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Colusa Fly-In Inspires Young Aviators



Jerry Kraemer of Orland lets young visitors sit in the cockpit of his aircraft during the 2026 Old Tyme Fly-In at the Colusa County Airport, where they grip the control yoke and imagine themselves in the sky.

**Story and photos
by Susan Meeker**

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - One by one, young children climbed into vintage aircraft Saturday at the Colusa County Airport, gripping control yokes with both hands while parents captured the moment with their cameras. For a few minutes, each child became a pilot, imagining life from the cockpit instead of behind an airport fence.

Among the visitors was 12-year-old Giovanni Andreotti of Colusa. An aviation enthusiast, he flies radio-controlled aircraft, recently

earned Best of Division at the Colusa County Fair for a paper airplane model of his own design, and hopes to become a pilot of small aircraft one day.

"I'd say it's an interesting hobby to get into," Giovanni said.

Those moments are exactly what has kept the Old Tyme Fly-In going for nearly three decades.

"This is our 29th annual event," said Sherman MacPherson of the Colusa County Aviation Association. "We try to make it interesting every year with prizes and some good food to keep them coming back."

One of the aircraft drawing plenty of attention was Steve Schulte's 1942 Interstate Cadet, making its first appearance at the Colusa Fly-In and earning the People's Favorite award. Schulte said only about 320 of the aircraft were built, and he estimates perhaps only 100 remain today.

The 1942 Interstate Cadet was built just before the type shifted into wartime service, when roughly 250 airframes were taken by the U.S. Army and redesignated as L-6 liaison aircraft. The Cadet was stronger and faster than the Piper Cub, with

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Yuba-Sutter Habitat Volunteers Build in North Macedonia

By Sam J. Garcia, Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter

YUBA/SUTTER, CA (MPG) - For eight employees from Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter, the journey to build safe, sustainable housing for families in need began long before the first power drill was lifted. It started with a shared purpose, a spirit of service and nearly 16 hours of travel that carried our team halfway around the world to North Macedonia.

After a long journey, Bethany Hiatt, Cami Benner, Karl Kiesow, Dom Mitrovic, Joe Hale, Joe Hord, Sam King and I arrived in Skopje on a cool, refreshing morning. Though weary from travel, our excitement far outweighed our exhaustion. We loaded ourselves, and an impressive mountain



Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter volunteers take a break for a selfie while working in Veles, North Macedonia. Eight employees from the Yuba/Sutter affiliate traveled nearly 16 hours to participate in the Global Village Build. Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter

of luggage, into a tightly packed van and made our way to our first hotel in the heart of Skopje's city center.

Exploring the capital

Our first day was set aside to recover from the long trip and immerse ourselves in the culture of North Macedonia's capital. Almost immediately, Skopje revealed itself as a place where history and modernity coexist. Grand statues stood proudly on street corners, plazas and along wide boulevards, each telling a story of the nation's complicated past.

The towering statue known as "Warrior on a Horse," widely recognized as a monument to Alexander the Great, rose from the center of an elaborate fountain just steps from our hotel. Bridges stretched across the Vardar River, connecting the city center with Skopje's historic Old Town. High above the river stood

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Sutter County Grand Jury Finds HHS Too Complex to Review

By Susan Meeker

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The 2025-26 Sutter County Grand Jury found Sutter County Health and Human Services effectively managed one of the county's largest and most complex departments despite aging facilities, funding uncertainty and rising demand for services.

In a report released in late June, jurors reported no significant deficiencies that they could find requiring corrective action and issued no recommendations. They noted, however, that the department's broad responsibilities made a full assessment challenging.

"The size and complexity of the SCHHS makes it difficult for the Grand Jury to perform a comprehensive review," jurors wrote.

Health and Human Services represents about 40% of the county's proposed budget, operates in nearly 39% of county-owned buildings and employs roughly one-third of the county workforce. Jurors said the department continues to meet growing demands and increasingly complex regulatory requirements but explained the limits of their inquiry.

The review included tours of three facilities and interviews with leadership and staff, along with examinations of operations, facilities, audits, budgets, employee surveys and strategic planning records.

"The areas examined showed strong management, well-run operations and collaborative staff," the report stated.

Jurors also credited department leaders for navigating difficult financial and regulatory conditions with extensive subject-matter expertise and a clear understanding of current and future challenges.

The report identified aging facilities as the department's greatest challenge. Health and Human Services occupies eight leased buildings

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Contractor Sues Yuba Water Over Penstock Probe

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The contractor hired for Yuba Water Agency’s Colgate Tunnel and Penstock project has filed a lawsuit against the agency, alleging Yuba Water is attempting to steer the investigation into February’s catastrophic penstock rupture away from its own actions and toward the contractor’s work.

Drill Tech-Obayashi Joint Venture filed the complaint June 24 in Yuba County Superior Court against the Yuba County Water Agency, also known as Yuba Water Agency.

The complaint seeks declaratory relief, asking the court to clarify the parties’ rights and responsibilities regarding the cause of the rupture. It also asks the court, if necessary, to order Yuba Water to expand or modify the scope of its testing plan. The lawsuit does not seek monetary damages at this stage.

“We do not agree with the claims in the lawsuit,” said DeDe Cordell, communications manager for Yuba Water Agency. “We



A small team recently made initial site visits to Yuba Water’s New Colgate Powerhouse in Dobbins to survey damage and begin work to establish safe access to the powerhouse facility following the Feb. 13 penstock rupture on the hillside above. Photo courtesy of Yuba Water Agency

respect the process of the Independent Forensics Team investigating the incident and will defend it against interference, especially from private parties with an interest in the outcome. We remain committed to an independent, thorough and comprehensive investigation into the root cause of the penstock incident.”

Cordell said Yuba Water expects the Independent

Forensics Team to finalize its investigation in September or October.

“We simply ask people to please be patient and wait until that investigation is complete before forming opinions about what happened,” Cordell said.

The case stems from the Feb. 13 rupture of Yuba Water’s 14-foot-diameter penstock above the New Colgate Powerhouse in Dobbins. The penstock

carries water from New Bullards Bar Dam and Reservoir through the Colgate Tunnel to the powerhouse for hydroelectric generation.

According to the complaint and Yuba Water’s public updates, the rupture released approximately 400 acre-feet of water down the hillside, causing erosion and damaging the penstock, access road, powerhouse and other

property.

In January 2025, Yuba Water awarded Drill Tech-Obayashi a \$76.8 million contract for the Colgate Tunnel and Penstock Outage Project. According to the complaint, the project included repairs and improvements to the penstock system, including work related to the Colgate Penstock Shutoff Valve, or CPSV, which is part of the system’s emergency closure infrastructure.

The complaint alleges the rupture occurred while the penstock was being returned to service through a process known as “rewatering.” Drill Tech-Obayashi claims that process was outside its scope of work and was carried out by Yuba Water or its representatives.

The contractor alleges Yuba Water committed operational errors during rewatering, including introducing water too rapidly, using inadequate personnel and resources, and failing to return water to the penstock in a segmented process to control pressure.

Drill Tech-Obayashi also alleges Yuba Water’s proposed destructive testing plan is too narrow and

focuses on whether the contractor’s work weakened the pipe rather than considering other potential causes. The complaint argues the investigation should also examine issues such as pipe pressure, the original 1960s-era steel, original welds, rewatering procedures and operation of the shutoff valve after the rupture.

According to the complaint, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission directed Yuba Water after the rupture to facilitate an independent forensic analysis to determine the root cause of the failure. Yuba Water has maintained that the investigation is independent, thorough and comprehensive.

The complaint further alleges Yuba Water has not provided documents Drill Tech-Obayashi requested under the California Public Records Act, including records related to the rewatering plan.

Yuba Water denies the allegations and says the investigation should be allowed to proceed without interference. None of the allegations in the complaint have been proven in court. ★

Colusa Fly-In Inspires Young Aviators



Aviation enthusiast Giovanni Andreotti, 12, center, visits the 2026 Old Tyme Fly-In with family members to explore aircraft and displays.

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a heavier steel-tube fuselage and spring-and-oleo landing gear designed to handle rough airstrips. However, that capability came at a price. The Cadet cost nearly three times as much as a Cub to build, keeping production low and making surviving 1942 examples especially rare.

After purchasing the airplane in Florida several years ago, Schulte expected a quick flight home to Lincoln. Instead, weather delays, engine trouble and an engine rebuild stretched the trip into six months before the aircraft finally reached California.

What Schulte enjoys most about flying the rare aircraft has little to do with its performance.

“People don’t know what it is,” he said.

Other award winners included John Cleveland, who flew from Modesto to earn the award for the longest distance traveled, and Jared White, whose 1941 aircraft

received the Best Appearing Aircraft award.

For Giovanni’s grandmother, Maureen Andreotti, attending the Fly-In for the first time was a chance to better understand her grandson’s passion.

“I take care of Giovanni so much and all he talks about are planes,” she said. “If I don’t get out here when he’s out here and sees what he sees, I’m not going to be able to continue a conversation with him.”

The annual Fly-In welcomed pilots and visitors from throughout the Sacramento Valley for the pancake breakfast, displays and awards celebrating the people and airplanes that make the event a tradition. While many attendees have returned year after year, the excitement on the faces of first-time visitors showed that a new generation of aviation enthusiasts is already discovering why the Colusa County Airport has remained a summer destination for 29 years. ★

Family Seeks Answers 13 Years Later

By MPG Staff

OLIVEHURST, CA (MPG) - Thirteen years after Samuel Richard Pharis disappeared from Olivehurst, his family is again asking the community to keep his case in mind.

Pharis was 21 when he was last seen June 13, 2013, according to the California Department of Justice Missing Persons database. He is described as 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs about 150 pounds and has blond hair and blue eyes. The case remains open with the



Samuel Pharis is pictured in a family-provided missing person poster holding a fish while standing outdoors wearing a white T-shirt and ball cap. His family continues to seek information about his disappearance, which remains unsolved 13 years later. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Justice

Yuba County Sheriff’s Department under case

No. 13-2454.

In a handwritten note shared with the Territorial Dispatch, his father, Rex Pharis, wrote that the family still wants Samuel home after “13 years of agony,” adding, “We love him and need him with us.”

A family flier offers a \$10,000 reward for information leading to Samuel Pharis being found. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Yuba County Sheriff’s Department at 5300749-7777. Anonymous tips may also be submitted by calling Yuba County’s tip line at 530-749-5181. ★

Fire Destroys Playground at Yuba City Preschool



Fire personnel assess damage to the playground at Creative Kids Preschool and Daycare in Yuba City following a fire the night of July 4. Photos by Michelle Lightle

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - A Fourth of July fire destroyed a playground at Creative Kids Preschool and Daycare’s Lincoln Road location and damaged a neighboring business, with illegal fireworks suspected as the cause.

The fire broke out the night of July 4 at 1060 Lincoln Road. Firefighters were able to prevent the flames from spreading into the preschool building, but the outdoor play area used by the center’s youngest children sustained extensive damage.

The fire destroyed artificial turf and damaged playground equipment, toys and a shaded area designed for infants and young children. As a result, children from infants through age 5 have reportedly been kept indoors while the center determines how to repair or replace the damaged play area.

A neighboring South Asian market, New

Delhi Palace, also sustained damage in the fire. Creative Kids has publicly attributed the fire to illegal fireworks that struck a fence near the property. Fire officials have said the incident remains under investigation as they work to determine the official cause.

The fire occurred during a particularly busy Independence Day period for the Yuba City Fire Department, which responded to 103 calls between July 3 and July 4, approximately three times its typical call volume during the same period.

The incident has renewed concerns surrounding the use of illegal fireworks and the potential for fires during hot, dry summer conditions.

Creative Kids operates three locations in Yuba City and provides care for infants, preschool-age and school-age children. According to owner Michelle Lightle, there are currently no fundraising efforts planned. ★

Yuba-Sutter Habitat Volunteers Build in North Macedonia

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Skopje Fortress, whose stone walls have watched over the city since the sixth century. After a steady hike to the top, we were rewarded with panoramic views of Skopje.

The following morning, we met our smiling volunteer coordinator, Stojan, whose warmth and enthusiasm immediately made us feel welcome. Once again, we squeezed into a small van with our luggage piled around us and headed south to Veles, the community where we would spend the next week building homes.

Nestled among rolling hills along the Vardar River, Veles possesses a quiet beauty all its own. Historic landmarks such as St. Pantelejmon Church and the Saat Kula Clock Tower stand as reminders of the city’s long history. Yet behind its picturesque landscape lies a community still recovering from the economic hardships following the collapse of Yugoslavia’s industrial economy in the 1990s.

Today, many families in Veles face significant financial challenges. With average monthly take-home wages of about \$594 and living expenses often exceeding \$770, affordable housing remains out of reach for many. Programs such as Habitat for Humanity Macedonia’s homebuilding initiatives, along with community support and



Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter volunteers gather outside a housing project in Veles, North Macedonia, where they helped with construction work, including insulation, plastering, priming, waterproofing, tile installation and drywall. Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter

social assistance, play a vital role in helping families build stable futures.

The week of the build

Our first morning on the build site began with another warm welcome from Stojan, who introduced us to Habitat for Humanity Macedonia’s work and the housing challenges facing many families across the country. It was a powerful reminder that the homes we were helping build represented far more than walls and roofs. They represented dignity, stability and hope.

After orientation, we divided into teams and got to work installing ceiling insulation,

plastering hallways, priming bathroom walls, waterproofing floors, laying tile and installing drywall. Throughout the week, Habitat Macedonia’s crew, Tomas, Darko, Matej and Boban, patiently shared their expertise, making every unfamiliar task an opportunity to learn. Kosta, the deputy managing director for Finerti, offered quiet wisdom and patient reminders about safety.

Although the partner families had not yet been selected, every board cut, wall finished and ceiling insulated carried a shared sense of purpose, knowing our work would soon provide a safe place for those families to call home. As the days passed,

teamwork became the defining theme. Joe Hale quickly earned a reputation for cutting insulation with speed and precision, while Joe Hord’s craftsmanship transformed rough walls into smooth, finished surfaces. Karl Kiesow embraced the opportunity to learn tile setting from Boban, and Sam King’s enthusiasm brought laughter and energy to even the most routine tasks.

Dom Mitrovic hauled heavy stacks of tile up multiple flights of stairs, while Cami Benner became proficient at maneuvering the ladder and using a power drill to install drywall overhead. Bethany Hiatt tackled the work of priming and waterproofing bathroom after bathroom. I jumped in and out of tasks where I was needed but often found myself behind the camera, documenting the memorable moments.

Midweek, we took a break from construction to experience Veles through a pottery workshop with local artisan Goce Stancev, a reminder that preserving culture, much like building homes, requires patience, dedication and a commitment to future generations. Our final evening in North Macedonia concluded with a farewell dinner at Lazar Winery, where we were joined by Stojan, Kosta and Habitat for Humanity Macedonia Executive Director Zoran Kostov.

During dinner, Kostov expressed his gratitude for our

willingness to serve alongside their team. He shared the housing challenges many Macedonian families continue to face and spoke about Habitat Macedonia’s microfinance program, which helps homeowners make critical repairs, improve building facades and increase energy efficiency.

Kostov also spoke with admiration about Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter’s Supportive Outreach Services, sharing his hope that Habitat Macedonia might one day develop a similar program. It was a reminder that while we had traveled to offer our support, we were also sharing ideas and experiences that could continue creating an impact long after we returned home. Before the evening came to a close, Kostov presented our CEO, Joe Hale, with a commemorative plaque, and each member of the Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter team received a certificate of appreciation.

As our group prepared to return home, we realized that what we were taking back with us were the souvenirs of a life-changing experience: memories and laughter despite language barriers, lessons learned from skilled craftsmen, bonds formed over meals and hard work, and the reminder that hope has no borders. These, perhaps, are the greatest souvenirs of all. ★

Statewide Measures Carry Local Impacts for Rural Communities

By Susan Meeker

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Fourteen statewide propositions will appear on California’s Nov. 3 ballot, and several could bring direct changes to small communities in the North State.

Measures involving housing, taxes, election administration and state budgeting are expected to influence how rural cities and counties plan for growth, maintain services and manage future funding.

Proposition 1 would authorize \$11.25 billion in bonds for multifamily housing, youth housing and CalVet home loans. Rural counties have reported limited access to state housing programs in recent years, and local officials say bond-funded grants could support infill projects and rehabilitation of older units. Gridley, Live Oak, Colusa and Williams have each identified housing shortages in planning documents, and the measure would make new funding available for cities seeking to expand or update their housing stock.

Also on the ballot, Proposition 37 would authorize \$25 billion in bonds for middle-income homebuyer loans. The measure would create a second-mortgage program for first-time buyers. Counties in the region have reported declining availability of entry-level homes and increased



competition from investors. The program would be administered statewide, but rural communities with limited new construction could see increased demand for existing homes if the measure passes.

Proposition 2 would raise the state’s Budget Stabilization Account cap to 20%. The rainy-day fund is used during economic downturns to maintain state programs. Rural counties rely heavily on state allocations for public safety, transportation and social services. A higher reserve could help stabilize funding during recessions, though the measure does not change how funds are distributed.

Proposition 3 would extend income tax rates first approved in 2012 to support schools and early childhood programs. School districts in the region operate with smaller enrollments and older facilities. The measure would continue revenue streams that support statewide education

funding, including allocations to rural districts.

Proposition 38 would authorize \$8.4 billion in bonds for immunology and immunotherapy research through the University of California. The measure does not include direct local funding, but bond repayment would come from the state’s general fund.

Proposition 39 would require voter identification and citizenship verification for elections. County election offices would be responsible for implementing new procedures. Rural counties with smaller staffs may need additional resources to update systems, verify documentation and train poll workers. The measure would apply statewide and would change check-in procedures for in-person voting.

Proposition 40 would impose a one-time 5% tax on billionaire wealth to fund healthcare and education programs. Revenue would be distributed statewide. Rural counties could receive funding through existing state programs, though allocations would depend on future legislation.

Proposition 41 would require audits of programs funded by new taxes. The measure would apply to state agencies and would not impose new requirements on counties unless they administer programs funded by new statewide taxes. ★

By Lloyd Green Jr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A former mayor of Biggs was arrested July 9 on multiple felony charges after investigators accused him of repeatedly sexually abusing a juvenile foreign exchange student who had been assigned to live in his home.

The investigation began after police received allegations that a juvenile foreign exchange student had been repeatedly sexually abused while living in Robert “Brian” Bassett’s home. Investigators said evidence gathered during the investigation established probable cause for the arrest.

Bassett, 58, was booked into the Butte County Jail following a Gridley Police Department investigation conducted in partnership with the Butte County District Attorney’s Office. He was booked on suspicion of sexual penetration of a minor under California Penal Code Section 289(h), oral copulation with a minor under Penal Code Section 287(b)(1), and statutory rape under Penal Code Section 261.5(c).

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said his office is reviewing the evidence and could file formal charges as early as Monday. Bassett is scheduled to be arraigned Monday, July 13, at 3

p.m. in Butte County Superior Court. Jail records list his bail at \$215,000.

Bassett was elected to the Biggs City Council in 2018 and served as mayor from 2022 to 2024 before continuing as a councilmember.

Because the case involves allegations of sexual offenses against a minor, the department said it will not release identifying information about the victim. Additional details are also being withheld to protect the integrity of the ongoing criminal proceedings.

“The allegations in this case involve a profound betrayal by an individual who was entrusted with the care and well-being of a young individual living thousands of miles away from home and their family,” Gridley Police Chief Todd W. Farr said in a news release. “We remain committed to seeking justice for victims of sexual assault regardless of the status or position of a perpetrator.”

The investigation remains ongoing. Police ask anyone with information related to the case, or who believes they may have been the victim of similar conduct involving Bassett, to contact Lt. Jason Garringer at 530-846-5670 or jgarringer@gridley.ca.us or Officer Emma Warren at 530-846-5670 or ewarren@gridley.ca.us. ★



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New Partnerships Help Casa de Esperanza Reach More Families

By Lloyd Green Jr.

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Casa de Esperanza has expanded trauma-informed counseling services through its Hope Haven Counseling and Support Center over the past year, increasing access to mental health care for survivors of violence and families across Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties.

The nonprofit announced the milestone one year after Meredith Evans joined the organization as director of clinical services in July 2025. Since then, Hope Haven has expanded therapy services for survivors of violence and abuse, as well as children, adolescents, adults and families affected by trauma.

One of the organization’s largest initiatives during the past year has been the launch of Connected Beginnings, a nearly \$2 million maternal and early childhood behavioral health program developed in partnership with the Sutter County Children and Families Commission. The initiative provides screenings, therapy, parenting education, developmental support and coordinated care for

pregnant individuals, caregivers and children ages 5 and younger.

Evans, a licensed marriage and family therapist, oversees Hope Haven’s clinical program and supervises a growing team of associate clinical social workers and associate marriage and family therapists. Casa de Esperanza said the team provides evidence-based, trauma-informed therapy throughout the three-county region.

Hope Haven has also partnered with Yuba County Probation to place a therapist within the department, providing counseling services to youth involved in the juvenile justice system and their families. According to Casa de Esperanza, the partnership helps reduce barriers to treatment while increasing access to mental health services.

In addition to expanding programs, the organization said it has strengthened clinical supervision, enhanced treatment practices and increased collaboration with health-care providers, schools, probation and community organizations to improve trauma-informed care throughout the region.

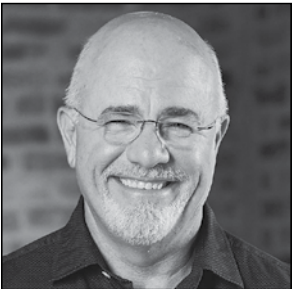
Casa de Esperanza Executive Director Michelle Downing said the organization has intentionally focused on strengthening its programs and expanding partnerships over the past four years.

“Hiring Meredith was an important part of that vision,” Downing said. “Her leadership has expanded our clinical capacity, strengthened our team, and helped create new opportunities for survivors, children, and families to access compassionate, trauma-informed care.”

Evans said the progress reflects the commitment of Casa de Esperanza’s staff and community partners.

“Every accomplishment over the past year reflects the dedication of an amazing team and the strength of our community partnerships,” Evans said. “Together, we’re expanding access to healing-centered services and helping individuals and families build brighter futures.”

Casa de Esperanza provides services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and human trafficking. A 24-hour support line is available at 530-674-2040. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I’ve never had a credit card in my life. I do have a \$600 monthly car payment right now, and it’s my only debt. I owe \$10,000 on the vehicle. Currently, I have a six-month emergency fund saved, plus \$25,000 in a regular savings account. I’m in sales, so my pay often fluctuates from month to month. Should I pay off the car from savings, or hang on to that money just in case things in my job take a downturn?

– Mike

Dear Mike,

I’m proud of you for never caving in to the temptation of credit cards. That sets you apart from the vast majority of folks in America today. But I’m not letting you off the hook on the car payments.

Dave Ramsey Says *Debt is Like a Ball and Chain*

I don’t care what anyone else says, debt is never a good thing. And it’s absolutely the last thing you want in your life when your job compensation structure is unpredictable. Now, it sounds to me like you’re in pretty good shape financially, except for the car payments. It may be the only debt you have, but it’s still like a ball and chain around your neck when it comes to your money.

I want you to take a moment, and think about all the great things you could do if you didn’t have that monthly payment flying out the door. I mean, an extra \$600 in your pocket every month would be pretty cool, right? If I were in your shoes, I’d take \$10,000 out of savings today, and pay off that car. You’d be completely debt-free in a heartbeat, plus you could rebuild your savings in no time with the money you’ll free up. On top

of all that, you’d still have your emergency fund of six months of expenses sitting there untouched.

Debt always equals risk, Mike. Always. Write a check today, man, and pay off that car. You’ll be surprised at how much lighter and more comfortable you feel with no debt—or the potential consequences of debt—weighing you down!

– Dave

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



Just in case you missed the last ice cream social at YF Museum, there are still a few dates to get on your calendar this summer: July 25, Aug. 16 and closing day Aug. 29. This delicious ice cream, donated by Collins Like Resort, helps support our museum and makes a great spot to bring visitors. Looking at some of the museum displays in detail are always a great way to spend an afternoon. Then the replica village is fun to wander through, imagining what our life would have been like in this area during the late 1800s. Come alone or bring family or friends. Open weekend afternoons from noon to 4:00 during the summer months.

Please plan to come and play Bingo with YF Next Step on Saturday, July 18 from 3:00 – 5:00. We are considering changing our time frame, perhaps to gain a few players. If you would like to see changes made with Bingo, please stop by Books & More and let your suggestions be heard and we will try to answer any questions you might have. This fundraiser helps support Next Step by offering stipends to people in our communities

who want to take a “next step” in their life. Applications are available at Books & More in Brownsville.

There is an interesting project started by Nick Sablon and his committee: YFCS Recreation Committee. They are wanting to lay a brick walkway to a baseball field and snack bar at the park. They are hoping people will support this fundraiser by buying “bricks” for the walkway at \$100 for a 4 x 8 brick or \$200 for a 8 x 8 brick. These “bricks” can have your name printed on them or a message of some kind. These funds will help improve the sports fields, snack shack, walking path, volleyball and tennis courts. For more information please stop by Books & More or visit ‘www.brickrus.com/donorsite/yfcsrecdept Let’s help bring some new life to our park.

Look Back in Time – In 1928 a golf course was laid out at Crane Park in Sharon Valley. There were cabins for sale there, too (then the “market” crashed).

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon. Yvonne ★

Museum Invites Community to Ribs and Relics

By Lloyd Green Jr.

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Museum will host its first Ribs & Relics event on Saturday, Aug. 8, bringing together barbecue, antique appraisals, history activities and family entertainment.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum, 1333 Butte House Road in Yuba City. Designed as a community gathering, the event will give visitors an opportunity to explore local history while learning more about family heirlooms and antiques.

Professional appraiser Erin Dewell will offer antique appraisals throughout the event. Visitors are encouraged to bring antiques, collectibles, and family treasures for evaluation. Appraisals are \$5 per item or \$20 for up to five items.

Barbecue ribs and sides will be served from noon to 2 p.m., while supplies last. Meals are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

The museum also will offer free family activities, games and prizes throughout the day. Activities highlighting local and American history are planned for visitors of all ages.

Historic photographs from the museum’s collection illustrate the community’s



long tradition of gathering for food and fellowship. The images include a Marysville High School picnic from about 1900 to 1901, a group of young women enjoying a picnic along the Feather River around 1910 and the Elks Club Duck Stew at Hammon Grove in October 1922, when hundreds of families gathered for an outdoor meal.

The museum hopes the inaugural Ribs & Relics event will continue that tradition by bringing the community together for food, history and family fun.

For more information, visit suttercountymuseum.org. ★

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12:22 a.m. Suspicious person arrested on the 1200 block of D Street.
5:41 p.m. Vandalism reported on the 1100 block of 5th Street.
9:31 p.m. Traffic stop with backup at 9th Street and E Street resulted in a crime report.

Thursday, July 2

5:23 a.m. Vandalism reported on the 100 block of 6th Street.
9:46 a.m. Vandalism reported on the 900 block of F Street.
10:26 a.m. Pedestrian stop on the 100 block of E Street resulted in an arrest.
12:13 p.m. Robbery reported on the 900 block of D Street.

Friday, July 3

10:48 p.m. Domestic disturbance reported on the 1300 block of Hobart Drive.

Saturday, July 4

9:57 p.m. Traffic collision at D Street and 10th Street resulted in a crime report.

Sunday, July 5

8:32 a.m. Transient arrested on the 700 block of 14th Street.
8:47 a.m. Vandalism reported on the 1200 block of Nadene Drive.

Monday, July 6

11:09 a.m. Disturbance on the 900 block of E Street resulted in a crime report.
2:07 p.m. Petty theft reported on the 100 block of F Street.

Tuesday, July 7

12:52 a.m. Arrest for reckless driving on the 800 block of E Street.
8:50 a.m. Transient arrested at 3rd Street and D Street.
3:14 p.m. Traffic stop at 3rd Street and F Street resulted in an arrest.

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HUBBARD – Judy Wylene Hubbard, 74, of Woodland, passed away July 2, 2026.
YOHMAN – Kathy Yohman, 74, of Oroville, passed away July 2, 2026.
WOFFORD – Robert Wofford, 72, of Olivehurst, passed away July 3, 2026.
DUNCAN – Frank Duncan, 91, of Olivehurst, passed away July 6, 2026.
MADRID – Antonia Madrid, 61, of Marysville, passed away July 6, 2026.
CORTEZ – Salvador Cortez, 69, of Williams, passed away July 6, 2026.
HANLIN – Arelia Hanlin, 93, of Marysville, passed away July 7, 2026.
BLACK – Barbara Black, 79, of Forbestown, passed away July 8, 2026.
DIVITA – Anthony Divita, 79, of Yuba City, passed away July 9, 2026.

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Pavlov's Stock Market

Pavlov's dog refers to a series of experiments by Russian physiologist, Ivan Pavlov, which discovered *classical conditioning* during his research on dogs' digestion. He accidentally stumbled upon the conditioning reflex by noting that repeating a bell ring prior to feeding eventually stimulated salivation in the animal even though no food was present.

It is now a well-accepted theory and, as we know now, obviously applies to more than just animals.

Take the stock market for example. Decades back the markets reacted to positive economic news, plain and simple. Good earnings and a healthy employment market drove investors into stocks. Conversely, bad economic news generally eroded investor confidence and the market would sell off.

A Pavlovian response for sure. As the years clicked off and with the advent of a central monetary authority, the Federal Reserve (FED), weak markets brought about the idea that a proactive FED could use a variety of monetary tools and mitigate severe market downturns.

Although certain economic theories argue that capitalistic markets cannot be manipulated into submission, other economists believed that careful implementation of FED actions could successfully manage economic downturns.

Those actions-such as the raising or lowering the cost capital, (known as interest rate adjustment) , buying government debt (allowing an increase in deficit spending), and a variety of other actions, are designed to make money either cheaper or more expensive-which can influence investor behavior.

Some economists argue, however, that these FED actions will only exasperate economic turbulence. Others believe the FED had found the holy grail for preventing market catastrophe by using the tools at their disposal.

Regardless of which side of the economic aisle one is on, the FED has apparently come to the point where it constantly tries to micromanage the economy, much like a ship negotiating an ocean full of land mines.

Economies are constantly in a state of flux. There are many moving parts of a complex industrial society. As a result, bad news and good news hit in varying degrees and at varying times. Reading the proverbial tea leaves of where an economy might be headed therefore is no easy task.

Despite this tricky environment, some argue that the FED thinks that it is omnipotent.

That belief is somewhat self-evident as it is constantly implementing their various policies at any sign of trouble.

The FED's tools are powerful and supercharged. Any one adjustment can make significant changes to both the stock market and the economy under it.

These ongoing movements by the FED have occurred for decades. Market participants have learned, like Pavlov's dog, that when economic news hits the news-wires, the FED will act by turning one or more of these powerful economic knobs to either juice or starve the markets.

This anticipation of FED action on even the slightest piece of economic news causes the market to move in the opposite direction of what was once regarded as rational.

Investors now think that bad news means the FED will act to juice the markets and so they buy stocks. Conversely, good economic news might cause the markets to fall in anticipation of FED action in the opposite direction. Good economic news may mean inflation is building so the FED tightens the money supply and starves the markets to harness rising prices

The anticipation of FED action is now arguably a major factor in markets on whether investors hit the buy or sell button.

An example of this was last week when a negative employment number came out and the markets rose thinking the FED will act to stimulate the economy, which would be good for stocks later down the road.

Decades ago, a bad jobs number would have likely led to a market sell off. Not so today apparently.

There is more to this story that I haven't included here because of the lack of space but hopefully you get the picture.

The bottom line is bad news might be good news for stocks and good news just might be bad for stocks,

Kind of crazy I know and, unfortunately, it makes negotiating the stock market just that much more difficult.

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

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West Nile Virus Detected in Yuba County

SYMVCD News Release

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter-Yuba Mosquito and Vector Control District has received confirmation of the first evidence of West Nile virus (WNV) activity in Yuba County for 2026. Two mosquito samples collected on Tuesday, July 7 tested positive for the virus—one from the Hallwood area and another from the Wheatland area.

The District's surveillance traps are showing the abundance of Culex mosquitoes—the primary vectors of WNV, are at their peak. Our surveillance program remains fully active, and mosquito control operations are being conducted in areas where virus activity has been detected.

All residents are urged, regardless of their proximity to the detections, to take preventative measures, as avoiding mosquito bites is the most effective way to protect yourself and your family from West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses.

The following "4 D's" of mosquito prevention are simple but essential steps.



Mosquito samples in Hallwood and Wheatland area tested positive for West Nile virus. Photo courtesy of Magnific

D –“Defend” yourself by using insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535. These EPA-registered ingredients are proven to be effective in preventing bites. Always follow product instructions, especially when applying to children. Visit the EPA Repellent Search Tool for more information.

D –“Dawn and Dusk,” limit outdoor activities during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes that transmit WNV are most active. If you must be outdoors, wear long sleeves and pants for added protection.

D – “Doors and Windows,” ensure that window and door screens are intact and in good repair to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home. And lastly, D – “Drain Standing Water,” mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water. Regularly empty containers such as flowerpot saucers, buckets, tires and birdbaths. Report neglected or green swimming pools to the District.

Residents are also encouraged to report dead birds, which are early indicators of West Nile virus activity, to the California Department of Public Health at <https://west-nile.ca.gov> or by calling 877-968-2473.

For more information, visit our website at <https://sutter-yubamvcd.org>. For questions regarding these detections, contact the District office at 530-674-5456 ext. 0, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (excluding holidays). ★

I Did a Little Research



By Kathy Craig Harteis

The U.S. government actively prosecuted and blacklisted socialists, communists, and left-wing sympathizers throughout the 1950s and 1960s. This period is commonly known as the Red Scare and the McCarthy era.

Criminal Trials: Under the Smith Act of 1940, the government prosecuted dozens of Communist Party leaders for allegedly advocating the violent overthrow of the government. Many were

sent to prison.

So, seeing people publicly advocate for a socialist society changing the Land of the Free and actually winning elections by saying it, boggles the mind.

A faction of voters seem to see free and think it's good. In actuality a socialist life style will in the end take, not give and it strip freedoms away while taking control.

We just came off a lot of celebrating of America. Time and again we saw people loving our Country, praising those who fought and died for our freedom.

Sadly, there remains a faction of so called leaders and celebrities in our country that saw it as an opportunity to belittle our nation. Instead of celebrating our 250th birthday they chose instead to run down our country.

I watched interviews with the 100 plus year old

American Veterans. These guys literally fought for us. To ignore their sacrifice is shameful. What's wrong with people?

To stand for our flag, to be proud to be American is how I was raised. It is how it should be for sure.

If you don't love and support our country it might be time to move on.

How about actually working for things you want?

Don't wait for a handout. Be proud, be respectful and appreciate what we have and life will continue to be good today, tomorrow and going forward.

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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T.S. No.: 9614-0029 TSG Order No.: 260012271 A.P.N.: 010-162-031-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/03/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 10/07/2024 as Document No.: 2024-010934, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by: SINA YEM, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 07/30/2026 at 1:30 PM Sale Location: At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marysville, CA 95901 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 430 PINE STREET, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026F-171

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Alohi Lighthouse/'Ohu'Ohu Lemonade/Flora Simone Crafts/Mana Athletes
1330 Deerwood Street
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of Yuba
Registered Owners:
Hafa Aloha LLC
1330 Deerwood Street
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company..
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Christopher and Chanel Mauzy
CA Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 26, 2026.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
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County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
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an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$304,087.49 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026F-174

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
7 Star Taekwondo
500 J Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba
Registered Owners:
Joseph Rivera
5952 Garden Ave.
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 06/15/2026.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Joseph Rivera
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the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website, www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9614-0029. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9614-0029 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ISELA SINGLETON
Case NO. PRPB26-00083

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of ISELA SINGLETON, ISELA VALDEZ.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: DARREL SINGLETON in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

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

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026F-164

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Schies Trucking
5039 Virginia Road
Loma Rica, CA 95901
County of Yuba
Registered Owners:
Derek Schies
5039 Virginia Road
Loma Rica, CA 95901
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/28/1998.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Derek Schies
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send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NBS Default Services, LLC 14841 Dallas Parkway, Suite 300 Dallas, TX 75254 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Shawn Wetzel, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0490457 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026, 07/17/2026

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ISELA SINGLETON
Case NO. PRPB26-00083

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of ISELA SINGLETON, ISELA VALDEZ.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: DARREL SINGLETON in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

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

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026F-144

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Bluecub Sales
1552 McGowan Parkway
Olivehurst, CA 95961
County of Yuba
Registered Owners:
Mark Massey
1552 McGowan Parkway
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 05/22/26.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Mark Massey
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on May 22, 2026.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVID IAN SCHNEIDER
Case NO. PRPB26-00073

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Gerald S. Schneider and Ute Schneider in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): Telzey S. Gourley be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

uba County Community Services Commission board meeting Tuesday, July 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, CA 95901. Contact Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation at 530-751-8555 or ysedc@ysedc.org for any questions.

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File No. 2026F-168

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County of Yuba
Registered Owners:
Courtney Valadez
1629 Sampson Street
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Courtney Valadez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 1, 2026.
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DONNA HILLEGASS,
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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
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July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026F-160

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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County of Yuba
Registered Owners:
Reyna Garibay
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Marysville, CA 95901
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Reyna Garibay
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A Blank Page for an American Dream

Expository review of ‘Ah Wilderness’



Richard Miller (Clark Green) and Muriel McComber (Lilijana DeJesus) share a moonlit first kiss in The Acting Company's production of "Ah, Wilderness!"

Story and photos
by Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - This summer I spent far too much time in the theater. While other families took trips to the beach, I found myself painting one onstage. That painted shoreline became the foundation for my concept for Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness!", a play that feels especially fitting as America celebrates its 250th birthday. Set over the Fourth of July holiday in 1906, the comedy captures a young man's coming-of-age against the backdrop of family, patriotism, rebellion, romance and the great American pastime of arguing at the dinner table. But "Ah, Wilderness!" is more than a nostalgic holiday comedy. It is one of America's defining theatrical works, written by one of America's most important playwrights. O'Neill

was the first American dramatist to gain international fame and remains the only American playwright to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature. His work helped shape the American stage, not only through realism, but through bold experimentation. That experimental spirit has been central to my approach. Although "Ah, Wilderness!" may appear to be O'Neill's most traditional play, his larger body of work tells a different story. Throughout his career, O'Neill explored expressionism, symbolism, masks, inner monologues, sound, movement and psychological landscapes. He was not interested in theatre as a museum piece. He was interested in what theatre could reveal. My own introduction to O'Neill came through his early one-act Thirst, which I chose years ago as my final project for both voice and movement



Members of the Miller household gather around Richard Miller after his drunken return home in The Acting Company's "Ah, Wilderness!" The scene contrasts the warmth of O'Neill's imagined family with the darker realities that shaped the playwright's own life.



Richard Miller is drawn into Belle's world during a barroom scene in The Acting Company's production of Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness!" The production uses shadows, white fabric and a stark black house frame to suggest the play unfolding inside O'Neill's imagined version of home.

and stage design while studying theatre at Sacramento State. That play, centered on survivors stranded at sea, opened my imagination to the way O'Neill's work could be physical, symbolic and visually daring. It also introduced me to the powerful role the sea played in his writing. That influence appears throughout this production. Our stage begins as a white box — a blank page. Rather than recreating a literal 1906 home, the space represents O'Neill's imagination. "Ah, Wilderness!" has often been described as a kind of "wishing out loud," a dream of the warm, stable family life O'Neill never truly had. His real life was marked by addiction, loss and instability, making the play's tenderness all the more meaningful. The black frame of the house becomes the ink sketch of that dream: an image of home, but also a reminder of the shadows behind it. The sand-colored floor and dunes honor both O'Neill's lifelong connection to the sea and our own history with this production, which was first attempted in 2020 before being canceled just one week before opening due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the center of the stage is a boat. It becomes a table, a bar, a gathering place and finally a vessel. For Richard Miller, the young dreamer at the heart of the play, that boat represents the voyage from boyhood toward adulthood. Even the transitions are part of the storytelling. Drawing from

my background in improv and devised theatre, I wanted every moment to feel alive. Music, movement, humor and surprise all become part of Richard's dreamscape. Our production even takes the liberty of imagining one very American dinner scene in British accents, inspired by Richard's wish that America "still belonged to England." Musical director Isaac Mahurin adds another layer through jazz-inspired accompaniment. Though jazz had not fully emerged in 1906, it has become one of America's greatest cultural exports — a sound shaped by freedom, joy, democracy and a blending of cultures. In that sense, it feels right at home in an American classic. As our country marks 250 years, "Ah, Wilderness!" gives us a chance to look at the American family, the American

dream and the American stage through fresh eyes. This production is not meant to change O'Neill's play, but to honor it by engaging with the same creative spirit that defined him. The white box is his blank page. The house is his dream of home. The sand is memory. The boat is the journey. And the family at the center of it all is the wish. Hopefully, the experiment works. But then again, O'Neill was never afraid of an experiment. The Acting Company's production of "Ah, Wilderness!" opens July 17 and runs through Aug. 9, with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at acting-company.org. ★



Richard Miller's wish that America still belonged to England becomes a comic dream sequence in The Acting Company's "Ah, Wilderness!" The production reimagines a classic Fourth of July dinner scene through British accents and patriotic absurdity.

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The auction will be conducted online at storage.treasures.com. **starting FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026 10 AM and ending SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026 at 10AM.** If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly.

Names: Ariel Sanchez, Jeremy Hansis, Daniel Ford

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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026F-179

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Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of Yuba
Registered Owners:
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Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/06/2026.

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Signed:
Flariel Nostratis
CA CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 8, 2026.
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DONNA HILLEGASS,
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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
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July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026

COUNTY OF YUBA
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of a proposed ordinance to be considered by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba for adoption on July 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard before the Board of Supervisors.
The ordinance reaffirms Chapter 2.155 Military Equipment Use Policy of the Yuba County Ordinance Code approving and adopting the Sheriff Department's Military Equipment Use Policy as amended in accordance with Government Code sections 7070-7075.
The complete copy of the text of the proposed ordinance may be reviewed in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Office, at the Government Center, 915 8th Street, Suite 109, Marysville.
Mary Pasillas
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
(TD) 07-17-2026

Notice of Public Online Storage Auction

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The Auction will be conducted online at www.bid13.com, starting **July 17th, 2026 at 10am, and ending July 29th, 2026 at 10am.** If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly.

Name: Leonard Johnson, James A. Miller, Donald L. Muller, Anastasia M. Orozco, Cody T. Rockwell, Denise K. Torres

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File No. 2026F-180

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Registered Owners:
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Rachel Gamolsky
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Deputy Clerk
July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026

Marysville Roads Draw Grand Jury Scrutiny

By Susan Meeker

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Cracked pavement, lingering potholes and the absence of a long-term maintenance strategy have left Marysville’s streets falling short of public expectations, according to the Yuba County Civil Grand Jury, which urged the city to adopt a more systematic approach to maintaining its 60 miles of roadways.

The report, released in late June, found the city’s Public Works Department lacks a documented pavement management plan to prioritize repairs, forecast future needs and guide spending. Jurors also cited shortcomings in tracking maintenance requests, communicating repair schedules and making it easier for residents to report problems.

“The condition of public streets and related infrastructure directly affects public safety, mobility, quality of life, and economic vitality in Marysville,” jurors wrote.

Marysville’s Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, traffic signs, street lighting, storm drains and related infrastructure. The report found the city responds to street problems as they arise but lacks a documented pavement management system that evaluates roadway conditions citywide, prioritizes repairs and forecasts long-term maintenance needs based on available funding. The report includes a Pavement Condition Index map showing conditions across the city’s 60 miles of roadways and notes that traffic, weather, pavement age and funding all contribute to deterioration.

A review of public complaints identified recurring concerns about cracked and deteriorating pavement, potholes left unrepaired for extended periods, limited communication about maintenance priorities and difficulty reporting problems

through the city’s website. The Grand Jury found the reporting system difficult to locate, not fully optimized for smartphones and lacking automatic confirmation that complaints had been received.

In reviewing six months of complaint records, jurors found at least one reported complaint that was missing from the city’s official logs, raising concerns that additional maintenance requests may not have been documented or addressed.

The report stated that city officials told the Grand Jury the Marysville Public Works Department is fully staffed and street maintenance is funded through a combination of general fund appropriations, gas tax revenue, state road maintenance funds and special assessments. Even so, jurors concluded the city needs stronger long-term planning and greater transparency to improve service.

The report identified four findings. Jurors concluded the city lacks a documented long-term pavement management plan, has no centralized system for tracking resident maintenance requests, provides insufficient public communication about its street maintenance program and has no established maintenance schedule for repairs, allowing problems such as potholes to remain unresolved for extended periods.

The Grand Jury recommended the city adopt a multi-year pavement management plan by Dec. 31, 2026, establish an online system that allows residents to submit and track maintenance requests, regularly publish anticipated maintenance schedules and project plans, and evaluate additional resources or state funding opportunities to improve street repairs.

Under California law, the Marysville City Council must respond to the findings and recommendations within 60 days. The Marysville city manager was invited to submit a response within 90 days. ★

Yuba Grand Jury Urges School Resource Program Standards

By Susan Meeker

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Yuba County Civil Grand Jury praised School Resource Officers as an important part of campus safety across Yuba County while recommending reforms to standardize the growing program’s policies, oversight and performance measures.

The 2025-26 Yuba County Civil Grand Jury examined the School Resource Officer program, which has operated through the Yuba County Sheriff’s Department for approximately five to six years, through interviews with school administrators, assigned officers and Sheriff’s Department leadership, as well as visits to campuses throughout the county.

“The Grand Jury found broad support for the SRO program among school staff, SROs, and Sheriff Department leadership,” jurors wrote. “Interviewees consistently described the program as valuable for campus safety, relationship-building, attendance intervention, and coordination with school administration.”

That support came with a caveat. Jurors concluded the program has expanded through separate agreements with participating school districts into a system that works well but has outgrown the policies governing it. The review covered the Sheriff’s Department School Resource Officer program serving Lindhurst High School, Marysville High School, Wheatland High School, Yuba College and middle and elementary schools throughout Yuba County.

The report found School Resource Officers now fill roles extending well beyond traditional law enforcement. In addition to responding to emergencies, officers mentor students, assist with attendance intervention and work with school administrators on campus safety. As those responsibilities have evolved, jurors concluded the absence of standardized role definitions has resulted in varying

expectations and practices among participating campuses.

Jurors found schools generally address lower-level student misconduct administratively, involving law enforcement only when incidents become more serious or clearly criminal.

“The Grand Jury found that this flexibility may be beneficial, but the absence of documented, standardized thresholds creates a risk of inconsistency across sites and cases,” jurors wrote.

Jurors also found the program lacks standardized performance measures, formal role definitions and centralized oversight. The report recommended participating agencies develop written protocols governing student discipline and behavioral health responses, establish uniform performance metrics and evaluate creating centralized program oversight, including a dedicated supervisory position, by Dec. 31, 2026.

Despite recommending those changes, jurors concluded the program has become a valuable part of school safety throughout Yuba County.

“The Grand Jury commends the Yuba County Sheriff Department, the Marysville Police Department, participating school districts, school administrators, and assigned SROs for building a program that is widely viewed as beneficial to student safety and campus operations,” jurors wrote.

Under California law, the Yuba County Sheriff must respond to the report within 60 days. Within 90 days, the Marysville Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees and the Wheatland Union High School District Board of Trustees also must respond. The Grand Jury invited responses from the Marysville Police Chief, the superintendents of the Marysville Joint Unified School District, Wheatland Union High School District and Yuba County Office of Education, and the principals of Lindhurst, Marysville and Wheatland high schools. ★

Supreme Court Allows MJUSD Lawsuit to Proceed

By Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The California Supreme Court has cleared the way for a lawsuit against the Marysville Joint Unified School District to continue, reversing lower court rulings that had dismissed the case on procedural grounds.

In a unanimous opinion filed July 2, the state’s high court ruled that a federal procedural rule known as the “two-dismissal rule” did not prevent former Kynoch Elementary School students from pursuing state-law claims in California court.

The case, Doe v. Marysville Joint Unified School District, involves seven former students who allege former Kynoch Elementary School counselor William Babcock sexually assaulted them between 1993 and 2001. According to the opinion, the alleged assaults occurred at school, including in Babcock’s office during counseling sessions.

The ruling does not determine whether the allegations are true or whether the district is liable. Instead, the decision answers a narrower legal question: whether the plaintiffs were barred from continuing their lawsuit because they had previously filed and voluntarily dismissed similar cases.

According to the opinion, the plaintiffs first filed lawsuits in Yuba County Superior Court in 2020. Those cases were voluntarily dismissed without prejudice, a legal term meaning the claims were not finally decided and could generally be refiled later.

On the same day those state court dismissals were requested, the plaintiffs filed a similar case in federal court. That complaint included state-law claims as well as claims under Title IX and federal civil rights law.

Marysville Joint Unified moved to dismiss the federal case, arguing in part that sovereign immunity barred most of the claims in federal court. Before that motion was heard, the plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed the federal case as well. The opinion does not state why the plaintiffs chose to dismiss the earlier actions.

The plaintiffs then filed the current state case in March 2021, first in Ventura County Superior Court. The case was later

transferred to Yuba County. Marysville Joint Unified argued the lawsuit should be dismissed under the federal two-dismissal rule, which can treat a second voluntary dismissal as an adjudication on the merits. The Yuba County Superior Court agreed and dismissed the case. In 2023, a divided Third District Court of Appeal affirmed that ruling.

The California Supreme Court disagreed.

“Rule 41(a)(1)(B) is a rule of federal procedure that, when triggered, bars the plaintiff from filing the same claims in federal court,” Justice Kelli Evans wrote for the court. “It is not a broader rule of claim preclusion and thus does not bar a subsequent action in state court.”

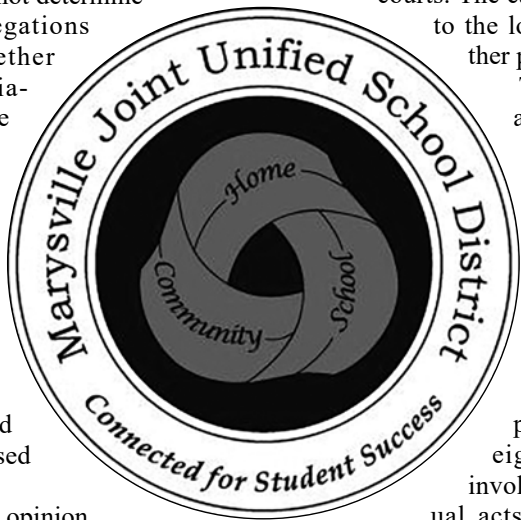
The court concluded that even if the federal rule prevents plaintiffs from refiling the same claims in federal court, it does not automatically prevent them from pursuing state-law claims in California courts. The case will now return to the lower court for further proceedings.

The allegations are part of litigation connected to Babcock, who was arrested in 2002 on multiple child molestation-related charges. Previous reporting said Babcock pleaded guilty to eight felony counts involving unlawful sexual acts with minors and one misdemeanor count involving annoying or molesting children. He was sentenced to 22 years in state prison. The 2017 report also said Babcock’s actions led to multiple lawsuits against Marysville Joint Unified, with some cases settling for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Because the Supreme Court’s ruling addressed only a procedural issue, Marysville Joint Unified may still raise defenses as the case returns to the trial court. The opinion does not make findings about the underlying allegations.

The Marysville Joint Unified School District said in a statement that it is aware of the allegations outlined in the matter, which involve events “reported to have occurred more than 25 years ago.”

“Because this concerns active litigation, the District cannot provide further comment on ongoing legal proceedings,” the district said. ★





BY JOSH F.W. COOK

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POLICY AND ETHICS

Laguna Beach’s Sewage Spill Is a Preview, Not an Anomaly

By Josh Cook

Thalia Beach should have been packed over the Fourth of July weekend. Instead, families found yellow tape and closure signs.

On July 2, a malfunctioning sewer pump along a force main near Anita Street spilled roughly 2,000 gallons of raw sewage into the ocean. The Orange County Health Care Agency closed a quarter-mile stretch of coastline in both directions, and the beach remained closed for most of the holiday until bacterial levels finally met health standards on Sunday, July 5.

This latest “crisis” raises a pertinent question: how many more failures like this one are sitting under California’s streets and beaches, waiting for the wrong pump to fail on the wrong weekend? The numbers suggest the answer is “plenty.”

California’s wastewater systems serve over 40 million residents, treating approximately four billion gallons of sewage daily through roughly 900 publicly owned collection and treatment systems, with pipes and manholes often decades old and average ages frequently exceeding 50 to 60 years. The state’s wastewater infrastructure needs now exceed \$65 billion — about \$1,657 per resident — with conveyance systems alone requiring up to \$15 billion in repairs and new construction, and advanced treatment needing another \$10 billion. Those financial needs have doubled since 2012.

The category’s grade in ASCE’s independent assessment hasn’t moved: wastewater infrastructure nationally received a D+, unchanged from the prior report card. In its 2025 state-specific report, ASCE gave California’s overall infrastructure a cumulative “C-,” the same grade it received in 2019 — with drinking water and stormwater grades actually declining since then, even as a few other categories improved.

With the numerous conversations around the Billionaire Tax Ballot measure this year, there has been a reluctant confession among some of the political class. There is a point of diminishing returns, and raising taxes past a certain point actually gets you less “revenue.”

The last 5 tax measures put to voters in almost every California City aim to keep public Safety Services and other municipal amenities at current levels and to cover rising pension and healthcare costs. Many elected officials believe that when the infrastructure collapses, they will have to “go back to the voters”. Budget “balancing” through constant tax increases has been ongoing for the last 40 years in California amid a known deficit in deferred maintenance and replacement-cost allocations for the water and wastewater infrastructure in the ground.

Laguna Beach may be deemed an accident, but the underlying financial neglect of municipal infrastructure is an issue that can be ignored only until it can’t be. That day is not coming; it is now. ★

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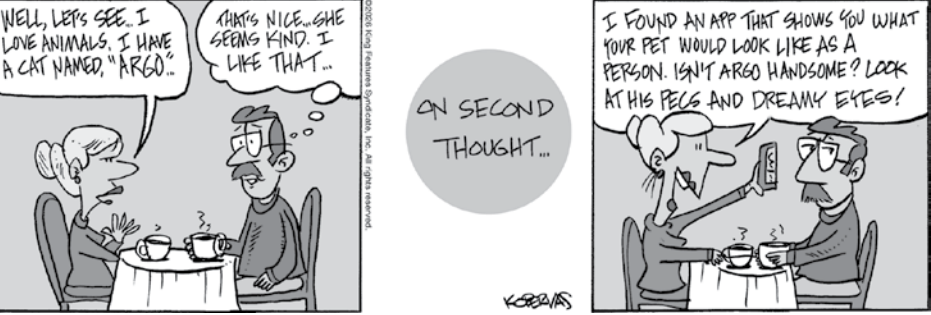
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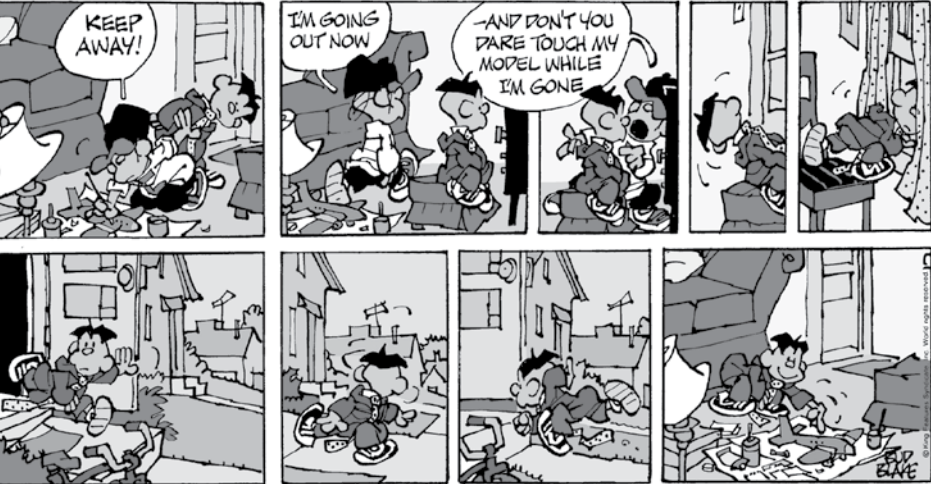
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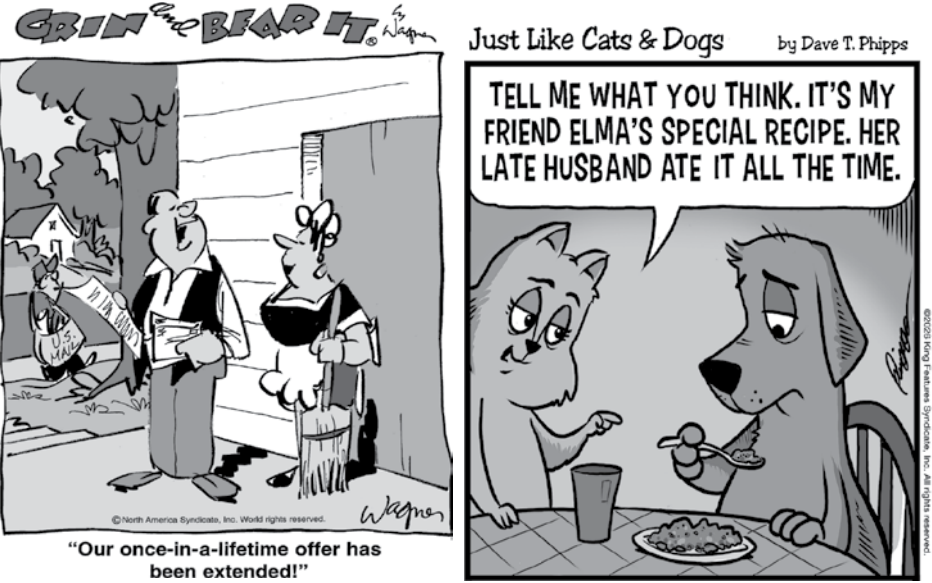
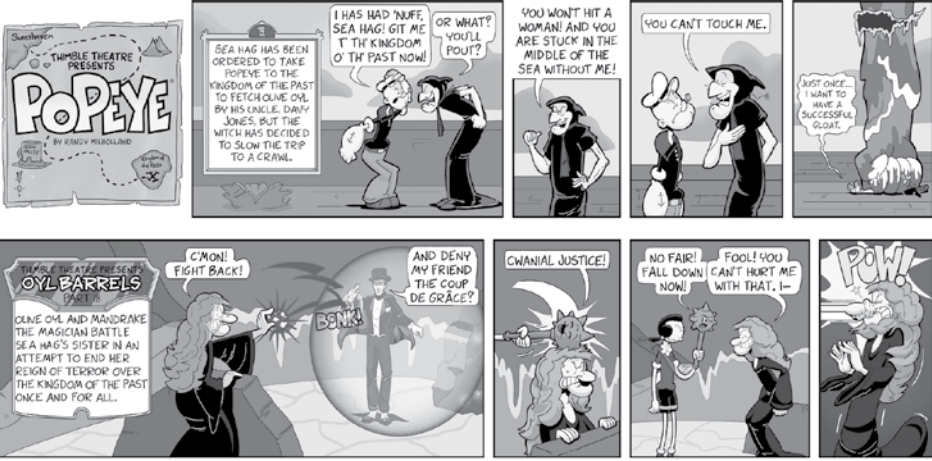


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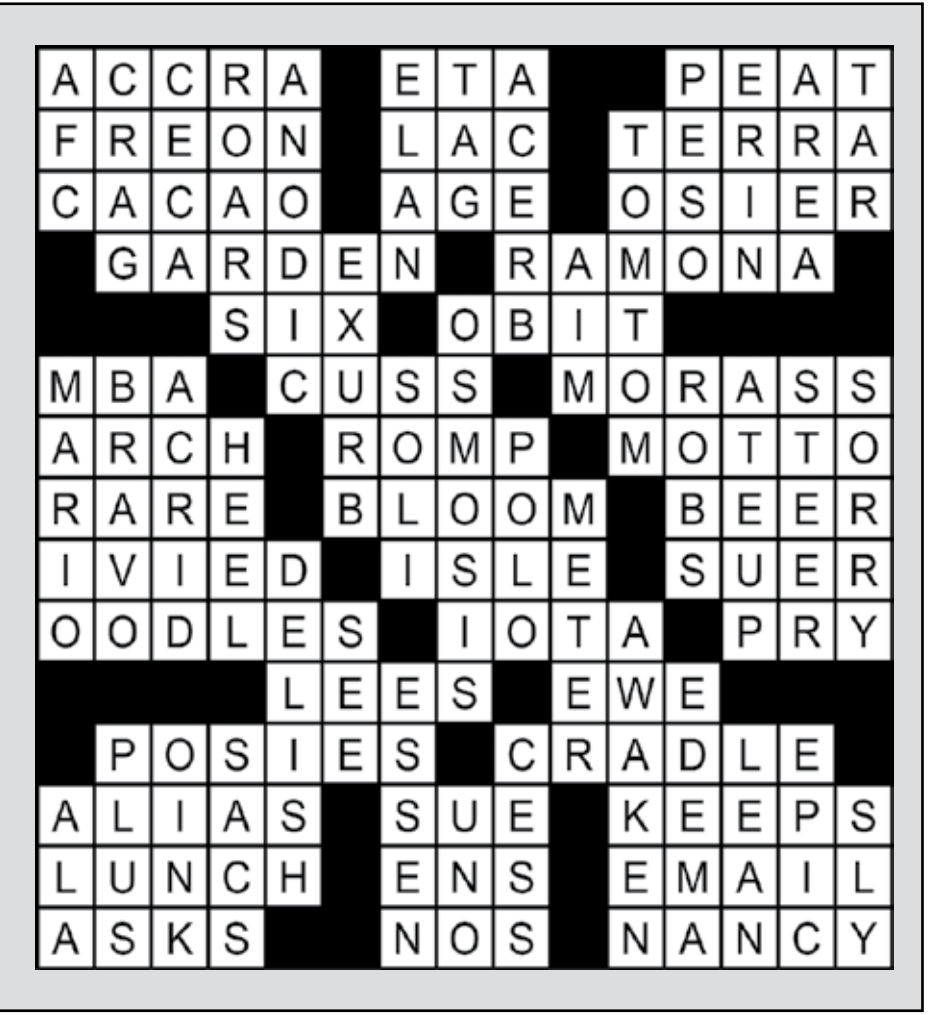
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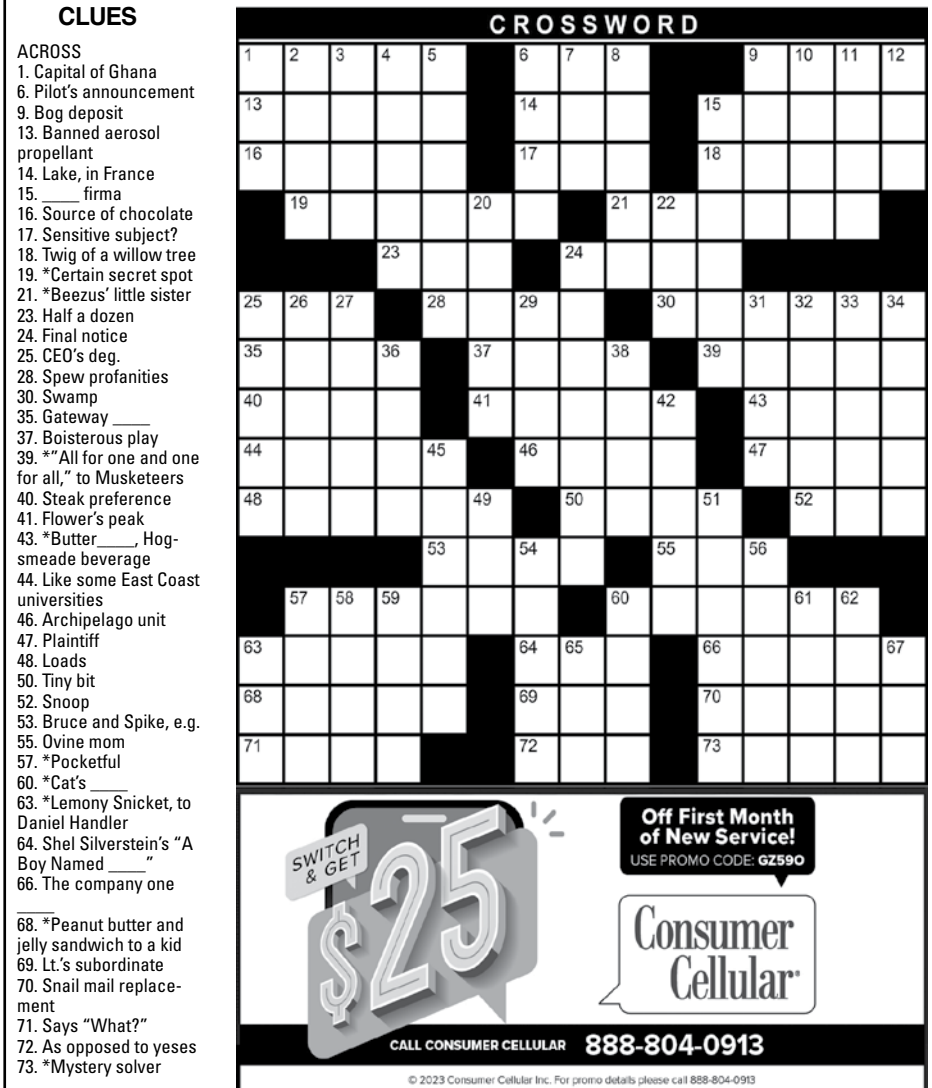
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Sutter County Grand Jury Finds HHS Too Complex to Review

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rated on an A-F alphabetical scale between C and D, along with one county-owned building rated A. Deteriorating infrastructure and limited funding have slowed efforts to consolidate operations, though county leaders have

developed a Facilities Improvement Plan to guide future renovations. Jurors also reviewed the county's 16-bed Psychiatric Health Facility, including recent state inspections. While documentation deficiencies and administrative

issues were noted in an October 2024 review, the Grand Jury found none affected patient care. The Grand Jury issued no recommendations, concluding the department continues to effectively manage complex operations while providing

essential services under difficult fiscal and facility constraints. Jurors said staff across multiple divisions demonstrated compassionate and collaborative service, particularly in programs requiring coordination between behavioral health,

public health and social services. They noted that internal communication efforts appeared intentional and ongoing, supported by employee surveys and strategic planning documents that emphasized morale, training and workload management. The panel also reported that leadership routinely

referenced audits, regulatory guidance and planning documents during interviews, which jurors said reflected a strong grasp of budget pressures, staffing demands and state and federal requirements. While minor administrative improvements could be made, jurors said none rose to the level of a significant deficiency. ★

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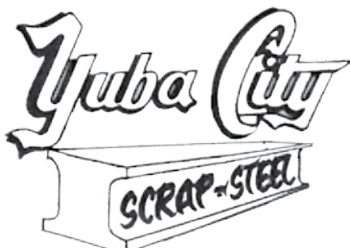

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- July 17 / 8 am Dan Flores, Economic Development'
- July 17 / 9 am TBD
- July 20 / 8 am Marni Sanders, Blue Zone Project
- July 20 / TBD
- July 21 / 8 am Crystal Martin, Yuba River Foundation
- July 21 / 9 am Blue Zones
- July 22 / 8 am Yuba City Mayor
- July 22 / 9 am Say Love w/Amanda Husted
- July 23 / 8 am Yuba Sutter Chamber
- July 23 / 9 am Lindhurst High School
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- July 24 / 9 am TBD

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Remote Access Rules Reach Select Agencies

By Susan Meeker

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - A new California law requiring larger local governments to provide live remote public access to meetings faced an early test in Yuba City when an online participant disrupted a City Council meeting by posting racial slurs.

During the council’s July 7 meeting, City Attorney Shannon Chaffin interrupted council discussion after the comments appeared from a remote participant.

“That person is now considered a disruptive speaker

and will be shut down from the chat and prohibited from here,” Chaffin said.

It was the only disruption during the meeting, and the incident came less than a week after Senate Bill 707 took effect July 1. The law requires cities and counties with populations of 30,000 or more to provide live online access to public meetings and allow residents to make public comments remotely.

Locally, the law applies to Yuba City, Yuba County, Sutter County, Butte County and the City of Chico. Smaller cities and rural districts are not covered.

Marysville is not included because its population is about 12,000. Oroville also falls below the threshold with about 20,000 residents. No agency in Colusa County is affected.

Under SB 707, eligible agencies must provide a live video or telephone connection for every public meeting. Residents attending remotely must have the same opportunity to offer public comment as those attending in person.

According to the legislative analysis, the law is intended to preserve the expanded public access

introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure residents who cannot attend meetings in person can still participate in local government.

Some agencies discontinued remote public participation after pandemic-era meetings because of disruptive online behavior, including trolling and abusive comments. The interruption in Yuba City illustrated one of the challenges agencies may face as they again provide live remote access. Mayor Marc Boomgaarden said at the start of the meeting the city was adjusting to



the state’s new remote participation requirements and asked for patience as officials became accustomed to the revised meeting format.

SB 707 also requires eligible agencies to translate meeting agendas into languages spoken by at least 20 percent of the local population that speaks English less than “very well.” The translated agendas must be posted online and at a physical location at least

72 hours before a regular meeting.

Unlike the remote public access and translated agenda requirements, which apply only to larger populations, other provisions of SB 707 apply to all legislative bodies. These changes update teleconferencing rules, establish new standards for remote attendance by elected officials and require clearer documentation when members participate from another location. ★

Community Calendar

Does your group or organization have an upcoming community event? Email loyd.green@mpg8.com. Events are typically published within two weeks of their scheduled date, as space allows.

Friday, July 17 through Sunday, Aug. 9
“Ah, Wilderness!”
by The Acting Company
 815 B St., Yuba City. Eugene O'Neill's only comedy is a tender, nostalgic portrait of small-town America in the early 1900's. Through the eyes of idealistic young Richard Miller, “Ah, Wilderness!” captures the humor, heartache, and awkward joy of growing up and the enduring comfort of family that sees you through it all. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets and more information at www.actingcompany.org.

Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18
Marysville Peach Festival
 In Historic Downtown Marysville. Come shop, eat, celebrate, and enjoy an amazing weekend of community, peaches, and fun. Bring the family and enjoy this peachy and delicious event with a wide variety of new and returning craft vendors, food vendors, samples for every taste bud, several delicious choices of peach related foods, and great entertainment for all ages. Free parking and free to attend. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. D St., Marysville.

Friday, July 17
Fun Fridays in the Garden
 9 a.m. to 11 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, play in the mud kitchen and enjoy sensory and art activities. This is not a drop-off event; guardian must be present.

Moana Scavenger Hunt
 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth St., Marysville. Children are invited to search the Government Center for hidden characters from Disney's "Moana" during this free scavenger hunt hosted by the Yuba County Library. Participants who find all the characters will receive a prize. No registration is required. For more information, call 530-749-7380.

Saturday, July 18
2026 Peach Festival 5k/10k
 Starts at 8 a.m. at the Yua-Sutter Training Zone, 830 J St., Marysville. All proceeds benefit Live Well Yuba Sutter. Registration and more information at www.runsignup.com.

Yuba City Certified Farmers Market
 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday through September 26 at Town Square Fountain, Plumas St., Yuba City.

Loma Rica Farmers Market
 8 a.m. to noon, corner of Fruitland and Loma Rica roads, Loma Rica. Vendors are invited to participate in the weekly community farmers market. Booth space is \$10 and vendors offering produce, baked goods, handcrafted items, artisan products and other merchandise are welcome. Current vendors include homemade sourdough bread, custom jewelry, handcrafted knives and sheaths, and coffee. For vendor information, contact James Cramer at 530-491-1909.

Dobbins Certified Farmers Market
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through October at Dobbins Grange #745, 9761 Marysville Rd., Dobbins.

Learning Garden Workshop: Tomato Tasting & Peppers the Hot Topic
 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the UC Master Gardener Learning Garden, Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds Gate 7, 442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City.

Mornings in the Garden
 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Artisan Community Garden, 1333 Butte House Rd., Yuba City. Join us for inclusive-hand-on outdoor sensory activities for the entire family. Open to children with special needs and their family & friends in Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties. Activities for all ages and abilities. Events are free, but registration is required at www.tinyurl.com/MorningsInTheGarden26. This month’s activities will focus on bike safety and a bike parade.

Sunday, July 19
Growing Through the Seasons: Planning & Preparing Your Fall & Winter Garden
 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alcouffe Center, 9185 Marysville Rd., Oregon House. Learn how to keep your garden productive and enjoy fresh harvests in the cooler months. \$10 per person, free for YFACA members. More information at www.facebook.com/YFACA.

Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24
Vacation Bible School
 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Feather River Baptist Church, 5400 Chestnut Road, Olivehurst. Children and families are invited to attend "Illumination Station," a week of Vacation Bible School featuring Bible lessons, songs, crafts, snacks and activities focused on learning about Jesus. The free, family-friendly event is open to everyone.

Monday, July 20
Peter Rabbit Scavenger Hunt
 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth St., Marysville. Children ages 3 and older are invited to search the Government Center for hidden Peter Rabbit and friends illustrations during this free scavenger hunt hosted by the Yuba County Library. No registration is required. For more information, call 530-749-7380.

Wednesday, July 22
Sutter County Pesticide Container Recycling
 8 a.m. to noon at Recycling Industries, 140 Epley Dr., Yuba City. All containers must be triple rinsed, with the detachable lids and label booklets removed. 30-gallon barrels must be cut into quarters. All handles on Propanil barrels must be removed. Call Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office at 530-822-7500 for more information.

Restorative Yoga
 Each Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Sedona Project, 500 Olive St., Suite 29, Marysville. All are welcome, but space is limited for this class at no charge. Mats and props are available. Text to 530-278-8461 by 4 p.m. to reserve your spot.

Dance Class
 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Regency Park, Stabler Lane and Parc W. Drive, Yuba City. Learn a new dance routine each week from instructor Randall Edwards. Bring a friend, fun for all ages. No need to RSVP, just show up and dance.

Story Time
 Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth St., Marysville. Families are invited to enjoy an hour of stories, playtime and crafts during free Story Time hosted by the Yuba County Library. No registration is required. Story Time will be held July 6, 15 and 27 in the Board of Chambers and July 8 and 22 in the Marysville Room.

Friday, July 24
Fun Fridays in the Garden
 9 a.m. to 11 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, play in the mud kitchen and enjoy sensory and art activities. This is not a drop-off event; guardian must be present.

Sutter County Diaper Bank Distribution
 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Hope Point Church,

600 N. George Washington Blvd., Yuba City. The Sutter County Diaper Bank provides free monthly diaper and wipes assistance to eligible Sutter County families with young children. More information and registration at www.sutterkids.org/sutter-county-diaper-bank.

Community Helper Story Time with Red Robin
 10 a.m., Board of Chambers, Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth St., Marysville. Children ages 10 and younger are invited to a special story time featuring Red from Red Robin, followed by a craft. No registration is required. For more information, call 530-870-3116.

Saturday, July 25
SAYLove Saturday – Community Clean-up Day
 7:30 a.m. to noon in Yuba City, Marysville and Olivehurst. Join this monthly community clean-up that brings neighbors together to restore and care for local spaces. See www.saylove.org for volunteer information including a required waiver to participate.

Yuba City Certified Farmers Market
 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday through September 26 at Town Square Fountain, Plumas St., Yuba City.

Dobbins Certified Farmers Market
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through October at Dobbins Grange #745, 9761 Marysville Rd., Dobbins.

Wine & Makers Social
 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, 3317 Forty Mile Rd., Wheatland. Beat the heat and spend your afternoon sipping and supporting local businesses. Join us for a relaxed, indoor event where community comes first. We’re bringing together local wineries, artisans, and other small businesses for a curated shopping and tasting experience. Reserve your free spot at Eventbrite.com.

Monday, July 27
Story Time
 Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth St., Marysville. Families are invited to enjoy an hour of stories, playtime and crafts during free Story Time hosted by the Yuba County Library. No registration is required. Story Time will be held July 6, 15 and 27 in the Board of Chambers and July 8 and 22 in the Marysville Room.

Wednesday, July 29
Freebirds Story Time
 10 a.m., Yuba County Government Center, Board of Chambers, 915 Eighth St., Marysville. Children ages 10 and younger are invited to a special story time featuring players from the Yuba-Sutter Freebirds baseball team. Enjoy stories and meet Freebirds players during this free event. No registration is required.

Library Happenings
Sutter County Library
 Sutter County Library main branch, at 750 Forbes Ave., Yuba City has the following events this week. Call 530-930-2315 for more information on general library offerings.

Friday, July 17: Teen cooking challenge, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, July 21: Stay and play story time, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. “Kids Create” craft time, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This week, we’ll be making avocado pillows.
Wednesday, July 22: Preschool story time and craft, 11 a.m. to noon. LEGO club, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, July 23: Preschool story time and craft, 11 a.m. to noon. Family fun night, 5:30 p.m. Join us this week for “NorCal Bats” education. Fun for the whole family.
Friday, July 24: Teen cooking challenge, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Yuba County Library
 Yuba County Library has the following events at Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th St., Suite 113, Marysville (location may vary, as noted). Call 530-749-7380 for more information or email library@co.yuba.ca.us.

Friday, July 17: Moana scavenger hunt, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Characters from Moana will be hidden throughout the building. Try your luck and see if you can find them all. Those who do will get a prize!

Monday, July 20: Peter Rabbit scavenger hunt, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Illustrations of Peter Rabbit and friends will be hidden throughout the building. Try your luck and see if you can find them all – there’s a prize if you do.

Wednesday, July 22: Community Helper story time with the Marysville Fire Department, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Friday, July 24: Community Helper story time with Red from Red Robin, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. NASA space party, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Calling all astronauts and space cadets! Join us for an out-of-this-world experience. Part of the America 250 celebrations, Spark of Science@ My Library, NASA, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, and STARnet have given the Yuba County Library some fun space related activities. Make some star-tackular crafts, learn about space rocks & ultraviolet rays, complete a scavenger hunt, and more at our space party!

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.

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, July 21.
 Rotary Club of Yuba City meets Wednesdays at noon at the Harvest Room, 1475 Tharp Rd., Yuba City.
Seniors on the Go – Olivehurst, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the VFW, 4956 Powerline Rd., Olivehurst. Enjoy a free community lunch and stay for activities. All seniors and their guests are welcome, no registration required. Call 530-392-2187 for more information.

Seniors on the Go – Yuba County, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Tri-Counties Community Center, 1830 B St., Marysville. Enjoy a free luncheon followed by free seminars especially for Seniors. Call 916-296-1907 for more information.

Sutter County Board of Supervisors meeting, 3 p.m., generally on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the council chambers, 1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 28.

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.

Yuba County Board of Supervisors meeting, 9 a.m., generally on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, in the board chambers, 915 8th St., Marysville. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 28.

Community Resources - Find Food

First Presbyterian Church, 10 a.m. to noon every Friday at 1905-C Covillaud St., Marysville. Call 530-742-5541 for more information.

First Lutheran Church, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at 850 Cooper Ave., Yuba City. Call 530-673-8894 for more information.

Olivehurst Seventh Day Adventist Church, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 1767 14th St., Olivehurst on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month, or by appointment. Please call 530-742-7855.

The Salvation Army Food Pantry, 401 Del Norte Ave., Yuba City on the third Friday each month from 9 a.m. until food is gone. Call 530-673-7353 for more information.

Yuba-Sutter Food Bank has a full list of food pantries throughout the area available at www.feedingys.org/where-do-i-go or call 530-673-3834 for more information. ★

Freebirds End PBL First Half with Sour Taste

By Steven Bryla

OAKLAND, CA (YSBC) - The Yuba-Sutter Freebirds ended the first half of the Pioneer Baseball League season by dropping five of their final six games.

Yuba-Sutter hit the road last week where they dropped two of three to Long Beach and were swept by Oakland.

The Freebirds pitching staff surrendered five runs or more within the first six innings in five games last week.

Yuba-Sutter infielder Andrew Kirchner continued his solid hitting at the plate as he delivered seven hits and six runs-batted-in (RBIs) throughout the week.

Kirchner was added to the Freebirds roster at the end of June and in 11 games for Yuba-Sutter, he's hitting .370 with 21 RBIs and had a nine-game hitting streak at the end of play on Sunday.

Yuba-Sutter currently has seven active players with a batting average over .300.

Freebirds manager Frank Gonzales expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that they need to get off to a great start in the second half of the season in hopes of locking in a playoff berth.

YS opens the start of second-half play with another road trip on the road as they play in Modesto for three and travel back down to SoCal to take on Long Beach.

The Freebirds will return to Bryant Field on Tuesday, July 21st for a three-game set against the Boise Hawks with first pitch scheduled for 6:35 p.m. ★



Yuba-Sutter pitcher Chase Martinez (13) tosses a pitch on July 3 in the victory against Long Beach. Photo by Steven Bryla



Yuba-Sutter shortstop Devon Dixon (2) fires a throw to first during the Freebirds' loss to the RedPocket Mobiles on May 28. Photo by Steven Bryla



The Long Beach Coast celebrates a victory over the Yuba-Sutter Freebirds on June 25. Photo by Steven Bryla



Yuba-Sutter first baseman Andrew Kirchner (18) lines a base hit on July 3 in the Freebirds win over Long Beach. Photo by Steven Bryla

Yuba City Approves Code Enforcement Liens

By Susan Meeker

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Yuba City officials approved placing more than \$64,000 in unpaid code enforcement citation fines on the county property tax roll July 7, allowing the city to recover costs through special assessments and property liens while granting a second chance to five property owners who appeared at a public hearing.

The action covered 103 unpaid administrative citations with individual fines ranging from \$100 to \$3,500. City officials said citations are issued only after property owners fail to correct violations or work with code enforcement to resolve them.

“Code enforcement’s goal is always to bring property into compliance with our municipal code,” Development Services Director Doug Libby said. “Only when a case remains unresolved, progress is not moving forward, are citations issued as a mechanism to bring a property into compliance.”

During the public hearing, the owners of five affected properties asked the council to reconsider their fines, describing circumstances they believed justified relief.

One couple said citations involving roosters stemmed from Yuba City’s well-known feral chicken population rather than birds they owned.



They said they removed their hens, to reduce attracting feral roosters, abandoned their chicken coop and attempted to comply before the city conducted a scheduled follow-up inspection.

Another property owner said he maintained communication with a former code enforcement officer regarding an overgrown vacant lot and believed the matter had been resolved after the property was cleaned. Others cited medical issues that delayed their ability to address a box truck, overgrown weeds or other violations. One owner said notices had been mailed to an incorrect address before he learned of the citation and immediately cut weeds and trimmed trees after being contacted.

Councilmembers acknowledged that none of the property owners had used the city’s formal administrative appeal process within the required time period. However, several also noted that a former code enforcement officer who handled some of the cases had since left city employment, leaving unanswered questions about

conversations between staff and residents.

Mayor Marc Boomgaarden said he was troubled by the missing continuity, particularly in cases where residents claimed they had worked with city staff or corrected the violations.

“It seems to me that the departure puts us in a bit of a spot,” he said.

Rather than immediately imposing liens on the five properties whose owners appeared, the council directed staff to reinspect those properties. If staff confirms the violations have been corrected, the properties will be removed from the lien resolution.

“It does seem apparent that (they) have taken steps to remedy the problems,” Councilmember Wade Kirchner said.

Councilmember Dave Shaw reminded residents to respond promptly to notices from the city in the future and to use the administrative appeal process when they disagree with a citation.

The unpaid citation fines not addressed at the public hearing will be added to property tax bills as approved, officials said. ★

Council Extends Contracts for Critical City Services

By Shaunna Boyd

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - At its July 7 meeting, the Marysville City Council approved one-year extensions for the city's information technology and planning services contracts while also accepting the completion of a pavement rehabilitation project and adopting a regional transportation safety plan.

Vice Mayor Bruce Buttacavoli and Councilmember Brad Hudson, whose terms expire this year, also announced they will seek re-election in November.

The council unanimously approved a one-year extension of its contract with Alliant Networking Services, which provides information technology, cybersecurity and virtual chief information officer services.

Finance Director Anissa Leung said the city's cybersecurity requirements have expanded, increasing the monthly contract cost from \$13,500 to \$19,897.

"Due to rising costs in the technology world, rising costs with cyber security, and our requirements as an organization to remain secure, as well as our record retention requirements, we do have to maintain those standards," Leung said.

Leung said the city plans to begin a request for proposals process in February to compare available services and ensure it receives the best value.

Mayor Chris Branscum said Alliant's annual reports do not provide enough accountability and requested that monthly invoices include an itemized report of services provided.

Hudson said the city has worked with Alliant for about 10 years and that the

one-year extension will provide time to evaluate whether the level of service justifies the cost.

The council unanimously approved the contract extension.

The council also unanimously approved an amendment to its agreement with Management Advisory Services, extending the contract through June 30, 2027, at a cost of \$160,000.

The previous agreement expired June 30.

Without in-house planners, Marysville relies on Management Advisory Services to serve as its on-call planning department, providing environmental and historical analysis, grant proposal preparation and development project reviews.

Community Development Director Dan Flores said funding for the contract extension is already included in the current fiscal year's budget. Council members thanked the firm for its continued work on behalf of the city before approving the agreement.

The council also accepted and filed the Notice of Completion for Phases 1 and 2 of the city's Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Phase 1 was completed in October 2025 and Phase 2 in May 2026. The projects were funded through federal Community Development Block Grant awards.

Council members also formally adopted the Yuba-Sutter Regional Safety Action Plan, allowing the city to pursue future transportation safety projects and grant funding opportunities identified in the plan.

The next Marysville City Council meeting is scheduled for July 21. ★

