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Gas Prices Soaring

Here's how lawmakers want to help Californians facing high gas prices



A Valero gas station in Sacramento on March 10, 2022. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

By Grace Gedye, Calmatters.org

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - There's a collective groan, rippling across California, as drivers pull into gas stations and see prices above \$5.

Gas prices per gallon are getting higher across the U.S., but prices in California are soaring higher than any other state according to the American Automobile Association. The average price of gas in California was \$5.69 — up from \$4.68 a month ago — while the national average

was \$4.32, (as of March 7)

Much of what has driven up gas prices over the past several months is outside of California lawmakers' control: Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the sanctions that followed, have spiked prices, combined with the fact that demand for oil has ramped up from pandemic lows faster than supply.

California's gas prices tend to be higher than other states in part because of higher taxes for infrastructure and environmental fees. State lawmakers raised the gas tax by 12

cents after a fraught battle in 2017 to pay for roads, bridges, transit projects, and more. Then there's some amount of higher gas prices in California that's harder to account for, which Severin Borenstein, an energy economist at UC Berkeley, has dubbed the Mystery Gasoline Surcharge.

But people are feeling the effects of climbing prices now, and both Democrat and Republican state lawmakers say they want to help. One option is decreasing the state tax on gas suppliers, with the aim of

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Democrats Kill Proposal to Lower Gas Prices

By Assemblyman James Gallagher

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Monday, March 14, Assembly Democrats killed a Republican proposal to immediately bring down the price of gas by suspending California's 51-cent-per-gallon gas tax. California drivers face the highest gas prices in the country, and at \$5.74 per gallon; fuel costs here are \$1.41 per gallon above the national average.

"Capitol Democrats had the chance to provide struggling Californians with immediate relief at the gas pump. They refused," said Assemblyman James Gallagher (Yuba City). "High gas prices and inflation are devastating California families, but Capitol Democrats' only solution seems to be 'buy a Tesla.'"

During the Assembly floor session, Republicans moved to advance AB 1638, which would suspend California's state gas tax for six months, and backfill the revenue from the state's budget surplus, which could exceed \$69 billion. The motion was killed on a 18-40 vote, with all Republicans voting to suspend the tax. Not a single Democrat voted for the effort. ★

Local Man Takes it to the Extreme!



Demolition derbies offered spectators fun entertainment and firepower. Photo: Williams Enterprises LLC

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Williams Enterprises LLC, of Gridley California, is taking motor sports events to the extreme!

Blane Williams, founder of Williams Enterprises

LLC, was raised in Gridley, California and chose to make Gridley home to his business in 2016. With 16 years' experience in the derby world, Williams and his family is passionate about bringing high-quality, adrenaline

filled, family entertainment to the north state and beyond!

According to Williams, Williams Enterprises LLC, was handed the torch by derby promoters from both the Yuba-Sutter Fair and the Butte County Fair. His

experience running those derby events has launched him deeper into the promotion of extreme motor sports events, and this year, Williams Enterprises LLC put on the first ever Spring Extreme — a two-day event

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Prop 47: Had Enough?

By Assemblyman James Gallagher

California communities are under assault by a rise in crime that's hitting neighborhoods throughout our state.

Thieves walk into stores, fill up their backpacks and stroll out without a care in the world. Organized rings of thieves are committing brazen smash-and-grabs. Open air drug use and fentanyl overdoses are common on our streets at high-end retail boutiques. Soft-on-crime policies have failed Californians.

Proposition 47 is a huge culprit, reducing penalties for many crimes to a slap on the wrist. Now, a majority of Californians support bringing back more serious consequences for people who break the law.

Californians deserve to live in communities safe from violent crime and rampant theft. That is why I teamed up with Assemblymember Kevin Kiley and a dozen other legislators to introduce AB 1599 that would repeal Proposition 47 and rein in California's crime wave. Enough is enough! It's time to start holding criminals accountable. ★

Crystal Hermitage Tulip Garden Re-Opens



Ananda's Crystal Hermitage Garden near Nevada City, California showcases over 17,000 tulips each spring. Advance tickets required. Photos are courtesy of Kial James | Nevada City Scenics

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NEVADA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Sierra Nevada holds a golden nugget for those who love spring-time and flowers, especially, tulips. After a two-year closure due to COVID-19, Ananda's glorious tulip garden will open in April. The Crystal Hermitage Garden is meticulously planted with over 17,000 tulips and other

spring flowers each year. Just 25 minutes above Nevada City proper, this beautiful, pristine, and lovingly attended garden is well worth the drive (about 90 minutes from Sacramento).

Advance tickets are required this year. This allows proper social distancing and provides guests with safe and optimum enjoyment of this wonderful garden. No on-site tickets will be sold, so plan your visit and get

tickets in advance at crystalhermitage.org/tickets/.

The Crystal Hermitage Garden provides a rare view across the wild and scenic Yuba River canyon far below this refined garden, bursting with color and sequentially planted throughout the spring with many contrasting flowers. Wherever the eye falls, the attention to detail and care shines through in this treasured garden. Each year many

thousands make the trip to soak in the stellar beauty of nature tamed so tenderly by gentle gardeners' hands contrasting with nearby wildlands and Ananda's 700 acres of rolling green hills.

Visitors can chat with Crystal Hermitage lead gardeners, visit the museum, or quietly enjoy the peace and beauty. For a lunch, visitors will find delicious vegetarian fare at the Expanding Light Retreat or at Master's Market in

Ananda Village. The Expanding Light Retreat Center also offers overnight accommodations, with advance reservations. Note: There is no picnicking allowed in gardens.

The garden will be open seven days a week in April, 10am-5pm. Cost for adults (13 years and older) is \$10 on weekdays and \$12 on weekends. Tickets are available at crystalhermitage.org/tickets/. ★



As spring quickly approaches, many different types of flowers will begin blooming in Northern California. Come out to the Tulip Garden to smell all the beautiful aromas that it provides. Photos courtesy of Crystal Hermitage Gardens

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Local Man Takes it to the Extreme!



The mud bog was the ultimate challenge for the Spring Extreme trucks. Photo: Williams Enterprises LLC

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featuring a power wheels derby for the kids, massive destruction derby, tuff trucks and mud bogs with a total of 127 drivers competing for Grand Prize Pots as high as \$10,000!

Over the weekend, nearly 4,000 people passed through the gates at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds to witness the spraying mud, crashing metal of the derby cars and high-flying stunts of the tuff trucks and mud bogs. The event was broadcast live, worldwide, by Track Shot Live (<https://www.youtube.com/c/TRACKSHOTLIVE>). Sharing that derby's are a popular form of entertainment in the Midwest and East Coasts, with Monster Truck events being more popular on the West-coast, Williams says, "I'm pretty confident the Spring Extreme's the

biggest derby we've had in California since the 2000's."

Family values and giving back to the community is central to Williams Enterprises LLC., so both evenings a portion of the proceeds raised were donated to local non-profits and charity groups. Saturday evening, \$500.00 was donated to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation and Sunday, \$500.00 was donated to the Field of Dreams organization.

Williams would like to thank his Wife, Brittany, his crew, his sponsors and more for the success of the first Spring Extreme. For more information about Williams Enterprises LLC. and their family-friendly upcoming events, please visit their website at [Williamsentllc.com](https://www.facebook.com/Williamsentllc) or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Williamsentllc>. ★

The Posse is Coming

By Jack Frost,
Co-Director of the CSPOA
Nor-Cal Chapter

Remember yesteryear when the town Sheriff would form a "Posse" and ride out on horseback to chase down the "Law-Breakers"? Well, the CSPOA Citizen-Posse is gearing up and we need YOU to prepare to saddle up with us because we have a lot of work to do.

You ask...what is the CSPOA? It's the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association Founded by Sheriff Richard Mack in 2011. Go to www.CSPOA.org and "Join the Posse" for access to video's, articles, and a weekly webinar with Sheriff Mack.

You Can Join the Local CSPOA Posse Too!!

The first CSPOA Chapter in California has just been approved and will be led by three Co-Directors, Jason Nole, Brenna Toppenberg, and Jack Frost. The goal is to approve all 58-Counties in California to become "Regional County Affiliates" (RCA's). The mission

is to educate Law Enforcement, Elected Officials, and Citizens about their "Constitutional Rights" and the duties and responsibilities of their "Oath of Office".

Our first CSPOA Training featuring Sheriff Mack and KrisAnne Hall is scheduled for April 2nd at the "Church of Glad Tidings" in Yuba City.

Go to www.GorillaLearningInstitute.org/cspoa and purchase a ticket while they last!

Gorilla Learning Institute, founded by Supervisor Sue Frost, is a 501-C-3, sponsoring CSPOA's educational efforts through a Re-Grant Project known as "Friends of CSPOA" allowing your registration and donations to be tax deductible. The "Mission" of Gorilla Learning Institute is to educate citizens about the Constitution, U.S. History, Civics, and the Free Enterprise System.

We hope to see you at the April 2nd CSPOA Event so you can learn your Constitutional Rights and "Join the CSPOA Posse."

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Gas Prices Soaring

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reducing prices. Another, which Gov. Gavin Newsom teased in his State of the State address, is some form of rebate to help defray the higher cost of gas.

Here's how each of those proposals would work, and what they would mean for Californians.

California taxes gas before it gets sold and uses the money to fund highway improvements and transit projects. Right now that tax — paid by suppliers — is about 51 cents per gallon, which makes it the second highest in the nation, after Pennsylvania's tax. It increases a little bit each year to keep up with inflation. This July the tax is set to go up by about 3 cents per gallon.

Democrat Gov. Gavin Newsom made a modest proposal in January, before Russia invaded Ukraine: Pause the increase for one year. In other words, don't let the tax go up by 3 cents this year. The Newsom administration described it as an effort "to potentially lower the price of gasoline" and provide some relief to consumers.

The proposal is so small that "it's not going to have an effect that anyone will notice," said Borenstein, the Berkeley economist. Drivers probably wouldn't notice, but people managing state infrastructure budgets probably would: The plan would cost the state about \$523 million in lost revenue. That would mostly wind up affecting funding for state highway projects in a couple of years, according to analysis from the Legislative Analyst's Office.

Leaders of the majority-Democrat Legislature, which Newsom would need to get on board with his plan, aren't wild about the idea, saying "our focus cannot be a small cut to the gas tax that might not get passed on to consumers."

California Republicans have proposed wiping away the whole 51 cent tax in the short term. Last year, Republican state senators proposed suspending the tax completely for a year; this year, Granite Bay Republican Kevin Kiley proposed getting rid of the tax for six months. The six-month proposal would cost the state somewhere between \$4 to \$4.5 billion in lost revenue, according to estimates from Assemblymember Kiley's office. In both cases, the lost tax money for infrastructure would be made up for by a one-time infusion of other state funds into infrastructure accounts.

"The gas tax is something that we control as state lawmakers and it is one lever by which we can provide California taxpayers a bit of relief," said Kiley. It would be impossible for a Republican to get a bill passed through the Democrat-controlled legislature without significant support from Democrats; so far a couple of Democrats have expressed interest in the proposal.

But because the tax applies to gas suppliers, the price of gas would go down only if gas sellers actually



The prices for fuel at a gas station in Oakland on March 7, 2022. Photo by Martin do Nascimento, CalMatters

pass the savings along to consumers by reducing the price of gas. And there aren't any guarantees on how much of the savings they'd pass along.

In February, economists at the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office reviewed research on how changes in fuel taxes affect fuel prices, said Seth Kerstein, an economist at the agency. They estimated that between two-thirds to 100% of the governor's proposal — or 2 to 3 cents per gallon — would likely be passed along to people paying at the pump.

If that same estimated range applies to the Republicans' larger tax break — which the agency did not analyze — it would translate into roughly 34 to 51 cents per gallon in savings at the pump. Generally, economic theory would say that larger tax changes would get passed through in the same way as smaller ones, said James Bushnell, an energy economist at UC Davis. But gas tax changes are also generally much smaller than 51 cents, so the research has been focused on the impacts of smaller changes, he said.

That was before Russia invaded Ukraine and the sanctions on Russian companies and gas that followed threw the international gas market into flux.

Gas tax breaks "come up every time there's some kind of oil shock," said Bushnell. "And that's the absolute worst time to cut these taxes if the goal is to relieve customer prices." Gas sellers are less likely to pass all of the savings on to customers when the supply of gas is constrained. In other words, while the war is affecting the gas supply, a gas tax cut could mean more profits for gas sellers, and less of a price reduction.

On top of that, California may have a less competitive market for gas distribution and retail than other states, Borenstein, the Berkeley economist, has found. Far more gasoline in California "flows through stations that are owned by refiners or have long-term contracts that give the refiners significant control over gas prices," he wrote. That could make it even more likely that sellers pocket some of the savings of a gas tax break for themselves.

In addition to the question of just how much tax breaks would actually save consumers, Borenstein said reducing or getting rid of the gas tax would be bad policy.

"We need gasoline prices to reflect the real costs to society," said Borenstein, referring to the negative effects of greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, as well as costs of cars hitting

other cars, bikers, or pedestrians. When you add up all those costs, gas taxes are actually too low, he wrote in an analysis of the governor's proposal.

During his State of the State address on Tuesday, (March 8), Newsom unveiled another idea for helping Californians with high gas prices. Or, at least, the germ of an idea.

"I'll be submitting a proposal to put money back in the pockets of Californians to address rising gas prices," he said. The proposal will be a tax rebate and give billions of dollars to Californians, a spokesperson for the governor said, though it's not clear yet who exactly will get the money and how much they will get.

The money may be tied to owning a car that's registered with the state, said Dee Dee Myers, an economic advisor to Newsom. People who have switched to other modes of transit to reduce their carbon footprint aren't wild about that idea.

It could also wind up looking like the stimulus checks California sent out last year, said Chris Hoene, executive director of California Budget and Policy Center. If the last stimulus program is an indicator, the state could send out checks a couple of months after lawmakers reach an agreement, Hoene said.

Funding could come from the state's estimated \$21 billion surplus. But there's a lot of "ifs" and "maybes" because most of the details still need to be worked out with the legislature.

This proposal would also ensure that money intended to reach Californians actually does, said Bushnell, the UC Davis economist.

Sending out checks to everyone — if lawmakers go that route — would also be more economically equitable than lowering the price of gas, said Borenstein. Wealthier people use more energy than poorer people on average, so lowering the price of gas would help them more. If lawmakers send out checks, they could choose who gets how much.

A rebate could also help Californians deal with other rising costs, like rent and electricity. For most people those other costs actually make a larger dent in their bank accounts than gas, said Borenstein, but they aren't as publicly visible.

As the U.S. turns away from Russian oil, there's a fundamental reality that we'll have to make do with less fuel, said James Hamilton, an energy economist at UC San Diego. And when it comes to gas prices, Hamilton doesn't think good news is right around the corner. "I think they're headed up before they come down." ★

Nielsen's Water Bill Killed: 'It's Absurd and Irresponsible'



Jim Nielsen

Office of
Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As California's precious water continues to be flushed out to sea, Democrats killed Senate Bill 890, a measure Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Red Bluff) authored to secure funding to build and repair critical water infrastructure.

"Another historic drought, billions in extra funding and legislative Democrats turn their backs on investing in critical water projects that affect the lives of all Californians? It's absurd and irresponsible," said Nielsen.

SB 890, jointly authored with Senator Andreas Borgeas (R-Fresno), would have advanced the goals of

Proposition 1 (2014) by making significant investments in California's aboveground water storage and conveyance infrastructure. Specifically, SB 890 would have established the Water Storage and Conveyance Fund to provide:

\$2.6 billion to complete the funding of Sites Reservoir in Colusa County; and, \$685 million to repair the Friant-Kern/Delta-Mendota Canals and the San Luis Field/San Joaquin Divisions of the California Aqueduct.

Completion of Sites Reservoir would ensure an additional 1.5 million acre-feet of water is stored during wet years and made available to cities, farms and the environment during times of drought.

California's Central Valley canals are in severe need of repair. Canal diversion and conveyance capacity have degraded due to substantial land subsidence caused by regional

groundwater overdraft.

The Legislature had the opportunity to fund these critical water infrastructure projects using taxpayer revenue that has already been collected. This is because under state law, infrastructure projects may be financed using revenue from the General Fund when it exceeds the State Appropriations Limit, or Gann limit.

The need for reliable and dependable above ground water storage and conveyance infrastructure is vital. The completion of Sites Reservoir and repairs on the Central Valley canals will go a long way toward preserving public health, protecting the environment and maintaining economic viability.

SB 890 was killed in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. Follow him @CASenatorJim. ★

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February Freeze Harms Tree Crops in Central Valley

California nut farmers are tabulating their crop losses after a late-February freeze damaged orchards in multiple counties. One Sutter County farmer reported that 60% of his orchard may have been damaged by the freeze, potentially devastating his yield for 2022. The Sutter County agricultural commissioner said damage to almond crops spans five neighboring counties, which are now collecting data for a potential disaster declaration.

Shrinking Snowpack Melts Away Optimism for 2022 Water Year

The Sierra Nevada snowpack reached 160% of normal on Dec. 30 after a series of early-winter storms. This month that average dropped to about 60% of normal, as dry conditions since have largely melted away optimism for the 2022 water year. State water officials say California is all but assured of a third consecutive drought year. Recently, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation cut off federal water supplies from the Central Valley Project, and restrictions on state water diversions may be due as the year unfolds.

Farmers Brace for Higher Fuel Prices as Ukraine Invasion Continues

California farmers are bracing for further spikes in fuel and other energy costs, as Russia's invasion of Ukraine has pushed crude oil prices higher, and President Biden has banned U.S. imports of Russian oil. The price increases are coming as farmers rev up tractors and other equipment for spring planting. Some farmers estimate that diesel and gasoline account for 10% to 15% of production costs, with transportation also consuming an increasing share of fuel budgets.

State Agriculture Department Targets Potential Lantern Fly Threat

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has awarded nearly \$1.5 million for pest management research. Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross said the funds will support farmers in California by providing "additional and lower risk tools to combat pests while maintaining food and crop production." Nearly \$500,000 in funding will go to targeting eggs of the Arizona Spotted Lantern Fly. If established in California, the pest could threaten grapes, fruit trees and forests. ★

Spring weather is sure unpredictable. One day we see a dusting of snow and the next we are trying to get out of the sun. Love the spring flowers, though: daffodils and red bud along the road, soon we will be smelling Sweet Birch, then comes the dogwood. They might mess with our sinuses. It sure would be helpful, though, to get a few more inches of rain before summer. This could be a rough one.

We hope you were able to enjoy the Bok Kai Festival in Marysville. It has been happening for 142 years. That has to be a record for continuous annual events in our area. It is said that it has never rained on the parade. That too is amazing

as it always happens early in March.

Our local newspaper (this one) needs help delivering papers every week. The deliverer would have to pick up papers in Carmichael on Thursday mornings and deliver them to Marysville and then on to Gridley. For more information please call 916 773-1111. Many of us rely on this weekly paper.

Look Back in Time – The Challenge Post Office was moved with horses, cables and willing hands to a new location west of the hotel (would be interesting to see location on a map at the museum this summer).

~ Hope to see you in Brownsville soon. Christine and Yvonne ★

Purim-Transcending Fear Through Comedy

By Rabbi David Azen, Congregating B'nai Harim

GRASS VALLEY, CA (MPG) - The holiday of Purim gives us an annual opportunity to practice transcending fear through comedy.

We will celebrate in costume with food and drink at the Nevada County Jewish Community Center on Friday March 18 at 7:30pm at 506 Walsh Street in Grass Valley with a retelling of the story of Esther and the near destruction of our people in Persia 2,500 years ago. In brief, a drunken king allows a power-hungry Prime Minister to condemn the Jewish people to death over a slight to his ego. Only the intervention of Esther, who has to risk her life by showing up to speak with the king without being summoned first, saves the Jews from destruction.

There's nothing new under the sun, the Bible teaches us; certainly, those filled with hate in their heart for anyone who won't bow to their will is an old and terrible tale, even as it arises in our day and causes heartache and havoc for those who wish to be free. One of the secrets to Jewish survival despite facing more than our fair share of hatred is laughing in the face of danger; how perfect that a Jew who knows how to make people laugh is now the leader of a nation fighting for its freedom against a cold-hearted dictator. May Zelensky live long and prosper; may the name of the evil one be erased.

So often, rulers confuse their person with their position and think respect is due them due to their office, rather than their behavior. Haman, the evil minister in the scroll of Esther, wants everyone to bow down to him. Mordechai, Esther's uncle, bows only to the Creator of the World, and so incurs his wrath. As a result, Haman decides that all of Mordechai's people should die, and draws lots (Purim) from among the days of the year to randomly decide on what date the destruction should fall. When someone believes there is no power greater than themselves, they are usually in for a rude awakening. Let us pray now is no different.

Another awful man with a name starting with H came along and eighty years ago talked about how the Jews will stop laughing at his prophesy of their destruction. Perhaps in response to this, the story has been told that a Jew was sitting in the front row of one of his speeches in which he railed on and on about destroying the Jews, and the Jew kept laughing until he stopped his speech and said, what are you laughing for? The Jew replied, a long time ago, another fellow said the same thing, and now we have a holiday where we make fun

of him and eat pastries in the form of his hat. I'm just wondering how we're going to celebrate your downfall. Those who believe their power is invincible will be proven wrong, and laughter helps bolster the spirit of resistance.

Another element of the current situation that needs highlighting is the atrocious and outrageous abuse of history by Putin in calling the invasion a "denazification" campaign. The only country in Europe with a Jewish president who was democratically elected cannot possibly be in need of that. He must believe he can win over Russians with the memory of the war against Nazi Germany, but he should also be called to account for denial of genocide and trivialization.

Our country is not immune to those who would appropriate the term Nazi and Holocaust to refer to anyone and everything they don't like, and this ought to stop. We refer to the Shoah (Hebrew for destruction), instead of Holocaust because it is a unique event with a special history of anti-Semitism leading up to it, even as we acknowledge that homosexuals, trade-unionists, communists and others were targeted by the Nazis. Holocaust refers to a burnt offering anyway, and therefore is inaccurate applied to the various methods of extermination and certainly not to be used in reference to other genocides. And to casually use the term Nazi is to diminish the importance of recognizing who they were and what they aimed to do.

So, when a young person in our congregation came across a sign recently that read: "Stop the VacciNazis" he was appalled and frightened. How is it that we have gone from celebrating vaccines that have put an end to polio and smallpox, and checked many other diseases that caused death and terrible illness, to equating those who would prevent death with those who would eradicate an entire people? We can discuss masks and mandates without playing the Nazi card, as we should regarding many other realms in which the term is bandied about.

In the meantime, we remind ourselves that history, over and over again, teaches us that those who let power go to their heads will most likely lose them, leaving only their hats behind for us to turn into treats to eat.

Purim Celebration
Come in costume!
Food and drink will be served
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U.S. Attorney's Office

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Three former leaders of the Paskenta Tribe of Nomlaki Indians were sentenced for a conspiracy to embezzle or steal from a tribal organization, as well as tax fraud and tax evasion offenses, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

U.S. District Judge John A. Mendez sentenced John A. Crosby, 56, of Redding, to four years and nine months in prison and to pay a \$10,000 fine; Ines S. Crosby, 76, of Orland, to four years and nine months years in prison; and Leslie A. Lohse, 67, of Glenn, to three years and five months in prison. Lohse has paid \$902,208 in restitution prior to today's sentencing hearing. A hearing will be held on April 19, 2022, to determine the amount of restitution John Crosby and Ines Crosby will pay.

According to court documents, from approximately January 2009 through May 2014, the defendants took millions of dollars from the Paskenta Tribe of Nomlaki Indians without tribal or legal authority, taking advantage of their positions on the Tribal Counsel and in prominent leadership positions in the tribe. The defendants used this embezzled money to: buy homes; build swimming pools, decks and koi ponds at their personal residences; purchase vehicles; go on luxury vacations (including trips to Africa, South America, and Hawaii, as well as private and chartered jet travel); buy high-value entertainment; pay familial expenses; and purchase precious metals. John Crosby and Leslie Lohse did not declare these embezzled amounts on their respective tax returns as income, while Ines Crosby intentionally failed to file tax returns between 2010 and 2014. All three individuals then took a series of steps to attempt to conceal their actions: they created a written employment agreement in 2014 that appeared to be from 2001 and purported to authorize their use of Tribal funds, and then told federal investigators that the document was from 2001, knowing at the time that

that was not true.

"The defendants lived a lavish lifestyle at the expense of the Paskenta Tribe of Nomlaki Indians and were undeterred by the damage their conduct would bring to the Tribe, whose members trusted them with most of their crucial operational positions," said U.S. Attorney Talbert. "The defendants' criminal conduct occurred on a regular basis over a period of many years. Today's sentences should send a strong message to other would-be criminals of the consequences for serious white-collar crime."

"The emotional and financial damage these defendants have caused to the Tribe cannot be undone. Not only did the defendants steal millions of dollars to line their pockets and failed to report their ill-gotten gains, but their actions also eroded Tribe members' faith in their government, causing fear and distrust," stated IRS-Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge Mark H. Pearson. "IRS-Criminal Investigation will not standby and tolerate this type of criminal conduct. We remain committed to ensuring those in positions of power are held accountable when that position is exploited for personal gain."

"These defendants abused the trust of their own tribe and community, diverting millions of dollars from tribal accounts to fund lavish, unauthorized personal expenditures rather than help tribe members," said Special Agent in Charge Sean Ragan of the FBI Sacramento Field Office. "This case exemplifies our commitment to conducting thorough investigations and working with our law enforcement partners to ensure justice for crime victims. We thank IRS Criminal Investigation for their strong, continued partnership and commitment to collaborating with us to seek justice for victims of white-collar crime."

This case was the product of an investigation by the IRS-Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina McCall prosecuted the case. ★



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By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

California is a shining example of economic and social progress, a beacon to the rest of the nation and the rest of the world.

Doubt it? It must be true because Gov. Gavin Newsom said it Tuesday in his fourth State of the State address, declaring, “now, in the midst of so much turmoil with stacking stresses and dramatic social and economic change, California is doing what we have done for generations, lighting out the territory ahead of the rest, expanding the horizon of what’s possible.”

He called it “The California Way” and said it “means rejecting old binaries and finding new solutions to big problems ...”

However, Newsom ignored many “big problems” as he portrayed a state on the cutting edge of virtually everything positive.

By any measure, the state has an immense shortage of housing that has driven costs through the roof and given California the nation’s highest poverty rate. But neither the housing crisis nor the poverty rate crossed his lips.

He also sidestepped another crisis — a drought that threatens to devastate California’s agricultural industry and, in

the longer run, clobber the entire economy.

Instead, Newsom portrayed the economy in the rosier terms, saying, “When it comes to the economy, California is unmatched.

“We dominate in research, innovation, entrepreneurialism, venture capital — and remain the world’s fifth largest economy. Our GDP growth has consistently outpaced not only the rest of the country — but most other large, western democracies. Nearly a million new jobs in the last 12 months. In December alone, 25% of America’s jobs were created right here in California. More new business starts during the worst of the pandemic than Texas and Florida combined.”

Sounds great, right? But Newsom avoided the fact that California has the nation’s highest unemployment rate at 6.5%, nearly three percentage points higher than the national rate and three times as high as some states.

How about education? “I’m talking about a real transformation of our public education system, like we’re doing right here in California,” Newsom claimed. “By creating choices — real choices — for parents and unprecedented support for their kids.”

What about the devastation that COVID-19 visited upon the state’s nearly six million public school students, and the widening “achievement gap” between poor students and their more advantaged classmates? What about California’s chronically poor performance on nationwide

academic tests? Not a word.

Newsom bragged about the state’s leading role in reducing greenhouse gases and reducing the dominance of hydrocarbons in transportation and utilities.

“At a time when we’ve been heating up and burning up, one thing we cannot do is repeat the mistakes of the past,” Newsom said. “Embracing polluters. Drilling even more oil, which only leads to even more extreme weather, more extreme drought, more wildfire.”

However, he said nothing about California’s looming shortage of electrical power, already evident on hot summer days. Nor has he spelled out how the economic impacts of the conversion to an all-electric society will be alleviated.

Newsom did mention crime, at least in passing, but offered faint solace to victims of the state’s rising crime rates, particularly the wave of homicide in the major cities.

“Our approach is to be neither indifferent to the realities of the present day, nor revert to heavy-handed policies that have marked the failures of the past,” Newsom said, citing more money for both law enforcement and “new programs to tackle the root causes of crime, doubling down on proven violence prevention programs.”

Bottom line: As a State of State speech, it was shockingly deficient. It sounded more like a kickoff to his re-election campaign.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



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A Fixed Indexed Annuity

In times of prolonged market crashes, some investors grow weary of falling balances and the subsequent stress of seeing ones hard earned savings disappear down the rat hole of Wall Street. Some may pull out of the market all together, and only get back in after many months or even years of the next market rally, which lures them out of the shadows to dip their toes back in the markets.

This usually happens after the markets have run a long way up, and the emboldened investor ends up buying at what might be the tail end of the next rally. This late-to-the-party investor unknowingly sets him or herself up for another shellacking when that rally fizzles out and turns into another crash. Rinse and repeat a few times and the investor ends up giving back even more money because he is unknowingly off in his timing of the markets.

The stock market by nature will take back some gains from time to time and even gnaw into some principal if the crashes are nasty enough. For those investors who lose sleep when times are bad, there is another way to possibly participate in market upswings, yet never expose their principal to negative performance.

A fixed indexed annuity (FIA) is a product sold by an insurance company and is basically a contract between the investor and the company. The annuity in this example offers a one percent annual interest rate, tax free for the entire 7 year term of the contract, which equals about 7.2% at its conclusion. 7.2% is not necessarily fantastic, but it is guaranteed and added to the initial principal.

If it stopped there, I wouldn’t consider it, but there is an added feature called “market participation” and it works like this:

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Rattletrap

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Rattletrap. (a)

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Popcorn Beetle

salmon. Fish the buoy line in front of the dam. USE: Hoochie behind Dodger. (a) Stampede Reservoir. Ice is tricky! Some small 10-inch kokanee, due to CDF&W over planting. USE: Hoochie w/ Corn. (g)

RIVER FISHING

Upper Sac. River, north of Dunsmuir; Fly fishing for rainbow trout. USE: Grannon #14 (b) Steelhead. USE: Fresh Salmon Roe. (a) Sacramento River stripers; north of town. USE: Sneaky-Pete w/ Pro-Cur Sardine scent. (g)

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California's Green Energy Mania Threatens Grid Reliability



Commentary
by Ted Gaines

California is failing at the government basics. Public safety, homelessness, roads, and water storage are all in shambles. But as long as that shameful list is, it's about to get longer. With summer around the corner, when demand is at its zenith, our energy supply will not be up to the task.

California's headlong rush towards zero-carbon power will cost consumers through wildly expensive electricity rates and lower grid reliability. That's a lose-lose for California families and businesses who want to avoid blackouts and avoid energy poverty.

Golden State politicians and Progressives – groups with an almost total overlap – live in dread fear of possible changes in weather decades in the future. Instead of planning for localized mitigations to deal with changing climate, they've decided to remake our entire energy sector, replacing affordable, dependable sources with their opposites.

A case in point is the closing of the Diablo

Canyon nuclear power plant, scheduled to stop operations in 2025. Despite disingenuous claims that PG&E is choosing to close this facility, they are being forced into closure by California regulators who can make relicensing extraordinarily time consuming and expensive.

How important is Diablo Canyon? It currently produces about as much power as all the rooftop solar in the entire state. And unlike solar and wind, this power is available on-demand, 24/7. PG&E, the plant's owner, alleges it will replace all the lost power with so-called green, renewable resources, but what if it can't?

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), a non-profit dedicated to promoting grid reliability, thinks it won't. NERC notes that California already has insufficient reserve power to meet demand during a heat wave. Closing Diablo Canyon will only contribute to declining reserve margins, according to NERC.

All of that is to say that blackouts are coming when it gets hot in California, as it does every summer. Don't be surprised when your AC won't click on, or you're burning candles for light in this supposedly advanced state. The blackouts are entirely predictable and a direct result of California energy policy making our grid unreliable by replacing on-demand resources with intermittent ones.

And remember,

California is pushing people into electric cars through incentives and government decrees. Many people will be charging up those EVs when they get home from work, right after solar energy production peaks. We are creating dreadful imbalances that will lead to energy rationing in one of the wealthiest areas in the world.

Venture capitalist Marc Andreessen recently tweeted about the Ukrainian crisis and its effect on our energy markets and independence. "Build 1,000 new state of the art nuclear power plants in the US and Europe, right now. We won't, but we should." He's right all the way around regarding energy independence and reliance on aggressive rogue states such as Russia for our energy.

But it's the last line that hits closest to home in California. We need to reverse our green energy mania that prices electricity like a luxury good and guarantees blackouts. Dependable, affordable energy is within our grasp if we commit to predictable, on-demand resources such as nuclear and natural gas. We won't, but we should.

Senator Ted Gaines (Ret.) was elected to represent the Board of Equalization's First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly ten million constituents. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines. ★

LaMalfa Comments on Russian Oil Ban



Office of Congressman
Doug LaMalfa

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - President Biden announced a ban on the importation of Russian oil to the United States. Thirteen days since the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine, bipartisan pressure has mounted on the administration to take further action and encourage more American energy production. Despite previously implementing sanctions on Russia's Nord Stream 2 pipeline, Russia's Central Banks,

President Putin himself and his fellow oligarchs, Biden has held off sanctioning Russian produced oil until now. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy formally called on Biden to ban imports of Russian oil.

Congressman LaMalfa (R-Richvale) commented: "Nearly two weeks after Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine began, President Biden finally announced a ban on U.S. imports of Russian oil. For nearly two weeks, Republicans and Democrats have called for an embargo on Russian oil, and I'm pleased to see this policy is now becoming a reality. Ending the importation of Russian oil is the right decision, and I applaud Biden for it. At the same time, without unshackling American oil production it will simply mean America will have to import oil from places like Saudi Arabia. Importing from Iran or Venezuela would be insane and cause

American consumers to pay even more. We have the ability to be energy self-sufficient, why won't the Biden Administration let America produce what we need domestically?"

It's better to produce oil domestically, under our environmental rules, and not have it shipped from halfway around the world. We should not enrich the middle eastern oil barons or terrorist regimes. Also, suggesting that families struggling with major inflation, huge increases in food costs, housing costs, and now high fuel costs can afford to go buy expensive - and in rural areas sometimes unrealistic - electric cars is outrageously insulting. President Biden must now end his federal freeze on new oil and gas projects, expedite pending energy exports to our European allies, and fast-track approval of American pipeline and energy developments. ★

Brent Hasty Announces Re-Election for Yuba Water Agency



Yuba County resident Brent Hasty recently announced his intention to seek another 4-year term for the position he currently holds as the South Director of the YWA Board.

Kary Hauck,
City of Marysville

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba County resident Brent Hasty recently announced his intention to seek another 4-year term for the position he currently holds as the South Director of the YWA Board.

Born and raised in Yuba County, Hasty has a long history of public service. He began this service in 1992 when he was elected

to two terms (8 years) to Yuba County's District 1 Supervisorial seat. It was there that he became increasingly interested in water management and the role Yuba County played in their own and in California's water issues.

Hasty was elected to the Yuba Water Agency board of directors in 2014 and has served continuously since that time. He was elected by his fellow Directors to represent the board as their chairman from 2017 thru 2019, a position he held for 3 years. Because of precautions the board has taken in recent years, Yuba County ranks among the top counties in the state for their ability to combat the historic drought we are experiencing. "We are facing epic water deficits with this drought, but Yuba County is poised to address it head-on," commented Hasty. "I'm proud of the work that we have done to prepare our

county for the best possible outcome," he added. "When our water is on the line, experience means everything," he finished.

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) chose Hasty to lead the 36-member board and the executive team as their President. ACWA provides state-wide outreach on key water issues.

Hasty has been a leader in the educational field, maintaining positions as both a Trustee for Yuba Community College as well as a board member for California Community College Trustee.

Past and current community service positions include the Beale Military Liaison Committee, President of Boy Scouts of America, and President of the South Yuba County Rotary Club. Brent and his wife, Alisan have 4 children and are small business owners in Plumas Lake. ★

Calvin Clark to Speak on Rules for Restoration of Local Government



Calvin Clark. Photo provided by FRTPP

By Larry S. Virga,
FRTPP News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced Calvin Clark, a modern-day Community Organizer, will be the Special Guest Speaker at their next meeting, Monday, March 21, 2022.

Calvin Clark lives in Nevada County in the town of Rough and Ready, which describes many people who are willing to stand up against their abusive government. Calvin has been leading the charge to recall all five of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors (BOS) for the many ways they have violated their oath of office and refused to listen to – or show any respect for – the people they are supposed to represent. You will learn of their form of

regional government with unelected bureaucrats with enormous salaries leading it and using the same kind of UN Agenda 21 tactics as we have in Sutter and Yuba Counties. He will outline the "Rules for Restoration of Local Government," recall procedures, and how to identify corruption in our local government.

Calvin Clark and his group, American Healing Angels, have had national recognition in this battle to recall their supervisors. He was a guest on the Alex Newman show, with the *New American Magazine*, Dec. 22, and the John B. Wells show, "Caravan to Midnight," Feb. 3; and the Nevada County recall effort was also mentioned on CNN news.

Calvin and his wife have three children: two daughters and a son. He is a former Tea Party leader, a third-generation building contractor, real estate professional, and a property rights advocate, who strongly believes in and loves the U.S. Constitution. He studied under the Constitutional expert Cleon Skousen and has led many Constitutional

Study Groups himself; he is the founder and leader of American Healing Angels and is a member of the State Board for Eagle Forum of California. Being the father of a vaccine-injured child, Calvin has a special interest in the subject of vaccines and is very opposed to any mandatory vaccines, but especially the COVID jabs.

Please come and bring a friend. You will hear of many similarities between his county and ours. Maybe we can learn how to restore our local government to "We the People" again and identify our own elected officials who refuse to honor their oath of office.

There is no membership requirement to attend, and everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; meeting begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.. Come early to register, socialize with like-minded patriots, and get a good seat.

The meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2022, at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City, CA.

Contact Larry or Carla at (530) 755-4409. ★

Ortega to Run for Sutter County Supervisor



Courtney Ortega. Courtesy photo

Elect Courtney Ortega
Press Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Long-time community service professional with a background in State Politics, Courtney Ortega, will run for Sutter County Supervisor District 2. Ortega was prompted to run by her conviction to clean-up Sutter County politics as well as her home neighborhood of District 2.

"I am running to help put an end to greedy and

unethical political practices in Sutter County," said Ortega. "I cannot allow current Supervisor Dan Flores to run for reelection unopposed after he accepted his new job as the lead economic development manager for the City of Marysville. As a community we need to put a stop to self-interested politicians who double dip, and waste taxpayer money. Sutter County needs leaders dedicated to serving Sutter County."

Courtney currently works as a community activist for a local non-profit organization. For the last 10 years Ortega has worked passionately for the betterment of others. Her work includes overseas non-profit service such as Mission Builders and Peace Corps, as well as lobbying and staffing at the Oregon State Legislature, and

working in education. Ortega was also a leader locally in the lobbying for ending Sutter County's local state of emergency, as well as lobbying for Sutter County's Resolution to ban medical mandates.

"The people of Sutter County District 2 deserve to be represented by their local government," said Ortega. "There are plenty of opportunities to cut taxes and spending if the priority is there. I will prioritize saving constituents' money, supporting local businesses and law-enforcement, and most importantly serving the people of Sutter County."

Courtney and her husband German have 2 daughters, Rosaisela, and their new baby Abigail. Courtney can be reached at (541) 915-3719, and info@electcourtneyortega.com. ★

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Hippiie is a very sweet boy and playful. I have been at the shelter for over a month and is ready to be adopted and go to a loving home.



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COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Elisa Miyoko Orta, PETITIONER
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 22-00136.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
April 4, 2022
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Elisa Miyoko Orta filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Elisa Miyoko Orta
to: Elissa Miyoko Shimosaka Jackson-Crowell**

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: February 23, 2022

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

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Gabriella Takara Orta, PETITIONER
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 22-00139.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
April 4, 2022
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Gabriella Takara Orta filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Gabriella Takara Orta
to: Gabriella Takara Shimosaka Jackson-Crowell**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Kyler Harm, PETITIONER
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 22-00160.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
April 11, 2022
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Kyler Harm filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Kyler Harm
to: Kyler Kaialau**

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: March 2, 2022

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF GRACIELA O. PEREZ
Case NO. PRPB22-00033**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **GRACIELA O. PEREZ.**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: WENDY GONZALES in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): WENDY GONZALES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

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

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

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

Petitioner: WENDY GONZALES
2235 HUSTON STREET
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
Phone No.: 530-415-0367

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Taylor Michelle Parks, PETITIONER
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 22-00116.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
March 28, 2022
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Alejandro Belmontes Quintero filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Taylor Michelle Parks
to: Taylor Michelle Perkins**

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: February 14, 2022

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

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2022F-033**

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

Team Evolution
1237 Johnson Avenue
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) Manuel Uriel
Santillan-Gonzalez
1237 Johnson Avenue
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 01/31/2022.

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

Signed:
**Manuel Uriel
Santillan-Gonzalez**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on January 31, 2022, indicated by file stamp.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
TERRY HANSEN,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2022F-054**

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

Jessie Rose Photos
7099 Therese Trail
Browns Valley, CA 95918
County of Yuba
1) Jessie Rose Watkins
7099 Therese Trail
Browns Valley, CA 95918
This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2021.

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

Signed:
Jessie Watkins
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County Clerk
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Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Sonya Howell-Yimer and Awad Yimer,
PETITIONERS
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 22-00130.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
March 28, 2022
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Sonya Howell-Yimer and Awad Yimer filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Awad Sowel Aynisher
To: Awed Sowel Yimer**

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: February 17, 2022

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

Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 2022.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Alejandro Belmontes Quintero, PETITIONER
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 22-00137.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
April 4, 2022
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Alejandro Belmontes Quintero filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Alejandro Belmontes Quintero
to: Alejandro Belmontes**

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.

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DATE: February 23, 2022

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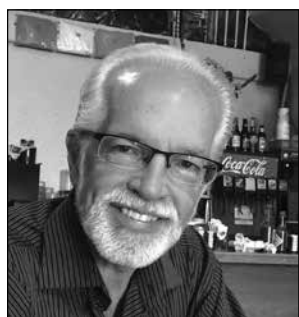
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“More Tax Please?”



Commentary by Bruce Lee

Local government is jiggling your front door handle ... “Anyone home? It’s election year. We want more taxes please.” Yes, they are knocking and soon many tax measures will be proposed.

And, here’s an old proposal in new clothes! A 40 year, transportation half percent sales tax hike for Sacramento County. First proposed in 2016 and voted down; then resurfaced in

2020 to be pulled off the ballot at the last moment when the Sacramento Transportation Authority realized it would again miss the two-thirds threshold for passage.

Here’s the twist ... rather than local government proposing a special use tax again (requiring a 2/3 majority vote); let’s con the voters into taxing themselves! Let’s use the “citizen initiative” process to put the tax on the ballot, which now only requires a simple majority vote due to a recent array of court decisions.

In 1978 California voters, through the historic Proposition 13, established that the state legislature approve tax increases with a two-thirds vote requirement. In 1996 this was strengthened by Proposition 218 requiring

local tax increases to have voter approval – a simple majority for general fund revenue, and two-thirds for special purpose taxes.

Then a 2017 California Supreme Court opinion commented, “(W)e will not lightly apply such restrictions on local governments to voter initiatives.” And, the race was on! A possible loophole was found for special interests to get past the two-thirds vote requirement! In 2018 two San Francisco test cases popped up – both taxes placed on the ballot by citizen initiative – one taxed business for homeless issues and one taxed commercial property for childcare and early education. Both failed to receive two-third approval, the early education passed by only 50.87%.

Both taxes were challenged in court, where

a local judge and San Francisco appellate court upheld the taxes as valid since placed on the ballot by initiative. Interestingly, test cases in an Oakland parcel tax for education and a Fresno sales tax for parks were voided by local judges citing the two-thirds approval requirement. Then in June 2020, the California Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the San Francisco taxes – thereby allowing the appellate court decision stand. AND, THE RACE IS ON!!

Now, any special interest group with some cash – such as public employee unions - can push taxes that benefit themselves. If I can convince the bare majority to tax others for some “feel good” topic, then I’m the winner and feel no pain. Taxing commercial buildings for early childhood education has no relationship. I can tax business or the perceived wealthy to “save the whales” (or

whatever issue has the emotional attention of the majority). All I have to do is pay enough signature gathers in front of Wal-Mart, and viola – I have a tax proposal.

Now, if this was truly a “citizen” initiative, getting all those initiative signatures to qualify is difficult. But, a special interest group with millions in the bank, that’s easy stuff!

Back to the just announced county-wide “citizen” initiative for the half-percent, 40 year tax coming to a Wal-Mart near you; it’s sponsored by “A Committee for a Better Sacramento”. Wow, that sounds wonderful. And, it’s lead by the “California Alliance for Jobs”, who championed Senate Bill 1 increasing gasoline sales tax under Governor Jerry Brown. Per state filings, in January they had \$4.4 million on hand – plenty to qualify a “citizen” initiative. But, believe me,

people don’t donate \$4.4 million for feel-good rain-bows. They are investing \$4.4 million to get a return on the back-end. Follow the money! For example, developers will profit from the long-desired connector between Highway 99 and 50.

W. Bruce Lee is an educator and speaker (WBruceLee.com) with a career in government as an elected official and fiscal advisor, who has worked at the local, state, and federal levels. He authors the “We the Government” column as a community service. He is president of the Sacramento Taxpayers Association (SacTax) - promoting efficient, economical government; fair and equitable taxation which permits a strong, healthy economy; as well as sensible balance and rational control of government expenditures.. His private message telephone is 916-624-6476. Copyright W. Bruce Lee, 2022 ★

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County of Yuba
1) Stephanie Lee
Katen-Johnson
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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 2-1-2022.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Stephanie Katen-Johnson
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on February 28, 2022, indicated by file stamp.
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DONNA HILLEGASS,
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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
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Mar. 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022F-070
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Vera’s Life
221 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) D & R Development LLC
221 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by a limited liability corporation.
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:
Robert Myers
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on March 10, 2022, indicated by file stamp.
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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By SARAH MULL,
Deputy Clerk
Mar. 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE
Notice is hereby given that Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave, Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the “California Self Service Storage Facilities Act”, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM**, on the premises where said property has been in storage at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901, telephone 530-634-9781. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, personal items, furniture, etc. belonging to the following:

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Benjamin Doughty
John Hinojosa
Francisca Lopez
Haley VanDoorn (3 units)
Courtney Ross
Leo Self
Jenive Saling
Lois Brown
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Kylie Douglas

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022F-053
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
T & T Limo
429 13th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) Terry Seglem
2936 Devin Ct.
Live Oak, CA 95953
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:
Terry Seglem
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DONNA HILLEGASS,
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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022F-024
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**SBF Enterprises
SBF Notary Services
Sputters Butters Farm
Gnomenculture**
11470 Smith Road
Loma Rica, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) Karyn S. Kiger
11470 Smith Road
Loma Rica, CA 95901
This business is conducted by an Individual.
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Signed:
Karyn S. Kiger
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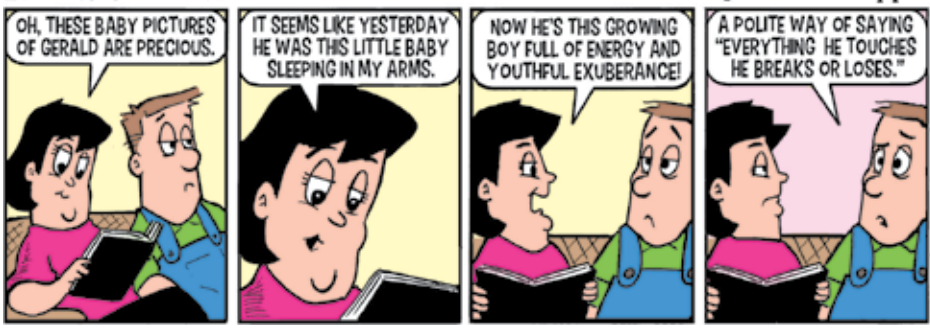
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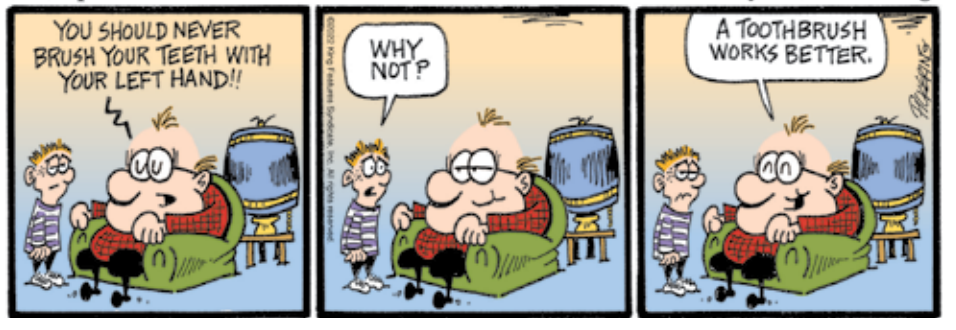
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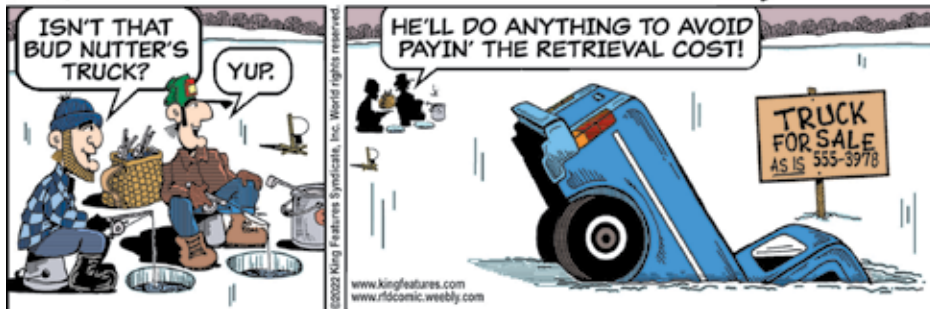
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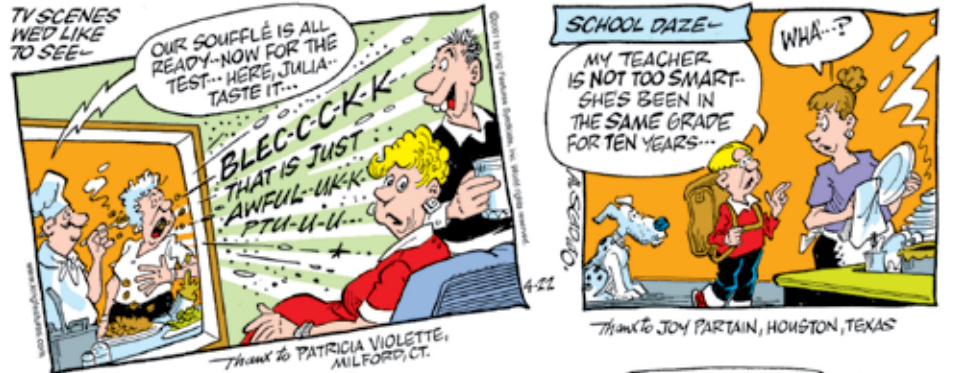
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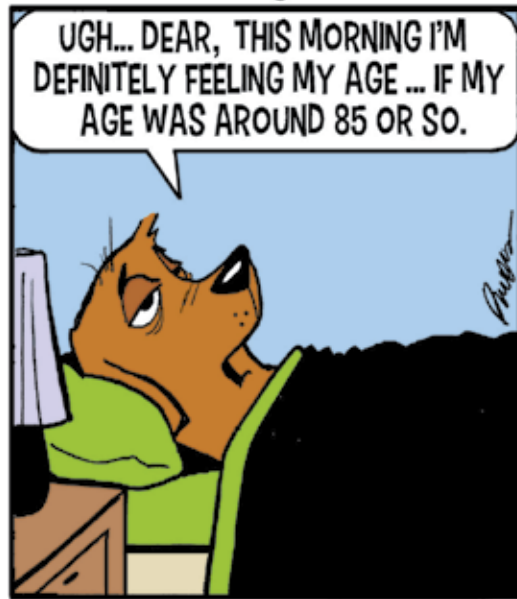


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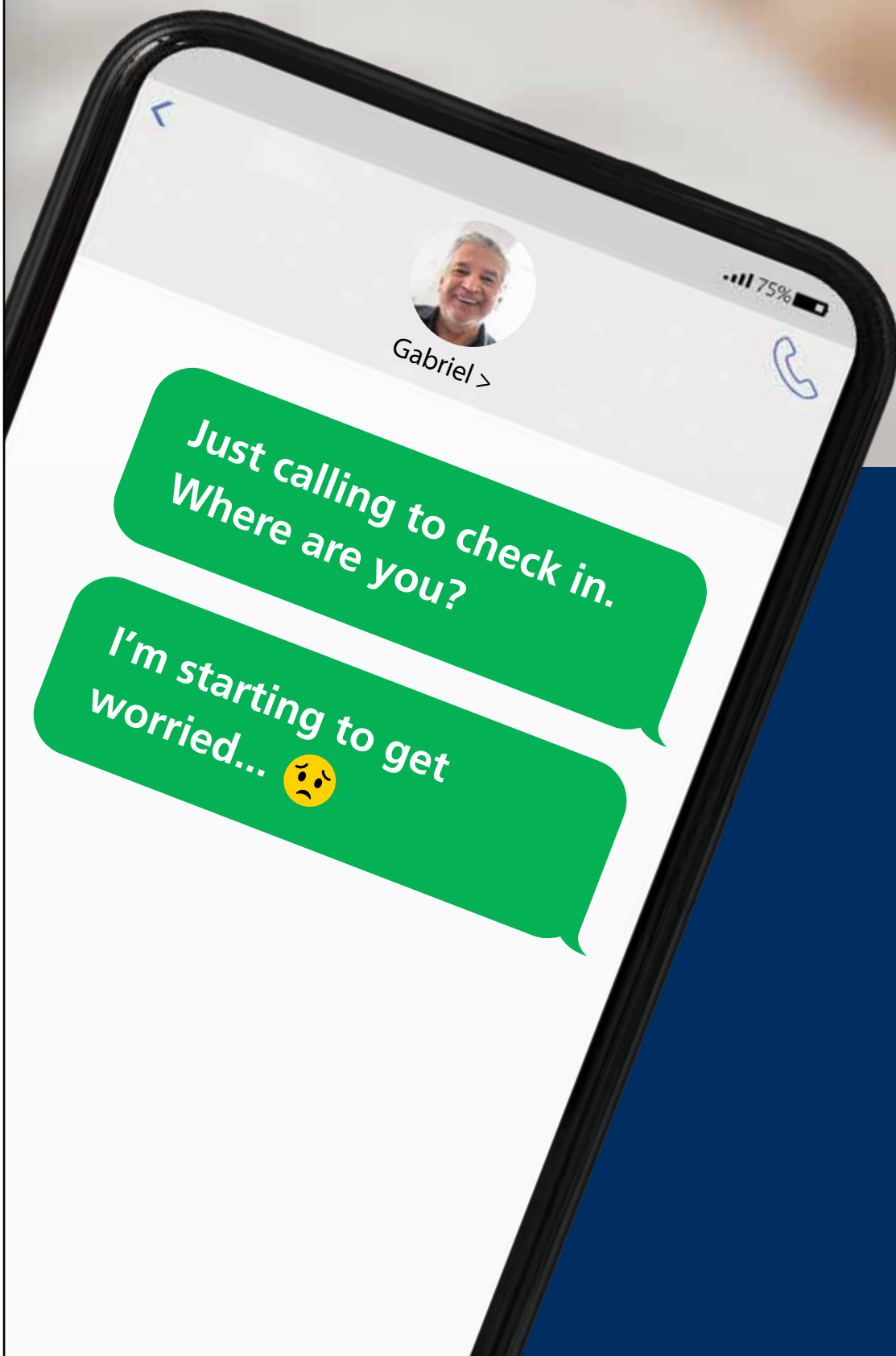
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