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## Publisher or KKK chief? This Metzger sues to get it right

By Marjie Lambert  
Bee Correspondent

PLACERVILLE — Tom Metzger, local newspaper publisher, sued the El Dorado Union School District for more than \$1 million Thursday, saying a teacher led students to believe Metzger was the Ku Klux Klan leader of the same name. After the teacher's remarks, the lawsuit said, Metzger's house and car were splattered with eggs and glue, and the air was let out of the tires. Across his car were scrawled the words, "Reporter Editor is a KKK."

Thomas Floyd Metzger of Placerville is a 49-year-old businessman and the outspoken publisher of the Reporter, a weekly newspaper known for its anti-government stance.

Thomas Linton Metzger, 47, of San Diego County, is a one-time candidate for Congress, is former head of the California Ku Klux Klan.

The Placerville Metzger asked for \$1.1 million in damages, saying he was slandered by the teacher's alleged remarks that suggested he was not qualified to run a newspaper because he was a member of an organization "which has been ridiculed and prosecuted by the American public."

John Gahan, a history teacher in his second year at El Dorado High School, had been told earlier, the lawsuit claimed, that the two Metzgers were not the same person.

According to the lawsuit, Gahan told the class in November and December 1984 that the newspaper publisher and the Klan leader had the same names and were both from Southern California.

"When one of the students asked if Tom Metzger of the Reporter newspaper was the head of the Ku Klux Klan, Mr. Gahan said that he could not say for himself, but that one could draw his own conclusions," the lawsuit said.



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Gahan knew the two Metzgers were two different people, the lawsuit said, because he had made the same remarks to a class the previous semester. And when a student from the earlier class told Metzger's wife, she told the student that her husband and the Klan leader were two different people. The student

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Thomas Floyd Metzger of Placerville is publisher of the weekly Reporter.

## Sex-slave trial site moved

### Defense applauds transfer of Red Bluff case to Redwood City

By Jim Haynes  
Bee Correspondent

RED BLUFF — Cameron Hooker, a Red Bluff mill worker accused of abducting a hitchhiker and imprisoning her as a sex slave for seven years, will be tried in Redwood City.

Tehama County Superior Court Judge Noel Watkins ordered the case transferred Thursday to the San Mateo County Superior Court because of heavy pretrial publicity in the Red Bluff area. Defense attorney Roland Papendick said Modoc and Humboldt counties had also been under consideration as trial sites, but were not satisfactory to him because of their small populations.

"I wanted a large metropolitan area" with a large pool of potential jurors unfamiliar with the

case, Papendick said. "I'm satisfied with San Mateo. I think it's large enough."

Hooker, 31, was scheduled to appear in the Redwood City court April 18 for the setting of a trial date.

Prosecutor Christine McGuire said the trial was expected to start sometime in August and last from four to six weeks.

Watkins granted Hooker's request that he remain in Tehama County Jail, except for trial dates in Redwood City, rather than be transferred to San Mateo County Jail.

Hooker is being held in lieu of \$150,000 bail, reduced from \$500,000, set at the time of his arrest in November.

He made no comment during Thursday's hearing except to respond "not guilty" in a clear and

confident tone to a list of revised charges against him.

One count of false imprisonment was added to the original charges and two counts of rape and sexual penetration by force were dropped.

Hooker faces 17 counts — one count of kidnapping; seven of unlawful sexual intercourse; two of copulation; one of unlawful sexual penetration; one of sodomy; three of false imprisonment; and two counts of forcing a person to live in an illicit relationship.

Hooker is accused of abducting Colleen Stan, now 27, in 1977 and torturing and abusing her for seven years.

Stan told police that Hooker kept her captive in a Pershing Road mobile home he shared with his wife in the Red Bluff area.

## Trucker charged in slaying

### He boasted of it, ex-cellmate says

By Peter Page  
Special to The Bee

WILLITS — Humboldt County prosecutors Thursday charged truck driver Jackie Ray Hovarter with the abduction, rape and murder of Danna Walsh and said they will seek the death penalty. Walsh, 16 at the time of her death, was a Willits High School student. She was found strangled under a Humboldt County bridge Aug. 24.

Hovarter is in Mendocino County Jail awaiting trial on charges of kidnap, rape and attempted murder stemming from the December abduction of a Fortuna High School girl. He also has been charged with attempting to hire a contract killer to murder her to prevent her testimony.

During a preliminary hearing on those charges last week, Hovarter's former cellmate, Gary Marolla, testified that Hovarter told and retold a story of how he had stalked, abducted, raped and murdered a Willits girl last summer.

The criminal complaint charges that Walsh was murdered in the course of a kidnapping-rape and because she was a witness to those crimes. Those allegations constitute three special circumstances, any one of which, if proven, would justify a death sentence for Hovarter, according to Humboldt County district attorney Terry Farmer.

Marolla testified that Hovarter also claimed to have murdered two other women, one in Humboldt County and one in Contra Costa County. Those jailhouse boasts have set authorities on a grim search for bodies.

According to Marolla, Hovarter claimed that two years ago he raped and murdered a neighborhood girl — approximately 14 years old — who came to his San Pablo home while selling door to door.

"We don't know if we have a homicide," said Capt. Stanley Garvin of the Contra Costa County sheriff's office, "but we do have a missing person from that area for five years."

Contra Costa sheriff's deputies have searched Bear Canyon, the



## 'Rabbitcadabra'

Bugs may be a bit long in the tooth, but for 4-year-old Sarah Meiso, he's still some-bunny important. Bugs — alias magician Laird Rattray — paid a visit to the Mercy Hospital children's ward Thursday. Sarah was visiting her 3-day-old sister at the hospital, but it was here today, gone tomorrow for Bugs, whose permanent home is at Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia.

## Group assails STOP for 'racist vigilantism'

By Ted Bell  
Bee Staff Writer

Some members of Sick & Tired of Prostitution have used the Sacramento organization to become "racist vigilantes," a would-be bar owner and leaders of the downtown Hispanic community charged Thursday.

Standing in his new but unfurnished Ricardo's Bar and Grill at 615 18th St., Ricardo Bautista also said that one STOP member was in conflict of interest by opposing Bautista's liquor license because he had expressed a desire in opening a similar business in the same location.

Bautista produced an affidavit claiming that STOP member Kenneth Lauszkes, whose testimony that the bar would generate more prostitution weighed against the license, had talked to one of the building's owners three times about leasing Bautista's space in order to open his own bar and restaurant.

With the written backing of Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin, city

Councilmen Joe Serna and Dave Shore, Sacramento Concilio and other Hispanic organizations, Bautista said he has petitioned the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board for a rehearing on his license application.

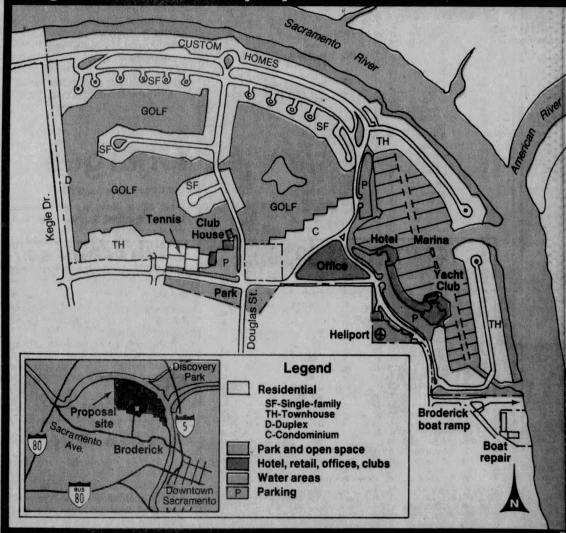
"We are requesting the rehearing on the grounds of racism and undeclared conflict of interest," said Carlos Alcalá, Bautista's lawyer. "We're asking some very serious questions of STOP; we want to know the answers."

Bautista, 33, is an accountant with Pacific Bell. He said he already has invested at least \$30,000 in the venture.

Alcalá said Bautista also has the written support of more than 100 local residents, business owners and the Latino Peace Officers Association.

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## Lighthouse Marina proposal



Bee graphic/Steve Johnson

## Big east Yolo marina project wins support of state, county officials

By Gretchen Kell  
Bee Staff Writer

An elaborate \$250 million inland marina project proposed for east Yolo County received blessings Thursday both from a state Lands Commission spokesman and from county officials.

Last August, the commission halted marina development along the Sacramento River until the environmental effects of multiple marinas on the river could be studied.

However, the new proposal is inland and is exempted, for the most part, from the blanket moratorium. "The state could stop a marina from being built in the bed of the river," said Lance Kiley, chief of land management for the commission, "but inland marinas are a different story." Most of the bay that would be dredged for the marina "is in back of the existing bank line," he said.

Helped up by funding problems, the environmental study should begin after July 1 and take up to a year to complete, said Kiley.

Executives from ABCO, a Torrance construction firm, outlined plans for the 268-acre riverfront community during an informal press conference Thursday in Sacramento.

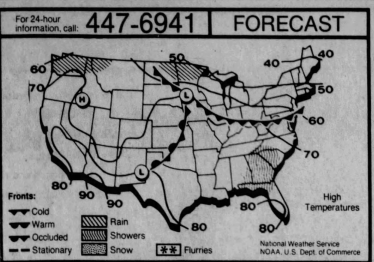
The project is planned for an uninhabited area of Broderick, an economically depressed community of 5,000 residents in east Yolo.

"It'll just give the whole area a shot," said Dick Allington, president of ABCO. "The whole area 10 years from now will have a different complexion — in fact, it will be nicer (on the east Yolo) side than on the Sacramento side."

Tentatively called Lighthouse Marina, the project

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# Weather



**Sacramento forecast**  
Sunny and warmer with a gentle north breeze. Summerlike temperatures. Sacramento high 86, low 56.

**Sacramento data**  
Thursday's high was 78; the low Thursday morning was 47.

**Relative humidity** (at Executive Airport) at 4 p.m. was 40 percent.

**Rainfall for 24 hours** ending at 4 p.m. Thursday: none. Total for this month: none. Since July 1: 14.95 inches, which is 1.64 inches below the seasonal normal.

**Extended outlook**  
For Northern California: Sunny through Tuesday. Fairly cloudy in the north; otherwise fair with coastal fog or low clouds. Light elevation high Sunday in the Los Angeles and around the area; near the coast: 70 and 80 Monday and Tuesday. Lower from the middle 40s to 50s.

**Sun and moon**  
Sunset today 8:05 a.m.; sunrise 4:40 p.m.; moonrise 2:06 a.m.; moonset 11:37 a.m.

**Other forecasts**  
**METRO AREA** - Sunny and warmer with clear nights through Saturday. Light winds in the 80s; low in the 40s to 50s.

**SEBIA NEVADA** - Sunny and warmer through Saturday. Light winds in the 80s; low in the 40s to 50s.

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY** - Fair and much warmer with northerly winds in the 70s; low in the 40s to 50s.

**BAY AREA** - Patchy morning fog or low clouds near the coast; otherwise sunny and warmer. Northwesterly coastal winds 10 to 20 mph with lighter winds inland. High in the upper 80s near the coast; low in the middle 40s to 50s.

**MOUNT SHASTA-SISKIYOU** - Mostly sunny with northerly winds 10 to 15 mph. Sunny Saturday. High in the middle 70s to 80s; low in the 30s.

**NORTHEASTERN** - Mostly sunny with northerly winds 5 to 10 mph. Sunny Saturday. High in the middle 70s to 80s; low in the 30s.

**LOS ANGELES** - Mostly clear and warmer through Saturday. High in the 70s to 80s; low in the middle 50s.

## Temperatures Elsewhere

City	High	Low
Albany	68	47
Albany	68	47
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## National

City	High	Low
Albany	68	47
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## Water storage

Dam	Capacity	Storage
Shasta	4,500,000	3,800,000
Red Bluff	1,000,000	800,000
Trinity	1,000,000	800,000
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## River reports

Station	High	Low
Bend Bridge	18.00	5.90
Yuba City	16.17	6.30
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## Rainfall

Station	Normal	Actual
Albany	1.52	0.91
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## Snow depths

Station	Depth
Albany	0
Albany	0
Albany	0
Albany	0
Albany	0
Albany	0
Albany	0
Albany	0
Albany	0
Albany	0

## Road reports

**Mountain highways** closed as of 6 p.m. Thursday. For latest reports, call Caltrans' 24-hour highway condition line, 447-3333.

**I-5 Downer Pass** - open but traffic subject to delay over the Yolo Causeway west of Sacramento due to construction. A4-700.

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## Ricardo Bautista plans to petition the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board to

### rehear his application for a liquor license for his new restaurant at 615 18th St.

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denied by an administrative law judge last October after Lauszez and Lia Langley, another member of the anti-prostitution group, officially contested the application.

Despite a positive recommendation for the application by the alcohol control board's investigator, Judge Robert Coffman upheld arguments by Lauszez and Langley that another bar in the neighborhood would lead to increases in prostitution and other crimes and would "reduce the quality of life."

Lawyer Alcala Thursday displayed an affidavit signed by Steven Williams, a member of the partnership that owns the building at 615 18th Street, Lauszez, Williams wrote, had met three times with at least one member of the partnership "to discuss the possibility of opening a bar and restaurant at the location. Discussions were dropped when he, Mr. Lauszez, realized the amount of time and money involved, as well as the hard work."

Lauszez denied Thursday there was a conflict of interest in his opposition to the Bautista bar.

## Marina

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would feature mostly residential development with price tags averaging \$200,000 to 250,000. The 1,170 dwelling units would include townhouses, duplexes, condominiums and single-family houses priced between \$125,000 and \$300,000.

Plans also include 1,000 slips for boats, a yacht club, 40 stores, restaurants, 11 tennis courts, a gasoline station and convenience store, and a sheriff's station.

"Two boat slips will be given to the sheriff... to keep their boats," said Alanjian. ABCO will build an office on the premises for deputies and charge no rent, he said.

The riverfront community also will house a large hotel of about 14 stories, said Alanjian, who wants to attract a five-star hotel.

## Charges

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area where Howarter was reported to have dumped the body, but found nothing.

Garvin said a girl aged 14 vanished from Howarter's neighborhood about five years ago. In that case, there was a child-custody fight between the child's divorced parents and reason to believe the girl was taken out of state by her father, authorities said.

"It all lessens the possibility of this being a genuine homicide," Garvin said.

## Obituaries

**Charles S. Wong**  
Services for Charles Suey Wong, 74, a retired McClellan Air Force Base electrical engineer, will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Land Park Chapel of Nauman & Son, 4041 Freeport Blvd.

Burial will be at East Lawn Sierra Hills Park. Mr. Wong died Monday at a local hospital.

He worked for McClellan for 36 years, retiring in 1979 as a supervisory. A native of Canton, China, he was a Sacramento resident for 40 years and a member of the Wong Association.

A wake will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Nauman's Chapel.

Mr. Wong is survived by his wife, Kathleen; two daughters, Patricia and Linda; and three granddaughters, Lidia Louie of Anaheim and Vida Leong of Belmont; and three grandchildren.

## Funerals

**James H. Devine**  
Memorial services for James Henry Devine, founder of the Devine & Sons Trucking Co., will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lombard & Co., 2830 Auburn Blvd.

Mr. Devine died Thursday in Sacramento at the age of 85.

A Sacramento area resident since 1922, he founded the trucking company in 1923 and retired in 1970.

He was a past commander of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Air Squadron, past worthy patron of the O.E.S. El Camino Chapter and a 32nd Degree Mason. He was a past member of the Warren G. Harding Lodge No. 579 F.&A.M., the Ben A. Shrine and the North and West Sacramento Rotary clubs.

Mr. Devine is survived by his wife, June; son, James J., of Sacramento; daughter, Dawn of Sunnyvale; sisters, Ruby Harris of Lodi and Alice

## Police chief dismissed in Dixon

### Mayor says council lacked 'confidence'

DIXON - Police Chief Roy Ennes was fired by the Dixon City Council this week after 12 years on the force.

Palmer Stinson, a consultant hired to study the Police Department, was named temporary chief until an interim chief is found.

Mayor Joe Anderson said Wednesday that Ennes' dismissal, by unanimous vote, came because the City Council had "lost confidence in the Police Department administration."

Ennes, who had been chief for two years, could not be reached for comment.

However, Sgt. Fred Dodson, a spokesman for the Dixon Police Association, said Thursday evening that his group supported the council's decision.

Stinson said he reluctantly agreed to be "caretaker" of the Police Department "because there was going to be a hiatus of anywhere from two days to a week" before the council decided on an interim chief.

Stinson served on the Oakland Police force for 25 years, including 14 years as a captain. He has been a law enforcement consultant since 1969.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the council accepted Stinson's recommendation that a lieutenant position in the department be abolished and the officer, Sid Styers, asked to take a drop in rank to sergeant and a resulting decrease in pay from \$31,000 to \$26,600.

However, Stinson's three-week management study found the lieutenant rank was "a layering that was not necessary."

City manager David Harris said Thursday he asked Stinson to study the department "in large measure as a result of high turnover."

"Historically our average (turnover) has probably been in the neighborhood of three or four (department employees) in a 24-month period," Harris said. "During the past 24 months, there have been 10 (departures)."

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then reported that conversation to Gahan.

Heached at school, Gahan said he had not been served with the lawsuit and that he couldn't "make any kind of comment on it."

The school board, which earlier denied Metzger's administrative claim for damages, also had not been served Thursday, a spokesman for the district said. No administrators were available for comment.

## Food giveaway in Carmichael

Senior Cleaners Inc. will distribute U.S. Department of Agriculture checks and other surplus food to needy families in Carmichael today.

The food will be distributed at the Community Center, 7001 Fair Oaks Blvd., beginning at 9 a.m. for residents with zip codes 95606 and 95608. Welfare or food stamp recipients and low-income residents may apply for the food.

Applicants must show identification and sign a document stating they meet the income guidelines.

## Delores A. Edwards

A service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Chapel of the Hills in Auburn for Delores Adelaide Edwards, 69, a retired filler-operator for Campbell Soup Co. in Sacramento. Burial will be private.

Mrs. Edwards died Tuesday in a local hospital.

She worked at the Campbell's plant for more than 25 years before her retirement in 1974. The Stockton native and longtime Sacramento resident lived the last nine years in Auburn. She was a member of the Filaretus Club of Campbell Soup.

Mrs. Edwards is survived by her husband, Thomas; sons, Clifford of Colfax and Lowell of Walnut Creek; daughters, Patricia Harlow and Mary Jane Peterson, both of Ukiah; brothers, George McKillop of Chico, Melvin McKillop of Santa Rosa and Clayton McKillop of Washington; sisters, Mary Hill of Cedarville, Modoc County, and Ellen Delphin of Oakland and Grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

## List of death notices

is in classified section.