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## Get Hooked on Buttons



Thousands of intriguing buttons can be admired or purchased at the Sacramento Button Club's March 4 bazaar. Club members Faye Woolfe and Susan Rhoades admire a handful (top photo). West Coast dealers will exhibit and offer rare buttons (at right).

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Button up your overcoat on March 4 and head for Carmichael's La Sierra Center. At the Sacramento Button Club's bi-annual bazaar, fasteners will be more eulogized than when Bob Hope yearned for "Buttons and Bows" in "The Paleface."

Feminine fandangles evidently stirred cowboy hearts. But buttons began as no-nonsense accessories. Cavemen contrived bone toggles to secure animal skin cloaks and buttons probably evolved quickly from that stroke of genius. Much later, kings and courtiers affected such attachments with baroque abandon. Louis XIV ensured mirrors of Versailles glittered with boutons in bulk. Many were tooled from gold, pearl, ivory and precious stones. Such antiques are now internationally traded and exhibited.

The March 4 bazaar will delight collectors and history buffs. Exhibits span the epochs from ancient China to modern years. With Gainsborough detail, Georgian "picture" buttons offer landscape or portraits -- even pet likenesses. Plucked from battlefields or rotted tunics, military buttons are much traded. Vintage plastic buttons demonstrate how mass-manufacture took over an artisan trade once protected by guilds. "We often look at old buttons and imagine the stories they could tell," says Button Club member Susan Rhoades. "You learn so much about history, art and manufacturing from these

items. Experts will be on hand to appraise whatever emerges from visitors' button boxes.

Serious collectors, crafters and dressmakers haunt button sales. Price tags range from picayune to gob-smacking and customers often rub shoulders with celebrities. Elton John and John Malkovich have fancied these mini-antiques; Ally McGraw had a collection of Scottie dog buttons. At a Los

Angeles sale, Barbra Streisand selected four vintage rose-painted pieces for \$35 each. "For years, I kept Barbra's check as a souvenir" recalls the dealer. "I cashed it in the end. After all, she had my buttons..."

The Sacramento Button Club bazaar runs from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday March 4. Admission is by \$2 donation. For more information, call (916) 489-1785. ★



## Solar Company to Bring Jobs to County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - China Sunergy Co., Ltd., a specialized solar cell and module manufacturer, announced today that Sunergy America LLC (a subsidiary of China Sunergy Co., Ltd.) entered into a lease agreement with McClellan Business Park in Sacramento County.

The new plant will be located in a 140,000 square-foot building in McClellan Park and will be the company's first U.S. facility. Expected to begin operations in May 2017, the company will create more than 200 new jobs locally.

"The arrival of CSUN Solar to McClellan Park is outstanding news for the region," said District 1 County Supervisor Phil Serna. "CSUN could have chosen any site in the United States for their manufacturing and assembly operations, and they recognized the value of doing business in Sacramento County. This signifies real progress as our business community continues to grow."

Sacramento County's Office of Economic Development partnered with other area organizations, such as the Greater Sacramento Economic Council, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) and the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to assist in completing the lease transaction.

The new plant will have fully automatic production lines and will aim to serve customers across the United States.

Source: Sacramento County Media ★



## Spirit Halloween Employees Raise Over \$40,000 to Support Shriners Hospital

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Patients arrived in the central activity area of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California dressed as princesses, storm troopers and adorable little monsters. Child life specialists dressed as superheroes guided them in a cupcake decorating activity. Even though it was the first Wednesday in February, Halloween was the inspiration.

The Therapeutic Recreation & Child Life team organized the Halloween party as a thank-you to the Spirit of Children Campaign, which raises money to support activities that allow hospitalized children to engage in play.

Representatives from the Spirit of Children Campaign arrived for the party at the Northern California Shriners Hospital with a giant check for \$42,752, representing money raised and donated to support the therapeutic recreation and child life programs. The funds were

raised by Spirit Halloween stores in the Sacramento area. In the weeks leading up to Halloween, Spirit Halloween employees organized activities ranging from bake sales to face painting to support the Spirit of Children Campaign.

"We are extremely grateful to Spirit of Children for supporting opportunities for play and self-expression so kids can be kids even when they are hospitalized," said Melissa Grialou, manager of the Therapeutic Recreation and Child Life program at the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento. "We have enjoyed working with the Spirit of Children team. Through their community service and fundraising activities they have brought a generous spirit of fun to the children here at Shriners Hospital."

Shanda Pierce, who owns and operates 21 Spirit Halloween stores in Northern California, said the goal of the Spirit of Children Campaign is to help make a child's hospital experience positive — not scary.



The Spirit of Children Campaign is devoted to helping hospitalized children.

"It is important to us that every dollar raised by local Spirit Halloween stores stays right here in our community," says Pierce. "It takes an immense amount of

heart to ask strangers to donate to a cause. I am very proud of our Spirit employees. They have amazing hearts," she adds.

Source: Shriners Media ★

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## Sutter's Fort to Present "Hands on History: By Land and By Sea"

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Continuing a series of popular, interactive and fun "Hands on History" activities offered each month, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) will present a special "Hands on History: By Land and By Sea" event on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fort visitors will be delighted to see the recently completed restoration of the historic walls, gates and blacksmith shop plus have the opportunity to step back in time to the 1840s to understand the two different ways emigrants originally came to California -- by land or by sea -- while sharing the unique challenges they faced and what daily life was like during their journeys. In fact, Sutter's Fort was once home to sailors who "jumped ship," trappers who

became overland trail guides because of the failing fur trade, wagon train parties looking for a new life, and soldiers who served in the Mexican-American War and whose services were terminated in California -- 3,000 miles from their homes in the east.

Fort guests will hear the amazing tales of adventure and survival these nomads experienced on the journeys and enjoy participating in daily activities of the different skills and trades they used in their new California home. A few of the special hands-on activities awaiting Fort visitors include helping to pack a wagon while making choices about what to bring along for their journey of a lifetime, determining latitude with a sailing sextant, hoisting a laden barrel, weaving rope, learning simple knots,

creating maps with available resources, joining the Navy and receiving pay in Stonington Bank \$2 bills, and even marching around the Fort with the NY Volunteer fife and drum corps. And, of course, popular demonstrations of black powder weaponry in action will take place including the crowd-favorite firing of Sutter's cannon.

Admission to Sutter's Fort SHP costs \$7 per adult (18 and older), \$5 per youth (ages 6 to 17) and is free for children 5 and under. For more information, call 916-445-4422 or visit [www.suttersfort.org](http://www.suttersfort.org)

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## River Cats Unveil Promotion Schedule for 2017 Season

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento River Cats are thrilled to announce the promotions schedule for the 2017 season, with the team's home opener Thursday, April 6. The 2017 promotions schedule is loaded with premium giveaways, new theme nights, five specialty jerseys, and much more.

Over the course of the team's 71 game home schedule, the River Cats will host 23 fireworks shows -- one on every Orange Friday and Sutter Health Saturday plus another for our Independence Eve celebration. In addition, fans can look forward to five exciting giveaways, including a Johnny Cueto Giants shimmy bobblehead (April 21), a River Cats superhero jersey-cape (May 19), a River Cats reusable tote bag (June 9), a Buster Posey "Buster Hugs" blanket (July 28), and a "Moods of Madison Bumgarner" t-shirt (August 11).

Brand new for 2017 are four unique heritage nights, including Hispanic Heritage Night (April 21), Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Night (May 20), Irish/Scottish Heritage Night (May 26), and Italian Heritage Night (August 31). The River Cats will also host an Easter Brunch event (April 9), a Sactown-celebration with 916 Night (June 30), Equality Night presented by Lasher's Elk Grove Subaru (July 7), and for the first time ever, make merry with Christmas in July on July 27. Also new for the 2017 season is Sactown Grown Night, a farm-to-fork-themed night to celebrate the region's leading efforts in agricultural sustainability and healthy living (July 29).

Sactown Grown Night also features one of the season's five specialty jerseys: a nod to the area's agricultural prominence. The team's other specialty jerseys include a moving, fan-inspired jersey celebrating our local military members for Salute to Armed Forces (May 6), a vintage comic-themed jersey for Comic Cat night (June 17), a patriotic jersey for Independence Eve (July



3), and a peach jersey in the style of the Rockford Peaches of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (September 2).

Returning for 2017 are Orange Fridays. Fans are encouraged to break out their River Cats -- or San Francisco Giants -- orange and attend a pregame party featuring live music and drink specials before the team takes the field in orange Sactown jerseys. This year, Orange Fridays will also feature postgame fireworks shows, a new addition for the 2017 season.

Also returning are Raley's Wellness Wednesdays (featuring activities such as yoga or cross training on the field, a riverfront bike ride, and more) and Thirsty Thursdays featuring the Tito's Trolley.

Additional highlights include Bark in the Ballpark (April 23), Fin Fest (June 9), STAR WARS@ Night (July 8), Princess & Pirate Night (August 19), Frank 'N Stein Oktoberfest (September 1), and Fan Appreciation Night (September 3) among many others.

Single-game tickets go on sale at noon on Sunday, March 5 at the Round Table Pizza Ticket Office at Raley Field with an 11 a.m. advance opening for River Cats Season Ticket Members. An online presale will be available on Wednesday, March 1.

More details on all of the upcoming season's promotions can be found online at [rivercats.com/promotions](http://rivercats.com/promotions). Promotions and dates are always subject to change.

The Sacramento River Cats are the Triple-A affiliate of the three-time World Champion San Francisco Giants. For more information about the River Cats, visit [www.rivercats.com](http://www.rivercats.com). ★

## Auto Museum Gears Up for Beer Week Early with "Zero to 60s: A Mad Men Office Party"

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Thirsty for some fun? Spirits and brew enthusiasts are invited to attend a very special cocktail party presented by the California Automobile Museum titled "Zero to 60s: A Mad Men Office Party" on Friday evening, February 24, 2017 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Swinging 60s is the theme for the Museum's annual fundraising event. Adult guests are encouraged to dress the part in sharp suits with skinny ties, or a chic cocktail dress and bouffant hairdo! The Museum will provide party games and the conga line.

Approximately 25 of today's popular microbreweries -- such as Alaskan Brewing, Dry Diggings Distillery, New

Helvetia and Wildcide Cider -- will be on-site for sampling along with a variety of locally produced wines, cocktails and alcohol-free "mocktails." Guests will also be treated to music and dancing, photo ops with classic cars from the Museum's impressive collection, and tasty food (for purchase) available from popular food trucks set-up on-site including Chando's Tacos, Culinerdy Cruzer and Sweet Spot, to name a few. In addition, a relaxing VIP lounge will be set-up with exclusive drinks and cocktail demonstrations for those who desire an extra special sampling experience.

Guests must be 21 years or older. Tickets cost \$45 (general admission) or

\$65 (VIP) per adult through February 19 or \$55 (general admission) or \$75 (VIP) per adult beginning February 20 and at the door. For more information about the "Zero to 60s: A Mad Men Office Party" or the California Automobile Museum in general, please call 916-442-6802 or visit [www.calautomuseum.org](http://www.calautomuseum.org)

Since opening in 1987, the California Automobile Museum tells the story of over 130 years of automotive culture and history. Exhibiting makes and models of all kinds, the Museum strives to preserve, exhibit, teach and tell the stories of the automobile and its influence on our lives. For more, visit [www.calautomuseum.org](http://www.calautomuseum.org) or call 916-442-6802. ★

## Governor Brown Announces Recent Appointments

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. recently announced the following appointments:

Cindy Messer, 48, of Sacramento, has been appointed chief deputy director at the California Department of Water Resources, where she has served as assistant chief deputy director since 2016. She was deputy director of the Planning, Performance and Technology Division at the Delta Stewardship Council from 2012 to 2016 and assistant executive officer at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy from 2010 to 2012. Messer served in several positions in the Division of Environmental Services at the California Department of Water

Resources from 1999 to 2010 including senior environmental scientist, environmental program manager, section chief and environmental scientist. She earned a Master of Science degree in conservation biology from California State University, Sacramento. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$162,948. Messer is a Democrat.

John Mann, 50, of Sacramento, has been appointed deputy director of legislation at the California Department of Technology. Mann has served as communications director in the Office of California State Senator Tony Mendoza since 2014. He was communications director at the Alex Padilla for Secretary of State campaign from 2013 to

2014 and in the Office of California State Senator Alex Padilla from 2011 to 2014, at the Pedro Nava for Attorney General campaign from 2009 to 2010 and in the Office of California State Assemblymember Pedro Nava from 2006 to 2010. Mann was a consultant for the California State Senate Democratic Caucus from 1999 to 2005 and in the Office of California State Senator Jack O'Connell from 1995 to 1998. He served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Niger from 1988 to 1991. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$102,000. Mann is a Democrat.

Source: The Office of Governor Brown ★

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# Are We There Yet?

By Paul V. Scholl

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - With the many recent storms and an above average rainfall saturating the state, lawmakers are calling for an end to Governor Brown's drought restrictions on Californians.

We now see that with more rain and snow in the forecast that there are trillions of gallons of water rapidly flushing on to the ocean never to be harnessed again.

Senator Jim Nielsen recently stated in a release, "Californians dutifully conserved water during the drought. We took out our lawns and substituted drought tolerant plants. We took shorter showers. We used more efficient watering systems on our gardens and farms. Perhaps most painfully, we fallowed our land and sold off our livestock out-of-state."

In a special report dated November 30th, 2016 from the Department of Water Resources titled "State Plan Seeks To Make Water Conservation A Way of Life" California Department of Water Resources Director Mark W. Cowin, said "Californians rose to the challenge during this historic drought and recognized that conservation is critical in the face of an uncertain future. This plan (The Governor's Water Action Plan) is about harnessing the creativity and innovation that Californians have shown during the driest years in state history and making water conservation a way of life in the years ahead. This plan will help make permanent changes to water use so California is better prepared for whatever the future brings."

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) manual snow survey recently reported "a snow water equivalence of 28.1 inches, a significant increase since the January 3 survey, when just 6 inches was found there. On average, the snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water needs as it melts in the spring



Measurements indicate the water content of the northern Sierra snowpack is 26 inches, 144 percent of the multi-decade average for the date. Stock photo

and early summer.

More telling than a survey at a single location, however, are DWR's electronic readings from 101 stations scattered throughout the Sierra Nevada. Statewide, the snowpack holds 31 inches of water equivalent, or 173 percent of the February 2 average (18.1 inches). On January 1 before a series of January storms, the snow water equivalent (SWE) of the statewide snowpack was 6.5 inches, just 64 percent of the New Year's Day average."

The report concluded, "Measurements indicate the water content of the northern Sierra snowpack is 26 inches, 144 percent of the multi-decade average for the date. The central and southern Sierra readings are 32 inches (173 percent of average) and

32 inches (200 percent of average) respectively."

In his published statement to Governor Brown, Senator Nielsen commented, "Californians are now more mindful and aware of the scarcity of our water. You asked us to do our part to save. We dutifully complied. In fact, conservation had become widely practiced, particularly in agriculture, even before this most recent devastating and prolonged drought. Californians have done their part. Let's do our part and end the drought."

"Perhaps we could use all that cement planned for a Bullet Train to Nowhere on new innovation and creating a few more storage facilities for the rainfall when we actually get it?" said no one. ★

## Open Letter to Northern Californians From Senator Jim Nielsen

On Sunday, North State residents were alarmed by the alert from the Department of Water Resources about the potential failure of the auxiliary spillway at Lake Oroville.

Within hours, the great people of the North State, from Plumas Lake to Oroville, peacefully evacuated their homes due to the damaged spillways at Lake Oroville. Nearly 200,000 people loaded their most valuable possessions, pets and essential needs into vehicles and headed on to crammed highways.

In heavy traffic, North State residents - fearing the unknown and dealing with anxiety, no doubt - evacuated without incident.

Law enforcement officials and social workers helped steer citizens to where they needed to go. Hundreds of first responders assisted and transported those who were most vulnerable. Residents of neighboring regions opened their homes to strangers.

Construction crews filled bags of rocks overnight so helicopters could drop them into

the spillway at first sunlight. Workers continue to watch water levels around the clock.

In this time of high stress and unease, the citizens of our region held their heads up high and behaved admirably.

These are amazing actions of kindness, cooperation and patience.

The world's eyes are upon us. Thank you for showing the world how great Americans are.

Sincerely,  
Jim Nielsen  
Senator, Fourth District ★

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business is equally significant, especially in today's employment climate where some corporations are downsizing and cutbacks are often the way to stay relevant.

Lou suggests that if you have been successful at your job, why wouldn't you also be successful at owning your own business.

"Most of my clients want something different, and I help them understand how the skills they have developed in their career, are transferrable to business ownership". I show them how these skills apply to many business models being offered in the self-employment arena.

What does it take to become a successful business owner? You need a support team consisting of an accountant, an attorney, and a technical person. You may also need a mentor, plus the support of any partners (wife, significant other or any other close family members) or you will not succeed. Your business model must have little or no competition, a service that will be recession proof and you must be able to provide consistency in your product.

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Many franchise offerings today have back office support, training, financing options and technical support. Statistically 90% of all franchises remain in operation after the first 10 years compared to 10% of new individual business startups. Franchising has been among the top job creators in the economy for both 2015 and 2016.

Louis McNerney is a Franchise Coach/Alternative Career Coach with The Entrepreneur's Source. As a leader in the corporate environment, Lou aligned resources on the Corporate Program teams he lead, helping them achieve maximum results. Lou will listen and work with you to help you identify an opportunity most suited to meet your Income, Lifestyle, Wealth, and Equity goals. For more than 32 years TES has been helping folks become self-employed through franchise opportunities. Call Lou today for a complimentary consultation and start your journey of discovery and see what possibilities lie ahead for you.

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# Aerospace Can Make America Great Again

**Commentary**  
by *Rebecca Grant*

SpaceX just launched ten Iridium Communications satellites into low-Earth orbit. These satellites will beam phone and data service to tens of thousands of Americans who live or work in areas too remote for regular coverage.

Until recently, blasting bus-sized satellites into space using rockets that can be reused belonged in the realm of science fiction. Now, such activities seem routine.

Policymakers should take note. Americans are set to reap the benefits of aerospace firms' race to tame the Final Frontier -- and the industry's investments in manufacturing will create new jobs and wealth in the United States, not just

shuffle around current jobs by moving around government dollars.

Since its inception, the aerospace industry has produced technologies that improve Americans' quality of life. NASA helped invent memory foam, scratch-resistant glasses, insulin pumps and hundreds of other products we use every day.

Now, private companies are driving aerospace innovation. Thanks to satellite Internet firms, airplane passengers can enjoy Wi-Fi while cruising at 30,000 feet. That has made flying more enjoyable -- and far more productive. The technology also makes it possible for Americans in remote areas to access high-speed Internet.

Satellite internet has yet to reach its full potential. The

satellite "internet of things" market is expected to grow nearly 20 percent each year through 2022. Improved connectivity -- made possible by new satellites -- will improve the efficiency of a wide range of appliances, not just computers and smartphones.

Launching new satellites to support this increased connectivity would have been far too expensive a few years ago. But today, thanks to California-based SpaceX and Washington-based Blue Origin's advances in rocket manufacturing, the cost of launches has plummeted. The Air Force is showing interest in ultra-low cost access to space, where reusable launch technologies stimulate tactical innovation in space operations.

Next-generation rockets

have even made space-based businesses look viable.

Made in Space, a California startup, recently sent a 3D printer to the International Space Station, laying the groundwork for manufacturing in zero gravity. The firm plans to produce optical fiber in space, which would eliminate the microscopic imperfections caused by gravity. This high quality fiber could revolutionize everything from medical devices to telecommunications.

Aerospace firms aren't just spurring technological progress; they're supporting millions of jobs. America's aerospace sector employs over 1.2 million people and indirectly supports an additional 3.2 million jobs.

These jobs are helping to

replace losses we've seen in the broader manufacturing sector. While the number of overall American manufacturing jobs dropped 22 percent from 2002 to 2012, jobs in the aerospace industry grew 7 percent. Aerospace exports also generated a trade surplus of over \$80 billion in 2015 -- the highest in the manufacturing sector.

Aerospace companies are even leading the charge to revitalize the manufacturing workforce.

Firms are designing their own educational programs, often at community colleges, to train workers. Northrop Grumman, for instance, has partnered with Antelope Valley College in Lancaster, California to create a sixteen-week vocational program in

aircraft manufacturing. The firm recruits many of the students upon graduation. Such public-private partnerships could serve as a model for manufacturers in other sectors.

Private aerospace companies are strengthening the labor force and pouring billions of dollars into new technologies that will improve Americans lives. That's a reason to cheer every liftoff.

*Rebecca Grant, Ph.D., is president of IRIS Independent Research, a public-policy research organization, and director of the Washington Security Forum. She is the former director of the General Billy Mitchell Institute for Airpower Studies at the Air Force Association.* ★

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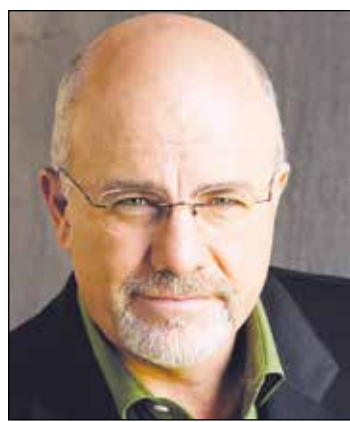
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 - Paige

Dear Paige,  
 First of all, you and your husband have to get on the same page financially. Sit down together, and do a household budget and a profit and loss statement on the business. A profit and loss statement will tell you the money that comes in minus the money that goes out.

Here's the thing. If you're putting other money into a business

account, that's a clue that you're not making money on the business. Put his rent, supplies and any other business expenses on the profit and loss list, and write out — step by step — what it will take for you to break even in the business each month. If you don't at least break even, then it's time for him to do something else for a living.

I'm an entrepreneur and a business owner. I get the allure and excitement that goes along with running your own business. But family and your financial responsibilities come first. You don't need to put any money into the business account, except for the income he creates. And while you two are sorting this out, use *your* income to get current on your house payments and attack any other debt!  
 —Dave

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 —Dave

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Cut the Strings

by Bryan Golden

It's challenging enough being in charge of your own life, but it is impossible to be responsible for someone else's. Although every person is accountable for their own happiness, there are those who feel other people are responsible. This is known as a victim mentality.

A common strategy used to control you is attempting to make you feel culpable for another's unhappiness. Your actions or attitude may be blamed. You open yourself up to constant frustration when taking this emotional bait by thinking it's your fault. However, you are not responsible and don't have to feel guilty.

People with a victim mentality influence you through emotional manipulation. In their view, regardless of how had you are trying, you are always failing them in some area. In spite of all you do, they are never happy or satisfied. Keep in mind that you not are in charge of others emotions. Each of us decides how we feel.

When seeking approval from others for the way you live, you are open to having your strings pulled. Every individual has unique goals, desires, and values. By looking for approval, you empower someone to evaluate you through their lens. You don't need approval to follow your own path.

Being liked and accepted is connected to striving for

approval. Regardless of your positive character traits, there will be those who don't like you. The adage that you can't please everybody is based on reality. Compromising yourself to please others never works.

Conforming who you are on what you think others expect leads to constant unhappiness. You become a chameleon rather than an individual. Your personality is constantly changing based on who you are attempting to please. Know who you are. Understand your strengths and weaknesses, likes and dislikes.

Just as you are not responsible for causing someone else's problems, you are not responsible for solving them. It can be agonizing to watch as a person close to you struggles with adversity. It's tempting to step in to fix their problems.

If you fail in this altruistic endeavor, their focus turns to blaming you for exacerbating their situation. Should you succeed, they become dependent rather than self-sufficient. As a result, their coping skills are never fully developed.

Furthermore, their constant dependence on you is very draining. Should you not be able to help them out of their next predicament, you will be blamed. Furthermore, there is the risk of

also being resented for turning your back on them.

When you possess the appropriate expertise and experience, a preferable strategy is teaching how a problem can be solved while allowing someone to apply the resolution themselves. You then provide a valuable service by guiding them to become self-reliant.

Worrying about criticism provides people with strings to manipulate you. Any adverse feedback from causes you to alter your views or behavior. You sacrifice your individuality by planning your life to avoid criticism. It's actually OK to be criticized. When you are, you're in the company of some of the greatest people in history who were routinely ridiculed.

Simply ignore attempts to pull your strings. There's no need to get defensive. Arguing about it won't convince the other person to stop or change their mindset. All it does is tighten their hold on you.

Cutting the strings that enable others to manipulate you is liberating. It's OK to live your life your way, on your terms. As long as you act ethically and morally and don't take advantage of others, you have nothing to answer for.

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# Sacramento County DA Reports



## Defendant Convicted of Communicating with a Minor to Commit a Lewd Act Defendant Convicted of Attempted Murder, Domestic Violence Assaults Defendant Convicted of Charges, Stemming from Domestic Violence Assault

**DATE:** January 27, 2017  
**CASE:** Carl Simmermacher (Case #15F07372)  
**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney James Wax, Cyber Crimes Unit

Carl Simmermacher was convicted by a jury of felony communicating with a minor to commit oral copulation or sodomy, and misdemeanor annoying or molesting a child under 18.

In November of 2012, Simmermacher commented on a photo that the female victim had posted on her Facebook page. The two began direct messaging and she told him that she was 15 years old (she was in fact 13 years old). Over the next five days, Simmermacher sent her numerous sexual messages, stating he could pick her up in his car, bring her to his apartment, and teach her about sex. Simmermacher described the various sex acts he wanted to perform on her. The chat was interrupted after the victim's mother messaged him directly, telling him to stop communicating with her daughter.

Simmermacher faces a maximum sentence of 1 year, 6 months in prison. He will also be required to register as a sex offender for life. Sentencing is set for February 27, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 61 before the Honorable Michael Sweet.

**DATE:** February 2, 2017  
**CASE:** Arthur Taylor (Case #14F07333)  
**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Allison Dunham, Domestic Violence Unit

Arthur Taylor was convicted by a jury of attempted murder with use of a knife causing great bodily injury, assault with a deadly weapon, assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily injury, domestic violence with personal use of a deadly weapon, and domestic violence with use of a knife causing great bodily injury.

On June 22, 2014, Taylor became angry when the victim told him she wanted to end their relationship. When Taylor took the victim's wallet, the victim struggled to get it back. Taylor then grabbed a crowbar from his car and hit the victim over her head, causing a laceration to the back of her head. While two warrants were issued by the District Attorney's Office for Taylor's arrest another incident occurred. On October 11, 2014, Taylor accused the victim of cheating on him. The victim again told Taylor she wanted to end the relationship. This time, Taylor grabbed a knife and stabbed the victim more than 20 times all over her body. The victim begged for her

life and eventually played dead. A neighbor heard the victim's screams and called 911. Taylor fled the scene before officers arrived. Family members reported Taylor was staying in Riverside County. Taylor eventually came out of the house after tear gas was deployed by Riverside S.W.A.T.

Taylor has three prior strike convictions. In 1981, he was convicted of voluntary manslaughter for stabbing his brother to death. In 1989, he was convicted of battery with serious bodily injury. In 1992, he was convicted of domestic violence with great bodily injury for stabbing his ex-wife.

Taylor faces a maximum sentence of 52 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for March 2, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 29 before the Honorable Timothy Frawley.

**DATE:** February 3, 2017  
**CASE:** Keenan Scott Williams (Case #16FE018556)  
**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Erin Blake, Domestic Violence Unit

Keenan Scott Williams was convicted by a jury of domestic violence with great bodily injury, battery causing serious bodily injury, false imprisonment, criminal threats, and unlawful possession of a firearm. The jury also found true that Williams had prior convictions for first-degree burglary and assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury.

On September 23, 2016, Keenan Williams was with the victim at her apartment when he started accusing her of cheating on him. When the victim denied the allegations, Williams repeatedly struck her on her face, chest, legs, and back. Williams threw the victim into the shower, and ripped off her clothes. When the victim tried to escape, Williams grabbed her and choked her until she lost consciousness. The following morning, Williams dragged the victim into the bedroom where the victim's gun was located, and told her he was going to shoot her. Williams repeatedly struck the victim in her face and shoved the gun against her lips, breaking her front tooth. Williams then took the victim's wallet, iPad, cell phone, and gun before leaving the apartment in the victim's car. As a result of the attack, the victim suffered a head injury, a laceration over her eye, and bruises all over her body.

Williams faces a maximum sentence of 41 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for March 24, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 17 before the Honorable Delbert Oros. ★



A Film & TV Review by Tim Riley

### JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 2 (Rated R)

The unexpected success of Keanu Reeves as a legendary hit man in the titular role of "John Wick" in 2014, a demanding task of full-blown action requiring a blend of martial arts and gunplay, screamed for a sequel.

With an even higher body count when Reeves' John Wick takes on various henchmen of criminal enterprises, "John Wick: Chapter 2" delivers the high-octane action thrills on a much grander scale of mayhem than the original.

Remember that in the first film it was the senseless killing of his dog that threw John Wick into a fury of brutal vengeance. It all kicks off this time when he retrieves his beloved 1969 Mustang from a treacherous Russian gang.

Having attempted to retire from the underworld when he got married, the now widowed Wick has been trying to put his criminal life behind him, but to no avail when the bad guys are restless and unforgiving.

After a high-speed chase on New York City streets, John's plans to have a quiet civilian life are cut short when Italian gangster Santino D'Antonio (Riccardo Scamarcio) shows up on his doorstep with a marker compelling the repayment of past favors.

Taking refuge at the Continental, neutral ground for killers in a hotel run by

# Riley Reviews

## BRUTAL "JOHN WICK 2" PACKS A WALLOP; "POWERLESS" ON TV

the imperious Winston (Ian McShane), Wick realizes he has no choice but to respect the ancient code of fulfilling a marker, no matter how odious the assignment.

As a result, Wick is off to Rome to do Santino's dirty work and soon comes to know that the contract killing would have the very unfortunate consequence of granting Santino a seat at the "High Table," an international criminal cartel.

Penetrating an ornate villa during a gala event to fulfill the hit, Wick is soon chased through the ruins of a Roman bathroom by an endless stream of heavily-armed thugs.

But the best confrontation is with his target's devoted bodyguard Cassian (Common) as well as with Santino's lethal colleague, the mute but dexterous androgynous fighter Ares (Ruby Rose).

The second chapter of "John Wick" ends with the seemingly obvious allusion to another installment, where it appears without any doubt that the body count will mount even higher as the titular character will face off with an ostensibly endless throng of assassins.

### TV CORNER - "POWERLESS" ON NBC NETWORK

In the DC Universe of comic book heroes, comedy is rare when it involves the apocalyptic battles between villains and superheroes. The NBC network aims to change that with its new series "Powerless."

Young actress Vanessa Hudgens, best known for the "High School Musical" TV shows, takes the lead role of Emily Locke, who has been recruited to take a job at Wayne

Security in Charm City. The joke is that Wayne Security is a failing subsidiary of Wayne Enterprises in Gotham City, where the unseen Bruce Wayne apparently has become impatient with the leadership of his incompetent cousin Van Wayne (Alan Tudyk).

Actually, Van does have ambition to get out of Charm City, if for no other reason than the daily grind of life in this boring metropolis results in the constant need for its citizens not to become collateral damage in the epic superhero vs. villain battles.

In her new position of the head of research and development, Emily is tasked with the improbable duty of motivating the apathetic employees of her division, and that would especially include engineers Teddy (Danny Pudi) and Ron (Ron Funches).

The problem for Emily is that she's not experienced enough to be an authority figure, and she unwisely struggles to become friends with her employees who take pains not to let her in on their superhero online fantasy league.

Both Danny Pudi and Ron Funches have made their marks in other network comedies, which would be "Community" and "Undateable" respectively. As such, they are well-equipped with comedic chops to push back with nice quips.

While the best lines belong to Tudyk's Van Wayne, his secretary Jackie (Christina Kirk) has funny counter-punches in her effortless mocking of her boss' noticeable insecurities, including the fact that he's omitted from the photo of the Wayne Dream Team on prominent display.

The good news for "Powerless" is its half-hour running time, which affords even the most casual viewer time to catch up on the first few episodes and gives this character-driven comedy a chance to make an impression, whether good, bad or indifferent. ★

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20. MCAT and LSAT  
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26. Perpendicular to the keel  
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32. Flower part  
33. Candidate's concern?  
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# NASA Report: San Joaquin Valley Land Continues to Sink

## DWR: Groundwater Pumping Causes Subsidence, Damages Water Infrastructure

**CALIFORNIA REGION, CA (MPG)** - New NASA radar satellite maps prepared for the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) show that land continues to sink rapidly in certain areas of the San Joaquin Valley, putting state and federal aqueducts and flood control structures at risk of damage.

"The rates of San Joaquin Valley subsidence documented since 2014 by NASA are troubling and unsustainable," said DWR Director William Croyle. "Subsidence has long plagued certain regions of California. But the current rates jeopardize infrastructure serving millions of people. Groundwater pumping now puts at risk the very system that brings water to the San Joaquin Valley. The situation is untenable."

A prior August 2015 NASA report prepared for DWR documented record rates of subsidence in the San Joaquin Valley, particularly near Chowchilla and Corcoran, as farmers pumped groundwater in the midst of historic drought. The

mapping was focused on the California Aqueduct, the main artery of the State Water Project, which supplies 25 million Californians and nearly 1 million acres of farmland. The report shows that subsidence caused by groundwater pumping near Avenal in Kings County has caused the Aqueduct to drop more than two feet. As a result of the sinking, the Aqueduct at this stretch can carry a flow of only 6,650 cubic feet per second (cfs) – 20 percent less than its design capacity of 8,350 cfs. To avoid overtopping the concrete banks of the Aqueduct in those sections that have sunk due to subsidence, water project operators must reduce flows.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR), which operates the State Water Project, is analyzing whether the subsidence-created dip in the Aqueduct will affect deliveries to Kern County and Southern California water districts. If the State Water Project allocation is 85 percent or greater, delivery may be impaired this year due to the cumulative impacts of subsidence in the Avenal-Kettleman City area.

The NASA analysis also found subsidence of up to 22 inches along the Delta-Mendota Canal, a major artery of the Central Valley Project (CVP), operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The CVP supplies water to approximately three million acres of farmland and more than two million Californians.

Also of concern is the Eastside Bypass, a system designed to carry flood flow off the San Joaquin River in Fresno County. The Bypass runs through an area of subsidence where the land surface has fallen between 16 inches and 20 inches since May 2015 – on top of several feet of subsidence measured between 2008 and 2012. DWR is working with local water districts to analyze whether surface deformation may interfere with flood-fighting efforts, particularly as a heavy Sierra snowpack melts this spring. A five-mile reach of the Eastside Bypass was raised in 2000 because of subsidence, and DWR estimates that it may cost in the range of \$250 million to acquire flowage easements and levee improvements to restore the design capacity of the subsided area.

There are thousands of groundwater wells near state infrastructure that could be contributing to the subsidence recorded by NASA.

In response to the new findings, and as part of an ongoing effort to respond to the effects of California's historic drought, state officials said they will investigate any legal options available to protect state infrastructure. DWR also will investigate measures for reducing subsidence risk to infrastructure, including groundwater pumping curtailment, creation of groundwater management zones near critical infrastructure, and county ordinance requirements.

DWR is conducting its own study of the effects of subsidence along the 444-mile-long California Aqueduct and other State Water Project features and in coming months will identify potential actions to remediate damage. A comprehensive rehabilitation to restore the full California Aqueduct to its original design capacity would likely cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars. A focused triage to address conveyance losses in the most affected portions of the canal may cost tens of millions of dollars per location.

In addition, DWR will work with local water managers to identify specific actions to reduce long-term subsidence risk and consider whether to incorporate further emphasis on reduction of subsidence risk

into the ongoing implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

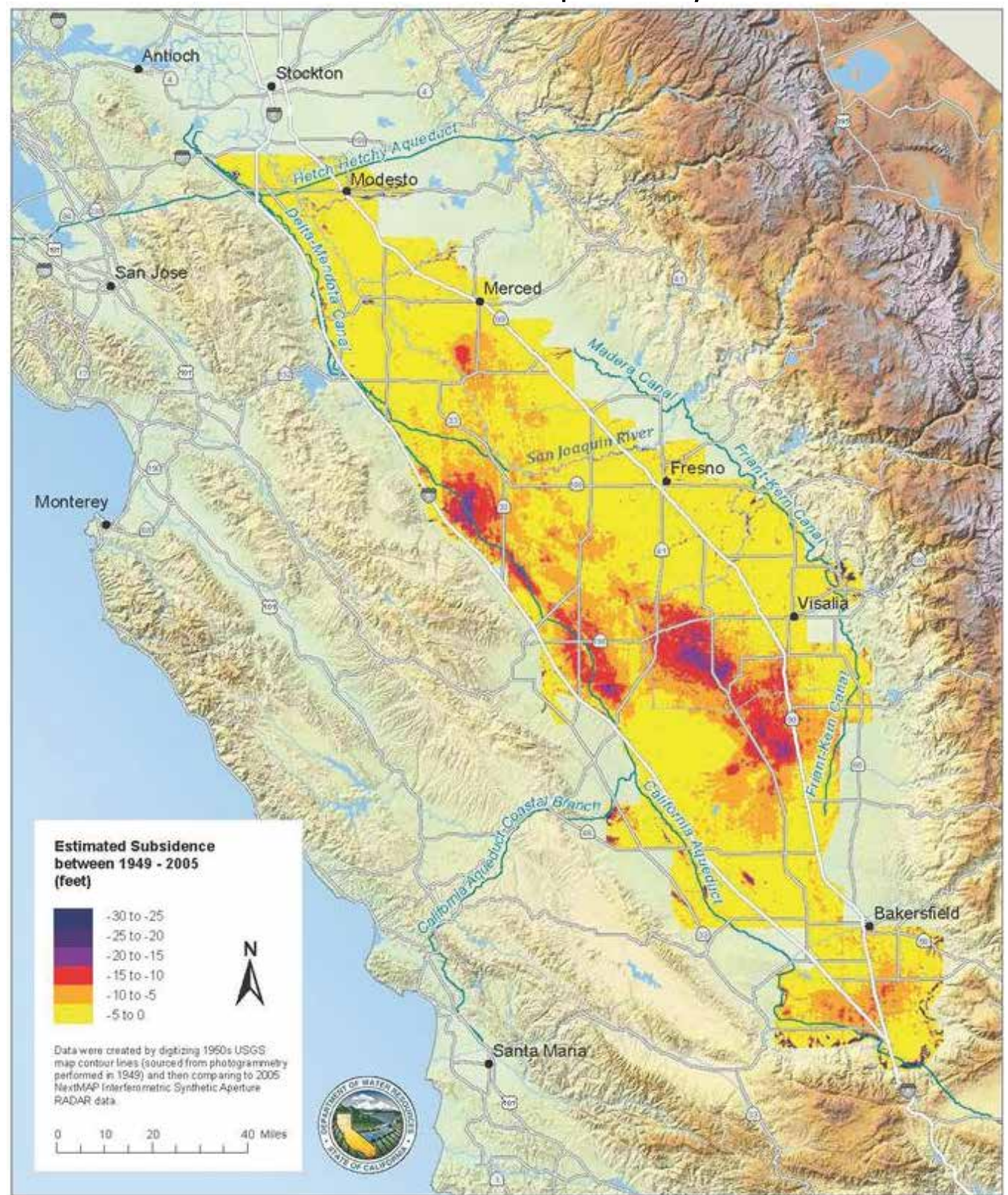
An historic package of laws enacted by the Governor in September 2014, SGMA requires local governments to form sus-

tainable groundwater agencies that will regulate pumping and recharge to better manage groundwater supplies. The Act requires groundwater-dependent regions to halt overdraft and bring basins into sustainable levels of pumping and recharge by the early 2040s. Groundwater supplies between 30 percent and 60 percent of the water Californians use in any year. Bringing basins into balance will eliminate the worst effects of overpumping, including subsidence and the dewatering of streams.

Besides aqueducts, the increased subsidence rates have the potential to damage levees, bridges, and roads.

There has been no comprehensive estimation of damage costs associated with subsidence. Due to the gradual nature of the impacts, costs will often be covered as part of normal operations and maintenance. Subsidence-related repairs have

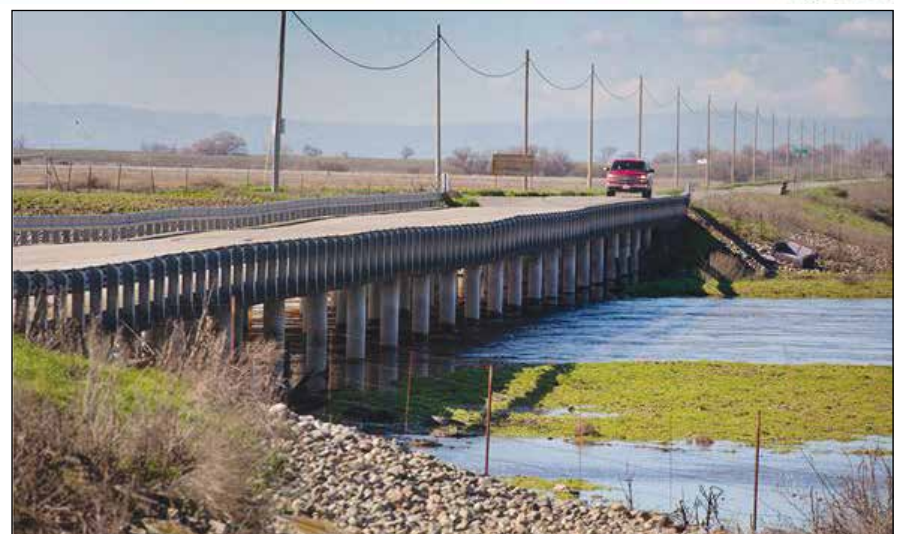
### Estimated Subsidence in the San Joaquin Valley between 1949-2005



Approximate location of maximum measured subsidence (9m) in the San Joaquin Valley, Ca. (1925-1977) attributed to aquifer-system compaction caused by groundwater abstraction. Signs on pole are positioned at approximate former elevations of land surface. Pictured is Dr. J.F. Poland; photo by R.L. Ireland, USGS, ca. 1977

report released recently shows that two main subsidence bowls covering hundreds of square miles grew wider and deeper between spring 2015 and fall 2016. Subsidence also intensified at a third area, near Tranquillity in Fresno County, where the land surface has settled up to 20 inches in an area that extends seven miles.

Additional aircraft-based NASA radar



West Washington Road where it crosses the Eastside Bypass, a constructed floodway for the San Joaquin River.

Long-term subsidence already has destroyed thousands of public and private groundwater well casings in the San Joaquin Valley. Over time, subsidence can permanently reduce the underground aquifer's water storage capacity.

cost the SWP and CVP an estimated \$100 million since the 1960s.

Read NASA's latest report, "Subsidence in California, March 2015-September 2016." Sources: NASA and DWR ★

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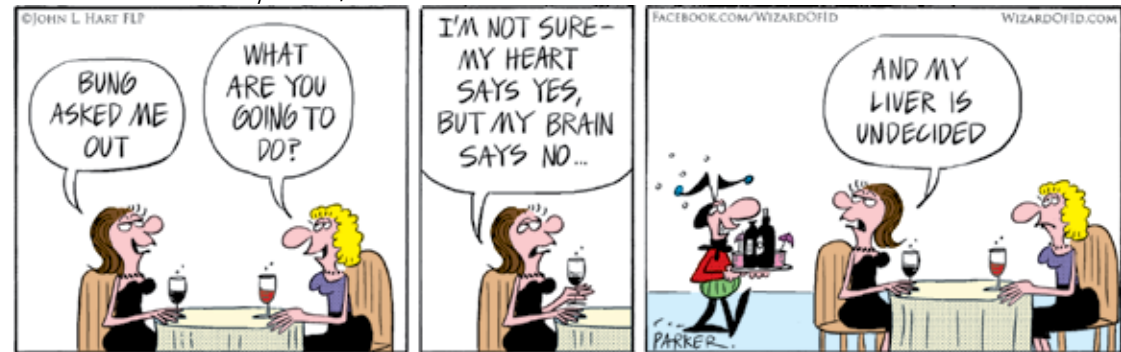
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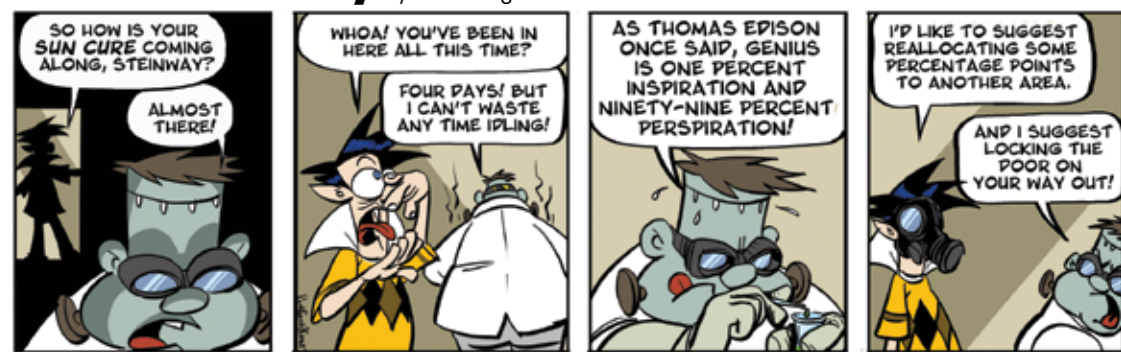
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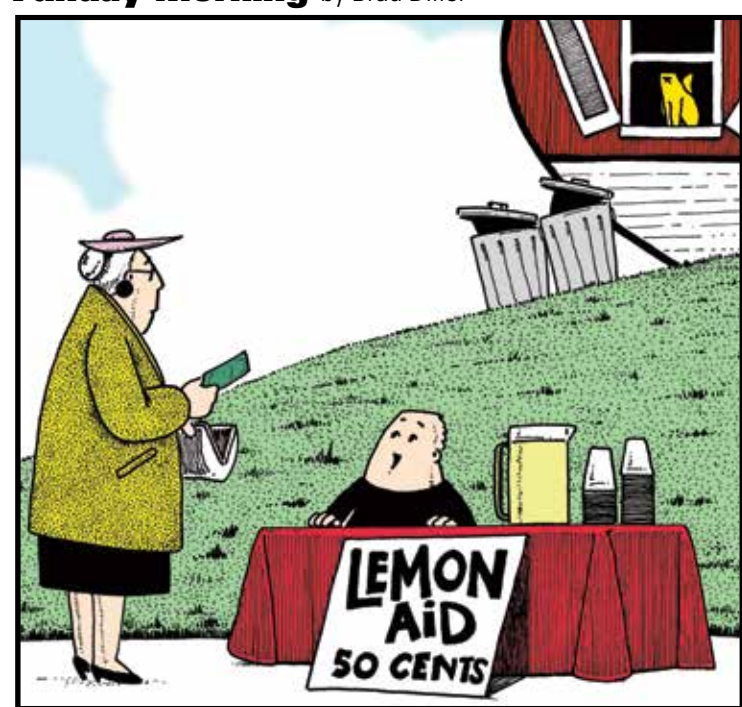
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# U.S. Government vs. California Scam: "Can You Hear Me?" Let the Battle Begin!

**Commentary**  
by Jon Fleischman

On Tuesday, (February 7th) former Attorney General Eric Holder, one of President Barack Obama's longest serving Cabinet members, paid a visit to one of his newest clients: the California State Legislature.

Holder, who returned back to private practice as a partner with the law firm of Covington and Burling in the fall of 2015, was hired by the California Legislature as part of an aggressive posturing by California's Democratic leaders against the presidency and policies of Donald Trump.

On November 9, the day after Trump won the election, State Senate President Kevin De León and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon issued a strong joint statement that began with them saying that they "... woke up feeling like strangers in a foreign land ...".

The statement went on to say, in part, "While Donald Trump may have won the presidency, he hasn't changed our values. America is greater than any one man or party. We will not be dragged back into the past. We will lead the resistance to any effort that would shred our social fabric or our constitution."

In January, as the legislature was hiring Holder, Democratic Governor Jerry Brown delivered a fiery State of the State Address, issuing a de facto broadside against the then-President-elect, making it clear that the State of California would defend itself against efforts by the federal government to encroach on the Golden State's ability to protect illegal aliens, preserve government healthcare, and continue programs designed to combat global warming.

When the hiring of Holder was announced in early January, it was revealed that his firm would be paid \$25,000 a month. But it remains unclear exactly what Holder will be doing for that hefty compensation. And whatever he is doing is apparently being kept under wraps.

At the State Capitol on Tuesday, Holder, along with a phalanx of lawyers from his office, spent the morning in separate meetings with the State Senate and State Assembly Democratic Caucuses - and then in the afternoon they met with Governor Brown, De León and Rendon behind closed doors (with newly-appointed Attorney General Xavier Becerra not present, but calling in).

It is noteworthy that the legislature's minority Republican members were specifically excluded from the meetings that Holder had with Democrats - which is concerning, because Holder and his firm are being paid with taxpayer funds.

Holder made a brief appearance outside of the Governor's office to make a statement to the press. He said: "I'm here just to assist these gentlemen and the people they serve in trying to protect the interest of the people of California."

But when questioned further on how he would do that, Holder coyly responded, "Well..."

The strong posturing by California Democrats is setting the table for a major battle between President Trump and the Republican Congress on the one hand, and the ideologically left-wing leaders of the largest state in the union on the other.

Yesterday's confirmation of Attorney General Jeff Sessions is a harbinger for what will

likely be the first point of confrontation. Sessions, like President Trump, is an immigration hard-liner, and we can expect the Justice Department to start cracking down on "sanctuary cities" (many of which are in California) right away, which can mean cuts in federal funding. There are other, even more controversial tools available to Sessions to deal with those flaunting American laws.

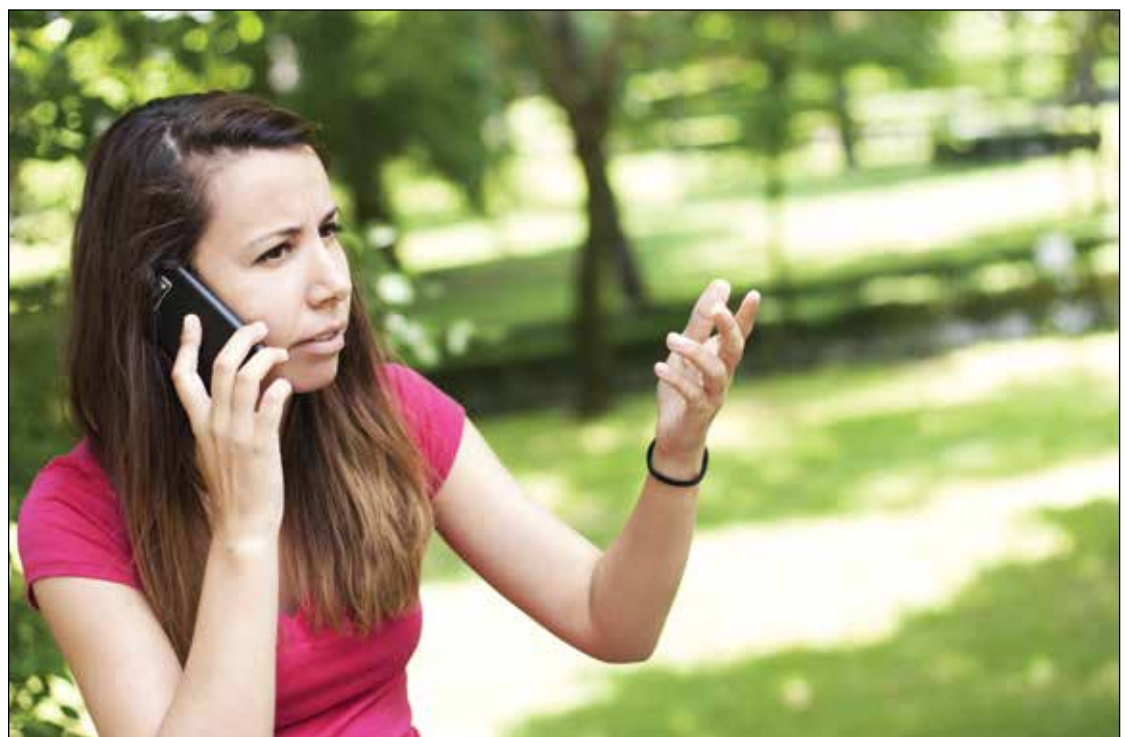
The response to this threat to sanctuary cities from Democrats in the legislature? De León has introduced and fast-tracked Senate Bill 54, which would in essence make California a sanctuary state, by restricting all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state from cooperating with the federal immigration authorities.

Of course, no state in the union is more invested in Obamacare than California, and Democrats fear (for good reason) that Republicans in Washington will soon be removing the federal funding for this program, leaving Sacramento Democrats with a massive hole (estimated to be more than \$15 billion dollars) in their considerable state budget, as well as considerable heartache.

As President of the United States, Donald Trump is America's leader and Commander-in-Chief. He will face many foreign policy challenges all around the globe. But many of those may pale in comparison to the policy war that is about to take place between the United States of America and her largest state.

This promises to be one hell of a match, with the fighters having taken their corners.

*This column originally appeared on Breitbart.com/California* ★



Use Caller ID to screen calls, and consider not even answering unfamiliar numbers. If it's important, they will leave a message and you can call back.

## SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers about an old scam with a new twist. The "Can You Hear Me?" scam has long been used to coerce businesses into purchasing office supplies and directory ads they never actually ordered, but now it's targeting individual consumers, as well.

In the last few days of January, more than half of the reports to BBB Scam Tracker have been about this one scam. Consumers say the calls are about vacation packages, cruises, warranties, and other big ticket items. So far, none have reported money loss, but it's unclear how the scams will play out over time, or if the targets will be victimized at a later date.

Here's how it works: You get a call from someone who almost immediately asks "Can you hear me?" Their goal is to get you to answer "Yes," which most people would do instinctively in that situation. There may be some fumbling around; the person may even say something like "I'm having trouble with my headset." But in fact, the "person"

may just be a robocall recording your conversation... and that "Yes" answer you gave can later be edited to make it sound like you authorized a major purchase.

BBB is offering consumers the following advice:

- Use Caller ID to screen calls, and consider not even answering unfamiliar numbers. If it's important, they will leave a message and you can call back.
- If someone calls and asks "Can you hear me?," do NOT answer "yes." Just hang up. Scammers change their tactics as the public catches on, so be alert for other questions designed to solicit a simple "yes" answer.
- Make a note of the number and report it to [bbb.org/scamtracker](http://bbb.org/scamtracker) to help warn others. BBB also shares Scam Tracker information with government and law enforcement agencies, so every piece of information is helpful in tracking down scammers.
- Consider joining the Do Not Call Registry ([DoNotCall.gov](http://DoNotCall.gov)) to cut down on telemarketing

and sales calls. This may not help with scammers since they don't bother to pay attention to the law, but you'll get fewer calls overall. That may help you more quickly notice the ones that could be fraudulent.

Check your bank and credit card statements regularly for unauthorized charges. It's also a good idea to check your telephone and cell phone bills, as well. Scammers may be using the "Yes" recording of your voice to authorize charges on your phone. This is called "cramming" and it's illegal.

Report scams to BBB Scam Tracker ([bbb.org/scamtracker](http://bbb.org/scamtracker)).

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## Free Small Business Seminar and Resource Expo for Veterans Comes to Region

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Veterans who own a business or would like to start one are invited to attend a free Small Business Seminar and Resource Expo in Roseville on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Attendees will learn how to comply with California's often complex tax laws.

California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Member George Runner is sponsoring the event with Senator Jim Nielsen, Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), City of Roseville, Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce, and Advantage Roseville.

"We honor our veterans for

their service and sacrifice," said Member Runner. "It's the least we can do to help them be successful in business by ensuring they're aware of available tax benefits and resources."

Those looking for assistance with state and federal tax laws, as well as those who want to expand their business knowledge, will benefit from the informative presentations. Topics include veterans' property tax exemptions, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, forms of ownership, CalVet services, and marketing and social media for veterans. Representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, CalVet,

Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development (Go-Biz), and California Capital Women's Business Center will conduct the presentations and answer questions.

Exhibitors include the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of General Services, Veterans Resource Center-Sierra College, American Legion Post 169, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1487.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m.) Location: Tower Theatre, 417 Vernon Street, Roseville, CA 95678. Free parking is available. Registration: 1-888-847-9652. ★

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Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

**Water District Begins Restoration Activities**  
CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - As part of the American River Pipeline Project, Carmichael Water District (District) will begin environmental restoration activities in the American River Parkway and waterway in September to reduce the presence of abandoned facilities. This work includes the removal of concrete debris from the south side of the American River and removal of an existing 33-inch steel water pipeline crossing the river. The work will be completed in stages, including the removal of the pipe, beginning September 13, 2016 starting in the early morning and continuing through approximately 2:00 PM. As a safety precaution the river flow during this period may be reduced from approximately 1,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 1,000 cfs. Temporary restrictions on watercraft launching from American River parkway will be in place on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 beginning at dawn and continuing until approximately 1:00 PM. The restrictions will include watercraft launching at Rossmore Bar and all upstream access points. For additional information regarding the American River Pipeline Project, please contact Carmichael Water District at (916) 485-2452, or visit their website www.carmichaelwd.org. Source: Chris Nelson, Public Information Officer.

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**New Administrator Joins Mission Oaks District**  
CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - The Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District has announced the appointment of Daniel Burton as their new District Administrator. Daniel assumed his new position on September 1, following the unanimous approval of the Mission Oaks Advisory Board of Directors and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Daniel was most recently the City Recreation Director for the City of Avatier where he implemented and managed many successful projects and programs. During the recruitment and selection process, the district was managed by Interim District Administrator... "Daniel has the type of experience and personality that will help him to be successful in his new role with Mission Oaks". District residents are invited to a "meet and greet" reception for Daniel on September 18 from 3-5pm at the Mission Oaks Community Center (1701 Gibbons Drive at Carmichael). Residents wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by calling 488-7276 ext. 3016. Immediately following the reception, Mission Oaks will be presenting Electedwood Mask (the highly acclaimed premiere Electedwood Mac tribute band) in concert at Gibbons Park from 5-7pm. For more information about the concert or to contact...

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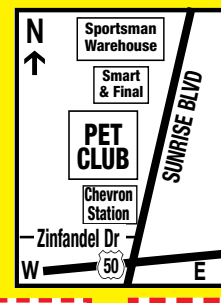
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Except Elegant Medley  
Limit 2 Cases With Coupon  
Limit One Coupon Per Family  
Price Valid Only With Coupon  
Effective 2/15/17 - 2/21/17

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