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What Brown can't do for you - ship pot

NET-5: Linda man tried to send 'medical' marijuana to Montana via UPS

By **Rob Young**
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A Linda man's attempt to ship marijuana by UPS led to the discovery of a large indoor growing operation, a drug enforcement official said Tuesday.

High-quality marijuana with an estimated street value of \$3,000 a pound was found late Monday at the home of Beau Robert Harris, 25, along with a loaded assault rifle and a loaded TEC-9 machine pistol, said Mike Hudson, commander of the Yuba-Sutter Narcotic Enforcement Team, or NET-5.

Employees noticed that a package Harris brought to a Linda UPS store smelled like marijuana. They opened it and found five baggies containing a total of 2 pounds of pot, as well as 2 ounces of concentrated marijuana, or hashish, said Hudson.

The employees notified the Yuba County Sheriff's Department, which arrested Harris when he returned to ship a second package.

Harris, who has a medical marijuana card, claimed to be shipping pot to relatives in Montana who also have cards, said Hudson.

Montana does not recognize the medical use of marijuana, Hudson said.

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Beau Harris
Alleged pot shipper

Truck rams SUV into eatery



Ana Pimsler/Appeal-Democrat

Emergency personnel transport a woman who was struck by a vehicle while eating lunch at Noble Roman's/Pizza Tuscano's Subs Tuesday. An SUV was rear-ended by a pickup, which pushed through the front window of the

Marysville restaurant around 12:30 p.m., injuring the driver of the SUV and the woman eating at the table near the window. The driver of the truck was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

Chain-reaction sends woman 'flying' off her chair at lunch

By **Rob Young**
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A lunch customer was injured Tuesday afternoon when a sport utility vehicle crashed through the windows of a Marysville restaurant, knocking her off her chair.

The victim was Janice King, a Sutter

County Department of Human Services employee.

As Marysville police interviewed witnesses, King's barely touched pizza and salad remained on her table at Noble Roman's Pizza/Tuscano's Subs, 1601 B Street.

The accident happened shortly before 12:30 p.m.

Restaurant employee Mandy Barker of

Marysville was behind the counter when she heard squealing brakes, then saw the victim "flying" off her chair.

"That poor lady. I hope she's gonna be OK, because that's gonna haunt me," said Barker.

The driver of the SUV, which witnesses said was rear-ended by an older model Ford F250 pickup on B Street, was also injured. She

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'Thrill kill' gets ban for teens

Live Oak pair who shot 13 deer fined, can't hunt until they turn 21

By **Rob Young**
Appeal-Democrat

Two Live Oak teens who illegally shot 13 deer around the Sutter Buttes were fined and banned from hunting until age 21, a state Department of Fish and Game official said Tuesday.

Game Warden Sean Pirtle called the illegal hunting a "thrill kill" and the worst example of poaching he has seen.

The older of the boys, age 17, was sentenced Tuesday in Sutter County Juvenile Court to 50 hours of community service and fined \$2,000. He is prohibited from hunting until age 21, not even with an adult, said Pirtle.

The illegal killing of the Columbian Blacktail deer took place between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The teens cut the back-strap - the prime cut of beef - from some of the animals and left the rest of the carcass to rot, he said.

Two spike buck carcasses were found Christmas night. The rest of the 13 deer were does and fawns.

Pirtle said the other teen, who turned 17 since his arrest, pleaded guilty about two weeks ago and was sentenced to 40 hours community service, fined \$2,400 and prohibited from hunting until age 21.

Both boys are prohibited from possessing guns or ammunition during their formal probation, said Pirtle.

Each pleaded guilty to a string of charges, including unlawfully taking deer out of season and during closed hunting hours, shooting female deer, trespassing, spotlighting deer and wasting game, said Pirtle.

The younger of the two boys also pleaded guilty to illegally killing a turkey vulture, he said.

All the deer were shot on private property, including land along Pass Road, West Butte Road and North Butte Road.

The boys were arrested after an extensive investigation by the Sutter County Sheriff's Department.

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State Theater owners say feds are investigating Marysville

By **Nancy Pasternack**
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The FBI is checking into wrongdoing by Marysville officials, according to owners of the State Theater.

City officials, however, said that's news to them.

George Benny, Eva Hollo, and Don Melvin, who has said he is also part owner of the property, have been

advised by federal agents not to speak to those officials, according to Melvin.

The owners appeared Tuesday night before the City Council after filing their fourth appeal to have nuisance violation fines against them dismissed. Their appeal was unanimously denied.

"My office has received nothing from the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any other investigative body,"

said City Manager Steve Casey.

"Our office has not heard anything from the FBI," said Capt. Wilson of the Marysville Police Department.

The 1920s Spanish-style theater building on E Street underwent a facade cleaning and paint job, but still fails to meet basic city standards, according to Casey and others.

The owners owe the city \$18,000 in fines, which the Bennys have said

were fraudulently imposed.

City citations issued to the Bennys were for an address which is used in tax records, but which the owners say is not the correct address.

The discrepancy amounts to mail fraud, according to claims by Benny, Hollo and Melvin.

George Benny did a 10-year stint in

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