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## Sea Lions Make a Splash



Sea lions Maya and Lilly show off their b-ball skills at the Yuba Sutter Fair last weekend in Yuba City. Photo by Chris Pedigo

By Shamaya Sutton

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Despite soaring temperatures, the Yuba-Sutter Fair made quite the splash as guests poured in from across the region. This annual weekend-long shindig ran from June 20 to 23 in Yuba City, featuring many of its signature attractions and vendors.

But there was one act in particular that stood out from among the crowd. "It's incredible that they brought this here, brilliant. This has to be the best fair they've had in years," said Robert Fischetti, a local pastor and head of 93Q radio. "I mean this is a native California animal that not everyone gets the chance to see. Now it's right here for them to experience."

Fischetti was referring to the new Sea Lion Splash show featuring none other than the California sea lion. Sea Lion Splash bills itself as the only traveling, self-contained sea lion attraction. The company's

presentations pair comedy with education with opportunities to witness both natural behaviors and performative tricks. Ring toss, ball balancing and flipper handstands were all included on the "set list."

"They are local animals so it's nice to see how smart they are, what they can do onstage, it's nothing crazy," said William Tavares, the show's photographer.

Following each performance, guests were encouraged to come take a photo with the show's stars: Maya and Lilly.

"Their whiskers touched my face!" exclaimed an excited child clinging to their photo souvenir.

While the sea lions might have been a local hit, trainers on site said their presence hasn't always been well received. Derogatory comments online and public confrontations have accused the team of animal abuse, demanding that the creatures be released back into the ocean.

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Sea lion trainer Suzy Bartholo dances with one of her sea lion performers at the Yuba Sutter Fair last weekend in Yuba City. Photo by Chris Pedigo

## Officials Detail Accountability for Tax Measure

By Angela Underwood

**YUBA CITY (MPG)** - The transparency surrounding a one-cent tax increase on the upcoming November ballot is glaring.

If passed, Yuba City officials have clarified that they are not in control of the proposed 17.5 million raised that needed city improvements. Councilmember Marc Boomgaarden and Vice-Mayor Dave Shaw addressed the need for a citizens advisory committee in May.

That conversation continued at the June 18 regularly scheduled council meeting, when City Manager Diana Langley stood before Mayor Shon Harris and the council with tasks, objectives, composition and committee member qualifications.

"Since December of 2022, the City Council has evaluated a potential revenue measure and we had an Ad Hoc committee with Mayor Harris and Councilmember Boomgaarden," Langley said, adding other recommendations include sharing a portion of the revenues with Sutter County for services benefiting Yuba City residents. "It's important because at the July 16 council meeting, this item will be coming for the potential of placing the revenue measure on the ballot."

Along with the ad hoc committee, city officials conducted public information sessions, dedicated a portion of the city website to the revenue measure and informed the public through op-ed reports; all to remain transparent. Often asked about "the power" the committee will have, Boomgaarden said he is encouraged by the detailed description of authority and thanked Langley for attending to the task early since he is also often asked about the council's intentions.

"Is it going to be spent the way you said it was going to be spent," Boomgaarden said of the repeated question he is asked.

According to Langley, more than one public information session discussed the need for an oversight group, noting that "we wanted to bring forth the structure, so individuals know what the intent is."

Some tasks include reviewing annual independent financial audits for tax revenue funds.

"They would then prepare a report for the City Council to understand how the funds were budgeted and spent," Langley said, adding along with other authority, the

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## Emergency Proclamation Issued for Hotel

By Seti Long

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - After fire gutted the historic Marysville Hotel on June 15, the City of Marysville has been left with economic concerns.

The hotel's structural integrity has been questioned and reports confirm what has been suspected — that the hotel poses a safety risk.

A report by Jackson & Sands Engineering, Inc. provided to the City of Marysville concludes, "... based on the information known today, the building is at risk of failure given normal wind loading and current gravity loads. These failures may be brittle and catastrophic failures with little to no warning time."

The report listed Marysville Hotel's secondary failure risks as the uppermost wall and parapet, in addition to the failure of the façade at the top of the structure.

The City of Marysville website states that per safety protocols, the property must be fenced. Engineers have recommended a stay-clear area of 105 feet surrounding the remains of the Marysville Hotel.

Road closures to parts of E Street, Highway 70, and portions of 3rd to 6th streets downtown remain in place, resulting in the closed doors of many downtown businesses and the reduced patronage of others.

"The goal of the city is to get the traffic flowing as soon as possible" said City of Marysville public information officer Dan Flores. He told the Territorial Dispatch that while there was urgency to restore the flow of traffic and reopen businesses, it all hinged on safety.

As a result of the fire's impact to the economic health of the community and city resources, the City of Marysville declared a State of Emergency on June 21.

"The Marysville Hotel fire has not only disrupted regional transit systems but also poses a severe threat to the local business community. The emergency declaration will enable the city to mobilize resources, seek state and federal assistance, and implement necessary measures to support recovery efforts," stated the press conference announcement. ★



Crews from throughout the area responded to aid in putting out the Marysville Hotel fire, such as CAL FIRE/Butte County's ladder Truck 74 out of Gridley. Photo by CAL FIRE

# State Grant Guarantees Cleanup

By Angela Underwood

**YUBA CITY (MPG)** - The numbers on the CalRecycle home page continue to rise.

As of press time, the state agency reports the collection of nearly 500 million bottles and cans and billions of pounds of electronic waste. Not to mention the millions of disaster debris and billions of pounds of carpet collected.

One agency that is cleaning up is the Sacramento Regional Conversation Corps (SRCC), which services vacated homeless encampments in Yuba City through a CalRecycle grant. Sacramento Regional Conversation Corps also assists in fire fuel reduction, habitat restoration, drought-tolerant landscape installation and other urban projects.

“The cycle for CalRecycle grants is approximately every two years,” said Doug Libby, Yuba City deputy director of Development Services. “Grants are awarded on a point system and include points if a Conservation Corps Team is included in contracts for the work to be done.”

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emphasizes the

need for less plastic volume in land and water to minimize health hazards and the impact of global warming. Additionally, “less contamination in the recycling stream and easier access to recycling opportunities help increase recycling rates,” according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Libby said the CalRecycle grants are critical to Yuba City seeing Sacramento Regional Conversation Corps assistance that “might otherwise not be able to be funded through the normal budget process due to limited resources.”

According to the deputy director, while Sacramento Regional Conversation Corps oversees a specific project, Yuba City code enforcement officials can focus their attention on other needed areas.

“Utilizing the SRCC team to clean up vacated homeless camp locations and the associated debris would consume significant city resources, and without the SRCC team, cleanup would take much longer and be at a higher cost to the city,” Libby said.

The cost of money and the environment are high due to what the Environmental Protection Agency calls “aquatic trash.”

The Environmental Protection

Agency’s Trash Free Waters Program focuses on four categories: source reduction, trash capture, research and community engagement. All of these are key to keeping Yuba City clean.

“Having CalRecycle and SRCC as our partners provides Yuba City with the needed resources to more quickly address the environmental impacts of abandoned homeless camps in our community to minimize impacts on our water and land resources,” Libby said.

Working with said state agencies now helps future cleanup and recycling opportunities, according to the deputy director, who said partnerships with CalRecycle and Sacramento Regional Conversation Corps “can sometimes open the doors to additional grant opportunities Yuba City might not have.”

While the Golden State continues to collect trash through CalRecycle, Yuba City will follow suit and utilize all available resources.

“We believe city residents desire to live in a clean, peaceful community with minimal blight,” Libby said. “These cleanup efforts assist to maintain a better quality of life and aesthetic for everyone in our community.” ★



Before the Sacramento Regional Conversation Corps cleaned up the area in Yuba City with the CalRecycle grant. Photo courtesy Sacramento Regional Conversation Corps



After the Sacramento Regional Conversation Corps cleaned up the area in Yuba City with the CalRecycle grant. Photo courtesy Sacramento Regional Conversation Corps

## Yuba County Board of Supervisors Approves \$192,000 Nursing Scholarship Program

Adventist Health News Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba County Board of Supervisors has approved a groundbreaking \$192,000 agreement between the Yuba County Department of Health and Human Services and the Rideout Foundation of Adventist Health and Rideout to launch a scholarship program in support of Yuba County residents attending the nursing program at Yuba College. This milestone collaboration came to fruition from a shared goal of

fostering the growth of the nursing workforce in our region.

The agreement, supported by leaders from organizations including the Ampla Health, Yuba College, Marysville Joint Unified School District, and the Yuba Water Agency, signals a collective effort to address the escalating demand for medical services professionals in the region.

“We are thrilled to work with the Rideout Foundation to spearhead initiatives aimed at bolstering our healthcare workforce in Yuba County,” said

Melissa Shaw, Deputy Director for Public Health in Health and Human Services. “Through strategic partnerships and innovative programs like this scholarship initiative, we are actively working towards building a robust pipeline of nursing professionals who are committed to serving our community.”

The initiative is intended to facilitate 48 Yuba County students’ access to additional support while enrolled in the nursing program at Yuba College, with the expectation that recipients commit to

working in the Yuba-Sutter area for a period of two years following program completion.

As part of the agreement’s tenure, comprehensive tracking and monitoring mechanisms will be employed to evaluate the program’s impact, including the number of successful graduates and the subsequent employment rates in the Yuba-Sutter area.

“The Rideout Foundation has a long history of awarding scholarships to support nursing students,” said Patience Boudreaux, President of

the Rideout Foundation at Adventist Health and Rideout. “This partnership with Yuba County is exciting in its scope, though, because of the number of students who we will help annually and because of the commitment we will ask of recipients that they work within the Yuba-Sutter area for a two-year period post-graduation.

“This has real potential to help solve the issue of our area’s nursing shortage and I’m grateful to work with Health and Human Services on this creative solution.” ★



## MOSQUITOES ACCUMULATING IN TOWN AREAS

### TOWN SPRAYING SET TO BEGIN

When mosquitoes move into town areas, it is important to reduce their numbers and lower mosquito-borne disease risk. Public health insecticides formulated for application in urban and residential environments undergo rigorous safety testing before they are approved for use. For the 2024 season, the District will be using a permethrin product applied at an ultra low volume rate of 0.29 ounces per acre. All applications are predicated on mosquito abundance, disease activity and favorable weather conditions. Although these materials pose a low risk to human health, some people may prefer to avoid or minimize exposure by staying indoors, keeping their windows closed and turning off their window mounted air conditioners, evaporative coolers and whole house fans when spraying is taking place in the immediate area. You can obtain additional information about spray operations by calling the District office at 674-5456 ext. 0 between the hours of 7 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday thru Friday or by viewing our website at [www.sutter-yubamvcd.org](http://www.sutter-yubamvcd.org). Residents can also sign-up for email spray notifications by visiting the District’s website.

### SCHEDULE

On Wednesday morning, June 26, 2024, weekly fogging routes will begin in Live Oak, Tierra Buena, Yuba City, and Sutter. On Thursday morning, June 27, 2024, weekly fogging routes will take place in Olivehurst, Linda, Plumas Lake, Wheatland, and Marysville. New areas of Yuba City and Marysville are included this year. Meridian and Robbins will be included in Ag routes on Thursday evenings. Routes begin as early as 3:30 am and continue until 6:30 am. The program will continue weekly, and additional town areas and mornings may be added if mosquito-borne disease activity becomes elevated. The program generally ends in mid-September when mosquito abundance declines.

### SOME AG AREAS TREATED BY AIR



### WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING TOWNS

3:30 AM TO 6:30 AM

(Watch our website and FB page for Holiday/other schedule changes)

### TRUCK MOUNTED AG SPRAYING

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings

### AGRICULTURAL AERIAL SPRAYING

Yuba Co. Monday nights & Sutter Co. Tuesday nights



## Every Word Matters on Ballot Language



Mayor Chris Branscum and Marysville City Council discuss the importance of Measure C being worded accurately, specifically due to the possibility of the Taxpayer Protection Act passing in the November election. Photo courtesy Yuba City

Story and photos  
by Angela Underwood

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The expiration date for millions of dollars in city revenue is 2026.

Measure C, a one-cent sales and transactional use tax that equals one-third of Marysville's General Fund account, will expire if voters do not approve it again. This is the first attempt to renew the tax since 2016.

At the June 18 regularly scheduled Marysville City Council meeting, Mayor Chris Branscum read the legal paperwork necessary to place Measure C back on the ballot and, more specifically, ensure the language was correctly worded.

"With this language to appear on the Nov. 5, 2024 ballot for constituents to consider the renewal of the transactions and use tax measure," Branscum said before handing the discussion to City Manager Jim Schaad.

Schaad said, "As most people know, our Measure C, the 1-cent per dollar tax measure on sales tax, supplements the one percent we receive through the state tax of 7.25 percent."

"It represents roughly \$3.9 million worth of revenue to the city, which is a third of our General Fund revenue at this point," Schaad said.

The city manager said Measure C's renewal is "important to the city's continued prosperity and its forward momentum."

"Therefore, I am recommending that the council take those actions to place the item on the ballot," Schaad said. "And I will leave it at that."

Councilmember Brad Hudson agreed. "This was put out eight years ago, and it has made a huge difference for the city and Marysville," Hudson said, noting the general revenues augment fire, police and public works departments. "I do believe if we were to let this expire on the sunset clause that happens in 2026, it would be exceptionally detrimental."

Hudson said the noted departments are "crucial to Marysville," adding that "it is not a special measure tax, it is a General Fund tax, and we have diligently put it toward what we said we would do."

Alongside public safety funding, Measure C makes possible road repairs and quiet zone studies, Hudson said, noting he worries about what happens if the tax does not pass.

"I do not want to have to let people go within the city," Hudson said, recalling when he was a public employee more than a decade ago. "Things were difficult back then."

Councilmember Dominique Belza said that the measure comes during a presidential election and there are "many, many items" on the ballot, including the Taxpayer Protection Act, which he said, "brings major transparency to taxes being implemented."

"This ballot language is transparent enough for the voter to make an informed decision on if they want to continue to pay this tax or not," Belza said.

Vice-Mayor Bruce Buttacavoli said that specialized attorneys reviewed the rhetoric "to ensure that if the Taxpayer Protection Act is passed alongside this, we would be protected from any possibility of having it withdrawn from us."

Every word matters, Buttacavoli added. "We have gotten it as clear as possible in a legal form that it could be," Buttacavoli said.

Buttacavoli abstained from voting. The other councilmembers approved the ballot language and measure seen below:

"Shall the measure, without raising taxes, to protect and maintain City of Marysville services including Police and Fire Departments, essential services, neighborhood police patrols, 911 emergency response times, street/pothole repairs, emergency preparedness and for general government use, to continue an existing voter-approved 1-cent sales, until ended by voters, providing an estimated 3.9 million a year, with independent audits, an oversight committee and all money locally, controlled, be adopted?"

Branscum agreed with council members on the importance of the Taxpayer Protection Act, noting that it might not pass. The bottom line is that the measure is essential enough for the mayor to say yes while encouraging others to do the same.

"I will be out knocking on doors for this matter," Branscum said. ★

## Documentary Film by Shon Harris Highlights Struggles of Unhoused Population



Director Shon Harris interviews a person experiencing homelessness for the film. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

### Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Road to Resilience is a documentary film by Shon Harris about the Yuba-Sutter homeless population as they struggle to survive their journey toward a sustainable life on their own. A free screening of the film will be held on Sunday, June 30 at 1 p.m. at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City.

"Every statistic has a name, and a face. By sharing their stories, I hope to inspire action using human compassion as the catalyst, not mere numbers," said director Harris. "We interviewed several dozen homeless people over the last year. Ten of them were comfortable with being on camera. Their collective struggle is a cross-section of hope, despair, desperation, success, failure, and even triumph," he added.

Funding for this project came through a grant from the Upstate California Creative Corps program. Grantees were all part of a media, outreach, and engagement campaign designed to increase awareness for issues such as public health, social justice, community engagement, water and energy conservation, and relief, and recovery.

The California Arts Council views the California Creative Corps program as a job creation and human infrastructure development opportunity as well. Funded projects often serve the most vulnerable communities, identified via the California Healthy Places Index and other valuable local data sources.

Other local recipients included Dr. Marc Flacks for his stage play adaptation of the film Salt of the Earth about workers' rights and female empowerment, Tom Galvin's Heroes and Victims song cycle about local history, Pam Nowak's art classes teaching environmental science through art and the Yuba Sutter Rotary Night Club's Mural Marathon, Art & Health Festival.

Following his retirement from the California Highway Patrol, Shon hasn't let up. His second career as a filmmaker has shown his aptitude for the art form and he has won several local film festivals including the Yuba Sutter Flash Film Festival. He is also a selfless volunteer for a variety of youth support programs and currently serves as Mayor of Yuba City.

For regular arts updates, follow Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture on Facebook and Instagram or look at the community arts calendar at yubasutterarts.org for all local arts and culture events. ★

## Sea Lions Make a Splash

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"People, they don't understand, and they don't want to know so there's nothing we can say," said Suzy Bartholo, one of the show's primary sea lion handlers. "We have 17 sea lions; they cannot go back to the ocean and most of them cannot be in the show or entertainment, and we don't have support. So these girls (Maya and Lilly) work to feed the animals at home."

Some of the reported incidents include repeated shark attacks, failure to thrive and pollution-related illnesses.

The importance of recycling was also highlighted in the performance, noting the dangers that discarded plastics can pose to marine life.

"I really love animals. You have to love them to work in this business," added Bartholo.

Bartholo is from Brazil and grew up in a circus family watching her father



Sea lion trainer Suzy Bartholo encourages one of her sea lion performers to show off their handstand tricks at the Yuba Sutter Fair last weekend in Yuba City. Photo by Chris Pedigo

care for elephants. She has been working with Sea Lion Splash, part of Capitol International Productions, for the past two years and spends much of her time on the road traveling to various events and expos. She and her team are now headed to Texas and hope to return to the Yuba-Sutter region next year. ★

## Durheim Joins California Farm Bureau as First Chief Operating Officer



Dan Durheim is the California Farm Bureau's new chief operating officer. Photo courtesy California Farm Bureau

### California Farm Bureau News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPAG)** - The California Farm Bureau is pleased to announce Dan Durheim as its new chief operating officer. This is a newly created leadership role for the 105-year-old nonprofit organization.

Most recently, Durheim served as associate vice president of sponsor relations for Nationwide Insurance, building strong relationships with state Farm Bureaus, including the California Farm Bureau. He served a nearly 18-year tenure with the American Farm Bureau Federation in varying

roles, including executive director of industry affairs, foundation executive director and director of program development. His experience also includes working in leadership positions within the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

The Board of Directors for the California Farm Bureau selected Durheim for the role of COO from over 1,100 candidates following a comprehensive executive search led by Morrison, a top-tier business consulting firm.

"Dan has been a long-time champion for agriculture and for Farm Bureau, strongly believing in the work of this organization on behalf of farmers

and ranchers on the county, state and national level," said California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass. "Dan's deep experience with Farm Bureau, established relationships within the industry, selfless leadership style and focus on strategic service of our members makes him uniquely qualified to serve in this historic position for our organization."

"I am delighted to join an organization that has such a renowned reputation serving and advocating for the most diversified agriculture industry in the nation," Durheim said. "California Farm Bureau has a talented team and highly engaged board, all dedicated to advocacy and service of its members. California Farm Bureau's efforts are instrumental in protecting the farmers and ranchers who make California the No. 1 agriculture state in the nation, and it is an honor to know I can share my experience and talents to continue to advance these incredible contributions."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members. ★

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# No July 1776 No Juneteenth



**Commentary**  
by Lou Binninger

At a family gathering, conversations drifted to politics and the nation. A lovely high school graduate mentioned she took an online patriot quiz and failed miserably.

She guessed there were 51 states. However, she felt better when consoled that Obama thought there were 58. The teen believed the meaning of July 4 was simply that it was the Fourth of July. She wildly guessed our first president was Joe Clinton. "It had been a few years since she had History," she explained.

KrisAnne Hall, former Florida State Prosecutor and now a national educator on the Constitution posted that "If it weren't for July 1776 there would have been no end to slavery in America. Most historians that are actually driven by facts will tell you that without our Independence, slavery would have ended in Great Britain much later. America was the example for the western world to end slavery."

Hall said it's a fact that "Great Britain mandated slavery on the American colonies even as many were attempting to outlaw the wicked institution. There would be no end to slavery in America if our founders in 1776 hadn't pledged life, fortune, and sacred honor with the driving principle that.... We hold these truths to be self-evident that ALL men are Created Equal and Endowed by their Creator with Certain Unalienable Rights."

In 1619, the White Lion, a badly damaged Dutch slave ship arrived in Virginia's Chesapeake Harbor with 20 slaves aboard. Colonist provided food and services to

the human cargo. However, settlers had no model to deal with indigenous Africans.

They ultimately added them alongside indentured white European workers. In 1641, slavery was legalized in America. Africans became chattel, personal property that could be owned for life.

Slavery became so profitable in the colonies that in 1660 England's King Charles II established The Royal African Company (sic) to transport humans known as Black Gold from Africa to America.

When England finally outlawed the slave industry in 1807 and throughout the British Empire in 1838, America continued to rely on its own domestic slave trade. By 1860, a million humans were being utilized and traded in the colonies.

Christian abolitionists in Europe and America, notably the Quakers, were instrumental in changing this evil practice. They lobbied, preached, risked their lives and launched the underground railroad to set the captives free.

America's founders believed that outlawing slave imports via the Constitution would starve the industry of resources and set all men on a path to freedom. KrisAnne Hall contends that without July 1776 there would be no "Juneteenth."

Thomas Jefferson, in his initial draft of the Declaration of Independence blamed Britain's King George for his role in creating and perpetuating the transatlantic slave trade—which he describes, in so many words, as a crime against humanity:

"He has waged cruel war against human nature itself," Jefferson wrote, "violating its most sacred rights of life & liberty in the persons of a distant people who never offended him, captivating & carrying them into slavery in another hemisphere or to incur miserable death in their transportation thither."

The exact explanation of this passage's removal from the Declaration may

never be known. The historical record lacks details of the debates at the Second Continental Congress. What is known is that the 33-year-old Jefferson, who composed the Declaration between June 11 and June 28, 1776, sent a rough draft to members of a pre-selected committee, including John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, for edits. Between July 1 and July 3, congressional delegates debated the document, during which time they removed Jefferson's anti-slavery clause.

The removal was likely fueled by political and economic expediencies in pondering war. While the 13 colonies were already deeply divided on the issue of slavery, both the South and the North had financial interests in perpetuating it. Southern plantations, a key engine of the colonial economy, needed free labor to produce tobacco, cotton and other cash crops for export back to Europe. Northern shipping merchants, who also played a role in that economy, remained dependent on the trade between Europe, Africa and the Americas that included the traffic of kidnapped Africans.

One-third of the Declaration's signers had slaves or were involved. Even in the North, where abolition was more widely favored, states passed "gradual emancipation" laws designed to slowly phase out the horrid business.

It seemed impossible for those people in those times to quickly and responsibly eradicate slavery and untangle its captives from American society. However, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution laid the moral and ethical tracks for that to occur.

Happy Independence Day!

*Lou Binninger can be heard on No Hostages Radio podcast, live on KMYC 1410AM 10-1 Saturdays, read at Live with Lou on Facebook and at Nohostagesradio.com. ★*

# In Rain, Snow and Drought, California's Fights Over Water Rights, Supplies Persist



**By Dan Walters,**  
CALMatters.org

Legal rights to use water — particularly those obtained prior to 1914 — lie at the heart of California's perpetual wrangling over the allocation of increasingly limited water supplies.

For years state officials have been trying, with limited success, to reduce farmers' diversions, increase river flows and restore declining numbers of fish, particularly salmon, and other wildlife.

The conflict occurs even during periods when the state receives abundant rain and snow and its reservoirs are full. But it becomes more intense during the state's periodic droughts, as illustrated by what happened in 2014 when then-Gov. Jerry Brown, citing "one of the driest years in recorded state history," proclaimed a state of emergency.

The state Water Resources Control Board began notifying agricultural water agencies that they must curtail diversions from the Sacramento and San Joaquin river watersheds — essentially the entire Central Valley — having "determined that the existing water supply ... is insufficient to meet the needs of all water rights holders."

The state clearly had the authority to curtail diversions by agencies, with rights granted after the state assumed managerial control of California water in 1914 — ironically exactly one century

earlier. However, those with pre-1914 rights balked, contending that under state law the board could not order them to decrease diversions.

Political and legal squabbling ensued and the issue wound up in the courts, and in 2022 an appellate court ruled that the water board did not have legal authority to order pre-1914 rights holders to reduce diversions.

Although the case centered on the board's drought-induced curtailment orders, everyone involved knew that the outcome could affect the larger issue of water rights and the overall allocation of water supplies.

Environmental groups that had been pressing the board to become more assertive on water rights were disappointed.

"A recent decision by California's Sixth District Court of Appeal highlights everything that's wrong with California water law," two officials of CalTrout, one of the environmental groups, wrote in a guest commentary for CalMatters two years ago, adding, "the decision shields a class of property owners whose rights were enshrined in law at a time when the rights of citizenship, land ownership and common decency were only afforded to a privileged few."

Farm interests were, of course, pleased with the decision as they sparred with the water board over the larger issue of how much water must remain in rivers to support wildlife.

Environmental groups have urged the board to issue new water quality standards for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that would indirectly reduce agricultural diversions. Jerry Brown and his successor, Gavin Newsom, have urged

the adoption of "voluntary agreements" on diversions without a legal showdown over water rights, but that effort has not yet succeeded.

Last year, legislation was introduced to bolster the water board's curtailment authority, implementing a report by UC Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy and the Environment, underwritten by the water board, recommending that "the state needs to implement curtailments on a regular basis, not only in times of extreme crisis."

The most important, Assembly Bill 1337, would have given the water board direct authority to order curtailments of pre-1914 rights holders. However, it sat in limbo for more than a year until its author, Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks, an Oakland Democrat, finally dropped it this month.

The only survivor is AB 460, by Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, a San Ramon Democrat, which would increase fines for illegal water diversions and is blessed by a multi-party agreement.

The drought orders, the appellate court decision and the non-action by the Legislature this year indicate that California's water rights remain a major bone of legal and political contention as the larger struggle over water allocation continues.

*Dan Walters is one of most widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. He began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981. He has been at CalMatters since 2017. ★*

# Legislative Republican Leaders Announce Opposition to Poison Pills in Retail Theft Bills

**Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On June 7, Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) and Senate Minority Leader Brian Jones (R-San Diego) sent a letter to Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Senate pro Tempore Mike McGuire announcing their opposition to a Democrat-led attempt to interfere in California's initiative process by adding language automatically repealing several bills addressing retail theft if voters enact

the Homelessness, Drug Addiction & Theft Reduction Act.

"Democrats need to stop playing politics with public safety and let voters decide on fixing Prop. 47," said Leader Gallagher. "These poison pills show that Democrats aren't serious about ending the crime wave—they just want to look like they're doing something because their years-long support for criminals has become a political liability."

In the letter, they urge legislative leaders to not support any legislation that contains language undermining Californians' right to vote on

the initiative to repeal parts of Prop. 47.

"To combat the California crime wave, we need to strengthen our laws, both in the Legislature and at the ballot box," said Leader Jones. "It's irresponsible to force voters into a false choice between the two. Unfortunately, some Democrat politicians are too prideful to admit their mistake with Prop 47 and they continue to deny the desperate need for reform. The Democrats' poison pill amendments are a cynical attempt to mislead voters and prevent the necessary overhaul of our broken laws." ★

# Palermo Shooting Being Investigated

**Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release**

**PALERMO, CA (MPG)** - A shooting incident in Palermo has triggered an ongoing investigation by the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) after deputies responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting an adult victim had been shot late on June 15.

The victim was shot, along with his vehicle, upon arriving at what he mistook as the address on Alta Airosa Drive for a family event, according to

the Sheriff's Office. The shooting occurred as he pulled into a driveway off Dunstone Drive in Palermo, according to statements from Butte County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Following the incident, the victim was transported to a local hospital and later airlifted to another medical facility, where he remains in stable condition, authorities reported.

On June 18, the Butte County Sheriff's Office SWAT team executed a search warrant at the three identified properties.

During the operation, detectives said they discovered a firearm, evidence related to the shooting and an extensive illicit cultivation of more than 1,200 marijuana plants.

Butte County Sheriff's Office officials emphasized that the investigation remains active, urging individuals with relevant information to contact Butte County Sheriff's Office Felony Investigation Unit at 530-538-7671. Further updates will be provided as the investigation progresses. ★

**Brownie's BAIT BOX**  
Fishing rating scale: (b) Excellent • (a) Good • (g) Poor (bad)

## LOCAL FISHING

Rollins Lake/Colfax. Limits of 11"-15" squaretails (Rainbow Trout). Try: Panther Martin. (b) Fall River was named by John Fremont in 1849, for its historic cascades and water falls. The infamous Hex hatch started June 28th, 7:05 PM. It started in the lower river at the mouth of the Tule River, and gradually moves upriver. Multiple genetically distinct groups of wild Rainbow Trout inhabit the river. Try: Hex Fly (b) Note: Heritage And Wild Trout Stream. Catch and release of all trout.

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Stripers everywhere in the San Francisco Bay. Most are standing-in-line to eat your bait. Slow trolling...Try: Tray Bait. (b) Friday, June 21, 2024. The first day of summer. Big 8-foot tides and a full moon puts down the Halibut fishing in the bay. Fish the small outgoing tides if you wish. Try: Swim Bait. (g) Fishing for Striped Bass in the Delta's is pretty much over.

## COASTAL WATERS

Monterey Bay. Limits of rockfish in shallow waters. Try: Shrimp Fly. (b) Bodega Bay. Party boats landing 70 Vermillion, Brown, Canary and Yellow Rockfish. Try: Shrimp Fly. (b) Six-Pac boats limits of rockfish and Lingcod, 120-ft deep. Try: Tray Bait. (b) Note: All boats must carry a descending device to prevent "Barotrampa" when fish are brought up too quickly from depths.

## LAKES RESERVOIRS

Shasta Lake; small Mouth Bass found in the main body. Trolling...surface to 30ft deep, 2.4-2.7 MPH. Try: Tee Spoon in Pink. (a) Fisherman's Comment: Brownie, my fishing buddy claims that his new "thing-amajig" lure is the Very Best. Like they say, "Fancy lures catch gullible fishermen not fish." Try: 1950 Vintage "Stinger" lure by Whopper Stopper, Inc of Sherman, Texas. Pyramid Lake, Nev. The Lahontan Cutthroat post-spawn is on. Trolling...for 10-pounders. Try: T-50 Flatfish. (b) Lake Berryessa; top water bite is hot for Small Mouth Bass of 4- lbs. Try: Hula Popper. (b) Launch at



**Stinger**

the McCloud River boat ramp on Shasta Lake. Scan the deep waters for *D. petenense* (Threadfin Shad) bait fish, usually 3"-5"



**T-50 Flatfish**

long, sawtooth belly, elongated dorsal fin and toothless. Slow troll at the 33 ft thermocline. The absolute best bait! Try: Threadfin Shad. (b)

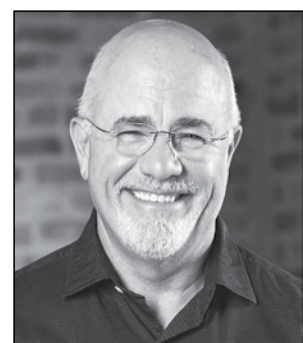


**Threadfin Shad**

## RIVERS

American River is full of American Shad. Flow 3000 CFS. Upper Sunrise area is crowded with anglers. Try: Shad Fly. (b) Fly fishing has picked up on the Little Truckee River. 500 CFS flow. Wet wading...Use split shot and keep a tightline. Try: Grass Hopper, Golden Stone flies. (b)

"Once in a Blue Moon." **Brownie**



## Dave Ramsey Says

I'm going to be blunt here, okay? Since you weren't asked about any of this ahead of time, and had no say in anything, fair would be for you and your brother who weren't consulted to pay zero. Zilch.

Planning something that expensive without consulting everyone involved well ahead of time—and expecting them to lay out \$1,000 without warning—is way out of line. And don't let your older brothers lay a guilt trip on you, either. This has nothing to do with how much you love your parents, being greedy or anything like that. It has everything to do with consideration and communication, or in this case, a lack of these on their part.

If I were you, I'd let your oldest brothers know exactly what your financial situation is like right now. Explain what you're doing and why you're doing it, then let them know in a nice, but firm, tone

you'll give them whatever you can scrape up, but you won't be chipping in anything close to \$1,000. Oh, and I'd tell them next time they hatch up a big, expensive plan like this, to check with all their brothers way ahead of time.

Best of luck, Ronald. I'm sorry you have to deal with this.

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.* ★

*This is Way Out of Line*

Dear Dave,

I'm trying hard to get control of my money and get out of debt, but I had a situation come up the other day, and I really don't know what to do. I'm one of four brothers, and our parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary is early next month. My two oldest brothers got together and made plans for a party without consulting the rest of us. They want everyone to chip in \$1,000 to help pay for things. I love my mom and dad, but the only savings I have is \$1,000 in my beginner emergency fund. Will you tell me how to address this situation?

— Ronald

Dear Ronald

## Counting Blessings



*By Kathy Craig Harteis*

We've faced a lot of loss and frustration lately. But honestly instead of bemoaning our bad fortune we are counting our blessings. We know we are being watched over and guided.

I usually write my column on Thursday morning which I'm doing now. This is the second column I've written this week. I first wrote one on Monday

morning after an encounter with a negative person on Sunday. As I proofed that first column I realized I was being hateful myself. Instead today I'm focusing on the good in my life.

Sunday ended with a great dinner at Powder House in Keystone, SD. We stayed two nights in a darling cabin at the Holy Smoke Resort there.

The BlackHills of South Dakota is my happy place. It's just a feeling that embraces me when we are there. I need only look around to be assured that God's hand made that place.

We make our own happiness. Take the time to stop, rest and count your blessings. Life is better if you don't dwell on the negative. Shake it off and

look forward to the joy headed your way.

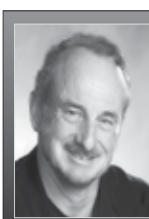
It's not easy when you have a take no prisoners attitude like me. I have a difficult time with folks who prefer to wallow in worry.

I say this because I spent far to many years worrying about everything. It's just not worth it. It's better to wake up each morning planning on being happy.

Let go and let God.

Life is good today.

*A native of Grimes, CA, Kathy Craig Harteis is a former local journalist and former owner and chief executive of Kathy Craig Media Consulting, in Colusa. She currently lives in Beach, North Dakota, where she lived for many years while raising her family.* ★



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## Something Doesn't Add Up

Talking to various people around the county in my day to day travels, it seems that few people are swimming in cash and many are having a hard time paying all these high prices were seeing from our ongoing inflation. Despite what I am hearing however, how is it that when I go to the super mall down the hill, the parking lot is full and people seem to be spending money like crazy. Add to that the giddy news reporters on the CNBC news channel telling me almost daily that consumer spending is robust and discretionary items like fancy sneakers, high end sportswear and other "don't have to have" items are selling like crazy and that the economy is looking fine.

Aren't interest rates at decade highs and the price of food and energy and everything else going through the roof?

The answer to those questions are yes. So if prices are high and interest rates are high making credit card use more costly, where and how are people getting all this money they're spending?

I have to admit, it is perplexing to this analyst. But there are always reasons for everything. I will continue to lean into my past prognostication that massive CoVid handouts to address the worldwide shut-downs amounted to trillions of dollars, and trillions of dollars is a heck of a lot of money and goes a long way in propelling the ongoing spending we continue to see. I also continue to believe we are coming to the end of that money and the economic statistics seem to bear that out.

The unemployment rate is rising and has been for about a year in a stair step upward pattern. Meanwhile new job hires are also on the rise. The question then becomes how can the unemployment rate be rising as more and more people are being hired?

The answer to that may be that those CoVid savings are finally running out forcing people back into the workforce. Additionally inflation is making it harder for people to make ends meet, forcing them back to work, and perhaps even doubling up on jobs to pay the bills.

Whereas a spike in new hires might be taken by the FEDS that the economy is improving, it could be inflation is making life more difficult.

McDonalds, among other low income providers have reported slowing sales in recent months.

On March 13th, 2024, the fast food chain's chief financial officer said at an investor conference, "Some lower-income Americans are rejecting McDonald's and opting to cook at home instead."

On March 8, 2024, Costco also reported that U.S. sales had fallen by the most in ten months.

The main stream media have been calling the economy robust and the consumer resilient for the last 18 months or so as the stock market has also rocketed higher. But this analyst thinks the news media has been premature in accessing the true condition of the American consumer based on their continued spending of those lavish CoVid handouts.

Simply put, savings are finally running out, and inflation has been relentless. It's a double whammy that could be starting to show up in the slowdown of consumer spending. That subsequently now might bleed over to the markets.

It was only a matter of time before the irresistible force met the supposedly immovable object which was thought to be consumer spending. And now the two have collided.

Could it be what was thought to be the immovable consumer and his robust spending over the last few years is finally being forced into remission?

With savings dwindling and consumer prices still on the rise, if inflation continues to plague the economy, the FEDS will be in a box of their own making. On one hand, they will have to keep interest rates high in an attempt to harness inflation. On the other hand, as the consumer spirals further into the unaffordability trap of higher and higher prices, those very actions of the Federal Reserve to stamp out inflation will cause more hardship to that very same consumer.

The only saving grace, at least temporarily, is 2024 is an election year, and that usually means more spending by Washington to improve economic conditions. More spending however will help in 2024, but will likely make for an even bigger inflationary fire in 2025.

Unfortunately, there are no easy answers.

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

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### Farmers Seek Replacement Crops as Vine Seed Demand Plummet

Vegetable seed companies have cut back vine seed production this season, sending Sacramento Valley producers who used to grow them under contract scrambling to find replacement crops. Michael Willey, North America vegetable seeds production lead at Bayer, attributed the reduced vine seed contracts this year to overproduction in 2023. Colusa County Agricultural Commissioner Anastacia Allen said reduced vine seed contracts has resulted in farmers planting more corn—a crop she described as "what you plant when you have nothing else to plant."

### Walnut Growers Say Going Organic Isn't Translating to higher prices

Certified organic crops typically earn a higher price than their conventional counterparts but, for struggling California walnut growers, the organic premiums have not necessarily translated to higher profits. The price of conventional walnuts has plunged to record-low levels in recent years, dragging down organic walnut prices. At the same time, "a steady increase in supply" has also weighed on the organic walnut market, said Teddy Schrier, who markets organic walnuts for Grower Direct Nut Co. in Stanislaus County.

### Pest Menace for Processing Tomatoes Triggers Emergency Declarations

In a preemptive move, several county agricultural commissioners have sought emergency declarations for a processing tomato pest so growers could have in-season access to popular neonicotinoid insecticides. Had they waited for the sugar beet leafhopper to show up in San Joaquin Valley processing tomato fields, it would have likely been too late to begin the emergency declaration process. Emergency declarations in Kern, Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced and Stanislaus counties will allow farmer access to neonicotinoid insecticides to target insects that can migrate to farm fields in spring.

### Dan Durheim Named Chief Operating Officer for California Farm Bureau

The California Farm Bureau Board of Directors has selected Dan Durheim as the organization's first-ever chief operating officer after screening more than 1,100 candidates following a comprehensive executive search. Durheim, associate vice president of sponsor relations for Nationwide in Columbus, Ohio, previously served in leadership positions with the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Minnesota Farm Bureau over nearly 20 years. California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass called Durheim "a longtime champion for agriculture and for Farm Bureau." ★



It is hard to imagine that our medical group has been here for 50 years. I remember when it first started with four doctors and their "crew". At times during its stay, there has been a pharmacy, a dentist, and an optometrist in the compound. Our Yuba Feather area has gone through many changes in 50 years: the Forest Service offices moved to Oroville, Gold Eagle built in Brownsville so Challenge became a quieter place, the school dropped in enrollment and the older students went to Foothill school. Change is the new normal, I guess.

Anyway, the medical group is holding a

celebration on Saturday, June 29 in the afternoon to celebrate their 50th anniversary. There will be food and live music, so come on by and congratulate them and meet the new family practice doctor.

We would like to encourage people to set up tables at Books & More on Saturday, July 6, to sell their items. It can be crafts, baked goods, or flea market things. It would be a good time to clean up closets or even your yard. One man's junk is another's treasure. So come on by and Treasure Hunt.

*Hope to see you soon in Brownsville.*

~ Yvonne

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# CalCompetes Program Reaches \$50 Billion of Private Investment

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) announced on June 14 the latest round of awards under the CalCompetes program. That brings the program's total job creation commitments to 159,000 and results in more than \$50 billion in private investment in the state through nearly 1,200

awards over the past 10 years. Governor Gavin Newsom said, "CalCompetes' success over the past decade is a proofpoint that investing in innovative and cutting edge businesses leads to economic growth and opportunity. Throughout the program's lifespan, over 159,000 good-paying jobs have been created along with \$50 billion of private investment across every region of the state."

Over the past five years, CalCompetes has invested in companies such as Bosch to domestically design, develop, and manufacture the next generation of semiconductors and microchips; GoodRx to develop mobile and web-based applications that provide prescription drug pricing comparisons, discount programs, and pharmacy information; Pacific Steel to construct the first steel mill in California in more than 50 years in Kern County;

Relativity Space to expand their ability to manufacture 3D-printed rockets to carry satellites into space; and many more. The Golden State, which has the most equitable tax system in the entire country, is #1 in the nation for access to venture capital funding, and the #1 state for manufacturing, high-tech, and agriculture. Last month, Governor Newsom announced that California's travel spending reached an all-time

high of \$150.4 billion last year. This comes after the state's population increased for the first time since the pandemic and the International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook noting that California remains the 5th largest economy in the world for the seventh consecutive year, with a nominal GDP of nearly \$3.9 trillion in 2023 and a growth rate of 6.1% since the year prior, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

California's per capita GDP is the second largest among large economies. And just last week, Fortune announced that for the first time since 2014, California is home to the most Fortune 500 companies in the country - beating out Texas, Florida, and all other states. From tech to finance to entertainment, the state's diverse economy has 57 companies on the list, while Texas and New York are tied in second with 52 companies each. ★

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**BINGHAM** – Vicki Bingham, 65, of Rio Oso, passed away June 17, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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APN: 019-413-008-000 TS No.: 23-07197CA TSG Order No.: 230622450 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MARCH 25, 2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded March 31, 2020 as Document No.: 2020-005049 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by: Cedric L Hudson Jr, an unmarried man, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: July 22, 2024 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: The Fifth Street Entrance, Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901 File No.:23-07197CA The street address and other common designation,

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### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: MARIA IRMA VAZQUEZ, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00735 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:  
07/22/2024  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Maria Irma Vazquez, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Maria Irma Vazquez  
to: Ma Irma Vazquez

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.

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HEARING DATE:  
07/29/2024  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) FRANKIE LEE BEFFA, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: FRANKIE LEE BEFFA  
to: FRANK LEE SOUTH

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: 06/10/2024

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
June 21, 28, JULY 5, 12, 2024

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: PABLO LUNA VAZQUEZ, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00736 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:  
07/22/2024  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Pablo Luna Vazquez, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Pablo Luna Vazquez  
to: Pablo Vazquez Luna

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: 06/11/2024

Stephen W. Berrier  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-146

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

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1. Robert Anthony Heflin Sr.  
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/29/2024.

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

Signed:  
**Robert Heflin Sr.**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on May 29, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-163

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

**Healing Massage & Spa**  
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County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Hongze Jin  
319 N. Huntington Drive #B  
Monterey Park, CA 91754  
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:  
**Hongze Jin**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 17, 2024.

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June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2024.

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Registered Owners:  
1. Christopher Samuel Marin  
414 4th Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
This business is conducted by an Individual..

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

Signed:  
**Christopher Marin**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 5, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-159

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

**Mystical Crafting Emporium**  
13117 Los Verjeles Road  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Laura Burnett  
13117 Los Verjeles Road  
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:  
**Laura Burnett**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 13, 2024.

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

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Registered Owners:  
1. Asghar Group LLC  
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Sacramento, CA 95833

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company..

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:  
**Khansa Rani  
CA  
Manager**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on May 21, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 24-7251

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

**Loma Rica Market**  
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Marysville, CA 95901  
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Registered Owners:  
1. Loma Rica Market  
Enterprise, Inc.  
11269 Loma Rica Road  
Marysville, CA 95901  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/13/2024.

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

Signed:  
**Gurnam Sandhar  
CA  
Gurnam Sandhar, President**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 13, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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# Bakersfield Man Charged with Sex Crimes with Minor in Chico

## Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Bakersfield man who had bailed out of Butte County Jail in April on charges of having sex with a 14-year-old Chico girl was back in court in custody on May 24 facing additional charges of recently attempting to have the girl lie for him.

Jayson David Webster, 27, was charged by the Butte

County District Attorney's Office for contacting a minor for sexual purposes, sending photographs of his privates to a minor, arranging to meet a minor to engage in sex and possession of child pornography. He was also charged with lewd acts with a 14-year-old child, assault likely to produce great bodily injury, and two counts of dissuading a victim from providing truthful information.

Webster had been bailed

out of jail after his initial arrest on April 27, after posting a \$331,000 bond and was not due back in court until June 2024. In the meantime, it was alleged that he contacted his victim by phone and attempted to dissuade her from telling the truth.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the 14-year-old victim had been reported as a run-away child by her mother on April 26. The

girl's mother managed to find her daughter via social media applications and cell phone location data at a motel in Chico in the early morning hours of April 27. An investigation by Chico Police detectives revealed that Webster and the girl had been communicating for weeks via the internet.

Ramsey said that Webster drove to Chico from Bakersfield in the middle of the night, picked the girl up from a friend's house

and drove her to the motel. The girl later told police that Webster engaged in sex with her and strangled her.

Webster later drove the girl to Butte Meadows and left her there at a store, according to the Butte County District Attorney's Office.

Ramsey said that Chico detectives are working with Bakersfield Police on reports that Webster has also been communicating with several minors in

the Bakersfield area, offering them alcohol, marijuana or nicotine and requesting nude photographs of them. Both agencies are continuing their investigations.

Butte County Superior Court Judge Kristen Lucena accepted Webster's not-guilty plea on May 24 and then remanded him to jail with an increased bail amount of \$750,000.00. His case is set for 8:30 a.m. July 9 for a preliminary hearing. ★

# Defendant Charged with Child Molestation During Jail Video Call

## Butte County District Attorney's News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - An 18-year-old Oroville man, awaiting sentencing on robbery, auto theft, and gun charges, was in court June 18 to face additional charges of child molestation after he allegedly used a video call from the Butte County Jail to remotely molest a 13-year-old girl.

William Phillip Kevil, 18, of Oroville, had pleaded no contest to 13 counts last month for a "Grand Theft Auto" crime spree that occurred last December. On June 18, he was charged by the Butte County District Attorney's Office special victims' unit with felony child molestation and contacting a minor for sexual purposes.

Butte County District Attorney

Mike Ramsey said the Butte County Jail has a tablet communication system for inmates to use for video visits in addition to telephone calls and in-person visits.

Kevil was arrested after the Butte County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation and stated Kevil was contacting a 13-year-old girl from the jail. During one of the video calls

on the tablet, Kevil allegedly requested and caused the minor to touch herself sexually while he viewed her, a crime in California.

Ramsey said that Kevil knew the minor before his incarceration and contacted the minor multiple times while in jail. Kevil had the girl set up a fake visitor profile to be able to use the video portion of the tablet, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Sheriff's investigators pinpointed the dates and times of the video by connecting Kevil's account usage and video chats with the girl, according to Ramsey.

Kevil faces an additional minimum of more than a decade of new prison time on his new case. Kevil was arraigned June 18 on his new case and is next in court on July 17 for entry of plea. He remains in jail without bail. ★

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No: CA07000651-23-2 TO No: 2416421CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d) (1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d) (2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 27, 2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 25, 2024 at 01:30 PM, At the Fifth Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 Fifth Street, Marysville, CA 95901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on October 1, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021-018378, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by JAMES ALLEN REED MICHAELSON, A MARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1900 GEORGINA DR, OLIVEHURST, CA 95961 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty,

express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$188,698.08 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee

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sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866) 539-4173, or visit this internet website https://www.servicelinkauction.com/, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000651-23-2 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: June 12, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000651-23-2 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT https://www.servicelinkauction.com/ FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: ServiceLink Auction | Hudson and Marshall at (866) 539-4173 NPP0461875 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 06/28/2024, 07/05/2024, 07/12/2024

### PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Civil Code § 1988 that a public auction of the herein described personal property, which was located at 412 Anita Way, Yuba City, upon the termination of Conception Munguia's tenancy thereat, will be held at said location, on July 13, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.: sectional couch, Children's toys, 2 rocking chairs, no less than 4 baby strollers, 2 televisions, cooking utensils, treadmill, dishware, 2 love seats, lotions and creams, cabinet full of clothes, makeup products, large dining table, wind-chimes, 4 dining chairs, clothing, dining bench, food cabinet, food rack, radio, 3 beds, 6 dressers, night stand, mattress, foot stool, barbeque, broken gas stove, 3 bicycles, picture frames.

(TD) June 28, 2024

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR MASTER DESIGN REVIEWS DREV-24-0002 (LENNAR) BEFORE THE PLUMAS LAKE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public meeting will be held before the Plumas Lake Design Review Committee (PLDRC) on Tuesday, July 9th, at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter via Zoom. In compliance with Government Code section 54953(e), members of the PLDRC and members of the public may participate in the meeting by teleconference via Zoom to consider the following:

Join Zoom  
Meeting Link:  
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3089655282?omn=82304652283  
Meeting ID: 308 965 5282  
Mobile: +1 408 638 0968 US

DREV-24-0002: A request by Lennar Homes of California for consideration of a Master Design Review Plan and overall conceptual architectural and site design for 212 lots of Northpoint Villages 1 and 2 Subdivision (TSTM2004-0048). The project site is located east of Highway 70 and 1.1 miles north of Feather Ridge Drive on the southeast portion of the Plumas Lake Specific Plan.

Any person wishing to testify on the above project may appear before the PLDRC at the prescribed time via Zoom or may submit written comments or objections to the Community Development and Services Agency at 915 8th Street, Suite 123, Marysville, CA 95901, prior to the meeting the project file is available for inspection at the same address. If you have any questions, you may contact Ciara Fisher, Planner III at (530) 749-5470.

The PLDRC's action on the project may be appealed by any interested person to the Board of Supervisors by filing a written appeal with the Clerk of the Board within 10 days following the PLDRC's final action on the project. If the Board of Supervisors is the final Approving Authority, or if the project is appealed to the Board, the Board's action is final.

If you challenge the action of the PLDRC on this matter in court, pursuant to Government Code section 65009 you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Department at, or prior to the meeting.

(TD) June 28, 2024

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that LOCK-TITE STORAGE CENTER, 1250 SCALES AVENUE, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 (530) 742-2508, intends to sell a boat described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to California Harbors and Navigation Code Section 500-509 Article 4 Boaters Lien Law and provisions of the Civil Code.

The auction will be conducted at LOCK-TITE STORAGE FACILITY 1250 Scales Ave, Marysville CA 95901 on July 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM. Bidders will be able to view the boat beginning at 9:00 AM on July 13, 2024. If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly. Property to be sold as is

VESSEL TRACKER HULL NO.BUJO2472B595 MODEL 1995 REGISTERED CALIFORNIA EXPIRES 2023

TRAILER LICENSE NO.1FD9709 EXPIRES 2022 MODEL 1995 REGISTERED CALIFORNIA VIN 4TM11CD17SB002176

Purchase must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH or CREDIT CARD only. All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and LOCK-TITE STORAGE FACILITY MUST HOLD BOAT FOR 10 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. (TD) 6-28-24

### Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Marysville - Hammonton located at 1597 Hammonton Smartsville Rd Marysville, CA 95901 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 7/18/2024 at 10:00AM. George Leet; Sara Allison Poag; Howard Barton (2 units); Melaney Rena Kakkar; Fred Laam; David Dwight II Nelson; Andrew Mestas; Cassandra R Campbell; Nicholas Steve Vyka; Chastity Ann Routh; Rashelle Jezarae Luther; Dennis C Lester; Stefanie Kipuke; Jori Anna Hill; Charles Calvin Adams; Clayton Balzer (2 units); Shanna Marie Keith; Rebecka Woods; Joseph Paskevich; Jewelia Rydingsward; Edna Arnold; Kaitlyn Faith Harui. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. (TD) 6/28/24

## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SUTTER IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: FNU RAMAN PREET, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVCS 23-0247 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE: 04/24/2023  
DEPT: 1  
TIME: 9:00 A.M.  
1175 Civic Center Blvd. Yuba City, CA95993

Petitioner(s) FNU Raman Preet, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: FNU Raman Preet  
to: Raman Preet Prinja

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: 06/28/2024

Perry Parker  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

(TD) June 28, 2024

## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: JENNIFER ROSE THOMAS, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00771 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE: 08/05/2024  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) JENNIFER ROSE THOMAS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: JENNIFER ROSE THOMAS  
to: HANNAH JOY THOMAS

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: 06/20/2024

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
June 28, JULY 5, 12, 19, 2024

# COMICS & PUZZLES

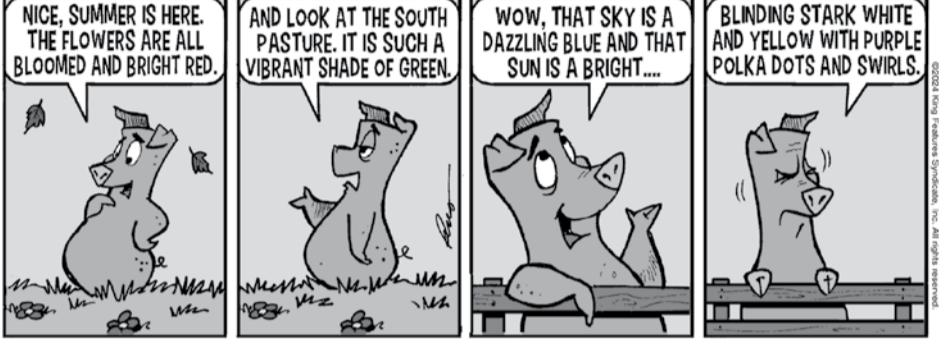
## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



## Amber Waves

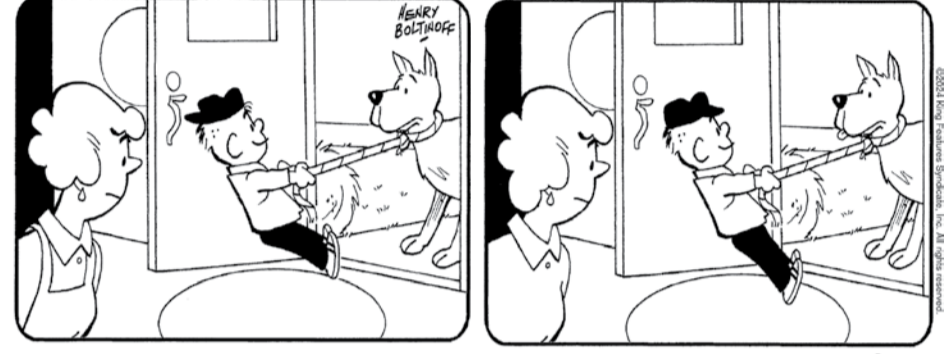


by Dave T. Phipps

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



DIFFERENCES: 1. Legs are moved. 2. Hat is different. 3. Log's legs is moved. 4. Cap is turned around. 5. Tongue is added. 6. Apron is missing.

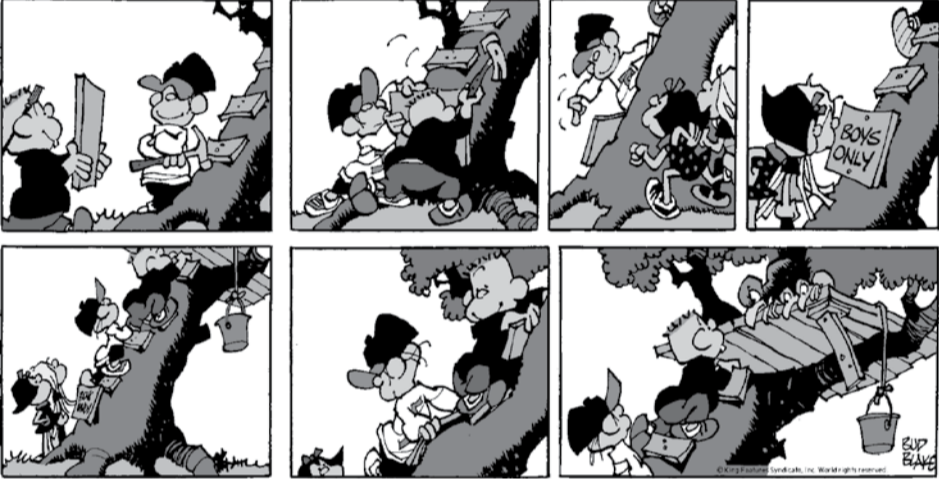
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by Gary Kopervas



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by BUD BLAKE

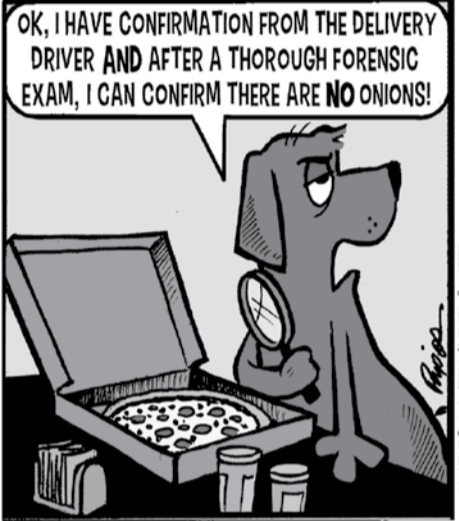


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- July 2 / 7 am July Fireworks, Kary Hauck
- July 2 / 8 am Rachel Abbot, Yuba County
- July 3 / 7 am TBD
- July 3 / 8 am Chief Sac hs, Marysville Police Department
- July 4 / 7 am July 4th HOLIDAY
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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



And the winner of this year's most popular basketball player in Sacramento — Malik Monk!

Well, he's my most popular player, and from the people I'm talking to it appears to be a consensus.

Yes, a \$78-million contract represents a lot of money, but by many accounts, Malik left up to 10 million in additional free agent money on the table, to sign and stay with our very own Sacramento Kings.

I have not the adjectives to describe how critical this signing is to the Kings team, but let's take a moment to congratulate Monte McNair. This was no easy proposition for a young NBA GM, but just like the Donantas Sabonis acquisition, this is a huge signing for the Kings, and will finally allow this talented guard to start every night in the NBA.

As I have expressed, having Malik in the starting lineup, as opposed to coming off the bench, will add a minimum of five points a game to the scoring tally, and adding five points a game represents a monumental leap forward.

Fifty wins is what this signing means, and I can't wait to witness the standing ovation Malik Monk will receive when on opening night I will hear the words, "and now starting at guard from the Kentucky Wildcats, welcome Sacramento's own Malik Monk!"

If you don't already have a ticket for opening night, start looking now, because regardless of who the Kings add in the draft on Wednesday night, the first game of the 2025 season is going to be something special.

I think back to the many years, now over 35 years for me, that I sat on the sidelines shaking my head as the Kings made mistakes that cemented their fate as a team looking in, and rarely on the court at playoff time.

True, the Bibby, Webber years brought a lot of hoopla and excitement to the Sacramento region, but I can assure every Kings fan, that the team assembled now, by adding just one more piece, can supersede the achievements of those teams.

The Kings are so close it's tantalizing,

and now that Monte McNair has proven his value in the signing of Malik, I'm on the edge of my seat to see what the #13 pick in the draft will bring to this already talented and competitive NBA team.

It's definitely a time to celebrate Kings fans! Anytime one of your own kicks the rest of the league to the curb, and signs with the hometown team, it pulls just a little at your heart strings, and it certainly brings a tremendous level of admiration for this journeyman that has finally found a home!

Today's NBA draft has changed considerably from decades ago when nearly every player chosen, certainly in the first round, came from one of America's college ranks.

Thanks in large part to the Euro league, NBA scouts are perusing the globe, in areas not even considered just a few short years ago.

It makes the draft all that more compelling, and I almost feel like I should be buying a ticket to watch this level of entertainment.

So, I'm not attempting to artificially build a false confidence, but rather remind fans of the many prior 13th picks, and beyond, that have gone on to highly successful NBA careers.

Robin Lopez would be a welcome addition to the Kings front line, and it's interesting to note that he was drafted #15 in the 2008 draft.

The reigning NBA Celtics boast a player by the name of Jrue Holliday who had a tremendous Finals and was drafted 17th in the 2009 draft.

Can anyone forget that perennial all-star and future hall-of-famer Kawhi Leonard was drafted #15 in the first round!?

Rudy Gobert is another player that would look good in a Kings uniform, and he was drafted in the 27th spot back in 2013.

Perhaps there really is reason for anticipated celebration to make a pick at #13.

Let's all collectively cross our fingers and watch with anticipation as the Sacramento Kings add a new member to their already stellar family of players!

All the best! ★

## LaMalfa Votes for Defense Authorization Act

### Office of Rep. Doug LaMalfa News Release

#### WASHINGTON, DC (MPG)

- On June 14, 2024, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) voted for H.R. 8070, the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025.

Congressman LaMalfa said, "House Republicans' Defense Authorization Act focuses on threats we face: the increasing use of drone warfare, the escalating threats from China and Iran, as well as the increasing instability in the Middle

East. Republicans address lagging military recruiting by eliminating DEI programs and stopping Biden's attempts to institute the 'Green New Deal' in the military. Importantly, the bill increases pay to our service members, improves housing, and prioritizes veterans' services."

Important provisions include:

- Additional \$55 million dollars for upgraded mission operations at Beale Air Force Base.

- Provides funding for continued use with potential for expansion of operations at Sierra Army Depot.

- With an eye towards

potential near-term conflicts with Beijing, the legislation increases funding for drone countermeasures and anti-drone technologies, hypersonic missiles, offensive and defensive cyberattacks, and high-energy laser weapons.

Includes \$650 million in priority projects across the Indo-Pacific region, which increase security and logistics capacity in the region.

*Rep. Doug LaMalfa represents California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties.* ★

## Officials Detail Accountability for Tax Measure



**City Manager Diana Langley detailed what a citizens' advisory committee would look like if formed after a successful November election ballot question for a one-percent tax increase needed for road and city improvements.** Photo courtesy Yuba City

*Continued from page 1*

group retains power to submit the committee's annual report to the Sutter County Grand Jury. "This is key."

"If they deemed it necessary that they were concerned with how the money was spent or budgeted, they could submit their report directly to the Grand Jury without council authorization," the city

manager said.

The five-member standing committee will include only Yuba City residents and business owners who are at least 18 years old and registered to vote.

Appointments include an application reviewed by the mayor, city manager and finance director.

"But ultimately, the City Council would approve the appointments to this committee," Langley said.

The term for the first round includes two members serving two-year terms and three members serving three-year terms.

"Every appointment thereafter would be based on a three-year term," Langley said.

Volunteer members must complete ethics training and file statements of economic interest. They must also attend at least two annual meetings, which will become public records. Langley said discussions are delayed until the November election but "Should it be

successful then, the council would adopt an ordinance to create the committee. Until then, the council could adopt a resolution for the tasks and more."

Like Boomgarden, Mayor Harris said he too often hears the "common" question of authority over funds, solidifying the need for an oversight committee.

"Not only is it good business, it helps sell the idea and builds a level of trust for folks out there," Harris said before asking how the funds fall into the General Fund account. "How will they critique the money if it is all in the same pot?"

That is when the finance director steps in, according to Langley, who said a specific revenue account would be created, setting aside the one-percent revenues.

Ultimately, it's all about accountability, according to Councilmember Dave Shaw.

"That's been the problem with previous revenue measures," Shaw said. "So this is huge." ★

## DUI Vehicular Manslaughter Sentencing Reveals Victim as Hero

### Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On June 12, a Mojave man was sentenced in Butte County Superior Court to a term of 14 years in state prison for an August 11, 2023, Oroville area crash that resulted in the death of one person and left another seriously injured. The sentencing hearing June 12 revealed the decedent victim to be a hero who prevented others from being more seriously injured or killed. Elpidio Arevalo Botello, 30, previously pled as charged to vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, hit and run, and other related charges. Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Arevalo Botello was driving a Nissan sedan at dusk westbound on Ophir Road and ran a red light, clipping the front of a Jeep Cherokee traveling southbound through the intersection.

The collision caused Arevalo Botello's car to

spin into a motorcycle that was stopped in the oncoming turn lane on eastbound Ophir Road causing severe injuries to the motorcycle driver, Jeffrey Alan Brooks, 61, of Olivehurst, and his 66-year-old fiancé passenger. Brooks and his fiancé were taken to area hospitals where Brooks succumbed to his injuries and died 12 days later. His fiancé remained for several days in the hospital with multiple broken ribs. A passenger in the Jeep sustained moderate injuries. During the sentencing hearing, the driver of the Jeep told the sentencing judge how Brooks warned him that Arevalo Botello was blowing through the intersection's spotlight at high speed by waving his hands towards the Jeep.

The driver said Brooks' warning caused him to start braking his Jeep, preventing Arevalo Botello from directly impacting the driver's side of the Jeep — probably saving him and his passenger wife from more serious injury or death. Brooks' fiancé also

echoed the same sentiment saying Brooks threw her from the motorcycle just before the Jeep impacted them protecting her from more serious injury. Brooks' older brother read a statement from Brook's son telling Arevalo Botello, "You killed a man with your decisions, and you could have killed others."

Arevalo Botello's defense attorney noted his client's lack of criminal history and requested Arevalo Botello be given formal probation or, in the alternative, the lower term in prison. Instead, Butte County Superior Court Judge Jesus Rodriguez sentenced Arevalo Botello to the middle term of 14 years and pointed out his decision was based on Arevalo Botello's attempt to avoid accountability by leaving the scene, abandoning his vehicle, and reporting his vehicle stolen hours after the crash. The judge also ordered Arevalo Botello to pay criminal restitution for the victims of the collision in a total amount of \$39,621. ★

## Bus Shooter Sentenced For 2022 Murder

### Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - A Sacramento gang member was sentenced on May 31 in Butte County Superior Court for shooting multiple victims in February 2022 on a Greyhound bus that stopped in Oroville.

Asaahdi Coleman, 23, was sentenced today for murder and attempted murder with gun enhancements.

At the time of the shooting, the murder victim, Karen Dalton, 43, was traveling with her two children, a girl, 11, and a boy, 14, from Washington to New Mexico.

On May 31, the daughter, who was shot in the face and buttocks by Coleman, addressed the judge in the courtroom by remote video saying that she still has recurring nightmares.

Victim Rose Whitley,

27, had her statement read by a victim advocate in the courtroom, telling of her constant pain from shrapnel that lodged in her tailbone from the shooting. Whitley was pregnant at the time of the shooting and delivered her child prematurely.

Victim Bobby Farber, 34, spoke from his wheelchair in the courtroom. He noted he was now permanently paralyzed because of the shooting and in constant pain.

During the May 31 sentencing, Butte County Chief Deputy District Attorney Mark Murphy, said Faber, demonstrated "considerable courage" both during and after the shooting in attempting to protect Dalton's children from the cascade of shots fired by Coleman. Murphy emphasized the difference between Farber's "courage" and Coleman's "cowardice."

Murphy also noted a forensic psychologist

examined Coleman and determined he had an "Anti-Social Personality Disorder" along with a "Narcissistic Personality Disorder," findings which Murphy said showed Coleman was "deeply defective and dangerous" and deserved the maximum prison sentence to protect the public.

After hearing from the victims and Murphy, Butte County Superior Judge Corie Caraway sentenced Coleman to the maximum sentence of 74 years and eight months to life, noting his previous crimes involving violence and guns both as a juvenile and adult in the Bay Area and Sacramento.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey noted that despite being sentenced to over 74 years to life, California's Youthful Offender Parole law allows Coleman to be eligible for parole after serving 25 years. ★

## Chico Man Charged for Attempted Rape

### Butte County District Attorney's Office Press Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - On June 13, the Butte County District Attorney's Office charged a Chico man for sneaking into the apartment of a young woman in his same apartment complex and attacking her with the intent to rape. Francisco Gutierrez-Gomez, 38, of Chico, appeared in Butte County Superior Court June 13 where he was formally charged with Assault to Commit Rape, as well as personally using a weapon during that crime. Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the case arose from a Chico Police investigation that started on May 3 at approximately 2:45 a.m., when officers were called to an apartment complex in the 1000 Block of E. Lassen Avenue in north Chico.

There officers located a 22-year-old woman who reported she had just been assaulted within her apartment by a masked stranger. She had suffered multiple

injuries including cuts, bruises, and indications she had been strangled. The young woman told investigators she was alone in her bedroom and got up to get a snack when she was surprised by an intruder in her home, shirtless and wearing a ski mask, who immediately began to violently assault her, including attempting to strangle her, smother her with a pillow, and striking her repeatedly in the head with a rock.

Ramsey said the young woman heroically fought back against her attacker, and he ultimately fled from the apartment leaving behind a hat and pocketknife. Officers secured the items, which were sent to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) forensic laboratory for DNA analysis. A few weeks later DOJ was able to provide investigators with a potential "hit" for Gutierrez-Gomez's DNA from a nationwide database where DNA profiles from past criminal cases are logged. Officers and

DOJ further confirmed a DNA match from a DNA sample Gutierrez-Gomez gave during a Butte County Jail booking a few days before the apartment attack.

Working with the DA's special victims' unit, Chico Police detectives immediately obtained an arrest warrant for Gutierrez-Gomez, who was arrested without incident on June 11. Ramsey said Gutierrez-Gomez lived in the same apartment complex as the victim, less than 100 feet from her front door and with a clear line of sight to the stairs leading to her home. During Gutierrez-Gomez's arraignment this afternoon, the DA's office asked the judge to hold him in custody without bail due to the seriousness of his charges and the threat he posed to the community. The judge agreed.

Gutierrez-Gomez next appeared in court on June 18 at 8:30 a.m. for further arraignment and entry of plea. If convicted, Gutierrez-Gomez faces life in prison. ★

# Barraza and Chatha Represent Area in 47th Lions All-Star Game

By Steven Bryla

**SHASTA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Two former 2024 football players represented the area as they participated in the 47th Annual Lions All-Star Game on Saturday, June 22, at Shasta College in Redding.

2024 Yuba City lineman Ethan Barraza and 2024 Sutter linebacker Jeevan Chatha represented the two local area teams in the Southern Division II-III bigger school game.

The Lions ASG is played every June for the outgoing senior class to participate in the charitable star-studded game.

Chatha and Barraza played very well as they were effective on both sides of the ball both blocking the running lane.

Chatha told the Dispatch that the experience of the week was rewarding and great.

Chatha got to have newer teammates that were once rivals as Sutter was a member of the CIF Northern Section's Butte View League from 2021-22 prior to joining the



2024 Yuba City lineman Ethan Barraza goes to recover a fumble during the 47th Annual Lions All-Star Game on Saturday, June 22, in Redding at Shasta College. Photo by Chris Pedigo

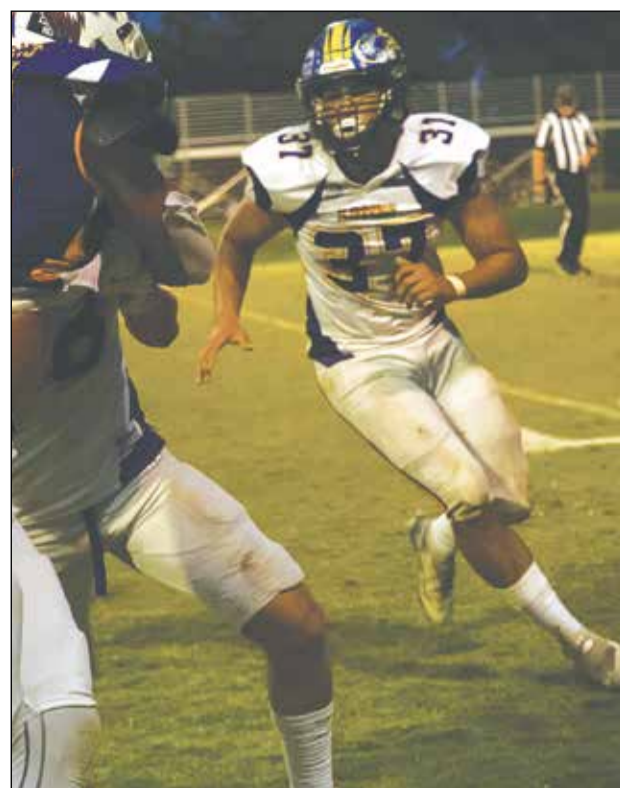
Sac-Joaquin Section in the 2023-24 school year.

Chatha got to play with former rivals from schools such as Gridley, Las Plumas and Oroville.

Chatha told the Dispatch that conversations between one another talked about multiple times checking the stats on one another, and seeing how they did and improved week by week.

Chatha had a great time as he focuses on beginning his first term at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and plans on playing for the lacrosse team.

The game between the bigger schools was within a score at the half before the Northern team eventually pulled away for a 44-13 victory over the South. ★



2024 Sutter linebacker Jeevan Chatha assists on a tackle during the Lions All-Star Game on Saturday, June 22, at Shasta College. Photo by Chris Pedigo

# Drakes Hit Final Long Road Trip of Season

By Steven Bryla

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville Drakes had a rough week as they lost three out of their five games during the week from Sunday, June 16, through Saturday, June 22, but managed to stay afloat in the Pacific League standings.

The Marysville road game schedule continued to plummet as they lost two out of the three road games from San Rafael and Martinez.

The fortunate news for the Drakes is that they are .500 on the season with 13 victories and 13 defeats as play entered in the Pecos League on Sunday, June 23.

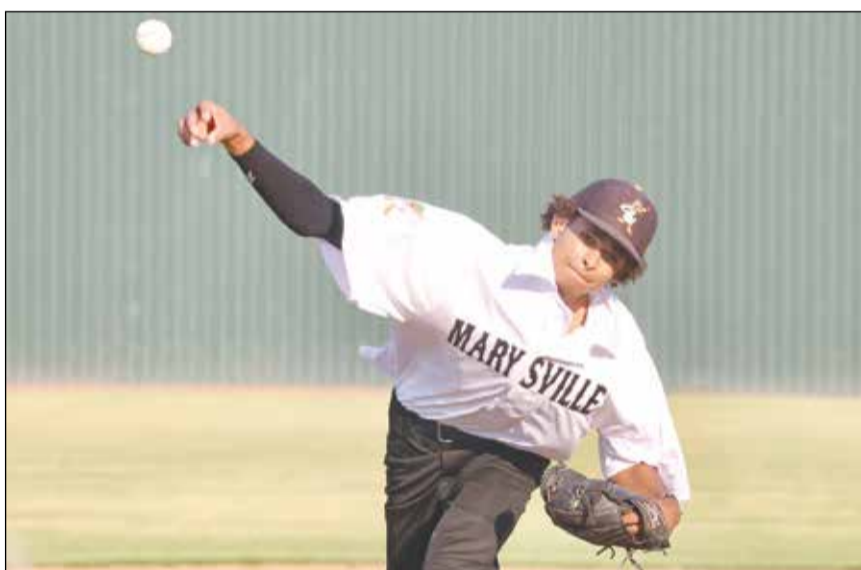
Marysville did get a win over the Pacific Division leader in San Rafael on Tuesday, June 18, as Drakes' pitcher Rodrigo Sanchez threw seven stellar innings from the mound as he gave up one earned run off one hit and struck out 10.

Marysville defeated Vallejo in a 6-0 victory on Wednesday, June 19, where Drakes' pitcher Earl Johnson Jr. pitched seven good innings from the mound, as reliever Garrett Moss pitched the last two innings for the combined shutout.

Marysville found trouble for their final two games of the week as they ran into the Martinez Sturgeon for two straight defeats.

The Drakes are going on their final road trip as they had a four-game road trip this week from Monday, June 24, through Thursday, June 27, as the first three games were in Bakersfield and the game on June 27, Marysville plays at Vallejo.

The Drakes are 3-10 on the road as of



Marysville pitcher Earl Johnson Jr. throws a pitch during the Drakes' 6-0 win against Vallejo on Wednesday, June 19. Photo by Steven Bryla

June 23; if Marysville is going to make the playoffs, they simply need to win road games.

The emphasis on the road trip is a make or break for the Marysville season, in the opinion of the Dispatch, and is aware they are capable of getting hot at any moment, but they need to be consistent.

The Drakes were 0-4 against Bakersfield prior to the season series on Monday. If Marysville was successful in winning the series this past week against the Train Robbers, they would be able to gain a game in the standings.

The Drakes' manager, Bill Rogan, told the Dispatch that they just need to flat out play better. ★



Marysville infielder Jumpei Ohashi hits a line drive on Wednesday, June 19, during the Drakes' 6-0 victory against Vallejo. Photo by Steven Bryla



Marysville infielder Declan Peterson catches a throw from the catcher on Wednesday, June 19, and tags out a Vallejo steal attempt in the Drakes' 6-0 win. Photo by Steven Bryla

# Checks and Balances of a Potential Revenue Measure



Councilmember Marc Boomgaarden speaks at a recent Yuba City Council Meeting. Photo courtesy Yuba City

By Marc Boomgaarden

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - "How can I be assured additional Yuba City sales tax revenue will go toward roads and public safety?" That is the question we've heard frequently as we've met with a dozen-plus community groups over the past months to discuss a potential 1% general revenue measure within Yuba City limits. As a very outspoken conservative businessman myself, it's the question I also asked at the beginning of this process.

In at least a partial answer to this question, Tuesday (June 18) night the Yuba City City Council took a bold, preemptive step, establishing the duties and objectives of a Citizens' Oversight Committee should a potential Yuba City revenue measure be successful.

The Committee will be comprised of five registered voters, who either reside in the City of Yuba City, or own a business within the City. No officers or employees of the City may apply. The Committee will meet at least twice annually, and more as needed, to review the sales tax revenue and expenditures; review the independent financial audit of the City; prepare an independent annual report for the City Council; and have the authority to submit their annual report to the Sutter County Grand Jury.

To recap how we got here, for the better part of 2023, Yuba City Mayor Shon Harris and I participated in a Revenue Ad Hoc Committee where we met with Yuba City officials, finance experts, the Sheriff, the District Attorney, and dozens

of community stakeholders. We examined the budget – a lot; defined the key priorities as public safety and road repair; outlined the costs to tackle the most vital projects within these priorities; and eventually presented a recommendation to the Yuba City City Council in December to pursue a 1% general sales tax revenue measure within the Yuba City limits on this November 2024 ballot. If passed, the City would realize an additional \$17.5 million annually.

In consideration of the overlapping services that Sutter County provides directly to Yuba City residents, we are working on an agreement to share a portion of the revenue with Sutter County to support things like the Sutter County Sheriff's Department, the Sutter County District Attorney's Office and joint Yuba City/Sutter County efforts to address the homeless situation. This is a great example of local governmental agencies working together on behalf of the citizens they serve.

One question I've been asked is why a general sales tax revenue measure is being proposed rather than a specific sales tax measure. A general sales tax measure, where funds go into the jurisdiction's General Fund, needs a simple majority of 50% plus one to pass. In contrast, a special tax, that has a specific purpose, requires a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass, or 66%. To me, that seems counter-intuitive -- shouldn't it be easier to pass a tax with a specific purpose and harder to pass a general

tax? But this is the way it is, and as we've seen cycle after cycle, there is virtually zero chance of getting two-thirds of voters to agree on anything. Hence our recommendation to pursue the general sales tax revenue measure.

Back to the question of, "if the measure passes, how do we know the revenue will go to where voters want it to go?" While the State has imposed certain restrictions on making guarantees, there are steps we can take. Among others, we can have the Citizens' Oversight Committee, financial audits, and yearly reports to the community to keep you informed and ensure the City stays transparent on expenditures. We have also clearly identified the roads and public safety projects that could be funded with the additional revenue. Two of those major projects --- expanding Fire Station 1 to accommodate two engines (approximately \$20 million), and a mass road repair project (approximately \$40 to \$50 million) – have such significant price tags they will each require securing the funds through bonds so they can be initiated quickly. In both of these cases, bonding the funds has two distinct advantages – 1) it's much cheaper in the long run to fix a bunch of roads and build a fire station now, and pay the small interest rate over the bond term (currently around 5% for cities); and 2) it locks up the funds for roads and public safety for the term of the bond. Not a forever guarantee of how funds will be

spent, but it locks things up for a darn good chunk of time.

As a retired Yuba City Fire Chief myself, public safety has always been my top priority. We now have these major public safety projects to complete, with big price tags attached. I believe this revenue measure is the only way to do it. Yuba City is one of only eight large cities in California that are still at the State minimum 7.25% sales tax rate. Did you know we only receive 1% of that 7.25%? If Yuba City goes to 8.25%, 100% of that additional income stays local, it essentially doubles our sales tax revenue and will allow us to tackle these projects.

Myself, my fellow Councilmembers, and our City leaders will continue to hold community education events to discuss a potential revenue measure and answer your questions. If you are part of a neighborhood group, church or service club that would like to schedule such a meeting, please email me at mboomgaarden@yubacity.net.

To learn more about Yuba City's potential revenue measure, and to review those key priority areas of roads and public safety in depth, visit [www.yubacity.net/revmeasure](http://www.yubacity.net/revmeasure). The website includes a community feedback form should you have any comments or questions, and an email address you may use to contact our City Manager if you want to be considered for the Citizen Oversight Committee should the revenue measure pass.

Marc Boomgaarden is a Yuba City City Councilmember. ★