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Golf and Giving Tournament Raises Funds for Robotic Surgery at Adventist Health



AJ, a representative from Intuitive, provides guidance to Ashley Potocnik as she tests the da Vinci 5 Console. The demonstration took place during the annual Golf and Giving fundraiser on May 2, showcasing the system's intuitive controls that mimic human hand and wrist motion, an advantage over standard laparoscopic tools.

Story and photos
by Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - With swings, putts and purpose, the 34th Annual Golf and Giving Tournament brought the Yuba-Sutter community together May 2 at Peach Tree Golf and Country Club, all in the name of cutting-edge healthcare. This

year's event raised crucial funds to bring a long-awaited da Vinci 5 surgical robot to Adventist Health and Rideout, making it the latest regional hospital to adopt the future of minimally invasive surgery. Hosted by the Rideout Foundation, the annual fundraiser spotlighted not just camaraderie on the course, but a shared commitment to expanding

surgical services throughout the Yuba-Sutter region. Attendees even had the rare chance to operate the da Vinci 5 robot themselves, guided by a representative from Intuitive, the company behind the revolutionary technology. "We're the only regional hospital in our area that doesn't yet

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'Jacob's Journey' Fundraiser Helps Child Fighting Leukemia

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Nine-year-old Jacob Bear is a typical Yuba City boy who loves Godzilla, builds Lego creations and plays Fortnite with his friends. But unlike most children his age, Jacob is facing his second fight against leukemia and will soon travel to Stanford for a critical bone marrow transplant. To help support Jacob and his parents, who are also juggling care for two other children, family friends Jen Osborn and Jessica Wagers are organizing a major community fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 18 at Gauche Aquatic Park, 421 C St., Yuba City. The event, "Jacob's Journey: A Celebration of Strength," will include live music, games, raffles, bounce houses, a silent auction and a variety of food vendors. "We've been like family for over 20 years and our kids have grown up together," said Osborn. "We're inviting everyone to join us for a day of music, food and fun, and rally



Featured is a preview of this custom chopper minibike, which will be up for grabs during the silent auction at Jacob's Journey on May 18 at Gauche Aquatic Park in Yuba City. This fundraising event is to help raise funds for Jacob Bear, a 9-year-old Yuba City boy fighting his second bout of leukemia. Photo courtesy of Jessica Wagers

all the support we can. As much as we'd love to have Jacob at the event celebrating with us, we're hoping he'll be at Stanford waiting for his bone marrow transplant." Jacob is Native American, which makes finding a bone marrow donor more challenging. According to the Be the Match registry, a program operated by the

National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), only 29% of Native American patients find a fully-matched unrelated donor, compared to 79% of white patients. People of color, especially those of mixed heritage, are significantly underrepresented in the national registry. "People of color, specifically Natives, who are

the third-largest population affected by leukemia in this age group, have a much smaller donor pool to draw from," said Wagers. "Part of this, I think, is a lack of education on the donor process and how to register for these programs." Wagers explained that signing up to be a donor is simple: a free cheek swab

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LaMalfa Announces New High- Tech Mission at Beale AFB

Office of Rep. Doug
LaMalfa News
Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) announced May 2 that Beale Air Force Base (AFB) has been selected as the preferred location for the Air Force's new Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA) Aircraft Readiness Unit, a major step forward in securing the base's future role in next-generation defense technology. "This is a major win for Beale AFB and a vote of confidence in the capabilities of our region," said Rep. LaMalfa. "These aircraft represent the future of the Air Force: autonomous, highly capable and ready to deploy at a moment's notice. I worked closely with my colleagues in Congress, state and local leaders, and the Department of Defense to make the case for Beale. I want to thank President Trump, DOD leadership and the Air Force for recognizing Beale's strategic importance and moving quickly to make it happen. This new mission not only solidifies Beale's role in our national defense but also brings new technology and investment to our region." Said Senator Adam Schiff, "When we visited Beale Air Force Base just a couple weeks ago, I met committed California servicemembers working to protect our nation and apply new technologies to the adapting threats we face. The Air Force's selection of Beale for testing of the Collaborative Combat Aircraft puts those same servicemembers at the center of the Air Force's modernization efforts for our nation's 21st-century defense. As the West Coast remains on the front line for deterring adversaries in the Pacific and the home of the nation's technological innovation, I'm proud to see Yuba County at the tip of the spear for promoting America's national security." Congressman LaMalfa led the effort alongside Senator Schiff (D-CA) to bring this new mission with newly developed technology to Beale Air Force Base, winning out over competing sites in Nevada and North Dakota. Collaborative Combat Aircraft are part of the next generation of

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Police Chief Christian Sachs Announces Retirement

City of Marysville
News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The City of Marysville announced May 1 that Police Chief Christian Sachs will retire from the Marysville Police Department, effective May 2025. Chief Sachs has served the department since 2001.

The city thanks Chief Sachs for his dedicated service to the department and the Marysville community.

In the interim, Lieutenant Vance Nabeta will assume leadership of the department.

For further information, please contact: City Manager Jim Schaad at jschaad@marysville.ca.us with any questions. ★



Marysville Police Chief Christian Sachs

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kit is sent to your home and your genetic profile is added to the registry. Bone marrow donation itself is safe and often outpatient based. Still, finding an ideal match is rare. Most parents only have a five-point match with their children and roughly 70% of patients must rely on unrelated donors.

“If you’re Caucasian, you typically have a higher chance of finding a match because there’s a bigger pool,” Wagers said. “That’s why it’s so important to get the word out and get more people of color and mixed-race individuals on the registry.”

Fortunately, Jacob’s 12-year-old sister was a perfect match but many families are not as fortunate.

The May 18 fundraiser will feature live performances from The Ultrasonics, Seasons Within, ThorKat and Obie Leff and Jim Achilles, alongside food trucks, a bake sale, face painting, outdoor games, photo booths and more. Silent auction and raffle highlights include a youth custom “chopper-style” trail bike, drum kit and amp package, Giants tickets, guided fishing excursions, photography sessions and a two-night stay in Lake Tahoe.

There will also be themed raffle baskets from SOPA Thai, Yuba City Racquet Club, Lambert Café, Sign Dreamers, Milani Optical and others. All proceeds will go toward helping the Bear family with medical, travel and daily expenses during this difficult time.

Those who cannot attend the May 18 fundraiser can still contribute by going online to venmo.com/u/Jacobs_Journey. Additionally, to learn more about donations and the registry through the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) visit behematch.org. ★

The Moving Wall is Coming to Chico



The Moving Wall, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. (shown above), helps bring closure and healing to veterans, their families and friends of those who died or are still missing in Vietnam. Photo by clarencealford via Pixabay

The Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 582 News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 582 for Butte, Glenn and Tehama counties is bringing The Moving Wall to Chico from June 5 through June 9. The Moving Wall will be located at the Chico Elks Lodge, 1705 Manzanita Ave., and will be open to the public 24 hours a day.

The Moving Wall is a half-size, 253-foot, traveling replica of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The wall has tremendous significance for the 58,318 who died in the Vietnam War and the 2.5 million servicemen and women that served in Vietnam. The

wall provides an opportunity for many that are unable to visit the Memorial in Washington, D.C. to visit the Memorial locally.

Every time The Moving Wall visits a town, thousands of visitors come to find a name or a few names that are very special to them. It helps bring closure and healing to veterans, their families and friends of those who died or are still missing in Vietnam.

The wall is intended to help close old wounds, not to open them, and to educate the community about the war in Vietnam and its social and economic impact on our nation and our veterans. More information will be provided as it becomes available. ★

Gallagher Advances Bills to Help North State Communities

Legislation passes through critical policy committees



James Gallagher

Assemblyman
James Gallagher
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Four bills authored by Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) advanced through the legislative process this week at the State Capitol. Each measure authored by Gallagher is targeted at solving problems and supporting communities in the 3rd Assembly District.

“As the North State’s representative in the State Assembly, I’m constantly looking for opportunities to solve problems and make California

government work for us. It’s a true honor to shepherd through these important measures that were brought to my attention by local community members,” said Gallagher. “As the legislative process continues to move forward, I will relentlessly advocate for the families, employers and veterans that make our portion of the state so special.”

The following legislation advanced unanimously through their respective policy committee this week:

Assembly Bill 1343 - Caltrans is selling property it originally purchased in the 90’s with the intent of building a third bridge across the Feather River. AB 1343 allows Yuba-Sutter local governments to keep the property sale revenues for a future third bridge project.

Assembly Bill 975 – Hundreds of rural bridges and culverts in Sutter County have been damaged or destroyed by

recent storms and natural disasters. AB 975 will help speed up the repair timeline by exempting some of the burdensome regulatory barriers.

Assembly Bill 1196 – Outdated state regulations on certain cardiovascular surgeries place significant financial strain on some rural hospitals. AB 1196 requires the state to update its regulations to reflect advancements in technology and medicine.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 16 – Will designate the Feather River Bridge on State Highway Route 20 in the Cities of Marysville and Yuba City as the ‘POW/MIA Bridge,’ to honor the sacrifice of veterans who have been taken as prisoners of war or have gone missing in action.

Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher represents California’s 3rd Assembly District, which includes Butte, Glenn, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba, and parts of Placer County. ★

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International Clowning Star Now Calls Yuba County Home

And He's Ready to Share His Magic

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - After four decades on the global stage, Misha Usov has traded touring life for something far more personal, home.

The world-renowned European clown, best known for his decade-long role as the “Fisherman” in Cirque du Soleil’s TOTEM, now lives in the quiet foothills of Oregon House, where he hopes to plant deeper roots, both with his family and the community.

“It’s time to be home,” said Usov. “Now I can see my children every day.”

While he might be scaling back on touring, Usov is far from retired. This month, he’ll host a day-long workshop, “The Great Escape,” at the Frenchtown Inn in Oregon House, his first major teaching event in the area. The immersive session is designed to help participants shed routine and rediscover childlike creativity through movement, play, and clowning.

“The clown is not someone who wears makeup and does tricks,” explained Usov. “The clown is who we are when we stop pretending to be someone else.”

A Life of Color in a Grey World

Born in the Soviet Union, Usov’s world was once filled with greys, both literally and emotionally. But at the age of 14, a chance encounter at a bus



World-renowned clown Misha Usov, known for his expressive physical comedy and whimsical performances, will bring his expertise to Yuba County with a one-day intensive workshop on May 10 in Oregon House. Photo courtesy of Misha Usov

stop changed everything.

“A man came to me and said, ‘Do you want to come to the circus? I see your body; you could be an acrobat,’” he recalled.

Usov said no at first but eventually gave the man his mother’s phone number. After weeks of calls, his mother urged him to go.

“I go to the circus, open this door and immediately, in one second, I understand that now I am at home. More at home than I even was at my real home,” said Usov.

Stunned by both the color and energy, Usov began training not as an acrobat but as a clown. Usov worked with the circus for several years until he was forced into mandatory military service. Upon his return, Usov

said, he felt stripped of his humor so he enrolled in the Moscow Clown School, graduating around 1990 at age 23. From there, Usov went on to co-found the award-winning troupe MIKOS, which toured Europe for more than a decade.

“We were like rock stars, clown rock stars,” joked Usov.

Later, Usov pursued a solo career and joined Cirque du Soleil where he “formed a deep creative bond” with director Robert Lepage.

“He gave me many possibilities and freedoms from my clown acts we created together for Cirque du Soleil,” Usov said.

Usov’s career has taken him across oceans and continents, with appearances

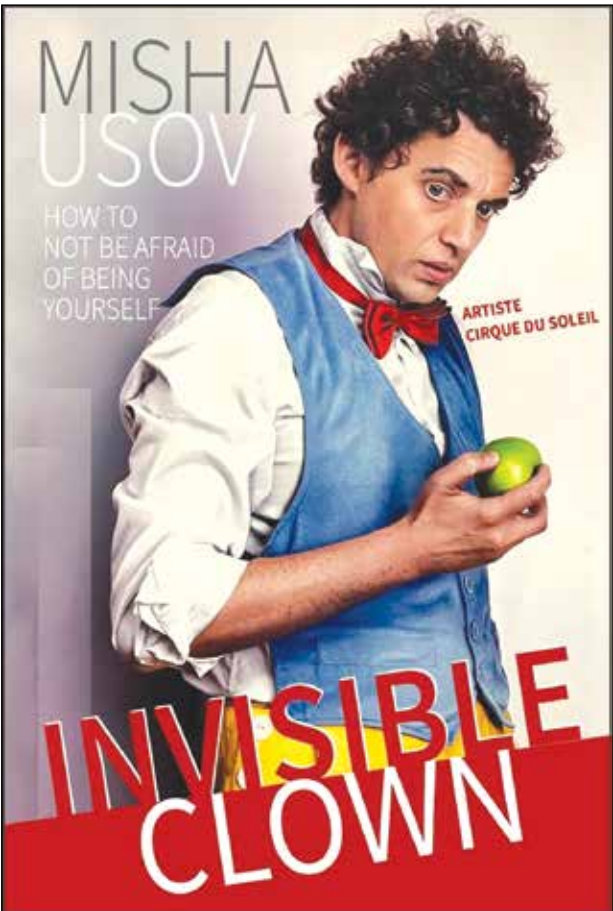
on shows such as “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno” and “America’s Got Talent”. But some of his most memorable moments are the simplest.

“When I first saw him, he was juggling plastic bags,” said Oregon House resident Ann Nielsen. “I was laughing so hard, I was crying. Everybody was.”

Coming Home

Both of Usov’s daughters were born while touring, one in Berlin, the other in Manhattan. With a family made of four different passports, the Usovs decided it was time to settle. Thanks to friends in California, they found their way to Oregon House, where they’ve lived for more than a decade.

Now, Usov is ready



Misha Usov’s book, “The Invisible Clown: How to Not Be Afraid of Being Yourself,” explores the deeper art of clowning and personal expression, themes he’ll share in his May 10 workshop in Oregon House. Photo courtesy of Misha Usov

to give back. He’s actively seeking teaching opportunities, artistic collaborations and community partnerships.

“I’ve spent a lifetime on stage. Now, I want to help others discover theirs,” Usov said.

Usov’s workshop, “The Great Escape,” will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at the Frenchtown Inn in Oregon House. Designed for performing artists of all genres, the immersive experience invites participants to break free from routine and reconnect with their creative instincts.

“It’s called ‘The Great Escape’ because I want to help people escape from their patterns, from your ordinary life and to get you to come back to your child state when everything feels fresh, beautiful and full of life,” Usov said.

Those interested in attending can reach out to Usov directly by emailing ClownUsov@gmail.com. ★

Golf and Giving Tournament Raises Funds for Robotic Surgery at Adventist Health

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have this type of robotic-assisted surgical capability,” said President of the Rideout Foundation Patience Boudreaux. “Surgeons are trained on these systems now, and without one, we’re often forced to refer patients to hospitals an hour or more away. This is about keeping our care local and advancing it.”

While Adventist Health and Rideout does offer laparoscopic procedures and some robotic assisted orthopedic surgery, the capabilities of the da Vinci 5 would bring the hospital’s capabilities to the next level. Surgical robots take about a decade to develop, and with this one being released just last year, it is the latest in innovative surgical technology.

“I don’t need surgery yet, but when or if I do, I want it to be with a surgical robot like this,” added Boudreaux.

Robotic-assisted surgery with the da Vinci 5 offers numerous advantages: greater precision, smaller incisions, reduced blood loss, faster recovery times, and enhanced visualization for surgeons. The system also collects performance data that can be used to customize surgical planning and training, a game-changer in improving long-term outcomes.

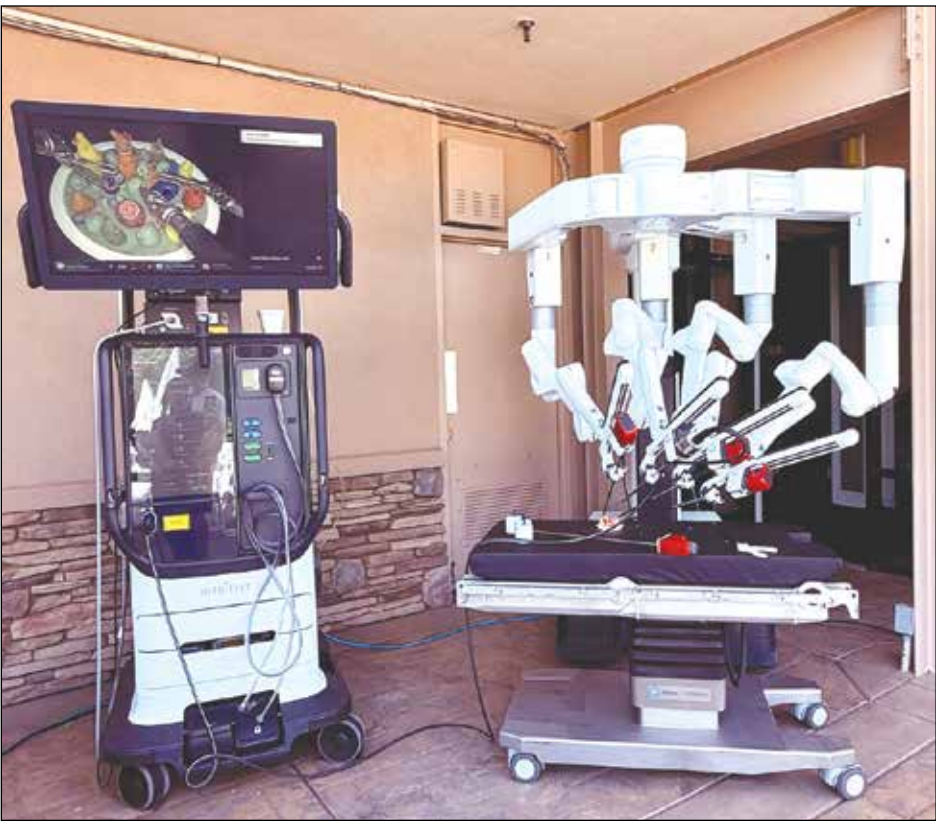
The hospital’s administrative team believes that adding the da Vinci 5 to Adventist Health and Rideout’s surgical suite would broaden available services in high-need specialties such as urology, gynecology, and bariatrics. It could also help recruit top medical talent to the region by providing them with the tools they are trained to use.

“This technology empowers both physicians and patients,” Boudreaux said. “It’s not just about having the latest equipment; it’s about making sure the people of Yuba-Sutter have access to the highest standard of care without having to leave home.”

The golf tournament, now a cherished community tradition, served as both a fundraiser and an educational event. Golfers and guests who stepped up to test-drive the da Vinci 5 system got a first-hand look at how intuitive, and powerful, robotic surgery has become.

“It’s very cool to see,” said Jeff Ford, an attendee at Friday’s golfing event. “You could really get sucked into that thing.”

To learn more about the da Vinci 5 system visit intuitive.com. For information on how to support the Rideout Foundation’s robotic surgery campaign, visit Adventist Health Rideout Foundation. ★



The da Vinci 5 surgical robot features four independently controlled arms, shown here outside Peach Tree Golf and Country Club during the May 2 demonstration. These robotic “limbs” allow for simultaneous camera control and multi-instrument procedures, expanding surgical capabilities beyond what the human hand can do alone.



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Spartan Baseball Splits with RedHawks



East Nicolaus's Braden Hardwick had a two-run triple in the Spartans' 13-9 win over Colusa on May 2.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

NICOLAUS, CA (MPG) - Having dropped a heartbreaker 3-4 to Sacramento Valley League rival Colusa on April 29, the East Nicolaus baseball team responded three days later with a 13-8 come from behind win to split the season series with the RedHawks.

In Colusa for the first game, Spartan miscues spotted the RedHawks a three-run lead in the early going, but they clawed their way back into the game in the top of the second when Logan Cleary alertly scored on a passed ball.

However, East Nicolaus looked in even better position in the fifth after putting two more runs on the board to tie the game at 3-3.

Ashton Wong scored on a fielder's choice by Hurley Cruz before Daven Earhart's sacrifice fly plated Cleary who had reached after getting hit by a pitch.

Unfortunately for the Spartans though, the rally ended on the base paths with a runner caught stealing.

Then after going scoreless in the final two frames, they saw the RedHawks walk off in the home half of the seventh.

Wong went 2 for 4 on the day, while Earhart, Mikey Miller and Braden Hardwick accounted for

the Spartans only other hits in the game.

On the mound, Wong put forth a valiant effort but suffered the hard-luck loss after scattering five hits, surrendering just one earned run and striking out three.

Still the Spartans didn't hang their heads and upon returning home on May 2, erupted for eight runs in the bottom of the sixth to surge past the RedHawks and claim victory.

Pounding out six of its 11 hits in the frame, the big blows came from a pair of doubles by Wong

and Brody Johnson.

And although Colusa rallied for two runs in the top of the seventh, Earhart threw a double play ball and caught the final RedHawk batter looking to end the game.

Hardwick had a huge day at the plate finishing 3 for 4 with a triple, two doubles and three RBI, while Johnson and William Miller collected two hits apiece.

Sitting third in the Sacramento Valley League, East Nicolaus (11-9, 6-3) traveled to Durham on May 6, then host the Trojans on May 9. ★



Spartan first baseman Brody Johnson catches a low throw to record the putout during East Nicolaus's 3-4 loss to Colusa on Apr. 29.



East Nicolaus's Ashton Wong delivers a pitch during the Spartans' Apr. 29 game in Colusa.



East Nicolaus's Daven Earhart (11) is congratulated by Mikey Miller (2) after Earhart's sacrifice fly plated a run during the Spartan's game in Colusa on Apr. 29.

East Nic Softball Suffers 1st SVL Loss

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

NICOLAUS, CA (MPG) - As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end" and such was the case for the East Nicolaus softball team as they saw its streak of 10 straight wins over Colusa broken after the RedHawks avenged their loss to the Spartans on April 29 by posting a 6-0 shutout victory on May 2.

It was a significant setback for East Nicolaus, which hadn't lost a league game since 2016, because it puts the Spartans in a tie at the top of the Sacramento Valley League standings with Colusa with just three games remaining in the regular season.

However, what made the loss that much more surprising was that East Nicolaus had started the series with a 4-2 win over the RedHawks on the road after jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and adding an insurance run in the final frame.

San Jose State commit Gabby Sotelo went 3 for 4 and drove in a run, Richie Farris had a two-run single while Stevie Knight and

Skylar Kim also recorded hits.

Knight, who is headed to Abilene Christian to play for the Wildcats next year, also earned the win in the circle, scattering five hits and striking out seven without yielding an earned run.

Yet returning home to complete the series three days later, perhaps the Spartans, given their history against Colusa, got complacent because in addition to making five errors in the field, managed just two hits against RedHawk pitcher Ava Garcia, who fanned 12 East Nicolaus batters on the day.

Makinze Massey accounted for both of those hits, while three other batters reached base via a free pass.

In the circle, Knight suffered the hard-luck loss despite allowing just three hits, one earned run and striking out nine.

Now 15-6 overall, East Nicolaus looked to bounce back this week as they took on Durham in a Sacramento Valley League series on May 6 and May 9 respectively, then in between squeezed in a non-conference contest against Yuba City on May 7. ★



Spartan shortstop Makinze Massey (center) is congratulated by teammates Arii Denis (right) and Kaylyn Ponce (left) after laying out to make a catch in East Nic's game against Colusa on April 29.



The Spartans' Gabby Sotelo hits an RBI double in the seventh inning of the Spartans win over Colusa on April 29.



Stevie Knight delivers a pitch in East Nic's 4-2 win over the RedHawks in Colusa on April 29.



East Nicolaus's Richie Farris singles to drive in the Spartans first two runs of the game against Colusa on April 29.

Social Security Matters

Applying for Social Security at 62: When should I enroll in Medicare?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am writing to ask for your advice on when I should sign up or enroll in a Medicare Plan. I have submitted an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday, in April 2025. I am a single lady with no dependents and currently rent my residence. Please advise. **Signed: Approaching Senior Citizenship**

Dear Approaching: I assume that when you say you have submitted “an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday” you mean you have applied for your Social Security retirement benefits to start in April 2025, and that you will be 62 in March. To be sure you are clear, you must be 62 for an entire month to start your Social Security retirement benefits.

Even though you are starting your Social Security retirement benefits

at age 62, you will not be eligible to enroll in Medicare until you are 65 years old. Since you will be already receiving Social Security when you turn 65, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), effective with the month you turn 65, and you will get a “Welcome to Medicare” packet about 3 months before your 65th birthday. Your Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) will be free, but there will be a monthly premium (\$185 for 2025) associated with your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), which will be deducted from your Social Security payment.

Note that Medicare does not cover all healthcare expenses so, when the time comes, you may wish to explore other private healthcare coverage (either a Medicare Supplement plan, or a Medicare Advantage plan). Also, Medicare Part A or Part B do not include coverage for prescription drugs, so you may wish to obtain such coverage separately. One way to explore all of this is by, shortly before you are 65, contacting AMAC’s Medicare department at

1.800.334.9330 or www.amac.us/medicare. And until you are eligible to enroll in Medicare at 65, you may wish to seek regular healthcare insurance for those under 65 years of age.

Please understand that we are here to answer all your questions about Social Security and Medicare enrollment. However, at the AMAC Foundation, we are not insurance specialists, which is why I suggest contacting an insurance specialist as described above.

I hope this is helpful, but please don’t hesitate to contact us again at any time.

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Lawmakers Might Undermine California’s Landmark Public Pension Reform



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Thirteen years ago, a minor political miracle occurred in California’s Capitol.

A Democrat-dominated Legislature passed and a Democratic governor, Jerry Brown, signed a significant overhaul of state and local public employee pension systems.

It was a miracle because the reform was universally opposed by public employee unions, which were and still are the Capitol’s most potent political interests with long-standing ties to Democrats.

The overhaul, championed by Brown, made it into law because the state was then recovering from a very severe recession that had devastated government finances, and pension obligations, which had expanded sharply during the prior Gray Davis governorship, had become unsustainable burdens.

Mandatory pension payments into the California Public Employee Retirement System had been factors in the bankruptcies of two cities, and unfunded obligations for future benefits totaled many tens of billions of dollars.

The legislation capped benefits, increased retirement ages, blocked maneuvers that artificially increased some pensions, created a two-tier system that maintained benefits for current workers

but limited them for future hires, and required workers to pay for at least half of pension costs.

“This is the biggest rollback to public pension benefits in the history of California pensions,” Brown said as he signed the bill. “We’re lowering benefits to what they were before I was governor the first time and reducing costs by up to \$55 billion in Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) and billions more in other local pension systems. Under the new rules, employers and employees alike are going to contribute their fair share of the costs, resulting in a more sustainable system.”

Not surprisingly, some unions challenged aspects of the reform, particularly those outlawing pension-spiking maneuvers, but Brown fought back and won in the state Supreme Court. However the court refused to take a further step Brown sought, eliminating the “California rule” that prohibits reducing benefits for workers once they are enrolled in the system.

This bit of political history forms the background of new legislation that would, if passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom, begin to undo what the 2012 reform wrought.

Assemblymember Catherine Stefani, a San Francisco Democrat, is carrying the legislation, Assembly Bill 569 (AB 569), which would repeal one of the major provisions of the reform banning local governments from enacting “supplemental retirement benefits” for their workers.

Stefani and the Teamsters Union, the measure’s sponsor, contend that Brown’s reform leaves workers

without sufficient pension benefits to offset California’s notoriously high costs of living and makes it difficult for local governments to fill vacancies.

“It simply gives local governments and their employees another option at the bargaining table, one that might make the difference between losing or keeping a talented worker,” Stefani told the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee last week.

The bill whipped through the committee on a seven to zero vote, including the committee’s two Republicans, Tom Lackey and Juan Alanis, both of whom are former police officers.

While the bill’s advocates say that it would merely be permissive, giving local governments the option to increase benefits, its practical effect would be to gut one of the reform’s most important safeguards. It would restore the ability of local government unions to put political pressure on city councils, county boards of supervisors and other local officials to expand benefits for the workers who have been hired since the reform was enacted, long a sore point for unions.

It’s amazing that such a major change in pension law would begin moving through the process without, so far, any opposition or even comment from the local governments that it would affect.

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

Why Do Bees Make Honey?

– Gabby, 9, Kansas

Dear Gabby,

As a science cat, I don’t stir honey into my tea or drizzle it on my biscuits. I don’t have taste receptors for sweet things. Honey doesn’t have a taste to me.

But my human friends gobble up the honey made by the Washington State University bees. I asked my friend Rae Olsson why bees make that sticky stuff in the first place. Olsson is an insect scientist.

It turns out honey is the way honey bees store food for the winter.

“Just like we store food in our refrigerators and pantries, bees turn nectar from flowers into honey, so it doesn’t spoil,” Olsson said.

Worker bees collect all that nectar from flowers in the spring and summer. It’s a sugary liquid flowers make to entice bees and other pollinators to visit the flowers. While they slurp up the nectar from different flowers, they also pick up some of the flower pollen and spread it to other flowers. That’s how flowering plants make seeds.

Bees take some of the pollen home to make a protein-rich food called bee bread. But it’s the nectar that’s super important for grown up bees.

“It’s the main source of food for adult bees,” Olsson said. “However, nectar can spoil if it isn’t preserved correctly. It’s sort of like how fruit juice might get moldy if you leave it out too long.”

So, honey bees use a tongue-like organ called a proboscis to suck up nectar like a straw. They swallow it, but only a little bit goes to their actual stomach. Most of it goes to a special pouch called a honey stomach.

Inside the honey stomach, the nectar mixes with bee saliva. Proteins in the saliva start changing the nectar into honey.

While that’s happening, the bee flies back to the colony. Then it barfs the partially-processed nectar from its honey stomach into another bee’s mouth. Moving nectar or other food from one bee’s mouth to another bee’s mouth is called trophallaxis.

The nectar passes from bee to bee in the colony, mixing with more and more bee saliva. Eventually, when it’s almost honey, a bee spits the thick liquid into a beeswax cell. Then the

bees turn around and flap their wings super-fast. That evaporates all the extra water from the honey.

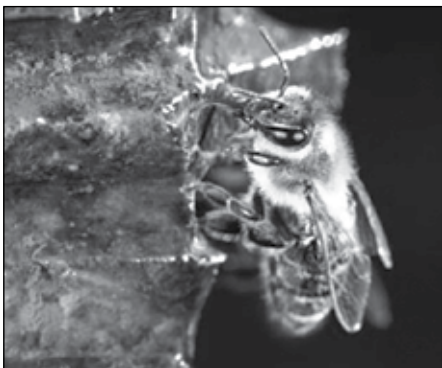
Once it’s perfect, the bees seal the cell with a little cap of wax. When it gets cold, and there aren’t flowers around to make nectar, bees can pop open a beeswax cell and slurp up the honey.

Bees make way more honey than they need. That’s why people can keep bees and harvest their extra honey. Because of how it’s made, honey is one of the only foods that pretty much never spoils. Scientists have even found honey that’s thousands of years old and still yummy.

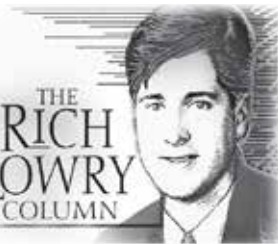
Even I can tell that’s a sweet find.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



You can see this bee’s proboscis. It’s actually covered in tiny hairs. The hairs help trap the nectar while the bee sucks it out of the flower. Courtesy photo



Trump Shifts His Own Vibe

The vibe around President Trump’s second term has shifted, and it’s all his doing.

The president entered office with a bit of a wind at his back. His polling was better than the first time around, protestors weren’t in the streets, and federal investigators weren’t after him. The GOP was more united than in 2016, and business leaders wanted to work with him, while the culture was generally heading in an anti-woke direction.

Now, though, his polling is in a marked decline. His job approval rating is sliding. Depending on what poll you believe, it’s down to 44% (Fox News), 40% (Pew Research) or 42% (Reuters). According to RealClearPolitics, his average approval rating was about 50% when he took office and is 46% now.

It’s not hard to discern the root of the discontent. In the Fox News poll, just 38% approve of Trump on the economy. On tariffs and inflation, the numbers are almost 2-1 against him; 33 approve and 59% disapprove on inflation, while it’s 33-58 on tariffs.

Pew Research found that 45% were confident in his ability to handle the economy, down from 59% after his election, and lower than in his first term in

2019 and 2020.

Via his snap imposition of sweeping tariffs, Trump in short order took a traditional strength that could see him through any controversy, or counterbalance any vulnerability, and at least vitiated it and perhaps made it a weakness.

It’s hard to think of another example of a president changing the momentum of his administration from positive to negative so quickly and decisively. Trump did it literally in a matter of days.

Usually, presidencies are rocked by events -- a hostage crisis, a war gone wrong, uncontrolled inflation. Here, nothing was done to Trump; he did it to himself. He was the event.

This wasn’t him getting denied, either by more cautious advisers or a recalcitrant Congress. He hasn’t been sabotaged by the Deep State. No, he got exactly what he wanted, with a couple of strokes of his pen.

The problem is that Trump didn’t run in 2024 on economic dislocation, business uncertainty, higher prices or pain for manufacturers. People didn’t want any of these things and, understandably, don’t like them.

It’s true that he promised tariffs, although all the potential downsides were ignored or minimized. No one could be certain whether he was truly talking of tariffs on the scale of those he imposed on Liberation Day -- shocking and unsustainable -- or those of his first term, which were much smaller and less disruptive.

Listening to him during

the campaign and his Inaugural Address, you’d have thought he promised a Golden Age starting on Day One. Instead, his message has shifted to the notion that the sunny uplands are off somewhere in the future, after we work through all the gut-wrenching turmoil. In other words, the Golden Age is coming, but, in the meantime, stock up on toilet paper.

Trump’s other numbers aren’t looking so great, either. The Fox News poll has him at 40% approve and 54% disapprove on foreign policy. Here, too, he’s been the master of his own fate. Canada, Mexico and Denmark didn’t pick fights with him; he created them out of nothing. The overpromising on a Ukraine peace deal -- and retaking the Panama Canal -- can’t be helping, either.

Defenders of Trump’s unorthodox way of doing business will often say that he’s a “disrupter,” meaning it as a compliment. But what he’s been disrupting lately is his own presidency. His splashy tariff announcements, rapid reversals and sense of mystery where he’s headed next all have real-world consequences on businesses, consumers and allied nations, and none of it is redounding to his political benefit.

The good news is that having created this situation of his own volition, he can undo most of it if he reverses field on the tariffs. In the meantime, the vibe has definitely changed.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Do It Right



By Kathy Craig Harteis

I've never been arrested. The only ticket I ever got was a fixit ticket on my 1962 Volkswagen bug.

Had I committed a crime and been arrested the last thing I'd expect is a crowd of protesters demanding my release. Really?

Do the crime - do the time.

I'm not sure when we decided we could all just run amok without consequences.

It is what it is.

It is sometimes a struggle to understand how we got where we are now.

Yesterday I heard myself utter a question followed by an apology adding that I am old school. Again; it is what it is.

So I'm in week 19 post ankle surgery. I can walk now, but my foot is still basically asleep. Depending where I'm walking I sometimes use a cane for balance. It disturbs me when I think people look at me as a little old woman who needs a cane to stay upright. More times than not I find myself explaining I broke my ankle. I can't be letting folks think I'm old. Admittedly I am old, but broken seems better somehow. The pain continues.

Yesterday I tried dry needling in an attempt to wake up the nerves. After 24 hours I should see improvement. At this point I'll try every option. Who knew this would be the case?

I've accumulated every device, cream, pill or lotion

designed to improve the pain and discomfort. Good advice all, but not yet a solution.

Prayer and action. I'll keep praying and I'll keep trying.

I've got things to do and places to go. Let's get this done.

Grandson Vaughn will be confirmed at First Lutheran this Sunday. Watching these kids grow in stature, character and most of all in faith is a pleasure. Just as it is with all of my grandchildren I'm very proud of Vaughn. I expect good things to come from him.

The grandkids all make life good today.

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

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Annuity or Anomaly

I published a newsletter last week detailing how it may be possible to garner double digit returns and/or a steady income stream for life even if you end up collecting more than you put in. With the markets continuing to erode, people are getting worried and rightly so.

With concerns about keeping up with inflation, running out of money or losing a good portion of your retirement funds in a market crash, the search is on for viable and realistic alternatives.

There are strategies an investor can consider instead of just buying stocks and hoping they go up.

Annuities are popular with some. While some analysts and advisors bad mouth anything that even resembles an annuity, the truth is most of us may already be participating in an annuity unknowingly.

From the Oxford dictionary, an annuity is described as: *"a fixed sum of money paid to someone each year, typically for the rest of their life and/or a form of insurance or investment entitling the investor to a series of annual sums."*

Basically you give an entity money and they pay you back in payments over a specific period of time. I consider pension plans to be an annuity like mechanism as well as social security. Whole life insurance policies may also resemble annuities.

In all of these programs, an investor has paid money to some entity and that entity has promised to pay something back to you later.

In the case of social security, that entity is the U.S. Social Security program. In pension plans, like CalPERS, CalSTRS or a corporate pension plans, the entity may be a company or entity you worked for or are associated with.

I find it a bit humorous that annuities are looked down upon when even those that steer investors away from them may participate in an annuity like retirement plan themselves.

Truth be told, annuities can be complicated and in my opinion, have to be looked at very carefully before investing in one. I look at literally hundreds of types of annuities and most of them are, in my opinion, have too many unknowns. The contracts are lengthy

and, even to me, be confusing and unclear.

That said, there are a few I find that are simple and easy to explain and can be fully understood by the client.

Many can offer upside market participation yet will avoid any reduction in principal if the market crashes. Some offer lifetime income that can pay out more than you put in and others may offer a return higher than the market in certain circumstances.

When I first meet with investors, some tell me "I want to make money but don't want to lose any".

Although this statement may sound silly, when I hear it, I immediately think of a particular annuity that may do exactly that. Enable the investor to participate in up markets but avoid the downside.

Many Americans may already unknowingly understand how an annuity operates if they think of any social security, pension or retirement plan that they may already participate in. Although annuities are none of the above, conceptualizing how the above programs pay out may help an investor better understand the annuity concept.

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Grape Growers Scrap More Vineyards Amid Wine Market Slump

California winegrape growers continue to tear out vineyards in an effort to balance the state's grape supply with a historic drop in demand for wine. "In the Lodi area, there's been a large number of vineyards removed—more than I've ever seen in one year," said grower Joe Valente, adding that the downturn in the market has caused some growers to stop performing the necessary vineyard maintenance to produce a crop. "There's still a lot of vineyards that are unpruned, so the assumption is that they will probably get removed or not be farmed at all." The decline in wine sales during the past few years has been attributed to shifting consumer attitudes around the health benefits or risks of consuming low levels of alcohol, among other factors. "Hopefully, it's a cycle that's short-lived," Valente said.

Tariffs Prompt Farmers to Shore Up Trade Relationships

The imposition of tariffs by the United States on its closest trading partners—and retaliatory tariffs that have targeted some agricultural exports from the U.S.—have prompted California farmers to do what they can to preserve their relationships with foreign buyers. "Our sales team is planning to go to Canada next month to meet with some of our buyers," said Ryan Elliot, operational manager at Stillwater Orchards in Sacramento County, which sells about 10% of its fresh-market pears to Canada. "It might not seem huge, but it's been a favorable market for us for years." Elliot added that should tariffs halt

some of the canned fruit the U.S. imports from Europe and China, that could benefit his family's farm, "and we can focus more on our domestic canned fruit products."

Flower Farm Brings Hope and Beauty to Community Ravaged by Fire

In 2021, the Dixie Fire burned 963,309 acres in five counties and destroyed about half the homes in the Indian Valley area of Plumas County. Kjesie and Andre Essue and their three young children of Taylorsville had to evacuate for 40 days, though they were among those fortunate to find their homes still standing when they returned. Wanting to do something for the suffering community, Kjesie launched Barn Swallow Gardens, a flower farm that grows about 130 varieties. "I love to grow a lot of different shapes, textures and colors. It might not be what's recommended from a business perspective, but it brings me a lot of joy," she says.

Experts Cut Through Confusion About Ultraprocessed Foods

With debate about ultraprocessed foods frequently making headlines, the University of California, Davis, Department of Food Science and Technology highlighted work its researchers have published to bring clarity to the subject. For researchers, part of the challenge is the speed at which processed foods and ingredients are now created. "We're creating ingredients so rapidly, we don't have time to study them," said Alyson Mitchell, a professor and food chemist at UC Davis. "The food technology has moved faster than the health studies have." ★



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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.
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County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Nicholas VanAtta
1951 Pebble Beach Dr.
Yuba City, CA 95993
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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File No. 2025F-122

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Two G's Fix & Flowers
9661 Highway 70
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County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Michael Alfred Graning
9661 Highway 70
Marysville, CA 95901
Dana Johanna Graning
9661 Highway 70
Marysville, CA 95901
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File No. 2025F-112

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Plumas Lake, CA 95961
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Registered Owners:
Abigail Allen Cesena
2097 Coffee Creek Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
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File No. 2025F-123

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MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
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Registered Owners:
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6285 STONEHEDGE DRIVE
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Kaylah Jean-Marie Stanaland, PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00704
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
6/9/2025
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Kaylah Jean-Marie Stanaland, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Kaylah Jean-Marie Stanaland
to: Kierny Jean-Vonsage Greylock

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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DATE: 5/1/2025

Stephen W. Berrier
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May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY or LEGAL NOTICE

Electronically submitted portable document file (PDF) bid documentation packages will be accepted at wheatlandcemetarydistrictbids@yahoo.com by the Wheatland Cemetery District until **6 p.m. on May 23, 2025**, to provide all labor, tools, equipment, apparatus, materials, supplies and transportation necessary to perform maintenance tasks at the Wheatland & Lofton Cemeteries for a period of 3 years in accordance with prevailing wage for Yuba County, the scope of work, bid forms, contract documentation herein and such addenda thereto as may be issued prior to the bid deadline for stipulated sums which shall include all applicable sales tax and other expenses. Bids will be opened publicly at the Wheatland Cemetery, 4865 Wheatland Road, Wheatland, California 95692 (located at the corner of Wheatland Road & Wheatland Park Drive). ***It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid conforms to these instructions and is received at the proper time and place.*** Submittal of a bid indicates that Bidder understands, acknowledges and accepts the performance expectations and contracting conditions contained within the contracting documentation. Bid submission time will as of the electronic time stamp associated with when the email submission was received. Submissions with attached PDF documents exceeding 10 Megabytes (10MB) in size risk being rejected and can be deemed unresponsive. The District will provide an individual electronic email response confirming receipt of each submission received. If a confirmation is not received within 30 minutes of submission, please contact Wheatland Cemetery District at wheatlandcemetary@yahoo.com to confirm that your bid was received: Confirmation receipt is not a representation by the Wheatland Cemetery District that the submitted bid is responsive and complete. Bidders shall ensure that the electronic submission contains the attachment, the documentation is fully responsive and lack any deficiency and is directed to the appropriate email address wheatlandcemetarydistrictbids@yahoo.com without error. Failure to do so risks the bid being deemed unresponsive. It is recommended that bidders submit at least one hour in advance of the bid submission deadline to allow for confirmation of bid submission. The District reserves the right to waive immaterial defects.

MANDATORY JOB WALK: A Mandatory Job Walk will be held at 10 a.m. on **May 16, 2025, at the Wheatland Cemetery, 4865 Wheatland Road, Wheatland, California 95692. Bidders will tour the Wheatland Cemetery and then travel to the Lofton Cemetery to tour it. PLEASE NOTE: NO BID WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM ANY BIDDER THAT DOES NOT ATTEND THE ENTIRE JOB WALK.**

IN ORDER FOR YOUR BID TO BE CONSIDERED, BIDDER MUST PREPARE AND SUBMIT BID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS FOR CONTRACT 2025-01 – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES – WHEATLAND CEMETERY DISTRICT; bidder must be in good standing with the Wheatland Cemetery District and must provide a copy of your current Business License as well as at least 3 favorable, verifiable references for work performed of a similar type and nature (references will be queried and job sites may be visited to determine comparability). It is the responsibility of the Bidder to review the solicitation in its entirety to ensure that there is a complete understanding of the performance expectations and contracting conditions. Submittal of a Bid indicates that Bidder understands, acknowledges and accepts the performance expectations and contracting conditions contained within the contracting documentation.

The term of this contract, if awarded, shall be June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2028.

Questions? Please contact Wheatland Cemetery District at wheatlandcemetary@yahoo.com. (TD) May 9, 16, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2025F-099

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
3 CAT CRAFTS,
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
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on MAR 24 2025, indicated by file stamp.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
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County Clerk
By BRIDGETT EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/25
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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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.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Steve Dudek
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on April 23 2025, indicated by file stamp.
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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By SARAH MULL,
Deputy Clerk
5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 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):

Monday, May 12: Monday story times at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth St., Marysville, 10 a.m. to 11a.m., registration is required. Experience the fun with stories, music, crafts and more, for children ages 0-5.

Tuesday, May 13: First 5 story time, 10 to 11 a.m., registration is required.

Wednesday, May 14: First 5 story time, 10 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 to 5 p.m. Children aged six 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 to 7 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 9 Yuba Sutter Marketplace Kids Club

4 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 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 Future Farmers of America (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 yubasutterarts.org/.

Saturday, May 10 HeARTbeat Art Event

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kalakara Art Studios, 565 Reeves Ave., Yuba City. This free event is a fundraiser for the renovation of the Main Stage at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts. Enjoy kids’ activities, live music, food trucks, succulent give-away and art vendors with affordable art. More information at yubasutterarts.org/heartbeat-free-festival/.

Thursday, May 15 and Friday, May 16 Movie Mania – Youth Choir Concert

7 to 8 p.m. at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas St., Yuba City. Music educator Gay Galvin has led the choir through this 10-week season, and they are now ready to perform. Listen to all things spring as you relax and enjoy these beautiful voices. Tickets available at yubasutterarts.org/

movie-mania-youth-choir-concert/.

Friday, May 16 Faith Christian School Time Capsule Unveiling (2000-2025)

5:30 to 7 p.m., 3105 Colusa Highway, Yuba City. Join us for a special time as we unlock the past and celebrate the legacy of our school. Enjoy live music, food trucks, and a time of fellowship. Don’t miss out on this special occasion!

Saturday, May 17 Morning in the Garden

10 to 11 a.m. at the Artisan Community Garden, 1333 Butte House Road., Yuba City. Join us for outdoor exploration through sensory, science, art and nutrition activities. For families and friends of children with special needs, ages zero 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.

Saturday, May 17 73rd Annual Jim Watson Youth Fishing Derby at Ellis Lake

1205 D St., Marysville. 6:30 a.m. to noon. Join the Kiwanis Club for a free pancake breakfast for participants, plus games

and activities. This event brought to you by First 5 Yuba County Children and Families Commission.

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. first and third Tuesday each month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20.

Rotary Club of Yuba City meets Wednesdays at noon at the Harvest Room, 1475 Sharp Road., Yuba City.

Sutter County Board of Supervisors meeting, 3 p.m., second and fourth 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., first and third 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 20.

Yuba County Board of Supervisors meeting, 9 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the board chambers, 915 8th St., Marysville. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13. ★

Community Needs Assessment Meeting May 13

Sutter and Yuba County Community Action Agencies News Release

YUBA-SUTTER COUNTY, CA
(MPG) - Yuba and Sutter

County Community Action Agencies will host a public planning session on Tuesday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at Hope Haven, 103 D St. in Marysville to help

determine the needs of the low-income and how to end poverty in Yuba-Sutter. Participation of Yuba and Sutter counties general public, low-income residents as well as

local agencies that assist the low-income population is encouraged. Register by sending an email at ysedc@ysedc.org or by calling 530-751-8555.

The Community Action Agencies are responsible for determining local needs and setting priorities for the counties Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funds.

The goal of Community Service Block Grant funding is to remove obstacles and enable low-income residents of Sutter and Yuba County to achieve self-sufficiency. ★

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LaMalfa Praises Repeal of California Emissions Mandates

Office of Congressman
Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The week of May 1, the House passed three Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions to overturn the Biden Administration’s approval of California’s vehicle emissions mandates, including the Advanced Clean Cars II regulation, the Advance Clean Trucks regulation, and the Omnibus Low-NOx Emissions rule. Previously approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), these rules allow California to impose aggressive regulations on cars and trucks that drive up costs and restrict consumer choice in California and nationwide.

The three Congressional Review Act’s, co-led by Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale), and introduced by Representatives John Joyce (R-PA), John James (R-MI) and Jay Obernolte (R-CA) repeal these unrealistic mandates, preventing California from being able to force these costly policies onto the rest of the country.

“Today’s vote is a big win for drivers, businesses, and consumers across the country. California’s extreme emissions mandates would have made cars and trucks more expensive and less available for everyone, not just in our state but nationwide,” said Congressman LaMalfa. “Consumers would see massive increases in costs if they chose a non-electric vehicle, and availability of some models has already been severely restricted in California. By passing these resolutions, the House made it clear that we won’t let one state’s radical agenda dictate what Americans can drive. People deserve the freedom to choose the vehicles that work best for them, not to be forced into unaffordable electric vehicles that may not work for them. I was pleased to see the House stand up for common-sense to protect hardworking families from even higher costs. By passing this Congressional Review Act, California will not be allowed to make this type of rule without a complete change in federal law.”

Under the Clean Air Act, states are generally prohibited from setting their own tailpipe emission standards for cars

and trucks. However, California has a unique exemption under Section 209, which allows the state to establish its own emissions regulations if it submits a waiver to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and receives approval. Once granted, these California standards can also be adopted by other states under Section 177 of the Clean Air Act. Currently, about a dozen states follow California’s emissions policies, effectively turning the state’s regulations into a nationwide mandate.

The Biden administration approved several controversial waivers requested by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), allowing the state to impose extreme emissions rules that impact car and truck costs and availability across the country. These include:

Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC2); Approved in Dec. 2024, this regulation mandates that 35% of new car sales be zero-emission by 2026, increasing to 100% by 2035. At least 12 states have already adopted ACC2. Failure to meet this goal means a maximum penalty of \$25,000 per non-compliant vehicle sold to consumers.

Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT); Approved in March 2023, this regulation forces truck manufacturers and retailers to meet strict zero-emission quotas by 2035, including 55% of Class 2B-3 truck sales, 75% of class four to eight straight truck sales, and 40% of truck tractor sales. At least 11 states have adopted Advanced Clean Trucks.

Omnibus Low-NOx Emissions Rule; Approved in December 2024, this regulation imposes aggressive emissions reductions on medium- and heavy-duty truck and other engines, requiring Nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions to be cut by 75% below current standards for Model Year 2024 to 2026 compared to 2010 levels and particulate matter emissions to be cut by 50%.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong farmer representing California’s First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties.

Yuba City Man Arrested for Burglary

Sutter County Sheriff's
Office News Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On April 29, around 1:30pm, Sutter County Deputies responded to a call for service of a burglary that had occurred earlier in the day around Bogue Road.

A report was taken, and the investigation was turned over to the Sutter County Detectives Unit. Sutter County Detectives

identified the suspect via home video surveillance as 46-year-old Tony Wright of Yuba City.

Wright was located in Yuba City and taken into custody without incident. A search warrant was executed at Wright’s residence, which revealed ammunition. 52-year-old Samantha Wright of Yuba City was located at the residence, taken into custody and booked into the Sutter County Jail

for being a prohibited person in possession of ammunition.

Wright was booked into the Sutter County Jail for burglary, felony crime of theft with two priors, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with two or more priors and for committing a felony while released on bail. Some of the stolen property was recovered and returned to the victim.

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.”

LaMalfa Announces New High-Tech Mission at Beale AFB

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autonomous and fully integrated aircraft that will have broad multi-use capability from intelligence gathering to weapons

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The Air Force is currently conducting ground tests of the aircraft, with flight testing expected later this year.



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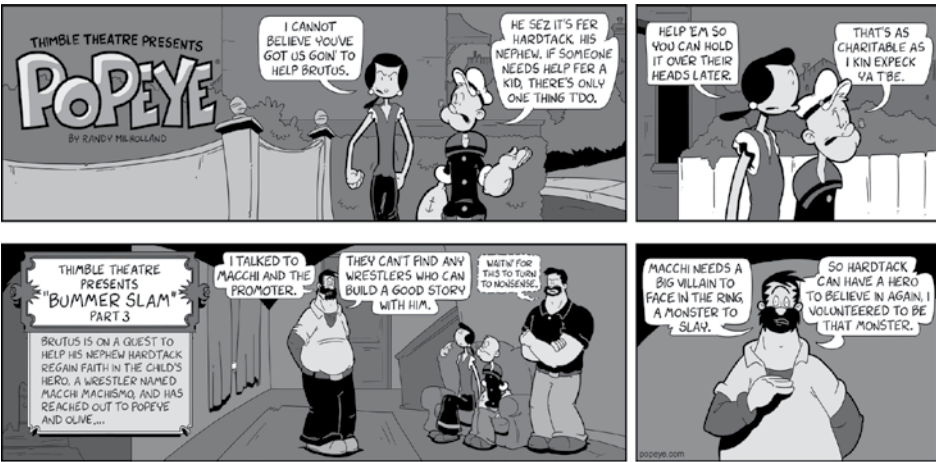


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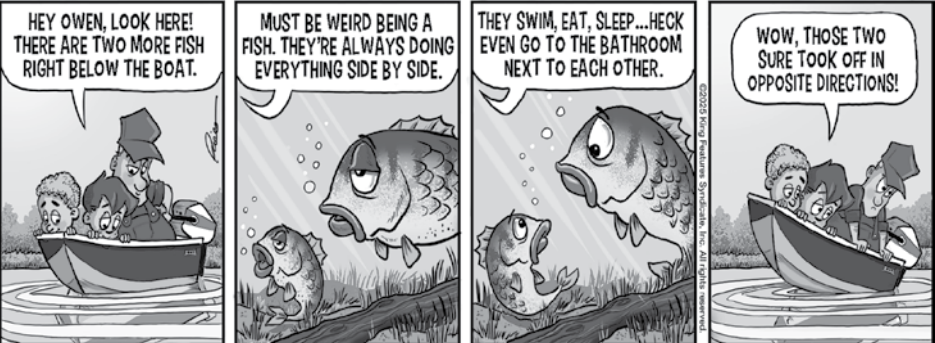
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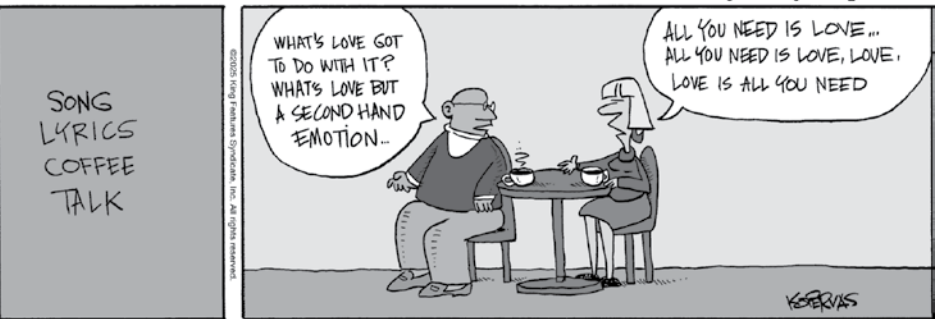
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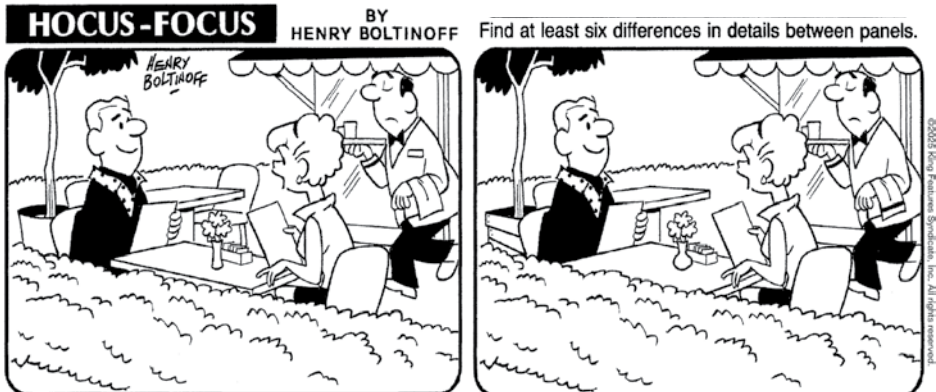
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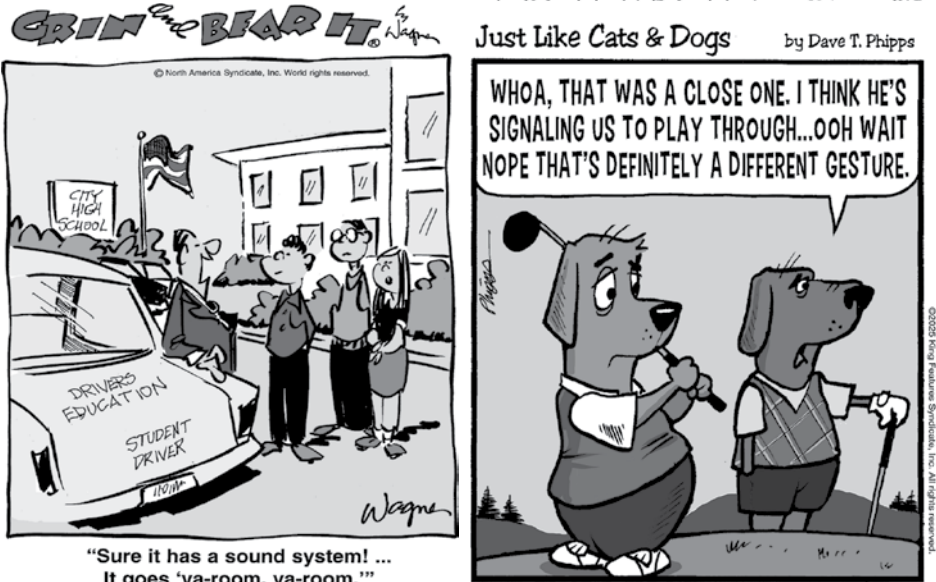
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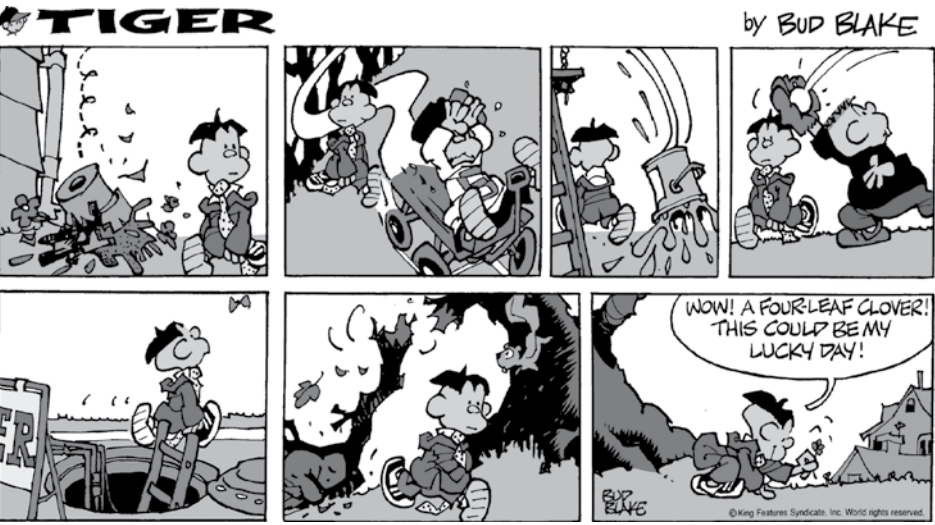
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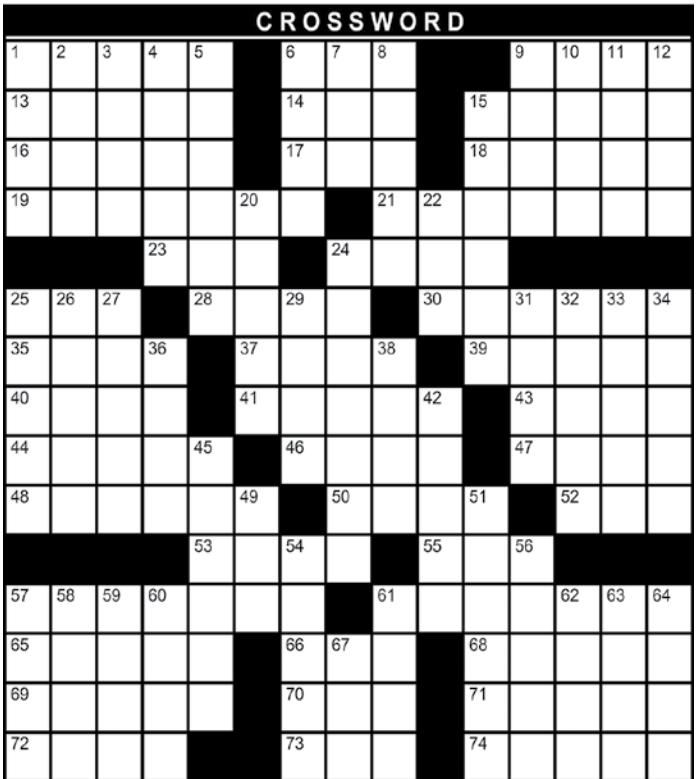
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 - Peter Fonda in 1969 role
 - In the past
 - DEA agent
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 - Digital tome
 - Carlo
 - "A Doll's House" playwright
 - Away from port
 - "The Lion King" composer
 - Ax mark
 - Sleeping sickness vector
 - Kind of trip
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 - Lack of muscle tension
 - Terry Crews on "America's Got Talent"
 - The Hippocratic one
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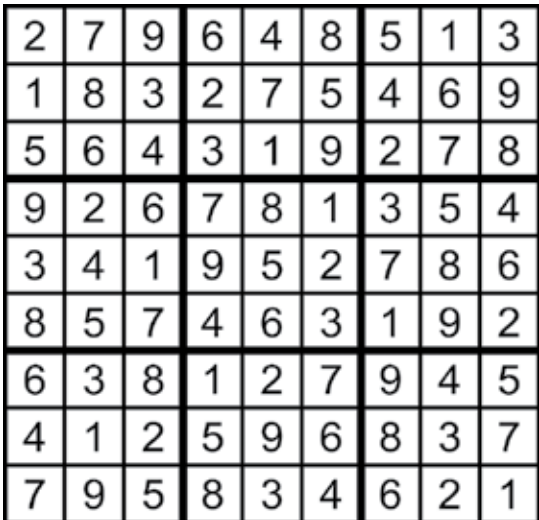
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“The State within a State” Lost the Vietnam War 50 Years Ago



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Saigon fell 50 years ago this week on April 30, 1975, when U.S. Army Huey helicopters lifted off the roof of the American embassy the last remnants of our presence in South Vietnam ending a 14-year humiliating defeat. North Vietnam, a 3rd world nation, had defeated the greatest power on earth and rubbed this humiliation in America’s face by renaming Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City after the brutal communist victor. This, in a war that respected Senator Strom Thurmond, Armed Services Committee member, insisted, “We could have been in and out of Vietnam in 4-6 months” (Cong. Record, June 6, 1975, p. S 9905). Thirty million people were lost to communism. Why? Millions of Vietnamese and 58,281 Americans had died in the futile war to save them from the communist invasion and captivity. More millions died after

we left. Subsequent investigations document our having left behind up to 1,205 prisoners of war. We soothed our conscience with movies like Rambo depicting what we should have done but did not. Those who could not flee the following retribution were sent to reeducations camps for indoctrination. “As many as two million people fled Vietnam on boats. Anywhere from 200,000 to 400,000 died” as they set sail on leaky boats for any country that would pluck them out of the water (“Vietnam 50 Years Later, Americans Are Still Paying for Vietnam War,” New American, April 28, 2025, pp. 6-11). They were called the boat people. It was not our soldier’s fault. The JFK files, recently released, revealed the CIA as a ‘State within a state’ and most responsible for the Kennedy assassination (John F. Kennedy, Assassination Files Reveals ‘A State Within a State’ (LibertyUnderFire.org March 26, 2025). President Kennedy learned quickly that there existed another force to reconcile with besides just the legislative and judicial branches—a real shadow government known today as the Deep State, but then as the CIA and/or the Eastern Establishment. Kennedy opposed the CIA’s Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba and wanted America’s withdrawal from the Vietnam War. He had argued “If the American people do not want to use American troops to remove a Communist regime 90 miles away from our coast, how can

I ask them to use troops to remove a Communist regime 9,000 miles away?” In 1963 Kennedy signed the National Security Action Memorandum 263 to begin the phaseout in Vietnam which implemented plans to withdraw 1,000 US military personnel by the end of 1963. Other withdrawals would come after the 1964 election and follow. Forty-two days after Kennedy signed this document initiating a withdrawal, he was assassinated” (“Why the Deep State Assassination of John F. Kennedy?” Dec. 6, 2023, LibertyUnderFire.org . He had also promised, “I will splinter the CIA into a thousand pieces and scatter it into the wind,” but they got to him before he got to them. If the CIA controlled foreign policy before the assassination, they controlled it after as well under Lyndon Baines Johnson and throughout the Vietnam War. A lot of money and power is gained during war, the longer the more—especially by the military industrial complex—as President Eisenhower forewarned. Instead of withdrawal, recruitment was amplified from Kennedy’s 16,000 to Johnson’s 184,000 troops. It is ludicrous that a government would create restrictions on its military that would virtually leave them fighting with one hand tied behind their back. And yet that is exactly what our CIA shadow government did. According to U.S. News and World Report, June 30, 1975, citing the then just

released formally top secret, “Rules of Engagement for the Vietnam War” our men had to fight under horrendous conditions not imposed from the enemy but from our own State Department (Cong. Record June 6, 1975, pp. S9897-S9904. View in full “Vietnam’s Rules of Engagement,” Freeman Report, Sept. 15, 1975). What follows are some of those rules. On-ground assaults in urban areas “known to shelter enemy forces generally had to be preceded by loud-speaker warnings and leaflet drops.” Our troops could return fire “only when the enemy was positively identified and in close contact. Sniper and mortar fire were not counted as ‘contact’ unless ‘such fire interferes with the scheme of maneuver or is inflicting casualties or damage to equipment.’” Only flat-trajectory weapons (rifles, machine guns, grenades and recoilless rifles) could be used in civilian-populated areas, which largely exposed our men, and “then only if there was a specific, identifiable target.” Obviously on the ground, U. S superiority in firepower was deliberately not exploited. Nor was it in the air. Pilots were not allowed to fire where they thought the enemy was hidden—even when fired upon—until they were “sure the strike would be positively oriented against the source.” And in many areas there was the nightmare of getting approval at higher levels even if you spotted the enemy or you were taking ground fire. The chain of command often went through the

“province chief, district chief, sector commander and a battalion or higher command” which by the time this was completed, the enemy had disappeared. Enemy airfields were off limits if a “plane with a third nation’s markings was present.” Dams, locks, dikes and targets within 11 1/2 miles of the enemy’s major cities were “banned without prior approval of the Joint Chiefs of Staff” (Ibid.). Good luck on that one. Perhaps the most detrimental rule imposed on our men dealt with where the blame would lie for mistakes. “The final decision on engagement will be at the discretion of the senior tactical commander present.” Present meant in the field and made commanders there very cautious because it “removed responsibility from the top leadership if anything went wrong...” These rules actually aided the enemy, and it is because of them that this 14-year-long-war lasted so long—from our first sending ‘advisors’ under President John F. Kennedy to the evacuation of Saigon ending the war under President Gerald Ford. Dr. Harold Pease is an expert on the United States Constitution and a syndicated columnist. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He taught history and political science from this perspective for over 30 years. Newspapers have permission to publish this column. Read his weekly columns, at www.LibertyUnderFire.org. Column #818 ★

California Has the 3rd Worst Roads in the U.S.

A new study on behalf of Construction Coverage has identified the U.S. states with the best and worst roads

Construction Coverage News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Roadways are a vital component of infrastructure in the United States. The vast majority of goods are transported by truck, highlighting the economy’s need for reliable roadways to connect supply chains and move goods and services efficiently across borders. Most commuters use roads daily to get to work, and individuals also rely on roadways for crucial access to resources including employment, social, health, and education services. However, many highways, major roads, and bridges need repair. Hazardous road conditions can negatively impact the economy, contribute to traffic congestion, and impact the safety of Americans. The passing of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Package) highlights the importance of reliable roads in the U.S., and the commitment to improving America’s infrastructure. The 2021 bill signed by President Joe Biden dedicated \$110 billion in funding to repair and update roads and bridges, in addition to supporting major transformational roadway projects across the U.S. **Highway and Street Construction Spending Over Time** Investment in America's roadways skyrocketed in recent years. The passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act came at a critical time. After adjusting for inflation, highway and street construction spending had largely

stagnated for much of the previous decade. From 2010 to 2020, real spending hovered around \$120 billion annually with little sustained growth, despite persistent infrastructure needs across the country. The new federal investment helped reverse that trend. In constant 2025 dollars, monthly spending surged from about \$120 billion in mid-2022 to nearly \$150 billion in early 2025, providing renewed capacity to address long-standing maintenance backlogs and advance long-term transportation projects. **Trends in America's Road Conditions** The share of roads in good condition has increased steadily. Despite increased investment, many U.S. roads remain in poor shape. From 2000 to 2023, the share of major roadways in poor condition rose slightly—from 11.8% to 13.0%. At the same time, there has been clear progress: the share of roads in good condition increased by nearly 10 percentage points, reaching 55.2% in 2023, with noticeable improvements in the years following the 2021 infrastructure law. The most significant shift occurred in the middle category. Roads classified as being in fair condition declined from 42.6% in 2000 to 31.8% in 2023. This suggests that many roads have either improved or worsened enough to move into a different category—reflecting a gradual but measurable change in overall road quality. **Percentage of Roads in Poor Condition by State** The Northeast and California have the

most roads in poor condition. While public investment in roads is growing, many states continue to face significant maintenance challenges—particularly in the Northeast and along the West Coast. Rhode Island leads the nation, with 37.2% of its major roadways rated in poor condition—a slight improvement from years past. Other Northeastern states, including Massachusetts (27.0%), New York (23.7%), Maryland (21.2%) and Connecticut (20.4%) also rank among the worst. These states feature dense urban centers and high public transit use, yet still rely heavily on aging and heavily trafficked roadways. Outside the Northeast, California reports 26.6% of its roads are in poor condition, reflecting wear from its large, car-dependent population. Hawaii follows closely at 26.5%, despite its small population and geographic footprint. In contrast, many Midwestern and Southern states report far lower shares of deteriorating roads. Kansas (2.9%), Wyoming (2.9%), and Indiana (2.7%) are among the best-performing states, highlighting a stark regional divide in infrastructure quality. Lower traffic volumes and a higher share of rural roads make maintaining highway infrastructure easier in many of these states. For California, the share of major roadways in poor condition is 26.6%, share of major roadways in fair condition is 35.5%, share of major roadways in good condition is 37.9% and daily vehicle-miles traveled

per capita is 22.3%. For the entire United States, the share of major roadways in poor condition is 13%; share of major roadways in fair condition is 31.8%, share of major roadways in good condition is 55.2% and daily vehicle-miles traveled per capita is 26.6%. **Methodology** The data used in this analysis is from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration’s 2023 Highway Statistics Series. To determine the states with the worst roads, researchers at Construction Coverage calculated the percentage of major roadways in poor condition using the latest data available. In the event of a tie, the state with the lower share of major roadways in good condition was ranked higher. Major roadways are defined to include interstates, other freeways and expressways, other principal arterials and minor arterials. The International Roughness Index (IRI) was used to classify poor, fair and good conditions of roadways by the following criteria. Poor conditions have an International Roughness Index greater than 170 inches/mile. Fair conditions have an International Roughness Index between 95 and 170 inches/mile. Good conditions have an International Roughness Index less than 95 inches/mile. Construction Coverage is a leading online publisher of construction industry research reports. Its work has been featured on CBS, Fox, USA Today, Bloomberg, Nasdaq and more. ★

Kiley Asks RFK Jr. to Investigate California Privacy Violations



Kevin Kiley
U.S. Rep. Kevin Kiley
News Release

WASHINGTON (MPG) - Rep. Kevin Kiley (CA-3) has

called on Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to investigate reports that the personal information of tens of thousands of Californians was compromised. A forensic investigation into Covered California, a California state government entity that operates the state’s Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchange, was found to have tracked users’ personal health information

and transmitted it to LinkedIn as part of a “marketing campaign.” The tracked information included pregnancy, prescription drug use, gender identity and being a victim of domestic violence. “This is incredibly disturbing,” Rep. Kiley said. “It appears that the privacy rights of Californians were recklessly violated.” Rep. Kiley is asking the Department of Health and Human Services

to investigate the matter to find out several questions. Those questions include whether Covered California violated HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) or any other laws, who authorized the use of these trackers, and what controls exist to protect data privacy in California’s ACA (Affordable Care Act) exchange. Rep. Kiley is also

asking how Covered California evaded these controls, how many people have been impacted and whether they all were notified, and how much/what type if any restitution has been offered. The other questions Kiley is asking the Department of Health and Human Services are why Covered California used the trackers contrary to LinkedIn’s explicit guidance and how something like this can be prevented in the future. ★



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