

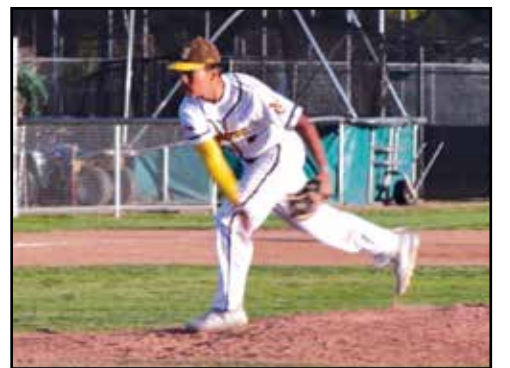


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Grant Opportunities for Businesses



The City of Marysville has announced a business grant opportunity that could benefit dozens of businesses located in a segment of the city's historic corridor. Photo courtesy of Jjfarq - Dreamstime.com

City of Marysville News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The City of Marysville has announced a business grant opportunity that could benefit dozens of businesses located in a segment of the city's historic corridor. The City of Marysville has allocated \$100,000 in ARPA funding for the Central Business District Grant Program. The grant funding may be utilized for façade improvement projects or to participate in E-marketing co-horts.

The Central Business District Grant Program is available to businesses holding a current Marysville business license and are located south

of 9th Street, east of E Street, west of A Street and north of the south Yuba River Levee.

Property owners and/or business owners are invited to apply for the façade improvement program with a maximum grant allocation of \$10,000 per applicant. If multiple businesses occupy one building, each business can apply independently but improvements are required to be complimentary in design.

Business owners looking to enrich their marketing knowledge can apply for a \$3,600 grant to participate in a 7-session E-marketing co-hort. Two co-horts comprised of six applicants each, will be made available to successful applicants.

"It gives us great pride to be able to give back to our business community in a meaningful way," said Marysville City Manager Jim Schaad. "When local businesses succeed it is not only a victory for Marysville, but for the entire region," said Schaad.

The Yuba Sutter Economic Development Corporation is partnering with the city to facilitate the application process. According to Brynda Stranix, CEO of the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, grants will be funded as applications are received.

To find out more, visit www.YSEDC.org or www.yubasutterbusiness.com. ★

Yuba County Awarded Grant for West Linda Park

Yuba County News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - A large stretch of land in West Linda is on its way to becoming an extensive eye-pleasing community park, following the announcement that Yuba County was awarded a \$3.7 million "Urban Greening" grant from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA).

The funding is to redevelop an area that begins with Friendship Park off Alicia Avenue and make improvements to the T-shaped lot that extends west to Cottonwood Avenue. The area is slated for a complete facelift that will include pedestrian and bike paths weaving among picnic areas with barbecues, shade structures, benches, 250 new trees and more than 100,000 square feet of multi-use field turf.

"In the coming months we will finalize plans for the park, after which residents will see crews in that area clearing much of that area and removing dead or dying trees to create a fresh canvas for the improvements ahead," said Yuba County Public Works Director Dan Peterson. "The funding will also cover the important work of grading the property, adding irrigation systems, and putting up fencing."

Although lots of changes are coming to that area, planners say the Hmong gardens along Cottonwood Avenue and other existing aspects of the park will be preserved.

Yuba County was one of 23 projects across the state selected to receive a total of \$47.5 million in funding through the Urban Greening Grant Program. According to CNRA, the grants are intended to create more sustainable communities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits to residents, including expanding access to parks and green spaces in disadvantaged communities across the state.

Peterson said there are more plans for Friendship Park beyond those made possible through the CNRA grant, although additional funding will

State Recognizes Yuba County's Efforts to Meet Housing Needs

Yuba County News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - On April 11, 2023, Yuba County joined a handful of California communities receiving a "Prohousing Designation," as a result of efforts to streamline processes for new housing development. The honor, now shared by only 21 other cities and counties in the state, makes Yuba County eligible for special state grant programs and other resources to help with future projects.

"When you look at the jurisdictions that achieved this honor, it's amazing to see a comparatively small county like Yuba County was able to do the work necessary to be counted

among some giants," said Assistant Director of Community Development, Kevin Perkins. "We are talking about a list that includes the likes of Los Angeles, San Diego, Oakland, Sacramento, and Roseville."

Yuba County and ten other communities received the honor last week, when Governor Gavin Newsom added them to a list of eleven other jurisdictions designated as Prohousing communities in 2022.

According to the Governor's Office, cities and counties that earn the Prohousing Designation receive incentives such as additional points or other preferences in the scoring of competitive

funding programs administered by California's Housing and Community Development Agency, giving them an advantage over other jurisdictions. They are also eligible for the Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program that rewards Prohousing communities at the forefront in addressing California's housing crisis with additional funding to accelerate affordable housing production.

"Yuba County staff have been amazing in the work they have done to address the housing needs of our community, while equally assuring a pro-business aspect that balances the availability of services with growth," said Yuba County Board of Supervisor Chairman Andy

Vasquez. "Even though we are growing quickly, the Yuba County team is making sure every project is done correctly and benefits our residents."

To earn the Prohousing Designation, Yuba County and other jurisdictions had to demonstrate that they promote climate smart housing development by enacting Prohousing policies and committing to "create the right mix of housing near jobs, transit, health care, and key amenities to build strong, thriving communities," according to California's Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramirez.

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Yuba Sutter Big Band to Perform “Birds and Butterflies” Concert



Many of the musicians in the Yuba-Sutter Big Band are local music educators who have spent decades enlightening the youth of Yuba-Sutter. Photo courtesy of YSAC

YSAC News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Yuba Sutter Big Band jazz orchestra has become a staple at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts in downtown Yuba City. The band includes 20 local professional musicians playing tunes from the American Songbook and jazz versions of current pop songs. This “Birds and Butterflies” spring concert gives flight to 2023 and will be directed by co-founder Gay Galvin. The concert will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 7pm with doors opening at 6pm at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. Dinner and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at yubasutterarts.org.

The Yuba Sutter Big Band provided live music for the Swing Dance Party last year and performed a sold-out holiday concert in December. Their “Birds and Butterflies” spring concert is sure to bring you to your feet, as it is nearly impossible to sit still through these sets. Dancing will be encouraged! The concert will include popular favorites including Eleanor Rigby, April in Paris, Begin the Beguine, Sweet Georgia Brown, Someone to Watch Over Me, I Get a Kick Out of You, Beyond the Sea, Route 66, Nice and Easy and many other tunes.

This concert will be led by Gay Galvin, who has played with several big bands during her long career. She began her love for piano as a tiny tot, improvising on her

toy piano at the age of three. Gay began her Suzuki teacher training three decades ago in Columbus, OH. Gay now lives the dream of teaching and playing piano full-time right here in Yuba-Sutter. She performs with her own jazz trio, The Gay Galvin Trio, and a couple of times each year with her husband, Tom Galvin. Her love for jazz is infectious and her talent has brought a new level of performance to Yuba-Sutter.

Many of the musicians in the Yuba-Sutter Big Band are local music educators who have spent decades enlightening the youth of Yuba-Sutter. The band’s membership roster includes Paula Clingan (Alto 1), Becky Stewart (Tenor1/Flute), James Lohman (Alto 1), Gary Anderson (Tenor II), David Coe (Bari), Scott Stewart (Trumpet), John Proctor (Trumpet), Ray Blackham (Trumpet), Pablo Rosado (Trumpet), Elizabeth Adams (Bass Trombone), Mike Sarringar (Trombone), Scott Zeuch (Trombone), Bill Eslick (Trombone), Larry Faller (Trombone), Karin Hofland (Trombone), Dave Brubaker (Bass), and Ron Hake (Drums) among others. Gay Galvin plays piano and conducts while Sarah Lacko and David Wickline alternate on the vocals.

Come swing into Spring with the birds and butterflies and the Yuba Sutter Big Band. Buy your tickets in advance before they sell out at yubasutter.org. For more information about Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture programs and events, call 530-742-ARTS or email david@yubasutterarts.org. ★

Active Shooter, Critical Response Training Conducted at Marysville High School

Marysville PD News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - On Tuesday, April 11th, and Thursday, April 13th, the Marysville Police Department hosted a regional active shooter/critical incident response training at Marysville High School. This training covered topics ranging from solo officer response to an integrated response team of law enforcement officers and fire fighters to treat simulated wounded victims on site. These real-world scenarios prepare law enforcement and fire department personnel to respond to these types of critical incidents.

Instructors from the Marysville Police Department, Yuba City Police Department, Yuba County Sheriff’s Office, Sutter County Sheriff’s Office, Linda Fire Department, and Yuba City Fire Department collaborated to provide consistent training. Approximately 200 personnel (law and fire) attended and they were from numerous agencies spanning across Yuba and Sutter Counties. Each group was a mixture of personnel from each department. This multi-agency collaboration ensures all responding agencies, in an active shooter event, are properly trained. ★

Yuba County Awarded Grant for West Linda Park



The Friendship Park Conceptual Plan for a stretch of land in West Linda to become a community park under an “Urban Greening” grant from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). Image courtesy of Yuba County

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be needed. Public Works is continuing to pursue other grants for further enhancements, including art kiosks,

basketball and pickleball courts, signage, and more.

Work on the park is expected to begin in the Spring of 2024. ★

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Welcome to Earth Day at the YES Charter

YES Charter Academy News Release

OREGON HOUSE, CA (MPG) - Earth Day is here! At Yuba Environmental Science (YES) Charter, Earth Day is our biggest celebration of the year - part school open house, part community festival, and all fun. Celebrants will see demonstrations of

what each class has accomplished in their project based learning and mingle with local environmentally friendly agencies and vendors, all while enjoying games, food, and music. Mark your calendar for April 22, 2023 from 10-2!

YES is located at 9841 Texas Hill Road, Oregon House, CA For more information call (530) 692-2210. ★

Meet Citizen Scientists, Mike and De De Hatherly

YES Charter Academy News Release

OREGON HOUSE, CA (MPG) - Mike and De De Hatherly, in their field guide, *A Photo Guide to The Wildflowers of Dobbins and Oregon House*, show the biodiversity of flowers in our community. Mary Ellen Hannibal, author of *Citizen Scientist: Searching for Heroes and Hope in an Age of Extinction*, said, "Citizen science is undoubtedly a powerful tool for contributing to what science needs to know to help save nature. Today, the citizen scientist is an everyday hero. Our mission is to save biodiversity, so let's get cracking".

The Hatherlys organize the flowers in their field guide by color groups. Each entry contains a photo taken in the

Dobbins-Oregon House area, the scientific name, the common name, height, flowering time, the plant's abundance in the landscape, use by Native Americans, and medicinal use.

In the preface, they write, "The purpose of this book is twofold. The first is to provide you with a reference that will allow you to quickly and accurately identify most of the wildflowers growing in the Dobbins and Oregon House area. The second, is simply to guarantee us immortality. We hope it succeeds on at least one count."

Mike and De De plan to make their field guide available at the YES Earth Day celebration located at 9841 Texas Hill Road, Oregon House, on April 22, 2023. Please mark your calendars to meet these local citizen scientists. ★

Marysville Provides Safer Route to School

City of Marysville News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The City of Marysville's Public Works crew took advantage of the spring break to improve safety for students traveling to and from Paragon Collegiate Academy in east Marysville.

Residents traveling in the area of East 19th Street at Sampson Street and Rideout Way at Sampson Street will see new crosswalks with yellow safety striping and improved signage to alert motorists that children may be traveling on foot in the area.

The improvements involve "School Crossing" signs as well as newly painted yellow "continental" style crosswalks, distinguished by the "rungs" of a ladder without the side poles. The enhancements may look familiar to Marysville residents as they are similar to crosswalks at Kynoch and McKenney schools nearby. Studies indicate motorists are more likely to yield to pedestrians in continental crosswalks as compared to traditional crosswalks with just two lines. "This small but important project is part of a larger effort to make walking in our community safer, particularly for our youth," said Vice Mayor, Bruce Buttacavoli.

This safety project was funded within the Marysville Streets Division's

2022/2023 maintenance budget according to Vincenzo Corazza, Public Works Director for the City of Marysville. "While we could have waited and applied for a Safe Routes to School grant, the safety of our schoolchildren is a top priority to the city," said Corazza. "We hope the crosswalks and school crossing warning signs enhance crossing visibility at the location and remind motorists to be extra alert and prepared to yield to pedestrians," finished Corazza.

Police Chief Christian Sachs, also present, stated, "Though the community often equates traffic safety to enforcement activities, our Public Works department plays a significant role through projects such as these."

Serafin Alvarez, CEO of Paragon Collegiate Academy expressed gratitude for the improvements. "Paragon Collegiate Academy would like to say thank you to Vincenzo Corazza, Dan Flores, the public works staff and everyone from the City of Marysville for all the hard work that went into our new school crosswalks and signs," said Alvarez. "Many of our Paragon students, as well as the students from our neighboring schools, walk from their homes to school and with the addition of the newly added signs and crosswalks, all of our kids will be safer," Alvarez finished. ★

Marysville Man Admits Guilt for Fentanyl Death of Fellow Inmate

Yuba County News Release

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Aaron Charles Henning, age 45, pled no contest Wednesday, April 5, 2023 to multiple charges, including involuntary manslaughter, for the fentanyl poisoning and in-custody death of Matthew Perez on November 2, 2022, as well as the fentanyl poisoning of two other inmates. The court scheduled sentencing for May 1, 2023, when Henning will face an agreed upon sentence of 12 years and 4 months in state prison.

On October 26, 2022, agents from the Yuba-Sutter Narcotic and Gang Enforcement Team ("Net-5") arrested Henning for possessing fentanyl for sale. The agents seized over an ounce of fentanyl during his arrest and booked him into the Yuba County Jail. Henning managed to conceal and smuggle an additional half ounce of fentanyl into the jail. On November 2, 2022, Yuba County inmate Mathew Perez became unresponsive and died despite life-saving measures by jail staff. The next day, two additional inmates lost consciousness from fentanyl poisoning but were revived by medical staff. An autopsy determined Perez died from fentanyl poisoning.

Yuba County Sheriff's



Image of over an ounce of fentanyl seized by agents during the arrest of Aaron Charles Henning. Photo courtesy of Yuba County District Attorney

Detectives watched hours of video surveillance and conducted dozens of interviews to try to determine who smuggled and then distributed the fentanyl into the jail. Investigating crimes among inmates can be particularly difficult because victims and witnesses often refuse to cooperate. The detectives patiently persisted and the evidence eventually led them to Henning.

Henning admitted bringing the fentanyl into the jail, but told detectives he used it all himself. Henning was not shy talking about the fentanyl crisis. Henning admitted worrying about family members who use drugs, explaining how the stakes had risen "ever since Biden opened up the gates of hell," allowing "safe passage" for fentanyl to be "backpacked" into the United States from Mexico. Calling the synthetic opioid "la muerte" and "gray death," Henning

was unequivocal about the danger: "It's killing people."

As part of his plea agreement, Henning admitted to smuggling and distributing the fentanyl into the jail and furnishing it to the three men who were poisoned, including Matthew Perez.

Thank you to the jail staff who worked to save these men and to the detectives who quietly worked to put the pieces of this puzzle together.

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is being sold on the street, often disguised as hydrocodone or Xanax or mixed into street drugs such as methamphetamine. A person who gives another person a lethal dose of fentanyl can be charged with murder, and in Yuba County we will do our best to hold those accountable who knowingly distribute "pills that can kill." ★

Military Officers Plan Luncheon Meeting in Yuba City April 27

MOAA News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Alta California Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will hold its regular luncheon meeting on April 27, beginning with a social hour at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

The featured speaker will be Colonel Geoffrey Church, commander of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB. Col. Church is responsible for about 7,000 military, civilian and contract personnel

as well as the entire fleet of U-2 Dragon Lady high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft.

All currently serving, retired and former military officers are invited to attend. The event will be held at Carmine's Brunch & Mimosa House, 229 Clark Ave. in Yuba City. The price of the buffet luncheon is \$27 per person, payable at the door.

To make a reservation, please contact Tom Walther by phone at (530) 673-5499, or email to t.walther@att.net not later than April 20. ★

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To End Hospital Corruption, Fix The 340B Program

By Peter Pitts

Two new reports reveal just how much hospitals are profiting from a federal policy designed to help struggling Americans, even as patients themselves get no relief.

Back in 1992, Congress passed the 340B program, with the noble goal of reducing costs for low-income and uninsured patients. The law requires drug companies to give deep discounts to hospitals that serve a financially stressed clientele.

Unfortunately, the program was implemented with lax oversight and few strings attached, and hospitals soon began to exploit it. They buy drugs at the mandated discount, then turn around and sell them at full price, contributing nothing to low-income patients along the way.

Things got worse after 2010, when a legal change allowed more contract pharmacies to qualify for 340B discounts, massively expanding the number of companies taking advantage of the program. Between 2013 and 2020, 94,600 new contract pharmacies became part of the system, according to the Berkeley Research Group.

Now, a new study by my organization, the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest, has found that 340B discounts grew by a whopping 144% between 2015 and 2021 to \$49.7 billion last year. Yet as hospitals pocket much of this cash, 26% of American adults still struggle to afford their prescription medication, according to a recent poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

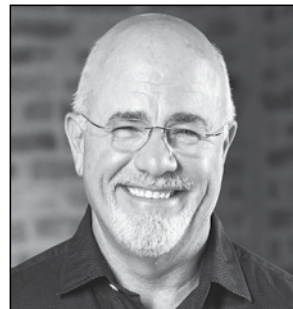
In short, the system is ripe for reform. On average, facilities that qualify for 340B receive 59% off the original drug price. But they aren't required to pass along the savings to patients, or even disclose what they're doing with the funds. Though 340B is the second-largest government drug program after Medicare and Medicaid, it's subject to none of the oversight and regulation that apply to those public insurers.

The problem is that patients don't benefit. Hospitals - even supposed non-profits - are notorious for pocketing money intended to help the needy. The CMPI study found that nearly three quarters of private nonprofit hospitals have a "fair share gap," which means they collect more through tax breaks than they spend on charity or community investment. It would be in keeping with their practices to simply use 340B discounts to pad the bottom line.

The two thirds of Americans with private health insurance pick up the tab for all this graft - if not directly via copays and deductibles, then via the costs that inflated hospital charges impose on insurers and the healthcare system as a whole.

The 340B program started as a way to help low-income Americans. But it's turned into a massive profit scheme for hospitals that are ignoring their charitable obligations. With two new reports showing just how big the problem is, it's time for Congress to undertake a major overhaul.

Peter Pitts is the president of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest. ★



Don't Buy A Home When You're Broke And In Debt

Dear Dave,

I'm thinking more seriously about buying a home in the next year or so. It seems like the housing market has cooled off a bit, so I am also planning to get a secured credit card to help me rebuild my credit score in the meantime. I make \$60,000 a year, and I have about \$15,000 in debt and \$3,100 in savings. Is this a good idea and a good start toward getting my credit back on track and taking control of my finances?

- Martin

Dear Martin,

In a word, no. I want you to become debt-free before you buy a home. I also want

Dave Ramsey Says

you to have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses set aside, and have a down payment - preferably of at least 20%, so you can avoid having to pay private mortgage insurance - before buying a home.

Let me tell you a couple of things. Number one, your income is your most powerful wealth building tool. If you don't have any payments, you have the ability to build wealth and be generous. When you have debt, all you do is send money out the door to make payments. So, being in debt is a guaranteed way to stay broke. That means getting a secured credit card is not a good idea, either.

Also, did you know you can get a home mortgage with no credit score through a process called manual underwriting? All you have to do is make sure you have a good, long history of paying other things, like your utilities and rent, on time. Most mortgage lenders who

do manual underwriting would also require that you have all your debts paid off completely and the accounts closed for at least six months.

Buying a house when you're in debt and broke is a really bad idea, Martin. It's the fastest way I know to turn something that should be a blessing into a financial and emotional curse. Just be patient, get out of debt and save up. Getting control of your finances is the smartest thing you can do before buying a home!

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions. ★

America's Wars, Who Are the Winners?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

America was involved in Vietnam for 20 years. Our presence started small but by 1965 had significantly escalated. 3.1 million troops saw combat and at least 58,300 were killed. We spent over \$120 billion from 1965 to 1973 which led to an oil crisis and rampant inflation. Are you better off today because America fought in Vietnam? Are you safer?

America spent over \$2 trillion fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Then, we hurried and pulled out of Afghanistan leaving hundreds of millions of dollars in vehicles, buildings, bases, and weapons to be used by the Taliban. The country is now in shambles. Girls are not allowed to go to school beyond the sixth grade. Women are treated horribly by the Taliban. What did we do to help Afghanistan? Are they better off now? Are we better off for our 13 years in that country?

We invaded Iraq. We lost over 15,000 active service members and contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan. Take a look at Iraq and Afghanistan today. What did we accomplish?

We approved \$113 billion in aid to Ukraine in 2022 alone. Most Americans do not want Russia to succeed in conquering Ukraine. Efforts to help Ukraine have been supported by most Americans. How far do we go? How much can we afford? How long are we able to keep this up? Does this become another Afghanistan? American troops are not there, yet. When will this happen?

When do we start fighting in Taiwan? China wants to control Taiwan. Taiwan is rich in resources and technology. Like Russia wanting Ukraine because of its

proximity and resources, China figures it just makes sense for them to control neighboring Taiwan.

China is reportedly on the verge, if not already sending military arms to Russia. As America depletes our own defense stockpile of missiles, tanks and more, China knows we will have less to send to Taiwan. We have recently sent 200 soldiers to Taiwan and more will be going. It is scary to ponder how many more will be going in the next year or two.

In the middle of all this, who is really profiting from America's forever wars? The Military Industrial Complex will continue to make hundreds of millions of dollars with no end in sight. Manufacturers of mass weapons used in war have no end to their financial gains. Politicians who own stock in these massive companies only stand to get richer and richer. How many thousands of shares of stock in these companies do our long-term Senators and Representatives own? Stopping or slowing our military aggressions around the globe would mean their stock would go down and their massive financial fortunes would be diminished.

Politicians should not be allowed to buy stock while in office. Before running for a political office, they should be required to cash their stock out, so they are not financially persuaded to promote the success of certain industries.

We don't want Ukraine to fall to Russia or Taiwan to China. However, what will our country have left to fight with after we have spent billions of dollars defending them? If your livelihood comes from investments in the massive military weapon sales industries, then you are probably spending most of your time counting your money. ★

Big Tech's Latest Shady Bid Aims to Squash Its Smaller Rivals

Commentary By Drew Johnson

Big Tech lawyers are riding high. A Delaware judge recently delivered a lengthy memo trampling the American justice system and supporting Big Tech's longstanding efforts to crush smaller entrepreneurs.

Chief Judge Colm Connolly of the U.S. District Court of Delaware bit hook, line, and sinker on an absurd argument that the biggest and richest technology companies have been peddling for decades.

Connolly is attacking the practice of "third-party litigation financing." The funding source allows lenders and investors to help underwrite lawsuits on behalf of patent owners seeking to hold Big Tech accountable for infringement.

Who's funding a suit has no relevance whatsoever to whether infringement has taken place. This demand is a distraction, exactly what the shady Big Tech defendants want.

Third-party funding is a normal part of our legal system. In fact, it's the only way many Americans can get their day in court.

Litigation is time-consuming and expensive. Most individuals and small businesses do not have the millions of dollars it takes to fight Big Tech, Google, YouTube, and Apple, to name a few. That's why outside funding is so common. Justice would hardly be served if only the richest people and companies could go to court. Yet that's exactly what Big Tech wants.

Big Tech and its allies have launched a furious campaign against third-party financing. Ironically, today's biggest enterprises would never have thrived in their early years without strong

intellectual property protections.

Strong IP laws are a bedrock of the U.S. economy. When one company steals another's intellectual property, the latter has a right to sue. But as once-innovative companies became massive, they hired armies of lobbyists and lawyers to press for self-serving legal changes.

These underhanded legal maneuvers have successfully tipped the scales in favor of the robbers and greedy corporations.

In the early aughts, a jury found that eBay had violated patents held by MercExchange. Yet on the question of whether this entitled MercExchange to a court-ordered ban on eBay using the stolen patents, the Supreme Court decided "no." This sent the message that at least one means of punishing patent thieves was off the table.

Big Tech companies adopted a strategy known as: efficient infringement." They appropriate another company's invention, wait for the lawsuit, then fight it out in court, counting on their vast advantage in resources to wear down the small patent holder.

Small inventors who've seen their patented technology stolen don't stand a chance in court if they run out of cash. Hence, the recent rise of litigation finance in IP cases.

We shouldn't be surprised that gigantic companies are trying to pull up the ladder on younger, scrappier innovators. But it's sad to see that a federal judge would rather play on their team than fight for fairness.

Drew Johnson is a senior fellow at the National Center for Public Policy Research. This op-ed first appeared in Fox News Opinion on www.FoxNews.com. ★

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State Recognizes Yuba County's Efforts to Meet Housing Needs

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Department of Housing and Community Development highlighted policies and plans that earned the Yuba County the designation:

Yuba County's approach to land use and zoning was instrumental in exceeding state-established housing level requirements by 158 percent, and also by clearing the path for permitting duplexes in single family zones;

The county streamlines permitting processes by offering over-the-counter approval of duplexes, multi-unit projects,

accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and junior accessory dwelling units (JADUs).

In addition to Yuba County, the eleven communities were honored including the cities of Emeryville, Fresno, Needles, Rancho Cordova, Redwood City, Riverside, Salinas, Stockton, and Ukiah, and the county of San Diego. They joined communities from the first round of Prohousing Designations that included the cities of Los Angeles, El Cerrito, Citrus Heights, Fontana, Oakland, Roseville, San Diego, West Sacramento, and Sacramento, and the counties of Sacramento and Placer. ★

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How Will Newsom and Legislators Deal With Growing Revenue Shortfalls?



By Dan Walters,
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When Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed a 2023-24 budget in January, he acknowledged that the revenue estimates made six months earlier were way too optimistic and that the state had evolved from a nearly \$100 billion surplus to a \$22.5 billion deficit.

Never mind. Nine months into the current fiscal year, it's evident that revenue, principally from personal income taxes, will fall well short of that downward revision. The deficit could hit \$30 billion as he and legislative leaders begin to focus on a final version for adoption in June.

Through February, the administration reported, revenues were running nearly \$5 billion below expectations and they fell short by nearly \$1 billion more in March.

The numbers bolster contentions by the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, that the state's fiscal situation was unhealthy than Newsom was admitting. In his initial response to the January budget, Petek said, "Our estimates suggest that there is a good chance that revenues will be lower than the administration's projections for the budget window, particularly in 2022-23 and 2023-24."

The next stop for the

annual budget process will come in May, when Newsom must unveil revised revenue estimates and appropriations. The worsening revenue data set the stage for what could be contentious negotiations with a June 15 constitutional deadline for passing a budget.

The essential problem is that when Newsom was forecasting an immense surplus and bragging that "no other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this," he and the Legislature spent much of it on rebates to taxpayers and expansions of programs, especially those benefiting the poor.

Although Newsom insisted at the time that much of that spending was one-time in nature and therefore wouldn't make unsustainable long-term commitments, it nevertheless raised expectations of permanency. Thus, when Newsom offered a new budget in January, he clawed back many of those allocations, particularly those that hadn't yet been spent, sparking complaints from would-be recipients.

As revenues continue to fall short, expectations will have to shrink further, the competition for money among budget stakeholders will become more intense and the pressure on Newsom and legislators will increase.

They may be tempted to do something that Newsom says he doesn't want to do and that Petek says would be foolhardy: tap into the state's "rainy day" reserves to relieve stakeholder pressure.

The reserves are meant to be used during a severe

economic downturn, but California's fiscal problem is occurring during a relatively prosperous post-pandemic recovery. The shortfall in revenues is occurring because of the state's narrowly based revenue system, one that is largely dependent on earnings of high-income taxpayers, particular in the shaky technology sector.

The stock market has reacted negatively to the Federal Reserve System's interest rate increases, which are meant to combat inflation. Declines in the market manifest themselves in lower taxable earnings by investors who are such a large factor in the revenue stream. The system is so narrowly based that lower incomes for just a handful of wealthy Californians can have a big effect on revenues.

Dipping into reserves to cover the revenue shortfall would weaken their ability to cushion a recession if and when that occurs, which is why Petek strongly discourages Newsom and legislators from succumbing to stakeholder pressure by using them.

A deficit north of \$30 billion, which is a real possibility, is no joke and coming after such huge – and probably irresponsible surplus estimates – poses a serious political dilemma for politicians who would much prefer to be showering money on their constituents as they did last year.

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Historic Marketing Blunders

Although Wall Street marketing agencies are world renown for developing catchy jingles and slogans for iconic brands and millions of dollars are thrown their way to come up with such things, on occasion we scratch our heads and say "what the heck were they thinking?"

Throughout history, looking back on decades of products and their promotions, there are classic streaks of brilliance and occasional bouts of idiocy.

Jingles like "plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is" (Alka Seltzer), and "where's the beef" (Wendy's) are engrained into our brains like the simple math we learned in elementary school.

One can actually ascertain the age of another by what jingles they know along with iconic TV shows theme songs and the lyrics.

Of course, along with brilliance comes the occasional blunder.

When Coca-Cola went about announcing it was changing its formula, known as the "New Coke", we thought "why are you messing with a drink that has been as successful as Coke over a century or more?"

It's not like people were stopping their purchases of Coke and complaining they lost their taste for it after 100 plus years of the concoction.

Far from it.

Coke is still the number one selling soft drink ever. But somehow Coke thought it could do better and announced it was changing the secret formula. That decision quickly became a head scratcher, as iconic as the drink itself.

After widespread backlash, Coke back peddled and initiated damage control, scrambling to preserve the century old taste by reintroducing "Classic Coke" as an alternative to the new one. New Coke eventually went into the history books as one of the most historic marketing blunders of all time. After Coke wiped the egg from its face, it dropped the whole campaign 16 years later.

Fast forward to today, and now Budweiser enters the spotlight. A delicate situation to be sure, during March Madness, the popular college basketball tournament, Bud Light partnered with transgender Tik Tok celebrity Dylan Mulvaney, in which the iconic beer company sent a Bud Light beer with

Mulvaney's picture on the front of the can.

Mulvaney posted the sponsored announcement on her then 1 million viewership Instagram channel with commentary.

Soon thereafter, Nike entered the controversy by hiring Mulvaney to advertise their sports bra and leggings in what appeared to be a hastily thrown together video of the transwoman working out in Nike gear in what appears to be a backyard.

No matter what ones view of the campaigns, there is no arguing the backlash from conservative groups has been notable.

The old adage "any advertising is good advertising" certainly is in play and no doubt there are multiple conversations in corporate boardrooms taking place right about now as to whether to dip toes into the controversial pool that is Dylan Mulvaney or get the hell out.

Observationally speaking, we are in new territory here.

Can a company profit from such a notoriety as promoting a view that so angers a good portion of its customer base yet generates such widespread coverage?

Does the obvious kickback by a loyal customer base outweigh the attention such an advertising campaign generates?

Difficult questions for sure and I have no idea whether the gamble will pay off in increased revenue for either company or result in a fireball of plummeting sales in protest. At the date of this writing, although neither company is commenting, it is rumored sales of Buds products are on the rapid decline.

Whether all this will eventually blow over or if the iconic brands will suffer significant damage remains to be seen.

What I do know is there certainly going to be one winner in all of this. Dylan Mulvaney is going to make a fortune.

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

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California's Top Citrus Region Digs Out of Muck After Storms

Growers in Tulare County normally enjoy harvest and fragrant orange blossoms this time of year. But last month's flooding requires an extensive cleanup operation and is a major challenge for the state's top citrus-growing region. The county produces California's largest share of navel and Valencia oranges and mandarins. Now farmers are dealing with standing water in groves, mucky sediment and driftwood strewn across their ranches. More than 60% of the citrus crop has been picked, but the wet weather has resulted in export windows being missed.

EPA Gives Go-ahead to California's Zero-Emissions Truck Plan

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved California's plan to phase out the sale of diesel-fueled heavy-duty trucks. The plan covers big rigs that transport much of the state's agricultural goods, as California seeks to reduce pollution and carbon emissions. Agricultural groups, including the California Farm Bureau, have expressed concerns that the California Air Resources Board's zero-emissions plan could disrupt transportation of livestock and fresh produce across the state due to a shortage of electric vehicles, charging stations and drivers.

Six Groundwater Subbasins Working to Improve Sustainability Plans

California water officials have signaled a willingness to allow six San Joaquin Valley groundwater subbasins to bring aquifer plans into compliance with state sustainability mandates. Officials have ruled that plans for the six subbasins fail to meet requirements of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which could trigger state intervention. However, the State Water Resources Board is so far allowing the subbasins – Chowchilla, Delta-Mendota, Kaweah, Kern County, Tulare Lake and Tule – to improve plans to bring aquifers into balance.

Rice, Corn and Dry Bean Plantings Expected to Increase, as Wheat Acreage Declines

Having more water this year has not necessarily boosted state plantings of field crops. Of crops tracked by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, only three – corn, rice and dry beans – are projected to increase in acreage. Rice, in particular, is expected to make a major comeback. Last year, the Sacramento Valley rice region followed vast acreage. This year, California's rice plantings are expected to reach 404,000 acres – compared to 256,000 acres in 2022. But total wheat acreage this year is expected to be among the lowest in state history. ★



We, at Books & More, are really enjoying our new covered area. It is great to be able to unlock in the dry. It also gives us a place to show Bargain Books and hang some clothes. On our Event days, the first Saturday of each month, it is a great place to serve that hot lunch. Thanks to Dan Jarbo for the great job of putting it together.

Don't forget Hill Top Breakfast on Mother's Day, May 14, great breakfast served from 8:00 to 11:00. This monthly breakfast helps support the group to manage non-emergency medical transportation in our area.

The Brownsville Farmer's Market will soon be open, we are looking forward to it. Their opening date is Friday, May 12. When they open at 4:00 there will be items to buy that help celebrate Mother's Day. Music is planned as well as produce, games, and more. See you there?

Next month on Saturday, May 6, there will be a couple of events. At Books & More our regular monthly Event will take place, with vendors and a lunch. Let's hope for great weather. Then in the evening Yuba Feather Community Services will be having a Cinco de Mayo dinner

at the community center. Doors will open at 4:30 with a no-host bar. Dinner will be served at 5:00, a Mexican theme, of course. There are several raffle prizes. This is a good opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors. The community center building is in great need of many repairs, so the monies that come in that evening will go toward that large expense.

The Mountain Transit Van is about ready to roll. Now we need customers! We will start our trips on Thursday with Stone Soup, followed by a few stops in Brownsville. We have a volunteer driver to take the van to Oroville on Tuesdays for some grocery shopping. We plan to park in the area of Grocery Outlet and we are still looking for a driver or two to manage a route on Fridays to go to the Farmer's Market. Do you or someone you know need a ride to our community happenings?

Look Back in Time – In 1916 chrome from the Zenith Chrome Mine in Clipper Mills was hauled by 15 trucks to Western Pacific in Oroville, 100 tons per day (now we haul logs).

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon. ~ Yvonne ★

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Newsom Backtracks on Walgreens Ban

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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In a turn of events that will surprise nobody, Governor Newsom's been forced to backtrack on his Walgreens ban, and even invited the company to reapply for a contract that was supposedly canceled.

Explaining the sudden turnaround,

Newsom spokesman Anthony York insisted, "Tweeting is not policy."

Sounds like the governor's been taking his own advice from 2016, when he claimed "the American people always support 'strong and wrong'" leaders.

So that begs the question - can Californians trust anything Newsom tweets?

Can they trust anything he says? ★



Assembly Republican call on Californians to stop believing the things that Governor Gavin Newsom says. Photo courtesy of Assembly Republican Caucus

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Angelica Lopez Garcia and Victor Hugo
Guzman Calderon PETITIONERS
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 23-00339
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
05/15/2023
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Angelica Lopez Garcia and Victor Hugo Guzman Calderon filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Celestino Victor Guzman Garcia
to: Celestino Victor Guzman Lopez
from: Mychelle Guzman Garcia
to: Mychelle Guzman Lopez
from: Aranza Guzman Garcia
to: Aranza Guzman Lopez**

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: April 6, 2023

**Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.**

April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2023.



**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-092**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Living Gifts by Cynthia
2316 Foust Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) Cynthia Lynn Vieira
2316 Foust 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:
Cynthia Lynn Vieira
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Mar. 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-112**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**Diesel Element
Mobile Service**
1091 Sierra Bluff St.
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of Yuba
1) Joann Garcia-Luevano
1091 Sierra Bluff St.
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by an individual.
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Signed:
Joann Garcia-Luevano
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-084**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**Ellis Lake
Condominium Apartments**
1801 Ellis Lake Drive
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) Thomas L. Bloxham
91 Gregory Lane, Suite #5
Pleasant Hill, California 94523
2) Diana L. Bloxham
91 Gregory Lane, Suite #5
Pleasant Hill, California 94523
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/1987.
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Signed:
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-085**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**Meadowwood
Condominium Apartments**
1210 East 22nd Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) Thomas L. Bloxham
91 Gregory Lane, Suite #5
Pleasant Hill, California 94523
2) Diana L. Bloxham
91 Gregory Lane, Suite #5
Pleasant Hill, California 94523
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/1991.
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-100**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Pretty Little Rental Co.
1842 Broken Bit Dr.
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registrant Information:
Monica Gassaway,
1842 Broken Bit Dr,
Plumas Lake, 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:
S/ Monica Gassaway,
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By **NELIDA WILLIAMS,**
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**4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12/23
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-089**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**WHEATLAND NATURAL
MEATS BEEF**
6900 Eric Lane
Wheatland, CA 95692
County of Yuba
1) Top Shelf Ranch, LLC
6900 Eric Lane
Wheatland, CA 95692
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/2023.
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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-091**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MVP Transport
6362 Stonehedge Drive
Loma Rica, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) Marc Dustin Verbish
6362 Stonehedge Drive
Loma Rica, 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 03/01/2023.
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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-103**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
All The Claw Things
1773 Bromley Ct.
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of Yuba
1) Suzanna Krissie Ellis
1773 Bromley Ct.
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
2) Christopher Lee Ellis
1773 Bromley Ct.
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/2021.
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Christopher L. Ellis
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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-071**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**EA Family Services
Lake Francis Resort
Camp Rockin' U**
350 Main Street
Quincy, CA 95971
County of Plumas
1) Environmental Alternatives
350 Main Street
Quincy, CA 95971
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/12/2017.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Mark Cross,
**Board Secretary
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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-090**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Casino Marysville
515 4th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) EMZE LLC
3155 Lynde St.
Oakland, CA 94601
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
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Signed:
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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-053**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RAFTER MJ RANCH
4260 Sunny Rd.
Olivehurst, CA 95961
County of Yuba
1) Jack Massey
75 Sharp Street
Roundup, MT 59072
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/29/1969.
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Signed:
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-098**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
NIRVE WORKS
6321 Jordan Drive
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) Kelsi Michelle Forwalter
6321 Jordan Drive
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 01/01/22.
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Signed:
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Community Events

NATIONAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK APRIL 23-29, 2023

Sutter Victim Services will be hosting their 1st Annual Day of Remembrance at 6 pm Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Sutter County Veterans Hall, 1425 Veterans Memorial Circle in Yuba City. For more info call 530-822-7345

**OLIVEHURST VFW POST 4095
BINGO 6 pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
4965 Powerline Rd, Olivehurst. Info: 530-777-9057**

Hilltop Gang Breakfast, 2nd Sunday of the Month at Brownsville Community Center downstairs on Ponderosa Way. Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice and peaches. Choice of ham or sausage. Choice of pancakes, french toast or biscuits and gravy. Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$4, 3 & under Free. PLEASE NOTE: Breakfast is the third Sunday in June because of Father's Day.

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Big Companies' Latest Attack on The Little Guy

By Paul Michel

Imagine inventing something, patenting it, building a successful company around it, and then seeing a much larger rival steal your idea.

For too many inventors and entrepreneurs, that's not a hypothetical. It's a nightmare they have lived through.

Instead of responsibly buying out smaller inventors or licensing their patents, some large companies find it more economical to simply copy the underlying technologies and fend off patent infringement claims in court by expanding and extending costly litigation, a bully tactic designed to overwhelm and outlast less well-funded innovators.

Wealthy companies use the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, an administrative law body that hears challenges within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, to aid and abet their infringement. Ever since PTAB was created in 2011, these behemoths have filed repeat challenges at PTAB, asking the board to invalidate as improperly granted the very patents they are accused of or judged as willfully infringing.

These companies have the resources to scour the world for any invention with similarity to the patent under review and then argue before the PTAB that the patent in question is overly broad, indistinct, and should never have been issued.

That can be all they need to get a trial and possibly prevail. According to one analysis, around one-third of patents challenged on petition at PTAB are found totally or partially invalid. Of those petitions going to final result at trial, two-thirds are.

PTAB challenges are concentrated among a surprisingly small number of giant companies. The top 10 PTAB petitioners which include Samsung, Apple, Intel, and Google are responsible for nearly a quarter of all petitions.

To curb this abuse, in 2020, the USPTO put in place a procedure for determining

whether a PTAB review should go forward. The so-called Fintiv factors allow PTAB judges to decline to review a patent when the same patent is already subject to a challenge in federal district court and is approaching earlier resolution there. The Fintiv factors worked to deter many redundant requests for review.

Unfortunately, the USPTO Director Katherine Vidal issued new guidance last year that severely restricted PTAB's ability to apply the Fintiv factors. The new rules prohibit PTAB from letting the Fintiv factors prevent them from hearing patent validity challenges that are otherwise "compelling."

Unsurprisingly, PTAB has accepted significantly more patent challenges since Director Vidal's new guidance took effect. In other words, PTAB is increasingly being forced to duplicate the work of the courts.

So it comes as no shock these same corporate giants are now pushing hard to permanently eliminate PTAB's Fintiv authority to decline a review. They're lobbying Washington lawmakers to legislatively repeal Fintiv, claiming that the repeal will help small businesses fend off baseless infringement lawsuits from "patent trolls" that allege infringement and go to court, in the hopes of getting a quick settlement to go away.

This argument is a red herring. It's these big corporations filing the bulk of challenges at PTAB, not small companies seeking relief from abusive suits by trolls.

Restoring the ability of huge companies to efficiently infringe upon smaller ones by forcing owners needlessly to defend their patents simultaneously in the PTAB and in court and win in both would be a perversion of justice.

Paul Michel served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit from 1988 to his retirement in 2010, and as its chief judge from 2004 to 2010. He currently serves on the board of the Council for Innovation Promotion. ★

Western US Receives \$585 Million to Bolster Water Infrastructure

Samantha Flom, Epoch Times
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Nearly \$585 million from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will be allocated toward water infrastructure repairs in the western United States, the Department of the Interior announced on April 6.

The funds will go toward 83 projects across 11 states to "improve water conveyance and storage, increase safety, improve hydro power generation, and provide water treatment."

"President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is making a historic investment to provide clean, reliable water to families, farmers, and tribes," Deputy Secretary of the Interior Tommy Beaudreau said in a statement. "As we work to address record drought and changing climate conditions throughout the West, these investments in our aging water infrastructure will conserve community water supplies and revitalize water delivery systems."

According to the department, every major river basin and region under the Bureau of Reclamation's purview will benefit from the funding, including projects in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington.

Projects will focus on increasing canal capacity, providing water treatment for tribal nations, replacing hydropower production equipment, and conducting maintenance on aging infrastructure.

"These projects have been identified through a rigorous process and is a testament to the Bureau of Reclamation's commitment to deliver water to future generations," Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton said. "As we manage through changing climate, we must look to the safety of our projects to ensure that we can continue to provide clean, reliable water to communities, irrigators, and ecosystems across the west."

Infrastructure Package

The \$1.2 trillion infrastructure law, passed in 2021, included \$8.3 billion over a period of five years for Bureau of Reclamation projects. ★

On Jan. 4, President Joe Biden and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) held a joint press conference in support of the infrastructure law, praising the bipartisan efforts that successfully passed it.

"I believe it sends an important message to the entire country," Biden said at the time. "We can work together. We can get things done. We can move the nation forward if we just drop a little bit of our egos and focus on what is needed in the country."

McConnell, in agreement with Biden, said he was "proud" of his vote for the bill.

"Nationally, this was one of the big projects in the entire country to deal with the crumbling infrastructure that we've all been talking about for years, and so we finally stepped up together and addressed it," the senator said.

Republicans, however, have criticized the measure and McConnell for supporting it.

"There's nothing to celebrate about a woke, bloated infrastructure law full of waste, labor union handouts, and green giveaways," former United Nations Ambassador and 2024 Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley told Fox News. "Republicans shouldn't play center stage in Biden's publicity stunt."

Meanwhile, when the bill was passed, Rep. Chip Roy (R-Texas) called it a "trojan horse."

"[The bill] gives unprecedented spending power to unelected Washington bureaucrats, and it funnels billions of taxpayer dollars into renewable energy projects that will devastate our increasingly unreliable grid," Roy said in a statement. "Perhaps most absurdly, it will use taxpayer money to put critical race theory into practice with things like a \$2.75 billion 'digital equity program.'"

"That 13 House Republicans provided the votes needed to pass this is absurd," he added.

In total, legislation passed under the Biden administration has provided nearly \$13 billion in funding for water infrastructure and drought resilience projects, including \$4.6 billion under the Inflation Reduction Act.

The newly announced allocation builds upon the \$240 million distributed for such projects through the infrastructure law last year. ★



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Starting Off On the Wrong Foot



Of course, you would like to have a good, if not great, day. Who doesn't want everything to fall into place? Every traffic light turns green just as you get to it. The weather is perfect. All the people you come into contact with are in a happy mood. You feel wonderful. Regardless of what you encounter, you emerge smelling like a rose.

Unfortunately, there are days when you start off on the wrong foot. Regardless of how upbeat and positive you may be, there are going to be times where you wake up feeling off. It doesn't mean something is wrong with you. Everybody has bad days.

You may have problems on your mind. Maybe you don't know what's wrong. Either way the result is the same; you feel crummy. When your day starts off wrong, it can put you in a bad mood.

If you are having a really bad day, things seemingly go from bad to worse. It feels as if you are a problem magnet. You may even think a black cloud is hanging over you. When your thoughts are negative, problems get blown out of proportion causing you lose sight of the good in your life. What can you do to feel better?

First of all, there are some things you shouldn't do. Don't feel bad about feeling bad. Don't think there is something wrong with you. Don't become frustrated about your mood. If you do any of these things, you will develop secondary stress.

When it happens, accept the fact that you are having an off day. Resist the tendency to snap at or be rude to others. Doing so will only exacerbate your problems. You need to proactively work your way out of your funk. The objective is to get your mind onto a positive track.

Start by focusing on all there is to be thankful for. Make a mental checklist of everything good. Regardless of what you think is wrong, there are many positive aspects of your life. Each good thought

you have will help displace your bad mood. You won't reverse a bad mood in one shot, but you can chip away at it.

Think about anything that makes you feel happy. It could be contemplating events in the past that evoke positive feelings. Fond childhood memories, a great vacation, or good times with family and friends are some suggestions.

Think about something funny from your own experiences, a movie, or TV. Tell someone a joke. Make someone else laugh. When you arouse happiness in others, it will have a positive impact on you also. Daydreaming can also be helpful. Picture yourself in pleasant situations. Imagine you have attained your goals. How will it feel after you have achieved your dreams?

When you are feeling off, you lack motivation. It's not easy to think about something good. You don't have much energy. You may even feel beaten down. It's when you feel the least like it that you have to claw your way back up.

You might need to change gears or vary your routine. Doing something different can help break you out of a mental hole. Your feelings will improve. The more you participate in improving your mood, the faster your recovery will be.

Smile. When you smile, even if it's forced, you will feel better. Act the way you want to feel. Don't wait to feel happy before you act happy. When you have a day that starts off on the wrong foot, don't fret, it won't last. By focusing on positive, happy thoughts, you will minimize the time you feel less than optimal.

NOW AVAILABLE: "Dare to Live Without Limits," the book. Visit www.BryanGolden.com or your bookstore. Bryan is a management consultant, motivational speaker, author, and adjunct professor. E-mail Bryan at bryan@columbianist.com or write him c/o this paper. ©2023 Bryan Golden ★

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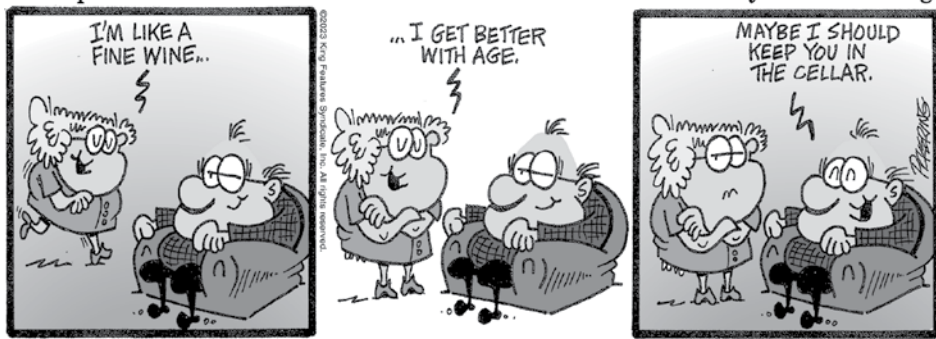
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Huskies Drop NSCIF Rematch, Punish Rams in Blowout

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs avenged their 2022 Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation Division III finals loss as they beat the Sutter Huskies in a 7-5 extra inning thriller on Tuesday, April 11.

With Sutter departing the Northern Section for the Sacramento Section, this is the only time the former Butte View League rivals will see one another. The intensity of the game was felt through each dugout and transferred onto the field where every play had some impact on the game.

Gridley (8-0) head coach Javier Solis said his team was consistent with their efforts. "Our starting pitching has been flawless throughout the season," Solis said.

The pitching matchup between two solid sophomores, Bulldogs Garrett Francis, and the Huskies, Jonny Munger, tossed a duel. Munger threw five innings where he gave up four hits, two runs and struck out seven.

Francis tossed four innings and surrendered four hits, five runs, and had four strikeouts. Francis said his curveball and changeup were able to keep the Sutter hitters off-balanced.

Gridley senior first baseman Chris Alejo put the Bulldogs on the scoreboard first in the first inning with a two-run batted-in double to right field. The Gridley lead was short lived as Huskies senior outfielder Matt Lorentz hit a game-tying sacrifice fly to score sophomore first baseman, Brady Wickum, in the second inning. Wickum had a big day at the plate, going three-for-four with a double and an RBI.

Sutter (10-4) took the lead in the bottom of the third inning as the hot bat of senior outfielder Matthew McCall belted a hard single to left field to score fellow senior catcher Landon Sable.

McCall and Sable were named Co-MVP's of the San Diego Lions Tournament where they each had three multi-hit games from April 3-6. "I'm trying to attack the fast ball and not get too deep in the count," McCall said.

Huskies head coach Stewart Peterson expressed that his hitters have been heading into the box with good approaches and it's shown in their box scores. "They stay within themselves and look for pitches they can hit hard throughout the whole field," Peterson exclaimed.

McCall had another multi-hit game as he finished two-for-four with an RBI. Wickum added an RBI double that extended the Sutter lead 4-2 after three innings.

The Bulldogs crept back in the sixth inning as junior shortstop, Adrian Santillan, reached second base after he bunted a ball back to Sutter junior relief pitcher, Kasey Combo. Combo threw the ball away at first base, allowing Santillan to reach second and cut the Huskies lead to 5-3 after a run scored.

Gridley junior catcher Bryant McWilliams added another run as he grounded out to second base to bring the deficit to one.

With two outs and Santillan on third base, Solis had Santillan attempt to steal home and tie the game. Combo kept calm under pressure and stepped off the mound to throw the ball to Sable for an easy out at the plate. Solis believed it was worth the risk.

With the Bulldogs in a tight game, Solis went to his bullpen in the fifth inning and relied on his main relief pitcher, junior Emmet Smallwood. Smallwood would shut the door on the Sutter bats as he pitched four innings of shutout ball, giving up one hit and striking out six.

Smallwood shared that he gets a boost of confidence as he comes into the games knowing his defense has his back on every pitch.

Down to their final out, Gridley sophomore third baseman Gus Stogsdill, who started in his first game from getting called up from the junior varsity level, hit a routine dribbler to Huskies junior shortstop Logan Yacavace that should have ended the game. Yacavace threw a short hop to Wickum and he was unable to pick the ball off the ground.

Alejo scored as he rounded third base off the throwing error to tie the game and the Bulldogs dugout erupted in excitement.

Gridley took the lead in the eighth inning as McWilliams hit an RBI single to right field with Santillan scoring from second to give the Bulldogs a 6-5 lead.

McWilliams exclaimed that he was looking to push the ball to the right side (second base side of the field to advance a runner) and it was successful.

Gridley senior captain and designated hitter, Michael Ryan, added an insurance run as he hit an RBI double to left center and extended the Bulldogs lead 7-5. Smallwood survived a late push by the Huskies as they threatened with runners on first and second with two outs.

The win for Gridley kept its perfect season alive and they continued that trend this past Saturday, April 15 as they beat Willows and Durham in a double-header to improve to 10-0 on the season. ★



Sutter sophomore pitcher Jonny Munger (17) throws a pitch in the Huskies 7-5 defeat versus Gridley on Tuesday, April 11.



Sutter senior outfielder Matthew McCall (2) gets one of his two hits in the Huskies 7-5 defeat against Gridley on Tuesday, April 11.



Sutter senior catcher Landon Sable (3) missed the ball in attempting to block the plate against Gridley junior shortstop Adrian Santillan (1) for the go ahead run in the eighth inning in the Huskies 7-5 loss on Tuesday, April 11.

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Honkers Drop First Series in CVC Play, Swept by Timberwolves

Story by Steven Bryla, photos by Chris Pedigo

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba City Honkers fell into unfamiliar territory as they were swept by the Woodcreek Timberwolves of Roseville in a 13-9 defeat on Friday, April 14.

The loss to Woodcreek resulted in the first time Yuba City has been swept in a series this season and surrendered their first series of the Capital Valley Conference play.

Honkers head coach Maury Castaneda reiterated past conversations with the Dispatch by saying the CVC is one of the most competitive baseball leagues in the area.

Woodcreek was ranked in the top 10 of the Sacramento Bee's poll in the middle of March and overtook Yuba City and Bella Vista for first place in the CVC standings with the sweep over the Honkers.

The Timberwolves put up four runs in the first inning off senior pitcher C.J. Hopper. Hopper had an off-night as he struggled to get the ball in the strike zone with 29 total pitches and 11 strikes thrown.

Woodcreek tacked on nine more runs in the second inning, with six hits in the inning off Yuba City senior relievers Aaron Dalpoggetto and Greg Quirarte.

Quirarte threw 5.1 innings with blemishing four hits and one run on the night, while he struck out four.

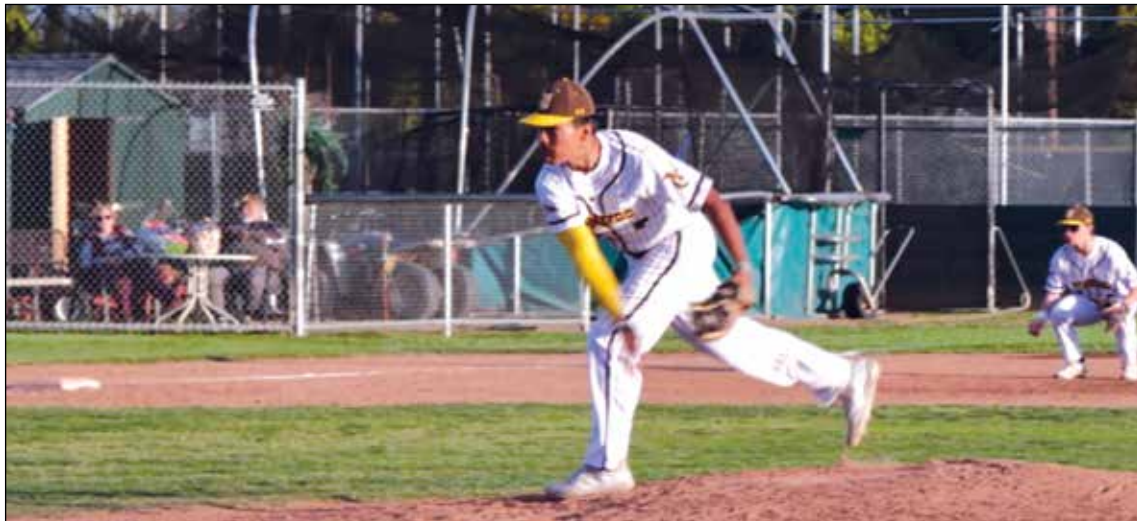
"I'm very proud of him (Quirarte), he came in when we needed him and showed up," Castaneda said.

The brightest spot of Quirarte's appearance on the mound was he pounded the strike zone by throwing 72% of his pitches for strikes.

"I just came in and did my best to throw strikes," Quirarte said. "I had a good defense behind me and trusted



Yuba City senior outfielder Brent Gallegos steals second base in the Honkers 13-9 loss on Friday, April 14 versus Woodcreek.



Yuba City senior pitcher Greg Quirarte (7) throws a pitch in his 5.1 innings pitched during the Honkers loss versus Woodcreek on Friday, April 14.



Yuba City senior outfielder Brent Gallegos (14) watches a ball find a hole for a base hit in the Honkers 13-9 loss on Friday, April 14 against Woodcreek.

them to make the plays." With the Honkers being down 13 after two innings, they could have rolled over and just checked out of the game, but they didn't.

Yuba City (12-8, 7-5 CVC) put up their own set of crooked numbers for a couple innings as they got on the scoreboard in the third inning when Hopper hit a RBI single to right field. The Honkers scored three runs off of four hits in the third inning.

They followed suit in the fourth inning as Yuba City plated five more runs to cut the deficit to 13-8 off of two hits. The hitting leader of the Honkers at the plate was senior outfielder and California State University - Sacramento commit Brent Gallegos, who went three-for-four on the night with a double and two RBIs.

Although Yuba City experienced its first CVC series defeat of the season, Gallegos expressed to the Dispatch that this wasn't the end of their season and they still have more work to do. "We still have games to play and we will keep hustling through the rest of the season," Gallegos said.

After the fourth inning, the game was stalemated for the remainder as the score stayed 13-8 until the Honkers added their final run in the bottom of the seventh where Gallegos hit an RBI-single.

Yuba City started another CVC series with Bella Vista this week as they looked to stay in the top three of the CVC standings.

"We have to play Yuba City baseball and play our game," Castaneda said.

The Honkers beat Bella Vista during the El Camino Easter Tournament April 3-5 in round-robin play. Although it was one game and a small sample size, Yuba City did rack up 17 hits the one time they played Bella Vista. ★

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- \$95.00 good for 90 days.

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Jerk Bait

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Clear Lake; caught 30 pre-spawn Crappie. Try: Gulp Worm/ shad color. (b) Clear Lake Catfish and Bass Derby, April 15th. Catfish: 38 boats signed up. Bass: 118 boats signed up. Results next week.

RIVERS

Sac. River system; Pittsburg area. The sturgeon bite is improving. Try: Eel or Salmon Roe. (a) Feather River; anglers are putting lots of small stripers back. When the river clears expect better fishing. Note: Star Bend boat ramp closed for construction.

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