

My injury although a big deal and long recovery time to me is a minor inconvenience to far more injured people than me.

I've learned to find a way. I've also learned that anything worth achieving takes dedication and hard work.

One day at a time, we have to keep trying. Truly; no pain, no gain.

I have big plans for things I want to do in coming months. With that said I remind myself daily what it will take for me to do these things. It's all on me

now. I have to set my goals and I have to work hard to achieve them.

I've always prided myself on being the tough one. I like being in control. As I said; lessons learned are tough. I've had to learn to move aside and accept help from others. It's a big deal for me to leave my kitchen. God bless Tom. He's learned to prepare some pretty good stuff.

But, one day soon, I'll be back.

Life is good today.

Life can be good today.

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

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By V.G. Harris



The past week for the Sacramento Kings may very well be poorest stretch in a helter skelter season that saw the Sactown boys lose games to the New York Knicks, Golden State Warriors and Phoenix Suns by a combined total of 71 points.

Many Kings fans turned their TV sets to another channel in the fourth quarter of these games to avoid the agony of watching another beatdown. No lighting the beam last week and probably the last thing on anyone's mind.

Most fans agree that watching a sea-saw battle in which your team is giving the best they have will always keep them watching to the very end but what we witnessed in the past week was hard for even the most ardent fan to lay eyes on.

Thrust into the position of point guard with the trade of DeAaron Fox, Malik Monk has struggled in his new role. Most glaring are the constant turnovers and it appears to be contagious as usually reliable ballhandlers DeMar DeRozan and Zach Lavine have suddenly joined the turnover turnstile. Forty-eight times, the Kings have turned the ball over in the past three games and that means 48 missed opportunities to put a shot up.

Entering Monday night's game against the Memphis Grizzlies, Sacramento sits in the number 9 position in the Western Conference with a 500 record of 33-33.

At no time entering the 2024/2025 season did I believe the Sacramento Kings were a 500 team.

After the firing of Mike Brown and the trading of DeAaron Fox, newcomers Zach Lavine, Jonas Valanciunas and Jake LaRavia gave hope to Kings fans that the playoffs were not a pipe dream.

The bench is stronger but the starting lineup is putting the team in a hole in the first quarter of nearly every game. The past three games saw the Kings down by double digits at the end of the first quarter and climbing out of a hole every game is not a recipe for success.

So what is the answer Kings fans? How does this newly-assembled squad put together a winning stretch that allows Sacramento fans to witness post-season basketball?

With 16 games remaining, there's no more trading or adding to the team, so coach Christie will have to move the chess pieces he has.

Sadly, although Malik has wanted to be a starter for some time, he has not thrived in his new role. Coming off the bench and adding a spark seems to be the logical move for coach Christie to make.

Jake LaRavia has added much needed defense but Markelle Fultz has failed to add much to the point guard position. Coach Christie might be faced with using rookie Devin Carter who has proven himself to be a skilled ball handler and surprisingly a good rebounder as well.

Perhaps the time has come to give Isaac Jones some more court time, as this team could use his length and rebounding. Jones has received too little time on the court but seems to make an impact when given the opportunity.

Trey Lyles and Keegan Murray need to live up to their billing and add 3-point shooting to a team that is in sore need.

Cross your fingers, Kings fans, that Domantas Sabonis will stay healthy and former all-stars DeMar DeRozan and Zach Lavine will be the players we know they can be the rest of the way.

Many of the senseless turnovers come from players trying to do too much and what the Kings need is to get back to basics and keep it simple. Move the ball, make good passes and allow teammates to shoot the basketball in rhythm.


Make no mistake about it, there is plenty of talent on this team.

Play-in appears to be the logical prescription, so take your medicine Sacramento Kings and see where the Play-in might take you.

King's fans want postseason basketball and what you call it matters little. Magical things can happen when given a chance and that's what the play-in brings, a chance.

Stay positive, Kings fans, and keep those TV sets on for the fourth quarter. These guys might surprise you yet!

All the best!
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CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00349
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
4/28/2025
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Joy Lynn Adams AND Bruce Delbert Adams, III, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Evelyn Natalie Sanchez
to: Evelyn Natalie Adams

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.

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DATE: 3/5/2025

Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
KOU VANG PETITIONER(S)**
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00366
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
4/21/2025
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Kou Vang, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Kou Vang
to: Caston Kou Vang

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March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025

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Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Arthur Navarro Galvez
1316 Paddington Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/05/2025.

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

Signed:
Arthur Navarro Galvez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 13, 2025.

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By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-053

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Jimmy John's Sandwiches
904 E Street #B
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
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1243 Santa Barbara
Yuba City, CA 95991
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/2019.

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

Signed:
Harman Dhami
California
Business Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 14, 2025.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-071

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Chaos Branding & Marketing
12012 Hoover Road
Loma Rica, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Hamel Enterprises LLC
12012 Hoover Road
Loma Rica, CA 95901

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/03/2025.

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

Signed:
Christopher Hamel
CALIFORNIA
CEO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-086

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Olivehurst, CA 95961
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County of YUBA
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Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/14/2025.

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

Signed:
Anthony Finuf
CA Owner Manager

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ARAZ Holdings
1145 Jewelflower Street
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Zeebran Ariff
1145 Jewelflower Street
Plumas Lake, CA 95961

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/17/2025.

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

Signed:
Zeebran Ariff

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 31, 2025.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-052

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Atelier Aurel
12797 Josselyn Hill
Oregon House, CA 95962
MAILING ADDRESS
PO Box 59
Oregon House, CA 95962
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Maria Billings-Lowry
PO Box 59
Oregon House, CA 95962

This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/02/2015.

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

Signed:
Maria Billings-Lowry

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
CHRISTOPHER JOE ROY-VANNATTA,
PETITIONER(S)**
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00354
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
4/21/2025
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Christopher Joe Roy-Vannatta, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Christopher Joe Roy-Vannatta
to: Christopher Joseph Vannatta

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.

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DATE: 3/5/2025

Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-072

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Michael Thomas VanDyken
1372 High Noon Dr.
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
Ramon Santiago Jaime
1125 Vine Ave, Unit B
Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/01/2025.

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Signed:
Michael Thomas VanDyken
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-064

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Level Up Construction and Restoration
5665 Cobbler Lane
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
LEVEL UP
CONTRACTORS, INC.
5665 Cobbler Lane
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/07/2025.

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

Signed:
SHAWN BELLINI
CALIFORNIA
CEO

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Oregon House, CA 95962
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PO Box 115
Oregon House, CA 95962
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Tristan Winks
13375 Rue Montaign
Oregon House, CA 95962

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 17, 2025.

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

Signed:
Tristan Winks
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 21, 2025.

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By SARAH MULL,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-062

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Moon Tower Production Company
922 G Street
Marysville, CA 95901
MAILING ADDRESS
1190 Market Street, Ste G
Yuba City, CA 95991
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Adrian Jose Saucedo
1190 Market Street, Ste G
Yuba City, CA 95991

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 17, 2025.

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

Signed:
Adrian Saucedo
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 24, 2025.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
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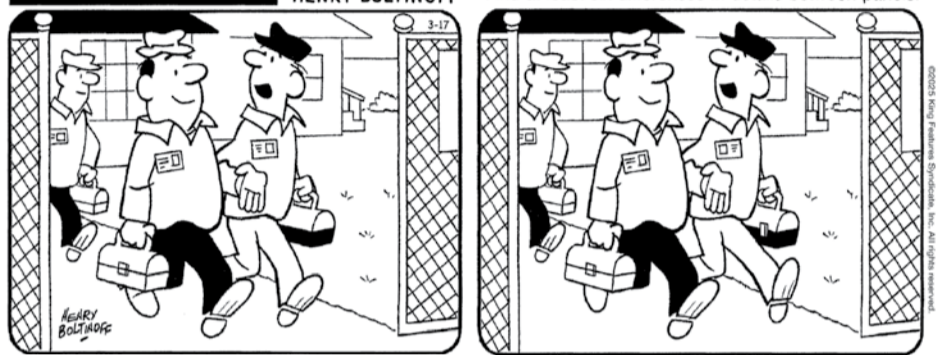
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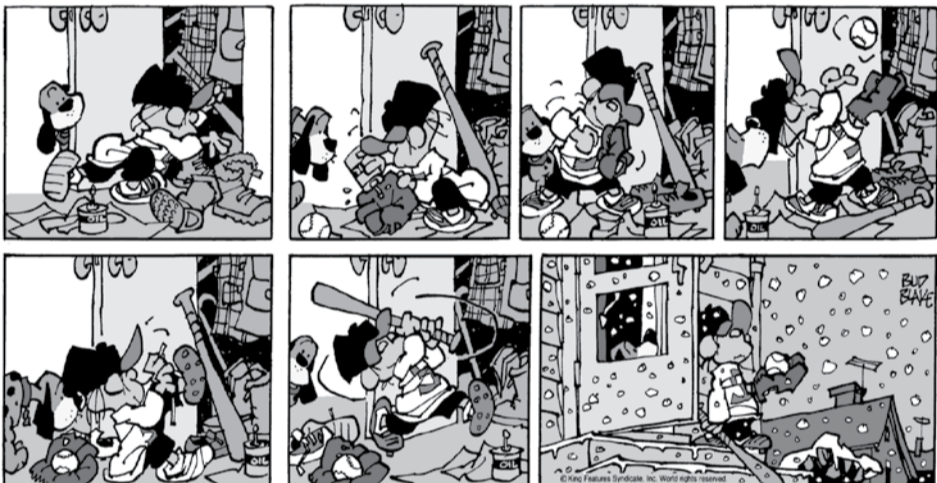
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Rice Fields Provide Vital Habitat for Snakes, Birds, Fish

By Kat Kerlin,
University of
California, Davis

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - From ducks and cranes to giant garter snakes and salmon, flooded rice fields in California's Central Valley offer important, often vital habitat to many wildlife species. Yet uncertainties around crop markets, water and climate can prompt some growers to fallow rice fields or change their management practices.

Will today's rice acreage under current practices be enough to meet key species' needs? If not, how much rice is needed? Where should it be planted? And what management practices offer the greatest benefit for species of concern?

Scientists from the University of California, Davis, and Point Blue Conservation Science address these questions in a new report, "A Conservation Footprint for California Rice," written for the California Rice Commission.

"This was a highly interdisciplinary effort that I don't think has been attempted at this scale for California rice or perhaps any other California agricultural crop working with wildlife," said report co-lead John Eadie, a UC Davis professor emeritus in the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology who coordinated the 173-page effort among 13 authors. "I think this report provides the baseline for future work to come."

The authors reviewed the core needs of key species living among the region's rice fields. These include giant garter snakes, wintering ducks, wintering and breeding shorebirds, black terns, sandhill cranes and native fish. They developed a mapping framework of the species' habitat, as well as an estimate of the rice acreage, management practices and priority locations for rice that would most greatly benefit each wildlife group.

Over the past decade, rice acreage has ranged from 250,000 to 540,000 acres in California. The report found that approximately 470,000 to 500,000 acres defines the desired conservation footprint of rice for the most species of concern.

The needs for different species include 30,000 acres for native fish, 43,000 acres for sandhill cranes, 80,000 acres for giant garter snakes, 373,500 acres of winter-flooded rice and flooded fallow rice fields for non-breeding shorebirds, 473,000 acres of planted rice to restore populations of black terns and help support breeding



Flooded rice fields in California's Central Valley offer important, often vital habitat to many wildlife species. Photo by Yogesh Pansare from Pixabay

shore birds, and 500,000 acres for wintering ducks.

Winter flooding critical

The authors emphasize that rice acreage alone, even as much as 500,000 acres, will not sustain these species unless water is available during the winter and during critical periods in the fall and spring. Winter flooding of the rice fields is especially critical for many of these species.

Historically, seasonal wetlands shaped the Central Valley's ecology and biodiversity. Beginning in the mid-1800s, these lands were largely drained for agriculture, flood control and development.

"In the absence of natural wetlands, rice has become essential surrogate habitat for an incredible diversity of California wildlife," said report co-editor Daniel Karp, a UC Davis professor in the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology. "In the face of climate-induced droughts and escalating water prices, providing rice farmers with the support needed to continue flooding their fields in winter is absolutely essential to safeguard this incredible conservation success story."

Priority locations and management solutions

For nearly all wildlife groups, the Colusa and Sutter basins rank as the highest priority locations for rice habitat, given their proximity to wetlands and wildlife refuges. The Yolo Basin, Consumnes-Mokelumne Rivers region, and parts of the Delta are especially important for shorebirds and sandhill cranes. The Yolo and Sutter bypasses also represent critical areas for fish in flooded rice fields.

The conservation value of these areas, however, largely depends upon how they're managed. In addition to winter flooding and water availability, spatial location, managing

vegetation, irrigation canals and post-harvest rice straw are just some of the considerations when managing rice for wildlife. The report outlines several strategies for each group.

"This kind of interdisciplinary work is challenging but so important to effective conservation," said report co-author Kristen Dybala, a principal ecologist at Point Blue Conservation Science. "When we work together, we can identify opportunities for the same acres to contribute to multiple goals at once."

The value of rice

In addition to providing habitat for wildlife, rice production creates about \$1 billion of added economic value and up to 7,500 jobs for California's Sacramento Valley.

"For decades now, our growers have seen firsthand how much their rice fields are used by wildlife all throughout the year," said Tim Johnson, president and CEO of the California Rice Commission. "This Rice Footprint report by the University of California, Davis, details how these same fields that grow America's sushi rice serve as the economic driver for our small communities and are also vital to our ecosystem in helping waterfowl, shorebirds, reptiles and fish thrive."

The report was funded primarily by the California Rice Commission through a grant to the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences and to Point Blue Conservation Science.

Additional authors include Francisco Bellido-Leiva, Lee Burrows, Sean Fogenburg, Andrew Rypel and Brian Todd of the UC Davis Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology; Robert Walsh of Point Blue Conservation Science; Bruce Linquist of UC Davis Plant Sciences; and Daniel Sumner and Jessica Xu from UC Davis Agricultural and Resource Economics. ★

Sierra Poetry Festival: A Theme for Our Times



With hope and history as this year's guiding theme, the festival delves into poetry's role in capturing the past, confronting the present and imagining a more just future. Photo by Casey Garrotto. Photo by Casey Garrotto

Nevada County Arts Council News Release

GRASS VALLEY, CA (MPG) - This year's festival takes inspiration from Seamus Heaney's *The Cure at Troy*, echoing its most stirring lines: History says, don't hope on this side of the grave. But then, once in a lifetime the longed-for tidal wave of justice can rise up and hope and history rhyme.

The festival will be taking place at The Center for the Arts, 314 Main St., on April 12. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by 6 p.m. Tickets are available for sale at sierrapoetryfestival.org and are \$20 to \$45. Admission is free for students, military, veterans and Gold Star families.

With hope and history as this year's guiding theme, the festival delves into poetry's role in capturing the past, confronting the present, and imagining a more just future. Through readings, performances, and discussions, poets explore their role as chroniclers of history and visionaries of change.

"The Sierra Poetry Festival is a treasure, a celebration and feast. The range and caliber of the poems, the community spirit, the generosity and thoughtfulness running through every part of the event, all were an enormous pleasure to be a part of, as speaker and as listener. Long may it thrive," said Jane Hirshfield, a 2024 festival keynote speaker.

This year's keynote is delivered by the inimitable Kim Addonizio, an award-winning poet, novelist and essayist renowned for her fearless, emotionally charged work. A recipient of National Endowment for the Arts and Guggenheim fellowships and two Pushcart Prizes, Addonizio fuses poetry with music, creating evocative spoken-word albums such as *"My Black Angel"*. Her latest poetry collection, *"Exit Opera"* (2024), explores time, mortality, love, loss and an unflinching meditation on art's place in the human experience.

Joining Addonizio on the main stage are Anthony Cody, fellow and National Book Award finalist *Canto Mundo* ("*Borderland Apocrypha*," "*The Rendering*"), award-winning poet and California State University, Fresno professor Brynn Saito



Poet and novelist Kim Addonizio. Photo by Casey Garrotto



Poet and professor of English at Indiana University Ross Gay speaks during Sierra Poetry Festival 2024. Photo by Casey Garrotto

("Under a Future Sky"), Stanford Ph.D. candidate and poet Armen Davoudian ("*The Palace of Forty Pillars*"), Pulitzer Prize finalist and author Mai Der Vang ("*Yellow Rain*," "*Afterland*") and Cloudy Rhodes Carrier, Sacramento's 2020 Youth Poet Laureate ("*Receipts of Ungiven Gifts*").

Local voices and new traditions in Nevada County's own literary talent takes center stage with Karen Terrey Nevada County Poet Laureate, Nevada County's inaugural Youth Poet Laureate Joey Henry, and acclaimed poet Judy Crowe ("*Flat Water: Nebraska Poems*," "*The Watching Sky*").

The festival proudly highlights emerging voices, featuring finalists from the county's Poetry Out Loud competition and winners from the community open mic, hosted by Jori Phillips.

The Intersection of Hope and History is one of the festival's most anticipated events, the annual conversation brings together celebrated poet Randall Mann, acclaimed translator and classicist Christopher Childers and visionary poet and scholar Annie Finch.

Moderated by Maxima Kahn, this thought-provoking dialogue examines poetry's role in shaping memory, resilience and renewal.

Poetry Without Borders is beyond the main event, the Sierra Poetry Festival Fringe offers a dynamic lineup of literary experiences such as Ekphrastic Poetry at the Artists' Studio in Foothills, a beloved tradition now in its third year. Also, experimental collaborations are between poets, musicians and dancers' workshops in cafés and libraries, inviting the public to explore poetry in an intimate setting. There's also Nevada City's first Poetry Pub Crawl, where poetry and revelry intertwine. New events are added regularly at sierrapoetryfestival.org.

Sierra Poetry Festival makes poetry accessible. Students of all ages, active military, veterans, and Gold Star families enjoy free admission with a valid ID. Secure your tickets today at sierrapoetryfestival.org or for more about Nevada County Arts Council, visit nevadacountyarts.org. ★

Eric Pomeroy Memorial Scholarship Applications Being Accepted

Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way News Release

YUBA-SUTTER-COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Scholarship applications are invited from students enrolling in college with the expectation of playing collegiate athletics for the 2025/26 school year.

The Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way is a nonprofit organization focusing on Education, Health and Financial Stability. The Alec Flores Youth Sports Scholarship Corporation is a nonprofit organization providing funds to individuals in the form of scholarships for youth enrolling in local sports programs.



Eric Pomeroy, a dedicated United Way Board Member and professional educator from Yuba City, passed away in 2022. Pomeroy's love for family and passion for youth sports was shared with so many, offering opportunities through his

selfless dedication to coaching and organizing.

Pomeroy was a Special Olympics swim coach and was the president and head coach at Sutter Buttes Swimming. He also served as a CCA Official for Sierra Nevada and officiated

for the CCA Swim Team in Roseville. Pomeroy and his wife never missed cheering on their daughters in sporting events.

Alec Flores was an amazing and inspiring young man who loved and lived for sports. His life was lost to a drunk driver just days before his 14th birthday. The Alec Flores Youth Sports Scholarship Corporation was formed in his memory and provides sports scholarships to youth in our community needing assistance with registration fees.

Scholarship preference is given to those who are involved in and give back to our communities and who have shown a

passion for youth sports through participation and volunteerism. Applicants shall be a graduating junior or senior from a high school in Yuba, Sutter or Colusa County, plan to or have been accepted into a collegiate sports program, and currently reside in either Yuba, Sutter or Colusa County.

Up to three scholarships, \$1,000 each, will be awarded. The application form submission closes on April 1 and are available online at applyecyouthsports.wufoo.com.

Questions can be directed to the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way at 530-743-1847. ★