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A 9th Reconnaissance Wing TU-2S Dragon Lady piloted by Cory "ULTRALORD" Bartholomew, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron (RS) assigned flight safety officer and U-2 instructor pilot, and Lt. Col. "JETHRO", 1st RS instructor pilot and U-2 chief pilot, lands at Beale Air Force Base (AFB), California, Aug. 1. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force by Senior Airman Frederick A. Brown

By Staff Sgt. Frederick Brown, 9th Reconnaissance Wing

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA (MPG) - On the evening of July 31, a TU-2S Dragon Lady from the 9th Reconnaissance Wing took off from Beale Air Force Base (AFB) to begin a flight unlike any the U-2 airframe had done before. Seventy years after the very first Lockheed U-2 Dragon Lady's accidental maiden flight in 1955 by Tony LeVier over Groom Lake, Nevada, the U-2 would finish the longest single flight this platform had ever attempted, flying across all 48 contiguous states of the United States.

An icon of the Cold War, the U-2 continues to provide high altitude intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance operations in support of the U.S. national defense mission, along with key roles in disaster

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U.S. Air Force Col. Keagan McLeese, 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander, coins Cory "ULTRALORD" Bartholomew, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron (RS) assigned flight safety officer, after also coining Lt. Col. "JETHRO", 1st RS instructor pilot and U-2 chief pilot, after they landed a 9th Reconnaissance Wing TU-2S Dragon Lady at Beale Air Force Base (AFB), California, July 31. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force by Senior Airman Frederick A. Brown

Don Melvin Speaks Out on the State Theater Dispute

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - For years, Marysville's historic State Theater has stood in limbo, boarded up, neglected and entangled in a web of rumors, liens and litigation. But according to Don Melvin, the man currently fighting to clear its title, that story could have a very different ending if the city chooses to work with him.

"I'm too old for all this, I really just want to be done with it and enjoy the rest of my retirement," Melvin told The Territorial Dispatch during a recent conversation following a case management hearing on July 28. "But, if at all possible, I'd really like to see it reopened as a theater. I think that's possible now."

Melvin has found himself at the center of the theater's ongoing legal saga for well over a decade. Though his official stake in the property began with a 15% interest in the early 2000's, he says he's been the local caretaker

and de facto owner for years. And yet, he's never been able to finalize a sale or restoration, despite having willing buyers. The reason? A messy ownership history and a slew of city-imposed fines and liens, which Melvin claims never to have received notice about.

A Web of Deceit

Much of Melvin's predicament traces back to a man named George Benny,

a convicted con artist and former real estate mogul. Benny, who passed away earlier this year, was one of the principal figures behind California Partners LLC, the entity that acquired the State Theater after it closed in 1997.

"If I had known who George Benny truly was, I would have never gotten involved," Melvin said.

Benny was a former multimillionaire developer whose empire collapsed

under the weight of massive fraud schemes in the 1980s. In 1985, he was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison after being convicted on 21 counts of mail fraud and one count of racketeering (U.S. v. Benny, 786 F.2d 1410). His conviction stemmed from elaborate real estate scams that defrauded banks and lenders out of more than \$40 million, including planned developments in

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One of two smaller upstairs screening rooms inside the State Theater of Marysville, created from a section of the original balcony. Melvin believes these compact spaces could be converted back into balcony seating or repurposed for flexible programming or private events. Photo taken July 30.

Yuba Water's Latest Grant Funding Supports Levee Improvements

Yuba Water Agency News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba Water Agency on July 15 approved more than \$6.2 million in grants for major levee improvements along the Feather River north of Marysville, water supply reliability throughout the county and wildfire resilience in Dobbins and Oregon House.

Levee improvements north of Marysville

A \$5.25 million grant awarded to Reclamation District 10 will help the district improve an 8,500-foot stretch of levee on the east bank of the Feather River along the Highway 70 corridor north of Marysville. The funds will be used to plan, design and permit a project that will reduce seepage and improve the levee's resilience when flows increase along the Feather.

District 10 includes approximately 12,000 acres of land and 23 miles of levees that protect a highly productive agricultural area, Highway 70, two Union Pacific Railroad tracks, homes and businesses.

Yuba Water previously provided funding to study the condition of levees in the district along with potential improvements.

"Over the last 20 years or so, we've invested heavily in improving the levees around Yuba County's more populated, urban areas like Marysville, Linda, Olivehurst and Plumas Lake," said Sami Nall, Yuba Water's flood risk reduction manager. "Now, we're expanding our focus to make sure our rural levees are also updated and reducing flood risk for our agricultural communities and businesses."

Water supply infrastructure upgrades throughout Yuba County

Yuba Water also awarded four grants totaling \$976,135 to improve water supply reliability for local water suppliers. Three of the grants are cost-share grants, which means the recipient is matching Yuba Water's funds to complete the work.

A \$451,000 grant awarded to Lake Francis Mutual Water Company will help support

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Loma Rica Residents Push Back After Sudden Post Office Closure

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

LOMA RICA, CA (MPG) - Residents of Loma Rica gathered for an old-fashioned town hall meeting at the Loma Rica Community Church on Tuesday, July 29, to voice concerns over the abrupt closure of their local post office, a closure they say happened with little to no communication from the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

The Contract Postal Unit (CPU), formerly operating out of the Golden Eagle Market at 11269 Loma Rica Rd., quietly shut down earlier this year after more than 20 years of service. The closure has left local residents, especially seniors and those without reliable transportation, with limited options for sending or receiving mail, forcing many to make a 40-mile round trip to Marysville or travel to other rural outposts in Dobbins or Browns Valley.

The Golden Eagle Market's owner, Gurnam Sandhers, said the situation unfolded after he reviewed the store's agreements upon taking ownership last year. "There was no contract and they were only paying \$1,223 a month," Sandhers said. "My employees were running the post office, tracking inventory, and sending all the proceeds back to USPS." He noted that since taking over the market, he had not received any payments from USPS.

"I couldn't get a response for two months," Sandhers said. "Then they said, 'We can close it down.' There was no other word. I didn't think that was right."



Loma Rica Market owner Gurnam Sandhers (far right) addresses concerned residents during the July 29 post office meeting at Loma Rica Church, explaining how attempts to renew the USPS contract were unsuccessful and ultimately led to the unexpected closure.

Sandhers said his employees, including long-time manager Georgia Williamson and clerk Angela Roubal, were stretched thin trying to manage both store and postal responsibilities. "I was essentially the postmaster for 25 years," said Williamson. "I asked if I could get training so I could teach my girls, and they told me no. They said I had to go online and learn everything."

With limited compensation and no renewed agreement, Sandhers said he couldn't justify dedicating staff to run the post office full time. "My employees can't do anything else besides the post office," Sandhers said. "I told them [USPS] they needed to help me out."

According to Sandhers, attempts to negotiate a new contract stalled, and in January the post office abruptly shut down, leaving customers blindsided. "I showed up, and all of a sudden, the post office wasn't available anymore. I had to get a new post

box," said resident Yvonne Spiers. "A heads-up would have been nice. We didn't get the notice in the mail until two weeks later."

An Issue of Equity and Accessibility For elderly residents and those without transportation, the lack of a local postal facility has created logistical hardships. Business owners say the closure has disrupted day-to-day operations, and those who had post office boxes now face the headache of updating their mailing information across all accounts.

"We're bigger economically than Browns Valley and Dobbins," said Jackie Spencer, one of the meeting's key organizers. "I don't understand why they can have a post office and we can't. I'm very concerned for our older residents."

Yuba County Supervisor Jon Messick, who represents District 5, told attendees that he and Supervisor Gary Bradford have formed an ad hoc committee to develop a county-wide plan which included zip code rezoning and a post office for Loma Rica.

"We're coming up with a plan for Yuba County and what we'd like to see," said Messick. "Then we're going to submit that to the postal service."

Currently, Marysville's 95901 zip code spans over 200 square miles, from Olivehurst in the south to Bangor and Loma Rica in the north. This large coverage area has led to package delivery issues and even complications for emergency response services trying to locate rural addresses. Messick acknowledged that changing or reassigning zip

codes may introduce challenges, including potential impacts to insurance rates and the administrative burden of updating all personal and financial records. Still, he urged residents to unify around the issue.

"We need to push this county-wide," said Messick. "We'll have more success if we get both of our congressmen involved."

Spencer, who has already gathered a sizable number of petition signatures, is encouraging residents to write letters describing how a post office benefits them. She is also exploring the possibility of applying for a new CPU permit or advocating for a permanent USPS location in Loma Rica. Those interested in helping can contact Spencer at 530-749-2094 or appybabyboyl@yahoo.com.

There were rumors that limited postal services may still be available at the nearby Shop N Save Market, located at 11400 Loma Rica Road, but those reports remain unconfirmed. Many residents expressed skepticism about whether that site could meet the community's full needs and instead voiced support for reestablishing services at the original Golden Eagle Market location.

"I can't believe, as a taxpayer, I'm saying this," one anonymous attendee said. "But if you're going to talk to politicians, remind them that the post office is not a business, it's a government service. All citizens should receive equal access. Fundamentally, what we're talking about is the government eliminating services to some citizens and not others." ★



Yuba County Supervisor Jon Messick (left) speaks during a community post office meeting held July 29 at the Loma Rica Church, joined by local organizer Jackie Spencer, and Golden Eagle Market staff Georgia Williamson and Angela Roubal, who helped operate the now-closed postal unit.

Team Beale Conducts Historic U-2 Dragon Lady Flight



Cory "ULTRALORD" Bartholomew, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron (RS) assigned flight safety officer and U-2 instructor pilot, and Lt. Col. "JETHRO", 1st RS instructor pilot and U-2 chief pilot, prepare to fly a TU-2S Dragon Lady by spending an hour undergoing 100% oxygen exposure with the 9th Physiological Support Squadron at Beale Air Force Base (AFB), California, Aug. 1. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force by Senior Airman Frederick A. Brown



U.S. Air Force members of the 9th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepare a 9th Reconnaissance Wing TU-2S Dragon Lady piloted by Cory "ULTRALORD" Bartholomew, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron (RS) assigned flight safety officer and U-2 instructor pilot, and Lt. Col. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force by Senior Airman Frederick A. Brown

Continued from page 1 relief and search and rescue missions. Capable of long flights at altitudes above 70,000 feet, the U-2 now pushed itself beyond its known limits.

When the Dragon Lady landed the next day at Beale AFB, it had flown longer than 14 hours and traveled over 6,000 nautical miles, breaking the endurance records for an aircraft of its class.

"This flight is historic, and it is fitting that it was planned and flown by aircrew from the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, America's longest-serving flying unit," said Lt. Col. John "JESTER" Mattson, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron (RS) commander. "The character of war is changing, but our extreme ownership of our mission to build aircrew ready to exploit and dominate the electromagnetic spectrum and win, will never change. We continue to hone our combat competencies showcasing Beale's capacity as a power projection platform to rapidly respond to adversary actions anywhere in the world."

The pilots chosen were Cory "ULTRALORD" Bartholomew, 1st RS assigned flight safety

officer and U-2 instructor pilot, and Lt. Col. "JETHRO", 1st RS instructor pilot and U-2 chief pilot, which also meant this flight had the most U-2 flight experience combined in a single U-2 cockpit. "ULTRALORD" and "JETHRO" hold the records for the highest amount of U-2 flight hours. The flight itself maxed out the operational range of the U-2 and placed the pilots at the edge of their physiological limit.

"11 years ago, I realized just how far we could hypothetically fly the U-2 if we really wanted to push its limits to see just what it could do," said "ULTRALORD". "Now that were on the 70th anniversary of the U-2, 70 years at 70,000 feet, it seemed right to demonstrate the true capability of this aircraft"

Such flights, however, remain hypothetical without precision mission planning to figure out how to turn it into a reality. Planning and coordinating flight routes, choosing emergency refueling stops, and accounting for factors such as winds, temperatures, altitudes and not crossing a border into the wrong air space is the realm of mission planners like Stephen "SCOTCH" Johnson.

"I'm proud to be a part of this record flight and put ULTRALORD's vision into reality," said Johnson, 1st RS mission planner. "This flight's length makes it more difficult than usual so there were special challenges to overcome in its planning".

This flight was also instrumental in improving the 1st RS's relatively new mission planning software to plan for more complex missions. The software has not been used for a flight this long before, or with so many factors to account for.

Beyond testing the limits of the U-2 or the mission planning software, this historic flight would also pose unique challenges to the many personnel it takes to conduct U-2 operations. Alongside the pilots and mission planner, members of the 9th Physiological Support Group (PSPTS), and the 9th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMXS) found themselves overcoming and adjusting for the parameters of a record-breaking U-2 flight.

The 9th PSPTS provides the specialized support needed for U-2 pilots to fly at such daunting altitudes, such as maintenance of the high-altitude full pressure

suits that protect the pilots. The 9th AMXS maintain the U-2 fleet, providing needed repairs for the aircraft and preparing them for flight, earning them the nickname "Dragon Keepers".

"We already have to be perfect on every single flight, so with this one it just meant maintaining that standard of excellence," said Technical Sgt. Christopher Burdi, 9th PSPTS physiological support detachment launch recovery team. "We had to ensure no incidents would occur for a longer flight than ever before, and that required more care, and more resources than usual, but it was nothing we couldn't handle or continue to. Like I said, we're already used to performing at a level of perfection."

That same standard of excellence also applies to maintenance work by the 9th AMXS. One single mistake could cost the pilot's life and the aircraft, as special precautions were taken to ensure the expected durability and longevity of the U-2.

In addition to truly showcasing the capabilities of the famed U-2 aircraft, this flight served to honor its 70-year legacy. It paid tribute to all those who had

gone before and earned the privilege to be a member of the U-2 community. The Dragon Lady is one of the most difficult planes to fly due to its unique design, requiring a chase car to assist in landing. Just over 1,000 pilots have qualified to fly this aircraft, making it a tight-knit community.

As part of this tribute, the flight also honored fallen U-2 pilots who made the ultimate sacrifice to their country by including specific flight paths over certain states, such as over the homes of families these pilots are remembered by. This was emphasized by "ULTRALORD" after he touched down, noting the U-2 mission is only possible from the team efforts of all those serving today and all those who have come before.

"The incredible thing about this flight is that it shows not only the capabilities of the U-2, but that of our Air Force's most important asset, it's people," said Col. Keagan McLeese, 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander. "Our Airmen demonstrated they are mission-ready in using the skills, adaptability, and innovation it takes to generate global air power." ★

Don Melvin Speaks Out on the State Theater Dispute

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San Francisco, Las Vegas and Reno.

Despite the lengthy sentence, Benny served approximately 10 years before being released on parole in 1993. However, his post-release behavior raised more red flags. He was reprimanded multiple times for failing to disclose income and real estate dealings, activities he was explicitly barred from participating in as part of his parole conditions.

In 1998, Benny was taken into custody after further violations, including associating with individuals involved in criminal activity and engaging in unauthorized real estate transactions, believed by some to include the State Theater acquisition. He ultimately accepted a deal to serve an additional three months in prison in exchange for a second parole term, which resumed in 1999.

"It turns out when he got involved and started California Partners, he was still on parole," said Melvin. "So that alone was a violation. But I didn't realize who I was in business with at that time."

According to Melvin, Benny misrepresented both the legitimacy of the LLC and his relationship with partner Eva Hollo. Though Hollo had been publicly linked to the building for years, Melvin later learned she had never been legally added to California Partners' ownership documents. He also alleges Benny shorted Hollo out of over \$400,000 in promised equity.

"George always had a whole bunch of schemes going on," Melvin said. "He gyped me and Eva and many others."

Realtor Judy Smith, who claimed to have assisted in the original transaction, recalled joining Benny and Hollo at the tax assessor's office to pay off \$30,000 in back taxes.



Don Melvin examines a strip of decaying film left behind in the projection booth of the State Theater in Marysville on July 30. He believes the reel may be a remnant from an old Arnold Schwarzenegger movie once shown in the venue.

"The last time I saw Eva and Benny was that day," Smith said. "I had sold the theater to Eva, I never understood why they transferred it out of her name."

Benny's health reportedly declined in his later years, and Melvin believes he was suffering from Alzheimer's before his death in March 2025.

"He fought me on everything I was trying to do to improve the building," said Melvin.

Benny however did marry Hollo before he passed, effectively tying her back to inherit his assets including that of California Partners and the State Theater. Melvin said Hollo eventually told him to "do whatever [he] wanted with the property," but legal complications tied to California Partners' still suspended status made any real action impossible. Hollo has since refused to engage with the property and a default judgment is being filed to clear her claim on the property.

A Building with Potential and Problems

Melvin's vision for the State Theater has remained consistent: to pass it on to someone who can restore it to its former glory. He has been in communication

with potential buyers and claims a sale could close in 10 days, if the city would release what he calls "unjustified" liens.

Melvin said he's been the one paying property taxes, maintaining the building, and working with local law enforcement for over a decade. He further advocated that city records and police agency agreements list him as the primary contact and caretaker, and he even presented evidence showing that he paid off nearly \$97,000 in city fines in 2017.

But after appearing in a CBS news segment last year regarding break-ins at the theater, Melvin says things took a sudden turn.

"Two days after that aired, Chief Sachs tried to put a lien for \$28,000 on the building," Melvin said. "The city knows I'm the owner; they've worked with me for years. Why didn't they notify me about these fines?"

The current amount the city seeks in fines is approximately \$30,000, according to Melvin. He's trying to sell the property for \$150,000, but said that after legal fees, fines and taxes he wouldn't even break even.

"I never knew about these fines, and it's not like I'm trying to get rich here," Melvin emphasized.

"Dan Flores [Marysville's Community and Economic Development Director] told me there would be no new fines while we were working together, and that started in 2022. Then these secret fines suddenly appeared."

One such fine, Melvin said, was due to trash and cigarettes left by an unlicensed man sleeping under the marquee, an act caught in a city photo that was later used as evidence.

"In the picture, you can clearly see him there under the 'No Loitering' sign. I was fined for the trash at his feet," Melvin said. "It feels like I'm being bullied, or like the city sees me as a source of revenue."

When asked whether the city would consider waiving or reducing the fines to facilitate a sale, Flores responded with a firm statement:

"It's important to clarify that Mr. Melvin filed a lawsuit against the City of Marysville, not the other way around. While he may dispute certain facts, the record will speak for itself. As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words, and the city has many. Those will come to light in due course. In the meantime, consistent with policy, the city will not comment further on active litigation."



Don Melvin boards up the entrance to an adjacent office building connected to the State Theater in an effort to deter further break-ins. He believes the structure could be converted into several small apartments with the right investment.

Waiting for Resolution

Melvin believes the State Theater could once again thrive thanks to changes in film licensing and scheduling policies that took effect around 1999. At the time of its closure in 1997, the theater struggled to meet industry requirements such as minimum seat counts and strict screening schedules, which made it financially unfeasible to operate, especially with limited downtown parking to accommodate large crowds. However, those standards have since been relaxed, allowing venues like the State Theater to license films for limited or event-based showings without the need for daily screenings or full-capacity audiences. This shift, combined with the building's suitability for both film and live performance, opens the door for a more flexible and sustainable business model.

While the interior has suffered damage from vandalism, Melvin maintains that the building's structure

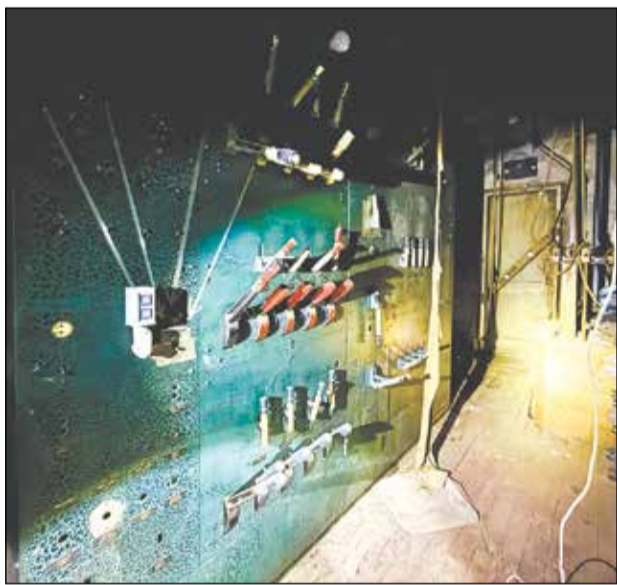
remains strong, with thick steel-reinforced concrete walls and a fully intact fly system. He believes most of the necessary work is cosmetic, replacing furnishings, electrical fixtures, toilets and seating, along with some roof repairs.

Melvin says he already has a buyer ready to begin work immediately but cannot proceed until the title is cleared. He maintains that he never received proper notice of the city-imposed fines that are currently blocking the sale.

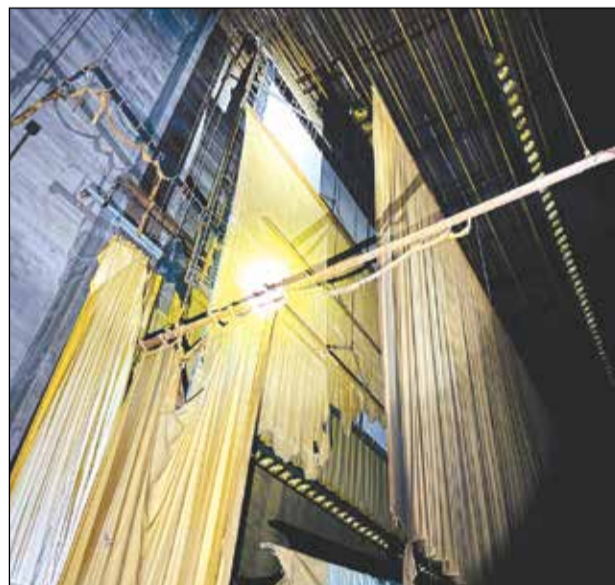
"The property will be transferred as soon as it's clear titled to somebody that's going to start work on it immediately, and the city knows this," Melvin said.

He hopes to resolve the matter before the next court date on Dec. 1.

"I should've never gotten involved. It was a mistake, and I've been trying to get out," Melvin said. "But I do want to see it turned into something good. I've always thought this building could still be a great theater." ★



Levers and control boards for the State Theater's fly system remain intact backstage. Melvin notes this spot is often icy cold and believes the space may be haunted. Local lore—supported by Melvin's own research—suggests a young girl, the daughter of an actor, died here after falling into the orchestra pit decades ago.



Tattered curtains and original batten rigging still hang above the stage in the State Theater's fly system in Marysville. Melvin believes the set pieces may be remnants from a final performance of Hamlet before the venue closed in the late 1990s. The State Theater will soon be 100 years old.



An original PhotoStat camera, once used for making photographic copies of documents and images, still stands in the office spaces above the State Theater in Marysville. Melvin says he plans to donate the piece to a local museum for preservation.

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Yuba-Sutter Stand Down Expands Services for Veterans



This year's Veterans Resource Fair will take place from Aug. 14 to 16 at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds. Photo courtesy of YubaSutterVeterans.org

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba-Sutter Stand Down is back for its 26th year, and organizers are preparing for what they hope will be the biggest event yet. Director Mike Nichols, who has helmed the effort for two decades, is once again offering a light-hearted incentive: "If we get a thousand veterans this year, I'll cut off my ponytail," Nichols laughed.

This year's Veterans Resource Fair will take place from Aug. 14 to 16 at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, located at 42 Franklin Ave. in Yuba City. The event provides no-cost access to vital services for

veterans, including medical and dental care, vision and hearing screenings, housing support, legal help, haircuts, showers, pet care and more.

New in 2025, military spouses and children will also be eligible for free dental, vision, and hearing services throughout the three-day event.

"A lot of children don't get those services, and they need it prior to school," Nichols said.

While the event has traditionally targeted homeless or at-risk veterans, Nichols stressed that the Stand Down is open to all veterans and their families, regardless of housing or financial status. He's encouraging local veterans

to overcome hesitation and take full advantage of the resources available.

"There's this mentality, especially among service members, that 'if you don't need it, don't take it,'" Nichols said. "But we want to get these guys in sooner rather than later."

More than just services, Nichols says the event is about meaningful connection.

"It's about having a comfortable, safe place surrounded by people who understand what you're going through," said Nichols.

To register, volunteer, or learn more, visit www.yubasutterveterans.org/standdown or call 530-749-1036. ★

Yuba Water's Latest Grant Funding Supports Levee Improvements



Pictured is district 10 Levee in Yuba County. Photo courtesy of Yuba Water Agency

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engineering, design and environmental review of a new water storage tank, piping, a fire hydrant and an improved access road at Lake Francis Estates. The project will improve the quality of water delivered to the community by providing interior tank access for inspection and maintenance. The new tank will also meet current seismic and other requirements.

A \$372,672 cost-share grant to the Linda County Water District will help relocate several fire hydrants, water

mains and other critical water and sewage infrastructure to coincide with Yuba County's North Beale Road Complete Streets Safety Project, which includes road and drainage improvements along North Beale Road in Linda.

A \$135,000 cost-share grant to Plumas Mutual Water Company will help install modern equipment to remotely monitor, control and measure surface water flows in the district to maximize efficiency and minimize water loss in their irrigation water distribution system in South Yuba County.

A \$17,463 cost-share grant will help the Ramirez Water District replace a failing road-crossing pipe that serves as their main water supply diversion for irrigation north of the Yuba River. The 40-foot pipe crosses under Ramirez Road and delivers all of the district's surface water from the Yuba.

Yuba Resource Conservation District capacity building

Lastly, the board approved a \$12,000 grant to the Yuba County Resource Conservation District for grant writing support. The district will use the funds to apply for additional state grant funding to support specific treatment projects aimed at reducing wildfire risk for the communities of Dobbins and Oregon House in the Yuba County foothills.

Learn more about Yuba Water's investments at yubawater.org. ★

Community Calendar

Yuba County Library

Yuba County Library has the following upcoming events at Health & Human Services, 5730 Packard Ave., Marysville (location may vary, as noted):

Monday, Aug. 11: Monday story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St., Marysville. Stories, music, crafts, and more for children birth to age 5. Registration is required.

Thursday, Aug. 14: Cooking Demo with Blue Zones, noon to 1 p.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St., Marysville. Registration is required.

Monday, Aug. 18: Monday story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St., Marysville. Stories, music, crafts, and more for children birth to age 5. Registration is required.

Call 530-749-7380 for more information or email library@co.yuba.ca.us

Sutter County Library

Sutter County library main branch, at 750 Forbes Ave., Yuba City will be taking a short break from programming in the month of August to rest, recharge, and get ready for an exciting fall season. Call 530-930-2315 for more information on general library offerings.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Skate Night, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Tri-Counties Community Center, 1830 B St., Marysville. Enjoy great music, affordable fun, and skating for just \$8 per person. Plus, check out our budget-friendly snack shack for tasty treats. Bring your own skates or borrow a pair from us. Call 530-443-2873 for more information.

Thursday, Aug. 14

Yuba-Sutter Veteran Stand Down Resource Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, 422 Franklin Ave., Yuba City. This annual event plays a critical role in helping veterans, active-duty personnel, and their families obtain necessary goods and services. More information at 530-749-1036. Resource fair will run Thursday, through Saturday, Aug. 16.

Friday, Aug. 15

Plumas Street Pub Crawl, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Yuba City. Discover a variety of local pubs, bars, and venues as we crawl through the city. Whether you're sipping a craft cocktail, enjoying a local brew, or sticking to refreshing non-alcoholic options, there's something for everyone. More information at www.yubacitydown-town.com

Saturday, Aug. 16

Mornings in the Garden, 10 a.m. to 11

a.m. at the Artisan Community Garden, 1333 Butte House Rd., Yuba City. This month, we'll focus on garden cooking. Activities will include decorating an apron, salsa-making, cooking pizza with solar, and growing an herb garden. For families and friends of children from birth to age 22 with special needs. Event is free but registration is required. Contact Leanne@familysoup.org for more information.

2025 Plumas Lake Block Party, 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Eufay Wood Park, 1280 Zanes Dr., Olivehurst. There's something for everyone at this family-friendly event. Listen to live entertainment, indulge in food and snacks, keep the kids entertained with fun activities, and enjoy a refreshing drink in our beer garden. Best of all, admission is free and open to the public. Hosted by the South Yuba County Sunrise Rotary.

Meeting Minders

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

American Legion Post 42 meets the 2nd Monday each month at 211 17th St., Marysville. For more information, call 530-743-0948.

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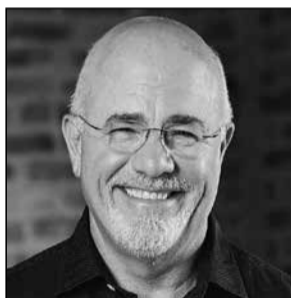
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Dave Ramsey Says Focus on What's Important Now



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I'm 22, working my way through college and I've already been able to start setting money for life after graduation. I had a talk with my parents recently about my plans once I get a real job and get out on my own. They seem to think I'll be okay, but sometimes things can seem so overwhelming. How do people manage and prioritize more adult responsibilities like investing, marriage, having kids and everything else?

- Kieran

Dear Kieran,

You're right, it can be overwhelming if you look at all these things as if they have to be done right now. But I'll tell you something you already know: You don't have to do everything right now. It's great to look toward the future, and have a plan, but you're only 22. You've got plenty of time to decide what's important to you. For now, let's just say you've done

a great job so far. Take a deep breath and relax. You're way ahead of the game compared to most young people your age, and you should be proud of your accomplishments.

Now, all the things you mentioned are great goals. Some of them are kind of intimidating, but those aren't what you're facing right now. In my mind, finishing college is your number one priority. Then, after you graduate and begin life on your own, you can begin looking at the other things you mentioned—one at a time. Once you find a good job, you can begin setting aside for retirement. If your car is about to roll over and die, that first step may be a better vehicle. If there's a special lady in your life, you might begin focusing on marriage somewhere down the road.

Don't be too intimidated, Kieran. Things are often easier to deal with when you break them down into smaller pieces and address them individually. There's a funny old adage that goes something like this: How do you eat

an elephant? One bite at a time. Do you get what I'm saying? Nobody can do four or five big things at once and do them all to the very best of their abilities. Decide what matters most, put it at the top, and list everything else in descending order of importance. Once you've done this, go down the list, focus and knock them out one after the other.

You're a smart and determined young man, who has accomplished a lot already. Something tells me you can do just about anything you set your mind to!

- 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. ★

Joy



By Kathy Craig Harteis

What a great weekend I just had. My daughters and granddaughters included me on a fun filled adventure in South Dakota. These girls are definitely a source of joy for me.

Daughter Velvet and granddaughters Lea and Latrice braved a zip line in Keystone, SD. I

can't say I joined them. I cheered them from below. I just don't see the need to voluntarily go 1,500 feet in the air and harness up to come back down hanging from a wire. They thought it was great though. It's good to see them happy.

I wish all families had a connection of love and respect.

I grew up in Grimes, Ca. Ours was a large welcoming family. My folks' southern roots instilled in them a sense of sharing and a welcoming nature to all. Everyone was welcomed to our home. My mom always said there was room for one more.

I've tried to follow their lead. With all of the

now adult kids who still call me Ma Craigo I feel I may have done it right. I hope so. A kid will remember you for how you treat them. Good or bad, they will remember you.

We never know how and when we might influence another's life. The goal is to treat all people with kindness. Agreed; it's not always easy.

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. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Imagine having the confidence to forgo college basketball entirely and jump straight from high school to professional basketball. That's what Jonathan Kuminga did and so did Kobe Bryant and LeBron James. Things turned out pretty well for those two, and it may turn out well for Kuminga too. The only question is, will it be in a Sacramento Kings uniform?

Well, that's the question on the mind of every Kings fan, largely because that's the current talk of the town.

The Warriors, after surprising everyone and acquiring Jimmy Butler late last season, are apparently prepared to part ways with 22-year old Kuminga, and the Sacramento Kings are interested.

Should the two teams come to an agreement, the Kings would finally complete the missing piece they have long been looking for, front court help to compliment Keegan Murray.

The Kings have met with Kuminga and it's been reported that Kuminga is eager to join the beam team, and travel 90 miles north to unite with the Warriors closest rival.

Times in San Francisco have been tumultuous for young Kuminga, and he has fallen into disfavor with coach Steve Kerr. Stories vary as to the reason for his fall from grace, but reportedly Kerr is unhappy with Kuminga's desire to elevate his game and not play within the team style that Kerr desires.

Without question, Kuminga's beginning in the NBA could not have been any meteoric, as the Warriors captured the NBA title in Kuminga's rookie season.

Kuminga contributed nearly 10 points per game in his rookie campaign while logging just under 17 minutes per game.

Kuminga has steadily improved his game, but he has plateaued the past 2 seasons averaging 15 points and just under 5 rebounds per game.

The age-old problem of minutes is the issue, and with stars Stephen Curry, Jimmy Butler, and Draymond Green, breaking into the starting lineup does not appear to be a realistic outcome for Kuminga.

The Kings are undoubtedly assuring a starting position in the negotiations, and Kuminga has expressed a real interest in joining the Sactown boys.

I can envision the first time the Warriors

come to town, with Kuminga lighting things up and showing the Warriors what they passed up on. Maybe lighting the beam with a smile to match.

This is not a done deal Kings fans, but it is not pie in the sky either. If the Warriors don't move Kuminga this season, they will run the risk of him signing elsewhere and receiving no compensation. Suffice to say, the Warriors are smarter than that, so making a good deal for Kuminga now makes loads of sense, and I believe Scott Perry is trying to help the Warriors do just that.

If reports are accurate, that means the Kings will in all probability say goodbye to Malik Monk, while including a first-round draft choice in the deal. The sticking point has been whether the pick will be unrestricted, and it's my view that in all likelihood the Kings may have to acquiesce to get this trade consummated.

Without question the NBA has yet to see the best of Kuminga, and there is no question in my mind that this talented young player could be the missing ingredient the Kings have long been looking for.

Sadly, trades that are as public as this one rarely come to fruition, so say your prayers Kings fans, because I do not see a down side to welcoming Kuminga into the Sactown family!

Summertime can be tormenting for true basketball fans, and with the summer league concluding, trade rumors that can change the landscape of the hometown team in a positive way, are just what Kings fans need to while away the hours waiting for training camp to begin.

Not to be lost in the Kuminga hype, is current Kings power forward Trey Lyles who is currently a free agent. At 6'9" and 234 lbs., Lyles represents a big body and someone that the Kings can count on off the bench. Losing him would be a critical mistake and would remind me of the faux pas made just a season ago when Davion Mitchell slipped through their fingers and was unceremoniously traded to the Toronto Raptors.

Stay positive Kings fans, because Scott Perry brings with him much needed experience in the front office, at a time when a steady hand is very much required.

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

Why Hasn't My SS Benefit Changed Because I Am Still Working?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am currently receiving Social Security benefits while continuing to work full time. There are no restrictions on my wage earnings because I waited until full retirement age before beginning benefits. However, I was also told that my benefit amount would be reviewed each year if my current earnings were higher than past earnings. That held true for the first two years but has yet to be adjusted for 2025. I thought it might be because of HR 82, which does not impact me directly, but I think it may be the reason my payment has not yet been changed. Has enough time passed so I should contact SSA now to see if this is the case? **Signed: Waiting Anxiously.**

Dear Rusty: If you are already collecting benefits, Social Security reviews your earnings each year to see if your more recent earnings are high enough to warrant an increase in your monthly

benefit. They do this automatically, after they get your most recent earnings data from the IRS, and they typically do that review by the end of the 3rd quarter of each year. If a higher benefit is indicated, they will increase your monthly amount and pay you retroactively to the beginning of the year for any difference in your benefit.

SSA has, indeed, been vigorously working on changes resulting from HR82 (the Social Security Fairness Act), which may have affected the timeliness of their review of your recent earnings. However, I suspect that is not why your SS benefit has not yet changed. More likely, it has to do with the fact that your past earnings have been adjusted for inflation (which is a normal part of Social Security's process when calculating your benefit amount). Your earnings for each year in your lifetime (up to age 60) were adjusted for inflation when you originally claimed SS, and your recent earnings would need to be higher than the inflation-adjusted amounts used by SS when you claimed. They use the 35 highest earnings years (adjusted for inflation) over your lifetime to calculate your benefit, and inflation has a substantial effect. For example, \$50,000 earned

in 1990 would require over \$100,000 in earnings today to cause an increase in your benefit. Thus, you cannot go by the actual dollars you earned in earlier years, because SS uses inflated amounts to calculate your benefit.

In any case, if you believe that the Social Security Administration neglected reviewing your earnings from last year, or in any year since you claimed, you can make an appointment to review that with them by calling 1.800.772.1213. SSA typically does such appointments over the phone, so you likely won't need to make a personal visit to your local SSA office to investigate this.

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California Is Finally Adopting Phonics

Fulfilling A Grandmother's Dream



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

Marion Joseph died in 2022 and therefore cannot celebrate what at long last is happening in California to improve children's abysmal levels of reading comprehension.

Joseph, a renowned expert on reading instruction, came out of retirement in the 1980s to wage a personal crusade for the adoption of phonics, doing battle with educators who stubbornly supported a rival system called "whole language" that was failing to raise reading scores.

Phonics stresses fundamental instruction in the letters and letter combinations that make up sounds, thus allowing children to "sound out" words and later whole sentences and passages. The whole language approach assumes that reading is a naturally learned skill, much like speaking, and that exposing children to reading material will allow it to emerge.

Having realized that her own grandson, then a first-grader, was having difficulty with reading, Joseph began pestering the state's politicians to adopt phonics, persuading then-Gov. Pete Wilson in the 1990s to appoint her to a commission on reading instruction and then the state Board of

Education, platforms from which she could pursue her mission.

However, she achieved only modest success in what were dubbed "reading wars," and after she left the school board the whole language approach re-emerged as dominant.

Reading scores on state and national academic tests continued to languish, with fewer than half of fourth-graders reading at an acceptable level.

School districts that had voluntarily adopted phonics demonstrated remarkable gains. They recognized that the ability to read is fundamental to succeeding in other academic skills, such as mathematics.

Finally substantial numbers of legislators decided to intervene, and a pro-phonics contingent began pushing measures that would compel school districts to adopt what has been dubbed the "science of reading," backed by a phalanx of education reformers. Gov. Gavin Newsom, who has struggled with dyslexia, a disorder affecting his ability to read, supported the efforts and included \$200 million in the 2025-26 state budget to train teachers in phonics.

Meanwhile Assembly Bill 1454 is moving quickly through the legislative process. Sponsored by pro-phonics legislators including Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, it would require the state Board of Education to adopt phonics-based instructional materials and include phonics in reading teacher credential programs.

The pro-phonics moves are drawing praise from

EdVoice and dozens of other educational reform groups.

"When a child learns to read, they don't just decode letters on a page, they begin to dream bigger, think more critically, and imagine a future beyond what they can see. Today's committee approval brings us one step closer to all California children reading at grade level," said Marshall Tuck, CEO of Ed Voice, after the bill cleared the Senate Education Committee last week.

Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, a West Covina Democrat who has become the Legislature's top phonics advocate, said, "After months of hard work and collaboration, we are making steady progress toward delivering on our promise to teach all California children to read. The support we saw today in the Senate Education Committee moves us closer to ensuring that no child falls through the cracks because they weren't taught to read using scientifically proven reading methods. The continued bipartisan support on this bill tells us that California is ready and motivated to lead on literacy."

The actions fall a bit short of requiring local school districts to adopt phonics, but they go a long way toward achieving Marion Joseph's goal.

Dan Walters is one of the 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. ★



Hamas is to Blame for Gaza's Woes

Hamas started a war, rejected a ceasefire and stole and profited from humanitarian aid, and we are supposed to believe that it's all Israel's fault.

International attention is focused on food shortages in Gaza, with the blame and the pressure -- as always -- on Israel to do something about it.

It is always difficult to get to the ground truth in Gaza, which is shrouded in the fog of war, of Hamas propaganda and of slanted media coverage, but there appears indeed to be a brewing humanitarian crisis.

Israel stopped shipments of aid into Gaza in March after a temporary ceasefire expired, and then started them up again in May, using the so-called Israel- and U.S.-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) as the conduit. The stoppage in aid, coupled with inadequate GHF operations, has led to the current situation.

It's necessary to understand the larger context, though. Israel halted food shipments as a means to deny Hamas revenue, not to target the general population.

The terror group had perfected the art of exploiting humanitarian aid (and commercial transactions) for its own purposes via

theft and taxes, plowing the proceeds into its military operations.

Although there is now an effort by Israel's critics to portray the concern over Hamas profiteering as fabricated or exaggerated, there is no doubt that this business model was crucial to the terror group. Both The Wall Street Journal ("A Depleted Hamas Is So Low on Cash That It Can't Pay Its Fighters") and The Washington Post ("Hamas Facing Financial and Administrative Crisis as Revenue Dries Up") have run reports on the squeeze felt by Hamas.

The Journal article back in April noted that the cash crunch with the cut off in aid was "making it harder for Hamas to bring in new recruits and maintain cohesion." The Washington Post reported about a week ago: "With its coffers depleted, Hamas's military wing can no longer adequately pay the salaries of its fighters, though it is still able to recruit teenage boys for missions like keeping lookout or placing explosives along Israeli military routes."

Making it harder for your enemy to pay its fighters and secure new ones is an important and legitimate military goal. The problem is the potential cost to people in Gaza who aren't combatants.

The shortages are just another consequence of how deeply embedded Hamas is in Gaza society. This isn't a group of terrorists who moved into territory adjacent to Israel to launch the Oct. 7 attacks and could be quickly extricated by an intense military

operation. Hamas has been the government of Gaza for a couple of decades, and has used every instrument of political and social influence at its disposal -- including the distribution of food -- to build its military capacity.

It's important to remember that Israel didn't start this war, that it'd much rather be fighting a conventional military force that abided by the rules of war, and that Hamas still holds Israeli hostages and has taken a rejectionist attitude to ceasefire talks.

Even Emperor Hirohito thought his people had suffered enough at the conclusion of World War II, but Hamas considers the agony of Gazans a useful weapon in the narrative war. From this perverted point of view, a famine would be welcome news, perhaps forcing Israel to stay its hand and leave Hamas to fight another day.

Clearly, Israel needs to find better ways to get aid into Gaza. The GHF hasn't gotten the support that it needed from the U.N. and other agencies (they are too invested in the corrupt status quo), while the distribution points for aid are chaotic and dangerous.

The best thing that could happen would be an end to the war with a decent political authority -- more invested in the general welfare than in tunnels and rockets-- finally in charge of Gaza. But Hamas would rather see the population starve than give up on the war, or its grip on power.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Peach Growers Praise Fruit Quality as Yields Dip

Mild temperatures in the Central Valley were kind to peaches used for canning this month as farmers harvested their early varieties. “The quality of the fruit is looking really good,” Sutter County farmer Chetan Khera said. Growers were projected to supply around 224,000 tons of cling peaches to canneries this year, the California Canning Peach Association estimated, a slight reduction from last year. However, the association reported that early yields were down roughly 12% from initial estimates. Last summer’s extreme heat and an unusual bloom pattern this past winter and spring “may have hurt some of our production,” said Thomas Gradziel, professor of plant sciences at the University of California, Davis.

Federal Forestry Cuts Fuel Wildfire, Resource Concerns

With wildfire conditions in California expected to increase in coming months, state officials expressed concerns about cuts in staff and funding at the U.S. Forest Service, a division of the Agriculture Department that partners with the state to fight wildfires and manage forests. The proposed federal budget for fiscal year 2026 includes a reduction in Forest Service spending, including for fire suppression. “The key is we need to scale up across the board if we are going to meet our targets and keep our communities safe,” said Patrick Wright, executive director of the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force. “This causes real concern in the federal ability to step up and meet our joint targets.”

California's Fresh Apples Compete Against Old Washington Fruit

Harvest of Gala apples—the earliest commercial variety to arrive in stores—has started in the Central Valley, with the fruit hitting produce aisles this week. Because California starts picking apples several weeks before Washington state—the nation’s leading producer—providing the first fresh apples of the year is a key selling point. “As foreign imports start to drop off, last year’s fruit from the Pacific Northwest will remain the only competition for the start of the season,” said Todd Sanders, executive director of the California Apple Commission. Unlike the Evergreen State, which keeps its apples in cold storage and sells them long after harvest ends, apples from the Golden State are picked, packed and shipped fresh.

On The Record: Ricardo Lara Discusses California's Insurance Crisis

California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara spoke with Ag Alert® this month about the state’s insurance crisis and his strategy to stop insurance companies from leaving California and restore access to property insurance for farmers and rural communities. California’s Sustainable Insurance Strategy allows insurers to use catastrophe modeling to better assess modern-day risks—and to pass along the rising cost of reinsurance—in exchange for committing to expand insurance access in high-risk areas. “Our job is to make insurance more available, reliable and fair, especially for those in high-risk, rural areas,” Lara said. “I want farmers to know that we are fighting for them and that we’re not going to stop until we fix this crisis.” ★





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Buying More Dresses

Investors often tell me if one of their stocks drops by a significant amount, they might buy more to take advantage of being able to buy more shares and reduce their cost per share. They do this in an attempt to try and make even more money by having more shares, expecting an eventual rebound. This action of adding more shares to an existing position at a lower price is called “averaging down”.

Although the strategy sounds good and may actually work according to plan, the concept has its flaws and in my opinion, is exactly opposite of what an investor should do. The strategy also defies common sense.

An analogy which might have you better understand why averaging down might not be such a good idea is to think of a dress shop owner.

Suppose a particular style of dresses that the owner has in stock is not selling. After weeks of sitting on the shelf, the shop owner goes and buys more, trying to average down his cost per dress. Common sense would make you wonder why they would do that. After all, the dress is not selling, is obviously not in favor by the customers, and buying more of them will only make the problem worse.

In an attempt to average down, the owner now has even more of a product that is not moving off the shelves. Doesn’t make much sense does it?

The same might be true in the stock market. After all, buyers of stock fall along the same lines as buyers of anything else. When a stock is falling, it is also falling out of favor. Which is to say people are selling it because they don’t want it. Much like the dresses sitting on the rack untouched by the customers, the shares of stock are also being ignored and even dumped (sold) by market participants.

There are reasons why a stock goes down and there is no telling when the selling will stop. People might have a hunch why investors are dumping it, but no one really knows for sure when the stock will halt its descent and go back up. If the stock keeps dropping, some investors will even buy more of it in an attempt to average down again.

On the flip side, imagine the shop has a dress that is flying off the shelf. Would a casual observer fault the owner for buying more of the popular and in demand dress?

Of course not.

The same might hold true for stocks. If a stock is running, think of it as a dress that is flying off the shelves.

Because it is in high demand, the shop owner might even have to pay more for the next shipment, as increased demand means higher prices and that price pull would often bleed over to the maker of the dress. In the world of stock, this means a higher stock.

The strategy of buying more of something when it is rising in price is called “averaging up”, and in my mind, averaging up makes a hell of a lot more sense than buying more of something that is not currently in demand.

In the stock world, buying stocks that are rising is called “momentum trading” and a case can be made using that strategy of investing.

When thinking back to the dress shop, it makes a heck of a lot of sense and the analogy seems to clarify why averaging down might be a losing proposition.

Don’t get me wrong. Sometimes averaging down can turn even bigger profits. But it can also turn into larger losses.

And there are caveats everywhere on trading on momentum. Another word for momentum trading might be construed as “chasing” a stock, and that too can be hazardous to one’s financial health. But more often than not, I hear about one investor or another buying more of a losing stock, and usually it is the novice trader.

Remember in the world of the big boy traders who often invest large sums of their own money, cutting losses is the norm. Not adding to them.

A case could be made for both averaging down and up, as well as dumping your losers altogether. But sometimes trading doesn’t have to be rocket science.

It can be more like just using plain old common sense.

“Watching the markets so you don’t have to”

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The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

Yuba Feather Community Services board meeting will be held at the community center on August 12 at 7:00 pm. If you can questions, concerns about community happenings, please attend and have your issues discussed. We will hear about the outcome of the Mountain Fair, too. How about thinking about having a Bingo evening? If a group would like to help get that going, it sounds like fun. The one in Clipper Mills will be stopping soon because of the season change. Remember: There are several options to rent parts of the community center: the large hall upstairs, the lunchroom downstairs, a smaller meeting room and the amphitheater. Please contact a board member or stop by Books & More for more information.

Please watch out for those school buses carrying our children back and forth to school. When the red lights flash, STOP!

We hope to see at the community breakfast this Sunday, August 10. it is time to be thinking of awarding out “Scholarship”

to someone (or 2) who need financial help taking their Next Step. The money earned at these breakfasts help support that project. So far we have awarded 3 scholarships at \$500 each and are ready to hand out a couple more. Please help pass the “word” along. Breakfast is served on the second Sunday of each month from 8:00 until 11:00 and we ask for a \$10.00 donation. Of course you can help the cause by donating more, if you would like.

Every month that has five Thursdays in it, Stone Soup will have a special meal. There was no “soup” last Thursday, but had hot-dogs and salads. It makes a change. Come on by the community center some Thursday and join us for lunch.

Look Back in Time – In 1910 the Bainbridge brothers were building a new barn at Bainbridge Crossing in Rackerby (I wonder if it is still stand).

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.
~ Yvonne ★

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TS No: CA07000467-25-1-HC APN: 018-190-061-000 & 018-190-062-000 TO No: 250267922-CA-VOI NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE WHEREAS, on December 22, 2006, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by MARY S NOR-TON, A SINGLE PERSON as Trustor in favor of WELLS FAR-GO BANK, N.A. as Beneficiary and FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INS CO as Trustee, and was recorded on January 3, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007R-000076 in the Office of the County Recorder, Yuba County, California; and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHERE-AS, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated November 13, 2019, and recorded on Novem-ber 19, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019-015916, in the office of the County Recorder, Yuba County,

California; and WHEREAS, a de-fault has been made in the cove-nants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on October 22, 2023, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made suffi-cient to restore the loan to cur-rency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of July 10, 2025 is estimated to be \$400,148.95; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; NOW THERE-FORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mort-gage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on July 9, 2025, as In-strument No. 2025-007576, notice is hereby given that on August 28, 2025 at 01:30 PM, local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the follow-

ing described premises ("Prop-erty") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Commonly known as: 2909 HAMMONTON ROAD, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 EXHIBIT A A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, M.D.B.&M. AND MORE PARTIC-ULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOL-LOWS: COMMENCING AT THE CORNER COMMON TO SEC-TIONS 14, 15, 22 AND 23, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, M.D.B. & M. AND RUN-NING THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 15, A DISTANCE OF 2080.6 FEET TO AN IRON TUBE DRIVEN INTO THE EARTH; THENCE WEST 1303.0 FEET TO AN IRON TUBE DRIVEN INTO THE EARTH, SAID IRON TUBE BEING THE NORTHWEST COR-NER OF THAT CERTAIN PAR-CEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO DALE MINING ET UX, RECORDED JULY 5, 1963 IN BOOK 373 OF YUBA COUNTY OFFICIAL RECORDS AT PAGE 436; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID MINNIG PARCEL AND THE SOUTHERLY PROLONGATION THEREOF, 1975 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CENTER LINE OF HAMMONTON-SMARTSVILLE ROAD; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 198 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED HEREIN; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 232.2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 352.3 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THAT CERTAIN EXCEPTION

DESCRIBED IN DEED RE-CORDED OCTOBER 14, 1964 IN BOOK 402, PAGE 165, YUBA COUNTY OFFICIAL RECORDS; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE 209.9 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT THAT LIES ON THE NORTH PROLONGA-TION OF THE WEST LINE OF THE EXCEPTION DESCRIBED IN BOOK 374, PAGE 377, YUBA COUNTY, OFFICIAL RECORDS; THENCE SOUTH ON SAID NORTH PROLONGATION AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID EXCEPTION, 485.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The sale will be held at the front en-trance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th Street, Marysville, CA 95901. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$407,685.45. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or be-fore closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bid-ders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$40,768.55 [10% of the Secre-tary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$40,768.55 must be presented before the bid-ding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be deliv-ered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secre-tary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the

essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high-est bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the pay-ment and all other costs associat-ed with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the depos-its of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secre-tary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the re-mainder of the payment. All exten-sions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in ad-vance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cas-hier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bid-der closes the sale prior to the ex-piration of any extension period, the unused portion of the exten-sion fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclo-sure commissioner after consulta-tion with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the di-rection of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subse-quent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented writ-ten application of the mortgagor to

the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mort-gage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$400,148.95 as of July 10, 2025, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accel-erated, advertising costs and post-age expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most rea-sonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and custom-ary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a com-mission for the Foreclosure Com-missioner, and all other costs in-curred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the ad-dress of the Foreclosure Com-missioner provided below. Date: 07/10/25. Rosenda Cardenas, Authorized Signatory MTC Finan-cial Inc. dba Trustee Corps Fore-closure Commissioner 17100 Gil-lette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 Fax: 949-252-8330 SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AU-TOMATED SALES INFORMA-TION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 114555, Pub Dates: 08/01/2025, 08/08/2025, 08/15/2025, TERRITORIAL DIS-PATCH

PUBLIC NOTICE

"The Loma Rica/ Browns Valley Community Services District will consider the adoption of its final fire department budget for Fiscal year 2025-2026 at the regular District meeting on August 18, 2025, at 7:00pm, to be held at Fire Station #61 11485 Loma Rica Road, Loma Rica, CA. Any person may appear and be heard regarding any item in the budget or regarding the addition of other items. A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection at Fire Station #61. It is posted on the bulletin board. Or you may visit the WEB page at www.lrbvfire.org. Respectfully, submitted by Jamie Shields, General Manager, LRBV CSD July 21, 2025 (TD) 8-1, 8, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

I am, by jeffrey david jenkins and not liable to aleigha rivera jenkins (dba) Aleigha Rivera Jenkins and ALEIGHA RIVERA JENKINS for the debts of Jeffrey David Jenkins, nor JEFFREY DAVID JENKINS. There is no evidence to the contrary and I believe no such evidence exists. Responses to the contrary can be sent to: jeffrey david jenkins c/o Pastor Bob Kolbusz c/o 398 Aylor Avenue, Yuba City, California 95991. (TD) July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Olivehurst Public Utility District will receive sealed bids from manufacturers/suppliers for a Grundfos Pump that will be in cast iron construction, 8" suction Discharge with 100' table, including moisture relay, along with the base and auto-coupling. For more specific details and specification, the Bid Package may be obtained upon request from the Public Works Manager, Swarnjit Boyal by emailing at: sboyal@opud.org. Bids are due no later than Friday at 11:30 AM, September 5, 2025 and read shortly thereafter. (TD) 8-8-2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: SARAH MARIE EDMONDSON, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-01139 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE: 09/02/2025 DEPT: 4 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Sarah Marie Edmondson, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Sarah Marie Edmondson to: Marie Edmondson King

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 7/17/2025

Stephen W. Berrier JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025

Community Events

CREATIVE THINKERS COMMUNITY CLASSES THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Steelhouse Coffee, 437 Center St, Yuba City
August 14 Mental Empowerment, Gabriel Gutierrez
August 21 Financial Knowledge, Reggie
August 28 Blue Zones, Cristina Espinosa

Next Step Community Breakfast

Second Sunday of the Month at Brownsville Community Center downstairs located at 17103 Ponderosa Way. Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice & peaches. Choice of eggs, ham or sausage. Choice of pancakes, french toast or biscuits & gravy. Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5, 3 & under Free.

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Please take notice AA Self Storage located at 1788 Lassen Blvd Yuba City CA 95993 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 8/18/25 at 5:00 PM. Frank McArthur; Daniel Aguirre; Barbra Ellis; Chris Pacheco; Terry Trull; Susan C Loomis; Stephen J Gerbich Md; Saven Landry; Stephen J Gerbich Md; Latika Johnson; Jose Cota; Brian Ivy; Lindsey Ayala; Laci Saiz; Nayely Vazquez; Hugo Mendoza; James Hill; Linda Higgins; Jeffrey Smith. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. (TD) 8-1, 8-8, 2025

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: RACHELLE ANN SAUNDERS, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00845 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE: 08/18/2025 DEPT: 4 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Rachelle Ann Saunders, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Rachelle Ann Saunders to: Shelly Ann Saunders

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 7/7/2025

Stephen W. Berrier JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-163

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **The Grant Writing Company** 3563 Goldenstar St. Olivehurst, CA 95961 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Suzanne Buckner 3563 Goldenstar St. Olivehurst, CA 95961 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2001. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct). Signed: **Suzanne Buckner** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 6, 2025. (I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk JULY 18, 25, AUGUST 1, 8, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-190

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Marysville Banquet Hall** 800 D Street Marysville, CA 95901 County of YUBA Registered Owners: GTL LLC 315 3rd Street Marysville, CA 95901 This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct). Signed: **Gary Yu CA Manager** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 14, 2025. (I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk JULY 25, AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-196

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KALYANI RUGS** 8712 Marysville Road Oregon House, CA 95962 MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 968 Oregon House, CA 95962 County of YUBA Registered Owners: KARAVIA, INC. PO Box 968 Oregon House, CA 95962 This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct). Signed: **PETER E. COHEN CALIFORNIA PRESIDENT** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 22, 2025. (I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By NELIDA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025F-194

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Metal Roofing Consultants Metal Roofing Inspections Copper Roofing Inspections Copper Roofing Inspections** 2299 Casa Dulce Way Plumas Lake, CA 95961 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Custom Sheet Metal Works 2299 Casa Dulce Way Plumas Lake, CA 95961 This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/06/2017. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct). Signed: **Gregory Anderson California President** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 18, 2025. (I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By NELIDA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk JULY 25, AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 2025

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Rural Communities to Join 98% of Californians Who Have Safe Drinking Water

State Water Resource Control News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, CA (MPG) - The State Water Resources Control Board this past week joined two small, disadvantaged communities with longstanding water infrastructure problems, the town of Robbins in Sutter County and Nile Garden Elementary School in San Joaquin County, to celebrate major milestones on their journeys to a sustainable supply of safe and affordable drinking water.

For the first time since 2017, Nile Garden School will have a reliable supply of safe drinking water when its 800 students and faculty return in August. After resolving multiple project complications since the pandemic, laying over a mile of new transmission line and building a new treatment facility, the City of Manteca completed the consolidation of the school's water system this summer.

The State Water Board

provided technical support to the city and over \$9 million to fund the project through grants from its Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) program.

"Thanks to your persistence and dedication, Nile Garden School and the community of Manteca will have a more secure future," Board Member Nichole Morgan said to faculty and city staff Tuesday at the school's ribbon-cutting ceremony. "Achieving safe drinking water can be challenging. Through our SAFER program, now in its sixth year, we are leveraging funding, technical assistance and our collective experience to make headway on projects for communities and schools like yours that have gone without safe drinking water for the longest periods."

Over the past twelve months, 26 communities and schools without access to safe drinking water for six years or more



Board Member Nichole Morgan addresses Niles Garden community at its ribbon cutting on July 29. Photo courtesy of State Water Resource Control

have returned to compliance with drinking water standards, benefiting over 68,000 people. The Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience program provided over \$66 million for water infrastructure projects in these

communities that helped secure safe drinking water.

Overall, since the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience program began in 2019, the board has provided over \$1 billion for projects in disadvantaged

communities. More than 300 water systems have returned to compliance with drinking water standards, improving access to safe drinking water for over 2 million Californians. During this same period, nearly 160 consolidations were completed, benefiting more than 300,000 individuals.

Robbins, which has received state-funded hauled and bottled water since its groundwater wells exceeded arsenic levels in 2015, broke ground last Thursday on a new \$8 million treatment facility funded through grants from the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience program. The Golden State Water Company acquired the failing system, successfully applied for state funding and is managing the project, which is expected to supply safe drinking water to the town's more than 400 residents by 2027.

"Golden State Water's acquisition of the Robbins

Water System, as well as the State Water Board's grant funding, signaled a new era for the community by providing a pathway to deliver quality water and reliable service to Robbins residents," said Sean Twilla, general manager of the Golden State Water Company Northern District.

Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience's progress toward achieving safe drinking water for all Californians advances Gov. Gavin Newsom's commitment to upgrade and build more infrastructure faster across the state.

The State Water Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper resource allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations. ★

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FILE: PFI-252205 TITLE ORDER NUMBER: P-665133 LOAN: PO1954 A.P.N.: 016-300-008-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/12/2022. 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. NOTICE is hereby given that PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by: MICHAEL MAHER and MICHELLE MAHER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded 5/19/2022 as Instrument No. 2022-008173 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 4/23/2025 in Book , Page , as Instrument No. 2025-004359 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 8/28/2025 At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marysville, CA 95901 at 1:30 PM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all 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 hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1203 DRAKES BAR COURT, PLUMAS LAKE, CA 95961 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$454,858.46 In addition to cash, the trustee will accept a cashier's check 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. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the

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0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case PFI-252205 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 7/29/2025

PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., as said Trustee 12190 Hermal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411 By: STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERMAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0477260 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 08/08/2025, 08/15/2025, 08/22/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Olivehurst Public Utility District will receive sealed bids from qualified bidders for Interior Replacement parts of Lift Station 14 which includes but not limited to Pipe discharge lines, slide rails, elbows, etc. This project consists of removing the existing equipment and replacing in lieu With new equipment as existing. OPUD will require that the Project must be completed By November 30, 2025. The Bid Package may be obtained upon request from the Public Works Manager, Swarnjit Boyal by emailing at: sboyal@opud.org. There is a Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting that will start at the District, 1970 9th Ave, Olivehurst, CA starting at 8:30 AM on Thursday, August 14, 2025. Soon after, the group will visit the project site at Eufay Park at the Northeast Corner (off River Oaks Blvd & Zanes Dr.) to go over any additional items identified as relevant via onsite coordination and open existing lift station for viewing and to answer questions. Bids are due no later than Friday at 11 AM, September 5, 2025 and read shortly thereafter (TD) August 8, 2025

APN: 014-632-013-000 TS NO: CA06000181-23-1 TO No: 230419518-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 16, 2014. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 8, 2025 at 09:00 AM, The Fifth Street Entrance, Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on December 30, 2014 as Instrument No. 2014-014076, and an Assumption Agreement recorded September 25, 2017 as Instrument Number 2017-012173, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by HENRY E. LEE, JR. AND MISTY D. LEE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for LEADING MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE

FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1677 BROOKGLEN DRIVE, OLIVEHURST, CA 95961 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$228,041.97 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check 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, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in

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estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: July 17, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA06000181-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0476864 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 08/01/2025, 08/08/2025, 08/15/2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave, Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the "California Self Service Storage Facilities Act", Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been in storage at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901, telephone 530-634-9781. Units to be sold belonging to the following:

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Girl Scouts Celebrate Capitol Bridging Ceremony

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) hosted its annual Capitol Bridging Ceremony on June 21, bringing together Girl Scouts of all ages for a memorable morning of reflection, celebration and advancement.

Held at the iconic Tower Bridge in Sacramento, the event invited girls and their adult volunteers or troop leaders to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, connect with fellow Girl Scouts and bridge to the next level in their Girl Scout journey.

This cherished tradition highlights the spirit of Girl Scouting growth, sisterhood and service, providing a unique moment for girls to set new goals, honor their achievements and be inspired by the community around them.

“We are always excited to



Through various programs and initiatives, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California empowers girls to take the lead in their lives and communities. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

welcome Girl Scouts and their families to the Capitol Bridging Ceremony and celebrate each girl’s progress and the strong community that surrounds

them,” said Claudine Niski, a learning and development specialist for Older Girl Trainings at Girl Scouts Heart of Central California.

The Capitol Bridging Ceremony is one of the most symbolic events of the year for Girl Scouts Heart of Central California and reflects the

organization’s continued commitment to building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Through various programs and initiatives, the organization empowers girls to take the lead in their lives and communities.

Headquartered in Sacramento, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California serves over 16,000 girl and adult members across 18 counties, including Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Mariposa, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba.

Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them. To join us, volunteer, reconnect or donate, visit www.girlscoutshcc.org.



Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors and millions of alums, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California leads the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

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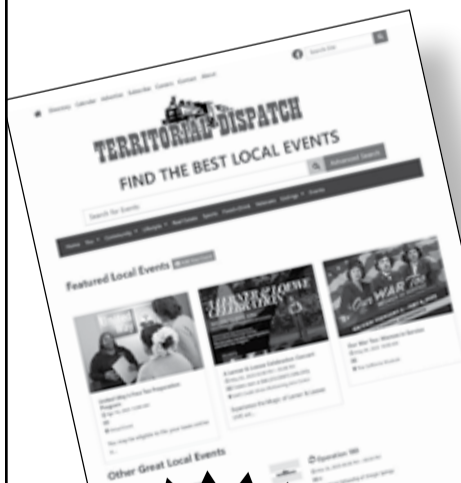
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Chamber Clarifies Leadership Transition Amid Executive Director Departure

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA-SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce has issued an important update regarding a leadership transition following the recent resignation of its Executive Director.

According to Chairperson Jamie Dickerson, the Chamber has partnered with the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation (YSEDC) to provide day-to-day operational support. This interim partnership will maintain continuity in the chamber's programs, member services and community engagement while the Chamber Board evaluates long-term leadership solutions.

"I want to clarify that there is currently no open position nor any active search underway for the Executive Director role," said Dickerson.

The Chamber also addressed a concerning issue: reports have surfaced of an individual soliciting local boards and falsely claiming to be the future CEO or Executive Director of the Chamber.

"This is inaccurate and unauthorized," Dickerson stated. "No such appointment



has been made or is under consideration at this time. Any formal leadership decisions will be made by the Board and communicated transparently to our membership and partners."

Community members with questions or those who may have been approached by individuals claiming to represent the chamber in this capacity are encouraged to contact Chairperson Jamie Dickerson directly at info@yubasutterchamber.com.

The Chamber reaffirmed its commitment to its members and the regional business community.

"We remain focused on serving our members, strengthening our business community, and stewarding this transition responsibly," said the chamber. ★

Next-Up Music Festival Returns with Expanded Lineup and New Location



Mikey Pennington, center, takes the stage with his band Common Grounds during the inaugural Next Up Music Festival in Marysville last Saturday. Photo by Tyler Zepp

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The "Next-Up Music Festival" is back and bigger than ever, returning on Saturday, Aug. 16, at a new location in downtown Yuba City. After a successful debut last summer in Marysville, the youth-driven music and arts showcase has shifted to Skip's Open Mic Music Café at 787 Plumas St., transforming the venue into a two-stage experience with both indoor and outdoor performance areas.

Founded and organized by David Terrases and local touring musician Mikey Pennington, this year's event features over 20 up-and-coming performers from across Northern California, creating a full day of live music, art, food and family-friendly entertainment. According to Terrases, the move from Marysville to the new private property setup at Skip's allowed for a more enclosed and personal atmosphere.

"We brought in a new variety of different bands this year, with a couple more metal bands in the mix as well," Terrases said, noting that both repeat and brand-new food and art vendors will be participating in this year's festivities.

The 2025 lineup showcases a wide range of musical genres and acts

including Common Grounds, Coldflame, Seaside Massacre, Boston Crooks, Trachea, Sergio Destroys, Caved In, Light the Way, Yunger, The Almanac, Addalemon, Beauty is Betrayal, Forbidden Archives, Outlaws in the Golden State, Crash Babes, Monty, Aris and Mikey Pennington himself.

Performances will run from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., with doors opening at noon and sets staggered between the two stages throughout the day. The festival is open to all ages, although organizers note that some performances may include explicit lyrics and encourage parental discretion.

In addition to the music, attendees can enjoy a wide selection of local food vendors, yard games and face painting. Festivalgoers will also find official merchandise tables set up by the performing bands, adding to the immersive experience.

This year's alcohol service will be managed by Railhouse Pub & Grill from Gridley, allowing guests 21 and over to walk freely within the enclosed event area with their beverages in hand. Face painting will be available for all attendees at no charge, though tips are welcome, and lawn games will be scattered throughout the

grounds for guests to enjoy between sets.

Tickets are currently on sale, with pre-sale admission priced at \$15, and door tickets available for \$20. Children under 18 can enter for just \$5 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://nextup-musicfestival.ticketspice.com/next-up-music>.

This year's event is presented by a lineup of local sponsors, including Skip's Open Mic Music Café, Railhouse Pub & Grill of Gridley, Full Nelson Athletics and Planned 2 Perfection Event Rentals.

As noted on the festival's website, "The Next-Up Music Festival is more than just an event, it's a movement to bring emerging artists, musicians and performers from surrounding areas into the heart of our growing city. As our community continues to expand and thrive, so does the need for a platform that nurtures and celebrates fresh talent."

Festival organizers hope to continue growing the event in future years, keeping it rooted in youthful creativity, accessibility, and community-building through the arts. For artist previews, volunteer opportunities, or day-of information, follow the "Next-Up Music Festival" on social media or visit the official site. ★

Yuba Sutter Arts Offers Ceramics Classes for Veterans

Yuba-Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)

- Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture (YSAC) is proud to announce a new program as part of its ongoing Ceramics for Veterans classes. Next up is wheel throwing classes. You know, like the ceramic's scene in the movie "Ghost." Well, not exactly like that but you get the idea.

The three free classes will be held at Verge Center for the Arts in Sacramento. Classes will be held on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m., Aug. 16, 23 and 30. It is important that participants attend all three classes. Registration is limited to ten Veterans or active-duty service members, eighteen or over. Verge is located at 625 S St. in Sacramento. Go to yubasutterarts.org to register for the class.

In pottery, a potter's wheel is a machine used in the shaping (known as throwing) of clay into round ceramic ware. The wheel may also be used during the process of trimming excess clay from leather-hard dried ware that is stiff but malleable, and for applying incised decoration or rings of color. The experts say it is not as easy as it looks, but Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture wanted to be able to offer this creative outlet to Veterans as well as the hand building classes currently underway in Marysville.

There are no prerequisites for participating in the wheel classes, but priority will be given to Veterans who have attended prior hand building sessions. The classes are all led by well-known northern California ceramic artists, Amy Davis and U.S. Army Combat Veteran Jason Lewis. Amy's instructors early in her career included Glenn Husted at Yuba College where she studied traditional Asian ceramics and wood firing and Dick Hotchkiss at Sierra College. Jason is a former student of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture's Ceramic Artist in Residence, Navy Veteran Drew Sallee. Drew was the Sutter Union High School ceramics teacher for many years where he taught Jason.

Art classes like these for Veterans provide a therapeutic outlet for expressing



An instructor demonstrates wheel throwing techniques during a Ceramics for Veterans class offered through Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture. The free program provides a creative and therapeutic outlet for veterans and active-duty service members. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture



Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture (YSAC) is proud to announce a new program as part of its ongoing Ceramics for Veterans classes. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

emotions and experiences that may be difficult to verbalize. Many veterans face challenges such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), anxiety, or depression and creative activities, like ceramics and other art forms can offer a sense of relief and healing. These classes foster a supportive environment and a sense of community, where veterans can connect with others who share similar experiences, promoting camaraderie and reducing isolation. Overall, these programs support emotional well-being and help veterans with newfound skills and confidence.

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is also looking for a 1,500 square foot or

larger donated studio space for up to one year in order to establish a local ceramics studio for Veterans. It has received a donation of \$50,000 in ceramics equipment including wheels, kilns and tools and wants to use it to set up a permanent workspace in the Yuba Sutter area. Contact Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture if you know of any possible locations.

This series of Ceramics for Veterans classes is funded by Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health in addition to a grant provided by the CA Mental Health Services Authority. Be sure to pre-register at yubasutterarts.org or for additional information call 530-742-2787. ★

Yuba-Sutter 48 Hour Flash Film Festival 3.0

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)

- Following on the success of its past, highly successful, Flash Film Festivals, Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is pleased to announce another opportunity for local filmmakers to strut their stuff. This year's Yuba-Sutter Flash Film Festival will once again offer filmmakers, from amateur to professional, the opportunity to rise to a new type of cinematic challenge. Create a short film, six minutes or less in length from start to finish in just 48 hours.

Filmmakers may pre-assemble their team of actors, scriptwriters, cinematographers, grips, editors and musicians. However, film topics will be drawn at random at the start of the 48-hour period. The rules are simple. At a random drawing, each participating team will be assigned a topic for their film and will be given additional required elements that must appear in their film. These include a designated prop, an assigned line of dialogue and a minimum of two actors.

The required prop must be seen on-screen. A picture of the required prop is also allowable. The required line of dialogue must be used verbatim. It may be spoken, sung and/or written. To qualify as an



Retreat by Shon Harris was one of the past Flash Film Festival submissions. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

official entry, each group's film must be about the subject it selects, must contain all required elements and be within the official time limit of six minutes.

There will be an Information Session Pre-event Meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts. This will be the opportunity to have questions answered, learn more about the festival and sign up. Each participating team must then have a representative at the official kickoff event for the Flash Film Project at 6 p.m. on Friday Sept. 12.

Each group will receive the subject of its film at that time along with the other required elements at the meeting. There is no entry fee for filmmakers to participate. The complete official rules for the Flash Film Festival can be found at yubasutterarts.org.

The films are due on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. All qualified entries in the

festival will be shown on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m., at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas St. in Yuba City.

Films will be judged based on engaging and interesting stories, camera technique, understandable audio, thoughtful lighting and editing transitions and use of music to create mood. Cash prizes are \$500 for first place, \$300 second place and \$200 for third place.

The Flash Film Festival is a project of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, the local affiliate of the CA Arts Council dedicated to expanding opportunities and access for artists and audiences.

"Lights, camera, action!" The rest is up to you. Plenty of free parking is available on the streets adjacent to the Center. For more information about this event and other YSAC 2025 programs, call 530-742-ARTS or email david@yubasutterarts.org. ★