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## Yuba County Development Tour Offers Promising Look



Participants pose for a group photo at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, the first and largest stop on the Yuba County Development Tour on May 29. The Wheatland destination showcased plans for future entertainment and infrastructure expansions.

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The second Yuba County Development Tour rolled out of The Brick Coffee House in downtown Marysville on May 29, treating a limousine bus full of developers, property owners and key stakeholders to a curated showcase of the region's biggest opportunities for growth.

One of the most buzzworthy announcements came late in the day: the historic State Theatre in downtown Marysville is now "under contract," with potential plans to reimagine it as a multipurpose venue featuring an indoor pickleball court and bar, while still preserving the theater's architectural charm. Economic

Development Manager Dan Flores, who helped organize the tour, noted that although a probate-related trial with the current owners is set for June 16, there's optimism that an agreement can be reached to move the project forward.

The tour was led by Flores, along with Ashley Potocnik, Business Engagement manager for Yuba County, and Rachel Downs of the "Yes to Yuba" initiative. Together, the trio curated a route that offered both a practical and visionary look at the region's economic assets and future developments.

"It's a way of putting our best foot forward," said Downs. "Dan and I put our heads together and got a good response on the first tour, so we decided to try another."

This year's focus was on southern Yuba County, including Olivehurst and Plumas Lake, one of California's fastest-growing communities. The group explored expansion plans around the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, including a proposed waterpark resort, a "Rodeo Zone," new fairgrounds and a destination-style retail corridor modeled after Anaheim's Downtown Disney or Universal City Walk.

The tour also stopped at the industrial zone surrounding Yuba County Airport, which has become a thriving manufacturing hub. Companies such as Tilt Industrial Services, Builtware Fabrications and American Wood Fibers have already set up operations

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## Marysville Seeks Legal Reclamation of Historic Packard Library

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The City of Marysville has filed a legal complaint in Yuba County Superior Court to retake possession of the historic Packard Library building, located at 301 4th St. in Marysville.

Funds from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) enabled the city to purchase the Packard in the late 1990s. In 2000, the city transferred ownership to the Sutter-Yuba Friday Night Live Partnership (also referred to as Friday Night Live or FNL) for just \$1.

The recorded grant deed states that "it is the intent of the City and FNL that the property should remain available for public use as long as practical." Further stipulations, outlined in compliance with the city's Community Development Block Grant agreement, required that Sutter-Yuba Friday Night Live "must continue to use the property to provide services to the children of low-income families" for at least five years following that agreement's expiration.

According to the grant deed, if the Sutter-Yuba Friday Night Live Partnership were to dissolve as a legal entity, stop providing youth services to low-income families within that time



The historic Packard Library building at 301 4th St. in Marysville has stood for more than a century. Now largely vacant, the site is at the center of a legal effort by the city to reclaim ownership.

frame or discontinue offering community programs approved by the City Council, then the nonprofit would be required to sell the property for \$1 to another qualifying organization. That new organization would need to continue serving a similar public or youth-oriented purpose, and any such transfer would require prior approval from the Marysville City Council.

The city's lawsuit, filed on Jan. 21, invokes a "power of termination" clause included in the grant deed. That clause allows the city to reclaim the property if its original use, providing community or youth services, is discontinued. A case management

conference originally scheduled for May 27 was marked "Not at Issue" and the matter was continued. A new case management conference is now set at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 25 before Judge Stephen W. Berrier.

### History of the Packard

Located at Fourth and C streets, the Packard Library served as Marysville's public library from its construction in 1906 until 1977. It was a civic gift from John Q. Packard, who donated the land and also funded its construction, reportedly at a cost of \$75,000. The architect, William Curlett, was also known for designing

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## Can Your Mullet Make the Sutter Cut?

Sutter Buttes Day Returns with First-Ever Hair-Off

By Shamaya Sutton

**SUTTER, CA (MPG)** - The business might be up front but the party's definitely in the back at this year's 47th annual Sutter Buttes Day, returning to 7740 Butte House Road on Saturday, June 7, for a full day of fun, food and fantastic hair.

In addition to long-time favorites such as the morning parade at 10 a.m., vendor fair and cardboard boat races, this year's celebration introduces something bold and new: the community's first Mullet Competition. Locals of all ages are invited to show off their flow in the battle for the best "Sutter Cut." The winner will receive 10 one-day swim passes, 50 raffle tickets, a one-of-a-kind T-shirt from @rainbelau.co, and, most importantly, life-long bragging rights.

Festivities continue throughout the day, with the car show rolling in from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring vintage rides, muscle cars and crowd-voted favorites. The ever-popular Cardboard Boat Races launch immediately following the parade, giving teams a chance to paddle their homemade vessels across the community pool using only cardboard, duct tape and recycled jugs.

Attendees can cool off with a free public swim from noon to 4 p.m. or cheer on contestants in the cannonball contest at 12:30 p.m. A barbecue lunch with all the fixings fires up at 11:30 a.m., while the dunk tank promises splashes and laughs for a good cause. Car show awards will be announced at 2 p.m.

Organized by the Sutter Youth Organization, Sutter Buttes Day honors more than four decades of tradition while raising funds to support local youth programs. The event also marks the seasonal opening of the Morehead Family Community Pool, with something for everyone, whether you're strutting your stuff, showing off your car or just soaking in the summer vibes.

For contest registration, volunteer opportunities or more event details, visit online [www.sutteryouth.org](http://www.sutteryouth.org).

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# Meet Your Juke Box Heroes

## Foreigner Returns with a Hit-Packed Night of Unforgettable Anthems

By Ormella Rossi

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - When Foreigner rolls into Wheatland on June 21 as part of their farewell tour, fans at the Hard Rock Live Sacramento are in for more than just a night of classic rock hits. They'll also witness a powerful blend of nostalgia and new voices as Lincoln High School's choir joins the legendary band on stage for their iconic ballad, "I Want to Know What Love Is."

For keyboardist Michael Bluestein, who has been with the band since 2008, the farewell tour is a culmination of a musical journey that spans decades, continents and generations.

"It's definitely a night of hits," Bluestein said. "Generally, we find that people know every song we play. It's very exciting, a lot of energy. We look forward to seeing everybody and we hope they bring their energy because we feed off that too."

Since forming in the mid-1970s, Foreigner has built a catalog of enduring rock anthems such as "Juke Box Hero," "Cold as Ice" and "Hot Blooded." Their farewell tour marks a milestone and celebrates a nearly 50-year legacy that Bluestein describes as "the soundtrack of my childhood and teenage years."

Originally trained in classical and jazz piano, Bluestein's career has taken him through a wide spectrum of musical genres, from touring with Enrique Iglesias to jamming in funky San Francisco jam bands. But stepping into Foreigner's lineup felt like coming home.

"When I got the offer, it was too good of an opportunity to pass up," Bluestein said. "These are songs I grew up with. I had a 'pinch me' moment playing 'Juke Box Hero' for the first time, it's a really dramatic part of the



Foreigner performs Friday, June 21 at Hard Rock Casino Live Sacramento venue as part of their Farewell Tour. Photo courtesy of Foreigner

set with the lighting going low and it's a very intense, kind of moody, section before the song really explodes."

Over the years, the band's extensive touring has brought them to nearly every corner of the world, from Red Rocks in Colorado to amphitheaters in Switzerland and Germany. Still, Northern California holds a special place for Bluestein, who once lived in San Francisco.

"I think the enthusiasm in NorCal is always great," Bluestein said. "We're really psyched to be back up there."

This tour is the last with long-time lead vocalist Kelly Hansen, who has fronted the band for nearly two decades. The band announced the news live on the finale of the "The Voice" on May 20 and broke the news that guitarist Luis Maldonado will step into the role of lead singer.

"Kelly will be doing the shows through like early fall so he still has a lot of shows left with us.

We're sad to see him go, he has been such an anchor and a big part of the taking this band to new heights and keeping us so consistently at such a high level, so we are so thankful to him and his contributions." Bluestein said. "Luis Maldonado, our guitarist, is stepping up as the new lead singer. He's a great guy and a phenomenal musician. We're in good hands."

Now, as the band enters its final stretch with Hansen, Bluestein reflects on the enduring power of Foreigner's music.

"These songs are just so well-crafted, so memorable. Lou Gramm's voice, the songwriting, the production, they were all magic," Bluestein said. "They've been imprinted on people's lives."

With decades of touring behind them, the members of Foreigner have found ways to keep their energy high. On show days, Bluestein meditates, others do yoga or stretching, and everyone

focuses on staying rested and balanced.

"It's about staying healthy out there. Connecting with family and friends," Bluestein said.

One of the most moving moments of each show on this tour comes when Foreigner invites a local high school choir on stage for "I Want to Know What Love Is." In Wheatland, that honor belongs to the students at Lincoln High School, led by retiring choir director Cindy Hagman.

"I just about fell off the couch when we were first asked in 2014," Hagman recalled. "This is the fourth time we've been invited and the last during my career. It's an incredible honor."

Hagman, who has led the choir for 25 years, sees this as a rare and invaluable opportunity for her students to be part of something unforgettable. Each year, a different group of students get to perform and this year 25 students are going. Hagman explained

that performers are usually all seniors but this year since the choir program was smaller so the opportunity to younger students as opened.

"It's not something everybody gets to do. For them to be on stage with a band like Foreigner, to look out over thousands of people, it's life-changing," Hagman said. "And it validates everything we do as music educators."

The partnership is part of Foreigner's ongoing campaign to support music education and raise awareness about the vital role of arts in schools. Each participating school receives a donation to support their music programs.

"The arts are always the first to be cut," Bluestein said. "This is a way to give back and help keep those programs alive. A lot of us in the band came through public school music programs, we got a chance to really explore music when we were young boys in school and it's a chance for younger generations to experience that too."

For students, the performance is about more than the music, it's about self-expression, confidence and connection.

"They're singing a message," Hagman said. "We work on what the song means so they can sing from the heart. That's when it really becomes transformative."

The impact reaches far beyond the stage. One former student who participated in the performance years ago now leads a band of his own, inspired by the experience of singing with Foreigner as a teenager.

"It changed his life," Hagman said. "And now it's doing the same for a new generation."

Foreigner performs Friday, June 21 at Hard Rock Casino Live venue, 3317 Forty Mile Road, Wheatland at 8 p.m. ★

## Yuba County Development Tour Offers Promising Look

Continued from page 1 there, attracted by competitive land prices, strong infrastructure and a reputation for streamlined permitting.

Closer to home, Marysville is being reimagined as an "urban village." With the city's first General Plan update in more than four decades now in grasp, community leaders are pushing to maximize the city's 3.6 square miles of potential.

"We can only go up from here," said Jackie Sillman, community impact and engagement officer for Yuba Water Agency. "We need to start getting some skyscrapers."

With Marysville boxed in by levees, that upward growth is both a literal and symbolic theme.

"Yuba County can grow out, Marysville can only grow up," Flores added. "We're excited about the opportunities this new General Plan will open up."

Other tour highlights included a slate of major infrastructure and housing projects. In Linda, multifamily housing is underway, including some of the region's first 3D-printed homes, known for their rapid construction times, low costs and flexible design. West Linda's Friendship Park is also due for a major upgrade, with renovations including pickleball courts, basketball courts and refreshed playgrounds scheduled to break ground later this summer. In Plumas Lake, the long-anticipated



Ashley Potocnik, Yuba County's Business Engagement manager, narrates the ride and guides attendees through major project sites during the Yuba County Development Tour on May 29. The limousine bus served as a mobile forum for collaboration and insight into regional growth.

Plumas Lake Boulevard Interchange Project has secured \$35.5 million in federal funding and is now only waiting on its final designs. This project will create a direct connection from Plumas Lake Boulevard to Plumas-Arboga Road, easing traffic congestion near the Hard Rock Casino and helping keep event traffic out of local neighborhoods.

Several downtown Marysville properties are also seeing new life. The long vacant Alibi Bar at 5th and J streets has been fully renovated and will soon house Hard Times Barbecue, slated to open this fall. The cemented lot of "Mount Marysville," the former site of Hotel Marysville, is also scheduled for cleanup this fall, potentially clearing the way for new mixed-use development.

Meanwhile on B Street, across from Ellis Lake, construction is soon set to begin on a Hyatt Studios hotel, Starbucks and Grocery Outlet. Plumas

Lake has also been green lighted for a new grocery store, adding much-needed retail access to the growing community.

Over the next five to 10 years, downtown Marysville is expected to add more than 100 new apartment units as part of a wider effort to expand affordable multifamily housing. Much of the demand comes from nearby Beale Air Force Base and Adventist Health/Rideout employees, who often face a shortage of suitable housing despite stable, high-paying careers.

"With the right collaborators, we really feel that the opportunities here in Yuba County are endless," said Potocnik.

The tour concluded with a lively gathering at Neva's Place and the Whatnot Shop, hosted by Marysville City Councilmember Stuart Gilchrist. Attendees toasted to a future of bold vision, strong partnerships and a region ready to build upward and outward. ★

## Marysville Seeks Legal Reclamation of Historic Packard Library

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the Charles Crocker mansion in San Francisco. Upon its unveiling, local newspapers hailed it as one of the finest library buildings in any small city in the state.

In the decades following the library's closure, the structure passed through various stages of proposed reuse and eventual ownership by Sutter-Yuba Friday Night Live, a nonprofit organization focused on youth-led, substance-free programming supported by anti-drug and tobacco prevention grants.

Janet Siller founded the Sutter-Yuba Friday Night Live chapter around 1989 and led the effort to secure the historic Packard Library as its home. Under her leadership, the organization became a hub for safe, youth-driven programming across Yuba and Sutter counties. Siller retired in 2007 but returned in 2010 to revive the struggling program, leading a major renovation and grand reopening of the Youth Live Center in 2012. In the years that followed, activity at the site gradually dwindled, with only sporadic events, such as haunted houses, taking place. The group's last social media post was in 2019.

According to the city's complaint, the nonprofit has since ceased operations and left the building in a deteriorated condition. The lawsuit describes the property as containing broken windows, trash, graffiti and other signs of abandonment. Between June 2022 and the present, the city reportedly issued nine "notices



Antique furnishings and vintage typewriters remain arranged in the building's curved lobby, a reminder of its past use as both a community space and administrative center for Sutter-Yuba Friday Night Live.

to correct" and four formal violation and penalty orders to the property owner. The conditions, the city alleges, remain unaddressed.

In addition to seeking ownership of the property, the city is asking the court to order a cleanup, award \$200,000 in related abatement costs and levy \$80,000 in accrued penalties, along with \$200 in additional fines per day moving forward. The city is also requesting that costs and penalties be applied as a lien against the property and potentially as individual liability for unnamed defendants.

Representatives from Sutter-Yuba Friday Night Live declined to comment publicly on the lawsuit, although they indicated a possible resolution might be in progress. In response to inquiries about the property's future, Dan Flores, Community and Economic Development director for the City of Marysville, stated: "At this time, the City of Marysville is still in the process of obtaining ownership of the Packard Library building. While

it's a bit early to confirm any specific future use, the City Council has expressed a strong desire to preserve the building's historical character and architectural value, regardless of its eventual purpose. We've already begun receiving multiple inquiries regarding the building's potential use, and we plan to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in the near future to formally explore those possibilities. The city also continues to welcome and encourage input from Marysville residents as we consider the best path forward for this important community asset."

Today, the Packard Library remains a prominent landmark in Marysville and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A recent walkthrough revealed a dusty interior filled with old Sutter-Yuba Friday Night Live program materials, antique furniture and various stored personal items. Its potential and breathtaking architectural features are still very much evident. ★

# Memorial Day Tributes Honor Local Veterans



Members of the local Lions Club lead a procession of flags through the cemetery grounds during the Sutter Memorial Day ceremony on May 26.



Veterans unveil the POW/MIA flag in honor of those who never returned, during the Memorial Day ceremony May 26 in Sutter.

Story by Shamaya Sutton and photos by Chris Pedigo

**SUTTER, CA (MPG)** - Communities in Sutter and Meridian gathered over Memorial Day weekend to honor the lives and sacrifices of fallen service members with heartfelt Memorial Day ceremonies.

At the Sutter Cemetery, veterans, civic groups and families came together for a traditional flag presentation, musical tributes and a solemn remembrance of prisoners of war and those missing in action. The local Lions Club played a visible role, proudly carrying American flags during the service.

Meanwhile in Meridian, community members paid tribute with a rifle salute and quiet reflection.



Lindsay Jayne sings the national anthem during the Memorial Day service at Sutter Cemetery on Monday, May 26.



A veteran sits in quiet reflection surrounded by American flags at the Meridian Cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.



A rifle team performs a ceremonial salute during the Memorial Day service in Meridian on Monday, May 26.



A bagpiper performs during the Memorial Day service at Sutter Cemetery on Monday, May 26.

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# CHP Unleashes Six New K-9 Teams

**California Highway Patrol News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) graduated six newly trained K-9 teams May 22 at its West Sacramento K-9 training facility, marking a significant step in bolstering public safety across the state.

After months of intensive training, five Belgian Malinois and one German Shepherd join their human partners on a mission to detect narcotics, explosives, and criminal suspects. This graduating class is the first to include canines trained to detect the scent of fentanyl from the beginning of their instruction, a proactive move to combat California's opioid and fentanyl crisis.

"These new K-9 teams have demonstrated incredible dedication and skill throughout their training," said CHP Commissioner Sean Durjee. "They're not just protecting our communities; they're enhancing our department's ability to fight crime and save lives."

The new teams represent various regions across the state, with officers from



The California Highway Patrol (CHP) graduated six newly-trained K-9 teams on May 22. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

the CHP's Coastal, Golden Gate, Valley, Border, and Inland field divisions. These handlers bring between six and 17 years of departmental experience, ensuring seasoned leadership behind each K-9.

The class includes three Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams, one Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine

team and two Narcotics Detection Canine teams.

The Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams completed at least 440 hours of criminal apprehension and narcotics detection training, while the Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine team completed 600 hours focused on criminal

apprehension and explosives detection. The Narcotics Detection Canine teams completed a minimum of 240 hours of training.

All teams adhered to the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) guidelines and will continue to train at least eight hours each week to maintain peak readiness.

The CHP's K-9 program now includes 50 active teams statewide. Those teams are 34 Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams, nine Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine teams, five Explosives Detection K-9 teams and two Narcotics Detection K-9 teams.

In 2024 alone, CHP K-9s helped seize nearly 823 pounds of fentanyl, showcasing their critical role in the fight against illegal drugs.

The CHP invites dedicated law enforcement professionals to explore a career as a K-9 handler. Learn more and apply at [www.CHPMadeForMore.com](http://www.CHPMadeForMore.com) to become part of an elite team serving and protecting California, four paws at a time.

The CHP mission is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service and Security. ★

# CHP Expands Ranks With 133 New Officers

**California Highway Patrol News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On May 30, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) welcomed 133 new officers who completed 26 weeks of intensive training at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento.

"This graduation marks the beginning of a commitment to protecting and serving others," said CHP Commissioner Sean Durjee. "These officers have demonstrated their dedication to keeping California's communities safe and upholding the CHP's core values."

The officers will now report to one of the CHP's 102 Area offices across California to begin



The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

their law enforcement careers.

During academy training, cadets receive instruction in traffic enforcement, collision investigation, defensive tactics, firearms, emergency

vehicle operations, and community policing. The curriculum also focuses on legal responsibilities, communication, ethics and cultural awareness to prepare cadets to serve California's

diverse population.

The CHP has sworn in 364 officers in 2025 with this graduating class.

Nearly 300 cadets continue training at the West Sacramento

facility, and another 160 are scheduled to begin instruction on June 9 as part of the department's ongoing efforts to strengthen public safety statewide.

The CHP continues to seek motivated individuals who are ready to make a difference in communities throughout California. A career with the CHP offers comprehensive training, competitive benefits, and opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

To learn more about joining the CHP, visit [CHPMadeForMore.com](http://CHPMadeForMore.com) to take the first step towards a rewarding career in law enforcement.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★



The officers will now report to one of the CHP's 102 Area offices across California to begin their law enforcement careers. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

# Nighttime Work Scheduled for State Route 65 in Wheatland

**Caltrans News Release**

**WHEATLAND, CA (MPG)** - Caltrans is alerting motorists that nighttime paving operations are scheduled to resume Sunday, June 1 on State Route 65 (SR 65) in Wheatland as part of an ongoing \$10.4 million pavement rehabilitation project.

Work will take place nightly from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. for approximately two weeks, weather permitting. Motorists should expect minor delays, intermittent lane closures, and reduced speeds through the construction zone.

The State Route 65 Wheatland Pavement

Rehabilitation Project includes rehabilitating pavement and drainage systems, adding new bike lanes and a Class I multi-use path. Crosswalks will be enhanced for visibility with upgraded ADA curb ramps and a new traffic signal will be installed at McDevitt Drive.

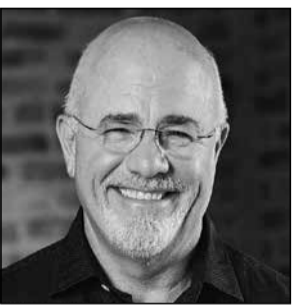
The project is expected to improve ride quality and extend the service life of the pavement.

The work zone extends from just north of State Street to just north of Evergreen Drive. Construction is anticipated to be complete by July.

Caltrans District 3 is

responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert" and slow in construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements.

The department will issue updates on X @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic information, click on Caltrans' QuickMap or download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★



## Dave Ramsey Says The Face in the Mirror

Dear Dave,

How do you feel about moving credit card balances to other companies to get lower rates when you're trying to get out of debt? I just paid off my first credit card, and a friend suggested this idea for paying off the others faster.

- Von

Dear Von,

Lots of people think they've really done something big to solve their debt problems when they do this. And I'm sure your friend is trying to help with this suggestion, but you've got to remember that getting out of debt, and gaining control of your finances, is all about changing the habits of the person you see in the mirror every day. You've got to make a commitment to a lifestyle change that includes getting out of debt, staying out of debt,

and sticking to a written, monthly budget. That includes keeping track of every, single dollar, giving it a job to do and living on less than you make.

Now, your friend's idea *might* help speed up the process a tiny bit. But the habits that got you into debt in the first place won't change just because you've switched credit card companies. What you're talking about is an easy way to lower the interest rates—temporarily, in most cases—but it doesn't change your everyday behavior with money.

When people have problems with debt, it's often the result of dumb financial choices and living above their means. I've run into so many folks who got into trouble with money just because they wanted to impress other people. But guess what? When you change, interest rates don't matter nearly as

much. And when you shift your mindset about money, it will make a *huge* difference in a way that changing credit card companies and chasing lower interest rates can't.

I hope this helps, Von. And take a look at my Baby Steps plan while you're at it. I promise, if you follow those steps, it will help you move forward, get ahead and put you on the road to a debt-free life and financial peace!

- Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.* ★



### California Unveils Wolf Mapping Tool to Help Avoid Conflicts with Livestock

California ranchers have a new mapping tool designed to provide regular location information on GPS-collared gray wolves in the state to help prevent wolf-livestock conflicts. Provided by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the wolf tracker shows the approximate location of collared wolves across the state. "Knowing where California's collared wolf population is means that ranchers have access to critical information," said California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass. "We appreciate CDFW's focus on transparency to help farmers and ranchers navigate the growing number of wolves in the state."

### Grower Uses New Tech to Save Water and Improve Crop Health

Yolo County farmer Ray Yeung has found success implementing new technology on his farm to improve water efficiency and keep tomato plants healthy during the transplanting process. Yeung uses a system developed by California tomato processor Morning Star that photographs tomato plants and uses an algorithm to assess their water needs. "It's a total game changer," Yeung told Ag Alert® this month in a From the Fields report. Meanwhile, a Japanese product applied to plants to prevent heat damage has enabled Yeung to plant some of his crop later in the season when temperatures are higher. "I'm always willing to try something new," he said.

### California Farmers and Distillers Embrace Drought-Tolerant Agave

As California farmers look for drought-tolerant crops, production of agave, the key ingredient in tequila—or mezcal, as the spirits are called when produced outside a specific region in Mexico—has gained momentum in the Golden State. In just a few years, more than 80 farmers have started growing agave, with some 700 acres in production. "This is about finding a climate-resilient crop in a state that is struggling with water management," said Fresno County farmer Stuart Woolf, who pulled out almond trees to plant 350 acres of agave. "It's the right crop at the right time for California."

### California Apricots Move from the Can to the Produce Aisle

The apricot's fragile nature and short shelf life have long been its Achilles' heel. That's why most of the state's crop has traditionally been used for canning, drying and freezing. But California growers have made major inroads in elevating apricots as a fresh fruit. Whereas 8% to 16% of the crop was sold fresh in the 1980s, roughly 50% goes to the fresh market today. Various factors have led to the change, including cannery closures, improved fresh varieties and efforts to adapt to consumer preferences. "We're working on fruit that tastes good," Stanislaus County farmer and packer Dave Santos said, "something that the consumer will want to buy and come back and buy again." ★

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



At the end of every NBA season and playoffs, there are 29 disappointed franchises. That's 29 cities in America that are not celebrating. It's always been that way, and it probably always will be. Only one winner, one champion, can be crowned.

Many Sacramento Kings fans are closely watching the playoffs, where defense has taken center stage. The Boston Celtics, for example, struggled after losing star Jayson Tatum to an Achilles tear in Game 4 against the Knicks.

That same intense defense has been the dominant factor in nearly every playoff series this year, and the Indiana Pacers New York Nick series was clear evidence that defense wins the day.

Long wing players that can move and play help defense will be coveted as the off-season trades begin, and Sacramento will be right in the mix of it.

The Kings feature an upcoming Keon Ellis and Keegan Murray who fit the skill model, but the real question is can the Kings retain these players and build around them with more of the same.

Two players that have been prominently mentioned are Jrue Holiday of the Boston Celtics, and Herb Jones of the Charlotte Hornets. Holiday at age 34 may be on the other side of his prime, so look for the Kings to have more interest in Jones who at 6'7" is 3 inches taller and only 26 years old.

The Pelicans have indicated that they are in trade mode, so Herb Jones may be wearing a different Jersey in November.

The question is what Charlotte would want in return for a player on the way up, and the answer is someone of the caliber of Malik Monk. Like DeAaron Fox, Monk is a fan favorite, whether this trade would be popular among fans remains to be seen. At the end of the day, fans need to brace themselves as the likelihood of several changes remains strong.

New GM Scott Perry is playing his cards close to the vest. Although the Sacramento faithful would like some direction, Perry will start making moves when he's ready.

About the only thing that he has really indicated is that the Kings need a point guard. It's unlikely that a new GM will roll the dice on a second-year player like

Devin Carter and hope that he can break-out and be the starting point guard that can replace DeAaron Fox.

The NBA finals begin on Thursday, and fans will be treated to two teams that feature some of the best defense you are likely see. Look for low scoring physical games, with the referees swallowing the whistle more and more. The focus will be on the long wing players and the number of times they can get their hands on the ball.

Every Sacramento Kings fan is eager to know Scott Perry's plans, and I'm hoping he's considering building around Domantas Sabonis and Jonas Valanciunas. Not only do both have dominant skills they pose all kinds of problems for teams that like to drive the lane. With both Sabonis and Valanciunas, Perry has more options and can play these two side by side from time to time.

With the #5 spot already secured, the Kings need to target the point guard position and try to add one longer wing player like the aforementioned Herb Jones.

Whether trades begin in earnest now or after the finals conclude, be assured the Kings have moves in mind. That means surprises are in store, but very soon Sacramento fans are going to see the acumen of Scott Perry in full view.

It seems like a lifetime since the Kings went deep into the playoffs, but a capable GM and staff can make a difference, so this writer remains optimistic that the 2025/2026 version of the Sacramento Kings can be something to be proud of.

Grow the young players that we have. Covet them and don't waste them in meaningless trades and fill in the bland spots where the Kings have obvious needs.

Seems simple, but it is anything but. Nonetheless, it's always possible that Christmas may come early just as the Dallas Mavericks discovered in the recent NBA draft.

So, let's see if Scott Perry can catch lightning in a bottle, and Sacramento can celebrate once again.

Keep the faith Kings fans. I still believe the best is yet to come!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

# Social Security Matters

## How do I apply for Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I just turned 65 years old in February 2025. I need to sign up for Social Security but don't even know where to start. **Signed: Seeking Assistance**

**Dear Seeking:** It is fairly easy to sign up for your Social Security benefits, by either calling the Social Security Administration at 1.800.772.1213 or your local SS office, to make a telephone appointment to apply, or by completing your application for Social Security benefits online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply). However, to apply for benefits online you will need to first create your personal "my Social Security" account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Once you have your personal account set up, you can apply directly from that account and also see an estimate of your SS benefits at different ages.

You may already be aware that age 65 is not your Social Security full retirement age, or "FRA." Your FRA is when you

get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. By taking benefits at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced (to about 87% of your FRA amount; a permanent reduction). Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, which means you will be taking your SS benefit about two years early and also means that — if you are still working — you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET). The AET limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. For 2025, the annual earnings limit is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit (they take benefits back by withholding future payments long enough to recover what you owe).

So, you can apply for your Social Security benefits, as indicated above, either online or by calling SS for an appointment. Just be aware that by applying at age 65 your benefit will be permanently reduced, and you will be subject to Social Security's earnings limit (the earnings limit lasts until you reach your FRA, after which you can earn as much as you like without penalty).

Also, because you are 65, if you wish to enroll in Medicare, please be aware that you don't need to take your Social Security

benefits to enroll in Medicare. You can enroll in Medicare (only) by calling Social Security as explained above or enrolling in Medicare online. Here is a link which explains how to enroll in only Medicare: <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up>.

I hope this information is helpful, and please know that the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer your questions. If it's easier, you can also speak directly to one of our certified Social Security Advisors by calling us during normal EST business hours at 1.888.750.2622. We cannot submit your SS application for you, but we can answer all questions you have about applying.

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# Why Did the California Senate Shunt a Cost-Cutting Housing Bill?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last month, RAND, a prominent think tank based in Santa Monica, published an exhaustive study on housing costs that devastatingly proves how California has been undermining its official goal of increasing production.

After examining more than 100 multifamily projects in three states, RAND concluded that building them in California is 2.8 times as expensive as in Texas and 1.5 times higher than in Colorado, "with much of the difference driven by state and local policies that contribute to long permitting and construction timelines, and higher local development fees."

Even more shockingly, RAND found that projects for low-income families cost 1.5 times as much to build as market-rate housing in California and four times the average cost in Texas.

Last week, the California Senate appeared to double down on making housing

development more difficult and costly, shunting a bill aimed at making it easier to build housing for lower-income families by exempting some projects from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Senate Bill 607, carried by state Sen. Scott Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat, was gutted in the Senate Appropriations Committee, apparently because Senate leaders such as President Pro Tem Mike McGuire caved into fierce opposition from environmental groups and labor unions, which celebrated the move. The committee announced that SB 607's contents were being stripped out and replaced by vague language declaring intentions to negotiate further, leaving the fate of the proposal unclear.

Those who either oppose housing projects on environmental grounds or demand concessions, such as requiring them to use union construction labor, have often used — or misused — CEQA as a tool. Over the last half-decade, the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom have nibbled at CEQA's provisions, but when SB 607 was introduced, environmental and labor groups drew an opposition line in the sand.

After the bill was bowdlerized last week, the coalition praised McGuire

and other Senate leaders "for recognizing that the language of SB 607 would have created significant unintended consequences on communities and new legal uncertainties."

Just days earlier, Newsom had urged the Legislature to pass SB 607 and a similar measure, Assembly Bill 609, as much-needed reforms to increase housing development.

"It's time to get serious about this issue, period, full stop," Newsom said. "If you care about your kids you care about getting this done. This is the biggest opportunity to do something big and bold and the only impediment is us."

The SB 607 blockage may indicate that Newsom is losing clout with the Legislature as he nears lame duck status. However, he could revive the bill as part of the forthcoming negotiations over the state budget, as a statement by Wiener and McGuire suggested.

The RAND study reveals why the state is falling behind.

*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. ★*



Putin is Playing Trump

It was never going to be easy for President Trump to bring an end to the Ukraine war, but it's even harder when he's operating under an erroneous theory of the conflict.

The man who instigated the war and who is the chief obstacle to peace is Vladimir Putin. Yet, this enemy of the West, murderer of dissidents and serial perpetrator of wars of territorial aggrandizement has never been subjected to the same U.S. pressure campaign as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whose fundamental offense is to be leading a country that his larger neighbor wants to subjugate.

After a much-anticipated phone call with Putin on Monday, Trump sounded optimistic and said Ukraine and Russia would keep negotiating, although there was no indication of anything new.

After the browbeating he took in the Oval Office a few months ago and a pause in U.S. intelligence assistance, Zelenskyy got the message. He's done everything possible to portray himself as the reasonable one who's interested in pursuing a deal.

A U.S.-proposed general ceasefire has said he's willing to accept it. Russia's idea for direct talks in Istanbul? Zelenskyy

said he'd go himself.

He signed a critical minerals deal with the U.S. Putin, in contrast, has been at the receiving end of an all-carrots approach, and has reacted accordingly.

One of Trump's advantages on the world stage is that he can make use of the "mad man theory," the idea that he's so unpredictable and potentially extreme that it's best not to displease him. Against type, Trump has been less the madman with Putin than the therapist who speaks in dulcet tones, is understanding to a fault and is determinedly nonjudgmental.

Pretty much whatever Putin does, Trump says someone else would do the same in his circumstances. Putin could nuke Warsaw, and Trump might observe, "Well, it's a shame and I hope he doesn't do it again."

Trump almost never strikes a pleading tone, but when Putin launched a large-scale strike on Kyiv last month, Trump posted on Truth Social, "Vladimir, STOP!"

The play for the Kremlin is obvious here. It wants to keep inching ahead with territorial gains, and if it continues to string along negotiations, has to hope that Trump tires of the whole thing and cuts off U.S. aid to Ukraine. That would reward Putin's intransigence with an important diplomatic victory — a split between the U.S. and Europe — and a chance to make major advances against an increasingly hard-pressed Ukraine.

Trump at times seems to realize this, and has referred to Putin "tapping me along." But the master at

establishing leverage in negotiations has failed to do so over Putin. In part, this is because the president has absorbed his MAGA base's view that Putin isn't really the problem — the Russian leader was baited into war by globalists who took insufficient account of Russia's interests and feelings.

Whatever one thinks of the policy of NATO expansion, Ukraine didn't invade Russia, and Putin's opposition to Ukraine's existence as its own independently governed nation is at the root of the war.

So long as Putin believes that he's winning and holds "all of the cards," there's no reason for him to become more pliable. Trump and other administration officials have floated further economic measures against Russia, but these would probably be of limited utility. If the administration stipulated that if Putin doesn't drop his maximalist demands — basically for a Ukraine that can't defend itself — it will back Ukraine to the hilt, that might change his calculations.

Russia's gains have come at a hideous cost — nearly a million Russian casualties since the start of the war. If Ukraine isn't going to buckle and the U.S. isn't going to abandon her, then the Russians could reach a point of exhaustion.

Short of that, Putin has every reason to think he can persevere when the world's superpower has little sympathy for the victim of his unprovoked aggression.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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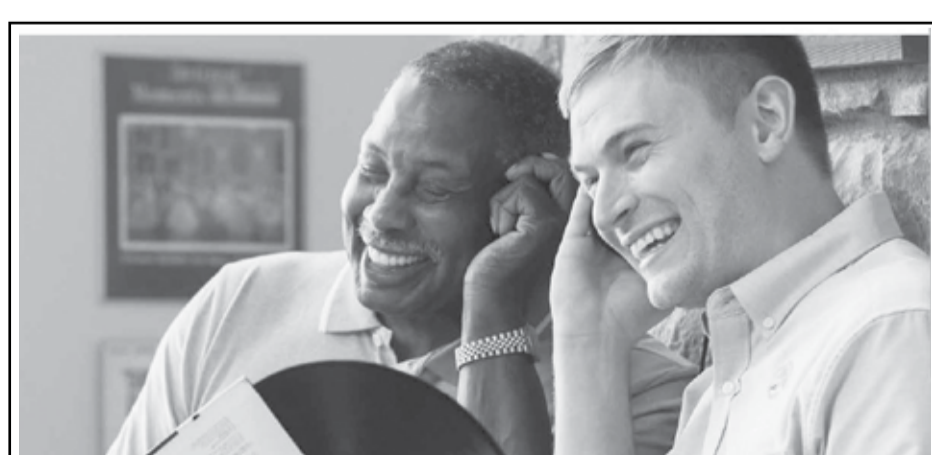
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Just a reminder! The community breakfast will NOT be held on the second Sunday as usual because many of the father's wanted it on Father's Day. So breakfast will be served on June 15 this month. Then back to our usual dates: second Sunday of the month. A great breakfast served from 8:00 to 11:00 helping Next Step serve the community.

Our community garden sure could use some volunteers. We have great raised beds, thanks to Randy Milligan, there is an automatic watering system that could be utilized, there are several plants donated, but it takes a gardener or two to make it work. Please come by Books & More and check it out.

Brownsville has come "alive" again on Friday evenings. The Farmer's Market is going strong and there is pizza and music at Mountains Top Coffee Shop. Books & More will stay open a bit later than usual, too. So swing on by and check things out.

Look Back in Time – In 1906 Ira Forbes' store in Rackerby bought several pounds of gold nuggets from local pocket miners (now how to get it to a bank safely). *Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.*

~ Yvonne

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**DUNN** – Neva Dunn, 83, of Yuba City, passed away May 24, 2025. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**BEUTLER** – Francis Beutler, 82, of Yuba City, passed away May 26, 2025. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**MOWRY** – Nelson Mowry, 87, of Marysville, passed away May 26, 2025. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**RAMIREZ** – David Ramirez, 78, of Yuba City, passed away May 28, 2025. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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## Janell Willis to Step Down from Yuba-Sutter Chamber



**Janell Willis, Executive Director of the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce announced that she will be stepping down from her role.**  
Courtesy photo

### Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce News Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Janell Willis, Executive Director of the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce announced May 21, that she will be stepping down from her role, effective June 10, to pursue an exciting new professional opportunity.

"It has been an incredible honor to serve the members of the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce and to work alongside such a dedicated team," said Willis. "This chamber has always been a strong advocate for our

local businesses, and I am proud of all we've accomplished together. While this decision wasn't easy, I'm thrilled about the path ahead and the opportunity to continue making an impact in a new capacity."

During her tenure, Willis led several key initiatives, including a comprehensive rebranding of the chamber that better reflects its modern mission and values. She focused on expanding the Chamber's visibility, relevance, and value to its members and positioning the chamber for continued growth and relevance in the community.

The Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors expressed gratitude for Willis's leadership. "Janell has been a driven and forward-thinking leader," said Jamie Dickerson, Chair of the Board. "The rebranding project and other initiatives have left a lasting legacy. We thank her for her time and wish her the very best in this next chapter." ★



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## Economic Turmoil

Well, I guess economic fireworks is an appropriate term for the last few months here in America. And what happens in America definitely does not stay in America.

At least in the case of what we do economically.

Operating under the belief that the U.S. has been taken advantage of for years if not decades as it pertains to imports and exports, Trump took office and immediately went about attempting to remedy the shortfalls by implementing tariffs on a variety of trade partners, goods and services.

Exports are products we sell to other countries and imports are goods and services we buy from other countries.

Tariffs are just a tax on things coming into a country from another country.

One would think country A just sells to country B for whatever the price is and be done with it.

If you don't like the price, don't buy. Its not rocket science.

But in the grand wisdom of the bureaucrats, and for a variety of debatable reasons, a government will put a tax on incoming (imported) goods.

Whether it be to garner more money for the government or make stuff made overseas more expensive so people will buy things made locally, the tariff money all goes to the government and not to the people.

Economically speaking, tax credits to local businesses, instead of tariffs, is the better way to go and has been argued by this analyst many times over. Tariffs just make things more expensive to all concerned.

Then you get into the tit for tat tariff wars that are plaguing us now. Country A taxes country B's products, then country B retaliates and taxes Country A's stuff.

Ad nauseam, rinse and repeat.

It can turn out to be a game of chicken as to who blinks first and the person with the

biggest cojones usually wins those types of contests.

Meanwhile, as the game escalates to its conclusion, the consumer pays the price.

Literally.

The goal, theoretically, is to level the playing field and bring more into balance the trade between the two countries.

That's assuming there was an imbalance in the first place.

Whether it has been because of decades of bad decisions or just the natural progression of trade between economically different countries, it has been argued the playing field has been notably unbalanced for the United States for many years and that Trump is simply trying to level it to the benefit of American companies and the American consumer.

We may never know the details of such arguments and will only find out sometime later if the end result has the desired effect, which is to make life better and more affordable for the rest of us.

For now however, I am of the opinion this is just another in a long line of reasons inflation is not going to go away any time soon.

That, in turn means interest rates will remain elevated and the markets will continue to be turbulent, directionless and unpredictable.

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

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## Next Chapter



**By Kathy Craig Harteis**

We are officially snowbirds. We bought a vacation home in California. We will skip over most of the snow months away from North Dakota.

Slipping on the ice and trying for months to get back to normal, I'm ready to pass on ice and snow.

I've discovered that life choices change as we age and move from one chapter of life to the next.

Young me would have never thought to avoid winter. Old me is paranoid about falling again. I'm ready for my snowbird

chapter.

I thought I was done buying houses. I have always loved buying houses, cars, coats and shoes. I guess I had one more house purchase in me.

I'm hoping that I'm driving my last car that I'll buy. But then again the last two cars were totaled; one by a deer, the second by hail.

I am happily planning and exploring options on things we might need in the California house.

I always love a project. To me the planning is half of the fun.

Daughter Velvet and I are planning our next adventure. It's a big one, so I'm happily spending the next year researching our options.

We need to keep busy. It would be so easy to give in to boredom and just take a nap.

I've had some challenges this year. But, I will not give up.

This past week we took time to remember our fallen soldiers.

As in every year I recalled our friend Mike Pogue. We all grew up together in Colusa County. We graduated high school and made choices for our next chapter. Mike's path led him to the military and to Vietnam. It was a sad day when we learned Mike was gone. Forever in our memories and in our hearts.

Because of Mike's and other's sacrifices we have had the freedom to make choices and move to the next chapter time and again.

Life is good today.

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

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# LEGAL ADVERTISING

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 8787660 TS No.: 23-013715 APN: 009-125-007-000 Property Address: 1317 MAPLE ST, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/17/2022. 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. On 06/12/2025 at 01:30 P.M., America West Lender Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/20/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-008234, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of YUBA County, State of California. Executed by: GERARDO MENDOZA, A SINGLE MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marysville, CA 95901 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 described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 009-125-007-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1317 MAPLE ST, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any

incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the 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 \$ 360,419.23. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. 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. All bids are subject to California Civil Code 2924h and are solely "AS-IS". NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 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 844-693-4761 or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 23-013715 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 if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 844-693-4761, or visit this internet website www.awest.us, using the file number assigned to this case 23-013715 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: America West Lender Services, LLC P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 America West Lender Services, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 844-693-4761 NPP0474219 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 05/23/2025, 05/30/2025, 06/06/2025

APN: 020-212-005-000 TS No.: 24-08511CA TSG Order No.: 240530195 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MARCH 12, 2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded March 15, 2022 as Document No.: 2022-004174 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by: Janice Romero, an unmarried woman, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: June 20, 2025 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: The Fifth Street Entrance Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901 2 File No.:24-08511CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1050 Jay St, Olivehurst (Unincorporated Are, CA 95961. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$293,053.48 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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, (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 24-08511CA. 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 (800) 280-2832, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-08511CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 3 File No.:24-08511CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: (800) 280-2832. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affinidefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: May 8, 2025 By: Omar Solorzano Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0474194 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 05/23/2025, 05/30/2025, 06/06/2025

## 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 6/16/25 at 5:00 PM. Irving Schwartz; Debra Romero; Deronald Bradford; Jason Traylor; Jessica Arias; Stephen J Gerbich Md; Myra Saulovich; Stephen J Gerbich Md; Solmayra Dolores; Teejaye McDowell; Joseph J Lesniewski; Joshua Shell; Florence Atkerson; Clinton McFadyen; Jennifer Elguez; Chris Esquivel; Nicholas Garcia; Jenni Thurman; Jenni Thurman; Donna Lara; Deronald Bradford; Brian Ivy; Darrel Kleinhesselink; Deronald Bradford; Rhonda White; Joseph Renneberg; Kimberly Tufford; Sutter North Home Health & Hospice/Paula Ketchum; Sarah Berrada; Deronald Bradford; Kyle Caballero; Linda Cook; Angela Geer; Leslie Edwards; James Ahl; Elizabeth Watson; Richie Smith; Hugo Mendoza; William Hubbard; James Hill; Estella Landeros; Jerome (Jerry) Bettencourt; Charles McKinney; Sarah Berrada. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. (TD) May 30, June 6, 2025

## 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](http://www.bid13.com), starting **June 6th 2025 at 10am**, and ending **June 19th 2025, at 10am**. If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly.

Name: Irma A Hernandez, Regina A Marozine, Phillip R Lee, Michael W Brett, Kathy J Widener.

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) 06-06-2025

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RONALD ELON PRUITT A.K.A. RONALD E. PRUITT Case No. PRPB25-00074

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **RONALD ELON PRUITT a.k.a. RONALD E. PRUITT**.

**A Petition for Probate has been filed by:** Arthur Jennings Pruitt in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

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

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

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 7/7/2025 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 objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

**Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.**

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

**Attorney for Petitioner:** DANIEL RODRIGUEZ  
110 AMBER GROVE DR., STE 114, CHICO, CALIFORNIA 95973  
**Phone No.:** 530-999-2679  
**PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH:**  
**June 6, 13, 20, 2025**



# Community Events

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

June 5, 6:30 pm, Ignite Your Dreams for Actors Actress and Playwright - Janeen Hammon, Steelhouse Coffee, 437 Center Street, Yuba City

## SUMMER CRAFT FAIR

**Saturday, June 21 • 9 am to 2 pm**

at Bare Bones Parking Lot, 769 Colusa Ave, Yuba City For Vendor Information Contact: Trish Lepird blingsandthings@gmx.com • 530-870-7312

## BISTRO NIGHT MARKETS

**Every Thursday in June 5 - 9 pm**

VENDORS & LIVE MUSIC at The Village Coffee Shoppe & Bistro, 101 Clark Ave, Yuba City,

## 4TH ANNUAL "TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER GOLF TOURNAMENT" JUNE 23, 2025

**Please Support the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank and Yuba-Sutter Colusa United Way.**

For more information or to register or sponsor online at [www.yscunitedway.org](http://www.yscunitedway.org)

## COFFEE WITH A COP

**Friday, June 27 at 9 am**

at Marysville Tire and Wheels, 310 9th Street, Marysville Hosted by Sgt. Magana Building Relationships One Cup at a Time

## NEXT STEP COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Complimentary Bloody Marys for Fathers on Fathers Day 3rd 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

## DOBBINS CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET EVERY SATURDAY • 10 am-2 pm 9761 Marysville Rd, Dobbins

Vendor Information call Teresa McFall 530-635-0452

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

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

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been in storage at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901, telephone 530-634-9781. Units to be sold belonging to the following:

Name  
Randy D. Laughlin  
Tiffany N. Jones  
Dana L. Christie  
Brian E. Huff  
Jonas Fuentes  
Diana B. Perez Moreno  
Courtney L. Jordan  
Elizabeth A. Stone  
Nathan S. Fitzpatrick  
Steven L. Grossman  
Erik Machuca

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH only. All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Auctioneer Kristie Oropeza, Bond# W150153447 (6/6/25 & 6/13/25)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Foreclosure No. 7235440 APN# 060-110-018 On June 26, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., Mid Valley Title and Escrow Company, Trustee, or Successor Trustee or Substituted Trustee of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Michael Young, an unmarried man, and recorded August 7, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-012195, of Official Records of Yuba, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default thereunder recorded February 28, 2025 as Instrument No. 2025-002209, of Official Records of said County, will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, a cashier's check payable to said Trustee 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 bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, at the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marysville, CA 95901, all that 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 described as: Parcel 1 as shown upon the map entitled "Parcel map No 81-11" being a portion of

the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 & the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of section 24, T.18 N. R. 6 E., M.D.M., which map was filed for record December 31, 1981 in book 36 of maps page 22. (X)The street address or other common designation of said property: Vacant Land (X)Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: Ingersoll Timber Enterprises, LLC, c/o Arron Stewart, 2571 California Park Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95928 Directions to the above property may be obtained by requesting same in writing from the beneficiary within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed of Trust, plus estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale: \$52,611.47 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED JULY 30, 2020 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE

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after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 1-916-939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 7235440 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary declares that the mortgagee or beneficiary has satisfied the requirements of California Civil Code 2923.5. DATED: 05/29/2025 MID VALLEY TITLE AND ESCROW COMPANY Address: 601 Main Street Chico, California 95928 Phone: (530) 879-2527 By: Greg Wood, Foreclosure Officer NPP0475066 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 06/06/2025, 06/13/2025, 06/20/2025

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-148

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

**BELLA BASH RENTALS**

514 5th Street

Marysville, CA 95901

MAILING ADDRESS

1353 Hidden Creek Eay

Plumas Lake, CA 95961

County of YUBA

Registered Owners:

Hegemony Advising

& Consulting, LLC

1353 Hidden Creek Eay

Plumas Lake, CA 95961

This business is conducted

by a Limited Liability Company,.

The registrant commenced

to transact business under

the fictitious business name

or names listed above on

05/01/2025.

(I declare that all informa-

tion in this statement is true and

correct).

Signed:

**MICHAEL WILLIAMSON**

**PA, President**

This statement was filed with

the County Clerk of Yuba County

on April 23, 2025.

(I Hereby Certify That This

Copy is a Correct Copy of the

Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS,

County Clerk

By BRIDGETTE EVANS,

Deputy Clerk

May 30, June 6, 13, 20,

2025

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2025F-138

The following person(s) is (are)

doing business as:

**I Know A Guy**

1642 5th Ave

Olivehurst, CA 95961,

Yuba County

1) Bronson Baldwin,

1642 5th Ave

Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted

by Individual.

The registrant commenced

to transact business under the

fictitious business name or names

listed above on 04/01/2025.

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Signed:

Bronson Baldwin

This statement was filed with

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DONNA HILLEGASS,

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By NELY WILLIAMS,

Deputy Clerk

6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27/25

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TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-150

The following person(s) is

(are) doing business as:

**CoveKin Studio**

228 9th Street, #2012

Marysville, CA 95901

County of YUBA

Registered Owners:

Jennifer Sigley

228 9th Street, #2012

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

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Signed:

**Jennifer Sigley**

This statement was filed with

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on May 23, 2025.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,

County Clerk

By SARAH MULL,

Deputy Clerk

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plumas Lake Self Storage at 3000 Plumas Arboga Rd., Plumas Lake, CA 95961 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the "California Self Service Storage Facilities Act", Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

Auction will be conducted online at **Bid13.com**, starting June 7th, 2025, ending June 17th, 2025, at 8:00 am. Property to be sold as follows: misc. household goods, personal items, misc. furniture, misc. boxes, misc. tools, tool boxes, etc. belonging to the following:

Alexis Torres  
Regina Le-Grand-Sawyer  
Jeremy Richey  
Henry Cress  
Oscar Rubio

All purchased items are sold AS IS, WHERE IS. Purchased items MUST be removed from the facility by FRIDAY, June 20th, 2025. Office hours are LIMITED- call 530-741-1992 to discuss pick up. Payments must be made in CASH. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. (TD) 5-30, 6-6, 2025

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-126

The following person(s) is

(are) doing business as:

**Xurious Beauty**

606 D Street, Ste. 1

Marysville, CA 95901

County of YUBA

Registered Owners:

Anna L. Onwiler

606 D Street, Ste. 1

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

04/23/2025.

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Signed:

**Anna Onwiler**

This statement was filed with

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on April 23, 2025.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,

County Clerk

By NELIDA WILLIAMS,

Deputy Clerk

May 30, June 6, 13, 20,

2025

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-127

The following person(s) is

(are) doing business as:

**Bealnkredible**

1973 Sunrise Ave.

Marysville, CA 95901

County of YUBA

Registered Owners:

Beau Allen

1973 Sunrise Ave.

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

04/23/2025.

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Signed:

**Beau Allen**

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DONNA HILLEGASS,

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By NELIDA WILLIAMS,

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May 30, June 6, 13, 20,

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER

ESTATE OF RICK OLIVER

Case No. PRPB25-00070

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **RICK OLIVER, RICK DAVID OLIVER.**

**A Petition for Probate has** been filed by: CHARLOTTA LEE THOMPSON MERTZ in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): CHARLOTTA LEE THOMPSON MERTZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 7/7/2025 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 objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

**Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.**

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

**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  
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# “Steel Magnolias” Blooms This June in Yuba City

## Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Convergence Theatre Company (CTC) presents a heart-warming classic at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts. Powered by Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, Convergence Theatre Company is proud to present “Steel Magnolias”, the beloved Southern comedy-drama that celebrates friendship, resilience, and the fierce bond between women. The production runs June 13 through June 15, 20 to 22 and 27 to 29 at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street, Yuba City.

Directed by Cassie Fifield, this vibrant and moving production

brings together a stellar cast of local talent including Paige Clements as the spirited and strong-willed Shelby, Janine Clements as her devoted and complex mother, M'Lynn, Lydia Crist as the sweet and searching Annelle, Crystal DeMeritt as the charming and sharp-witted Clairee, Wendi Jellsey as the unforgettable curmudgeon Ouiser and Tanda Phelps as the ever wise and welcoming Truvy.

Set in a small-town Louisiana beauty salon, “Steel Magnolias” explores the humor and heart-break of life’s most unexpected turns, all seen through the eyes of six women whose friendships carry them through triumph and tragedy. Performances will be held on Fridays and Saturdays

at 7 p.m., June 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on June 15, 22 and 29. Doors will open 30 minutes before each performance. General admission tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at yubasutterarts.org, by calling 530-742-2787 or scan the QR code on promotional materials. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the box office inside the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The production is a collaboration between Convergence Theatre Company and Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture. Join us for an unforgettable evening of laughter, tears, and Southern charm as Convergence



Powered by Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, Convergence Theatre Company is proud to present “Steel Magnolias”, the beloved Southern comedy-drama that celebrates friendship, resilience, and the fierce bond between women. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

Theatre Company brings “Steel Magnolias” to life. Don’t miss this touching tribute to the strength of women and the beauty of chosen family. For more information, contact Convergence Theatre Company at [convergencetheatreco@gmail.com](mailto:convergencetheatreco@gmail.com) or visit [convergencetheatre-company.com](http://convergencetheatre-company.com). ★

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-134

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

**T-BOW Moving & Storage**  
1717 N. Beale Rd  
Marysville, CA 95901  
MAILING ADDRESS:  
PO Box 17  
Yuba City, CA 95992  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Arthur V Dombrowski, Jr.  
PO Box 17  
Yuba City, CA 95992

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/28/2000.

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

Signed:

**Arthur V. Dombrowski, Jr.**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on May 6 2025.

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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
By **SARAH MULL,**  
Deputy Clerk  
May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2025

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2025F-139

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

**FARM 2 FORK**  
931 RAMIREZ STREET  
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901  
YUBA COUNTY  
1) YUBA DREAM CARE HOME, INC.  
1896 ROLLING ROCK CT  
YUBA CITY, CA 95993  
This business is conducted by CORPORATION.

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:  
**JAGDEEP BAL, CEO**  
STATE OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION:  
CALIFORNIA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on MAY 08, 2025, indicated by file stamp.

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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
By **NELY WILLIAMS,**  
Deputy Clerk  
5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20/25  
CNS-3927806#  
TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2025F-130

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

**Brownsville Motel,**  
8592 La Porte Rd,  
Brownsville, CA 95919  
Yuba  
1) Sean Thomas,  
10150 Los Amigos Rd.,  
Healdsburg, CA 95448  
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:  
**Sean Thomas**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on April 29, 2025, indicated by file stamp.

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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
By **NELY WILLIAMS,**  
Deputy Clerk  
5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13/25  
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TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-111

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

**Marysville Post-Acute,**  
1617 Ramirez Street,  
Marysville, CA 95901 - 4334  
County of YUBA  
Registrant Information:  
Melon Holdings, LLC,  
262 N. University Ave,  
Farmington, UT 84025;  
State of Incorporation: DE

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/09/2015.

Signed:  
**Melon Holdings, LLC**  
**S/ Derick Apt, Manager**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 04/07/2025.

**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
By **NELIDA WILLIAMS,**  
Deputy  
5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6/25  
CNS-3923397#  
TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2025F-129

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

**MAKE 'M SMILE BAKERY**  
1311 PADDINGTON WAY  
OLIVEHURST, CA 95961,  
YUBA COUNTY  
1) MANDEE KANIA,  
1311 PADDINGTON WAY  
OLIVEHURST, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/25/2025.

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

Signed:  
**MANDEE KANIA**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on APR 24, 2025, indicated by file stamp.

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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
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By **NELY WILLIAMS,**  
Deputy Clerk  
5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6/25  
CNS-3923255#  
TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-144

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

**Cortez Room**  
315 5th Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
J. Parley Ansley  
8875 Kibbe Rd  
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 10/24/2024.

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

Signed:  
**J. Parley Ansley**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on May 15, 2025.

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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
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By **NELIDA WILLIAMS,**  
Deputy Clerk  
May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025



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  - June 10 / 8 am Brandon Barnes, Sutter County Sheriff
  - June 11 / 7 am Virgil Atkinson
  - June 11 / 8 am David Read, Yuba Sutter Arts
  - June 12 / 7 am The Acting Company Spring Fundraiser
  - June 12 / 8 am Officer Brian Danielson, CHP PAO
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  - June 13 / 8 am Amy Nore, Yuba County Office of Education

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  - Select, setup and operate appropriate equipment and implements to achieve research project and Center goals.
  - Perform pesticide applications including pesticides and fertilizers.
  - Perform installation, maintenance and operation of irrigation systems.
  - Maintain records for tasks performed such as irrigation logs, pasture conditions, and livestock movements.
- 20% Research Support/Record Keeping**
  - Assist with research data collection from cattle or pastures.
  - Record and maintain data involving irrigation management and scheduling, cattle management and research, cattle feeding and health, body condition, and pasture movements.
  - Assists on projects following research protocols.
- 20% Facility Maintenance**
  - Perform minor and routine maintenance of animal handling facilities, equipment and scales.
  - Schedule and facilitate maintenance of animal handling vehicles.
  - Clean and disinfect cattle transportation equipment and cattle working facilities.
  - Perform minor repairs to gates, corrals, and stock water facilities.
  - Report to supervisor need for minor or major repairs and/or changes.
  - Conduct other ranch and research tasks as needed.

- Special Conditions of Employment:**
- Must possess valid California Driver's License to drive a County or University vehicle. Ability and means to travel on a flexible schedule as needed, proof of liability damage insurance on vehicle used is required. Reimbursement of job-related travel will be reimbursed according to University policies.
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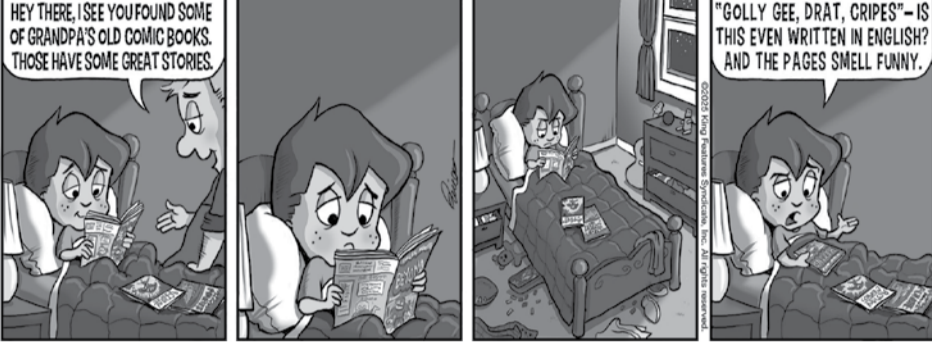
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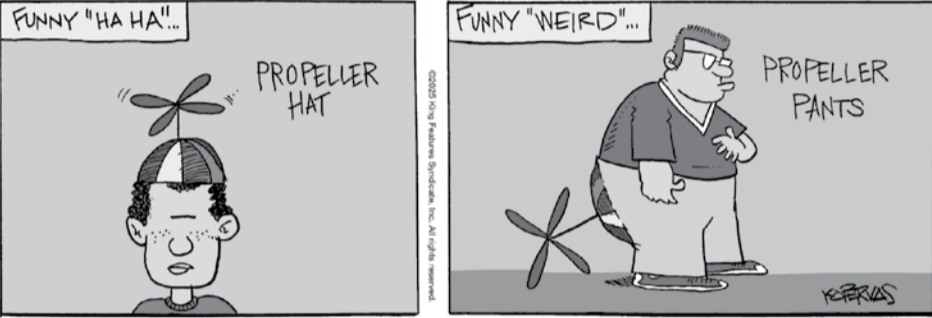
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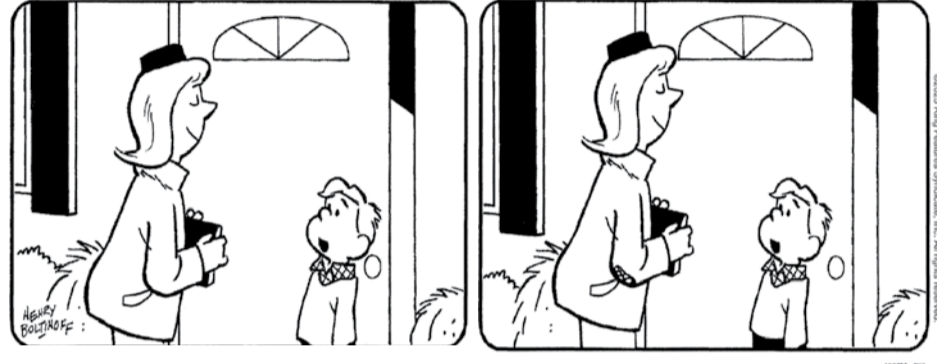
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**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

- Home to Taj Mahal
- Centum weight, acr.
- Psychedelic drug, acr.
- Elephant trainer's poker
- \*Ned Stark's youngest daughter
- Draw out a conclusion
- Parks of Civil Rights fame
- Toothy wheel
- Birth-related
- \*Pinocchio's father
- Fortune-telling coffee remnant
- Religious doctrine
- D.C. mover and shaker, abbr.
- Assembled
- Raidable hotel room amenity
- Evergreen creeper
- \*"Fasten" a shoe (2 words)
- Nay, to a baby
- Dryer accumulation, pl.
- Expose to moisture
- White heron
- Sodium hydroxide
- Same as battle-ax
- UN labor grp.
- Like localized disease
- Crab's grabber
- Catcher in the what?
- Food-borne bacteria
- Begone!
- \*"Fathers and Sons" author
- Not expensive
- Medicinal plant
- Joie de vivre
- Batu Khan's posse
- \*Fils' father
- Chicken of the sea
- \*Tarzan's adoptive dad
- Before, poetically
- Big Bang's original matter

**DOWN**

- Financing acronym
- Hot rum drink
- \*Official flower of Father's Day
- Adjusts
- Minotaur's island
- \*Kurt Russell's son of "Thunderbolts" fame
- Tropical tuber
- Stringed instrument
- Slang for heroin
- Marina \_\_\_\_\_ Rey, CA
- "To do" list
- "\_\_\_\_\_ a high note"
- \*Fictional Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ who banished children's nanny to a doghouse
- Banana refuse, pl.
- Gladys Knight's band member
- \*Christopher Robin's father A.A. \_\_\_\_\_
- Like certain flu
- Church assembly
- Speechless
- Gabriel of Chile
- Administer ceremonial oil
- Chopper blade
- Nile dweller, for short
- Snake-like reef dweller
- \*Cormac McCarthy's post-apocalyptic father/son novel (2 words)
- Expatriate
- Dream in the sky
- Climactic stage
- Nearsighted one
- Degrees in right angle
- Prolific Swiss mathematician
- Ten million, in India
- Mercantile establishment
- This location
- Cassette contents
- Twelfth month of Jewish calendar
- Rooftop contraption
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- \*"Platoon" setting, for short

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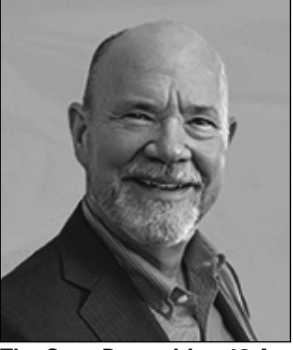
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# California Commentary: Support the Save Proposition 13 Act of 2026



The Save Proposition 13 Act of 2026 will reverse court-created loopholes, restoring the tax relief first started with Proposition 13. Photo Courtesy of Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

**By Jon Coupal, President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association**

Starting in 1978 with the passage of Proposition 13, California voters have repeatedly tried to protect their homes and businesses from excessive taxation by imposing limits on property taxes and requiring two-thirds voter approval for other local taxes that disproportionately burden homeowners and businesses. Despite the clear intent of the voters, California courts have sided with the government and its special interest benefactors by creating loopholes that significantly weakened these protections.

Taxpayers are fighting back. The Save Prop. 13 Act of 2026 will reverse these court-created loopholes and restore the tax relief first started with Proposition 13.

In 2017, the California Supreme Court's decision in California Cannabis Coalition v. City of Upland created an ambiguity as to whether the state constitution applies to local citizens' initiatives in the same way it applies to measures placed on the ballot by a government body. Since that time, all kinds of unconstitutional taxes – backed

by tax-and-spend special interests – have been imposed on Californians costing billions of dollars that they would not have had to pay if the courts followed the letter and the spirit of the law.

Virtually all the appellate courts have used the Upland loophole to allow unconstitutional new taxes to take effect. Despite our efforts to have the Supreme Court resolve the issue definitively, it has not. This statewide initiative will not only restore taxpayer rights, but it will also provide clarity in the law upholding the two-thirds vote protection.

Since Upland, several local initiative tax increases have been declared “approved” despite falling short of Proposition 13's two-thirds vote requirement for special taxes (taxes dedicated to a specific purpose). The Upland loophole has allowed special interest groups to write initiatives that raise taxes, direct the money to themselves, and pass them with just a simple majority. The same tax increase proposed by a City Council or County Board of Supervisors would require a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass. The Save Prop. 13 Act will amend the state constitution to restore and reinforce the taxpayer protections that voters adopted when they passed Proposition 13.

Of particular concern to all property owners is the explosion in higher real estate transfer taxes. For decades, even before Prop. 13, taxes on the sale or transfer of real property were limited to \$1.10 per \$1,000 of property value. However, since Prop. 13's passage, many cities began imposing real estate transfer taxes in excess of \$45 per \$1,000 of value. Even

worse, because of the infamous Upland decision, local governments operating under the guise 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 where, because of Measure United to House LA, high-value properties are now subject to very high transfer taxes.

Because transfer taxes impose a form of “equity theft,” Prop. 13 was intended to prohibit transfer taxes and expressly stated so. But in another judicial ruling, the courts concluded that Prop. 13 only prohibited “special” transfer taxes intended for a specific purpose. For that reason, most cities choose to stay within the pre-existing state limit of \$1.10 per \$1,000. But the real abuse occurred when some charter cities imposed transfer taxes that exceed the state limit, especially those which exploited the Upland loophole, such as the United to House LA tax.

The Save Prop. 13 Act prohibits the Charter City loophole from being used in the future and also invalidates general transfer taxes that exceed the state limit, ending Measure United to House LA.

While there is much for taxpayer advocates to do to achieve comprehensive tax relief, the Save Prop. 13 Act of 2026 closes the major loopholes punched in California's most important and iconic taxpayer reform – Proposition 13. ★

# Government Driving Gas Prices Through the Roof



Senator Ted Gaines

**By Ted Gaines**

California's Progressive political elite hate fossil fuels so much they are willing to impoverish their citizens to punish “Big Oil” and speed up a transition to an even more expensive green energy future.

Governor Newsom wants zero gas-powered cars sold in California by 2035, which sends a strong signal to refiners about the long-term value of investment in the Golden State. The state makes permitting for refinery expansion or upgrades extraordinarily difficult and time-consuming for oil companies. On top of that, California has high labor costs and the highest corporate tax rate in the western states. Our electricity costs are among the highest in the country, making it tough for power-intensive refineries to operate profitably.

All of these headwinds are created by policy decisions from Sacramento, and they make California a rough place to succeed for the oil industry, on purpose.

It appears the oil industry is getting the message and California consumers will soon be paying the price. Two major oil refiners recently announced they are ceasing operations in the state. What will this mean for people at the pump?

A recent study by Michael A. Mische at the University of Southern California highlights the looming affordability crisis, finding that the closure of Phillips 66 and Valero refineries will slash California's refining capacity by 21 percent by 2026, potentially driving prices to \$7.35 to \$8.44 per gallon.

Newsom and the other green energy devotees in the legislature are always quick to blame the oil industry for price gouging or financial trickery every time gas prices go up, and every few years they announce another commission to study what the greedy corporations are doing to make our gas so expensive.

But California's gas prices, the highest in the nation at \$4.82 per gallon as of April, are a direct result of the state's own policies, not corporate greed.

If oil companies were gouging, why are prices in neighboring western states like Nevada (\$3.85) or Arizona (\$3.30) significantly lower? Are the companies somehow less greedy in other states? Does that make sense to anyone?

It's easy to see why Californians pay so much for gas. California's unique blend requirements, cap and trade fees, and \$1.47 per gallon in taxes and regulatory costs, set to rise to \$2.83 by 2026, explain

the disparity. No other western state stacks on so many costs.

The state's own attorney general found no evidence of widespread price gouging, confirming that California's policies, not corporate profits, are the culprit. I'm sure when gas hits \$8 per gallon, they will convene another task force to overlook the obvious.

High fuel prices are a regressive tax that hit poor and rural Californians the hardest. For the poor, gas already takes up a larger share of low-income budgets. This will make that fact dramatically worse. Rural Californians drive longer distances for work, school, or essentials, often in larger vehicles like trucks needed for agricultural, construction or industrial work.

But even though the harm will be more concentrated on some groups, every working Californian and every industry will feel the pain of the gas price sticker shock.

California must reverse course.

Without reforming its business climate and drawing refiners back, the state risks not only economic stagnation but making Californians poorer as they bear the cost of Sacramento's ideological crusade.

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# SB 84 Heads to Senate Vote, A Crucial Test for Small Businesses

**By Victor Gomez, Executive Director, California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - This week, California lawmakers will have another opportunity to advance a bill that could drastically improve the landscape for small business owners across the state.

Senate Bill 84, which recently cleared the Senate Judiciary and Senate Appropriations Committees, will have the chance to move from the Senate to the State Assembly for its passage. This development marks another critical hurdle for a bill that if enacted, will ease the burden that lawsuit abuse has on our local small businesses.

At its core, SB 84 is a common-sense proposal aimed to curb predatory lawsuits that exploit the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If passed, the bill would give small businesses, those with 50 or fewer employees, a 120-day window to correct alleged accessibility violations before a lawsuit could be filed. This simple reform could dramatically reduce the number of frivolous, costly legal actions that continue to threaten mom-and-pop shops across our state.

The bill is not about rolling back ADA protections.



Victor Gomez is the executive director of the California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse. Courtesy photo

It's inherently about fairness. Thousands of small business owners support the goals of the ADA and are eager to comply, but too often, they're blindsided by lawsuits dealing with technical infractions they never knew existed in the first place. Instead of being given time to address the issue, they're dragged into court and forced to pay settlements many can't afford.

These lawsuits don't just hurt our business owners. They close community institutions, cost jobs and discourage new investment in our neighborhoods. They also discredit the real purpose of accessibility laws by turning them into tools for personal profit rather than public good.

Last year, a similar bill, SB 585, died in the Assembly without even receiving a hearing. That can't happen again. For the sake of all our small business communities across the state, SB 84 must become law in 2025.

With the full California State Senate poised to take up this bill in just a few short days, this is a test of whether California's elected officials are serious about supporting small businesses or wish to remain content with letting them be sued into submission. We ask that our senators stand up for both accessibility and economic fairness and vote SB 84 through the Senate and onward to the Assembly. ★

# California Voters Strongly Back Trump's Position on Medicaid

**Protect Our Health Care Coalition News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - As the debate over federal Medicaid funding heats up, a new poll by President Donald Trump's pollster Jim McLaughlin, commissioned by Swing Strategies in partnership with the Protect Our Health Care Coalition, finds that voters in five Trump-carried, GOP-held California congressional districts overwhelmingly oppose cuts to Medicaid.

Among the key findings include support for Medicaid is nearly universal with 87% approval, including 78% from Trump voters. Findings also show that 83% of voters agree with President Trump when he has repeatedly said that Congress should not cut Medicaid, including 85% of independent suburban women and 84% of Hispanic voters.

Polls showed that 70% say they are less likely to vote for a candidate who cuts Medicaid funding.

“This data underscores a clear

opportunity for Republican leaders to further broaden the new Republican coalition that made significant gains in 2024 with Black, Hispanic and young voters,” said Jim McLaughlin, president and partner at McLaughlin and Associates. “President Trump's position on Medicaid reflects where voters already are,” which is to leave Medicaid alone.

Surveyed districts include California's First Congressional District (LaMalfa), a safe Republican and rural district;

California's Third Congressional District (Kiley), a suburban GOP-held district; California's 22nd Congressional District (Valadao), a GOP-held Central Valley district with a 14-point Democratic registration advantage; California's 40th Congressional District (Kim), a competitive Orange County district that leans Republican; and California's 41st Congressional District (Calvert), a GOP-held Inland Empire district with nearly even Democratic and Republican registration. ★

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