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## State Theater Legal Battle Continues

*Ownership Dispute and Unpaid Fines Head to Court*



The legal battle surrounding Marysville's long-shuttered State Theater continues to unfold. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

By Shamaya Sutton

**MARYSVILLE, CA** - The legal battle surrounding Marysville's long-shuttered State Theater continues to unfold in Yuba County Superior Court, as questions of ownership and unpaid city fines remain unresolved.

On Feb. 7, local property manager Donald Melvin filed a civil lawsuit seeking to quiet title, a legal process to confirm ownership, over the historic theater building located at 515 E St. Melvin claims he purchased the property in 2007 through an oral cash agreement with the late George Benny, a known member of California Partners LLC but said that no deed was ever recorded.

California Partners LLC has held the official title since 2001, according to property records referenced in the complaint.

In response, the City of Marysville filed a cross-complaint on the same day, Feb. 7, stating that the property is still subject to a municipal lien due to accumulated nuisance abatement costs and civil penalties. The city

claims it issued a formal Notice and Penalty Order under its municipal code and that Melvin cannot claim a clear title until those debts are paid in full.

In the city's answer, filed by attorney Brant Bordsen on May 6, the city argues that "Plaintiff is guilty of unclean hands and cannot quiet title free and clear of the city's lien." The city is asking the court to uphold the lien and determine the amount owed.

Melvin's legal team, led by attorneys John Einwechter and John Hyatt of Hyatt McIntire & Associates, filed their formal Answer to the city's Cross-Complaint on June 6. The document includes a general denial of all allegations and introduces two affirmative defenses: that the cross-complaint fails to state a cause of action and that the complaint is too vague or uncertain to respond to under California pleading standards.

A Case Management Conference, originally scheduled for June 16, was postponed due to audio issues with CourtCall, the remote appearance

platform. According to the court's Clerk's Minutes, no parties appeared and the hearing was continued on the court's own motion.

The new hearing is now scheduled for Monday, July 28, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 4 of the Yuba County Courthouse.

The State Theater, a 1927 Spanish-style venue that has sat vacant since 1996, has long been the subject of code enforcement disputes, fire safety violations and preservation debates. Despite its deteriorating condition, the building remains a landmark in downtown Marysville's historic commercial district.

City officials have not offered any public statement on the current case. Marysville's Community and Economic Development Director Dan Flores, who recently floated the idea of converting the building into an indoor pickleball court, and City Manager Jim Schaad, have not responded to requests for comment.

Attempts to reach Melvin or his legal team were also unsuccessful by press time. ★

## Assembly Republicans Elect Heath Flora as New Leader in Unanimous Vote

*Gallagher Announces He Is Stepping Down; Flora Elected as Leader Elect*

Assembly Republicans News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Assembly Republican Caucus has unanimously elected Assemblymember Heath Flora, a Republican from Ripon, as its new leader.

Assemblymember James Gallagher, a Republican from East Nicolaus who has led the Caucus since 2022, announced the transition. Gallagher will continue to serve as Republican Leader through the end of the legislative session and will officially step down from the role effective Sept. 16.

"Stepping aside was my decision, and I'm proud of what we've



Heath Flora



James Gallagher

accomplished," Gallagher said. "Coming out of redistricting, people predicted we'd drop to 15 seats. Instead, we battled back, picked up seats and won big fights on issues like fentanyl, human trafficking and Prop 36. We've grown the Caucus, sharpened our

message and we're not done yet.

"I'm excited the Caucus has chosen Heath Flora. He's been my right hand, and I know he'll take this team to the next level."

Flora thanked his colleagues for their support, saying "I'm honored by

the unanimous vote of my colleagues. Californians deserve a Republican Caucus that fights hard, communicates clearly, and never backs down. I'm ready to lead that fight."

Under Gallagher's leadership, Assembly Republicans expanded their ranks, flipped seats once considered unwinnable and forced overdue debates on crime, affordability and government accountability.

Both Gallagher and Flora stressed the importance of unity moving forward, with a clear mission: to bring real solutions to Sacramento and earn back the trust of Californians who've been ignored for too long. ★

## Garden Avenue Safe Routes to School Project Honored

Yuba County News Release

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba County Public Works project that aimed to create safer travel for students and pedestrians along Garden Avenue was recognized for Project of the Year (in the Transportation category) by the Sacramento chapter of American Public Works Association (APWA).

The Garden Avenue Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project included the construction of sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, curbs, gutters, storm drains and ADA-compliant ramps. Construction began in summer 2024 and was completed this spring.

"For years, Yuba County has been working to improve road safety and pedestrian access," Yuba County Public Works Director Sam Bunton said. "This road reconstruction project complements nearby recent and future projects for better connectivity and safety for our community."

This project, which spanned from Feather River Boulevard to the levee at Riverside Drive, serves the overall neighborhoods and students attending nearby Cedar Lane Elementary, where roadside ditches and power poles once forced pedestrians into the travel lane.

Past Yuba County Safe Routes to School projects include Cedar Lane and McGowan Parkway completed in 2023 and 11th Avenue in 2021.

Next up on Public Works' Garden Avenue Safe Routes to School list includes Linda and Dunning avenues as well as the West Linda Safe Routes to School project. Other improvements in West Linda include the Feather River Blvd. State of Good Repair (started this spring), and Friendship Park Beautification Project (aiming to start construction this fall).

This \$3.9-million Garden Avenue project was funded as part of the \$2.27-million grant from the California Transportation Commission, with \$2.75 million in local cost-share funding from the Yuba Water Agency.

The award recognizes projects that demonstrate excellent management, administration, design, sustainability, construction and the strong alliance among the various agencies who worked together to complete the project, according to the American Public Works Association. ★

# Stories from The Great Zelito Flea Circus

by Bill Crocker

A collection of humorous essays about the funny side of life



## The Electronics Nightmare

The Way it was in 2009

I wrote this back in 2009. Those of us who are on the elderly side of life will remember what it was like back then and chuckle. The young folks will have no idea.

My son is a computer systems engineer. As such, it is his duty to keep his elderly father reasonably current with electronic devices. I have a 2GB iPod Nano, a Sony Ericsson cellular telephone, and an iMac computer with a 24" screen and a 2.8 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor with a memory capacity of 2 GB. My iPod and cell phone are several years old. But no matter, I hardly use them anyway, so they can be disregarded for this story. However, my computer is fairly new, and if it's possible to love an inanimate object, I am in love.

I am old enough to remember the acquisition of our family's very first television. It was a beautiful seventeen-inch Zenith console purchased from Mr. Kropat, who sold black and white TVs out of his home in Cassadaga, New York. Our TV was hooked up just prior to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday evening, November 13, 1951. The 8:00 p.m. deadline was important to catch *Texaco Star Theater*, starring Milton Berle—Mr. Television, Uncle Miltie. With the antenna attached at the

top of the house chimney to pick up the signals, a volume selector, a horizontal and vertical test pattern adjusting system, and a channel selector, a total of three networks were available for viewing on three channels: NBC, CBS, and ABC.

This little trip down television memory lane leads us into the electronics nightmare that I am faced with these days. It took a few sessions with my genius engineer son before I mastered the current entertainment center set up. Karen has completely given up. Actually, her acquiescence to my superior knowledge serves me well. She now has to continue to take care of me or suffer the inability of locating the Food Channel. I realize this system is a little on the old side. But I am reluctant to give it up and subject myself to the training on a new system. I think my brain would explode.

Our entertainment center is composed of three devices: a Motorola digital video recorder (DVR); a JVC digital video disc player (DVD); and a Sony Trinitron television.

I work with three separate remote controls that I have named. They are a Motorola DVR remote—Moe; a JVC PL21036-033 DVD remote—Larry; and a Sony TV remote—Curly.

The use of these remotes demands a healthy respect for each unit's ability. If they are misused, the user can be sent

into another dimension of picture with no sound, sound with no picture, no sound and no picture, or a screen filled with "snow." I know this for a fact. Several times, I have powered up the TV only to get black-screened silence: no picture, no sound. I would spend the next ten minutes or so searching the manuals and blindly punching buttons until I happened to hit the right combination. It was only recently that I discovered the culprit: Moe's *all on* button. Moe, Larry, and Curly all have several buttons that are never used. Moe has one such button called *all on*. It sits just below his *power* button. Care must be taken to avoid hitting this button by mistake during the system's powering down sequence. Of course, that warning is nowhere in the user's manual.

To begin my viewing pleasure, Moe powers up the TV. Now you might think that it should be Curly's responsibility, since he is the Sony TV remote. But you'd be wrong. With the presence of a DVR, Moe is king. Now, I can watch TV without further moves if I choose. However, if I want to use the DVR, Moe needs to switch *tv* to *cable*. OK, now I'm ready to record a program for future viewing. On the TV screen, Moe chooses *menu*, *list*, *choose program*, *record*, *confirm*. If I want to play a recording, Moe chooses *my DVR*, *program*, *play*. Simple you say. Yeah,

maybe, but we're not done yet.

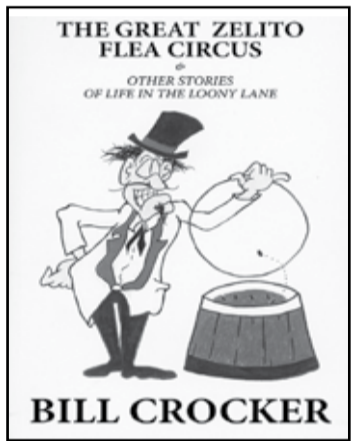
One problem with the DVR is that there are only two signal channels. So, if Moe has chosen to record two programs at the same time, and I have decided to watch a third program live, the DVR says, no, no! I have three choices: watch one of the two programs that are being recorded, stop the recording of one of the programs and watch live TV, or shut off the TV and read a book. This is an important decision and requires a steady hand and a clear mind. A wrong decision here could be devastating.

Why record a program at all? Good question. The answer is the reason that I got the DVR in the first place: no commercials. That's right. I sit there clutching Moe as the two of us enjoy the recorded program. When the dreaded commercial appears, I jab Moe in his *fast forward* button and watch the commercial fly by. Then I hit him in his *play* button when the commercial is finished.

How about playing a DVD? This can be done with the TV in either the *tv* or *cable* mode. I grab a hold of Curly and hit him in his *tv/video* button twice. This is Curly's one and only function, and he handles it well. I open the DVD player tray, load the disc, and close the tray. This wakes up Larry, and he powers up the DVD player. Now, Larry's in control throughout the playing of the DVD, sort of. Moe still controls the volume.

When it's time to power down the system from viewing a DVD, the boys demonstrate beautiful cooperation. After the disc is removed, I hit Larry in his *power* button, punch Curly three times in his *tv/video* button, whack Moe in his *tv* button to change the TV from cable to tv, and then another blow in Moe's *power* button. For powering down from live or recorded TV viewing, I just hit Moe in his *tv* button and then one final jab in his *power* button.

So, as you can see, operating this system is a bit more complicated than the 1951 TV with the three programming choices. My son has encouraged me to get something called a universal remote. I've never seen one, but the idea conjures up a vision of mission control. ★



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# 'Marysville Underground' Haunted Attraction to Debut at Riverfront Park

By Shamaya Sutton

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - A massive new haunted house attraction is coming to Beckwourth Riverfront Park this fall and despite the eerie buildup and anonymous online teasers, "Marysville Underground" is 100% real.

The full-scale, immersive event opens in October and promises a fright-filled journey through multiple custom-built haunted structures. Inspired by the myths of the "Marysville Underground," a long-rumored network of buried tunnels beneath downtown, this sprawling haunted experience will reimagine that local legend with frightening detail.

Organizers are intentionally keeping their identities hidden to preserve the mystery, but after some early skepticism from locals who questioned the event's legitimacy, it has now been confirmed: the attraction is happening and it's hiring!

"This isn't a pop-up scare shack or a volunteer-run garage haunt," one representative shared. "We're building and trucking in real sets, employing local talent and producing a very theatrical, horror-based experience that's never been done before in Marysville."

According to the official website, marysvilleunderground.com, the event includes three large-scale haunted

structures including a twisting Labyrinth, a deranged slaughter house and a high-intensity Zombie Escape spread across a 40,000-square-foot obstacle zone. Each participant receives a flag belt upon entry and must survive all three haunted realms without losing their flags. Those who succeed earn a prize that marks them as something more than human.

For those too faint of heart, the Monster Mash offers a massive viewing area with food, drinks, photo booths and live video feeds from the haunts. Meanwhile, children 12 and under can enjoy a tamer, spooky-themed adventure in the family-friendly Little Monsters zone.

"We've been planning this for a couple years now and have kept things really quiet until recently," said the lead director for Marysville Underground. "Since releasing the information in June, we've had makeup artists reaching out and a bunch of people who want to be involved so that's pretty exciting."

The event's website, marysvilleunderground.com, offers detailed previews of each section of the haunt, including recommended age limits, employment opportunities and pricing tiers. Ticket sales are already live, with early bird specials going on until Aug. 31. Organizers suggest booking early, due to expected demand. ★

# Yuba City Reorganizes and Appoints New Executive Leadership

City of Yuba City News Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The City of Yuba City has reimagined its leadership team to better meet the community's growing infrastructure and development needs.

Three highly qualified, long-serving city employees will be appointed to director roles effective July 12, including Phil Marler as utilities director, Josh Wolffe as public works director and Doug Libby as development services director.

"This decision reflects our belief in growing leadership from within," said Mayor Dave Shaw. "Phil, Josh and Doug have earned the respect of their teams and have a clear vision for the future of Yuba City. We're proud to support their continued leadership in these key roles."

Marler began his career with the city in March 2006 as a Public Works maintenance worker I and steadily rose through the ranks, holding nearly every position within the department. Marler currently serves as deputy public works director of utilities, where his hands-on experience and institutional knowledge of Yuba City's water and wastewater systems are unmatched. Marler is known for his steady leadership and practical insight into infrastructure operations. Outside of work, he enjoys camping, traveling, and spending time with his family.

Born and raised in Yuba City, Wolffe started with the city as an engineering intern in 2016 while attending CSU Chico. After earning his degree in 2017, he joined full-time as an assistant engineer and quickly rose through the ranks most recently serving as senior civil engineer. His work includes several landmark projects such as the Franklin Avenue Improvements, Didar S. Bains Park, and the Bocce and Pickleball Courts at Sam Brannan Park. When not at work, Wolffe enjoys spending time with his wife, daughter, and close family, as well as golfing, fishing and performing handyman work.

Libby has more than 30 years of land-use planning experience in both California and Idaho. He currently serves as



Phil Marler began his career with the city in March 2006 as a Public Works maintenance worker I and steadily rose through the ranks, holding nearly every position within the department. Photo courtesy of the City of Yuba City



After earning his degree in 2017, Josh Wolffe joined full-time as an assistant engineer and quickly rose through the ranks, most recently serving as senior civil engineer. Photo courtesy of the City of Yuba City



Doug Libby currently serves as deputy public works director of development services, having joined the City of Yuba City in 2022 after 22 years with Sutter County. Photo courtesy of the City of Yuba City

deputy public works director of development services, having joined the City of Yuba City in 2022 after 22 years with Sutter County. His career has included large-scale development, ski resort planning and one-on-one community development projects. Libby has also been actively involved with the Sutter County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) since 2001 and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Natomas Basin Conservancy. Libby has been happily married to his wife, Cheryl, for 19 years and is a proud father of two sons.

These appointments maximize the city's internal talent, create budget savings, and help maintain operational efficiency. The reorganization of these key departments will sharpen the city's focus across core service areas of utilities, public works and development services.

Marler, Wolffe and Libby will be formally recognized at a special City Council meeting on July 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. A small reception will follow.

For more information about the City of Yuba City, visit [www.yubacity.net](http://www.yubacity.net). ★

# Live Oak Vice-Mayor Arrested for Arson and Insurance Fraud

By Shamaya Sutton

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - A Live Oak City Councilmember is facing multiple felony charges following his arrest on June 19 in connection to an alleged arson and insurance fraud scheme in Butte County.

Aaron Pamma, 30, who currently serves as the Live Oak vice-mayor, was taken into custody on June 19 along with two associates: Gurtej Singh, 28, of Yuba City and Simren Pamma, 28, a Live Oak Unified School District board member. The arrests stem from a months-long investigation into a suspicious fire that destroyed a rural Butte County home in February 2024.

According to a press release from the Butte County District Attorney's Office and reporting by KCRA and ABC10, Singh originally purchased the property in April 2023. He later transferred partial ownership to brothers Aaron and Simren Pamma, according to the District Attorney's Office. Investigators allege that Singh applied for

homeowner's insurance in late 2023 under false pretenses and that all three conspired to profit from a planned fire.

On Feb. 17, 2024, the residence caught fire and, according to investigators, the blaze's cause was later determined to be intentional. Authorities with Cal Fire and the Butte County DA's Office allege that the defendants continued to submit false information to the insurance provider following the fire and ultimately received a payout. The property was later sold at a profit, bringing the total alleged financial gain to more than \$200,000.

Charges against Aaron Pamma include arson, conspiracy to commit arson for insurance fraud, perjury and multiple counts related to the submission of a fraudulent insurance claim. Gurtej Singh and Simren Pamma face similar charges. In addition, a fourth suspect, Javier Molina-Bravo, identified as the owner of Big Dog Handyman, has been accused of writing fraudulent checks for renovation

materials purchased for the property. Molina-Bravo is currently wanted on additional fraud charges and remains at large.

The Butte County District Attorney's Office issued \$1-million warrants for each of the three main defendants. In a statement to KCRA, a representative for Pamma said he intends to "fully and vigorously defend these charges in court" and maintains his innocence.

The Live Oak City Council has acknowledged the arrest but has not released further comment pending legal proceedings. As of now, Pamma has not resigned his council seat.

The defendants are scheduled to return to Butte County Superior Court at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 13 for arraignment and to enter their pleas. No additional updates regarding pretrial motions or plea deals have been disclosed, as of press time.

This case remains under investigation. Proceedings are expected to continue in Butte County Superior Court in the coming weeks. ★

# Mountain Fair Returns to Brownsville

By Shamaya Sutton

**BROWNSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Mountain Fair is making its return to Brownsville for the 2025 season, promising two days packed with family-friendly activities, live music, local food and traditional competitions.

Hosted at 16911 Willow Glen Road, the fair will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 26, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 27.

Originally launched in 1975 and paused in 2004, the fair resumed in 2021 and continues to grow, thanks to Yuba Feather Community Services and a team of dedicated local volunteers. Attractions this year include a kids' carnival, logging contests, animal shows, science demonstrations and more than 50 vendors.

The July 26 highlight is the BBQ Rib Cookoff, with tasting at noon and awards presented at 2:30 p.m. The July 27 event will feature a baking contest, with judging at 11:30 a.m. and awards at 1:30 p.m. Live music will

be provided by Banner Mountain Blues and the Rag Top Rockers, with performances scheduled on both days.

Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for children ages 6 to 11, and free for children 5 and under.

Raffle tickets and carnival games will be available throughout the weekend.

For locals and visitors alike, Mountain Fair 2025 offers a vibrant celebration of mountain culture, community spirit and summer fun. ★



A competitor hurls an axe toward a painted bullseye during one of the logging arena challenges at the 2024 Mountain Fair in Brownsville. Photo courtesy of the Mountain Fair



A contestant powers through a log with a chainsaw, sending sawdust flying during the 2024 Mountain Fair's traditional logging games in Brownsville. Photo courtesy of the Mountain Fair

# California State Parks Begins Debris Cleanup at Bidwell Mansion



Shown is the Bidwell Mansion today. The beloved mansion was severely damaged in an arson fire on Dec. 11, 2024. Photo courtesy of California State Parks

## California State Parks, Office of Historic Preservation, News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - California State Parks is beginning the cleanup phase at Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park.

Starting the week of July 7, a contractor will clear debris around the historic mansion that was severely damaged in an arson fire on Dec. 11, 2024.

Work will include removing all fire-damaged debris around the perimeter of the main historic brick structure. There will not be any demolition work on the building structure or debris cleanup inside the building.

Workers will monitor for hazardous materials and air quality, protecting what remains of the structure, originally completed in 1868. State Parks anticipates

the cleanup will take approximately three weeks.

The future for the state historic park has not been determined. However, this cleanup work will allow the structural and cultural assessments that are critical to informing the next steps for planning and recovery.

State Parks is preparing a public and stakeholder engagement process, including tribal input, that will be announced later this summer to assist in planning the state historic park's recovery. This recovery planning effort will happen concurrently with cleanup and assessment activities.

State Parks thanks the public for its continued support of this beloved Victorian home that was a symbol to the city of Chico and a point of pride for the local community. ★

# Felony Vandalism Arrest

## Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - In the early morning hours of June 28, deputies responded to multiple reports of vandalized vehicles near Portola Valley Road in Yuba City.

The Sutter County Sheriff's Investigations

Unit promptly began canvassing the area, collecting surveillance footage and interviewing witnesses.

After a thorough investigation, it was found that approximately 11 vehicles were vandalized, causing nearly \$17,000 in damages, with approximately 22 vehicles being tampered with in total.

Sutter County detectives identified the suspects as two male juveniles, a 16-year-old from Marysville and a 17-year-old from Yuba City.

Both juveniles were taken into custody and booked into Bi-County Juvenile Hall on charges of felony vandalism and conspiracy. ★

# Fly the Flag



By Kathy Craig Harteis

Driving down the interstate yesterday I saw something that made me proud.

Upon a hill near a familiar farm I saw a shiny green tractor with a giant American Flag attached and flying in the wind. What better spot to show pride in our flag.

It's out there for all to see. It waves strong and proud on America's farmland.

The farm owner is an Iraq War veteran. He knows the struggle that he and other soldiers faced for the right to fly our flag. So fly it he does.

It makes me proud to call this particular young farmer one of my own.

Many of my family members were soldiers, sailors and airmen during wartimes. My husband is a Vietnam Veteran. They all deserve respect. The flag they fought for and some died for deserves respect. If you own one; proudly fly it for all to see.

All eyes are on and all hearts are with Texas this week as I write. I cannot imagine the sorrow and pain these families are facing. To lose a child or a grandchild is the absolute most heart wrenching event we can face.

Many years ago our 16-year-old nephew drowned at an area dam. You never forget the loss. The pain of waiting on shore for divers to find him remains fresh in our memory. The doubled pain and cries of his parents when his body was found is not forgotten.

We appreciated the

efforts and the never-give-up attitude of the divers.

Once the crowd left and the family went home that day they tried one more time to find him. They joined together to make a final sweep of the water. They successfully located his body with that effort. With that discovery began a whole new onslaught of pain.

So, pray long and hard for the Texas families facing first uncertainty and then relief or heart break. Our children; big or small are our most precious gifts.

Let's pray life will be 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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# Community Calendar

## Yuba County Library

Yuba County Library has the following upcoming events at Health & Human Services, 5730 Packard Ave., Marysville (location may vary, as noted):

**Friday, July 18:** Pokémon Party, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Guests will get to play fun games, complete cool crafts, and test their knowledge of the Pokémon Universe with trivia. This program is best for kids 3 and older; registration is required.

**Monday, July 21:** Community helper story time with Jason Kopping from the Yuba County Airport, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mr. Kopping will read books on planes and pilots, and then we will make a fun craft to go with the stories. Please register so we have enough crafts prepared.

**Tuesday, July 22:** First Five story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., registration is required.

**Wednesday, July 23:** Bilingual story time with community helper Claudia Mendoza, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ms. Mendoza will read books in Spanish and English and then we will make a fun craft to go along with one of the books. Please register so we have enough crafts prepared.

**Thursday, July 24:** Going to the park story time with community helpers Civic Thread, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Civic Thread will be sharing information from Yuba County Public Works about the new updates to Friendship Park in West Linda, and they will be giving away resources to help you get to the park safely by walking, rolling, or biking. Please register so we can prepare enough crafts.

**Friday, July 25:** Summer Reading Program party, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 915 8th St., Marysville. Come and celebrate the end of the summer reading program. Have your picture taken with Moana, Superman, or Blue the Dinosaur, and enjoy children's activities.

**Monday, July 28:** Story time at the Yuba County Government Center, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 915 8th St. Marysville. Registration is required.

**Tuesday, July 29:** First Five story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., registration is required.

**Wednesday, July 30:** First Five story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., registration is required.

**Thursday, July 31:** First Five story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., registration is required.

Call 530-749-7380 for more information or email library@co.yuba.ca.us

## Sutter County Library

Sutter County library, at 750 Forbes Ave., Yuba City, has the following upcoming events. Call 530-930-2315 for more information on general library offerings.

**Tuesday, July 22:** Kid's create craft time, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This week, participants will design their own journals. Supplies are limited and may be substituted as necessary.

**Thursday, July 24:** Family fun night, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This week, Magician Brian Scott will amaze you with his incredible magic.

**Tuesday, July 29:** Kid's create craft time, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This week, participants will decorate their own visors. Supplies are limited and may be substituted as necessary.

**Thursday, July 31:** Family fun night, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This week, Chicken Lips will perform their educational and entertaining songs.

**Fridays, July 18 and 25:** Fun Fridays in the Garden, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Artisan Community Garden, 1333 Butte House Rd., Yuba City. Free for kids of all ages – come help water our community garden, pick produce, cook in the mud kitchen, enjoy book readings and be creative with garden, art, and sensory activities. Not a drop-off event; guardian must be present with child.

## Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19

**Marysville Peach Festival**, in historic downtown Marysville. From 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, enjoy dozens of delectable peach foods, desserts and beverages while visiting one of more than 150 vendors. More information at www.marysvillepeachfest.com

## Friday, July 18

**DIY coffee scrub workshop**, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at The Village Coffee Shoppe Bistro, 101 Clark Ave., Yuba City. Get ready to glow – naturally. Join Blue Zones Project and Amazing Day for a hands-on, feel-good workshop where you'll learn to make your own coffee scrub using repurposed grounds. It's a simple and sustainable way to treat your skin and unwind. This free workshop includes all supplies needed, a scrub to take home and a calming space to downshift and recharge. Space is limited, RSVP today at www.eventbrite.com

## Saturday, July 19

**Classic car and bike show**, registration 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., judging begins at noon at 205 S. Walton Ave., Yuba City. Join the Yuba City Moose Lodge Family Center for this fun event including food, music and a 50-50 drawing. More information at www.yubacitymoose.com

**Mornings in the Garden**, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Artisan Community Garden, 1333 Butte House Rd., Yuba City. This month, we'll be having "wheel" fun – bring your bike, scooter, wheelchair, or wagon. There will be an obstacle course and parade, a wheel wash station and do-it-yourself ice cream. For friends and families of children with special needs, ages 0 to 22. Event is free, but registration is required. For more information, see www.familysoup.org or call 530-751-1925, ext. 110.

**CCYC Car Show**, 9 a.m. to noon at 613 Bogue Rd., Yuba City. This event, from Calvary Chapel Yuba City, includes food trucks, music, and tons of family fun.

## Wednesday, July 23

**Dance class in the park**, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Regency Park, Stabler Lane and Parc W. Drive, in Yuba City. Mark your calendar for this free community dance class series. Each week, learn a brand-new routine with Dr. Michele Blake.

## Saturday, July 26

**SAYLove Saturday Community Clean-up Day**, 7:30 a.m. to noon, see www.saylove.org for starting locations and more information.

Voyage to Vietnam – summer fun, noon to 2 p.m. at 1333 Butte House Rd., Yuba City. Join us at this free event to explore the "Voyage to Vietnam" exhibit. Enjoy fun activities, music, and a chance to play and learn. Come celebrate Vietnamese culture and experience the joy of the Tet Lunar New Year Festival together. More information at www.suttercountymuseum.org

## Wednesday, July 30

**Dance class in the park**, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Regency Park, Stabler Lane and Parc W. Drive, in Yuba City. Mark your calendar for this free community dance class series. Each week, learn a brand-new routine with Dr. Michele Blake.

## Thursday, July 31

**Back-to-School resource fair**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gauche Aquatic Park, 421 Center St., Yuba City. Connect with community agencies and resources. Kids get free lunch, free haircuts and free backpacks – must be present. More information at www.ycusd.org

**Movies in the Park**, at Gauche Aquatic Park, 421 Center St., Yuba City. Join us to see "Shrek 1" starting 15 minutes after sunset. Popcorn, candy and drinks will be available for purchase. Bring your friends, spread out on the grass and enjoy the film on the big outdoor screen.

## Saturday, Aug. 2

**Pancakes for Paws**, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Moose Lodge, 205 S. Walton Ave., Yuba City. \$5.00 per person for a pancake breakfast including scrambled eggs and bacon or sausage. Pet adoption on site and donation table available. This event benefits ResQue Paws Animal Rescue of Sutter and Yuba County. More information at 530-632-1640.

## Meeting Minders

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

**American Legion Post 42** meets the second Monday each month at 211 17th St., Marysville. For more information, call 530-743-0948.

**Harmony Market** resource fair and fresh produce giveaway, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. last Monday of the month at Yuba College, between building 200 and the parking lot. This giveaway is brought to you by Harmony Health, the Yuba Sutter Food Bank and the Blue Zones Project Yuba-Sutter. Explore a wide range of services and programs designed to support your well-being and take home FREE locally sourced fresh produce while supplies last. Next market date is Monday, July 28.

**Marysville City Council** meeting, 6 p.m. first and third Tuesday each month in the City Council chambers at 526 C St. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 5.

**Rotary Club of Yuba City** meets Wednesdays at noon at the Harvest Room, 1475 Tharp Rd., Yuba City.

**Sutter County Board of Supervisors** meeting, 3 p.m., second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the council chambers, 1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 22.

**City Council meetings for Yuba City**, 6 p.m., first and third Tuesday each month in the council chamber at City Hall, 1201 Civic Center Blvd. Call 530-822-4817 for more information. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 5.

**Yuba County Board of Supervisors** meeting, 9 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the board chambers, 915 8th St., Marysville. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 22. ★

# Kings Korner

## By V.G. Harris



The NBA summer league represents an entertaining time of the year for NBA fans and franchises alike. But for owners, GM's and coaches, it represents much more.

Validation of the thousands of hours of pre-draft work and now it's time to see how the hopeful new members of the team are going to perform.

For the Sacramento Kings, that means particular attention to first round pick Nique Clifford and second round pick 7'1" Maxime Raynaud.

With two games in the books, the Kings are 2-0 and their draft choices are holding up their end of the bargain.

Nique Clifford is averaging 18 points per game while hitting the boards with a level of ferocity that helped him set a Colorado State school record for rebounds just a season ago.

Clifford has shown a level of confidence on both ends of the floor that has raised eyebrows and brings back memories of other standout first round picks like DeAaron Fox and Keegan Murray.

Both Fox and Murray stepped into the starting lineup and never looked back. Clifford may face a challenge, as the Kings' starting lineup is stacked with talent, including Zach LaVine, Keegan Murray, DeMar DeRozan and new point guard Dennis Schröder. One of these four players would have to move to the bench if Clifford is to break into the starting lineup. In addition, last year's first round pick Devin Carter is playing like an NBA veteran and fans wonder if Carter will challenge newcomer Dennis Schroder for the position of starting point guard.

A good problem to have? Not sure, as the Kings have been shopping sharpshooter DeMar DeRozan from coast to coast with no apparent takers.

It's a long way from the start of the regular season, so no reason to spend time worrying about something that may never become a problem.

Clifford isn't the only draft choice raising eyebrows, as second round pick Maxime Raynaud is making his presence felt in Las Vegas. Raynaud, a four-year player out of Stanford, scored 16 and 17 points respectively in the two opening games, displaying his talents around the rim and scoring from

beyond the arc.

After a tepid start in game one with eight points and three boards, last year's rookie guard Devin Carter lit it up against the Bulls, scoring a team-leading 30 points while securing eight boards in the process.

Isaac Jones had identical stats in both games, scoring 11 points while grabbing six rebounds. Jones remains an enigma and at 6'9" with a gigantic wingspan, has the body the Kings are looking to duplicate. A second-year man, Isaac is hoping to find more playing time than last season when he played in just 40 games averaging a paltry seven minutes per contest.

There is a lot of legitimate talent on this team, and summer league is all about showing what you can bring to the table.

The Kings appear to still be high on Devin Carter, despite his name popping up in trade rumors but I would like to see what the Kings can do with Carter in the upcoming season, and at the very least, put him to back up the starting point guard. Carter has shown growth in his ball handling skills, and I believe he can be a strong contributor.

Big man Maxime Raynaud may be a project that takes time, as at 7'1" I would expect to see more rebounding than what he showed us in his first two games. While 6'6" guard Nique Clifford led the team in rebounding with 12 against the bulls, Raynaud had only five boards for the contest. Raynaud had just six boards in game 1 versus the Magic but his penchant for scoring the ball is very apparent.

Domantas Sabonis would love to have a little more company on the glass this season, so time will tell if rebounding is a part of Raynaud's game that just needs time to ferment. What better teacher to school a young big man than the NBA's rebounding champ for the past three seasons?

There are many reasons for optimism, Kings fans, and summer league is just one. Vivek Ranadive, Scott Perry and Doug Christie are smiling like Cheshire cats as their young draft picks show the NBA world what they can do.

Stay tuned and enjoy the NBA summer league!

All the best!

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

# Social Security Matters

## Why Can't I get my SS Payment plus my Railroad Pension from my Ex-spouse?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I have a question. I now get a Railroad Pension from my ex-husband. I did not know it was from the Social Security Administration. I want to collect my SS benefits and my Railroad pension. Can I do that? I do not understand why I cannot collect both. Please advise. Thank you. **Signed: Railroad Ex-spouse**

**Dear Railroad Ex-spouse:** Railroad pension benefits and Social Security benefits are fully coordinated – that is, your Railroad pension payment from your ex-spouse already includes your earned Social Security retirement benefit. That's because the two government agencies (the RRB - Railroad Retirement Board - and SSA (Social Security Administration) work together and pay your benefits in one single

payment, usually managed by the RRB if some of your benefit includes a railroad pension component. The RRB and SSA are two separate government agencies, but they fully coordinate benefits for beneficiaries.

This is exactly the same as if you were collecting regular SS ex-spouse benefits (instead of RR benefits) from your ex-husband; your personal SS retirement benefit is always paid first, and you receive an additional amount (a spousal boost) from your ex-husband. In your case, your "spousal boost" is the difference between your personally earned SS retirement benefit at your full retirement age (FRA) and half of your ex-husband's Tier I Railroad retirement benefit amount at his full retirement age. A railroad pension usually consists of two pieces – a Tier I benefit and a Tier II benefit, with Tier I benefits being the equivalent of the pensioner's Social Security.

Your ex-spouse benefits under the RRB are handled the same way. The two agencies fully coordinate with each other, evaluate your SS entitlement, and then reduce the amount of your RRB Tier I ex-spouse benefit by your

SS retirement amount and pay both amounts together. In this way, you only get one payment, consisting of both your earned SSA component and the RRB component. And whenever there is a railroad component, the RRB (Railroad Retirement Board) is usually responsible for making pension payments.

You may find the information at this RRB website helpful: [https://rrb.gov/RRB-9/Social\\_Security\\_Benefits](https://rrb.gov/RRB-9/Social_Security_Benefits) and you can also contact your local RRB field office by accessing this link: <https://www.rrb.gov/Field-Office-Locator>.

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### The Joy of Banana Ball

Major League Baseball is currently debating various rules changes to improve the game, when what it really needs is more players wearing capes and doing backflips.

That, at least, is the lesson of Savannah Bananas, the barnstorming team that has come up with a madcap version of baseball that is widely popular and selling out stadiums around the country.

The Bananas, or the Nanners, as devotees call them, sold out Clemson University's Memorial Stadium back in April, with 81,000 in attendance. Tickets for a couple of games at Yankee Stadium in September are selling on secondary sites at rates significantly higher than any Yankees game.

Who's Yankee ace Max Fried compared to Dakota Stiltz, the Bananas pitcher who bestrides the mound standing at 10 feet and 9 inches on, yes, stilts? The Bananas and their handful of spin-off clubs have made the American pastime even more American.

Banana Ball, currently on what it calls a "world tour," is the baseball equivalent of the carnival coming to town. It taps into the barnstorming baseball tradition that goes back to the 19th century, into the antic spirit of minor-league baseball with its corny entertainment between innings, and into the

showmanship of the Harlem Globetrotters. Twerking and behind-the-back catches are all encouraged.

The Savannah Bananas were originally part of the Coastal Plain League, a summer league for college ballplayers. When the team's exhibition games with modified rules proved more popular than their staid standard fare, they went all exhibition.

We associate baseball with lazy summer afternoons, but there's nothing lazy about Banana Ball.

It takes everything dull or overly subtle about baseball and smashes it underfoot while dancing to a pop song.

At the end of the day, does anyone besides the true connoisseur enjoy seeing a batter try to bunt? In Banana Ball, bunting is strictly prohibited and any attempt will get the offending batter ejected from the game.

Then, there are walks. Who walks in a real sport? What is this, golf? In Banana Ball, after the pitcher issues a base-on-balls, every fielder besides the pitcher and catcher has to touch the ball before the runner can be tagged out. This creates an incentive for runners to actually run out of the batter's box, and very often they reach second base.

Banana Ball, correctly, views incessant and unnecessary delay as the enemy of fan engagement. Batters can't step out of the batter's box. There are no visits to the mound. The game is timed and can't last more than two hours. (MLB has taken steps in this direction with the wondrously successful innovation of the pitch

clock, but can still do more to hustle things along.)

In loud and intense football stadiums, the fans are called "the 12th man." In Banana Ball, the fans are literally the 10th fielder -- if one of them catches a foul ball on the fly, the batter is out.

"Whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America," the French-American historian Jacques Barzun famously wrote, "had better learn baseball."

Intellectuals aren't going to rhapsodize about Banana Ball, but it says something about America, too. Its popularity shows how much we prize speed, constant entertainment and, oh yeah, viral moments on social media (which Banana Ball provides in abundance). Kids, in particular, love it.

Banana Ball isn't a sacrifice against the game, any more than wiffle ball or beer-league softball are. It is a popularization of baseball and advertisement for it, demonstrating how a game that is perceived as dull and uneventful can be the occasion for rollicking fun.

We won't be arguing decades from now about who was the best Banana Ball player of this era. We can enjoy the spectacle all the same.

The supposed inventor of baseball, Abner Doubleday, got much right. So, who can blame him for not realizing how much the game could be enhanced by adding musical numbers and having pitchers throw from trampolines?

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*. (c) 2025 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

# California GOP Members of Congress Might Regret Backing Trump's Megabill



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

Last Thursday (July 3), just minutes after the House of Representatives passed President Donald Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" to overhaul federal taxes and health care spending, the National Republican Campaign Committee issued a statement touting Rep. David Valadao's vote for the controversial measure.

"In a major win for Californians, David Valadao just voted to pass landmark legislation that lowers taxes, boosts economic growth, strengthens essential benefits, and restores law and order in California," the NRCC declared.

"Congressman David Valadao is doing exactly what he promised: delivering real results, restoring fiscal sanity, and fighting for California families," NRCC spokesman Christian Martinez said. "His vote is proof that strong leadership and commonsense still matter in Washington."

A couple of hours later, Protect Our Care California, a health care advocacy organization with close ties to Democratic Party leaders, announced that it will air video ads criticizing Valadao and nine other Republican congressional members for their votes.

"Representative David Valadao just voted for the largest health care cuts in history in order to fund tax

breaks for billionaires and big corporations, and we're going to make sure that every single one of their constituents knows it," said Matthew Herdman, director of Protect Our Care California.

The ads are aimed at Valadao and other members of California's Republican congressional delegation, including Young Kim and Ken Calvert, because they are considered to be the most vulnerable incumbents as the two major parties battle over control over the House in next year's elections.

Republicans have a paper-thin House majority — as demonstrated by the 218-214 final vote on Trump's high priority bill — and Valadao, Kim and Calvert barely survived past challenges. Valadao first won a congressional seat in 2012, lost it in 2018 and regained it in 2020. He successfully fended off Democrat Rudy Salas in 2022 and 2024.

What happens in the three targeted districts next year could easily determine which party will prevail, with potentially major consequences for the final two years of Trump's presidency.

Valadao's vote for the bill is especially noteworthy because Democratic voters outnumber Republican voters by 12 percentage points in the San Joaquin Valley's 22nd Congressional District, two-thirds of his constituents rely on Medi-Cal (California's version of Medicaid) for their health care, and he had repeatedly promised not to vote for any reductions in the program.

The Fresno Bee's editorial page quickly excoriated him for seemingly abandoning that pledge under pressure from Trump.

"At a height of 6-feet-4, Rep. David Valadao can cast a

giant presence in Washington, D.C.," The Bee's editorial board wrote. "Unfortunately, he doesn't measure up when it comes to looking out for the best interests of his community."

The editorial continued, "The Congressional Budget Office, a nonpartisan agency, estimated that the Senate version of the bill, which was eventually passed, reduces federal Medicaid spending by \$1 trillion over 10 years and increases the number of uninsured people by 11.8 million. "What happened to Valadao in five days to change his mind? For one thing, he visited the White House on Wednesday. His office didn't provide details of that reunion, but Trump has used such meetings to pressure reluctant lawmakers to do his bidding over that of the people."

Valadao insists that he received assurances from the White House that the Medicaid cuts will "be structured in a way that benefits our providers and keeps our hospitals and communities running."

Aware of his precarious hold on the seat, Valadao has continuously stressed his independence, even being one of only 10 Republicans who voted to impeach Trump during his first presidential reign.

However, Valadao's vote for Trump's bill undermines that independent image and will almost certainly be weaponized as Democrats try again to capture his seat next year.

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. ★

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## The Brownsville Bailinick & Beyond

The BIG happening this month is the Mountain Fair sponsored by YFCS. This event will be held at the medical center Event Center on July 26 (10 – 7) and July 27 (10 – 5). This is a major money-maker. The entry fee is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children from 6 – 11 years old. Parking is challenging, so be ready for that. On Saturday there will be a BBQ Ribs contest and on Sunday a Baking Contest. Several things have been planned for kids' entertainment. Three raffles have been planned: a gun raffle, a ½ pig raffle and more. Happenings in the logging area are planned through out the two days. Live music is planned in the afternoons. Vendors will be showing their wares. The weather promises to be great, so make a plan to attend.

I visited the Mountain Guild's Quilt and Craft group and heard that they are not attempting a Quilt Show this year. The number of members has dwindled, so putting on an event is just not feasible. Instead they will have a Country Store that will feature fabric, notions and more. They will have items on sale Wednesday, Sept. 3 and Saturday Sept. 6. This is a group that meets every Wednesday from about 9:00 to early afternoon. You can bring sewing or a craft to work on, or come by with questions that need answers, or just say "Hi". This group has been working together for many years and we hate to see it quit.

The summer season is well under way at

the YFHA museum in Forbestown. July's ice cream socials will be held on July 20 and 26 from 1:00 to 3:00. They are held on summer months on the third Sunday and on the last Saturday. The newest exhibit at the museum features the growth of the telephone. What changes have been made! The next General YFHA meeting is scheduled on July 23, a potluck starting at 6:00. This will be held in the village at the museum on New York Flat Rd. The short business meeting will be followed by a program by Colleen Jarboe featuring the Moran and Skinner families which have been in this area for several generations. This is an open meeting, please bring a friend or neighbor. There are four general meetings each year and, for the first time, the next three meetings will be held at the historic Forbestown Masonic Lodge in Old Forbestown. Thanks to the Masons for inviting us as there is no heat in the museum and so fewer people attending has caused us the stop using the community center in Brownsville

Look Back in 'Time – In 1928 a golf course was being laid out at Crane Park in Sharon Valley. Lots could be purchased, too, to put up a cabin (wonder where exactly that it was flat enough for golf).

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.  
~ Yvonne ★



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## Use Saving Buckets for Progress

Families are always looking for solutions when it comes to saving for a variety of wants and needs. The reasons people want to save some money might be for a kid's college, a vacation, a new house or boat, or just want to build a nest egg for retirement.

As a general rule, whatever we might save for, the money usually gets dumped into one account like a savings account or maybe even a checking account, although checking accounts are easily pilfered by our need to pay a bill or what have you. Having one big savings account is common but humans always function a little better at accomplishing things if we have a goal in mind, and some sort of constant reminder about that goal.

High yield savings accounts, being the preferred method as we want to earn as much as possible on our money, can offer a feature that many may not be aware of.

This feature is called "Saving Buckets". Saving buckets are like envelopes in the one main account. They let a customer set up categories for each specific savings goal they might have in mind. These are offered by many banks and are free to set up. You can track your savings for a specific item. In other words, if you are saving for a new car, you can set up a savings bucket entitled "New Car" and dump money into that envelope.

In this way, by having a specific account for an item, it keeps in the forefront exactly what it is you are saving for. You can set up multiple buckets and designate what money goes where.

The advantages can be obvious and not so obvious at the same time. Naming an account keeps the specific need right in front of you and may allow you to make better choices as to how much to allocate to it and when. The balance for whatever it is you are saving for is also front and center whenever you check your statements.

The concept can also incentivize you to save more and make it easier to track your progress on each specific item.

Using buckets under one main account can also eliminate the need for multiple accounts making tracking your money easier.

Additionally, by maintaining only the one main account, the balance would be higher than it would be if holding separate accounts possibly qualifying you for

a better interest rate as banks usually pay more the higher the balance.

It may also reduce any fees that banks might charge for each account as the buckets are considered just a piece of the one main account. You can also transfer money between buckets if something changes or even eliminate or cash out a bucket if need be.

There are, of course, things to consider when looking at establishing saving buckets. Savings accounts in general may not offer as much return as time constrained, fixed income options such as a CD or savings bond.

Savings accounts can also see their interest rates move down while CD or bond interest rates might be set for the life of the purchase.

Also savings accounts over \$250,000.00 exceed FDIC insurance but that particular draw back can be reduced by simply naming an additional beneficiary to an account. This is because each account owner is eligible for up to \$250,000 in FDIC coverage per beneficiary. Setting up beneficiaries on your account can increase your FDIC coverage.

Not all banks offer saving buckets and the number of buckets a bank might allow is also company specific so ask your bank if they offer this option. If not, you can easily find a bank that does.

There usually are no minimum amounts required in each bucket and every bucket, being just a labeled envelope, earns the same amount of interest as the account it is under. Remember, when you have saving buckets, it is still only considered one account.

Saving buckets are kind of a cool thing many people may not be aware of but they may help you better achieve your personal finance goals and needs.

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### California Farmers Adopt a Southern Staple to Diversify Their Offerings

While most U.S.-grown okra is produced in the Southeast, California farmers such as Andrew and Eric Walker, owners of Farmboy Organics in Yolo County, have found success growing the tropical vegetable in the Central Valley. Okra isn't the primary crop at many California farms, but its appeal to shoppers seeking ingredients for African, Asian and Southern recipes has helped the Walkers attract new customers to their booth at farmers markets. "It adds a nice, little different thing," Andrew said, highlighting okra's role in the farm's crop mix. Eric added, "People who like okra really like it, and they want to find it."

### California Farmers Look to 'Liberate the Fig From The Newton'

Most California figs end up as dried fruit, the bulk of which is turned into paste and other food ingredients, perhaps most famously at one time as the filling in fig Newtons. But the fresh fruit—in season now through October or November—is increasingly showing up in different culinary takes on familiar dishes. Figs are featured in sauces, charcuterie boards and grilled pizzas, providing new experiences for diners and marketing opportunities for growers. "We've really seen it go beyond the Fig Newton," said Karla Stockli, CEO of the California Fresh Fig Growers Association.

### Sonoma County Farmer Grows Heirloom Apple Varieties

At Gold Ridge Organic Farms in Sonoma County, farmer Brooke Hazen is on a mission to preserve and celebrate heirloom apples. Though only 10% of his apple production is heirloom, Hazen grows 70 varieties, making him one of the largest heirloom apple growers in the country. Some varieties, such as Strawberry Parfait and Pitmaston Pineapple, mimic the flavors of other fruits. "Because heirlooms are not grown on a large scale, they are in danger of being lost," Hazen said. "It's important to preserve them for the genetic diversity that protects us from disease."

### Sugar Beet Farmers Grapple with Closure of Processing Plant

There were once dozens of sugar beet processing facilities in California, but earlier this year, Spreckels Sugar announced the closure of its Imperial County plant, the last remaining in the state. The processing plant's closure was due to "rising costs, water challenges, labor pressures and, of course, California's regulatory requirements and costs," Shelby Trimm, executive director of the California Beet Growers Association, said in a recent episode of the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, which is produced by the California Farm Bureau. Trimm spoke with podcast host Gary Sack about the consequences of the plant closure for sugar beet growers in the region. ★



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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:  
AMALIA SERRANO GONZALEZ AND FRANCISCO  
ROSAS BARRALES, PETITIONER(S)  
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00866  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:  
08/11/2025  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Amalia Serrano Gonzalez and Francisco Rosas Barales, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Jonathan R. Serrano  
to: Jonathan Rosas Serrano

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

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 6/25/2025

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF YUBA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:  
RACHELLE ANN SAUNDERS, PETITIONER(S)  
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00845  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:  
08/18/2025  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Rachelle Ann Saunders, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Rachelle Ann Saunders  
to: Shelly Ann Saunders

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DATE: 7/7/2025

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025

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I am, by jeffrey david jenkins and not liable to aleigha rivera jenkins (dba) Aleigha Rivera Jenkins and ALEIGHA RIVERA JENKINS for the debts of Jeffrey David Jenkins, nor JEFFREY DAVID JENKINS. There is no evidence to the contrary and I believe no such evidence exists. Responses to the contrary can be sent to: jeffrey david jenkins c/o Pastor Bob Kolbusz c/o 398 Aylor Avenue, Yuba City, California 95991. (TD) July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-163**

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

**The Grant Writing Company**  
3563 Goldenstar St.  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Suzanne Buckner  
3563 Goldenstar St.  
Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2001.

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

Signed:  
**Suzanne Buckner**

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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
JULY 18, 25, AUGUST 1, 8,  
2025

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-174**

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

**CD Construction Services**  
3031 Las Quintas Way  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Creative Designs Company, Inc.  
3031 Las Quintas Way  
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/16/2025.

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

Signed:  
**BryLynn Kilroy  
CA CFO-Treasurer**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 16, 2025.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By DAISY HENDRICKSON,  
Deputy Clerk  
June 27, JULY 4, 11, 18,  
2025

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-157**

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

**Copper Penny  
Carnivore Caravan**  
330 1st Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
MAILING ADDRESS  
12567 Douglas Way  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
SDS Marysville LLC  
330 1st Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

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 04/06/2018.

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

Signed:  
**Joseph Ferrie**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on May 30, 2025.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-178**

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

**HIRA PETROLEUM**  
1573 N. Beale Rd  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
HIRA PETROLUUM 2 INC.  
1573 N. Beale Rd  
Marysville, CA 95901  
HIRA INVESTMENT GROUP  
LLC.

1573 N. Beale Rd  
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/01/2025.

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

Signed:  
**Karnail Hira**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 23, 2025.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
JULY 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF YUBA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:  
OLIVIA M. HILL, PETITIONER(S)  
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00974  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:  
07/28/2025  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Olivia M. Hill, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Khalia Leone Clontz  
to: Khalia Leone Del Bono

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

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DATE: 6/18/2025

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Yuba County Community Services Commission board meeting Tuesday, July 22 at 3:00 p.m. at the Linda Fire Administration Building, 1296 Scales Avenue, Marysville, CA 95901 Contact Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation at 530-751-8555 or ysedc@ysedc.org for any questions.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-161**

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

**Northtree Ranch**  
10674 Ramirez Road  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
James J. Hill III  
PO Box 1588  
Monterey, CA 93942

This business is conducted by a Trust.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/03/1987.

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

Signed:  
**James J. Hill, III**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 5, 2025.

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THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 to 8:30 pm at  
Steelhouse Coffee, 437 Center St, Yuba City**  
July 17 Grief with Hope, Healing in Community, Jennifer Sodders  
July 24 From Ideas to Business, Joe Steele  
July 31 Anyone Can Paint, Christina Hart  
August 14 Mental Empowerment, Gabriel Gutierrez  
August 21 Financial Knowledge, Reggie  
August 28 Blue Zones, Cristina Espinosa

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Meet your local Police and Fire Departments. Free food. Music and games. Come together with neighbors, first responders, and city leaders to celebrate our community and promote taking a stance against crime. Everyone is welcome - bring the whole family.

**25th Annual Peach Festival  
Downtown Marysville  
Friday, July 18 - 4 pm to 10 pm  
Saturday, July 19 - 10 am to 10 pm**

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

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# Breaking Down the New Budget Reconciliation Law



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**Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On July 4th, President Trump signed a major budget reconciliation package into law that brings real, tangible benefits to Northern California and rural America. This legislation includes key priorities, like tax relief for families and small businesses, refocusing Medicaid and SNAP on those who actually need it, actual funding for water storage projects, increased timber sales and forest fire related actions, a big boost to American energy production, and a massive step forward on border security.

Here's a quick breakdown of what it all means:

## Tax Relief: Big Wins for Working Families, Seniors, and Rural America

This new law delivers some of the strongest tax relief we've seen in years. It makes the 2017 tax cuts, which I supported, permanent, protects family farms from the death tax, and locks in deductions that help small businesses keep their doors open.

For workers and families, it means no tax on tips and

overtime pay, bigger child tax credits, and new incentives to save for the future. Seniors get a larger tax break and folks buying American-made cars won't pay tax on loan interest, making it easier to afford reliable transportation in rural areas where it's needed most.

All told, these changes are expected to raise wages by over \$7,000 a year and create more than 7 million full-time jobs. That's real relief that will keep our local economies growing and help more families get ahead.

## Medicaid: Strengthening the System and Supporting Rural Healthcare

This law makes important updates to Medicaid, known as Medi-Cal here in California, to focus it on those who truly rely on it: children, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families.

What's changing is aimed at able-bodied adults without young children who are choosing not to work. They'll now be expected to work, volunteer, or enroll in education or training at least 80 hours a month, roughly 20 hours a week, to keep getting benefits. It's a commonsense approach rooted in bipartisan ideas that promotes stability and better health outcomes. If they meet these straightforward requirements, their coverage continues. Meanwhile, the law tightens eligibility checks and ramps up verification of citizenship and immigration status to curb the staggering level of waste, fraud, and abuse that's plagued the program. Improper Medicaid payments have totaled over half a trillion dollars nationwide over the past decade, with \$56 billion in just the last year alone.

For states like California that have stretched Medicaid far beyond its original scope, certain federal matching rates will gradually scale back, pushing states to pick up a fairer share of the tab. The law also seeks to close loopholes that let states pull down extra federal money without actually improving care or increasing Medi-Cal's efficiency.

As for concerns about rural hospitals, this law sets aside \$10 billion a year for five years, totaling \$50 billion, to shore up small, rural hospitals and rural health clinics. That funding is designed to help ensure our rural areas can keep their hospitals and clinics open. How those dollars get distributed in California will come down to decisions made by the Governor and state officials. It's critical that Sacramento gets this right so that our small towns and rural residents aren't left behind.

## SNAP: Reinforcing Work and State Accountability

The new law also makes sensible changes to SNAP, the Federal food assistance program for low-income families, to help control costs and keep the program focused on those truly in need, making sure more able-bodied adults are transitioning into the workforce.

States will now face tighter limits on waiving work requirements for individuals to receive SNAP benefits, reducing waiver abuse we've seen in the past. Only areas with genuinely high unemployment will qualify for a waiver. Also, future benefit increases will be tied directly to inflation to keep costs predictable, while still protecting families from rising prices.

For the first time, states will

also chip in a small share toward the cost of actual SNAP benefits, not just administrative expenses, which have been 100% financed by the Federal government. This gives states more skin in the game and an added incentive to cut down on waste and payment errors.

Finally, eligibility for non-citizens is more clearly defined to ensure benefits only go to those lawfully in the United States.

## Prioritizing Water, Forestry, and Energy Security

This new law also makes positive strides regarding natural resources and infrastructure that matter a lot to Northern California. It puts \$1 billion toward building new and expanding existing reservoirs, as well as water delivery systems, across the West. This is crucial for keeping water flowing to our farms and towns.

It also ramps up active forest management by requiring the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to boost timber sales every year through 2034. That means more work getting hazardous trees out of our forests, more local employment, and more revenue back to our local counties and schools in need, all while reducing wildfire risk.

On energy, the law sets aside funds to refill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve that the Biden administration drew down to dangerously low levels. It reforms a loan program to help upgrade existing power plants or to build new, reliable power generation. It also claws back billions in unspent money sitting idle in agency accounts and leftover green slush funds from the last administration.

## Completing the Border Wall and Strengthening Security

This budget package provides over \$46 billion to finish the border wall and other barrier systems, including more than 700 miles of new primary wall, nearly 900 miles of river barriers, and hundreds of miles of secondary and replacement fencing.

It also provides over \$6 billion for cutting-edge technology to help Customs and Border Protection (CBP) intercept fentanyl and other threats and improve surveillance at our borders. To back that up, thousands of new border personnel are funded, including 3,000 Border Patrol agents, 5,000 CBP officers, and hundreds more in Air and Marine Operations and support roles.

Together, these upgrades take a major step toward securing our borders in the long term, even under possible future loose-border administrations.

This budget law delivers on many fronts, from tax relief and healthcare reform to energy and border security, to reining in Federal spending. These wins aren't just numbers on paper, they're real improvements that will help families, farmers, and workers right here at home.

These are what my team and I work to do in this role, to protect our way of life and make sure these resources get put to work for our region.

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

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Questions: 949-427-2010  
Sale Line: (949) 776-4697  
Patricia Sanchez  
Foreclosure Manager  
PPP#25-004594  
(TD) July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2025

## Notice of Public Online Storage Auction

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Name: Brandon Riggins

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# Where All the Stars Talk

## Mary Jane Popp Brings Back the Stars

By Omella Rossi

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)**

- For decades, Mary Jane Popp has built a legacy as one of the most revered voices in radio and television. From working with radio and TV stations across the country to hosting some of the most iconic interviews in media history, Popp's passion for connecting with people is undeniable.

Now, with the launch of her new podcast, "Popp Star Talk," Popp is offering listeners a fresh look at the stars they thought they knew.

Popp's career, which spans multiple decades and a variety of media, has been anything but typical. She didn't initially set out to be an interviewer but instead was a singer and actress working toward a Ph.D. at Indiana University when a dare changed her trajectory.

"I wasn't going to interview people. People were going to interview me," Popp said. "But then I was dared to audition for a TV show and I went, 'OK, why not? I got nothing to lose.'"

In 1974, Popp landed a gig on WTTV in Indianapolis, where she produced and hosted "Studio Four," a live television talk show. It was a role that required everything from guest booking to producing, an education that would become the foundation of her expansive career. Popp also hosted "Starlight Backstage" at the same studio which launched her celebrity interviews.

Fast forward to today and Popp is in the midst of her latest project, "Popp Star Talk."

"I got a call from a dear friend, Kenneth Segura Knoll, who suggested we should do a podcast with all the interviews I had made. I had around 170 interviews," said Popp.

Launched on April 2, the episodes utilize the vast collection of interviews she has conducted over the years. Throughout each episode listeners can expect to hear updates on the current whereabouts and endeavors of the people Popp has interviewed, giving fans a chance to reconnect with familiar voices, along with the full original interviews.

The podcast brings a unique perspective to celebrity interviews. While many shows focus solely on an entertainer's latest project or achievement, Popp takes a more personal route, delving into the questions that many others overlook.

"I'm not interested in just promoting someone's latest book or movie," Popp said. "I want to know who they are, what drives them, what makes them happy, sad or even what they'd change about their lives. That's what people really want to know."

In "Popp Star Talk," Popp interviews a wide range of celebrities, from actors including "The Birds" star Tippi Hedren to impressionist Rich Little, and from models such as Cheryl Tiegs to "Happy Days" icons Anson Williams and Marion Ross. What sets her interviews apart from the typical soundbites is the depth of the conversation. Popp encourages guests to drop the PR facades and speak candidly about their lives.

"I always tell them I'll mention your latest project but the real conversation will go beyond that," Popp

said. "I want to know what makes you tick. I ask them, 'Who are you in 25 words or less?' and that question always catches them off guard."

What started as an idea to share interviews from her past has now grown into an international success. With Popp's show available on platforms such as YouTube, Spotify and Apple Podcasts, "Popp Star Talk" is now heard in 17 countries, attracting listeners curious about the untold stories behind the stars.

But it's not just about the interviews themselves. Popp works tirelessly behind the scenes, researching each guest, ensuring that her listeners are not only entertained but also educated on the people they're hearing from. It's a method that pays off; whether it's a fun anecdote or a deeply personal reflection from an iconic figure, Popp's audience gets to hear it all.

It's not always easy. As with any new project, there are challenges, technical issues, scheduling conflicts and finding the balance between entertaining and informing. But for Popp, it's all part of the process.

"The research is the hardest part. I don't want to just throw an interview up and call it a day," Popp said. "I want to add depth. I want to give people more than just what's on the surface."

As for her own career, Popp's love for what she does has only grown over the years. She firmly believes that if you're doing something you love, it's never really work.

"People always ask me when I'm going to retire and I tell them, 'When I drop dead,'" Popp said with a smile. "If you love what you're doing, you'll never work a day in your life. There will be frustrations but that's all part of the game."

Popp has always been known for her down-to-earth nature and her genuine curiosity, qualities that have undoubtedly contributed to her success. She is driven by a desire to connect with her guests in a way that is honest and authentic.

"I don't need to be the star of the show. The guest is the star," Popp said. "If you truly care about someone, they'll open up to you. That's the magic of it."

As for her listeners, Popp has one main goal: to entertain and to reveal the true, multidimensional lives of the people they admire.

"I want people to remember these stars for who they really are, not just what they see on TV or in the movies," Popp said. "Everyone has a story to tell. My job is to help share it."

With her wealth of experience and genuine care for the people Popp interviews, "Popp Star Talk" promises to continue offering listeners an intimate, behind-the-scenes look at the stars who have shaped our culture. Whether you're tuning in for the first time or catching up with the archives, Popp's engaging, heartfelt conversations are sure to leave a lasting impression.

To listen to "Popp Star Talk," visit <https://redcircle.com/shows/poppstartalk> or find it on your favorite podcast platform.

Each new episode airs every Friday, with archived interviews available for those wanting to explore the wealth of content. ★



Mary Jane Popp, as a picklelittie lady, is with John Davidson in "Music Man." Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Mary Jane Popp stands alongside Carol Channing, movie and Broadway star. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Movie star Claude Akins embraces Mary Jane Popp in a hug. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



From left, Helen Reddy singer famous for "I AM Woman" and Mary Jane Popp. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Melissa Gilbert from television show "Little house on the Prairie" smiles alongside Mary Jane Popp. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Mary Jane Popp smiles alongside Cathy Rigby, Olympic champion and Broadway star, during her performance in "Peter Pan." Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Lou Ferrigno, actor and former bodybuilder, was in the movie and TV show, "The Hulk." Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



From left are Mary Jane Popp and Molly Ringwald from Sacramento, an actress in multiple movies. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



From left are Richard Thomas from "The Waltons", Mary Jane Popp and George Wendt from "Cheers." Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Robert England from the "Nightmare on Elm Street" movie series holds a prop alongside Mary Jane Popp. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Here are actor and former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mary Jane Popp in 2006. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp



Tim Russ was Tuvok on the TV series, "Voyager in the Star Trek" follow up. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Popp

# Not Showing Us the Money

*New Poll Finds Vast Majority of Californians Believe Special Interest Money Has Too Much Influence in Sacramento*

By Evan Symon, California Globe

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According to a new UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) poll released Thursday, the vast majority of Californians believe that special interest money has too much influence in Sacramento politics and decision making, with only 2% of Californians disagreeing in any capacity.

The poll specifically found that 55% of Californians strongly agreed with the question ‘Do you agree or disagree: Special interest money has too much influence in Sacramento politics and decision making?’, with another 20% somewhat agreeing. With 1% somewhat disagreeing and 1% strongly disagreeing, the rest of the 23% were either in the middle and not agreeing or disagreeing, or simply chose not to respond.

When broken down by party, a grand total of 73% of all Democrats agreed with the question, albeit with only 49% strongly agreeing and 24% somewhat agreeing. Only 3% disagreed. Republicans brought a much stronger response, with 81% agreeing, including 69% strongly agreeing, while only 2% disagreed. No party preference voters stood at 75% agreeing.

The question of special interest money having too much influence in the state capitol also showed significant racial fluctuations, although like the party



The vast majority of Californians believe that that kind of spending has far too much influence in the state. Image MPG file photo

registration section, disagreeing with the question only saw a maximum of 3%. White voters proved far more skeptical, with 82% agreeing (64% strongly and 18% somewhat). Meanwhile, Latino voters were the least skeptical, with only 66% in total agreeing (44% strongly, 22% somewhat).

Finally, voter age showed the largest divisions on the question, albeit once again with only a maximum of 3% disagreeing with the question per age group. As it turned out, the younger the voter, the less skeptical of the question they turned out to be. Heading down from age groups, 85% of those aged 65 and older agreed with the question,

followed by 81% of 50 to 64 year olds, 77% of 40 to 49 year olds, 70% of 30 to 39 year olds, and 59% of 18 to 29 year olds.

If measured by only strongly agreeing, all age demos showed 50% or more agreeing, except for the young 18 to 29 year olds section. There, only 38% strongly agreed.

The IGS team pointed out even more demographic fluctuations, while likewise hammering home the fact that the vast majority of Californians all agree on special interest money having too much of an influence on lawmakers in Sacramento.

“Strikingly, this was a question on which there was little partisan split, with 73% of Democrats,

81% of Republicans, and 75% of No Party Preference voters agreeing. At least 59% of each regional, gender, age, education, income, and racial group also agreed with the statement,” said the IGS in their poll findings. “Strong agreement was highest among white (64%), male (63%), and 65 years and older (66%) voters. It was lowest among young voters (38%) and low-income voters (37%). Californians who vote regularly are the most fed up with the money in California’s political system: 87% of them agree strongly or somewhat, compared to 67% of respondents who are not regular voters.”

“The numbers don’t lie.

Californians overwhelmingly recognize that big money wields far too much power over our elected officials,” added California Common Cause Deputy Director Russia Chavis Cardenas. “People from every political party, every race, and every walk of life are united behind one urgent demand. They want Sacramento to break the grip of big money on our democracy.”

The California Globe has continuously shown the high amount of special interest money flowing through Sacramento, as well highlighting the groups giving the most. This includes pointing out the hundreds of millions being spent by public sector unions each year on lawmakers and groups in Sacramento, and thus, having a huge amount of influence as a result.

In 2024 alone, lobbying groups spent \$540 million to influence the state government, jumping up 10% from 2023. The largest individual private sector group, the Western States Petroleum Association, spent a total of \$17.3 million in an attempt to influence lawmakers, while the largest sector, public sector unions spent, as mentioned earlier, into the hundreds of millions.

As of early July, 2025 mid-year figures are unavailable for special interest funding. However, as the poll showed, the vast majority of Californians believe that that kind of spending has far too much influence in the state. ★

## Bombshell Declassified ICA Report on 2016 Plot to Overthrow Elected President



By Harold Pease, Ph. D., LibertyUnderFire.org

The new CIA Director John Radcliffe just released ICA’s Tradecraft Review of the 2016 Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA) revealing the CIA, FBI and DNI’s unsuccessful attempt to nullify Trump’s 2016 election victory over Hillary Clinton because of alleged Russian collusion in the election. In this, outgoing President Barack Obama and then CIA director John Brennan played major and intentional roles in both. The Russian Hoax and its coverup, is now the biggest political scandal in American history. The Report, showed that “then-CIA Director John Brennan, FBI Director James Comey and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, who were “excessively involved” in its drafting, and rushed its completion in a “chaotic,” “atypical” and “markedly unconventional” process

that raised questions of a “potential political motive” (“Obama’s Trump-Russia collusion report was corrupt from start: CIA review,” by Miranda Devine, New York Post, July 2, 2025). The obvious intent, though not cited, was to leave Trump, the 2016 election victor, unseated, against the will of the people who elected him.

A glaring curiosity was the timing, “on December 6, 2016, six weeks before his presidency ended,” and a month after the election, “Barack Obama ordered the assessment, which concluded that Russian President Vladimir Putin ‘aspired’ to help Trump win the election”—thus Russian collusion (Ibid.). Brennan had an obvious obsession to include in the report the unverified, even discredited Steele dossier, “despite objections of the authors and senior CIA Russia experts, so as to push a false narrative that Russia secured Trump’s 2016 victory.” Still another unexplained anomaly for a guy leaving the presidency within weeks, is Obama’s wire tapping of Hillary’s political opponent. Trump responded, “Just found out that Obama had my ‘wires taped’ in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!” (X22 Report, Ep. 3679b, July 3, 2025, 47:19, X). “Never

has a president left office to collude with others to impede the next sitting president of the United States of America until Obama! (Ibid. 52:23).

The release of the classified “Tradecraft Review of the 2016 Intelligence Community Assessment [ICA] on Russian Election Interference” was conducted by career professionals at the CIA’s Directorate of Analysis and was commissioned by CIA Director John Ratcliffe last May. It concluded that in 2016, then CIA director Brennan and others rushed the Russia Election Interference Intelligence Assessment. In it “Brennan is shown to have dismissed high-level warnings that the Clinton campaign opposition research, the ‘Steel Dossier,’ was not credible. The intelligence community CIA, FBI, DNI, etc. intentionally fabricated intelligence information to create an entirely fictitious storyline” and weaponized the fake narrative against Donald Trump to prevent him from taking office after being elected by the people (Ibid., 48:19).

If the Coup d’état. was unsuccessful then why does this matter now in 2025—nine years later? Because those unpunished then remained in place enabling them to cheat even more so in every two year election cycle thereafter, potentially to infinity if

not exposed, punished and stopped.

Rasmussen Reports labeled the CIA Directors’ recent release as “An Enormous Scandal, Dwarfing Watergate and the Pentagon Papers,” much much bigger than Watergate (Ibid., 48:52). To which Lee Smith, an investigative reporter replied, “Useful detail but misses crucial fact. I’ve reported in three books: Obama ordered ICA and knew by August 2016 [that the] only intel tying Trump to Russia was [the] dossier. That’s the scandal, not bad tradecraft or stove piping intel etc: Obama framed Trump” (Ibid. 49:25). Let us repeat, “Obama framed Trump.”

General Mike Flynn, who was himself victimized by the Deep State, said, “The newly declassified ICA proves without a shadow of a doubt that the entire operation was a rigged partisan hack job. It wasn’t intelligence. It was propaganda meant to undermine the incoming POTUS. And who orchestrated this disgrace – John Brennan, a man who wore the title of CIA Director but acted like a political assassin in service to the Obama/Clinton machine. He didn’t just fail in his duties. He betrayed it. He weaponized the CIA to push a lie, boxed out the rest of the intelligence community and engineered a fraudulent narrative that tore our nation apart. He

knew the Intel was a lie yet he led a small handpicked Cabal to hide the truth and manufactured a story that served their agenda .... Everything they accuse Trump, myself, and others of doing they were doing behind the scenes. That is what Marxists do. And while they pushed their fiction, real Americans paid the price. I exposed all of it in my new book ‘Pardon of Innocence.’” General Flynn’s suggestion now is that “John Brennan needs to be put under investigation immediately.” (Ibid., 49:47). Kash Patel in his book “Government Gangster’s” verifies in detail how this was done—this whole attempted Coup d’état.

There are good reasons why Trump could not go after those who went after him and Flynn when he was president before Joe Biden. Then, few knew of the Deep State. Even fewer would have believed him and had he sought justice who would have investigated and who would have prosecuted—a rogue FBI and Department of Justice? And with the corrupt judicial justices that are only now being exposed, who would have convicted? Even now that the vast majority of the people are awakened to these coup conspirators we are probably not ready to give long prison sentences to them—perhaps executions? If justice is not

restored they will be back in power.

Fortunately, “there exists no statute of limitations for conspiring to defraud the US government,” none also for criminal Rico activities, more especially, if criminal activities are ongoing or there exist any attempt to cover them up. This includes cheating in elections in 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024—much of which has been documented. This is why Trump allowed them to continue to do this. It removes the statute of limitations.” (Ibid., 52:08). But we must win decisively both houses 2026.

Ratcliffe in an exclusive interview summarized the rationale for the released Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA). “This was Obama, Comey, Clapper and Brennan deciding ‘We’re going to screw Trump.’” And they did. Others called it treason then and now.

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