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The Impending Implosion

California may force large businesses to disclose climate impacts



Environmentalists just never stop trying to destroy the economy, even when businesses are following their rules Image by Gerd Altmann from Pixabay

By **Alejandro Lazo**,
CALMatters.org

Corporations have for years graded themselves on climate change, at times marketing themselves as environmental stewards while failing to fully disclose their emissions.

Now California is considering holding corporations more accountable: If approved by the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom, two bills would make California the first state to require large corporations to disclose their greenhouse gas emissions and report their risks from climate change.

One bill — already approved by the Senate — would force about 5,300 U.S. corporations earning more than \$1 billion and doing business in California to annually report their global emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases that contribute to climate change.

Another bill that won Senate

approval would require more than 10,000 companies with revenues exceeding \$500 million to detail how climate change poses financial risks to their operations, not just in California, but around the world.

From Amazon to McDonalds, Chevron and General Motors, any company that meets the revenue thresholds selling or producing goods or services in California would have to comply with the two wide-ranging measures.

The legislation would force companies to reveal their complete carbon footprint, even the emissions coming from the consumers who use their products. The laws would inevitably lead to highly publicized “top polluters” lists that make major corporations more accountable — and uncomfortable — since their full role in causing climate change and its impact on their finances would be exposed.

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The goal is to provide a more complete picture of the tons of global gases that large companies are responsible for and how their company is affected by the warming climate, according to the legislators who introduced the two bills.

“This is basic transparency,” said Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco whose SB253 would mandate emissions reporting for billion-dollar companies doing business in California. “It’s important to know which corporations are walking the walk, especially as we see corporations that market themselves as green.”

Leading the opposition are California’s Chamber of Commerce and two consortiums of large and

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Fraud Hits California’s Food Stamp Program

By **Jon Coupal**, **HJTA**

And you thought California’s \$32 billion in Employment Development Department (EDD) fraud was bad.

A small group of criminals in Detroit has managed to pilfer the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits of nearly 8,000 impoverished California families who were shocked when they discovered their EBT cards had been drained. The criminals stealing access to EBT cards run the gamut from low-level organized criminal gangs in Michigan to criminal syndicates as far-flung as Romania journeying to California, specifically to exploit the gaping security flaws in the SNAP program.



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So how is it that they managed to siphon off EBT card numbers and pins with alarming ease? First, the United States Department of Agriculture, which

implements the SNAP program, has no incentive to prevent fraud. Like the EDD debacle, these bureaucrats seem completely content to just shovel money out the

door with no regard for consequences.

Even worse, in recent federal litigation, it was revealed that retailers who accept SNAP/EBT benefits

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CAL FIRE Encourages Safety this Fourth of July Holiday

CAL FIRE
News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With the Fourth of July holiday around the corner, state fire officials are stressing the dangers and consequences of using illegal fireworks. This Fourth of July, remember to celebrate responsibly. Protect your community by preventing fires and injuries caused by fireworks. Before you think about buying fireworks for your celebration, make sure they are permitted where you live. Fireworks purchased out-of-state are illegal in California without a license. Why not let the experts handle the fireworks show? You can easily grab a blanket, head to local fireworks show, and find the perfect patch of lawn to kick back and enjoy.

“With fireworks causing over \$25 million dollars in property loss in 2022, preventing fires and injuries caused by fireworks begins with you” said Chief Daniel Berlant, Acting California State Fire Marshal. “Don’t be the reason your Fourth of July holiday goes up in smoke”.

If Safe and Sane fireworks are legal in your area and you choose to use them, it's important that you follow these safety tips:

Never use illegal fireworks; Make sure the firework has the State Fire Marshal “Safe and Sane” seal on it; Make sure the “Safe and Sane” firework is purchased from a licensed fireworks booth; Never allow young children to use or handle fireworks; Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol; Never hold a lit firework in your hands; Never light fireworks indoors; Only use them away from people, houses, and flammable materials; Never point or throw fireworks at another person or animal; Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks; Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for an extended time before discarding; Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire.

To learn more about fireworks safety, visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org/more/fireworks-safety/ ★

Indian Tradition which Quenches Thirst and Creates Friendship



Members of the Hindu community pass out refreshments to create friendship. Photo courtesy of Surinder Mehta.

By Surinder Mehta

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - This is an Indian Religious Tradition Combined with an American holiday. It is done on Tuesday, the 4th of July to cool down travelers at 1829 Franklin Road Yuba City.

The Siri Narayan-Hindhu Temple in Yuba City will pass out Free Soft drinks & Fruits in observance of Nirjal (without water) Akashdi (first day of the time taken by Moon for rotating around its axis.)

In the old days in India when people used to travel on foot the transit system was not so good like here in the United States of America. People used to walk from one place to another during the hot summer day of scorching heat. When travelers used to go through villages, the village people used to have a stall of cold

water and something to eat on the outskirts of their villages. They used to offer cold water and something to eat to the passersby as a good gesture used to create a friendship between the people and a good name for the village community. At that time not too many people were educated, but they knew how to create a bond between communities, So, they started this tradition, the forefathers set that day in June and named it the NIRJAL-AKASHDI DAY.

To carry out the good tradition set forth by our forefathers to create friendship and good name for the Indian community we celebrate this day. This is the 25th year we will be celebrating this good tradition. We invite all the community members to join us in celebrating this day and create a bond of friendship so that we can care for each other. ★

City of Yuba City Launches Permit Planner to Improve Experience

City of Yuba City New Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Yuba City is excited to announce the launch of a new online permit planning tool designed to support business owners and homeowners in navigating the permitting process. The new tool provides a step-by-step guide to zoning, permits, fee estimates and licenses in Yuba City and empowers users to get answers to their development question at any time of day without a phone call, email, or trip to City Hall.

Yuba City’s Permit Planner is now live at permits.yubacity.net. This tool will help guide citizens embarking on complex projects, like starting a new business or a renovation project, through the City’s permitting requirements. Based on the City’s planning and building regulations, the site provides a customized guide to help applicants achieve their project goals while outlining the permits, fees, and licenses the projects will need, including planning

entitlements, building permits, and business licenses.

Wade Kirchner, Mayor of Yuba City stated the following: “With the City Council’s goals to improve quality of life and being business friendly, the Council initiated the implementation of this new tool. Permit Planner is another resource provided by the City to help businesses and community members at any time of day.”

By moving this process online, the City hopes to provide reliable, targeted feedback to its community 24/7, which will also give City staff a new level of insight into development trends in our community. This effort has been spearheaded by the City Council in conjunction with the “You Can! with Yuba City” initiative, launched January 2023.

“It is exciting to be able to serve our customers on their terms, regardless of time of day or staff availability and provide the answers they need in a more efficient manner.” Doug Libby, Deputy Director of Development Services. ★

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Yuba-Sutter Improv Club Presents IMPROVIVOR - Season 2



Members of the Yuba-Sutter Improv Team pose for an awkward group photo after their inaugural performance of IMPROVIVOR this past March. Photo courtesy of YSAC



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YSAC News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Yuba-Sutter Improv Club (YSIC) will be presenting IMPROVIVOR - Season 2 on Friday, June 30, starting at 7 p.m. inside the historic Burrows Theater in Marysville. IMPROVIVOR is a comedic spin off of the early 2000s hit reality TV series “Survivor.” This format was developed by YSIC members, many of whom grew up watching the show, as a way to include all performers regardless of their skill level or training. During the show, players will be divided into teams and challenged to a series of theater games and comedic shticks based on audience suggestions. The last player left standing will be crowned this season’s IMPROVING champion!

In IMPROVIVOR - Season 1 this past March, YSIC member Steve Protine became the inaugural winner, beating out the club’s founder and coach, Shamaya Sutton, by a fraction of voluminous applause.

“Did I expect it? No, but I suppose that was my first mistake,” said Sutton. “In Improv you should always expect the unexpected.”

“You’ll never be able to take this away from me,” added Protine, clutching tightly to his trophy.

YSIC has been working hard to tighten its format and is looking forward to giving their players another shot at redemption, revenge, and glory in this season’s episode of IMPROVIVOR! The show will begin promptly at 7 p.m. at the Lee Burrows Center for the Arts at 630 E Street in Marysville. Tickets cost \$10 per person and can be purchased online at <https://yubasutterarts.org/event/improvisor-june-2023/>.

This show is not recommended for anyone under the age of 18. Snacks, beverages, and adult drinks will be available for purchase.

YSIC is a free improv program powered by Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture. Practices are open to anyone over the age of 18 and occur every Tuesday night starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Burrows Center. In addition to offering free training in improvised theater, YSIC has become a unique social spot for a diverse group of local creatives. YSIC can be followed on Facebook by searching “Yuba-Sutter Improv Club.” They can also be contacted by emailing yuabsutterimprovclub@gmail.com. For more information about the Yuba-Sutter Improv Club, or other events and programing sponsored by Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, visit yubasutterarts.org. ★

Fraud Hits California’s Food Stamp Program

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are not obligated to employ advanced point-of-sale systems, the type that generates transaction records in standard grocery stores. In fact, a fraudster could become an EBT retailer by purchasing a point-of-sale terminal on the dark web that’s linked to an “approved” retailer. This system has so few guardrails and fraud-detection tools in place that thousands of EBT cards from California were used in a single Michigan city with no “red flags” alerting anyone as to what was happening.

Consider the magnitude of these losses. SNAP boasts an annual budget of a staggering \$127 billion. If estimates suggesting that 20% of this amount is lost to fraud are anywhere close to being accurate, it means \$33.4 billion vanishing into thin air every year. Rather than deploying those billions toward helping America’s most needy families, SNAP is in fact one of the largest funders of organized criminal groups in the world.

The lack of fraud detection and prevention technology within the

USDA’s SNAP program places an enormous burden on law enforcement as well— as they need to divert significant resources at the federal, state and local level to investigate and hold these groups accountable.

To restore integrity to our public assistance programs taxpayers should demand the immediate implementation of front-end identity verification, advanced point-of-sale systems that generate transaction records, mandating the collection of transaction-specific geolocation information, and enforcing rigorous security standards for EBT transactions. To make this happen, we must upgrade the technology of EBT cards to include chips, similar to that on credit cards. This will make it much harder for criminals to skim data. Secondly, merchants should be required to collect data during transactions. The lack of a paper trail makes it nearly impossible to trace fraudulent activity. Thirdly, we must institute identity verification and eligibility determination requirements. SNAP must be easy to access for those

who need it, but impossible to access by criminals.

This issue is more than just a financial matter; it’s a moral one. It’s time to demand that our political leaders and agency heads not only take notice but take decisive action. They must initiate and enforce measures to secure the SNAP program and to ensure that public funds fulfill their intended purpose: to assist those who need them most.

Jon Coupal is the president of Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. ★

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Sutter High School Shotgun Teams Take 1st and 3rd Place at State Championships



The Sutter High School Shotgun Varsity and Jr Varsity Teams celebrate their victory and patriotism. Photo courtesy of Coach Dave Samson

Submitted by Coach Dave Samson

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - On June 11 and 12 the Sutter High School Varsity Shotgun team became 1st Place Division III State Champions in trap at the 2 day, 200 target State Shoot in Stockton, Calif., at the CYSSA State Championship for Trap. They were 3rd place in the series shoots leading up to the state Championship and then took 1st Place.

The JV team was also 3rd Place in the Series shoots and took 3rd Place Division III state Champions. The top Varsity

Squad also took a 3rd Place in the state shoot.

The Varsity Top Dawg team members were:

Jaxon Smith, Kasey Combo, Tyler Siller, Cloey Carrier, Taylor Bogle, Gavin Triplett, James Cooley, Charles Roberts, Jack Munger, Luke Campbell, James Campbell

JV Team members 3rd Place State Champions are:

Logan Munger, Hunter Williams, Kaden Coleman, Ava Watson, Macie Mobley, Mathew Siller. ★

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This Month In Your Garden

by Jeff Rice

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July tends to be the warmest month of the year along with August. It's a nice time of the year. Continue to enjoy the bounty from your vegetable garden by fertilizing monthly using a vegetable fertilizer. It is best to avoid high nitrogen fertilizers because they create too much just green growth at the expense of more fruiting. Keep an eye out for tomato worms – they blend in so well making it hard to see them and they can defoliate a plant quickly. Spray them with *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (or BT for short) to kill them. It is specific for caterpillars and is organic. Some people hand pick them, others cut them in two with their pruners. I like the BT method but I know some people who have chickens and the chickens love them when they are pulled off the plant and tossed to them. So I've been told.

A common summertime pest is the budworm that seems to prefer geraniums and petunias, making holes in the buds and the stems. They, too, can be controlled by BT. It is a good product to have in your supply of garden pest control items. Lady Bugs and Praying Mantis are two great insects for controlling the bad guys. Many garden supply stores have them to sell earlier in the season, but they may be harder to find now. If you have them in your yard, try to avoid them when spraying insecticides.

July, is a typically warm month, but it is still okay to plant. Many people are enjoying vacation time and want to take advantage of the time to plant a tree where the summer sun has made it obvious that a tree is needed for shade to make an area of the yard more useable. Of course, it will be necessary that anything planted when it is hot will need to be watered more frequently and adequately than normal to help establish new roots. Using a product called 'Superthrive' at the time of planting and then once a week or so will help make the transition from container to the ground easier. If you really need to transplant a well established plant, some root is usually lost and 'Superthrive' will certainly help that, too. For planting this time of year, it is best to do it in the evening as the temperatures are cooling off. The biggest thing to

remember is to make sure to pay close attention to the watering. The ground should be moist at planting, then use deep watering practices. Water daily for the first week and then deep soak two or three times a week. Make sure you mulch well too. That saves water and keeps the roots cool during the summer.

Keeping your plants well watered through the summer. Watering plants in your landscape with drip irrigation is a very good way to do it. Drip systems are water savers since they are targeted at the plant and not all of the space around. That also helps to keep the weeds down since the whole area isn't always being kept wet. Most weeds can use just as much water as the plants, so keeping them cleared away will save water. Mulching around the base of plants will help prevent evaporation reducing the need of frequent watering, also helping to keep them weed free. We find that trees on drip systems are sometimes short on water just because the owner doesn't think to give more time on the watering cycle. We all drink more liquids during the hot weather – so do plants, and especially trees. We have customers bring a small tree branch with droopy leaves that are dry around the edges fearing that the tree has a disease. Those are actually the first signs of not enough water. It is best to give trees a good deep watering less frequently than to water them daily with a lesser amount of water. As a general rule it is better to water new plantings or plants in containers in the morning so they have moisture to draw on all day. That is not an option for many of us who leave for work early in the morning. In that case, later in the evening may have to do and usually works out well since they don't transpire much moisture in the cooler night environment. If you have an automated system so much the better – check it routinely to be sure it is working properly. Enjoy your July 4th holiday. We will be closed on the 4th.

Jeff Rice is the owner at Bald Mountain Nursery on Bald Mountain Road in Browns Valley

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Agriculture and Business Coalition Opposes Water-Rights Bills

Critics of California's water-rights system are seeking to overhaul rules that date back to California's founding in 1850. Three water-rights bills are pending in the California Legislature that would expand the authority of the California State Water Resources Control Board. The bills are opposed by a large coalition that includes dozens of farm groups, water agencies and business groups. Kristopher Anderson of the Association of California Water Agencies said the bills "present a foundational change" for California's water rights system.

Phase Out of Diesel Trucks Worries Compost Dealers

New trucking rules may make deliveries of compost harder in the future, with major impacts for agriculture, particularly small organic farms. Compost is essential to organic farming. As California moves towards emission-free trucking, with bans on sales of new diesel trucks by 2036 and requirements for mostly zero-emission fleets by 2042, that will drive up costs of heavy cargos such as compost, operators say. Truck batteries, weighing up to 16,000 pounds, will significantly reduce shipping capacity. That will add to the primary cost of compost—transportation.

Wheat Farmers Reduce Acreage, but Expect to Send More Grain to Mills

Ample rain this year has allowed some California farmers to produce more wheat, even though statewide acreage dropped, with some fields lost to flooding amid the deluge last fall and winter. Farmers say prospects for the crop still appear positive even as prices have moderated from their all-time high in the spring of 2022 when the Russia-Ukraine war disrupted grain exports. Hard hit by drought in recent years, growers planted less wheat this year than in 2022. Yet they are now predicting that they will supply more of the crop to mills this year than last.

Researchers Get Funding to Breed Tasty Triticale for Baking Bread

Researchers at University of California, Davis, are working on creating new varieties of triticale that are good for bread-baking at commercial scale and offer more value for growers. Craft bakers love adding a little triticale to breads for its subtle blend of nutty and earthy flavors and its moist, slightly chewy texture. The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative has funded the research with a grant of \$800,000 over the next four years with the aim of developing new cultivars of bread-quality triticale as a higher-yield, lower-cost addition to wheat for baking. ★

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LOCAL FISHING

Local striped fishing; Feather River Stage: 31ft, Flow: 6500 CFS. Yuba City boat ramp has only three boats. Boyd's Landing has only five boats. Sat, July 1, 2023 Free fishing day, no license required. CDF&G Commission officially closed the Klamath River Basin and Central Valley Rivers to all salmon fishing. May 10, 2023.

Abe said, "Hey! Ed, here we are at Russian Gulch on Wed, June 21, 2023. Its 7:57 AM, and I am having trouble standing erect, the * Earth axis is tilted 23.5 degrees, the sun is at its highest point in the sky and gives us the longest day of the year to enjoy fishing for the viviparous (produces live young not eggs) Barbed Surf Perch. Search the beach at low-tide to find troughs, keyhole channels, drop-offs, or lips. When the tide turns, fish these spots for the Barbed Surf Perch. Try: Squid Fly. * Summer Solstice.



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San Francisco Bay continues great halibut fishing. Fish Treasure Island, or Berkeley Flats. Also, a few stripers. Try: Tray Baits. (b) **Fisherman's Comment:** Brownie, what are Tray Baits? Signed : Bob. Tray Baits are cut fish rigged on hooks. **Brownie** Delta West Bank; Sac. River turns out 5-keeper stripers to 4-lbs. Females not spawning yet ? Try: Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnows. (a) Delta/Rio Vista; fishermen switched to small mouth bass. Try: Plastic Worms, Jerk Baits. (a)

COASTAL WATERS

Monterey Bay; limits of nice rock fish. Try: Shrimp Fly w/ Squid. (b) Bodega Bay; epic rock fishing at 320' - 330' deep. Try: Jigs. (b) Ditto; Half Moon Bay.

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Folsom Lake; small mouth, spotted and large mouth bass activity. Try: Soft Plastic Jigs w/ brush guards. (a) **Fisherman's Comment:** Brownie, I never use brush guard jigs. Bass take



Brush Guard Jig

it into their mouths, then spit it out. I may lose some lures, but I catch more bass. Signed: Professional Guide. Lake Camanche; the trout are infected with *Copepods, a small parasitic crustation that is ugly, bloody skin sores. * Kope-Greek for paddle...Pod-Greek for foot. Ice House Reservoir in the Crystal Basin. Find small rainbows biting...trolling...Try: Panther Martin. (b) Lower Bear River Reservoir; forty miles east of Jackson, off highway 88 corridor. Stocked with lots of 6-lb rainbows. Try: Nightcrawlers. (b) Derby winner. 7.8 lb. rainbow. \$700.00 prize. Stampede Reservoir; lots of 13"-15.25" kokes. Try: Cut Plugs w/ bait. (b)

RIVERS

Sac. River system: at Colusa. Stage: 43ft. Flow: 7100 CFS. A few stripers caught above and below Colusa. Try: Live Jumbo Minnows. (g) Yuba River shad fishing. Marysville Shad Pad located between the 10th St Bridge and the Railroad Trestle. Stage: 63 ft. Flow: 3900 CFS. Try: dual rig; lead fly Shad Fly, point fly Shad Dart. (a) American River; American shad biting. Try: Chartreuse Grubs on 1-inch Jig Heads. (a)

"He now bill and coos, where he used to bellow." **Brownie**

UCSF Study Unpacks Root Causes of California’s Homelessness Crisis



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The timing could not have been better.

A massive UC San Francisco study of California’s worst-in-the-nation homelessness crisis was released Tuesday as Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders were negotiating details of a new state budget, with homelessness spending as one of the knottiest issues.

The study bolsters previous research which concluded that California’s chronic shortage of housing, which imposes crushing costs on low-income families, lies at the heart of the crisis.

About a third of California’s 40 million people live in poverty or near-poverty, United Ways of California recently reported. Sudden illness, an accident, a layoff or an unexpected car repair bill can easily lead to unpaid rent, eviction and a lack of shelter.

Homelessness, the UCSF study found, often leads to – or exacerbates – alcohol or drug dependence, mental health problems and violence, indicating that its victims need more than just roofs over their heads.

“Something goes wrong, and then everything else falls apart,” the study’s lead researcher, Dr. Margot Kushel, the director of the Benioff Homelessness and

Housing Initiative at UCSF, told the New York Times. “Everything in their life gets worse when they lose their housing: their health, their mental health, their substance use.

“This is a problem of this toxic combination of deep poverty and high housing costs,” Kushel added. “We’re a state, like every state in this country, that has a lot of very poor people, and we just don’t have the housing for them.”

The study recommends a wide array of services and projects to help those experiencing chronic homelessness to get off the streets and protect others from the same fate.

It would seem to bolster the demands of city and county officials not only for additional billions of dollars to help homeless Californians escape their plight, but for a multi-year state commitment to provide continuity.

While Newsom has been willing to provide local governments with some funds, he’s been highly critical of their homelessness efforts and so far unwilling to make long-term commitments.

That conflict was evident when the state seemingly had oodles of money, and has become even sharper now that Newsom and legislators must contend with deficits that could continue for the remainder of Newsom’s governorship.

Interestingly, the Benioff study was requested by Dr. Mark Ghaly, Newsom’s secretary of health and human services, who said, in a statement, “this study reinforces the importance of comprehensive and integrated supports,” which is what

local officials advocate in their demands for additional state aid.

The state plays only a tangential role in providing housing and social, medical, addiction and mental health services to those in squalid encampments that have become unwanted California symbols and fodder for political and media critics.

City governments are the main overseers of housing construction and joust with the state incessantly over zoning, building permits and other hurdles for projects to house low-income families and individuals – the ones most in peril of becoming homeless.

Meanwhile, county officials provide welfare, medical and mental health services with local, state and federal funds and often squabble with their city counterparts over how those programs are sited and administered in urban centers.

The Benioff study tells us that contrary to popular belief, those lacking shelter are overwhelmingly Californians, not migrants from other states, who largely remained in their communities after falling on hard times.

California’s crisis will not be resolved without the “comprehensive and integrated” approach Ghaly advocates and that means state, county and municipal officialdom must set aside fingerpointing and blame-shifting to work cooperatively. Otherwise, we’ll just waste billions of more dollars and the crisis will continue to worsen.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



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Real Estate Thoughts

I often encounter the question from investors whether they should buy a rental home, or buy another rental home if the investor already has one.

Although more millionaires have been made in real estate, more people have gone bust in the same asset class. We only need to think back to the real estate implosion of 2008/09 to see multiple examples.

I have owned oodles of real estate. Although I made quite a bit of money from various real estate endeavors, I sold all my rental property in the year 2000 as I got tired of being a landlord and all the problems that came with it. Now I just own lots.

For me, empty parcels of land have none of the problems that come with rentals and their tenants. The rent moratorium implemented during CoVid only solidified my decision although I did not need any more convincing.

When asked why people like rental property, the reason is obvious and always the same. The consistent rent money.

In response to the inquiries, I ask the investor “If the renter didn’t pay, would it put stress on your finances?”

If the answer is no, and that the investor could whether his debt levels without the rent, I then ask if the rental will yield 8% return gross in relation to what they would spend on a property.

An example of that is spending 300k on a rental and receiving \$24,000 in rent (8% of 300K), not counting expenses, taxes or insurance. 8% is regarded as an acceptable return when investing in real estate by many analysts.

Once that milestone is reached, I can comfortably give my blessings for the rental if the investor realizes the other considerations when owning a rental. These include vacancy costs, renter problems and upkeep costs on the property.

If the investor balks at the question whether they could cover the costs of the rental if the renter stops paying, then there is a problem.

I caution that renters can be in the lower income level, that it is possible a renter won’t pay, and do you wish to put your family’s financial future in the hands of another.

If the renter does stop paying, and you can’t cover the costs, your family’s financial security may be out of your control, right? And in the hands of the deadbeat renter.

Keep in mind, many people rent because they cannot afford a home. If they lose their job, or just decide to live off you for free, you could be in trouble.

As for me, I want my financial security in my hands, and not at the whims of a flakey renter.

If income is your goal, and it is for almost all landlords, there are ways to receive steady income without being a landlord.

Dividend stocks of solid companies that have been around for decades may be one option. Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS) are publically traded companies and are in essence landlords of many properties. They share that rent with you in periodic distributions yet do the work of managing and collecting the rent. They also take all the risk.

Although the stock prices of both dividend paying stocks and REITS can go up and down, the payments can be ongoing just like owning a rental. Keep in mind you won’t get the appreciation of the properties like you might with a rental.

REITs and dividend paying stock are also liquid and you can sell them without a realtor commission, without waiting for a buyer, negotiating an escrow or haggling over a real estate contract.

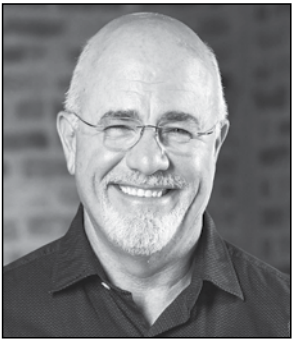
Certain annuity products can guarantee generous returns if structured correctly and certain programs may exceed double digit returns. Laddered CD’s or bonds can also be an income generator without the hassles or risk of being a property landlord.

In conclusion, there are many options that are available to investors looking for a steady income stream. And some may yield in the double digits without the hassle of having a tenant.

Be aware that dividends and distributions from securities can be increased, decreased or eliminated by the underlying company and are not guaranteed. Income annuities, although not insured by the Government, are guaranteed by the underlying insurance company that issues them. Their ratings are publically available to insure you are dealing with a reputable and financially secure company.

“Watching the markets so you don’t have to”

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Family Business? Keep it Professional

Dear Dave,

My father isn’t involved with our family-owned business anymore, but he’s still a one-third owner and insists on taking a salary. This situation has begun to cause problems for other members of the family, and I was wondering what your take is.

– Tracy

Dear Tracy,

If I understand correctly, three owners form the board, and you three direct the management and leadership of the company. That means if your dad gets outvoted on something, he must accept it because he’s a minority owner. As an owner who is no longer actively involved in the company, he should be getting a distribution of the profits—not a salary.

Dave Ramsey Says

Specifically, one-third when the profits are distributed.

Let me give you a visual. Draw three concentric circles so that they all overlap in the center. It should look a bit like the Olympic symbol—a Venn diagram. In each circle, write “owner,” “management and leadership” and “family.” This is a standard family-business diagram. Most problems in family businesses come when someone forgets which circle they’re in. You could be a member of the family but not have any ownership or be in leadership. You could be in leadership but not be part of the family or be an owner. You could also be a member of the family and be an owner but not work at the company. That would be your father.

I think you guys need to reset things in your business. It’s time for the working owners to sit down with your father and have an adult conversation. The discussion should be professional and gentle and go something like: “Dad, we all set this up in the beginning. But we’ve

made some mistakes. We shouldn’t be paying a salary to people who don’t work in the business. You’ve been repaid for your venture money, and from now on, you’ll be getting a distribution of profits instead of a salary. We think this is fair and reasonable, but if you don’t agree, we can discuss buying you out of your third of the company.”

It sounds like things are already strained, but you’ve got to have a professional setup within the business. Do your best to be respectful and reasonable with your father. But you need to get this sorted out and agreed on before it causes any more hard feelings.

– Dave

**Leadership and small-business expert Dave Ramsey is the CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored eight national bestselling books, including “EntreLeadership,” and is a host of “The Ramsey Show” and “The EntreLeadership Podcast.”* ★



The Brownsville Bailinick & Beyond

Friday evenings are great here in Brownsville. The Farmer’s Market has vendors selling fresh garden products along with food, beer and wine. Kids have fun just playing together, Mountains Top Coffee shop is selling homemade pizzas cooked in an outdoor oven. Crust, sauce and all made right on the spot. Then they have various music venues planned. Come join the fun.

The ice cream socials at Yuba Feather Museum in Forbestown have been well attended. On Father’s Day we had a couple of dozen people in for ice cream and to tour the museum. In July there will be ice cream served on July 16 and July 22 from 1-3. Great ice cream is donated by Collins Lake with various toppings and even some root beer for a float. The monies earned help support this great little museum.

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The special day that dogs hate most is coming up soon. On the Fourth of July fireworks abound. Dogs (and probably other animals) react so strongly they are hard to control. Another thing that is hard to control is the sparks from fireworks. So let’s try to be extra careful with all fireworks. In Brownsville the community celebration will be held at the firehouse on Tuesday, July 4.

Look Back in Time – In 1925 Dobbins residents voted to double the road taxes from 50 cents to a dollar a year to fix the roads (life and government was simpler then).

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon. ~ Yvonne ★



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The boat launch at Black Rock is generally open. Firefighters are working in the area on hazard tree removal and fuel reduction and may need to close access at any time.

Campgrounds and restroom facilities at Little Grass Valley Reservoir are still closed.

The fishing area is also accessible near the dam. However, again, restroom facilities are not open yet.

“We are working hard to get the hazard trees removed and the fuel reduction work done while our recreation employees are getting the other maintenance work done at our recreation sites,” said Feather River District Fire Management Officer James Lico. “With the July Fourth weekend coming up, we are cautiously

optimistic that we can get sites on the peninsula cleared to open by next Friday, June 30.”

Estimated opening dates are tentative and those eager to recreate in the area should be prepared for possible cancellations.

Tentative opening date is June 30 for Wyandotte, Tooms, Peninsula Tent campgrounds, Tooms Boat Launch and Pancake Beach Day Use Area in Little Grass Valley. Black Rock, Horse Camp, Running Deer, Red Feather and Little Beaver campgrounds do not have an estimated opening date.

“Conditions on the lake are great and fishing should be good,” Lico said. “This weekend the weather should be awesome for a fishing trip at Little Grass Valley and to enjoy some time in our iconic mountain communities, like La Porte.”

Weather can be variable this time of year. This week has seen temperatures significantly below average. There is generally a risk of thunderstorms popping up as well. Visitors to the Forest should be prepared for changing conditions.

Lakes and rivers are also

exceptionally cold and running fast due to runoff from snowpack. This includes Little Grass Valley Reservoir. Cold lake temperatures increase the risk of hypothermia. Caution should be used if swimming or playing in the lake.

Area residents and visitors are advised to watch for ongoing firefighter traffic in the coming days as operations to open Little Grass Valley Recreation Area continue.

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County of Yuba

1) Legendary Balloons, LLC
5661 RootstockWay
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This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/25/2023.

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

Signed:
**Monica Stahmer, CEO
California**

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June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-199**

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

Century Roofing and Gutters
3559 Velvet Leaf Street
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of Yuba

1) Bernardino Blanco-Arjona
3559 Velvet Leaf Street
Plumas Lake, CA 95961

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/14/2023.

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

Signed:
Bernardino Blanco

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-195**

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

Youthful Canvas Beauty Studio
963 Jadeston Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of Yuba

1) Erika Leticia Kline
963 Jadeston Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961

This business is conducted by an individual.

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

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Signed:
Erika L. Kline

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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FILE NO. 2023F-160**

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

LadyBug Lilly Designs
1192 Dark Horse Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of Yuba

1) Shannon LeAnn Parks
1192 Dark Horse Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961

This business is conducted by an individual.

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Signed:
Shannon LeAnn Parks

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-191**

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

Rob's Auto
2887 N. Beale Road
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba

1) Robert J. Anthony
2887 N. Beale Road
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/01/1998.

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

Signed:
Robert J. Anthony

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on June 6, 2023.

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NELIDA WILLIAMS
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June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-155**

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

Adventist Health and Rideout,
726 4th Street,
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA

Registrant Information:
Rideout Memorial Hospital,
726 4th Street,
Marysville, CA 95901;
State of Incorporation:
California

This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/06/2018.

Rideout Memorial Hospital
S/ Meredith Jobe,
Secretary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 05/10/2023.

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NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-211**

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

Jones HVAC
10142 Candlewood Way
Oregon House, CA 95962
County of YUBA

Registered Owners:
Robert Tatom Jones,
10142 Candlewood Way
Oregon House, CA 95962

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/23/2023.

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

Signed:
Robert Tatom Jones

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File No. 2023F-201**

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Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of Yuba

1) Bernardino Blanco-Arjona
3559 Velvet Leaf Street
Plumas Lake, CA 95961

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/14/2023.

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

Signed:
Bernardino Blanco

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June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2023.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2023F-177**

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

BW Truck N Trailer Repair
1898 Fernwood Dr.,
Marysville, CA 95901;
County of Yuba

1) Brandon Warren,
1898 Fernwood Dr.,
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by Individual.

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

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

Signed:
Brandon Warren

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LaMalfa Votes Against Unfair Mortgage Fee Redistributions



Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On June 23, 2023, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) voted in favor of H.R. 3564, the Middle Class Borrower Protection Act of 2023. This bill strikes down the recently enacted Loan Level Pricing Adjustments (LLPA) fee increases and reinstates the LLPA fee structure in effect prior to

May 1, 2023. Under the new structure, low risk borrowers (those with high credit scores) end up paying more in mortgage fees to subsidize high-risk borrowers (those with low credit scores) who have their fees reduced. The current Biden-sponsored policy rewards those with a history of financial irresponsibility and punishes Americans who have worked hard to earn a high credit score. This bill rescinds Biden's Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) reforms punishing responsible, hard-working Americans with higher interest rates on mortgages. "It's infuriating that the Biden Administration wants to strap hardworking families who did the right things to improve their credit with higher interest

rates on mortgages. Those who live within their means and save shouldn't be penalized for wanting to purchase a home. The Biden Administration continues to disincentivize fiscal responsibility by going after middle-income American families and those who pay back their loans and debts in favor of those who are high-risk borrowers. This isn't the solution to affordable housing, it's punishment for sacrificing and doing the right thing" said Congressman LaMalfa. Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. ★

The Impending Implosion

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powerful industry groups, including the Western States Petroleum Association, which represents oil companies, the Western Growers Association and an association of stockbrokers and investment bankers.

The business groups say the emissions estimates could be inaccurate, resulting in misguided public policy, while putting an onerous burden on companies. The bill "will generate a lot of misinformation," said CalChamber lobbyist Brady Van Engelen.

In addition, Van Engelen called the other bill that mandates climate-related financial risk reports "a gold-plated exercise in gathering information."

The reports would include vulnerabilities to shareholder value, consumer demand, supply chains, employee safety, loans and other economic threats that may be amplified by changing climate and more extreme weather events.

"Reporting regimes are kind of the wild west of the climate policy world," Van Engelen said. "These reports aren't free, it's not like you just get to press 'control P' and have a report."

Sen. Henry Stern, a Democrat from Calabasas said his climate risk reporting bill, SB261, would not be a burden on industry because it adopts an internationally recognized standard for risk reporting and levels the playing field for corporations that already disclose climate risks to their businesses. Stern said he is working with the Chamber to address its concerns.

After both bills won Senate approval, they will next be heard by the Assembly's Natural Resources Committee in the coming weeks.

Wiener authored a similar emissions bill that fell four votes short of passage on the last night of last year's legislative session. He made some concessions to ease the burden on companies.

California already has a law requiring some companies — power companies, industrial facilities and fuel suppliers — to report greenhouse gases emitted exclusively in the state. But these new legislative efforts would substantially broaden that.

California is responsible for less than 1% of global greenhouse gases, with transportation the biggest source, followed by industrial emissions, power plants and agriculture. Total emissions in the state declined 14% between 1990 and 2020 — but have likely grown since that initial pandemic year, when many businesses shut down and people drove less, according to the Air Resources Board.

"Unfortunately, there's no place that's affected (by climate change) more directly than California," said Steven M. Rothstein, a managing director with Ceres, a nonprofit sustainability group that supports both measures. "So the basic idea is that if you're running a business, you want to have good information about your risks and your opportunities."

Economic activity has long been the principal driver of the world's changing climate, and over the last two decades, organizations have sought uniform standards for reporting corporations' emissions and the risks they face from rising temperatures. The United Kingdom already requires companies to report their emissions and the European Union will begin requiring companies to track emissions next year and report them in 2025.

The Biden administration's U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has proposed standards that would require publicly traded companies to report verified greenhouse gas emissions and report climate-related financial risks. The issue has become political: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican, signed a ban in May on investment practices that take environmental and social concerns into account; President Joe Biden vetoed a similar bill earlier this year.

California's proposals would have more impact because they would require private companies to comply and they would have more stringent emissions reporting requirements, said Catherine Atkin, a climate attorney who formed the group Carbon Accountable to advocate for the bill.

"The SEC is pursuing rulemaking on this, but it has been a little rocky. It's unclear where exactly that's going to land, so it's really important for California to lead," Wiener said.

The new policies come as major corporations seek ways to promote themselves as green and socially responsible. Out of the top 500 U.S. companies that are publicly traded, 92% report about their activities related to environmental and

social issues, according to the Governance & Accountability Institute.

The reality, however, is that facing few actual mandates, companies can selectively report their emissions and portray themselves favorably, leading in some instances to greenwashing.

Businesses would have to report not only the tons of gases they emit globally from their operations and energy use, but also from less direct sources, such as emissions from their supply chains, contractors and use of their products.

These less-direct sources, called "Scope 3" emissions, have raised the concerns of business groups. A 2021 article in the Harvard Business Review said such protocols could lead to the same emissions being reported multiple times by different companies, a critique that CalChamber echoes.

Harvard professor Robert Kaplan, one of the paper's authors, said California lawmakers should allow companies to exclude emissions that come from the use of their products.

"Companies have virtually no control over how their customers use their products and services," he said. "But they have a great deal of control over the emissions in the products and services they purchase."

Wiener said he "completely disagrees," calling the protocol the "gold standard" for reporting greenhouse gases.

"Alternative accounting systems are totally inappropriate for understanding each individual corporation's carbon emissions — which is the whole point of SB253," Wiener said. He said corporations need to "understand their own individualized carbon emissions...to shape their supply chain, which can account for over 90% of their overall emissions."

Matthew Fisher, whose software company Watershed estimates emissions for businesses, said it is relatively straightforward. The company's clients include delivery app DoorDash and the restaurant chain sweetgreen.

"The regulations that you see around the globe... all say a very similar thing, which is, estimates are fine," said Fisher. He said the company can pretty easily "give a high-caliber estimate" with just company data, "without needing to go to your supply chain."

Van Engelen, the California Chamber of Commerce lobbyist, said the emissions reporting requirements could result in smaller or mid-sized businesses losing contracts with the larger corporations because those smaller companies might not have a full account of their own emissions.

What's more, he said, businesses of all sizes might be reluctant to expand their operations because emissions might be counted against them.

Under Wiener's bill, the emissions disclosures would need to be independently verified by an outside auditor, and businesses would pay an annual fee of up to \$1,000 to cover state administrative costs.

Of the 5,300 U.S. corporations that would have to report their emissions, about 73% are private companies, according to Ceres. Many publicly traded companies already report climate risks in their financial disclosure reports.

The other bill would require the companies to report their financial risks by adhering to rules created by The Financial Stability Board, an international financial regulatory body. About 80% of the 10,400 affected companies would be private, according to the sustainability group Ceres.

The debate comes as climate change is leading to more heat waves, swings between droughts and floods, wildfires, and hurricanes. As of June 8, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration had confirmed nine disasters exceeding \$1 billion in impacts this year. The annual average over the previous five years was 18, compared with only eight each year from 1980 to 2022, adjusted for inflation.

Researchers recently reported that greenhouse gas emissions are worsening California's wildfires, according to a recent study by academic researchers in Spain and California.

Stern said his bill is aimed at getting corporations to be honest about these new realities.

"This is about getting the corporate and financial sector to look at things that are very material and concededly quite inconvenient," Stern said. "None of this is going to necessarily be good news. 'Oh, there are more wildfires than ever, there is more drought risk than ever.' Those are all uncomfortable truths that we are wrestling with." ★

Panera Bread Fundraiser to Benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation

BML Public Relations News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Pan American Panera Bakery Cafés owned and operated by Flynn Restaurant Group, announced on June 9, 2023, its 8th annual fundraising campaign to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF), a pediatric cancer charity funding cancer treatment research, will take place from June 21 – August 29.

During this 10-week fundraising campaign, participating Pan American Panera Bakery Café locations will donate 25 cents from each Frozen Agave Lemonade and Frozen Strawberry Lemonade sale. In addition to lemonade purchases, 10 cents from each Lemon Drop Cookie and \$3 from each lemonade tote sold with catering orders will also be donated to the foundation. Additionally, guests can round up their checks or donate a dollar amount at checkout to show their support.

"Pan American Group is proud to once again partner with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation," said Kelly Cook, president of operations, Pan American Group. "This fundraiser provides our customers with a heartwarming, yet simple way to help fund lifesaving research for children in our communities. We look forward to another year of fundraising and appreciate the ongoing support of our guests and team members during this campaign."

Since its inception in 2016, Pan American Panera Bakery Cafés owned and operated by Flynn Restaurant Group have raised \$536,000 through its Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation fundraising campaign. In just 2022, Pan American Panera Bakery Cafés raised \$197,769 through fundraising efforts throughout its

130 cafés nationwide. The organization has set a goal to raise \$225,000 for the 2023 campaign, alone.

"We are grateful for Pan American Group's continued support and generosity as a key supporter of ALSF for the past seven years," said Liz Scott, Alex's mom and Co-Executive Director of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. "This generous donation gives us the ability to change the lives of children and their families looking for a cure."

Participating Panera Bread locations owned and operated by Flynn Restaurant Group include: Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Washington, California, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Pan American Group LLC owns and operates over 130 Panera Bread Café's in 8 states. With annualized sales of over \$350M and over 6,000 employees, Pan American Group is the second largest Panera Bread franchisee. More information is available at PanAmericanGroup.com.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of 4-year-old Alexandra "Alex" Scott, who was fighting cancer and wanted to raise money to find cures for all children with cancer. Her spirit and determination inspired others to support her cause, and when she passed away at the age of 8, she had raised \$1 million. Since then, the Foundation bearing her name has evolved into a national fundraising movement. Today, ALSF is one of the leading funders of pediatric cancer research in the U.S. and Canada raising more than \$250 million so far, funding over 1,000 research projects and providing programs to families affected by childhood cancer. For more information, visit AlexsLemonade.org. ★

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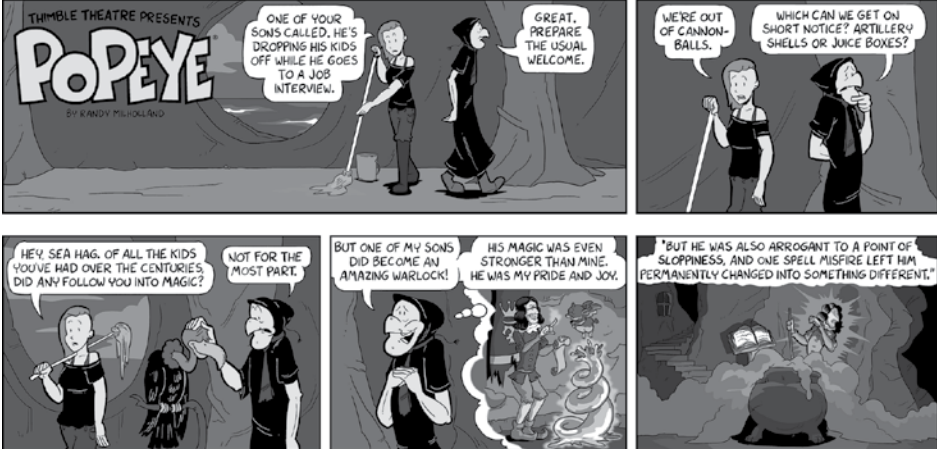
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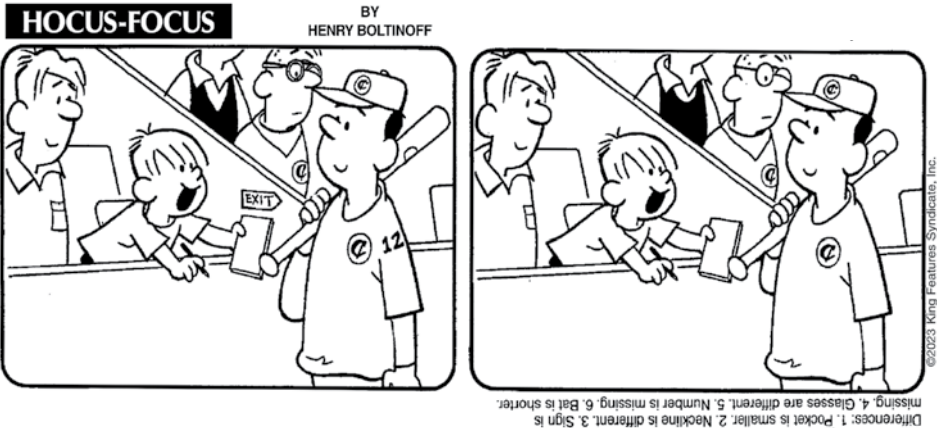
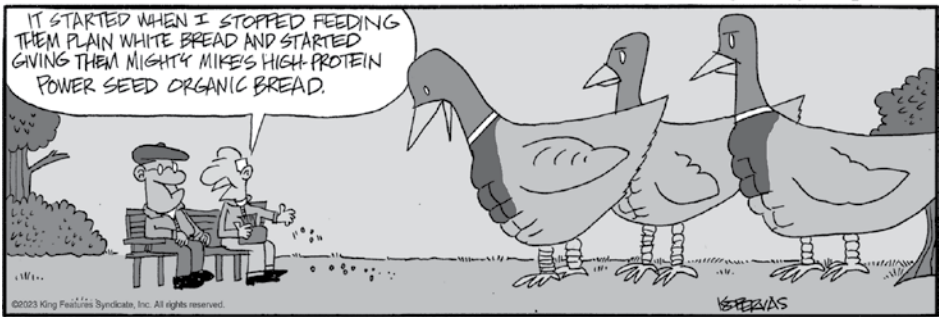
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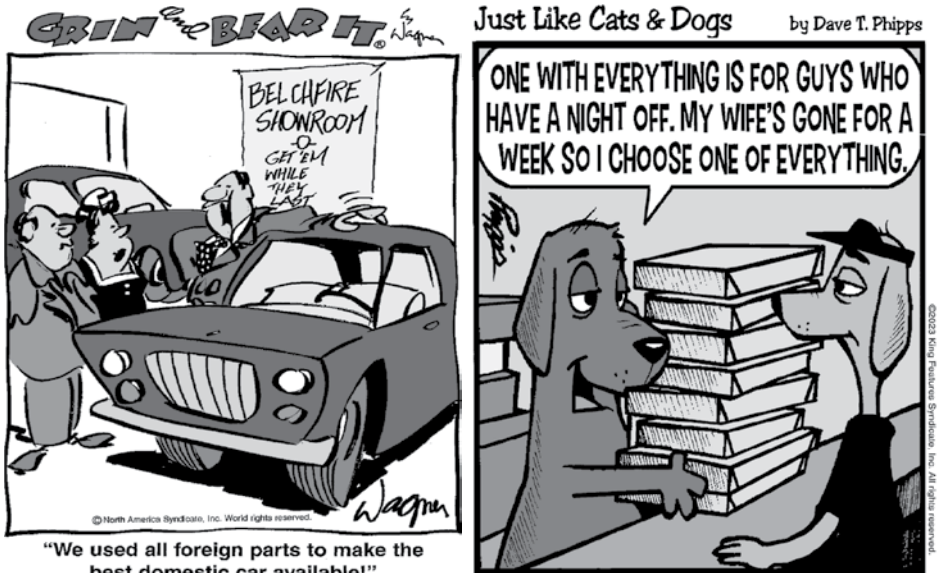
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Drakes Hover in Standings at Fourth Place After 3-2 Week

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Marysville Drakes are still in playoff position as they finished the week 3-2 and the bats have come back to life as they added new faces to the lineup from June 18-24.

Marysville manager Bill Rogan told Messenger Publishing Group that it's a circle effect as one guy comes back and another guy drops down with an injury.

"I don't think I've ever gone through a season with this much up and down," Rogan said. He added that if they could ever be 100% healthy other teams should be on the lookout as Rogan believes the Drakes can play with anyone at full strength.

Marysville won a 11-inning thriller on Father's Day, June 18 as outfielder Lyndon Weaver and pitcher Mike Stellmack both homered in the 11th to give the Drakes the two-run advantage and the win.

Marysville easily took care of Dublin on June 20 in a 20-4 victory behind the Drakes best pitcher of the year in Rodrigo Sanchez as he dominated the Leprechauns with a one run outing en route to the Pecos League leading fifth win on the season.

Rogan expressed to MPG his pitching staff is one of the best in the league and it constantly keeps his team in games on a nightly basis.

Marysville (13-11) dropped their first game to Dublin on June 21 in a 13-12 loss. The Drakes bounced back on June 23 as they ensured their dominance over the Leprechauns in a 12-1 victory and their fourth consecutive game with double-digit runs.

Marysville pitcher Evan Nakagawa pitched seven strong innings and struck out eight to pick up the win. He did a great job of mixing speeds and keeping Dublin off balanced at the plate.

"I like seeing and putting zeroes up on the board," Nakagawa said.

One of the consistent hitters for Marysville this season has been outfielder Joe Starick.

Starick has been a terror at the plate for opposing pitchers as his recent approach change at the plate has people ready to see what he does next.

"I'm taking the ball where it's pitched," Starick said. He added that it's been a good time at the plate recently. The new adjustment showed itself in the victory over Dublin on June 23 as Starick hit a line drive that just carried to the netting in right field in an instant.

With the Drakes finishing the week with a 5-1 loss to Martinez on June 24, it kept Marysville over .500 on the year, but they were only a half game ahead of Martinez in fifth place.

Starick told MPG they need to work on their situational hitting with a better approach instead of trying to kill the ball over the fence.

A couple of new faces joined the Drakes throughout the week as Rogan expressed to MPG that Earl Johnson Jr.'s wrist injury turned into a fractured wrist with an undetermined time of return.

Marysville traded former recent acquisition Calvin Cromwell back to Dublin for Tomas Moreno. Pitcher Brenton Thomas and infielder Tucker Barton recently joined the club as well.

Out of the six games Marysville has this week, half will be split between home and away games. To keep pace in the Pacific Division standings, the Drakes need a strong week.

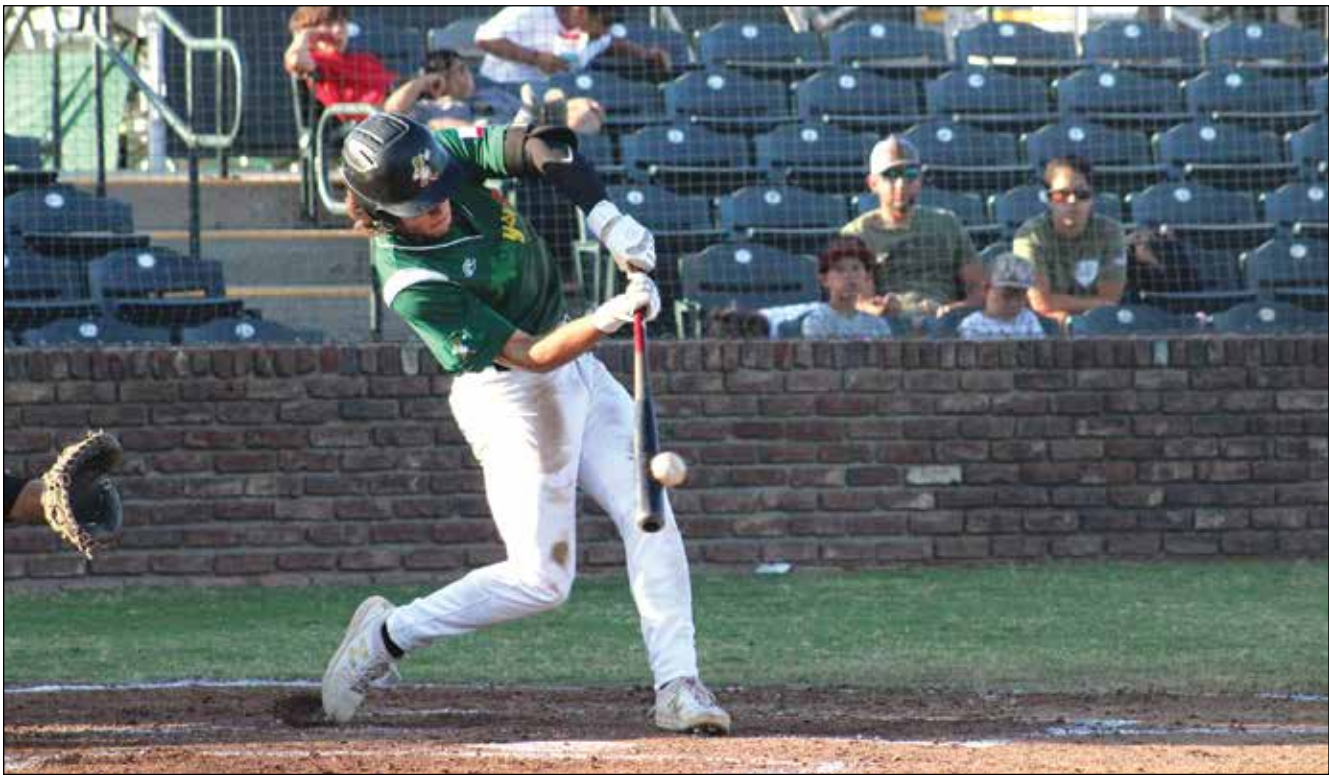
On top of their schedule, Marysville hosted a youth camp this past Monday morning at Bryant Field. Local youth were able to interact and learn basic mechanics of throwing the ball and getting the bat on the ball.

When Rogan was named the manager this past March, he told MPG the team was going to give back to the community.

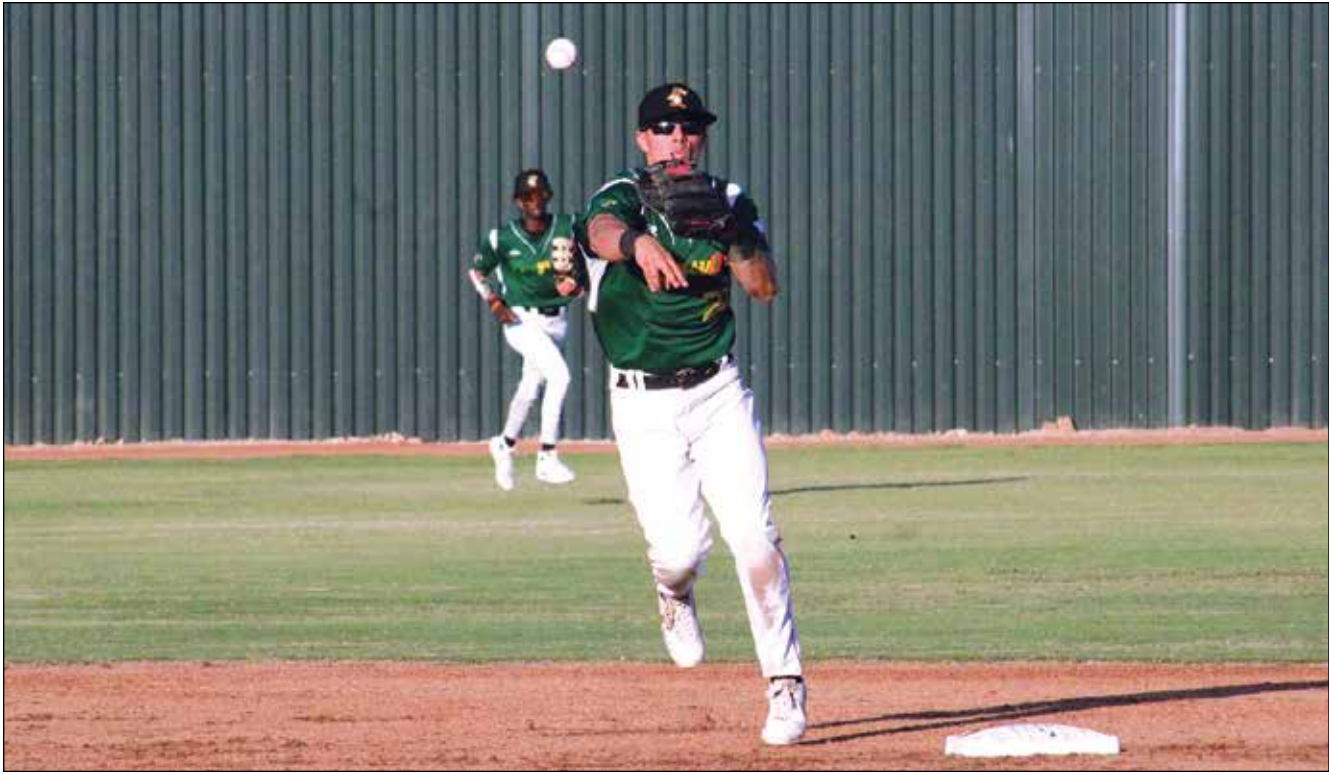
"It's great to give back and just see the kids have fun with the players," Rogan said. ★



Marysville pitcher Evan Nakagawa (39) throws a pitch in the Drakes 12-1 win over Dublin on Friday, June 23.



Marysville outfielder Drake Ayala (3) lines a single up the middle in the Drakes 12-1 victory over Dublin on Friday, June 23.



Marysville infielder Tomas Moreno (22) throws a ball from shortstop to first base in the Drakes 5-1 defeat to Martinez on Saturday, June 24.

All-Star Little Leaguers Take Over Summer



The Sutter Area Little League minor girls softball teams celebrates the California District 2 championship after their win over Peach Bowl Little League on Tuesday, June 20. Photo by Chris Pedigo

Story by Steven Bryla

YUBA-SUTTER REGION, CA (MPG) - Little League All-Star tournaments across the country swamp ball fields and continue to keep little baseball and softball dreams alive as they continued through the past week of competition with a couple new tournaments that began on Friday, June 23.

Sutter Area Little League

The minor girls softball All-Stars won the California 8-10 year old Softball District 2 Champions as they won



The Peach Bowl Little League major boys baseball team prepared for their game against South Shore Little League before PBLL won 15-0 on Sunday, June 25. Photo provided by Peach Bowl Little League

10-0 over Peach Bowl Little League on Tuesday, June 20. The minor boys baseball beat Peach Bowl Little League 16-2 on Sunday, June 25 with another game this past Tuesday, June 27 to keep their season going against Marysville Little League.

Each Bowl Little League

The minor girls softball team made it to the championship in District 2 and fell to SALL on June 20. The minor boys baseball played and were eliminated by SALL in the losers bracket on Sunday, June 25. The major boys baseball beat South Shore Little



The Sutter Buttes Little League major girls softball celebrates their California District 2 championship on June 22. Photo provided by Sutter Buttes Little League

League 15-0 on Sunday, June and played South Sutter Little League on June 27.

Sutter Buttes Little League

The major girls softball team won the California District 2 10-12 Softball championship. They continue their journey in July for the sectional tournament.

The minor boys baseball team hosted Westside Little League Monday, June 26 in the third round of the tournament.

The major boys baseball team played Westshore Little League on Tuesday, June 27. ★

State Parks Reopens Application Period for Peace Officer Cadet Exams

California State Parks
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks has reopened the application period for the State Park Peace Officer Cadet exams. The department invites individuals to “Live the Parks Life” as rangers or lifeguards in the nation’s largest state park system. The new deadline to apply is Monday, July 31, 2023. Cadet academy graduates can serve the state as rangers and lifeguards to safeguard both visitors and the historical, cultural and natural resources found in 280 state park units. Offices are located near beaches or waterways, or in deserts, parks, museums, historic parks and state vehicular recreation areas.

“I know firsthand how rewarding it is to be a ranger to not only ensure public safety, but to educate our visitors about the rich history and amazing state parks available here in California,” said California State Parks Director Armando Quintero. “We invite you to Live the Parks Life by applying to the State Park Peace Officer Cadet Academy.”

The minimum age to be a peace officer is 21 years old. Candidates are required to have a valid California driver’s license and have 60 units of college credits, with 21 units being general education.

The entire selection process for becoming a ranger or lifeguard takes approximately 15 months. The first step in the selection/examination process is to mail, email or hand deliver an application during the open application period. The application is used to determine if the candidate meets the minimum qualifications for admission into the examination, which consists of the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Entry Level Law Enforcement Test Battery written exam. This exam is used to admit the candidate into the next phases of the selection process, which include the



Serving in California’s State Park System is a unique opportunity to make an everlasting impact on the state’s natural landscapes. In the image: State Park Peace Officer Angelica Stevens and K-9 Halo. Photo courtesy of California State Parks

physical agility test, background investigation, oral interview, and medical and psychological evaluations. Successful applicants will be sent a notification to attend the eight-month-long POST-certified law enforcement academy.

The academy instruction prepares cadets physically, mentally and emotionally to enter the workforce as a state park peace officer ranger or lifeguard. Rangers and lifeguards are sworn officers equipped with a firearm and badge. Cadets will learn how to conduct

investigations, make physical arrests, use firearms and perform emergency responses. Training also includes how to actively protect park resources, assist visitors and run interpretive programs.

Below are some frequently asked questions regarding the State Park Peace Officer Cadet Academy:

Do I have to carry a firearm to serve as a ranger or lifeguard?

Yes. Cadet training includes how to conduct investigations, make physical arrests, use firearms

and perform emergency responses.

What is the age minimum and age maximum to apply?

Candidates must be at least 21 years of age to become a peace officer. State Park Peace Officer's mandatory retirement age is 65 years, but there is no maximum application age.

I have not completed two years of college yet. Can I still apply while I am still taking classes?

Candidates may be enrolled in college at the time of application

but must have at least 21 units of general education credits satisfying general education curriculum standards with courses (which may include courses in natural science, social science, mathematics, language and humanities). By the time of appointment, a candidate must have completed 60 semester units of study at a state-accredited college or university. A degree in park administration, natural sciences, social sciences, law enforcement or a related field is desirable.

Where is the Cadet Academy located?


Most cadets attend training at Butte College Law Enforcement Academy (Butte County). However, the department may utilize several academy sites, including Mott Training Center at Asilomar in Pacific Grove, South Bay Regional Public Safety Academy at Fort Ord in Monterey, and the Ben Clark Law Enforcement Training facility in Riverside. It is at the department's discretion to determine an academy location for each class.

Do I get paid while at the academy?

Yes. Cadets earn a salary; currently, the monthly salary range is \$3,930 to \$5,300. Most cadets start at the low end of the range unless they are a current state employee with a salary within the range.

To hire a workforce reflective of California’s diverse population, California State Parks is committed to ensuring equal access and connecting all job seekers to opportunities through fair hiring and employment practices. For more information on the cadet exams, minimum qualifications, additional frequently asked questions and a timeline of the recruitment cycle, please visit LiveTheParksLife.com.

Please send questions regarding other employment opportunities at California State Parks to the Workforce Planning and Recruitment Office at recruiting@parks.ca.gov ★



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