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## Antique Tractor Drive Rolls Through Sutter



A line of antique tractors travels through the Sutter Buttes during the Sutter Lions Club's fifth annual Almond Blossom Antique Tractor Drive on Feb. 21. The popular fundraiser brings visitors up close to the region's agricultural heritage.

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

**SUTTER, CA (MPG)** - Antique engines rumbled to life beneath spring skies Feb. 21 as the Sutter Lions Club hosted its fifth annual Almond Blossom Antique Tractor Drive, drawing families, history buffs and tractor enthusiasts for a scenic tour through the Sutter Buttes region.

For \$5 per person or \$20 per family, guests climbed aboard hay wagons towed by vintage tractors for a roughly three-hour excursion through blooming orchards, mustard fields and the Sutter Buttes. The tour departed from and returned to Sutter Union High School, where a family festival



An antique tractor flies an American flag while leading part of the Almond Blossom Antique Tractor Drive through rural Sutter on Feb. 21.

awaited participants at the finish. Stops along the route included the historic Stohlman Cemetery and the West Butte Schoolhouse, offering riders a glimpse into the

area's agricultural and rural heritage.

"The day is pretty special, bringing a lot of people out for some good old small hometown get-together fun," said

Doug Ahlers, event chair for the Sutter Lions Club. "Who wouldn't want to admire tractors from the 1930s to 1970s? Some of the tractors still do a little farm work. My 1948 John Deere A, which has a family story in itself, was raking baby lima beans last October."

According to Ahlers, the idea was sparked more than six years ago when Rod Hisken of Oregon House, originator of Tractor Days, encouraged local organizers to create a similar event around the Sutter Buttes during blossom season.

"With his help we invited 10 tractors to make a trial run before planning a complete event for the

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## Infrastructure Shortfall Stalls Economic Growth

By Susan Meeker

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Growth does not stall for lack of ideas in Yuba and Sutter counties. It stalls for lack of pipes, pavement and power.

That was the message delivered Feb. 24 to the Sutter County Board of Supervisors as Cynthia Roderick, program analyst for the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, presented the region's 2025 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy annual performance report and the 2026 update to the 2025-2030 CEDS document. Roderick has been making the rounds to local cities and counties with the annual update, framing the CEDS as more than a planning document but a roadmap grounded in measurable outcomes.

"We're working toward a thriving community built through innovation, infrastructure, economic growth and quality of life," Roderick said.

Roderick described innovation as the adoption and scaling of products and services that boost productivity, and infrastructure as the backbone that attracts private capital and creates jobs.

The region is growing, she said, but infrastructure and workforce remain key constraints. Many potential development sites cannot move forward without adequate water, wastewater, transportation and flood protection. Projects such as the South Yuba County Regional Water and Wastewater system and levee improvements are designed to remove those barriers.

"Without infrastructure, growth stalls," Roderick said. "With it, private investment follows."

The report highlighted assistance to small businesses, which Roderick called the backbone of the local economy. In the past year, 3,800 businesses were assisted, \$230,000 in lending was facilitated and more than 70 jobs were created in 2025.

The presentation also detailed completed regional projects, including the Marysville Ring Levee, major Caltrans safety and mobility projects totaling \$102 million and nearly \$95 million in modernization at Beale Air Force Base.

Looking ahead in Sutter County, Roderick

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## Chili Cook-Off Raises \$2,979

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The parking lot was packed, and for latecomers, it was standing room only Saturday, Feb. 28, at the annual Chili Cook-Off at the Moose Lodge in Yuba City, where friendly competition and community spirit combined for a good cause. For just \$5, guests sampled 12 different chilis and voted for their favorite chili and best-decorated booth.

"I lost count after the 10th year of how many years we've done it," said event organizer Tara Pittman. "I'm going to say about 15 years... Overall, we raised more and had more in attendance than years past."

The event serves as a fundraiser for the local

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Brian Baker (right), a former Yuba City police chief, and his teammate with DMO's Huli Huli Chili pose with their award-winning entry during the annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Moose Lodge in Yuba City. Huli Huli Chili took home both the Crowd Favorite Best Chili award and Best Decorated Booth, in addition to 2nd place in Judges Favorite.



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## Antique Tractor Drive Rolls Through Sutter



Antique tractors line the roadside near the historic West Butte Schoolhouse during the Sutter Lions Club's Almond Blossom Antique Tractor Drive on Feb. 21.

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next year," Ahlers said. "Well, 28 tractors showed up for the trial run. The residents around Sutter wanted to know what was going on with the tractors and why they weren't invited."

That early enthusiasm pushed organizers to expand the drive into a full community event. This year, just over 60 tractors registered, with 53 ultimately making the trip despite weather concerns. Drivers traveled from across Northern California and beyond, including one participant from Klamath Falls, Oregon.

While slightly down from last year due to weather, organizers estimated just over 70 people rode the full hay wagon route through the Buttes. The shorter children's hayrides held at the high school orchard carried a couple hundred children throughout the day.

Beyond the scenic ride, the event serves as a key fundraiser for the Sutter Lions Club, typically generating about \$8,000 annually to support local community projects. During the ride, Lions member James Steele described the organization's broader mission.

"The whole purpose of the Lions is to identify the needs in a community and try and find a way to meet them," Steele said.

Funds raised support a range of humanitarian efforts, including youth programs and medical-related causes. Steele noted the club recently sponsored children, including his own son, to attend Camp McCumber for youth with diabetes.

"They educate them the whole time they're there in a really fun, nonstructured way," Steele said. "They let them be kids and have camp time, but they're also teaching them how to calculate carbs, what the best practices are for their medicine, procedures and their overall health and diet."

Upon returning to Sutter Union High School, families were treated to a festival atmosphere featuring games, barbecue, youth tractor driving opportunities and smaller hayrides designed for younger children.

Local officials also took part in the festivities, including Acting County Administrative Officer Todd Retzloff and Board of Supervisors Chairman Mike Ziegenmeyer, who donated a pedal tractor later won by a young attendee.

"These are the salt-of-the-earth people in the community," Steele said. "Most of them are old-timers who are just in the background doing the things that make everything work." ★

## Chili Cook-Off Raises \$2,979



Guests fill the Moose Lodge Hall during the annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 28, in Yuba City, where attendees sampled a dozen chili entries and voted for their favorites.

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cancer center at Adventist Health and Rideout in Marysville. Last year, the cook-off raised more than \$2,000. This year, it surpassed that total, bringing in \$2,979.

"Cancer is one of those things that everyone is touched by, everyone has been exposed to at some point in their life whether that be themselves, a family member, friend, neighbor or coworker," said Pittman. "That is why we do this, we do this to give back."

Members of the Marysville cancer center leadership team were in attendance and thanked guests for their continued support, noting the real impact community fundraisers have on local patients.

"Every year we are so grateful for events such as this that help provide for our patients and their families," said Patience Boudreaux, foundation president for Adventist Health and Rideout. "The Moose Lodge in Yuba City alone has given over \$7,000 to the Rideout Foundation."

According to the team, funds from the cook-off help support select families during the holidays, especially Christmas.

Beyond the fundraising mission, the competition itself delivered plenty of flavor. Each booth showcased distinct tastes, textures and techniques, from sweet to smoky, with some teams even incorporating unique ingredients like Girl Scout cookies.

"It's really hard to choose my favorite, they're all really, really good," said Eve, a 12-year-old attendee.

Early crowd favorites included Young's Family BBQ "California Chili," featuring chunks of tender tri-tip, and Chilin Lunch Ladies' "Spice of Life Chili," which was reminiscent of a chili verde.

"I think the only thing that was missing from the lineup was a white chicken chili," said Courtney Payne, a first-time attendee. "A white chili would be interesting and would really stand out, I'll have to tell my friend about this for next year. She makes a killer white chicken chili."

By about 6 p.m., one entry consistently rose to the top of tasters' lists: DMO's Huli Huli Chili. Booth No. 4 was headed by two retired law enforcement officers, including Brian Baker, a former Yuba City police chief.

"I love being out here with my buddy and serving up great-tasting chili," said Baker.

Huli Huli Chili ultimately took home the crowd favorite "Best Chili" award and Best Decorated Booth, complete with a tiki-style overhang and complimentary leis.

Runner-up for Best Decorated Booth was Hill-Billee Chili, featuring ornate detailing including a beer can wind chime, outhouse backdrop and clothesline with hanging undergarments. Hill-Billee Chili also earned third place in the Judges Favorite category, behind Huli Huli Chili in second and Young's Family BBQ "California Chili" as the judges' top pick.

In the Crowd Favorites category, second place went to "Spice of Life" by the Chilin Lunch Ladies, while third place went to Thomas Donoho's "Oink Oik Chili." ★

## Detective Earns Commendation Ribbon

By MPG Staff

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba City Police Department awarded Detective Jared Thornton the Police Individual Commendation Ribbon for his investigative work in 2025, the department announced Feb. 25.

Thornton served as lead investigator in two separate cases, including a sexual assault investigation and a homicide case, according to police.

In the first case, Thornton investigated an adult suspect accused of targeting and assaulting a local juvenile. Police said Thornton identified and located the suspect in another jurisdiction, which led to an arrest. He coordinated with the FBI to pursue federal prosecution. The suspect now faces federal charges related to the case.

In the second case, Thornton led a homicide investigation. Police



Michelle Brazil (left), investigations lieutenant, stands with Detective Jared Thornton (right) of the Yuba City Police Department. Thornton was recently awarded the Police Individual Commendation Ribbon for his investigative work in 2025, including leading major sexual assault and homicide cases. Photo courtesy of the Yuba City Police Department

said he conducted extensive follow-up work and developed evidence that prompted the Sutter County District Attorney's Office to file charges. Authorities arrested the

suspect, who remains in custody.

Police officials said Thornton's work reflected diligence, persistence and effective multiagency collaboration. ★

## Gallagher Pushes California-Grown Meals

By MPG Staff

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Assemblyman James Gallagher, R-Yuba City, has introduced legislation that would prioritize California-grown whole foods in school meals and update state policy to promote access to locally produced food.

Assembly Bill 2535 would revise the state's Healthy Food Access Policy to declare that every person has the right to sufficient locally grown and raised, affordable and healthy food. The bill would direct state agencies, including the Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Public Health, to prioritize California-grown products when updating policies, regulations and



Assemblyman James Gallagher, R-Yuba City, has introduced Assembly Bill 2535 to prioritize California-grown whole foods in school meals and state food policies. Photo courtesy of Assemblyman James Gallagher

grant criteria related to food distribution.

According to the bill's findings, ultra processed foods account for more than two-thirds of calories consumed by U.S. children. Health experts link high consumption of those foods to increased risks of obesity,

type 2 diabetes, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

"California produces the healthiest, safest, and most sustainable food in the world—right here in our own fields," Gallagher said. "Our kids deserve school meals built around these real, locally grown whole foods, not ultra-processed products loaded with sugars, unhealthy fats, and additives. AB 2535 puts California agriculture at the center of the solution: better nutrition for children, stronger family farms, and a more secure food future for everyone."

The measure builds on prior legislation, including AB 1264 in 2025, aimed at improving school nutrition and supporting local agriculture. ★

## Bi-County Health Leader Honored



Bi-County Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu, center, joins regional law enforcement and probation partners whose cross-agency collaboration helped implement the CalAIM Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative in Sutter and Yuba counties. Photo courtesy of Yuba County

By MPG Staff

**YUBA-SUTTER, CA (MPG)** - Bi-County Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu has received national recognition for her role in expanding health care access for people leaving incarceration in Sutter and Yuba counties.

Luu accepted the Leadership in Advocacy Award from the Association for Community Affiliated Plans during the group's Legislative Fly-In Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 24. She accepted the award on behalf of a cross-county team that has implemented the CalAIM Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative locally.

The award recognizes work completed in partnership with an ACAP-affiliated health plan that improves outcomes for people served by Medicaid and other safety net programs.

Local officials said Sutter and Yuba counties were among the first in California to operate the initiative. The program allows eligible incarcerated individuals to enroll in Medi-Cal and begin receiving targeted health

care services up to 90 days before release.

Under the initiative, correctional and probation staff coordinate with health care providers to identify eligible individuals, complete Medi-Cal enrollment prior to release, maintain medication continuity and connect participants with behavioral health, primary care and social services upon reentry.

"This recognition reflects the bold and innovative work carried out every day by the dedicated teams in Sutter County and Yuba County across law, justice, health and human services who tirelessly serve our communities," Luu said. "We also acknowledge our health care partners, whose commitment ensures timely health care reentry services for those who need them most."

Luu also thanked Partnership HealthPlan of California, the region's Medi-Cal managed care plan, for collaborating with the counties to implement CalAIM Justice-Involved services.

Capt. Matthew Maples, jail division commander for the Sutter County Sheriff's Office, said the program has changed how the jail prepares individuals

for release.

"Implementing the CalAIM Justice-Involved program within the Sutter County Jail facilities has been a significant step forward in how we support individuals transitioning back into our community," Maples said. "This success is a direct result of a strong collaborative team approach."

James Moralez, deputy chief probation officer for Yuba County, said the initiative required extensive coordination among state, county and community partners.

"With strong state, community and cross-agency collaboration, we successfully operationalized this complex initiative and built a framework that supports individuals transitioning from custody back into the community," Moralez said.

County leaders said the program aims to improve health outcomes and strengthen public safety by reducing gaps in care that can contribute to crises, recidivism or preventable emergency services.

As part of the recognition, ACAP will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit selected by Luu. She chose the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank. ★

# Stage Thriller Grips Yuba City

# State Board to Hear Water Update

Story and photo by Shamaya Sutton

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Audiences may know the crime is coming, but the real key to enjoying The Acting Company's latest production is watching a carefully locked plan fall apart.

Based on the 1952 stage thriller by Frederick Knott, later popularized by Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 film adaptation, *Dial M for Murder* follows the calculated scheme of Tony Wendice, a former tennis pro who plots to murder his wealthy wife, Margot. When the meticulously crafted plan begins to unravel, the story shifts from premeditated crime to a tense battle of wits, where deception piles upon deception and the truth becomes increasingly elusive.

Fondly nicknamed "Dial M," the production marks the first show of The Acting Company's 42nd season. Directed by David Wheeler, emeritus professor of theater and film, the show leans into an operatic style designed to enthrall the audience. The heightened dramatization is immediately apparent in the stage design, where a stark black-and-red palette cuts sharply across the set. Gold trim framing completes the look, suggesting an upscale condominium interior. Each act opens



Bridget Coggins, left, as Margot Wendice recoils from Ben Little as Captain Lesgate during a tense moment in *Dial M for Murder* at The Acting Company in Yuba City.

with thematic music and lighting as the actors strike a frozen stage picture, subtly foreshadowing the action to come and reinforcing the production's stylized tone.

Though often labeled a murder mystery, this production plays more like a suspense thriller. The audience is made privy early to Tony's premeditated scheme and instead watches the disastrous events unfold in real time. What ultimately holds attention is the intricate web of lies Tony spins as he attempts to salvage his botched plan and still secure his desired outcome. His methodical approach meets its match in Maxine, whose sharp instincts begin to unravel the carefully constructed facade.

Bridget Coggins, who made her Acting Company debut last summer in *Pirates of Penzance*, returns to showcase her dramatic range as Margot Wendice. She is paired with the fresh talent of Hans Knightley, a recent graduate of UC San Diego's theater program, in the role of Tony Wendice. Knightley's Tony is thoroughly unlikable yet impossible to look away from. His performance builds steadily as the character devolves from polished and composed to increasingly reactive and disheveled. Another new face to The Acting Company stage is Darren Shearer, who delivers a grounded and believable performance as the inspector, providing a steady counterbalance to

the escalating tension.

This updated adaptation highlights the romantic relationship between Maxine and Margot, adding emotional stakes and contemporary resonance. Wheeler's staging further layers the subtext with subtle suggestions that the play's themes of secrecy and repression may extend beyond the central pairing. Beneath this intrigue, the production reminds audiences that, despite our differences, we are often united by the darker pulls of money, love, power and security.

The first half of Act 1 unfolds as a deliberate slow burn, heavy with exposition. Patient viewers, however, will be rewarded. By intermission, the audience is firmly on the edge of its seat and remains there through the final moments. Before long, the cast is taking bows and the evening feels to have passed in a flash. If anything, the ending may leave some viewers, myself included, wishing for just one more moment of resolution. Still, leaving the theater wanting more is rarely a bad thing.

*Dial M for Murder* continues its run at The Acting Company in Yuba City on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with the final performance scheduled for March 15. ★

By MPG Staff

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California State Board of Food and Agriculture will receive updates on water conditions and availability during its meeting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 3 at the California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N St., Main Auditorium, Sacramento.

The board will also hear an update on the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Climate Resilience Strategy.

The meeting will be available via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88245363086>. The webinar ID is 882 4536 3086 and the passcode is Board2026. The phone access passcode is 7766367700. Spanish interpretation will be available through the Zoom application.

"Recent weather has benefited our water outlook for the summer months," said CDFA Secretary Karen Ross. "However, ongoing water supply reliability for farms, cities and the environment is needed. Discussions on groundwater management, storage, recharge and flood capture are critical as we look at our water future." ★

Scheduled speakers

include Director Karla Nemeth of the California Department of Water Resources; Tomo Kumahira of WaterOne.ai; Fritz Durst of the Sites Project Authority; Martha Volkoff of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; and representatives from the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley, the Groundwater Demand Management Network and the Tulare Irrigation District.

"It is an understatement that issues surrounding California water has a lot of complexities," said board President Don Cameron. "By providing California farmers and ranchers transparency in the process and a better understanding of the policies and actions being taken to conserve and manage water, the better our system will be."

The California State Board of Food and Agriculture advises the governor and the CDFA secretary on agricultural issues and consumer needs. The board also conducts forums that bring together local, state and federal officials, agricultural representatives and residents to discuss issues affecting California agriculture. ★

# Native Culture Highlighted in Marysville

By Shamaya Sutton

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - For more than two decades, the annual Winter Pow Wow at the Tri-Counties Community Center has offered the community a lively and welcoming introduction to Native culture, blending tradition with lighthearted fun.

Pat Bennett, a local leader of the American Indian Education Program, said the winter gathering

is intentionally designed to be more relaxed than the group's larger competitive powwow later in the year.

"We do a two-day powwow at the end of May or beginning of June. That's sort of the contest powwow and traditional setup of powwow, but this particular Winter Powwow is our fun powwow," explained Bennett. "It's just basically the one day and we introduce a lot of fun dancing like the potato dance where

they have to dance with the potato between them and they can't drop it or they're out, or the stop-and-go dance, or any kind of fun dance like that. We try to do it so that it's a fun introduction of the powwow for our community to let them know what it's all about."

This year's pow wow took place Saturday, Feb. 21, in Marysville and was well attended. Julianna Greathouse, a frequent participant in the American Indian Education Program at the community center, said she initially planned to stop by briefly but ended up staying for the full event.

"It was so entertaining and beautiful to watch. I even got to participate in a couple of dances. It was definitely fun for all ages," said Greathouse. "My favorite dances were the men's, jingle dance and fancy dance. These people have spent tons and tons of hours on their outfits. The beadwork and everything is top notch. Lots of colors and beauty."

While Greathouse had



Dancers in traditional regalia perform during the Winter Pow Wow on Feb. 21 at the Tri-Counties Community Center in Marysville. The event featured a variety of exhibition dances celebrating Native culture. Photo courtesy of Julianna Greathouse

attended a previous powwow mainly to browse vendors, she said this year's experience felt more meaningful after participating in pre-event workshops.

"This last one we came to free classes to make ribbon shirts and shawls beforehand. Then we were able to participate while wearing the items we made. You don't have to wear those things, but it is honoring them," she said.

Alongside the playful

dance contests, portions of the gathering were dedicated to honoring those who have recently passed and celebrating youth achievements. According to Bennett, educating youth and giving them opportunities to showcase their abilities remains a central focus.

"We had our youth drum there and they sang a few songs that they've been practicing for some months since August,"

said Bennett. "We also had about five young people that were what we call shadows, so they shadow the MC and the arena director and they kind of work around the powwow."

Attendees also pointed to a crowd-favorite moment in which a male and female dancer swapped traditional outfits and performed in each other's style, a lighthearted break that still underscored respect for both roles. ★



Female dancers perform in colorful regalia during the Winter Pow Wow on Feb. 21 at the Tri-Counties Community Center in Marysville. Organizers describe the winter gathering as a fun introduction to powwow traditions. Photo courtesy of Julianna Greathouse

# Peach Festival Vendor Applications Now Open

MPG Staff

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Vendor applications are now open for the 26th annual Marysville Peach Festival, with organizers inviting food, craft and commercial vendors to secure their spots for the popular summer celebration.

The event is scheduled for 17-18 in downtown Marysville.

According to festival officials, food vendors are required to serve at least one peach-flavored menu item. The required peach item must be a food product and cannot be a peach-flavored beverage.

Organizers noted that applications are no longer being accepted for vendors

offering lemonade or peach lemonade, including fresh-squeezed lemonade, kettle corn or shaved ice, snow cones or slushies. Applications submitted for those items will be canceled and refunded.

The Marysville Peach

Festival, now in its 26th year, draws thousands of visitors annually and is known for its peach-themed foods, local vendors and family-friendly activities. Vendors can apply and find additional information at [marysvillepeachfest.com](http://marysvillepeachfest.com). ★



Families and visitors walk beneath the archway into the Marysville Peach Festival in 2025, where vendors, live entertainment and a larger-than-life peach display filled downtown streets during the annual summer celebration. Photo by Lloyd Green Jr

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# Yuba Police Conduct Dual Enforcement Operations



A Yuba City police officer removes marijuana plants from a property in the 3000 block of Butte House Road on Feb. 18, where authorities say they seized 1,725 plants during an illegal indoor cultivation investigation. Photo courtesy of Yuba City Police Department

By MPG Staff

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Yuba City police cited two residents after officers seized more than 1,700 marijuana plants during a search warrant service Feb. 18. In a separate operation the next day, officers arrested three people for furnishing alcohol to a minor during a decoy enforcement effort.

Officers executed a search warrant in the 3000 block of Butte House Road following multiple citizen complaints about a suspected illegal indoor marijuana grow. Homeless Liaison Officer Cornwell led the investigation with assistance from the department's Investigative Unit and the Yuba-Sutter Narcotics Enforcement Team, known as NET-5.

Police reported finding a cultivation operation spread across three shops on the property. Authorities seized 1,725 marijuana plants with a combined net weight of about 640 pounds.

Police cited Aiyung Hu, 59, and Wenhua Xiao, 59, both of Yuba City, for illegal cultivation under California Health and Safety Code

11358(c). Officers released both at the scene.

On Feb. 19, the department partnered with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to conduct a shoulder-tap decoy operation in the city. Police used a 19-year-old decoy during the operation.

The effort resulted in three arrests for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Police said the individuals

arrested were not employees of the businesses contacted.

The operation was funded through a grant awarded to the Yuba City Police Department by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Police said the enforcement efforts are part of ongoing work to prevent underage access to alcohol and maintain community safety. ★



Yuba City police officers conduct a shoulder-tap decoy operation Feb. 19 in partnership with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The operation resulted in three arrests for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Photo courtesy of Yuba City Police Department

# Yuba Court Opens Grand Jury Applications

MPG Staff

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba County Superior Court is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Civil Grand Jury. Residents have until March 27 to apply.

The Civil Grand Jury is composed of 19 Yuba County residents who serve a one-year term beginning July 1, with the option to hold over for a second year. The panel functions as an independent body charged with reviewing and evaluating local government operations to promote accountability and responsible use of public resources.

Unlike a trial jury, the Civil Grand Jury does not hear criminal or civil cases. Instead, jurors examine local government agencies and departments, investigate citizen complaints, evaluate public programs and services and issue public reports with findings and recommendations. Agencies

that receive recommendations must formally respond.

Service on the Civil Grand Jury requires a significant time commitment. Jurors meet regularly throughout the year and may serve on committees that conduct interviews, review documents and prepare reports.

Court officials encourage residents from a variety of backgrounds and professions to apply. A range of life experiences and perspectives helps ensure broad representation of the community.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, a resident of Yuba County and a United States citizen. No legal or government experience is required.

Applications are available through the Yuba County Superior Court and must be submitted by March 27. Completed applications may be emailed to [Jury@yuba.courts.ca.gov](mailto:Jury@yuba.courts.ca.gov) ★

# Bomb Threat Call Investigated

By MPG Staff

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba County Sheriff's Office responded to a bomb threat Thursday, Feb. 26, at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain after casino security received a threatening phone call.

At about 4:45 p.m., a caller claimed to have a hostage and said a bomb would be detonated within the hour, according to the sheriff's office. Deputies responded and worked with casino security to assess the situation. Additional law enforcement agencies assisted as a precaution.

Authorities searched the property while deputies staged at the main entrance and throughout the casino to monitor for suspicious activity. The facility did not fully evacuate.

After more than an hour, officials said investigators found no credible threat. Authorities believe the call aligns with a recent rise in "swatting" incidents



reported nationwide. Sheriff's officials said they take all threats seriously and that public safety remains a top priority.

Anyone with information about the incident may contact the Yuba County Sheriff's Office at 530-749-7777, option 5. ★

# Infrastructure Shortfall Stalls Economic Growth

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identified seven upcoming public works projects, including one transportation road project and five bridge replacements. She also cited housing growth, including development at Lakeside at Sutter Pointe, which anticipates 3,400 single-family units and 399 multifamily units.

Interest from businesses remains steady. Roderick said the region received 18 site inquiries last year, but most could not be accommodated because of infrastructure capacity and housing limitations. She added that many prospects require high demand in power, natural gas, water and wastewater, which the county cannot currently meet.

Sutter County Supervisors engaged



Roderick on the concept of retail leakage, the amount residents spend outside the county. She reported Sutter County experiences an estimated \$1.2 billion in annual leakage, with categories such as shoe stores, general merchandise and full-service restaurants ranking high. The data, generated through third-party software, is used to align potential retailers with available sites, she said.

Chair Mike Ziegenmeyer said infrastructure

investment is central to changing that trajectory, noting the board has rezoned parcels for commercial and industrial use and is exploring options for sewer treatment expansion. He said the county's ability to attract employers depends on its ability to meet basic service demands.

Roderick closed by emphasizing regional coordination. Progress, she said, is measured not by plans but by jobs, investment, site readiness and quality-of-life improvements.

Supervisors voted to adopt the related resolution accepting the annual report and update, signaling continued alignment between the county and the regional economic development strategy. ★

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The proposed "SAVE America" law is described as needed to protect our elections. But when we look at the facts, this bill does not solve a real problem. Instead, it would make voting more difficult or impossible for millions of citizens, while spreading fear and disinformation.

Supporters say the bill is needed to stop non-citizens from voting. But experience at local and state elections, as well as verified studies, show that this is an exceedingly rare occurrence.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative public policy think tank that supports Republican policies, found only seventy-seven verified voter fraud cases over twenty-four years. This is minuscule compared to the over a billion voters in those years. It is a vanishingly small number.

The Cato Institute, a Libertarian public policy group that supports limited government, has also said that non-citizen voting is rare. These are not liberal political organizations. When groups such as the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute, who are on the political right, say the voter fraud problem is rare, it shows the issue with the proposed law is not partisan — it is about evidence that does not support the claims of voter fraud.

After the 2020 election, many claims of widespread fraud were brought to court. Judges appointed by both Republican and Democratic administrations rejected all those claims because there was not enough evidence of fraud. President Trump's first term Attorney General, William Barr, also said there was no evidence of fraud large enough to change the election results. Audits in states like Arizona and Georgia confirmed the election results were accurate.

It is already illegal for non-citizens to vote in federal elections. Federal law makes it a serious crime that can lead to fines, prison, and deportation. Voters must swear that they are U.S. citizens when they register. States already check voter records against other government databases. We already have rules in place to protect elections. And these rules and practices are effective.

The SAVE America bill would require people to show extra proof of citizenship, such as a passport or certified birth certificate, to register to vote. That might sound simple, but many Americans do not have those papers readily available. The Brennan

Center for Justice reports that millions of citizens do not have easy access to these documents.

This would particularly affect older Americans, and specifically people - usually women - who changed their names after marriage. Lower-income Americans can be affected the most because getting extra documents costs money and time. A passport or certified birth certificate can cost over \$100, and replacing lost records can take time off work, which again costs money. Some, but not all, documents can be accessed online, but a visit to a government agency for certification is usually needed.

The proposed bill also requires in-person voter registration. While on the surface his sounds reasonable, it is a significant problem for those in the military who are not stationed in their home state yet maintain their voting rights there, not to mention military spouses who accompany their service members overseas. Registering in person would be nigh impossible. The same holds true for U.S. citizens who currently live or work overseas.

Additionally, limits to voting by mail in the proposal would particularly affect rural voters and people who can't leave work or home on a weekday. In Yuba County for the 2024 election, over 30,567 Yuba County votes were cast; 25,370 (83%) were by mail. In Sutter County, 90% were cast by mail.

Passage of the SAVE Act would cause rural, low income, women, military, and people who have limited access to internet to have the most difficulty exercising their right to vote.

The result of all these changes: legal voters are blocked from voting.

Good laws fix real problems. This bill focuses on a problem that is not only vanishingly rare, but it would disenfranchise legal voters. Instead of building trust, it may make people more worried about elections.

We all want to protect our elections. We should make changes based on facts. Current laws make voting secure and fair while also making sure every eligible citizen can vote. A Senate vote on this legislation is scheduled for early March.

The American Association of University Women, at national and state and local levels, opposes its passage.

Respectfully,  
Martha C Bunce  
AAUW Marysville-Yuba City  
Public Policy Chair ★



Well, we did have some "winter". Finally, some snow accumulated and the power was out for a few days. We had to close Stone Soup, but the hard thing was to cancel our debut Bingo & More. We were SO ready! So now our first try at Bingo & More is March 21. Please help spread and word and plan to attend if possible. We have Bingo Plus pool, games, puzzles and even a Kids Corner with a young gal attending. The entry is \$3.00, this helps pay the rent and expenses. Would love to see you there. Our events help support the Yuba Feather Next Step organization as it helps people in our community take their "next step" to success. Please get involved.

The Yuba Feather food Bank had some leftover food this week and they brought some of it here to Books & More. This food is not perishable, will last quite awhile. Please stop by and see if there is

anything you can make use of. There are potatoes, butternut squash, canned soup and more.

The Yuba Feather PTA is having their annual dinner at the community center tomorrow, March 7. They will be serving tri-tip steak and chicken for \$15.00. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and a live auction happens at 7:00. This is a good time to get acquainted with some of the staff at Yuba Feather and help with out by participating in the auction.

Look Back in Time - In 1909 Alphonse Dubuque won first prize in the La Porte snowshoe races in La Porte at 14 seconds on an 1,800 foot track (this summer you can visit the YF Museum in Forbestown on weekend afternoons and see the huge skies they used).

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.  
~ Yvonne ★

## Death Notices

**CAMPTON** – Joyce Campton, 80, of Yuba City, passed away February 21, 2026.  
**TODD** – David Todd, 66, of Brownsville, passed away February 24, 2026.  
**CROCKER** – Ronald Crocker, 73, of Yuba City, passed away February 24, 2026.  
**BOWEN** – John Bowen, 73, of Yuba City, passed away February 26, 2026. ★

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## The Old Economy Stocks

As detailed here on Money Matters in recent articles, the artificial intelligence stocks, called AI, seemed to go up and up for months in 2025 only to hit a wall in 2026.

Not specifically tied to the years mentioned, however, as weakness in AI stocks started to raise its ugly head on and off in the fall of 2025. That said, a correction was to be expected, as stock charts that look like rocket launches historically tend to hit a ceiling at some point.

Prices can't keep going up forever.

It is said that high prices cure high prices. As stocks get more expensive, fewer and fewer buyers may not be willing to pay the higher prices. Investors, also seeing stellar gains in one sector, might start to get nervous, take some gains and look to other areas to explore with their money.

Market movements, sometimes called "rotation", then takes hold as money is moved from one trade to another.

When these high-flying trades reach the point of exhaustion, money sometimes moves into more conservative areas.

These sectors might consist of iconic food companies, auto companies, construction companies, consumer staples, real estate trusts, energy, and other sectors typically regarded as the backbone of an economy.

That's not to say that hot sectors like the AI trade are done for. It remains to be seen whether the correction is permanent or just a temporary sell-off as it can be hard for some investors to move money away from trades that have yielded juicy returns in the past.

Hope remains supreme in many cases. It's always possible a stock that has gone up many multiples and then backed off might return to see its previous high and then keep going. No one really knows until it happens.

Playing that game, however, can be hazardous to one's investing health.

Investors, amateurs and professionals alike, tend to get married to a sector or a particular stock, and keep returning to the proverbial well to try and milk some more profits from what before seemed like easy money.

Moving to a new sector also requires doing some additional research, which is

always a chore. Having familiarized oneself with a particular sector or stock and its movements, it may be hard to undertake these new endeavors like looking into a new sector.

Harkening back to the stocks your dad or even your grandfather may have bought, the old economy stocks are the iconic companies that have survived forever and a day.

Coca-Cola, Caterpillar, Costco, Chevron and McDonald's are some of the household names that easily come to mind. There are many more.

Not a recommendation to buy or sell any of these stocks mind you, but the abovementioned stocks might fall into the Old Economy stocks I refer to.

One could do worse by adding some of these stocks to a portfolio. My opinion, of course, and often when investors get nervous, they run to these old stalwart stocks

If volatile stock movements are causing you angst and you want to move away from some of the highfliers and sleep better at night, these household names that have been around for decades, have huge balance sheets, and might not move as much as the overall markets, might be an option.

When I start feeling behind the markets and seeing more red than I'm used to, I consider moving into more CDs, high-yield savings accounts, high-quality bonds, and U.S. treasuries, and perhaps adding some of these household names and just sit it out for a while.

Your financial professional cause can always assist you in guiding you to calmer waters if you're feeling a bit queasy in the current markets.

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

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## Shovel-Wielding Suspect Shot by Police

By MPG Staff

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - A 31-year-old Yuba City man remains in critical condition after an officer-involved shooting Feb. 26 in the 1800 block of Rapid Falls Drive near Bogue Road.

Officers responded at about 9:15 a.m. to the area of Wild River Drive after receiving reports of a nude man walking in the neighborhood. While searching the area, officers located the man a short distance away on Rapid Falls Drive.

Police identified him as Guillermo Figueroa of Yuba City.

According to the Yuba City Police Department, Figueroa allegedly assaulted a family member at a nearby residence before fleeing. He then attempted to force entry into another residence

by ramming the front door. Officers located him during that sequence of events.

When officers attempted to contact Figueroa, he fled on foot. Officers pursued and attempted to detain him. Police said he physically resisted efforts to take him into custody. Multiple Taser deployments and baton strikes were ineffective.

Authorities reported that Figueroa armed himself with a shovel and attempted to strike officers. One officer discharged a service weapon twice, striking Figueroa in the torso.

Officers rendered medical aid until emergency personnel arrived. Figueroa was transported to a local hospital, where he remains in critical condition.

The family member who

was allegedly assaulted was transported to a local hospital, treated for non-life-threatening injuries and later released. Police did not release the victim's identity.

The involved officers were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

The Yuba-Sutter Regional Officer-Involved Shooting Team has assumed the investigation, with assistance from the California Department of Justice. Two Yuba City police officers have been placed on administrative leave in accordance with department policy.

Police said there is no ongoing threat to the public. The investigation remains active.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Yuba City Police Department at 530-822-4660. ★

## Shame



By Kathy Craig Harteis

I'm neither Republican or Democrat. I'm an Independent. But, firstly I'm an American.

I value American values. I respect my flag, my country and the office of the president. You may not like the resident, but respect the office.

I am ashamed of the behavior of some elected officials (elected to protect us) who can't even commit to making the well being of American citizens their first priority.

Refusing to attend the State of the Union address, holding alternative events or even worse;

attending and screaming at the President is not the sign of a true leader.

Again, to quote Forrest Gump: "Stupid is as stupid does," Mama always says.

There are a lot of troubling things going on in our America.

In the 1940's suspected Communists were put on trial as threats to our Nation. Today, openly admitting Socialists (same communistic ideas) are being elected to public offices. Scary stuff.

I don't know about everyone else, but I am sick of supposed adults elected by us and for us acting like children. Not just children but bratty children. It's time to take inventory and weed out the most spoiled.

Which brings me to showing identification to vote. I have never voted without showing ID. Not a big deal if you are actually an American citizen.

I have to show ID to board a plane, deposit money into my own bank, or even to check into a hotel. It's for my

protection as much as it is for everyone else.

Being asked for this verification has never seemed racist or demeaning to me as a woman.

When I got my first passport I had to produce proof of why I used my name. Not a problem because I had nothing to hide.

It may take a little effort for some, but just do it. If you can truly legally vote in this great country it is worth your time.

It's time to go back to our Founding Father's goals for our nation.

We live in the greatest nation in the world.

Let's save it and make life good today.

One more day at the coast. Life is good today.

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



### Beekeepers Assess This Year's Colony Health

With California's almond pollination season underway, beekeepers from around the country have journeyed to the Central Valley for the six-week-long bloom. While beekeepers have not seen the devastating hive mortality this winter that they did in 2025, they say they're still losing colonies. "Things are looking OK, but we won't really know until the end of bloom," said Ryan Burris, California State Beekeepers Association president and a Palo Cedro beekeeper and queen breeder. "It sounds like the numbers are better, but some people still lost a lot of bees." Beekeepers nationwide made headlines in the 2024-25 winter when they reported an average of 62% colony losses. With increasing production costs and depressed honey prices, many beekeepers said the current situation is not sustainable economically. "It's very, very difficult," Burris said.

### Subpar Snowpack Pushes Back Crop Plans for Farmers

Despite a strong start to California's wet season, snowpack conditions remain below average. A deficient snowpack could mean less water available for summer irrigation, threatening to cut surface water deliveries to farmers. San Joaquin Valley farmer Aaron Barcellos said the uncertainty has impacted his crop planning, forcing him to consider not planting any cotton for the first time in nearly four decades. "I can't afford to take the risk from an economic standpoint that I'm going to put a valuable water resource on a crop that may not end up having enough

water to finish," Barcellos said. He added, "That could change if pricing gets better or if we get a better allocation than we're expecting right now." Jay Lund, vice director of the University of California, Davis, Center for Watershed Sciences, said there is still a chance more storms will boost snowpack levels to average before April, when they typically peak.

### Survey Finds Raids Impacted California Farm Production

A new statewide survey has shed light on the impact during the past year of immigration enforcement on farms and farmworkers in California. The California Farmer Immigration Enforcement Survey, which was conducted by researchers at Michigan State University in partnership with the California Farm Bureau, is the first of its kind to assess the impact of the Trump administration's mass deportation agenda on California farms. "We were really interested in understanding whether there have been labor shortages as a result of recent immigration enforcement," said Zachariah Rutledge, assistant professor and extension specialist at Michigan State University. More than 500 farmers from across 50 counties responded to the survey, which was conducted in late 2025 and early 2026. "There were very few reports of direct immigration enforcement activities on farms," Rutledge said. "There was more anxiety and fear among the farming community as a result of general immigration enforcement efforts more broadly." ★



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referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: April 6, 2026 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: The Fifth Street Entrance Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901 2 File No.:25-09451CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14340 Labadie Way, Dobbins, CA 95935. 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 in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by 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, to-wit: \$375,940.47 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CLARENCE T. HOES, JR. Case NO. PRPB25-00085

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of CLARENCE T. HOES, JR.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: CLARENCE T. HOES, III in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): CLARENCE T. HOES, III be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:** March 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

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

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

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

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

Petitioner: Clarence T. Hoes, III  
1341 Night Heron Street, Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
Phone No.: (408) 561-1503  
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### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: Clover Regina Staggs-Boatright PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 26-00253 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:  
03/23/2026  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Clover Regina Staggs-Boatright filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Clover Regina Staggs-Boatright  
to: Clover Regina Boatright

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: 2/11/2026

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2026

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026F-044

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**Best Painting Services**  
420 D Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Jasbir Dhami  
PO Box 888  
Yuba City, CA 95992  
Jon-Michael Aryan Anthony  
PO Box 888  
Yuba City, CA 95992

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

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:  
**Jasbir Dharmi**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 12, 2026.

(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  
Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2026

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026F-056

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**Barrie Lodging & Outdoors**  
337 Gold Mountain Rd  
Strawberry Valley, CA 95981  
MAILING ADDRESS  
1930 Boulton Way  
Marysville, CA 94901  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Jesse Lee Barrie  
1930 Boulton Way  
Marysville, CA 95901  
Cindy Rae Barrie  
1930 Boulton Way  
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2026.

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

Signed:  
**Jesse Barrie**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 18, 2026.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2026

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026F-032

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**Ag-Con Construction**  
1350 Turnbridge Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Larricq Contracting, Inc.  
1350 Turnbridge 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 1/1/2026.

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

Signed:  
**Larricq Contracting, Inc.**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 1/29/2026.

(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  
Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2026

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026F-021

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**VoxLux**  
14437 Old Marysville Road  
Camptonville, CA 95922  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Todd S. Stock

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/11/2025.

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

Signed:  
**Todd S. Stock**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 23, 2026.

(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  
Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 2026

## Community Events

**CREATIVE THINKERS COMMUNITY CLASSES THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Steelhouse Coffee, 437 Center St, Yuba City**

**146TH BOK KAI FESTIVAL, STORY, TOUR AND MASK WORKSHOP SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 10:00 am**

Open to children of all ages. (Children under 5 need to bring an adult. Donations appreciated). Sponsored by the Chinese Community and Friends of Bok Kai. Chinese School House, 226 1st St, Marysville. More info call Sue at 530-218-4070.

**YUBA COUNTY SENIORS ON THE GO FREE LUNCHEON 3RD WED OF THE MONTH • 11 AM TO 1 PM**

Tri-Counties Community Center, 1830 B St, Marysville  
Free Seminars especially for Seniors

**BINGO • FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH • STARTS AT 6 PM**

Tri-Counties Community Center, 1830 B St, Marysville

### 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.

**ROY BOURG VFW POST 4095's 'CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS' OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**6 pm 2nd & 4th Mondays**

4965 Powerline Rd, Olivehurst. Info: 530-777-9057

**DOBBINS CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET BACK IN THE SPRING OF 2026**

**SATURDAY • 10 am-2 pm**

**9761 Marysville Rd, Dobbins**

Vendor Information call Teresa McFall 530-635-0452

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# Clocks Spring Forward Sunday, March 8

By MPG Staff

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Clocks will move forward one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 8, as daylight saving time begins.

The shift marks the start of longer evenings and signals the approach of spring. It also means most residents will lose one hour of sleep, a change that can disrupt routines for families, students and workers.

Daylight saving time has a long history in the United States. Congress first adopted a version of the practice during World War I as a way to conserve fuel by extending evening daylight hours. Lawmakers later repealed it, then reinstated a standardized system with the Uniform Time Act of 1966. Today, most states observe daylight

saving time from March through November, though Hawaii and most of Arizona do not participate.

While the time change affects clocks, it can also affect sleep patterns. Even a one-hour shift can interrupt circadian rhythms, the body's internal clock that regulates sleep and wake cycles.

Health professionals often recommend easing into the change by adjusting bedtimes in the days leading up to the switch. Moving bedtime earlier in 10- to 15-minute increments can help reduce fatigue on Monday morning.

Consistency remains important. Going to bed and waking up at the same time each day, including weekends, helps stabilize sleep cycles. Limiting screen use before bed can also support better rest.

Televisions, phones and tablets emit blue light that may delay the release of melatonin, a hormone that helps regulate sleep.

Spending time outdoors during daylight hours may also help the body adjust. Exposure to natural light and regular physical activity can support healthier sleep patterns.

Bedrooms should remain dark, quiet and cool to promote uninterrupted sleep. Blackout curtains, fans or white noise machines may help reduce disturbances.

As residents prepare to set clocks ahead one hour, officials often remind households to check smoke detector batteries and review emergency preparedness plans.

Daylight saving time will end Nov. 1, when clocks fall back one hour. ★



Clocks will move forward one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 8, as daylight saving time begins. Photo by Piro4d via Pixabay

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Marysville, CA 95901

APN: 013-431-001-000 TS No.: 22-04807CA TSG Order No.: 240091554 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2018. 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. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded October 1, 2018 as Document No.: 2018-012235 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by: Stephanie Chitwood, an unmarried woman, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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 Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). 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, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: April 30, 2026 Sale Time: 1:30 PM Sale Location: At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St. Marysville, CA 95901 2 File No.: 22-04807CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1629 2nd Ave, Olivehurst (Unincorporated Area, 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 in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by 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, to-wit: \$219,270.31 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale.

It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (916) 939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 22-04807CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest

bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-04807CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting

an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 3 File No.: 22-04807CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: (916) 939-0772. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affinidefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: February 20, 2026 By: Carlos Quezada Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0485197 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 03/06/2026, 03/13/2026, 03/20/2026

### PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Chief Paquette  
DATE: February 25, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Introduction of an Ordinance Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones as required by Government Code Section 51178 and Determining the Action Not Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors open the public hearing, take public testimony, close the public testimony, and then take the following actions:

1. Find the adoption of Ordinance No.26-01 is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the proposed actions will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, do not authorize construction, and therefore is not a project as defined under CEQA.
2. Waive the full reading, make any changes to, and introduce Ordinance No. XXX.

### BACKGROUND

Government Code section 51179 requires the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to make recommendations of FHSZs to local agencies for their designation and adoption by ordinance. The District must adopt these maps within 120 days of receiving recommendations by CAL FIRE. These maps designate areas where state fire safety regulations apply.

A FHSZ is a geographic area designated by CAL FIRE as Moderate, High, or Very High based on wildfire hazard potential in wildlands and surrounding developed areas. These classifications are based on fire behavior projections over a 50-year period using the latest data on fire history, vegetation (fuel loads), topography, blowing embers, and weather conditions, combined with fire science modeling. In order to reduce the threat to public safety and structure loss during wildfires, depending on the FHSZ, designated properties are subject to state-mandated vegetation management (creating defensible space) and the use of fire-resistant construction features. Historical Timeline – FHSZ Maps In 1992, following the devastating 1991 Oakland Hills Fire, the State enacted Assembly Bill (AB) 337, which added Government Code Section 51175. This law requires CAL FIRE to identify and recommend Very High FHSZs in LRAs to cities and counties. The primary objectives of AB 337 were to improve wildfire public awareness and to require defensible space around structures and fire-resistant construction in Very High mapped designations.

### ANALYSIS

CAL FIRE recently released updated FHSZ maps. According to CAL FIRE, the updated maps more accurately identify areas susceptible to wildfire based on the latest climate data, fire science, and fire behavior modeling. These maps were developed without consultation or input from local jurisdictions.

Under recent legislation (Senate Bill 63), CAL FIRE is now required to identify and map three FHSZ designations: Very High, High, and Moderate, which are reflected in their updated maps. While local adoption was previously required only for Very High zones, cities and counties must now adopt all three mapped designations. The updated FHSZ map for the area is included as an exhibit to the draft ordinance.

In accordance with Government Code Section 51179, the District must adopt the updated FHSZ designations by ordinance within 120 days of the map's release. Once adopted, properties in the Very High zone remain subject to the previously outlined requirements. Properties in the High zone will now be subject to Chapter 7A of the California Building Code for new construction and FHSZ disclosure requirements during real estate transactions. There are no state mandates for properties in the Moderate zone.

Attachments: (TD) 3-6-2026

### Notice of Public Online Storage Auction

Notice is hereby given that North Beale Mini Storage 5987 Redburn Ave. Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property 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 Auction will be conducted online at [www.bid13.com](http://www.bid13.com), starting Friday, March 6, 2026, at 10 am ending Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 10 am. If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly. Buyer of unit needs to pay at: Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901

Name: Michael D McDaniel

All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be paid for and removed within 72 hours of the end of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. 530-634-9781 (TD) 3/6/26



### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

#### File No. 2026F-039

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Shinobi Massage**  
1910 Hall Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Isai Barragan  
1910 Hall Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

Signed:  
**Isai Barragan**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 3, 2026.

(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  
Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 2026

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

#### File No. 2026F-061

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Ortiz Rental Co.**  
2237 August Way  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Ortiz Home Improvement LLC  
2237 August Way  
Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

Signed:  
**Kevin Ortiz**

**CA CEO**

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

#### File No. 2026F-054

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**NorCal Tropical**  
6032 Tyler Ave.  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Damian Rubio  
6032 Tyler Ave.  
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

Signed:  
**Damian Rubio**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 12, 2026.

(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  
Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2026

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

#### File No. 2026F-042

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**J Way HVAC**  
1944 Glenmore Dr.  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
Registered Owners:  
Jordan Force Vanrenselaar  
1944 Glenmore Dr.  
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 N/A.

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

Signed:

**Jordan Force Vanrenselaar**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 6, 2026.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By SARAH MULL,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 2026

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Plumas Lake Self Storage 3000 Plumas Arboga Rd., Plumas Lake, CA 95961 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.

Auction will be conducted online at [Bid13.com](http://Bid13.com), starting March 14, 2026, ending March 24, 2026, at 8:00 am. Property to be sold as follows: misc. household goods, tires, personal items, misc. furniture, misc. boxes, misc. tools, etc. belonging to the following:

Bryan Akhigbe  
Charity Brooks  
Angela Brown  
Creig Kee  
Regina Le-Grand-Sawyer  
Roosevelt Williams

All purchased items are sold AS IS, WHERE IS. Payments must be made in CASH. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. (TD) 3-6, 13, 2026

# Community Calendar

## Sutter County Library

Sutter County library main branch, at 750 Forbes Ave., Yuba City has the following events this week. Call 530-930-2315 for more information on general library offerings.

**Friday, March 6:** Skill share, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn something new or share a talent with others in this relaxed, social crafting program for all ages. Participants can explore sewing, knitting, crocheting, and cross-stitching with all supplies provided by the library. No experience is necessary.

**Saturday, March 7:** Friends of the Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds support library programs and services. Chess club, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 10:** Stay & play, 11 a.m. to noon. Designed especially for toddlers and caregivers.

**Wednesday, March 11:** Story time and craft, 11 a.m. to noon. LEGO club, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Thursday, March 12:** Story time and craft, 11 a.m. to noon.

**Friday, March 13:** Skill share, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn something new or share a talent with others in this relaxed, social crafting program for all ages. Participants can explore sewing, knitting, crocheting, and cross-stitching with all supplies provided by the library. No experience is necessary.

**Saturday, March 14:** Chess club, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Yuba County Library

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

**Friday, March 6:** First 5 Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join us for passenger seat safety tips and tricks. First 5 Yuba will share which car seat is best for your child's age and weight, the 5-step test for seat belt readiness, and more.

**Monday, March 9:** Monday story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St. Registration is required.

**Tuesday, March 10:** First 5 story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is required.

**Wednesday, March 11:** First 5 story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is required.

**Thursday, March 12:** First 5 story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is required. Cooking demonstration with Blue Zones Project Yuba-Sutter, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St. Registration is required.

**Friday, March 13:** Baby Bounce for ages up to 2 years old, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St. "Who's the traitor?" An afternoon of deduction card games, 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St.

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

### Continuing through Wednesday, March 18

#### Collecting New and Gently Used Promwear

Daily at Yuba Sutter Marketplace Management Office, 1215 Colusa Ave., Yuba City, Little Spark's Coffee & Sweet Treats at the Yuba Sutter Marketplace Food Court, or Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office, 970 Klamath Lane. We're planning for a big giveaway event later this month and we need donations to make this a success. See www.shopyubasuttermarketplace.com/

events for specific collection hours.

### Friday, March 6

#### "Voices of Yuba" Speaker Series – Luis Cortes

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Yuba College, 2088 N. Beale Rd., Marysville. We invite you to our inaugural event, where we will welcome Luis Cortes, a nationally recognized trial and appellate lawyer who was co-counsel in a landmark US Supreme Court Case. Mr. Cortes uses his expertise to help organizations and communities find their voice, empower their leaders, and build strong coalitions. Free and open to the public. More information at www.yubasutterchamber.com/events.

### Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8

#### Yuba-Sutter Valley 43rd Annual Quilt Show

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City. This year's show is called "Three Part Harmony" and there is definitely a bit of a musical theme. Come see the beautiful quilts, the windsocks, and the Avenue of Honor celebrating veterans and first responders. You can also enjoy demonstrations, vendors, and food from the Farmhouse Bakery. Admission is \$10, parking is free.

### Saturday, March 7

#### Fruit Tree Sale

8 a.m. to noon at St. Isidore Catholic School, 200 Clark Ave., Yuba City. Come early for best selection. Choose from bareroot and potted trees, fruit, nuts, or berries, all from Sierra Gold Nursery. This is a fundraiser for the St. Isidore Catholic School Parents Club.

#### 7-Mile House Market

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3178 State Highway 20, Marysville. Enjoy artisan crafts, baked goods, produce, handcrafts and more. Join us every 1st and 3rd Saturday through Sept. 27, weather permitting.

#### 146th Bok Kai Festival

10 a.m. at the Chinese School House, 226 1st St., Marysville. Join us as we celebrate the Year of the Horse. Enjoy a classic Chinese folk tale puppet show about "Good Luck, Bad Luck." Make your own horse mask, tour the old Chinese school and Bok Kai temple. Open to children of all ages (children under 5 need to bring an adult). Everyone is invited to ride on the Royal Horse Float in the Bok Kai parade, coming up March 21. Donations appreciated.

#### Workshop: Build a Bed – Get Your Garden Off the Ground

10 a.m. to noon at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1390 Franklin Rd., Yuba City. This hands-on workshop covers the entire process of constructing a raised bed. We'll provide a full cut list and demonstrate the building process step-by-step. All members of the community are welcome, experience level beginners to expert.

#### A Day for Women

11 a.m. at Hard Rock Live Sacramento, 3317 Forty Mile Rd., Wheatland. This special day is dedicated to celebrating and empowering women, providing a warm and encouraging space where we can connect, share, and uplift one another.

#### Easter Friendly Jamboree

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tri Counties Community Center, 1830 B St., Marysville. The Tri Counties Community Center is excited to host an inclusive Easter celebration for individuals with

special needs and their families across Butte, Sutter, and Yuba Counties. The event includes an Easter Egg hunt for all ages and fun activities for the whole family. Contact Katrina Inman at Katrina.Inman.tricc@gmail.com for more information.

### Yuba Sutter Marketplace Kids Club

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at 1215 Colusa Ave., Yuba City. Get ready to catch that Leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. Join us to build a Leprechaun trap, near Zumiez and JCPenney. Register in advance at www.shopyubasuttermarketplace.com/events or walk-ins allowed while supplies last.

### Tuesday, March 10

#### Tuesday Noon Recital Series

Noon to 1 p.m. at Yuba College, 2088 N. Beale Rd., Marysville. Please join us for this recital performed by talented musicians from Yuba College's music department. This event is free, and donations are welcome.

#### Volunteer Kick-Off Party for the Walk to End Alzheimer's

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at The Gardens Memory Care, 1260 Williams Way, Yuba City. This energizing evening is all about bringing our community together to make a difference for families impacted by Alzheimer's and other dementias. Whether you've walked before, volunteered in the past, or are brand new and interested to get involved – this is your moment to step into something meaningful. The walk event will be in September.

#### Yuba College Police Academy Open House and Information Session

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 2088 N. Beale Rd., Marysville. Discover your career in law enforcement. Business casual attire is requested. For more information, contact mcovington@yccd.edu.

### Thursday, March 12

#### TEEM-G Personal Safety Workshop

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Artisan Community Garden, 1333 Butte House Rd., Yuba City. Join us for this interactive workshop learning about personal safety at home and in public. For teens with special needs ages 12 through 17 in Yuba, Sutter and Colusa Counties. This month's topic will be pedestrian safety skills and street safety. A one-mile roundtrip walking tour will be included for practice. Parent participation welcome. For more information, contact leanne@familysoup.org. Event is free but registration is required at https://tinyurl.com/teemg-spring26.

### Friday, March 13

#### Adult Mental Health First Aid Training

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sutter County Agricultural Department, 142 Garden Highway, Yuba City. MHFA teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. This free training is an instructor-led, in-person session and learners will receive a program manual. Registration and more information at www.eventbrite.com.

#### Spring Fling

5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City. Get ready for a fun evening featuring a delicious dinner from Circa 53, exciting raffle prizes, unique silent and live auction items, while enjoying time with friends, all in support of the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau Fund for Agriculture Education. This event supports our mission to strengthen agricultural education in our community. Every dollar raised stays right here, helping us give back to those who give so much to agriculture. Ticket link on the Spring Fling Facebook page.

### Saturday, March 14

#### Soul Food Cook-Off

Noon to 4 p.m. at the Sutter County

Museum, 1333 Butte House Rd., Yuba City. Your host is the Connecting Cultures Collaborative 530 for their second annual event. We'll all be tasting and judging three categories: main dish, side dish, and dessert for people's choice awards and judge's pick.

### Thursday, March 19

#### Downtown Yuba City Night Market

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Center St., Yuba City. Stroll through downtown and enjoy farm-fresh produce, live music, delicious food vendors, kid's activities, and shopping from local businesses in a lively evening experience. Fresh. Local. Fun. Something for everyone – all in one place. First and third Thursday each month.

### Meeting Minders

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

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

**Marysville City Council** meeting, 6 p.m., first and third Tuesday each month in the City Council chambers at 526 C St. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17.

**Rotary Club of Yuba City** meets Wednesdays at noon at the Harvest Room, 1475 Tharp Rd., Yuba City.

**Seniors on the Go – Olivehurst**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the VFW, 4956 Powerline Rd., Olivehurst. Enjoy a free community lunch and stay for activities. All seniors and their guests are welcome, no registration required. Call 530-392-2187 for more information.

**Seniors on the Go – Yuba County**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Tri-Counties Community Center, 1830 B St., Marysville. Enjoy a free luncheon followed by free seminars especially for Seniors. Call 916-296-1907 for more information.

**Sutter County Board of Supervisors** meeting, 3 p.m., generally on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the council chambers, 1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10.

**City Council meetings for Yuba City**, 6 p.m., first and third Tuesday each month in the council chamber at City Hall, 1201 Civic Center Blvd. Call 530-822-4817 for more information. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17.

**Yuba County Board of Supervisors** meeting, 9 a.m., generally on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the board chambers, 915 8th St., Marysville. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10.

### Community Resources – Find Food

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# Marysville POLICE LOG



## February 18 - February 22

### Wednesday, Feb. 18

2:07 p.m. Crime with citizen assists reported on the 1100 block of E. 22nd St.  
9:10 p.m. Spousal abuse reported on the 1300 block of E St.

### Thursday, Feb. 19

9:52 p.m. Transient arrest at 6th St and Featherside Drive.

### Friday, Feb. 20

2:25 a.m. Assist outside agency with arrest on the 900 block of 8th St.  
1:00 p.m. Shoplifting arrest on the 200 block of D St.  
7:54 p.m. Vandalism arrest on the 1700 block of Ellis Lake Drive.  
8:13 p.m. Hit and run reported on the 300 block of F St.

### Sunday, Feb. 22

1:30 a.m. Vandalism arrest on the 300 block of 5th St.

### Monday, Feb. 23

9:14 a.m. Transient crime at unreported location.  
1:27 p.m. Traffic stop on the 700 block of E St resulted in an arrest.  
2:42 p.m. Grand theft reported on the 600 block of 10th St.  
6:58 p.m. Arrest warrant on the 700 block of 4th St.  
7:53 p.m. Missing person reported on the 1200 block of Johnson Avenue. Tuesday, Feb. 24  
4:21 a.m. Transient arrested on the 300 block of A St.  
7:29 a.m. Transient arrested on the 900 block of E St.  
10:13 a.m. Transient arrested on the 400 block of 10th St.  
1:48 p.m. Suspicious circumstances crime reported on the 1100 block of Hall Court. ★

# Man Arrested After Armed Dispute

By MPG Staff

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Yuba City police arrested a 23-year-old man Thursday afternoon after officers responded to reports of an armed confrontation in a residential neighborhood.

Officers responded at about 2 p.m. to the 1500 block of Aneka Lane after a caller reported that Akash Kaushal of Yuba City was pointing a gun at another person and threatening to shoot him.

When officers arrived, they took Kaushal into custody without incident. Police located a loaded Glock 23 handgun inside his vehicle.

Investigators determined that Kaushal went to the location to confront a mechanic who had previously worked on his car. Police said the argument escalated and Kaushal allegedly got into his Chevy Camaro and intentionally rammed



a vehicle associated with the mechanic.

Authorities said Kaushal then exited his vehicle, produced the handgun and threatened to shoot several people at the scene.

Kaushal was booked into the Sutter County Jail on suspicion of assault with a firearm, making criminal threats and carrying a loaded firearm. His bail was set at \$250,000. ★



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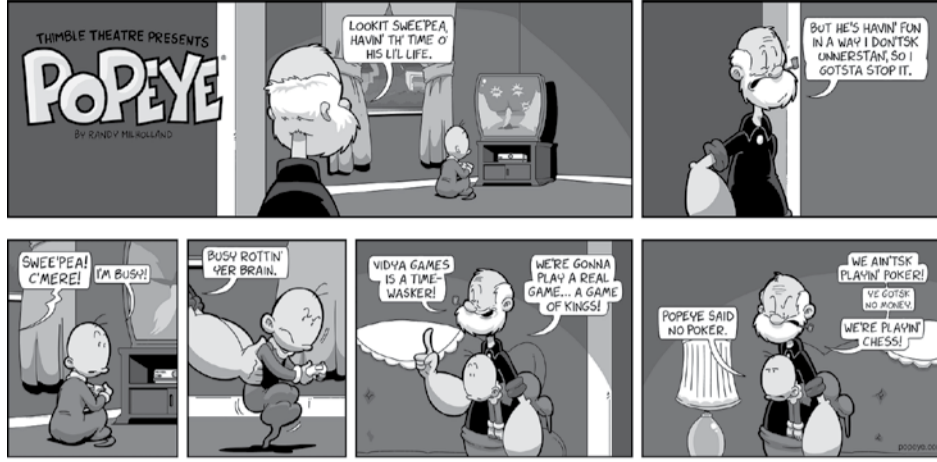


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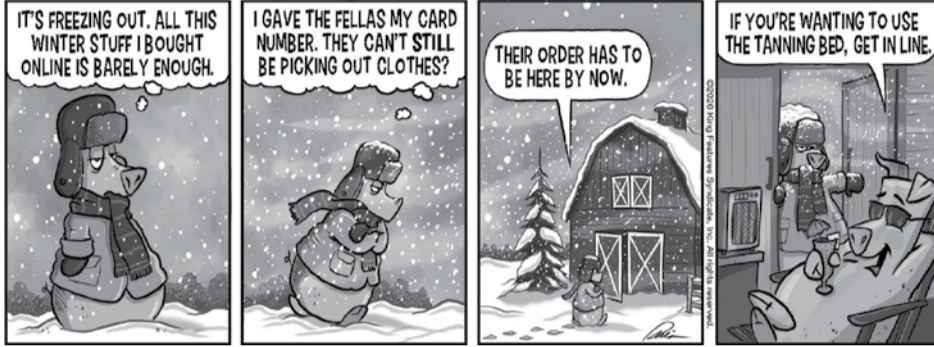
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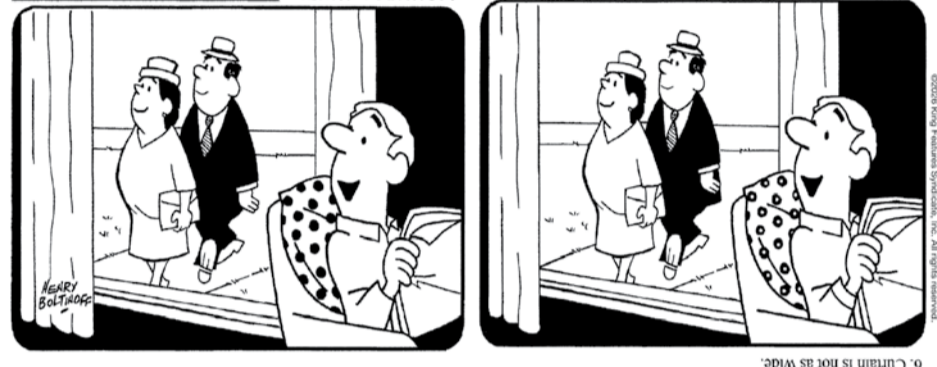
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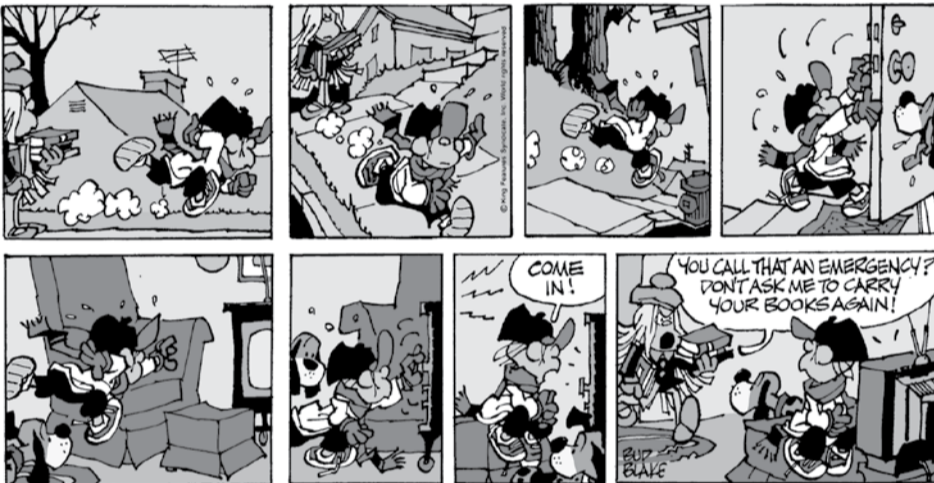
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# Governor Newsom Launches Most Ambitious Water Plan in California History

**California Department of Water Resources News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Governor Gavin Newsom announced on Feb. 25 the formal launch of the California Water Plan 2028, marking the start of a multi-year effort to modernize statewide water planning in response to climate-driven extremes and long-term water reliability challenges.

“Climate change is reshaping life in California through historic droughts and record storms that threaten the farms that feed the nation, communities that depend on reliable water, and the environment we all share. The 2028 Water Plan is a commitment to every Californian that we will capture, store and conserve the water our state, the 4th largest economy in the world, needs to thrive, no matter what climate change throws at us,” said Governor Gavin Newsom.

California is committed to protecting the water that families, farmers and communities depend on for generations to come.

“California’s hydrology is changing,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “We’re living that now. Extreme wet swings to intensely dry within the same season. The work of crafting the next California Water Plan will help us plan smarter to deal with the way climate change is testing our water systems.”

## Planning for California’s Water Future

The launch initiates the first phase of work under Senate Bill 72 (SB 72), which mandates modernization of the California Water Plan by improving data and setting measurable water supply targets. It also creates a more coordinated, transparent planning framework that aligns state, regional and local actions, which includes close collaboration with the California Water



A drone view of the Bethany Reservoir, impounded by five dams in Alameda County, serves as a forebay for the South Bay Pumping Plant and afterbay for Banks Pumping Plant. Photo taken March 28, 2024. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

Commission.

“I authored Senate Bill 72 to modernize the California Water Plan so it meets the challenges we face today,” said Senator Anna Caballero. “California’s water system is under real strain from longer droughts, stronger storms and growing demand across our communities and agricultural regions. For the first time, we are setting a clear statewide target of 9 million acre-feet of additional water supply and establishing measurable benchmarks that hold us accountable. California must plan with discipline and act with urgency to secure a reliable water future for every part of our state. I applaud Governor Newsom for signing this landmark bill into law and reaffirming his commitment to securing California’s water future.”

At the center of SB 72 is an interim statewide planning target of 9 million acre-feet by 2040, which is the amount of water supply California could lose as climate change reduces

snowpack and intensifies drought. Roughly equal to two Shasta Reservoirs, or enough for 18 million homes, the target is a shared benchmark that includes supply, conservation, recharge and storage strategies to close projected water supply gaps and strengthen long-term water reliability.

## A Plan Shaped by Californians

To fulfill the SB 72 mandate, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is convening an Advisory Committee that will immediately get to work in shaping the workplan for both the 2028 and 2033 Water Plan updates and providing input about approaches to effectively engage regional communities.

The advisory committee will reflect the diversity of California’s water system, including representation from urban and agricultural water suppliers, tribal, labor, environmental justice and environmental interests, local government, business and other

interested parties.

The committee will hold its inaugural meeting in April, and the public is encouraged to attend.

The California Water Commission will play a formal advisory role in the California Water Plan. The commission will receive regular briefings in a public setting and provide input as DWR refines the advisory committee structure, engagement approach and major milestones leading up to release of the 2028 plan.

“We applaud the launch of the California Water Plan 2028 and the collaborative framework envisioned under SB 72,” said Fern Steiner, Chair of the California Water Commission. “The Commission looks forward to continuing its work with the Department of Water Resources and interested parties across the state to support a plan that reflects diverse regional needs and advances sustainable water solutions for all Californians.”

DWR Deputy Director for Statewide Water Resources Planning and Enterprise Project Management Joel Metzger, added, “The new California Water Plan is where vision meets accountability. We’ll set measurable targets, improve our data and align planning efforts in ways that deliver real results on the ground. I’m inspired by the partnerships forming around this work and the shared commitment to long-term water resilience. Relationships, trust building and compelling storytelling will be essential to moving this work forward successfully.”

Work on the California Water Plan 2028 will focus on three main workstreams including the following.

Data for water use and supply balances: collecting statewide, watershed-scale datasets, leveraging new data and advanced technologies and bringing in statewide planning models.

Targets for long-term water supply: creating credible, localized targets; expanding coverage of hydrologic regions and aligning with Governor Newsom’s 2022 Water Supply Strategy and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Actions for adaptation and implementation: creating place-specific strategies, including nature-based solutions, to close supply-demand gaps; creating cost-benefit analyses; and tracking progress and integration across state, federal and local planning.

To support transparency and public access, DWR has launched a new project website at [CaliforniaWaterPlan.com](http://CaliforniaWaterPlan.com), to serve as the central hub for information on all future water plan updates, advisory committee participation, meeting materials, timelines and opportunities for engagement. ★

# New Report Exposes ‘Indefensible Waste’ in Prison Budget

## CURB Calls for at least 5 More Closures to Reduce State Deficit

**Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) recently responded to the newly released Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) report on the 2026-27 Corrections Budget. While the Legislative Analyst’s Office formally recommends the closure of one additional prison, CURB is urging the Newsom administration to go significantly further, demanding a commitment to closing at least five additional prisons before the Governor leaves office.

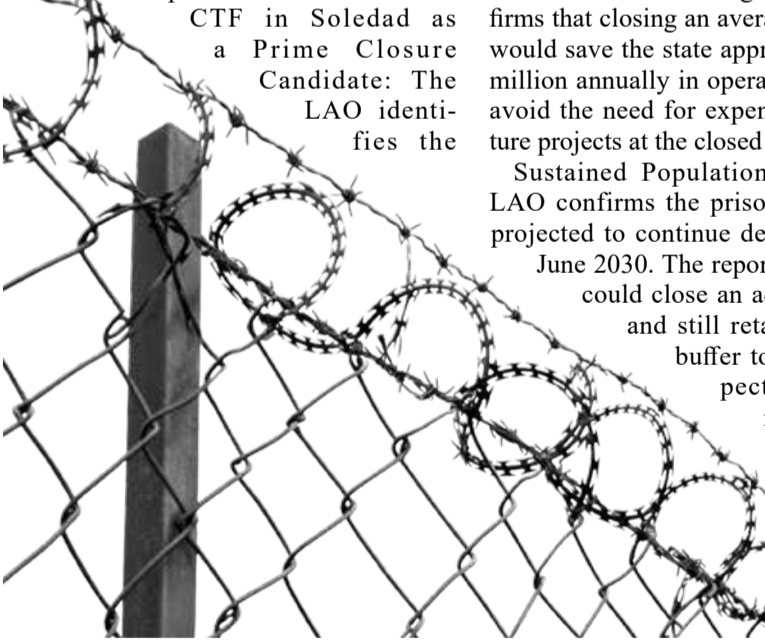
“California is currently sitting on nearly 14,000 empty beds – enough capacity to announce five or six full prison closures this budget cycle,” said Amber-Rose Howard, executive director of Californians United for a Responsible Budget.

“The LAO report confirms the underlying reality we have been highlighting: keeping thousands of empty beds on the books is an indefensible waste of resources. We strongly agree with the LAO’s specific recommendation to close a prison this year. However, a one-prison-at-a-time approach does not reflect the scale

of the state’s ongoing fiscal and incarceration crisis.”

The Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) report highlights several critical findings that verify the urgent need for further prison closures:

CTF in Soledad as a Prime Closure Candidate: The LAO identifies the



Correctional Training Facility (CTF) in Soledad as a strong candidate for closure,

citing \$379 million in needed repairs for its kitchen and fire alarm systems alone. The report formally recommends the Legislature reject new infrastructure spending at this facility.

Verified Fiscal Savings: The LAO confirms that closing an average-sized prison would save the state approximately \$150 million annually in operational costs and avoid the need for expensive infrastructure projects at the closed site.

Sustained Population Decline: The LAO confirms the prison population is projected to continue declining through June 2030. The report notes the state could close an additional prison and still retain a 2,500-bed buffer to manage unexpected population increases.

System-Wide Maintenance Liability: The LAO reports that the California

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has identified

\$2.5 billion in deferred maintenance projects across the system over the next ten years, not including the billions potentially needed for air cooling systems.

Lack of Transparency: The LAO criticized the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for a lack of transparency regarding current yard deactivations at Solano and Avenal State Prisons, noting the administration has declined to provide information about these operational changes to the Legislature.

Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) also emphasizes the humanitarian and fiscal cost of continuing to use prisons as “high-priced nursing homes.” With over 19,000 people aged 55 and older currently behind bars, the state spends over \$237,000 per year to incarcerate elders aged 80 and older with little risk of recidivism if released.

Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) is a statewide coalition of over 100 organizations working to reduce the number of people in prisons and jails, shrink the corrections budget, and redirect public dollars toward housing, healthcare, education and community-based safety strategies. ★

# CHP Seeks Answers Following Fentanyl Findings

**California Highway Patrol News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is conducting a thorough review of the findings in the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner’s report issued Feb. 23 regarding the death of Officer Miguel Cano. The Medical Examiner ruled that the 34-year-old officer’s death was caused by fentanyl. It is unknown how the fentanyl entered his system. The death has been ruled an accident.

While the CHP was not provided with the Medical Examiner’s report prior to it being



The drugs seized during the incident were sent to a laboratory for evaluation and tested positive for illicit drugs. Photo courtesy of Freepik

made public to the media, the CHP continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding this incident. More information will be shared

as it becomes available.

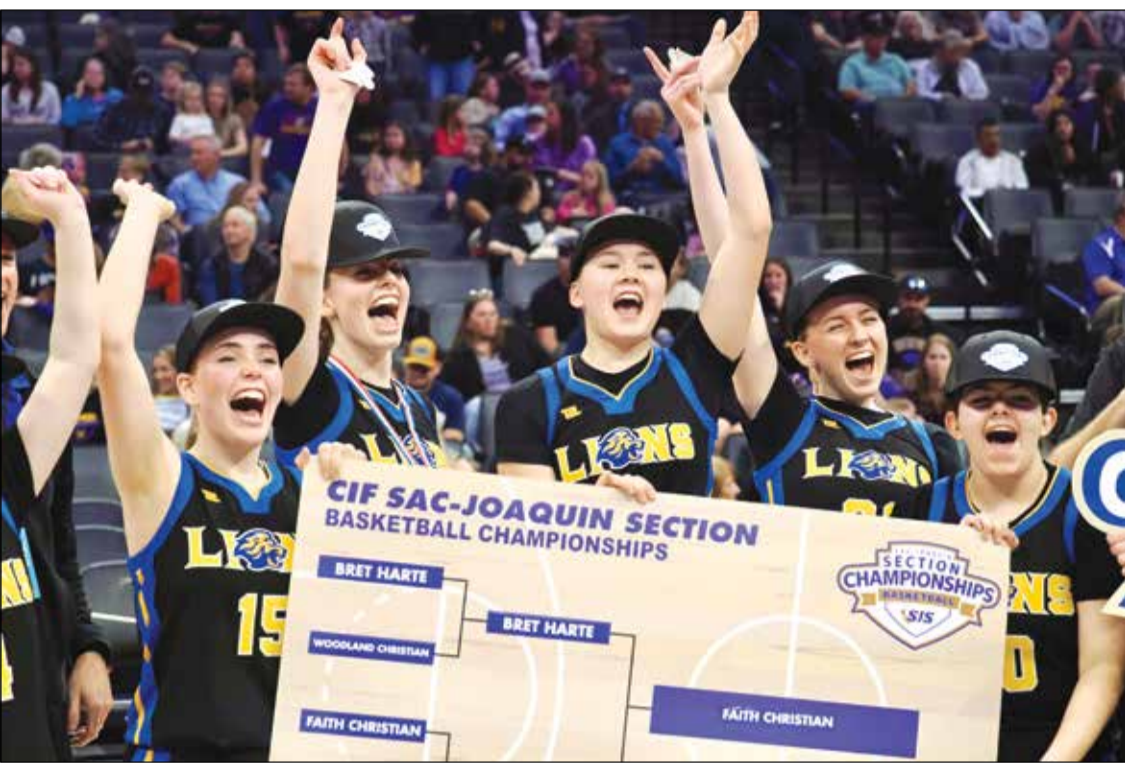
“We owe it to the family, our personnel and the public to get this right. We are

committed to a complete and objective examination of the facts. Out of respect for those most affected, we will not engage in speculation or premature conclusions,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Durycie

On July 2, 2025, Officer Cano and his partner arrested a suspect in possession of a large quantity of suspected illicit substances. The drugs seized during the incident were sent to a laboratory for evaluation and tested positive for illicit drugs. Crime analysis later confirmed the presence of fentanyl in the drugs submitted for screening.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

# Lions Tame Bullfrogs for Third Blue Banner in Four Years



The Faith Christian Lions girls basketball team celebrates their third blue banner in four years on Saturday, Feb. 28. Photo by Chris Pedigo

By YSBC Sports

**SACRAMENTO, CA (YSBC)** - The Faith Christian Lions girls basketball team stayed perfect at the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento as they defeated the Bret Harte Bullfrogs 52-38 on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division V final.

Faith Christian appeared in the last three SJS D VI finals and due to continued success, the Lions were moved up to the D-V bracket this year.

Bret Harte won the Division V bracket last season.

The Lions opened the game with an 8-0 run that lasted the first four minutes of the game as the Bullfrogs offense struggled to hit anything early on.

Faith Christian defense was gritty and caused chaos early on for Bret Harte.

Lions senior Presley Berry had a strong presence inside the paint during the first quarter as she drove to the basket and forced her way to the free-throw line.

Berry had 14 total free-throw attempts in the victory on Saturday, as she finished with 15 points and five rebounds.

Berry drew nine total fouls in the game as she nailed 11 of the charity-stripe opportunities.

Faith Christian led 15-10 at the end of the first and both teams struggled from the score in the second quarter as they combined for 14 points and shot 18% from the floor.

The Lions took a 24-15 lead at the half as Berry and fellow senior Lauren Harris had 10 points each.

Harris finished with a game-high 27 points and 17 rebounds, but she expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that it wasn't her best day, but with the trust in her teammates, Faith Christian wasn't going to be denied their third section title in three years.

Harris credited her fellow starters, which includes juniors Mandy Fitzgerald and Mia Bryan and senior Hannah Hessong.

During the postgame press conference, Lions head Geoff Harris said that he was so proud of the team and how they aren't a one-dimensional team.

Faith Christian hung onto the lead and clinched their third-blue banner in the past four years.

Bret Harte cut the Lions lead to four points with a little more than

three minutes in the third, but Faith Christian quickly got their lead back to double digits early in the fourth.

Fitzgerald and Hessong deserve a lot of the credit as everyone else on the team as they contribute heavily in their roles.

The Harris's both told YSBC that Fitzgerald and Hessong are intricate parts of the success the Lions have had throughout the years.

"They are in it for the team and will do whatever it takes," Geoff said.

He joked during the postgame press conference that it can't be a championship game without Fitzgerald having some type of injury.

Fitzgerald played the game with a dislocated thumb and endured a bloody nose during the game against the Bullfrogs.

"You can't ask for better teammates than Mandy and Hannah to support everyone, play their role," Geoff said.

Berry expressed to the media that she believes that Faith Christian has practiced like.

Championship team all season and they are going to focus



Faith Christian senior Presley Berry (21) puts up a shot on Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Lions' victory over Bret Harte. Photo by Steven Bryla



Faith Christian senior Lauren Harris (5) puts up a shot on Saturday, Feb. 28 during the Lions' win over Bret Harte. Photo by Chris Pedigo

on one win at a time. She added they're gonna give it all for one last run.

The CIF released their State Championship brackets on Sunday, and the Lions were given the No. 1 overall seed in the

Division IV bracket.

Faith Christian hosted Rancho Cotate (Rohnert Park) on Tuesday night.

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# Two Win Week for Honker Softball

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**COLUSA, CA (MPG)** - Last week was a good one for the Yuba City softball team after it posted wins in lopsided fashion over Colusa and Marysville respectively.

Starting off with a late game in Colusa on Feb. 26, the Honkers cruised to a 9-1 win over the RedHawks behind a dominate performance in the circle from sophomore pitcher Maddison Stead who tossed a one hit gem.

Colusa batters could not catch up to Stead's velocity as she fanned 16, then helped her cause by going 3 for 5 with two doubles at the plate.

Yuba City also got a strong performance from senior Chloe Gonzales who went 4 for 4 with three doubles and two RBI in addition to making a great defensive play on a ball hit in the 5-6 hole that she stabbed on the backhand and threw out the runner from her knees.

Sophomore Danika Alvarez finished 2 for 4 with a pair of RBI.

Following up the next day, the Honkers blew out Marysville 14-0.

Once again pitching was paramount as Alvarez picked up the win in the circle,



The Honker infield prepares to start an inning in its game against Colusa on Feb. 26.

surrendering just two hits, while also going 2 for 3 with a double.

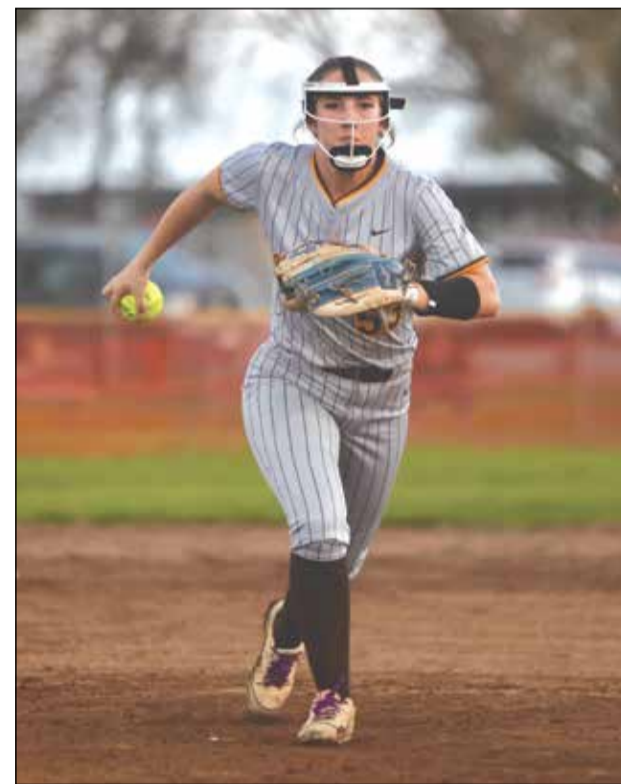
Gonzales and Stead continued to swing hot bats, ending the contest with a pair of hits and three RBI apiece.

Senior Taylorlyn Anderson was 2 for 3 with a home run.

This week was a busy one for the Honkers (2-1) who hosted Chico on Mar. 2, traveled to Antelope on Mar. 3, then returned to Chico on Mar. 6 and 7 for the Pleasant Valley Tournament. ★



Yuba City's Chloe Gonzales slides safely into home during the Honkers' Feb. 26 game in Colusa.



Yuba City's Maddison Stead was dominant in the circle in the Honkers' 9-1 victory over Colusa on Feb. 26.



Yuba City's Victoria Lopez drives in a run in the second inning of the Honkers win over Colusa on Feb. 26.