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Addressing Oroville Dam Concerns



Shown is a drone view of Oroville Dam and the main spillway at Lake Oroville in Butte County. Photo courtesy of Department of Water Resources

By Shamaya Sutton

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Board of Supervisors has approved a contract with a Sacramento-based law firm to help address concerns over flood risks tied to the operations of Oroville Dam.

On April 22, the board authorized a \$21,600 retainer agreement with Somach, Simmons and Dunn to provide legal services related to a permit application filed by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

(FERC). The agreement will cover services through June 30. The county is seeking to ensure that the dam's operations do not increase flood risk for communities along the Feather River, particularly in light of past infrastructure concerns and changing conditions

not fully accounted for in existing operational plans. The Oroville Dam, completed in 1967, is one of California's largest reservoirs and a key part of the State Water Project. It holds about 3.5 million acre-feet of water and plays a major role in

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California, Federal Government, Yuba Water Agency Partner Up in Historic Project

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom announced a new historic agreement to help return spring-run Chinook salmon and other native fish species to their historic habitats in the Yuba River was signed April 25. The collaborative partnership between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Yuba Water Agency, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, will allow salmon, steelhead, lamprey and sturgeon, some of the oldest fish lineages on the planet, to access miles of habitat in the Lower Yuba River and North Yuba River not accessible for more than 100 years.

"In California, we know that water management isn't a zero-sum game, and we are happy to see that the federal administration is on board with our strategy to safeguard our precious ecosystems. We stand together with our federal partners to restore our waterways and wildlife, including our native fish," said Newsom.

The agreement between the state, local, and federal agencies, known as the Yuba River Resilience Initiative (Initiative), was first announced as a framework agreement in May 2023. California is investing \$30 million into the initiative, which will help facilitate the construction of the fishway and the water diversion, as well as the ongoing reintroduction program. This investment is part of an initial funding plan that includes \$60 million between the partners.

"When state, local, and federal partners come together to support native fish and watersheds, we see powerful results," said California Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Charlton 'Chuck' Bonham. "Together, these actions will help us fight challenges to fish health and repopulation in the Yuba River through creative, science-based solutions. This initiative will also lead to better water supply reliability, as we modernize

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Butte College Speech, Debate Team Shines at Two National Tournaments



The team traveled to Detroit for the NFA Championship, held at Wayne State University from April 17 to April 21. Photo courtesy of Butte College

Butte College News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte College speech and debate team recently returned from two national tournaments with record-setting results, demonstrating remarkable skill, preparation, and teamwork on the national stage.

From April 7 to 12, the team competed at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in Norfolk, Virginia, where they faced 51 community colleges from across the country. Nine Butte College students brought home 12 gold, two silver, and five bronze medals, marking the college's most successful performance at a national tournament to date.

Julia Irvine tied for first place in the Bovero-Tabor Top Speaker Award, earning four gold medals in individual

events.

The team competed in the Wyman Division, which includes schools with a large number of entries, and earned silver in individual events sweepstakes and bronze in overall team sweepstakes.

For many students, the tournament was about more than competition.

"I went into nationals thinking I wasn't capable enough. Thanks to my coaches and my team, I proved myself wrong," said student competitor Grace Muster, who earned a Gold and a Bronze at the event.

Award highlights include:

Julia Irvine – Bovero-Tabor first place top speaker and gold in poetry interpretation, prose interpretation, program oral interpretation, and duo interpretation.

Kyle Landrum – Gold in persuasive

speaking, impromptu speaking, extemporaneous speaking.

Abel Chavez – Gold in prose interpretation and program oral interpretation; bronze in dramatic interpretation.

Ginger Nichols – Gold in dramatic interpretation and program oral interpretation.

Grace Muster – Gold in duo interpretation; bronze in speech to entertain.

Madi Weiland – Silver in prose interpretation and extemporaneous speaking.

David Thorwaldson – Bronze in dramatic interpretation, program oral interpretation, and speech to entertain.

The team also traveled to Detroit for the NFA Championship, held at Wayne State University from April

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Inaugural Gold Country Brew Fest and State BBQ Championship Debuts

Gold Country Casino Resort News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Mark your calendars for an unforgettable day of bold flavors, cold brews and nonstop entertainment as the inaugural Gold Country Brew Fest and State BBQ Championship makes its debut at the Gold Country Casino Resort on May 17!

This highly anticipated event is set to become a must-attend celebration of competitive barbecue, craft beer and live entertainment, offering something for everyone. The Brew Fest and State BBQ Championship will bring together top pit masters and premier breweries for a one-of-a-kind experience. Attendees can look forward to a vibrant festival atmosphere, barbecue samples from championship competitors, unlimited craft beer tastings and live music and entertainment.

Watch as some of the best pit masters in the region go head-to-head for the coveted championship title. Guests will have the chance to sample their award-worthy creations, from smoky ribs and

tender brisket to perfectly seasoned pulled pork and more.

Sip on a wide variety of craft beers from top breweries, featuring everything from hoppy India pale ales (IPAs) and crisp lagers to rich stouts and refreshing sours. With unlimited tastings, there is something to satisfy every beer lover's



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palate.

The festival will feature high-energy live performances from talented musicians, creating an electric atmosphere throughout the day. Interactive experiences and fun activities will also be available to keep the excitement going.

Set against the backdrop of the Gold Country

Casino Resort, the event will offer a lively and welcoming environment for foodies, beer enthusiasts and anyone looking to enjoy a day of great food, drinks and entertainment.

"This event is all about bringing people together to celebrate the best in BBQ, craft beer, and live entertainment," said Ben Lobenstein. "We're excited to launch this new festival and create a memorable experience that attendees will look forward to year after year."

Tickets are on sale now, with prices starting at \$43.87. VIP options are also available for those looking to elevate their experience. VIP entry begins at 1 p.m. and general admission entry begins at 2 p.m. Guests must be 21 or older to attend.

Whether you are a foodie, a craft beer enthusiast or just looking for an incredible way to spend the day, the Gold Country Brew Fest and State BBQ Championship is the ultimate summer event you won't want to miss.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit goldcountrycasino.com/entertainment-night-life. ★

California, Federal Government, Yuba Water Agency Partner Up in Historic Project



The collaborative partnership will allow salmon, steelhead, lamprey and sturgeon, to access miles of habitat in the Lower Yuba River and North Yuba River. Photo courtesy of Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

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an old water diversion in a collaborative, comprehensive approach between water users and fisheries agencies. I'm grateful to NOAA and Yuba Water for their dedication to restoring this watershed and helping native fish populations thrive."

The initiative is based on key action items that will allow these partners to help support and recover native fish populations:

Construction of a new nature like fishway, a channel resembling a natural river that salmon, steelhead, sturgeon and lamprey can use to reach more than 10 miles of important spawning habitat. This habitat has been largely inaccessible for more than a century due to the presence of the Daguerre Point Dam, built in 1910.

Construction of a modernized water diversion at Daguerre Point Dam to supply irrigation water south of the lower Yuba River. This will help protect fish passing the intake. This will preserve critical water deliveries for local agricultural interests.

A comprehensive reintroduction program that will support recovery efforts of spring-run Chinook salmon and help return them to their original habitat in the North Yuba River above New Bullards Bar Reservoir.

The Daguerre Point Dam, one of two federal dams built on the Yuba River to control harmful debris resulting from Gold Rush mining, allows only for very limited passage for fish. The creation of the fishway and the modernized water diversion will ensure a safe route around the dam, allowing native fish species to access waterways previously blocked.

The Reintroduction Program will focus on the upper Yuba River watershed, supporting repopulation efforts of spring-run Chinook salmon in their ancestral habitats. Adaptive management and monitoring will be a key aspect of the Reintroduction Program, to ensure flexibility and accountability in meeting the needs of native fish and habitats.

Construction of the fishway is anticipated to begin in early 2026. ★

Pending Fire Closure, Sutter County Bans Open Fires

County of Sutter News Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In an effort to reduce the occurrence of destructive fires within the Sutter Buttes, the Sutter County Fire Department will enforce a ban, as we do each year, on open fires in that area.

All persons with permits should complete their burning prior to 5 p.m. May 2.

The area affected is that which lies inside the following area: West Butte Road, North Butte Road, Powell Road, Pennington Road, south on Township Road, west on Clark Road, East Butte Road, Ahlf Road, Mallott Road, west on Butte House Road, north on Oak Street, west on Butte Avenue, south on Acacia Avenue, west on Griffith Lane, south on Perry and west on South Butte Road to its



intersection with West Butte Road.

The fire department reminds homeowners and ranchers to maintain their residences and other structures clear of dry vegetation.

As always, after May 2, persons within the burn ban area may receive a

special burn permit from the local fire department.

The Sutter County Fire Department will inspect the site and could approve a special burn if, in its opinion, it is safe to do so. No burning without an approval inspection by the fire department will be allowed during the ban on fires. ★

Clemency Granted After More Than a Decade in Prison

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On April 18, California Governor Gavin Newsom granted clemency to 25 individuals, including the commutation of Yuba County man Corey Fernandez.

Fernandez, now 63, was incarcerated for more than 14 years following a violent altercation in 2010 that resulted in two victims being injured. According to local news records, Fernandez accidentally shot his friend in the stomach while having an altercation with another "friend," whom he then beat.

Fernandez received his

official sentence in 2012 from the Yuba County Superior Court for a total of 34 years and four months to life in prison. The sentence included seven years for attempted murder, one year for assault with a deadly weapon, and an additional 26 years and four months in sentence enhancements.

Newsom's clemency order acknowledges the serious nature of Fernandez's crimes but emphasizes his demonstrated commitment to rehabilitation while incarcerated.

"This act of clemency for Mr. Fernandez does not minimize or forgive

his conduct or the harm it caused," said Newsom in the clemency proclamation. "It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself."

According to Newsom, Fernandez completed vocational training and engaged in extensive self-help programming. He was also commended by correctional staff for being a positive influence on others and showing signs of personal transformation.

This commutation makes Fernandez eligible for immediate parole consideration. The Board of Parole Hearings will now determine whether he is suitable for release. ★

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Yuba College Gives Theatergoers ‘the Bird’ with Bold Chekhov Remix



Tom Loeprich as Trigorin, left, shares an intimate moment with Nina, played by Sian Compin, during a pivotal scene in Yuba College’s production of “Stupid ... Bird,” staged at the Yuba College Theater on the Marysville campus. Courtesy of Yuba College Theater/ James Gilbreath

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - There’s one week-end left to catch “Stupid ... Bird” at Yuba College and local theater enthusiasts should seriously consider flocking to their seats. Aaron Posner’s irreverent adaptation of Anton Chekhov’s “The Seagull” catapults the 19th-century source material into a world of hip-thrusting, fourth-wall-breaking, glock-popping absurdity. It’s not everyone’s cup of tea and definitely not a family-friendly outing, but it’s a thought-provoking, theatrically daring hoot. If seagulls could hoot, that is.

A New Flight Path for Chekhov
Chekhov is widely regarded as a pioneer of modern realism, his plays often steeped in internalized tension and subtext rather than overt action. In traditional productions, characters brood and unravel in silence, their true desires whispered beneath layers of polite conversation, which eventually, or occasionally bottleneck into emotional outbursts. But Posner flips this convention on its head.

In “Stupid ... Bird,” the subtext is obliterated. Characters say exactly what they think and feel, often in direct address to one another or the audience. It’s like a “No Fear Shakespeare” version of Chekhov: accessible, blunt, and emotionally naked. When emotional tension starts to mount, it’s often broken by avant-garde interpretive interludes that toe the line between dance and devised theater.

This unconventional approach may alienate traditionalists or those unfamiliar with “The Seagull,” but for seasoned theatergoers or Chekhov fans, it offers humorous relief, artistic insight, and rewarding character revelations. In many ways, the play operates as both performance and acting exercise, a theatrical masterclass that dissects the bones of Chekhov’s work while spinning it into something altogether modern and meta.

Flying High: Strong Performances and Bold Direction

For this particular production, director James Gilbreath once again opts for a thrust stage, his apparent staging preference, placing the audience on three sides of the stage for more intimate and incorporated viewing. The set is minimalistic: a few benches, key props, and the symbolic outdoor stage, a crucial motif carried over from “The Seagull.”

Sian Compin and Christian de la Torre deliver commendable performances as Nina and Con, the show’s leading young lovers. Compin in particular gives a refreshing take on Nina, a character often played for her naivety or innocence in many Chekhovian productions. Instead, Compin fully embraces Nina’s sexuality onstage, amped by Gilbreath’s provocative blocking and Karma Matthews’ seductive costume design. This Nina is hungry, impatient, and unafraid to cross personal boundaries for fame and glory, even if she feels guilty about it. It’s an unapologetic and confident performance, charged with ambition and tension.

Her energy pairs off brilliantly with the character of Emma, played by Alison Loeprich (a reimagining of Chekhov’s Irina Arkadina). Emma is the archetypal

aging actress, hardened, glamorous and relentless. She radiates power and presence, even as she clings to her relevance with white-knuckled grace. Nina and Emma serve as opposing mirrors: one desperate to rise, the other desperate to hold on. They both revolve around Trigorin, the symbolic “gatekeeper” of fame and fortune, played with subdued allure by Tom Loeprich. Trigorin is an artist who “just wants to embrace life, and enjoy all it has to offer,” and regrets nothing when he’s gone.

Tom and Alison Loeprich, real-life married couple from Placerville, are new faces to the Yuba College stage but certainly not to theater. Their dynamic is undeniable, and they are unarguably the meat and potatoes of this production. Their chemistry, timing, and presence were magnetic; they quite simply had the audience pecking out of their hand.

Christian de la Torre, a recent graduate of Cal State Fullerton, also shines, not just for his acting chops but for his physicality and work as the show’s movement director. The interpretive interludes added texture and variance to the production, introducing a “new form” of devised theater rarely seen on local stages. While a bit jarring and unexpected at times, these movement pieces broke up the dramatic tension and dampened some of the show’s darker topics, blurring the lines between realism and expressionism.

Winging in the Comedy
This play heavily leans into its meta-theatrical elements. Characters frequently break the fourth wall, posing questions directly to the audience and sometimes riffing off their responses. The cast handled these improvisational moments with impressive agility and comic timing.

The written humor is especially resonant for anyone with experience in theater. The jokes, some self-deprecating, others sharply satirical, land best with those who’ve navigated the backstage politics, egos, and existential crises of artistic life.

A Few Ruffled Feathers
Clocking in at about two-and-a-half hours with intermission, the show can feel slightly long in places. A few novices cast members show great potential but could benefit from stronger diction and vocal variety. Some of the interpretive movement pieces leaned toward the excessive, as did moments of overt political humor woven into the dialogue. And while minor, there were no refreshments offered during intermission.

Still, none of these elements overshadow the production’s overall quality and boldness. For serious theatergoers, acting students, or anyone curious about exploring “new forms,” as one might say, “Stupid ... Bird” is a daring, dynamic piece of theater not to be missed.

Upcoming Flight Schedule
“Stupid ... Bird” continues its final weekend run at Yuba College’s Performing Arts Theatre, located on the Marysville campus at 2088 North Beale Road. Evening performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 24, 25 and 26, with a closing matinee on Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. Admission is free, although donations are welcomed to support the college’s theater program. ★



Tori Garcia as Dev, left, and Rasam Kaur as Mash reflect on love, longing and existential dread in a tender and comedic scene from “Stupid ... Bird,” performed at Yuba College’s Performing Arts Theatre in Marysville. Courtesy of Yuba College Theater/ James Gilbreath

Back in Black

Fundraiser to Support Marysville’s Upcoming Juneteenth Celebration



Megan Anderson (center) and Emma Hirshkorn (right) throw up a fist of solidarity during a past Juneteenth celebration at Yuba Park. Both are helping organize this year’s event and the upcoming All Black Party fundraiser on May 3. Photo courtesy of Megan Anderson

By Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Just east of downtown Marysville, nestled between the levee and 10th Street, lies Yuba Square Park, a 4.2-acre green-space complete with an old, faded mining mural. It might not look like much at first glance but this palm-studded park holds deep cultural significance.

“That park used to be an emancipation center,” said Megan Anderson, co-founder and figurehead of the Marysville Juneteenth Committee. “People used to come and find out if their family was emancipated, if they were emancipated, and they would greet and meet at that park here in Marysville.”

Emma Hirshkorn, another key member of the committee, has been instrumental in reviving local Juneteenth celebrations and educating others on its significance. The movement began around 2017 when Hirshkorn and her husband realized their son didn’t even know what Juneteenth was. Their revelation came after watching an episode of “Black-ish” that referenced the holiday and they decided it was time to take action.

“Next thing you know, we’re hosting a small bar-becue in the park, trying

to bring it back with just some friends,” said Hirshkorn. “Within two weeks, it was a full-blown event, my first event ever. I learned so much during that event. Marysville is so full of history. It just turned me on to a whole different side of town.”

Since then, Anderson and Hirshkorn have assembled a dedicated team of about eight community members with strong local ties. Together, they’ve worked not only to organize Juneteenth events but also to build a broader network of support and empowerment for Black residents in the Yuba-Sutter area.

One notable committee member is Brian Davis, founder of the well-known Be Xtra. The committee hopes to file for official nonprofit status soon, with significant announcements planned for this year’s Juneteenth celebration on June 21 at Yuba Square Park.

“The history and Black history that’s here is amazing,” said Anderson. “It runs all through the veins of Marysville. So we meet at Yuba Park not just because it’s a nice park; it’s because it has so much history that pertains to us.”

The committee is currently working to adopt Yuba Square Park, aiming to preserve its legacy

as a cultural and historical landmark. Its mission is to integrate Black history into the broader narrative, not as a side note or segregated aspect but as a fundamental part of Marysville’s own story.

“We really want people to become aware of these histories, the things that have gone on in this community, the things that continue to go on and how we’ve grown from these different ‘sour spots’ of history into beautiful flowers,” said Anderson.

To raise funds for its ongoing efforts, the Marysville Juneteenth Committee is hosting an “All Black Party” on May 3 at the newly opened Be Xtra Community Event Center (1251 East Onstott Frontage Road, Yuba City).

Attendees are encouraged to dress in formal black attire and enjoy an evening of dancing, drinks, music and food.

Entry is \$20 presale or \$25 at the door and includes a meal plate and access to the dance floor from 6 to 10 p.m. All proceeds benefit the upcoming Juneteenth celebration.

For tickets, donations or to get involved with the 2025 Juneteenth event, contact the committee at Marysville Juneteenth530@gmail.com. ★

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From April 7 to April 12, the team competed at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in Norfolk, Virginia, where they faced 51 community colleges from across the country. Photo courtesy of Butte College

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17 to 21. This is the country’s largest speech and debate tournament, with most competitors representing four-year institutions. Butte College was one of only a few community colleges in attendance, earning first place among community colleges, fifth in the medium entry division, and 14th overall, surpassing teams from major universities, including Arizona State, Louisiana State, and Illinois State.

Individual Recognitions at NFA included:

Grace Muster – National semifinalist, speech to entertain (7th in the nation); duo interpretation semifinalist.

Julia Irvine – Semifinalist in program oral interpretation and duo interpretation.

Ginger Nichols – Top novice in dramatic interpretation and program oral interpretation; second place novice in speech to

entertain.

Madi Weiland – Octa finalist, poetry interpretation.

Abel Chavez – Octa finalist in prose interpretation, poetry interpretation, and program oral interpretation.

David Thorwaldson – Octa finalist, dramatic interpretation.

These accomplishments are a culmination of months of dedication, research, and rehearsal by students and their coaches. The experience had a lasting impact on many of the students.

“Being at these national tournaments these past three weeks reminds me that my voice is a tool to advocate for greater change in society,” said Chavez. “This is more than an academic event but a platform for students to put social issues in the spotlight and inspire others to fight for the same issues we’re advocating for in speech.” ★

Addressing Oroville Dam Concerns

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managing water supply and flood control throughout the state.

When the dam was first planned, a second dam known as Marysville Dam was supposed to be built downstream on the Yuba River to help control flooding. Based on this assumption, the Army Corps of Engineers developed a plan in 1970 with two sets of rules for how Oroville should operate: one for after Marysville Dam was built and a temporary one for before. Since the Marysville Dam was never constructed, the temporary “interim” rules have remained in effect for more than 50 years.

Under these rules, the Oroville Dam has occasionally relied on “surcharge operations,” allowing water levels to temporarily rise above normal during large storms. This requires using an emergency spillway that, as it turns out, wasn’t built for regular use, and that became a major issue in 2017. That year, heavy rainfall caused significant damage to the main spillway and led to uncontrolled flows over the emergency spillway. Severe erosion threatened to undermine the structure, risking a catastrophic flood event that prompted the mass evacuation of nearly 200,000 people across the region, including those in Sutter County.

Despite this incident, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has yet to issue a new long-term license for the dam’s operations. Department of Water Resources continues to operate under annual temporary licenses while the relicensing application, first filed in 2005, remains pending.

According to Sutter County, the continued use of outdated flood plans puts

local residents at unnecessary risk. The county argues that Department of Water Resources’ operations on the Feather River, which runs through the county, have changed water flow patterns in ways that could undermine levees and increase flood threats.

Back in 2005, the county hired attorney Stuart Somach to represent it in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings. At that time, the county asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to require Department of Water Resources to develop a new flood control plan that reflects today’s conditions (without Marysville Dam); investigate and fix safety issues with the emergency spillway; and assess and maintain the integrity of Feather River levees that are impacted by the dam’s operations.

Despite raising these concerns, no formal action has been taken by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the license application. With this new contract, the county will again work with attorney Somach to revisit these concerns, assess the current status of the licensing process, and explore options to advocate for improved protections.

The legal services will be funded using existing appropriations from the 2024-2025 county budget, with no additional impact to the general fund. County officials expect that the work will be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

This effort supports Sutter County’s broader goal of enhancing public infrastructure and achieving the highest possible flood protection standards to maintain flood insurance availability for local residents and businesses. ★

And the Winner is . . .



By Kathy Craig Harteis

I’ve been a faithful follower of the music competition show *American Idol* from its beginning. Often I’ve picked the winner.

I’m bold enough to go on record of this year picking Louisiana Cowboy John Foster as this year’s winner. If I’m wrong so be it. But I see this young man as the total package. Looks, faith,

talent. The kid just has the makings of a star.

Of course one year I was wrong. I was certain Bo Bice would win over country singer Carrie Underwood. I’m pretty sure I was wrong considering the now mega star is a judge on the show.

Last year Tom and I went to a concert featuring past winner and past runner-up Ruben Studdard and Clay Aiken. It was wonderful.

Older now, the two singers are still fabulous.

The show itself has become a launching pad of huge stars; Jennifer Hudson, Daughtry, and Adam Lambert to name a few. Ironically none of them won the top prize. They just made themselves known.

I admire people with

talent. As a kid I wanted to sing. Sadly I didn’t have a singing voice.

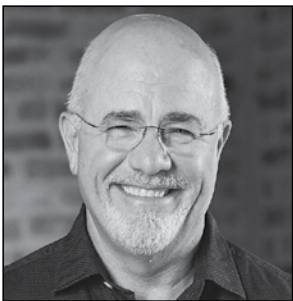
God chose for me to be vocal through the written word. I am grateful for that gift. It has brought to me a joy I never knew was there.

There are times when sitting and writing brings to me a sense of peace.

I encourage all people to journal daily. Try it. You’ll see a difference in your day.

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. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My wife has run her own small business for the last three years. I try to be positive, and help whenever I can, but the truth is things aren’t going very well. In fact, the business has never really shown signs of getting off the ground. Over the last several months, we’ve been putting part of what I make at my job into the business to help keep it open. We’ve also taken money out of savings to bolster things, and now our savings account is pretty low. I want to support her, because she loves what she’s doing. But we have three kids, and I make about \$60,000 a year. Things have been pretty tight financially for a while. What do you think we should do?

– Isaac

Dear Isaac,

I’m an entrepreneur and business owner. So, trust me, I totally under-

Dave Ramsey Says

You’ve Got to Get on the Same Page

stand the excitement and allure that goes along with having your own business. But your own household and its immediate financial responsibilities should come first.

Here’s the thing. If you’re putting other money into a business account, that’s a decent sign you’re not making money in the business. The only money that should go into the business account is income the business creates. So, at this point, I think you and your wife need to sit down together, and have a serious, but gentle, talk about things.

Set aside time—together—and complete a written profit and loss statement on her business. While you’re at it, you also need to make a written household budget. The numbers won’t lie, and it’s going to be your job to be loving and understanding during all this. But the main thing you folks need is to get on the same page financially before the situation

gets any worse.

Again, when it comes to the business, put all her expenses on the profit and loss statement in detail. Then, write out what it would take for her to break even each month. I hate that things have turned out this way, Isaac. But with everything that’s been going on in your finances, if she’s not, at a bare minimum, breaking even at this point, then I’m afraid it’s time for her to do something else.

– Dave

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This Month In Your Garden

by Jeff Rice

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With a nice cool spring and another good rainfall year, all the plants look so fresh and beautiful with things leafing out and lots of bloom. It’s one of the nicest times of year here. Summer annuals which can be planted now, add much beautiful color to all the shades of green of various shrubs in the yard. Planting in containers or flowerbeds gives nice added color to the landscape. Fertilize them occasionally or use a slow release fertilizer when you plant keep them blooming, remembering that nutrients wash through plants in containers more quickly with frequent waterings.

It’s time to start pulling the weeds taking down the annual grasses before they dry out. Because the weeds grow so quickly and are so invasive it is something that should be done soon. Other pests encountered at this time of year are aphids and the ants that farm them. The ants harvest the sticky substance left by the aphids. Aphids can be controlled safely by spraying with insecticidal soap. We have had a number of customers commenting on more snails than usual. They do their mischief at night, so you may not see them. Their most obvious trademark will be the irregular holes they make in leaves and they frequently leave a shiny trail. They can be hand picked if seen, or snail bait can be spread in the affected area. Putting some bowls that are set into the ground a bit and filled with beer will attract them and drown them. If you have citrus trees, watch for mealy bugs. They will start as small white spots just about anywhere on the plant but, they multiply into larger groups and may have the appearance of a fungus or scale. They can be sprayed with an insecticide,

but you will need to add a few drops of dish detergent to help penetrate their slightly fuzzy exterior. Catching them early definitely makes them easier to control.

Most camellias have finished blooming now. Clean up the old blooms that have fallen to the ground and dispose of them in the trash. They can harbor a fungus as they decompose that can spread a disease called petal blight to the plant that can cause the flower petals to turn brown. The spores can travel a good distance in the wind infecting other plants along the way.

Watch your roses carefully for signs of powdery mildew, black spot, or rust. We have had the occasional rainy times followed by warm weather which is perfect weather for fungi. Treat them as soon as noticed because it is much easier to manage it early than when it is well established. We use neem oil here at the nursery on the roses to prevent and treat fungus. Planting ground covers from flats should be done fairly soon so that they can become somewhat established before we get into the really hot weather. The same applies to planting new lawns – it needs to be quite well established before the hot weather arrives or you will have quite a constant watering job while it becomes established, so now is the best time to do it.

Enjoy the beautiful weather in the garden.

Jeff Rice is the owner of Bald Mountain Nursery on Bald Mountain Road in Browns Valley We are the “Unexpected Nursery on a Little Country Road.”

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Books & More would like to host a flea market/yard sale on May 17 – 18. You

are welcome to set up a table or use your pickup bed. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. The space is free, but we will have a donation jar out, just in case you do well and sell lots. On Sunday, there will be a special sale on women's jeans: all sizes, styles, shapes. Come by and celebrate Spring with us.

Look Back in Time -In 1914 Rackerby Rural Telephone Company had seven subscribers. The line would be built in a few weeks (I wonder how that went).

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.
~ Yvonne

Social Security Matters

Please Clear Up Our Confusion about Our Social Security Payments?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am thoroughly confused. What do I need to do to continue receiving automatic Social Security deposits to my bank account, and maintain our Medicare and Supplement health insurance? My wife has received her SS deposit regularly on the 3rd Wednesday each month with automatic bank deposit for many years. I have received my SS deposit regularly the 4th Wednesday each month with automatic bank deposit also for many years. Can you please tell me what to do to continue receiving these automatic deposits?

First, I hear that we do not need to do anything. Then I hear that we must show up in person at our local SS office to visually confirm our identity. We live 100 miles away from our only SS office, and apparently, they don't take walk-ins. Next, I hear that we must contact the SS on the internet and answer their questions in order to continue receiving our checks. I am totally confused and don't know what to do,

and we don't want to miss our checks or have our Medicare and supplemental insurance cancelled. Can you please help us?
Signed: Confused in Hawaii

Dear Confused: I know there have been a lot of news media reports and articles written on the recent changes announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA) with respect to a need to confirm one's identity in-person. Allow me to set your mind at ease because, from what you have described (that you are already receiving Social Security benefits and Medicare insurance), you do not need to do anything to have your Social Security benefits, and your Medicare insurance continue without interruption (and that includes your wife as well).

That which has been reported in the media is sometimes misleading or misinformed, but here at the AMA Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service we are watching these events very closely and can assure you that your regular benefits will continue uninterrupted. The only people who may be affected by the SSA's new processes are those who are applying for Social Security for the first time, or those who need to change where their monthly benefit is deposited. In those cases, the SSA is being very careful that no fraud is being attempted and,

thus, the reason for a possible in-person SSA office visit (but only in those specific unique circumstances). But for you and your wife, it will continue to be "business as usual" and you will see no interruption in either your monthly Social Security benefit nor in your usual Medicare coverage and supplement. You don't need to do anything to have all your benefits continue.

So, please relax and do not worry. And rest assured that here at the AMAC Foundation we are watching all events occurring in Washington, D.C., especially those related to Social Security and Medicare, and will promptly inform our members of anything which affects them.

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New California School Data Project Fulfills Campaign Promise Newsom Made



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Governor Gavin Newsom can, and should, be faulted for making campaign promises six years ago that he must have known were impossible to achieve, such as his vows to create single-payer health care and build 3.5 million new housing units.

When reminded of them after becoming governor, he dismissed them as "aspirational," a caveat he neglected to attach to his original pledges.

Nevertheless, credit is due when one of his promises becomes reality, as it did this week when the state launched the beginnings of a long-needed system of tracking how the state's public-school students fare in classrooms and later in life.

The Cradle-to-Career (C2C) project released its first batch of numbers, along with video tutorials on how to access the data.

"With the C2C Student Pathways Dashboard now live, Californians can visualize their futures by seeing disconnected data from across sectors and previously unavailable insights, all in one place," Newsom said in a statement. "The Golden State is once again leading the way in innovation, connecting our education system to the workforce to ensure everyone has the freedom to succeed."

However, not everyone in the rarified ranks of education researchers and reformers echoed Newsom's boasts.

Alex Barrios, president of the Educational Results Partnership, a business-backed education policy coalition, complained that "the dashboard fails to do what it promised. It doesn't represent the journeys of all students and how they navigate to and through careers.

"By following the career trajectories of only college graduates, it assumes the only path to success for students is through a four-year college degree," Barrio alleges.

The new data system should include all of the factors that Barrio's organization lists, but its criticism may be premature, since officials say they intend to expand the project's scope as rapidly as it can obtain data.

Assuming that the project does widen its reach, C2C, as it's dubbed, not only will be a lasting accomplishment for Newsom, but it will fill a void that's existed far too long. Without reliable data on outcomes, the nation's largest school system operates in an accountability vacuum, which the education establishment seems to prefer.

The state Department of Education has a "dashboard" that purports to give parents, taxpayers and voters a picture of how well schools are doing their job. However, the current system is a mish-mash of educational jargon that is difficult to decipher. It also skews the ratings in ways that minimize actual academic achievement, such as in reading, writing and mathematics, and elevates peripheral factors it calls "multiple measures."

Thus, it downplays the fact

that California's students fare very poorly vis-a-vis those in other states and the "achievement gap" still broadly separates low-income and English-learner students from those with more privileged circumstances.

Education reformers have long pushed for obtaining and publishing more objective and complete data, especially after former Governor Jerry Brown and the Legislature overhauled school finance a decade ago to provide more funds to schools with substantial numbers of what were called "at-risk" students.

Better numbers would, the reformers said, provide a clearer understanding of whether Brown's Local Control Funding Formula was working.

Brown, however, backed the education establishment's preference for getting the money without strict accountability for how it was spent and whether it was having a positive effect. He said he trusted that local school officials would spend the extra money wisely, calling it "subsidiarity," a secular version of an obscure religious principle.

After Newsom succeeded Brown, he quickly reversed that position and called for a comprehensive data system to track how students were faring during and after their journeys through the school system. The Legislature responded by authorizing the C2C system.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and 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. ★

Ask DR. UNIVERSE

How do glasses work?

– Prisha, 8, Pennsylvania

Dear Prisha, I got glasses as a kitten. I put on my new spectacles and was floored by the crisp details. I had no idea you could see individual leaves on trees. I thought everyone saw a green blur.

I talked about that with my friend Dr. Rachna Narula.

She's an eye doctor—called an optometrist—at Washington State University.

She told me that glasses help direct light to the correct spot in the eye so we can see.

"If someone's eyeball is too short or too long, glasses help focus the image on the retina because that's where the person can see," Narula said.

We see because light gets inside our eyeballs and

hits a layer of tissue at the very back called the retina. That tissue is full of cells that change light into electrical signals and shoot them up the optic nerve to our brains. Our brains turn the signals into images.

Getting light to hit our retinas depends on different parts of the eye working together. First, the light goes through the clear, squishy tissue at the front of the eye called the cornea.

The cornea bends the light to focus it toward the retina. Then, the lens, which is behind the cornea, bends the light a bit more.

A black and white illustration of the parts of the eyeball.

The pupil and iris also help light get into the eyeball. The pupil is the small dark spot we see in the center of our eyes. It's like a window that allows light to enter the eye. The iris is the colored part of our eyes. Its muscles make the pupil bigger or smaller to control how much light gets in. Image: NIH/Wiki

Ideally, the cornea and lens work together to bend the light so it hits the retina.

But sometimes the distance from the cornea to the retina is too long or too short. The bent light hits in front of the retina or behind it. That makes our vision blurry.

Some people are near-sighted, or myopic. Their distance vision is blurry. Their eyeballs are too long, so the light focuses in front of the retina.

Some people are far-sighted, or hyperopic. Their up-close vision is blurry. Their eyeballs are too short, so the light focuses behind the retina.

Some people have astigmatism. Their cornea or lens isn't perfectly round. It's shaped more like an egg. That scatters the light, making it hit lots of places at the same time. That also makes things blurry.

An optometrist can measure the length and shape of our eyeballs. They use lots of instruments and ask us questions to figure out the perfect lens to correct our vision. Glasses bend the light before it

gets to the cornea. So, the glasses lens, the cornea and the eye's lens work together to bend the light just right.

A glasses lens can curve inward—called concave—to fix near-sightedness. Or the lens can curve outward—called convex—to fix far-sightedness.

You can tell what kind of lenses you have by looking closely at them.

"Concave lenses are thinnest at the center, and as you go out, they become thicker," Narula said. "Convex lenses are the opposite. They're thickest in the center and become thinner toward the edges."

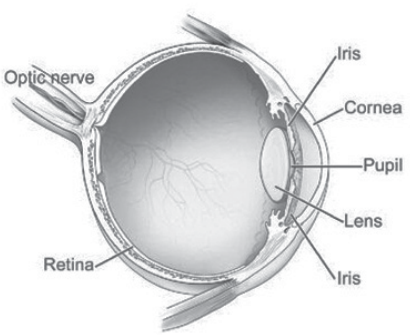
Some eyeballs need both kinds of correction, so some lenses do both.

Narula told me that lots of people don't realize they're having trouble seeing—like me thinking trees are green blobs. It can make doing stuff or learning difficult. It can give us headaches or make our eyes super tired.

That's why we visit the optometrist. The right glasses can reframe how we see the world.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



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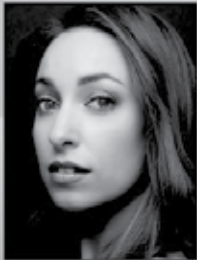
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CORE Charter School News Release

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Audiences are welcome to join at 5:30 p.m. to catch both middle school productions or come at 7:30 p.m. to enjoy just the high school feature. The price is the same (adults \$10, students \$5, children under 5 free) whether you come for one show or stay for all three, so we encourage you to make a night of it.

“Alice in Wonderland” written by Jennifer Reif and performed by middle school students, is one of many shows. This condensed 20-minute adaptation brings the whimsical world of Wonderland to life, following Alice on her curiouser and curiouser journey. Along the way, she encounters iconic characters, such as the White Rabbit, Cheshire Cat and Queen of Hearts, all guiding her in discovering the power of questioning, imagination and

self-confidence. Audiences can enjoy this performance on May 7 and 8 with Cast A or on May 9 and 10 with Cast B.

Next, the middle school drama students will present “Peter Pan,” adapted by Kate Brier. This lively retelling of J.M. Barrie’s beloved tale takes the audience on an exciting adventure through the skies of London and the wilds of Neverland. Peter, Wendy and the Lost Boys meet pirates, fairies, mermaids and even a ticking crocodile in this family-friendly production.

During intermission, guests can enjoy a selection of refreshments and enter raffles, adding to the festive atmosphere.

The evening wraps up with “The Oscars: A Theatrical Time Machine,” an original production by CORE High School students. In the style of a glamorous awards show, this clever and comedic time-traveling journey explores the history of theater through the ages. Featuring sample scenes from classic playwrights and iconic eras, the show is hosted by witty “Oscar” presenters and celebrity-style characters. From ancient Greece to Shakespeare to contemporary theater, the performance offers a fast-paced, educational, and laugh-out-loud look at the evolution of live performance.

This production is made possible through the dedication of our student performers, staff and community. ★

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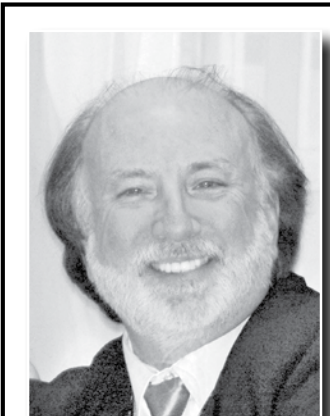
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With the markets bouncing around like the proverbial ping pong ball, we can at least say the relentless down draft in stocks may have abated for now.

Maybe.

What happened, to at least temporarily arrest the fall, was that the bond market started to throw what we could be called a tariff hissy fit. Although stocks had been falling for weeks, with horrendous one day sell offs that made even the most seasoned investor sit up and take notice, that wasn’t enough to goad President Trump into taking his foot off the tariff pedal.

The escalating tit for tat penalties going back and forth between China and the U.S. saw multiple retaliatory increases on import fees.

The old Mexican standoff was in full on mode and along for the ride was Wall Street and the mom and pop investor.

Think of the stock market as the transportation system of business. The bond market is the fuel and is much larger. Whereas the U.S. stock market clocks in with a value of about 32 trillion, the global bond market is almost four times bigger.

An ailing stock market means the car sputters but is still able to go to and fro. If the bond market starts ailing, the cars can stop all together. That is what occurred in 2008/09 when the global financial markets started to freeze up. Money almost stopped moving all together and money is the fuel that businesses need to operate on a daily basis.

We were not at that point last week but what was happening in bonds was going in that direction. The signs that the bond markets were showing warning lights is rumored to have finally made President Trump blink and delay the most of the tariff implementations on U.S. trading partners. The tariffs on China however were not lifted and that tariff war only escalated.

Through all of this, the price of gold continued to see historic increases. Thought of as the only real money by some, with paper currencies in turmoil, what is called the King of Metals, gold, saw massive buying.

Gold has eclipsed all previous highs, surpassing the \$3,000/oz. and closing last Friday, up another 2.47% at \$3,237.00. Gold futures over the weekend continue to climb higher. Although gold mining stocks can amplify golds movements both up and down, they can fall in severe stock market sell offs as they are still stocks and therefore still part of the greater stock market.

Not so the last few weeks however. Even with the relentless hammering

of stocks worldwide, gold stocks rose in concert with the price of the actual metal. A much more rare occurrence historically.

Whereas as gold has been traded for centuries and is thought of by many to be the only real money, the relatively new kid on the block, Bitcoin, and its many cyber coin brothers and sisters, were all hammered down mercilessly. With an all-time high of around \$108,000/bitcoin, in mid-January, it fell by about 27%, even worse than the Dow Jones Industrial Average over the same time period, which has backed off around 15%.

The increase in the price of gold is thought to be rising as investors and central banks of the world seek out a safe haven asset due to factors like inflation, economic and political uncertainty. Indeed, as individual sovereign currencies also continue to fluctuate against each other, particularly the almighty U.S. dollar, gold continues to see buyers from all over the globe.

No one can tell if gold will continue its rise. When an asset class sees increases such as what has been seen in the price of gold, corrections can occur and they can be severe.

In conclusion, few would argue that the current economic and political turmoil will subside anytime soon. All we can really say is gold is being bought by the truckloads and since gold is a scarce commodity in economic terms and can’t be printed up at will like paper currencies can be, its allure may continue to capture the hearts and minds of investors and central banks until todays apparent turmoil subsides. Even if things settle down, gold may continue to rise.

That said, caution should always be exercised when buying into any investment that has seen such eye-popping returns.

Caveat emptor as always.
"Watching the markets so you don't have to"

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Farm Technology Showcased at Ventura County Field Day

A drone that performs multiple functions on the farm; a self-driving strawberry harvester; smart valves that manage irrigation; a software-powered system for irrigating and weeding; and a machine that weeds, thins and fertilizes. Those are the latest innovations that five agricultural technology companies demonstrated at a University of California field day in Ventura County this month. “We’re trying to pair up growers, startup companies and our academics to trial and validate technologies that will hopefully improve them, get them to stick and the growers to adopt them,” said Gabe Youtsey, UC Davis chief innovation officer.

Ranchers Grapple with Livestock Losses as Wolf Population Grows

With California wolf populations expanding and attacks on livestock on the rise, the state announced this month a new phase of managing the protected species, saying it will consider allowing more aggressive forms of nonlethal hazing to deter the predators. But frustrated ranchers say the new provisions do little to address problem wolves and their most significant cost, which is not from direct livestock kills but from stress-related impacts due to wolf presence, with cattle losing weight and failing to conceive. A new study by researchers at the University of California estimated such indirect losses at \$1.4 million to \$3.4 million in 2023. “This conflict is real and escalating,” said Ken Tate, UC Cooperative Extension specialist. “People are not crying wolf.”

Groundwater Official Calls for Support for Farming Communities

California’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act has reshaped groundwater use for many farmers and other groundwater users in recent years. This month, state water agencies signaled their intention to implement even stronger measures to prevent groundwater overdraft and related impacts such as land subsidence. “It’s going to cause a significant ask on land transition, so there will have to be a considerable state effort in these areas because you are dealing with a lot of ag transition, jobs and community impacts,” said Paul Gosselin, Department of Water Resources deputy director for sustainable groundwater management.

Annual Report Shows Major Declines in Farmland Values

The value of much of California’s farmland declined from 2023 to 2024, according to figures published last month by the state’s chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. Authors of the ASFMRA chapter’s annual Trends report attributed the declines in farmland value to multiple factors, including low prices for many crops, high inflation and interest rates, and overall high operating costs. Farmland subject to groundwater pumping restrictions saw some of the steepest value declines, with farmland in parts of the San Joaquin Valley that depend entirely on groundwater losing more than half its value in the space of a year. ★

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FILE: PFI-242137 TITLE ORDER
NUMBER: P-652044 LOAN:
PERTZBORN A.P.N.: 013-451-
025-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER
A DEED OF TRUST DATED
12/10/2002. 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. NOTICE is
hereby given that JERI LOEWEN
PERTZBORN, SUCCESSOR
TRUSTEE OF THE MARCUS E.
PERTZBORN FAMILY TRUST,
as trustee, or successor trustee,
or substituted trustee pursuant
to the Deed of Trust executed
by: EDGARDO MARQUEZ AND
MARICELA MARQUEZ Recorded
12/17/2002 as Instrument No.
200217178 in book , page of
Official Records in the office of
the Recorder of Yuba County,
California, and pursuant to the
Notice of Default and Election
to Sell thereunder recorded
12/13/2024 in Book , Page , as
Instrument No. 2024-013636 of
said Official Records, WILL SELL
on 5/8/2025 At the front entrance
to the County Courthouse, 215
5th St., Marysville, CA 95901 at
1:30 PM AT PUBLIC AUCTION
TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER
FOR CASH (payable at the
time of sale in lawful money

of the United States), 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
hereinafter described: As more
fully described on said Deed of
Trust. The property address and
other common designation, if any,
of the real property described
above is purported to be: 1645
3RD AVENUE, OLIVEHURST,
CA 95961 The undersigned
Trustee disclaims any liability
for any incorrectness of the
street address or other common
designation, if any, shown herein.
Total amount of the unpaid
balance of the obligation secured
by the property to be sold and
reasonable estimated costs,
expenses and advances at the
time of the initial publication of
the Notice of Sale is: \$118,227.12
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, or
savings association, or savings
bank specified in Section 5102
of the Financial Code and
authorized to do business in
this state. In the event tender
other than cash is accepted the
Trustee may withhold the
issuance of the Trustee's Deed
until funds become available
to the payee or endorsee as a

matter of right. Said sale will be
made, but without covenant or
warranty, express or implied,
regarding title, possession, or
encumbrances, to satisfy the
indebtedness secured by said
Deed, advances thereunder, with
interest as provided therein, and
the unpaid principal balance of
the Note secured by said Deed
with interest thereon as provided
in said Note, fees, charges and
expenses of the trustee and the
trusts created by said Deed of
Trust. 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 auction
does not automatically entitle
you to free and clear ownership
of the property. You should also
be aware that the lien being
auctioned off may be a junior lien.
If you are the highest bidder at
the auction, you are or may be
responsible for paying off all liens
senior to the lien being auctioned
off, before you can receive clear
title to the property. You are
encouraged to investigate the
existence, priority, and size of
outstanding liens that may exist
on this property by contacting
the county recorder's office or a
title insurance company, either of
which may charge you a fee for
this information. If you consult
either of these resources, you
should be aware that the same
lender may hold more than
one mortgage or deed of trust
on the property. NOTICE TO
PROPERTY OWNER: The sale
date shown on this notice of
sale may be postponed one or
more times by the mortgagee,
beneficiary, trustee, or a court,
pursuant to Section 2924g of the
California Civil Code. The law
requires that information about
trustee sale postponements be
made available to you and to the
public, as a courtesy to those
not present at the sale. If you
wish to learn whether your sale
date has been postponed, and,
if applicable, the rescheduled
time and date for the sale of this
property, you may call 916-939-
0772 or visit this internet website
www.nationwideposting.com,
using the file number assigned to
this case PFI-242137. Information
about postponements that are
very short in duration or that
occur close in time to the
scheduled sale may not
immediately be reflected in the
telephone information or on the

internet website. The best way to
verify postponement information
is to attend the scheduled sale.
NOTICE TO TENANT: 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 916-939-0772, or
visit this internet website www.
nationwideposting.com, using
the file number assigned to this
case PFI-242137 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, by remitting
the funds and affidavit described
in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil
Code, 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. Dated: 4/3/2025
PLACER FORECLOSURE INC,
as Agent for JERI LOEWEN
PERTZBORN, SUCCESSOR
TRUSTEE OF THE MARCUS
E. PERTZBORN FAMILY
TRUST, AS TRUSTEE 12190
Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn,
California 95603 (530) 888-8411
By: STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE
SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS
MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT
TO A WRITTEN REQUEST
SUBMITTED TO THE
BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER
FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190
HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN,
CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS
OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION
OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER
FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT
COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO
COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY
INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL
BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
NPP0473026 To: TERRITORIAL
DISPATCH 04/18/2025,
04/25/2025, 05/02/2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE
THE YUBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yuba County Board of
Supervisors will hold a public hearing in the Board of Supervisors'
Chambers at 915 Eighth Street, Suite 109A, Marysville, California,
commencing at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be
heard, on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 to consider adoption of resolutions
adopting the budgets for the Gledhill Landscaping District and Linda
Lighting Maintenance District, for fiscal year 2025/2026.
A copy of the written report supporting the proposed assessment
will be available for review at the Office of the Clerk of the Yuba County
Board of Supervisors at 915 Eighth Street, Suite 109, Marysville,
California, fourteen days prior to the public hearing.
Any interested person may submit comments in writing prior to the
hearing, or may attend the meeting and will be given an opportunity to
be heard.
Mary Pasillas
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

(TD) 5-2-25

Notice of Public On line Storage Auction

Notice is hereby given that Marysville Mini Storage, 528 14th Street
Marysville Ca 95901 intends to sell the personal property to enforce
a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716
of the Business & Professions Code, known as the "California Self
Service Storage Facilities Act", Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535
of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code. **The Auction will
be conducted online at www.bid13.com, starting May 2nd 2025 at
10am, and ending May 8th 2025, at 10am.** If there are no bidders, the
property will be donated or disposed of accordingly.

Name: Ben L Kussmann, Breanna A Ridley, Lanessa D Moreno.

All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be paid for and
removed within 48 hours of the end of the sale. Sale is subject to
cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated
party. 530-742-6898. (TD) 05-02-2025

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Darren Glen Jordan, PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00512
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
5/12/2025
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Darren Glen Jordan, filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing names as follows:

from: Darren Glen Jordan
to: Darren Glen McArdle

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter ap-
pear 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 hear-
ing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation,
printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 4/2/2025
Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF ROY A. BOYD
Case No. PRPB25-00045**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and
persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or
estate or both of **ROY A. BOYD, ROY ALONZO BOYD.**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ANNE C. DYCUS in the
Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): ANNE C. DYCUS
be appointed as personal representative to administer the es-
tate of the decedent.

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

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as fol-
lows: 5/5/2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior
Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200
Marysville, CA 95901.**

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner: AMY BYRNE, ESQ.
GUTH & CHANGARIS, A Prof. Law Corp.
474 Century Park Drive, Suite 300, Yuba City, CA 95991
Phone No.: 530-674-9841
**PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH:
April 18, 25, May 2, 2025**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE
THE YUBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yuba County Board of
Supervisors will hold a public hearing in the Board of Supervisors'
Chambers at 915 Eighth Street, Suite 109A, Marysville, California,
commencing at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be
heard, on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, as the date and time for the hearing
to consider adoption of parcel charges to County Service Area Nos. 2
through 72, inclusive for the fiscal year 2025/2026.

A copy of the written report supporting the proposed assessment
will be available for review at the Office of the Clerk of the Yuba County
Board of Supervisors at 915 Eighth Street, Suite 109, Marysville,
California, fourteen days prior to the public hearing.

Any interested person may submit comments in writing prior to the
hearing, or may attend the meeting and will be given an opportunity to
be heard.

Mary Pasillas
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

(TD) 5-2-25

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice AA Self Storage located at 1788 Lassen Blvd Yuba
City CA 95993 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
5/19/25 at 5:00 PM. Abdul Rashid Aubzai; Gary Martell; Juan Chavez;
Khalida M McRoy; Herbert Jenkins; Versy D Ashford. This sale may
be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions
apply. (TD) May 2, 9, 2025

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Commercial Code § 7210
that a public auction of the herein described mobilehome, which is
being stored on behalf of Ronald Craig Truttman will be held at 2928
Hammonton Smartsville Road Space G, Marysville, CA, on May 20,
2025, at 1:30 P.M., and on such later sales dates as may be necessary
and which will be announced at said sale: Mobilehome identified as
tradename BEL AIRE; serial #S1255; HUD label A101610; Decal AAL18
85. (TD) May 2, 9, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Streets & Highways Code sections 22626 and 22629, at
the time of its meeting on May 8, 2025 at 3545 Pennington Road, Live
Oak, California 95953 at 5:00pm, as indicated on the agenda herein,
the Board of Trustees of the Live Oak Cemetery District will convene a
public hearing for the purpose considering all written protests and oral
statements of all interested persons concerning the District's continued
levy of parcel assessments. (TD) May 2, 2025

Community Events
CREATIVE THINKERS COMMUNITY CLASSES
THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 to 8:30 pm
437 Center Street, Yuba City

May 8, Simply Art, Enjoying Creativity, Christina Hart
Steelhouse Coffee, 437 Center Street, Yuba City
May 29, Mental Health, 101 W.R.A.P. Planning - Gabriel
Gutierrez, Steelhouse Coffee, 437 Center Street, Yuba City

MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE
SAT, MAY 10• 142 Garden Hwy. 9 am to 1 pm
4" Vegetable Plants, Grown by Master Gardeners, \$4/each.
Info phone 530-822-7515

MAD HATTER’S TEA PARTY
May 13 - 11 am to 1 pm
Alcouffe Picnic Area, 9185 Marysville Rd, Oregon House
Proceeds benefit the Foothills Scholarship Fund

SPRING CRAFT FAIR • MAY 17 • 9-2
Grange Co-op Store Parking Lot,
1262 Stabler Ln. Yuba City
For Vendor info contact: Trish Lepird,
blingsandthings@gmx.com • 530-870-7312

Next Step Community Breakfast
Second Sunday of the Month at Brownsville Community
Center downstairs located at 17103 Ponderosa Way.
Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice &
peaches. Choice of eggs, ham or sausage. Choice of
pancakes, french toast or biscuits & gravy.
Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5, 3 & under Free.

**ROY BOURG VFW POST 4095's ‘CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENTS’ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
6 pm 2nd & 4th Mondays
4965 Powerline Rd, Olivehurst. Info: 530-777-9057

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EVERY SATURDAY • 10 am-2 pm
9761 Marysville Rd, Dobbins
Vendor Information call Teresa McFall 530-635-0452

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 2025F-85
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
**Nicks Automotive Repair
& Smog**
121 Oak St.
Marysville, CA 95901
MAILING ADDRESS:
1951 Pebble Beach Dr.
Yuba City, CA 95993
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Nicholas VanAtta
1951 Pebble Beach Dr.
Yuba City, CA 95993
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 informa-
tion in this statement is true and
correct).
Signed:
Nicholas VanAtta
This statement was filed with
the County Clerk of Yuba County
on March 10, 2025.
(I Hereby Certify That This
Copy is a Correct Copy of the
Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Apr. 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 2025F-112
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
ABsolute Graphics & Designs
2097 Coffee Creek Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Abigail Allen Cesena
2097 Coffee Creek Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by
an Individual.,
The registrant commenced
to transact business under the
fictitious business name or
names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all informa-
tion in this statement is true and
correct).
Signed:
Abigail Allen Cesena
This statement was filed with
the County Clerk of Yuba County
on April 8, 2025.
(I Hereby Certify That This
Copy is a Correct Copy of the
Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By SARAH MULL,
Deputy Clerk
Apr. 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 2025F-094
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
Nox & Noon
Nox & Noon Press
1371 High Noon Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Manuel Cacho
1371 High Noon Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by
an Individual.,
The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on
03/20/2025.
(I declare that all informa-
tion in this statement is true and
correct).
Signed:
Manuel Cacho
This statement was filed with
the County Clerk of Yuba County
on March 20, 2025.
(I Hereby Certify That This
Copy is a Correct Copy of the
Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Apr. 11, 18, 25, May 2,
2025

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 2025F-123
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
MYSTIC SIERRA RANCH
6285 STONEHEDGE DRIVE
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
CHRISTINE COSSMAN
6285 STONEHEDGE DRIVE
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
This business is conducted by
an Individual.,
The registrant commenced
to transact business under the
fictitious business name or
names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all informa-
tion in this statement is true and
correct).
Signed:
CHRISTINE COSSMAN
This statement was filed with
the County Clerk of Yuba County
on April 21, 2025.
(I Hereby Certify That This
Copy is a Correct Copy of the
Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
May 2, 9, 16, 23/2025

Community Calendar

Yuba County Library

Yuba County Library has the following upcoming events at Health & Human Services, 5730 Packard Ave., Marysville (location may vary, as noted):
Friday, May 2: Star Wars party, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join us for a galactic adventure filled with lightsabers, droids, and Jedi mind tricks at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St., Marysville. Wearing costumes is encouraged. Registration is required.
Tuesday, May 6: Sleepytime Smiles pajama party, 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Join the Yuba County Library, Yuba County Health and Humans Services and First 5 Yuba County for this fun event. This party is for children ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite jammies, bring a blanket and their favorite stuffed animal. We'll listen to stories, watch movies, make crafts, and more. Must register, space is limited.
Wednesday, May 7: First 5 story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., registration is required.
Thursday, May 8: First 5 story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., registration is required.
Call 530-749-7380 for more information or email library@co.yuba.ca.us

Sutter County Library

Sutter County library, at 750 Forbes Ave., Yuba City, has the following upcoming events:
Tuesdays: Toddler time, 11 a.m. to noon.
Wednesdays: Story time and crafts, 11 a.m. to noon. LEGO Club, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Children aged 6 and up are invited to unleash their creativity with our collection of LEGO bricks. No

registration required—just bring your imagination.
Thursdays: Story time and crafts, 11 a.m. to noon.
Fridays: Skill share, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All ages are invited to come share a skill or learn something new. The library will provide all of the supplies necessary for sewing, knitting, crocheting, or cross-stitching.
Literacy Services – English classes for adults: Morning classes are held Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Evening classes are on Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. These classes cover Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, Citizenship, and more. For more information on these classes, call 530-822-7272.
Call 530-822-7137 for more information on general library offerings.

Friday, May 2
Spring Instrumental
7 p.m. at Yuba College Theatre, 2088 North Beale Rd., Marysville. Featuring music from the Yuba College Symphonic & Jazz Band and Wheatland High School. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact cgillmin@yccd.edu

Saturday, May 3
Bike Around the Buttes 2025
6 a.m. at Sutter Park, 7780 Butte House Rd., Sutter. Don't miss this extraordinary ride that takes you from Sutter on the old stagecoach route along the Sacramento River and circles the Sutter Buttes. Choose from four distances. More information and sign up at: <http://www.bike-aroundthebuttes.com/Sign-Up.html>

Mindful Miles
5k run/walk
9 a.m. to noon and Mindful Moments Mental Health Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both events are at Yuba College, 2088 North Beale Rd., Marysville. Start the day off with a walk with Yuba County Office of Education, then bring the family around the booths to learn new skills, services and activities. Fun giveaways and food trucks. For more information, call 530-789-0200.

Marysville Taco Festival
Noon to 8 p.m. at 710 3rd St., downtown Marysville. Join this pre-Cinco de Mayo celebration, a free family event, with vendors, live music, Mariachi performances, car show, cantina and tacos.

Sunday, May 4
Lindhurst Jr. Blazers
1st Annual Golf Tournament
8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Plumas Lake Golf Club, 1551 Country Club Rd., Olivehurst. By participating in our golf tournament, you're not just playing a round – you're investing in young athletes, giving them access to the resources and mentorship they need to thrive. Join us for a great day on the course and help make a lasting difference. More information and registration at: <https://tournevents.com/linthurstjrblazers>

Wednesday, May 7
Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers Ribbon Cutting Celebration
5:30 p.m. at 1431 C St., Marysville. Join the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce as we celebrate our newest local

baseball team bringing energy, excitement and big-league vibes to Marysville. Meet the players, snap some pictures and cheer on new hometown fun.

Friday, May 9
Yuba Sutter Marketplace Kids Club
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., 1215 Colusa Ave., Yuba City. Join us to decorate spring flowerpots and pot real flowers just in time for Mother's Day. We'll also be making Mother's Day cards for mom. Registration required at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yuba-sutter-marketplace-kids-club-tickets-1333437099259?aff=oddtcreator>

Booster Bingo Bonanza
5 p.m. at the Five30 Center, 1104 J St., Marysville. Marysville FFA Alumni and Ag Boosters invite you to join us for a night of food, fun, games and prizes to help support the FFA program in Marysville. For more information, contact Michelle Parsons at 530-237-6153 or Renee Lowe at 530-870-3549.

Soaring through Sound – Yuba Sutter Community Band concert
7 p.m. at 754 Plumas St., Yuba City. The group ranges in age and includes student musicians as well, performing a wide variety of music. Tickets available at <https://yubasutterarts.org/>

Saturday, May 17
Morning in the Garden
10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Artisan Community Garden, 1333 Butte House Rd., Yuba

City. Join us for outdoor exploration through sensory, science, art and nutrition activities. For families and friends of children with special needs, ages 0 to 22. This month, it's all about bugs: build a bug hotel, explore ladybugs, see a release of butterflies, and enjoy a "design a bug" food craft. For more information, contact Leanne@familysoup.org or call 530-751-1925, extension 110.

Meeting Minders
Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

American Legion Post 42 meets the 2nd Monday each month at 211 17th St., Marysville. For more information, call 530-743-0948.
Marysville City Council meeting, 6 p.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 6.
Rotary Club of Yuba City meets Wednesdays at noon at the Harvest Room, 1475 Tharp Rd., Yuba City.

Sutter County Board of Supervisors meeting, 3 p.m., 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, in the council chambers, 1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13.
City Council meetings for Yuba City, 6 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month in the council chamber at City Hall, 1201 Civic Center Blvd. Call 530-822-4817 for more information. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 6.
Yuba County Board of Supervisors meeting, 9 a.m., 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, in the board chambers, 915 8th St., Marysville. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13. ★

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FILE NO. 2025F-099
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5584 SUNHAVEN ST,
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
YUBA, COUNTY
1) GAYLE M GINES,
5584 SUNHAVEN ST,
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on NOT APPLICABLE.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
GAYLE M GINES
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2025F-124
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Fine Twined NeedleArt
11792 Loma Rica Road
Marysville, CA 95901
YUBA, COUNTY
1) Mary Carling,
11792 Loma Rica Road
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/22/2025.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Mary J. Carling
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FILE NO. 2025F-125
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Ramblin; Toad Press
9797 Butte View
Marysville, CA 95901
YUBA, COUNTY
1) Courtney Leigh Smith
9797 Butte View
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/21/2025.
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Courtney L. Smith
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2025F-122
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Two G's Fix & Flowers
9661 Highway 70
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Michael Alfred Graning
9661 Highway 70
Marysville, CA 95901
Dana Johanna Graning
9661 Highway 70
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.,
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/12/2024.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
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Dana J. Graning
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on April 11, 2025.
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DONNA HILLEGASS,
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By SARAH MULL,
Deputy Clerk
Apr. 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2025F-109
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THOMAS L. HUNT DBA NORCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING
201 D ST., STE CV
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
MAILING ADDRESS;
PO BOX 613
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
THOMAS L. HUNT
PO BOX 613
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 07/20/2023.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
THOMAS L. HUNT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on April 4, 2025.
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By SARAH MULL,
Deputy Clerk
Apr. 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2025F-128
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Desperado Housewashing
15120 Old Camptonville Road
Camptonville, CA 95922
MAILING ADDRESS
PO Box 67
Camptonville, CA 95922
YUBA, COUNTY
1) Steven Dudek
PO Box 67
Camptonville, CA 95922
This business is conducted by Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/24/2025.
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Steve Dudek
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Thank You First Responders

Stories from

The Great Zelito Flea Circus

by Bill Crocker

A collection of humorous essays about the funny side of life

PC to the Max
Today, we listen in on the Bradley Dorkfester Hour, a popular DJ talk radio program featured on BBC Radio 4 out of London.

“Hi, folks, welcome to the Bradley Dorkfester Hour. We have a great show for you today. As many of you know, this is our 100th show, and we are celebrating with a star-studded lineup. The Great Zelito is here with his world-famous flea circus; Pastor Bud is here with his constant canine companion, Brother Moses, from the Church of the Open Slope; and Festus Undergirth will give us some pointers on hog breeding. But first, we have with us the internationally famous English author, Pudgy Pangborne. Pudgy has just completed his tenth book in the Basil Tuttleworth series. So, without the further flapping of my gums, please welcome Mr. Pudgy Pangorne.”

“Good morning, Brad. Good to see you.”

“Likewise, Pudgy. We are very fortunate that you were able to grace us with your presence this morning.”

“Well, I often watch your show in Lake View, and I welcome the opportunity to visit with you.”

“Yeah, I know the place.”

“Right. I have a small cottage on the lake up there. It’s where I do most of my work.”

“Speaking of your work, you just completed your tenth book in the Basil Tuttleworth series. A great series, by the way. What’s the name of the

new one?”

“The Tuttleworth Legacy. In this book, Phemie Heathboro-Tuttleworth, Basil’s long-suffering wife, has gotten herself into a bit of a fix. Phemie is suspected of aiding the escape of the notorious killer Benedikt Guttergaard from Newgate Prison.”

“I have to interrupt here, Pudgy. There may be just a few out there who are not familiar with the series and its setting. The series features the lives of the English upper crust in eighteenth century London.”

“Yes, and Newgate Prison was a terrible place filled with all sorts of nasty people. The inmates were pretty bad too. Benedikt is on the loose as book ten begins. As the story unfolds, it’s apparent there is some sort of mysterious connection between Phemie and Benedikt. This connection must be kept from Basil at all costs. Meanwhile, Basil continues his lifestyle of the rich and idle and attends to his foxhunts, games of chance, and the visiting of the various tenant farmers on his massive estate. Because of Phemie’s trouble with the law and Basil’s long periods of absence, the large parties for which the couple is famous slowly come to an end, and Phemie spends her waking hours in the confines of the manor house alone.”

“So, when’s the book due out?”

“Next month. It was due much earlier, but my agent, Alicia, was uncomfortable with a portion of the story that had to be resolved. You see, Benedikt is Irish, and with

his possible connection with Phemie, Alicia was concerned this would create a barrier to successful book sales.”

“How’s that?”

“Well, don’t forget Phemie and Basil are very high society English.”

“I still don’t understand.”

“Alicia was concerned about the English/Irish sort of mixed-race thing.”

“What race thing? English and Irish are both white. Besides, this is the twenty-first century, for crying out loud.”

“Yeah, but we have the politically correct thing. The English and Irish have always had their differences, and it was particularly bad in the eighteenth century. In addition, Benedikt, although an Irish citizen, is ethnically Danish.”

“This makes it worse?”

“Yeah. I mean, the English, Irish, and now the Danish, and possibly the Norwegians and Swedes will have a problem.”

“Isn’t this a bit ridiculous?”

“Yes, I do agree. However, I had to do what Alicia suggested.”

“And what did she suggest?”

“I needed to do a rewrite. Alicia suggested that Benedikt be English and of the same level of society as Phemie. But that wouldn’t work because anyone at that level would never be in Newgate. He would’ve just hired some derelict from the West End to take his place. She then suggested that Phemie be written in as fallen from grace and divorced from Basil so she would be at the level of Benedikt. That wasn’t going to work because a relationship between two lower class

people wouldn’t be much of a story. Besides, what would I do with Basil? He would be left alone in the manor house with his sizable staff that includes the exquisitely beautiful Enat, an Irish upstairs maid. Obviously, she would make a play for his attention, and we would have the English/Irish problem again.”

“Boy, it looks like you had a real problem. What did you do?”

“Well, I thought maybe Enat could be the one who has the relationship with Benedikt.”

“So, did you hit Alicia with that idea?”

“Yes, but she wasn’t sure, because Benedik is Catholic and Enat is Protestant.”

“Ah for crying out loud! Can’t you make Enat Catholic?”

“No, because no self-respecting English snob would take on an Irish Catholic as a member of his staff.”

“So, what was the final solution?”

“The solution was briefly alluded to earlier in our discussion when I mentioned Phemie’s mysterious connection to Benedikt. The original connection was to be a love interest. This was changed to a blood relationship: Phemie and Benedikt are half first cousins. Their grandmother, Countess Thorgunna of Syddanmark was involved with an English barrister, Allister Heathboro, that resulted in the birth of Phemie’s father, Morton Heathboro. So, actually, Benedikt and Phemie both have Danish blood. Alicia



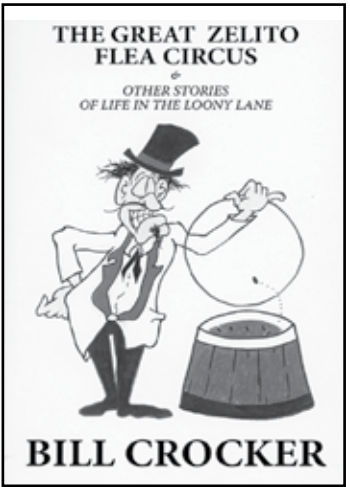
believes the shock to the reader of this blood relationship revelation will overpower any residual politically correct concerns.”



“Have we seen the end of this series or will it continue into book eleven?”

“I’m exhausted and finished with this series. I desperately need a rest from convoluted plots. I do have an idea for a children’s book about an anthropomorphic pig. Alicia says I’m whacked; I’ve finally cracked under deadline pressures. But I don’t care, I like little piggies, don’t you?”

Brad is suddenly concerned as Pudgy slowly slouches in his chair, drool oozing from the corner of his mouth. As the station pulls away for a commercial break, Pudgy is seen being helped off stage babbling something about little piggies going to market.

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May 2 / 8 am Sutter County Public Information Officer
May 5 / 7 am Be Xtra w/Brian Davis
May 5 / 8 am Whitney Brim-Deforest, BiCounty Farm Advisory
May 6 / 7 am Yuba Co. Health & Human Services Memorial Golf Tourney
w/Kristi Johnson & Jacob Holmes
May 6 / 8 am Rachel Abbot, Yuba County
May 7 / 7 am MJUSD Stephanie McKenzie
May 7 / 8 am Chief Sachs, Marysville Police Department
May 8 / 7 am The Acting Company Spring Fundraiser
May 8 / 8 am Brian Danielson, CHP PAO



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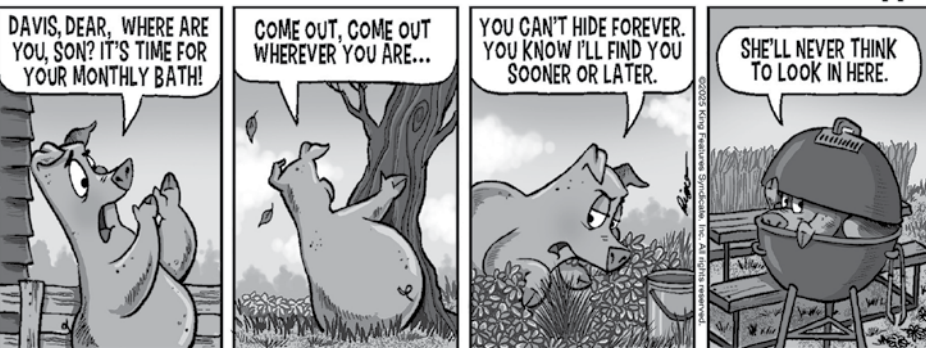
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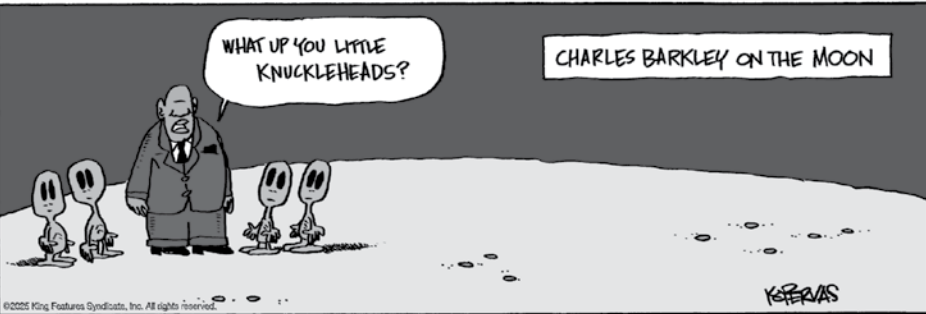
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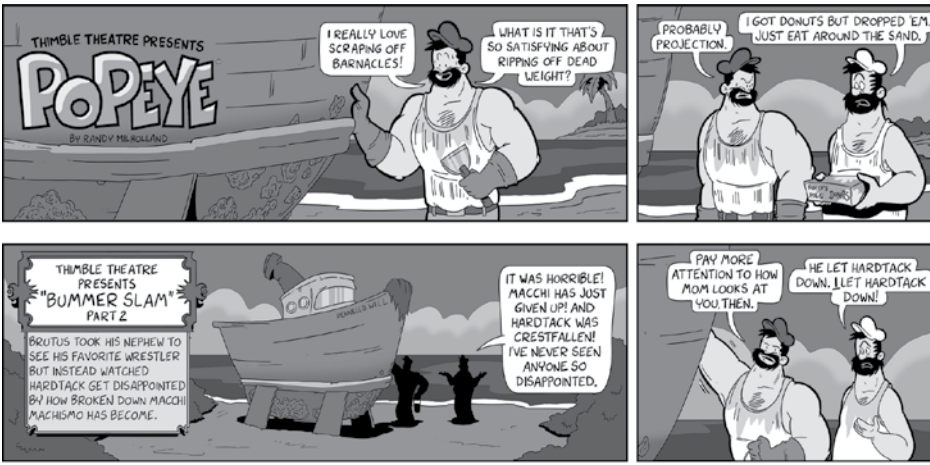
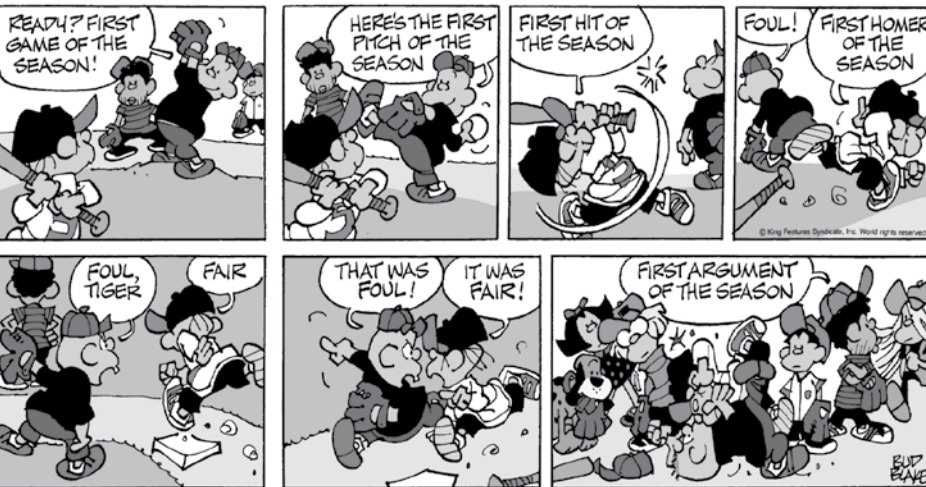
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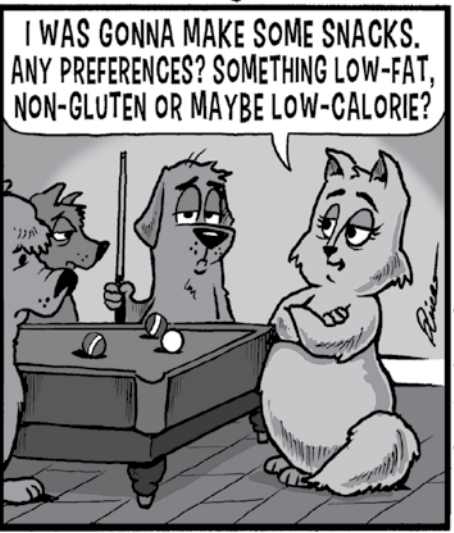


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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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 9. Tea servings
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 15. Break of day
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 18. Arm bones
 19. *Mother _____, personification of physical world
 21. *Mother _____, fictional dog owner
 23. Opposite of hence
 24. Sleeveless garment
 25. Money source
 28. Golfer's destination
 30. Pass, as time
 35. "Metamorphoses" poet
 37. *The Beatles: "Mother _____ comes to me"
 39. "The Goldbergs" sibling
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 57. *Mother of _____, a.k.a. Daenerys Targaryen
 61. *Mother _____, Missionaries of Charity founder
 64. Pass
 65. Stir or fuss
 67. Add together
 69. Anomie, alt. sp.
 70. Decompose
 71. Very angry
 72. Puppy sounds
 73. "_____ no evil, hear no evil"
 74. Tennis-affected joint
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 10. Leo's Karenina
 11. _____ gum, food additive
 12. Put metal to the pedal, p.t.
 15. Difficult to detect
 20. With ample space
 22. Employ
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42. River in Hades
45. Personify
49. *Mother Superior is the head one at the convent
51. Foray
54. Former Russian leaders
56. *Mother of _____, a.k.a. nacre
57. June 6, 1944
58. Raja's wife
59. On the surface
60. Emeralds and rubies
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John F. Kennedy Assassination Files Revealed ‘A State Within a State’



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The vast importance of the John F. Kennedy (JFK) Assassination Files, hidden from the public for 62 years through multiple congressional hearings over the years, just released by President Donald Trump under enormous opposition to its release, was not who killed John F. Kennedy, but that the entity who did still exists.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has always been the prime suspect. I was a boy of 16 and heard this at the time. This notion that it was more than just Oswald was quickly smothered by the then Deep State media who preferred and promoted the lone-wolf narrative, but it never felt right nor was it ever fully accepted by most Americans. The Federal Bureau of Investigation “suddenly uncovered” 2,000 John F. Kennedy related files, these reveal the Central Intelligence Agency as a “state within a state” and most responsible for the assassination.

These files prove the existence

of the Deep State in 1963 powerful enough by then, over years of development and secrecy, to kill the president of the United States and keep that fact from being revealed until all responsible for the death were unpunished and safely dead. There is no organization that is more Deep State than the Central Intelligence Agency.

This is the importance of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Files. Second to this in importance is, since it was never fully revealed, removed and punished then, it is still in place 62 years later in our day. These files show it is not unreasonable to believe that they also want Donald Trump dead as he too, like Kennedy, seeks to reveal them.

Every president from both political parties had access to these files and chose not to have them declassified. Two presidents in particular knew the intimate details up close and personal. Lyndon Baines Johnson, who benefited most by Kennedy’s death by replacing him as president, and Jerald Ford who was a member of the Johnson appointed Warren Commission to hide our own governments involvement in the assassination of our own.

LibertyUnderFire has published much on the assassination over the many years and as new things came out. Mostly the new documents reveal what those who have followed this story already knew but it is good for the new generation.

Yes, the documents first tried to blame the assassination on Cuba and the Soviets. We, among others debunked this story. There were three reasons Kennedy was assassinated:

He opposed the CIA’s Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

He wanted America’s withdrawal from the Vietnam War

He opposed the Federal Reserve’s Central Bank currency control authorizing the printing of silver certificates in defiance of it (Why the Deep State Assassination of John F. Kennedy? LibertyUnderFire.com, Dec 6, 2023).

Opposition to these three issues could not be tolerated. Kennedy could not be controlled by them so they could not wait another year for a new election to remove him.

The “new” files confirm that Lee Harvey Oswald was in fact a Central Intelligence Agency asset, “recruited by the CIA in JAPAN while he was in the service at the Naval Air Facility Atsugi in the late 1950’s.” The Naval Air Facility Atsugi (NAFA) was “a known CIA hub for covert operations, including U2 spy plane missions from 1957 to 1958” as per a suppressed document from his commander at the base at the time.

Documents show that “as late as 1996 this story was almost broke by ‘a credible UPI reporter’ and had to be covered up 30 years after the assassination.”

The “CIA was deeply concerned about the story getting traction.” They rightly realized it could be viewed “as a smoking gun.” They allowed just enough information out “to appear transparent while withholding the most damning evidence that Oswald was recruited, trained, and groomed by the CIA during his time in Japan.”

We soon learned of Oswald’s defection to the Soviet Union in

1959, his return to the U.S. in 1962, and his eventual role in the assassination in 1963. This was common knowledge soon after the assassination.

President Kennedy was warned of the presence of a “state within a state” or the Deep State as we call it today. Presidential adviser Arthur Schlesinger, in a 15-page Memo to John F. Kennedy called for Kennedy to break up the CIA in 1961.

“Schlesinger called the CIA a rogue ‘state within a state’... his memo told the president ‘The contemporary CIA possesses many of the characteristics of ‘a state within a state’ adding ‘there is no doctrine governing our conduct of clandestine operations.’”

Schlesinger noted that, “A number of governments still in power know that they have been targets of CIA attempts at overthrow, not a state of mind calculated to stimulate friendly feelings” toward the US. He also wrote, “CIA operations have not been held effectively subordinate to US foreign policy,” He told the president, “In practice the State Department had become a ‘rubber stamp’ for CIA clandestine operations.”

A month after John F. Kennedy’s assassination, former President Harry Truman, “echoed Schlesinger’s fears outlined in the 1961 Memo. There is something about the way the CIA has been functioning that is casting a shadow over our historic position.”

Truman wrote, that “he set up the CIA to streamline information gathering... but between his presidency, and John F. Kennedy’s, Truman witnessed a change in the CIA.” He wrote of this, “For some time, I have been

disturbed by the way the CIA has been diverted from its original assignment. It has become operational and at times a policy-making arm of the government. I never had any thought that when I set up the CIA that it would be injected into peacetime cloak and dagger operation.” Truman “called for the termination of the CIA operation duties, and the restoration of the agency to its original assignment as the intelligence arm of the president” (X22 Report, Ep. 3599b, 03/19/2025, 11:59).

Instead of destroying the Central Intelligence Agency as Kennedy intended the Central Intelligence Agency destroyed him, and worse, came to control the organization Kennedy created, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) responsible for administering civilian foreign aid and development Assistance throughout the world.

The “rogue state within a state” came to fund shadow governments and regime change in the world, even in Ukraine in 2014 and the United States in 2020 and thus far got away with it. Most importantly the “rogue state within a state” was never identified, removed or punished and thus is still very much alive today fighting Trump.

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How Transfer Taxes Steal Your Home Equity



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As a homeowner, you dutifully pay your property taxes every year, no matter how painful. Notwithstanding Proposition 13’s tax limitations, California is not a low property tax state. According to the Tax Foundation, we rank 18th out of 50 states in per capita property tax collections.

But it could be worse. Much worse. Without Prop. 13, most homeowners would see their property taxed at least double or, in some cases, by a factor of five or six. (For those curious about how much they would pay without Prop. 13, try out Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association’s calculator at GuessingGame.org.)

Prop. 13 works by limiting the property tax rate to one percent and then limiting the increases in “taxable value” to two percent per year. It is the latter provision that allows homeowners in California to build up equity in their homes, year after year, without being forced to sell because of an annual tax bill based on current market value.

But there is another type of property tax that lies in wait for homeowners when they sell their property, transfer taxes. Technically, transfer taxes are not property taxes in the traditional sense because they are not imposed

as an incident of property ownership.

Rather, they are imposed on the sale or other transfer of real property.

When Howard Jarvis wrote Prop. 13, he knew that, if he just limited the ad valorem (based on value) property tax, governments would circumvent that limitation by quickly imposing other local taxes. That’s why Prop. 13 expressly prohibited taxes on the sale of property. Here’s the language: “Cities, Counties and special districts, by a two-thirds vote of the qualified electors of such district, may impose special taxes on such district, except ad valorem taxes on real property or a transaction tax or sales tax on the sale of real property within such City, County or special district.” (emphasis added).

To any normal, fair-minded person, this constitutional language is crystal clear in prohibiting transfer taxes. But the judiciary in California is neither normal nor fair-minded. Over a strong dissent, the California Supreme Court defined “special taxes” as only those taxes that were for a “special purpose.” This created a massive loophole and severely in a way that limited the reach of Prop. 13.

At the time of Proposition 13’s passage in 1978, state law permitted the collection of a “documentary stamp tax” on transferring of interests in real property. The tax, still imposed in many jurisdictions, is relatively modest, with the standard rate being \$1.10 per \$1,000 of value.

But now many cities are imposing real estate transfer taxes in excess of \$45 per \$1,000 of value based on the Home Rule doctrine that grants charter cities more taxing authority. Moreover, under Home Rule, cities can impose higher rates for more valuable property rather than the flat rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000.

Even worse, because of the infamous Upland decision, local governments operating behind the front of “citizen groups” can propose “special taxes” by initiative, evading the requirement of a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass. And while the courts originally said transfer tax revenue must go into a municipality’s general fund, special taxes under Upland can be exclusively directed to whatever the local government or special interest group, wants.

The worst abuse of Upland occurred in Los Angeles. Pursuant, to Measure United to House Los Angeles (ULA) which became effective in 2023, high-value properties are now subject to very high transfer taxes. Although the ballot measure was sold to the voters as a “mansion tax,” it applies to all properties, both commercial and residential, worth more than \$5 million, including apartments.

As expected, the United to House Los Angeles tax is generating a lot less revenue for homeless programs than the proponents thought. Instead, it has thrown the real estate market in one of America’s largest cities into chaos. It has gotten so bad that even Mayor Karen Bass said she thinks the whole issue of Measure United to House Los Angeles should be revisited.

For ordinary homeowners, be aware that transfer taxes are only increasing, both in terms of the amount of the tax and the purposes for which they are being collected. There are very powerful progressive interests which intend to impose transfer taxes at a level to completely “recover” all the taxes that were not owed by homeowners because of Prop. 13.

And that’s how they plan to steal the equity in your home.

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Another Refinery Closing — Thank Newsom When Gas Prices Soar



James Gallagher
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James Gallagher
News Release*

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The real-world consequences of Governor Gavin Newsom’s war on California energy producers are becoming clearer by the day, with today’s announcement that Valero intends to shut down its Benicia refinery within a year. The closure will reduce California’s gasoline production capacity by nearly 9% and cost more than 400 jobs.

As fuel producers shut down and flee the state,

California drivers are left to foot the bill – with gas prices an astounding \$1.70 higher than the national average.

“Our millionaire governor might not worry about gas prices while he’s chauffeured from his mansion in Marin to his podcast studio, but working people are getting crushed by the cost of his out-of-touch agenda,” said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (East Nicolaus). “Once again, Californians are paying the price for Newsom’s incompetence and self-serving attacks on energy producers. Unless the state changes course, the job losses and gas price increases are only going to get worse.”

This is the second refinery closure announced since Tai Milder, Governor Newsom’s gas price czar insisted “California is part of the most profitable area in the country... There is no reason that these companies cannot

operate fairly with a bit more inventory and still make profit and stay in business.” The two closures will combine to reduce California’s refining capacity by 17.5%.

Instead of doing anything to lower gas prices, Newsom has supported doubling the state’s gas tax and pushed a new regulation that is expected to increase gas prices 65 cents in the near future. He has also imposed a mandate on gasoline producers to withhold fuel supplies from the market.

Additionally, Newsom passed a law to address a made-up “price gouging” conspiracy theory. Since then, the gap between California gas prices and the national average has increased by 32 cents. This also includes having attacked the companies and workers who produce gasoline as scapegoats for the cost impacts of his own extreme policies.

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Assembly Republicans Call for Medi-Cal Audit

*Office of Assemblyman
James Gallagher News Release*

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After Governor Gavin Newsom requested a \$6.2 billion emergency bailout of Medi-Cal, Assembly Republicans are calling for an audit of the program to determine why costs are rising so rapidly.

In a letter to the chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC), Republican lawmakers requested an investigation to explain why Medi-Cal’s cost overruns are so severe, how the Newsom administration failed to accurately estimate the program’s budget, what steps have been taken to stabilize the program, and to what extent did the governor’s expansion of benefits to illegal immigrants contributed to the program’s fiscal crisis.

“Medi-Cal is billions of dollars over budget with no clear explanation or accountability from the Governor’s office,” said Assemblyman

Carl DeMaio. “Taxpayers deserve transparency, and a full audit to determine how this happened and how we can fix this vital program Californians rely on for health care.”

General fund spending on Medi-Cal has nearly doubled in six years to \$42.1 billion, and total spending on Medi-Cal has grown by 84% to \$188.1 billion. Republicans cited the expansion of Medi-Cal benefits to illegal immigrants as a major reason for the increase, with current-year costs at \$9.5 billion, including \$2.8 billion in unanticipated costs.

Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher voiced his support for the audit request:

“Democrats’ bad accounting has brought Medi-Cal to the breaking point, making it harder for patients to get in to see a doctor,” said Gallagher. “We owe it to Californians, and to the vulnerable people who depend on this program, to make sure Medi-Cal is meeting their needs.” ★