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Sutter County Wins Top Award for Innovation Among California Counties

Sutter County News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The County of Sutter's successful efforts to recruit and retain more staff in the Health and Human Services Department won the top award among 389 entries in the California State Association of Counties Challenge Award contest.

The Innovation Award goes to the program that is given the most points by the judges of any of the entries, irrespective of the size of the county or the category in which the award was entered, from among the entries in CSAC's annual Challenge Award competition, which recognizes the most innovative programs developed by California's counties. There is only one Innovation Award given each year.

CSAC this week announced that Sutter County won the Innovation Award for 2023 for its #JoinUs campaign, a multi-faceted, strategic project that reduced vacancies in the department by a quarter, allowed the County to maintain vital services, and created a connected workplace.

"Sutter County Health and Human

Services is becoming a sought-after employer," said Health and Human Services Director Sarah Eberhardt-Rios. "That is because of the willingness of our existing employees to share their experiences with potential employees, and because we've been working to show that we care about our employees, their opinions, and the incredible work they do."

The Health and Human Services Department has six branches, Public Health, Adult Services, Children's Services, Employment and Eligibility, Acute Psychiatric Services, Administration and Finance, supports the Children and Families Commission, and provides Behavioral Health services to both Sutter and Yuba counties.

"The program is a collaborative effort by employees from various departments and they are the reason for this award," said Eberhardt-Rios.

In addition to efforts within the Health and Human Services Department, employees in Human Resources, the Auditor-Controller's Office and the County Administrative Office worked on elements of the program. Even the Board of Supervisors participated by appearing in a recruiting video with Health and Human Services staff inviting potential employees to join the team.

"Our employees have been willing to sit in front of a camera and share exactly what it is about their jobs that others would find compelling and invite people to join them in providing these impactful services to our community. They are making the difference," Eberhardt-Rios said.

"Sutter County is proud to be recognized by the rest of the state of California for innovative solutions to problems," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Karm Bains. "We have a lot of good people doing great work on behalf of our community, and this award is an acknowledgement of that fact."

Faced with a high rate of vacancies and little response from its existing recruitment practices, Health and Human Services management conducted stay and exit interviews and conducted an employee survey about the work environment. The feedback led to a video project where existing *Continued on page 3*

focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety:

Bicycle training courses that educate youth on safe riding practices; Helmet fitting inspections and distribution of helmets to those in need; Community and school education presentations; Walking field trips with older residents; Bicycle and pedestrian safety for people who are experiencing homelessness; Crossing Guard training and equipment for schools; Pop-up events that promote the importance of visibility on roads with safety equipment such as reflective armbands/ leg bands and bicycle headlights/taillights

The grant program will run through September 2024.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



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Mining Company Demands County Approve Vested Rights

CEA Foundation News Release

NEVADA CITY, CA (MPG) - In a tense two-day public hearing that at times seemed deeply adversarial, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors unanimously rejected a mining company's claim to "Vested Rights" at a long-shuttered gold mine. Rise Grass Valley is a subsidiary of Rise Gold Corp., a mining company headquartered in Canada. The only major asset of the company is the Idaho-Maryland Mine – a mine that was closed over 60 years ago.

The hearing was a highly unusual detour from the standard Use Permit process. Rise began the application process to reopen the mine in 2019. Last May, Nevada County's Planning Commission unanimously recommended that County Supervisors reject both the Use Permit and the Final Environmental Impact Report. With chances for approval looking dim, Rise responded by submitting a petition for vested rights that – if confirmed – would allow them to reopen the mine without a Use Permit.

"Demanding vested rights so late in the approval process is an act of desperation," said CEA Foundation President Ralph Silberstein. "The notion that Rise could retain a legal right to resume mining that was abandoned over sixty years ago is absurd."

A vested right is a right to continue a business use that existed at the time a zoning regulation changed. However, vested rights are not permanent. The County first started requiring Use Permits in 1954 when the Idaho-Maryland Mine was in production. However, the mine shut down in 1956, sold off its assets, and the tunnels were allowed to flood. The key question discussed in the hearing was whether mining was abandoned in the following 67 years.

On day two of the hearing, Supervisors unanimously adopted the recommendations in the County's Staff Report, which concluded that "1) Mining operations were abandoned at the Subject Property commencing as early as 1956;" and "2) Neither the Petitioner nor any other party has a vested right to mine at the Subject Property."

The hearing unfolded with a standing-room-only crowd. Over 500 people were in attendance on the first day. While the comments were limited to the Vested Rights issue, the public's opposition to the Idaho-Maryland Mine project was visible, with the Board Chambers full of residents donning "No Mine" stickers. Approximately 30 speakers commented on Rise Gold's historical and legal claims.

Before and during the meeting, Rise made it clear they intended to sue the County if the decision didn't go their way. vote to reject the claim marked a significant setback in Rise Gold's proposal to re-open the long-shuttered mine.

"The mine doesn't have a vested right because it abandoned the mining activity. The current zoning and regulatory process applies, in my opinion," stated Supervisor Hardy Bullock. "Our community has grown and changed in how we view the environment in which we live, what we hope to provide future generations, and how our ordinances and laws support that vision."

In their deliberations, Supervisors voiced their disappointment with Rise Gold's adversarial approach and noted that Rise only objected to the Use Permit process after the Planning Commission's negative recommendation.

Chairman of the Board, Supervisor Ed Scofield, explained this "doesn't mean that Rise Gold can't mine. It means that they have to get a Use Permit. And yes, that Use Permit is going to be very difficult because of what mining represents and, again, the location of where it is in its proximity to the City of Grass Valley."

In the three-plus years since Rise first applied to re-open the mine, environmental and economic impact reports and studies were released and reviewed. Community organizations and businesses opposed the plan, citing the destructive environmental and public health impacts to the community. Two key concerns were the possible impacts and risks to residents' wells and the violation of the County's General Plan by opening a mine in a residential neighborhood. In May 2023, the Nevada County Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the Board of Supervisors reject the Use Permit and the Final Environmental Impact Report.

According to the County timeline, staff will now resume processing Rise's application to open the Idaho-Maryland Mine and schedule a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors early in 2024 for the final vote on the Environmental Impact Report and Use Permit.

A vocal opponent of the mine, reflecting on the hearing, remarked: "I'm glad the County saw through Rise Gold's farce. The vast majority of this community is against this mine. We're all looking forward to the day when Supervisors say "NO, and that's final!"

For more information about the potential re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine, visit www.MineWatchNC.org.

Community Environmental Advocates Foundation (CEA Foundation) performs research, education, and advocacy to promote responsible land use and environmental protection policies in Nevada County. www.cea-nc.org. CEA Foundation is the leader of MineWatch, a campaign that brings together a coalition of nonprofit organizations, residents, and businesses opposed to the mine. www. MineWatchNC.org

Caltrans Releases Draft Project List for Public Comment

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Caltrans has released the draft 2024 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) plan, the state's primary funding program for maintaining and preserving California's transportation infrastructure.

The draft, which features a new interactive dashboard detailing the location and specifics on approximately \$16 billion in projects, will be open for public comment through Jan. 19, 2024. The list of approximately 600 projects throughout the state includes approximately 100 carryover projects where Caltrans later added climate adaptation, additional safety protections, and bike and pedestrian elements. These projects had been developed before the state's adoption of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) in 2021. The added elements were funded by approximately \$600 million from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The 195 new projects being added to the SHOPP reflect planning work largely completed after CAPTI implementation. These projects, totaling \$6.2 billion, include many climate, safety and multimodal features within the overall "fix it first" framework established in Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

The SHOPP covers four fiscal years (FY 24/25 through 27/28) and funds roadway and bridge rehabilitation or replacements, along with safety improvements, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, operational improvements, and climate adaptation projects.

For increased transparency, Caltrans incorporated the interactive dashboard to allow the public to map, search and download all the proposed projects, including significant details on the project scope.

"Caltrans is focused on maintaining and improving the state's transportation network so that it is safer, more reliable and more climate resilient," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. "We are also committed to transparency to ensure the public has the opportunity to be engaged before we move forward with projects."

In line with the "fix it first" philosophy, the SHOPP's primary focus is fixing and maintaining the state highway system. Along with keeping the state highway system in a state of good repair, the SHOPP also includes additional objectives, such as improving safety for all road users; increasing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; ensuring projects are equitably distributed in rural and urban centers and throughout all socioeconomic sections; and providing for climate adaptation.

Proposed funding includes:

\$8 billion to improve more than 6,000 lane-miles of pavement; \$3.2 billion to repair and upgrade 80 bridges and tunnels; \$900 million for safety improvements; \$666 million to upgrade drainage systems by repairing more than 58 miles of culverts and diversions; \$604 million for 1,400 new and improved signals, signs, ramps, and metering systems; Nearly \$400 million to make infrastructure more resilient to the impacts of climate change. The prior SHOPP had no dedicated investment for climate resiliency; \$280 million for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; \$173 million for improved highway/interstate signage and lighting.

Interested parties are encouraged to review the draft SHOPP online dashboard at projectbook.dot.ca.gov. The website includes a link to submit online comments on the draft SHOPP.

Building on the SHOPP transportation efforts, the 2023 State Highway System Management Plan (SHSMP), released earlier this year, lays out the future objectives for SHOPP projects. The 2023 SHSMP is organized to incorporate more climate-friendly elements into maintenance projects and presents a performance-driven, integrated management plan for California's state highway system's needs, investments, and performance for the 10-year period spanning through June 2033.

New Report Projects Massive \$68 Billion Deficit

California State Senate Republican Caucus News Release

Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones (R-San Diego) added, "Governor Newsom and Democrat lawmakers turned a \$100 billion surplus into a \$68 billion deficit in just 2 years. Even more alarming, the five-year deficit forecast is an astounding \$155 billion, thanks to the overspending Democrats jammed into the last few budgets. California built up significant budget reserves under the requirements of a bipartisan 2014 initiative, but Democrats have managed to outspend even what the reserves can cover. "During my first budget cycle as an Assemblymember in 2011-2012, California operated with a \$143 billion budget. Fast forward to the 2023-2024 budget cycle, Democrats' spending soared the budget to a staggering \$311 billion! In a mere decade, our state's budget has more than doubled in size, an exponential surge, while the financial capabilities of Californians certainly haven't undergone such a monumental increase as many struggle to afford to even stay in the state.

While Supervisors asked probing questions relating to the company's claims, it became apparent that Rise Gold's legal and historical arguments for Vested Rights didn't convince them. The unanimous

California Slips in National Ranking of Judicial Hellholes

NFIB California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The American Tort Reform Foundation today released its latest Judicial Hellholes report showing California now the third worst jurisdiction in the nation, a two-place drop from its previous perch at No. 1 in last year's report.

"It's nice to see California drop a few rungs on the Judicial Hellholes ladder," said John Kabateck, California state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the state's leading small business association. "But it wasn't because our Legislature tried. Business owners, especially small business owners, still are in the crosshairs of the most egregious PAGA, Prop. 65, ADA, and now Consumer Privacy Act lawsuits, which give trial attorneys full rein to sue Main Street employers."

PAGA, the Private Attorneys General Act, comes in for justified criticism in the Judicial Hellholes report, the California section of which begins on Page 30, but just as troubling is the "Trial Lawyers" Newest Statutory Gold Mine" section (Page 33), which forewarns:

"On January 1, 2023, the California Privacy Rights Act of 2020 (CPRA) went into effect. This Act replaced the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and addressed some of the CCPA's ambiguities. It eliminates a business' 30-day window to cure, grants new rights to consumers, and increases business's contractual obligations. It also creates the California Privacy Protection Agency to enforce the CPRA, which will fine businesses \$2,500 for violations and \$7,500 for intentional violations and those involving a minor. While the Act took effect in 2023, it applies to data collected beginning on January 1, 2022. In July, California Attorney General Rob Banta announced that his office was doing an 'investigative sweep' of all large employers in the state to ensure they are in compliance with the Act. Apart from the attorney general investigations, consumers can sue for cash awards following a data breach without proving an actual injury, making it easy for trial lawyers to bring massive class actions. The law also provides for treble damages and attorneys' fees, creating a large incentive for the plaintiffs' bar to file lawsuits."

From the Executive Summary, "Endless Prop-65 litigation targets a variety of industries and no-injury Private Attorney General Act (PAGA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility lawsuits bog down business. The state's unique Lemon Law is a gold mine for plaintiffs' lawyers and arbitration is under attack in both the courts and the legislature. California also is at the forefront of the environmental litigation battle."

Keep up with the latest on California small-business news at www.nfib.com/ california or by following NFIB on Twitter @NFIB_CA or on Facebook @ NFIB.CA. **SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) announced that California has a projected \$68 billion budget deficit through the next fiscal year, a sharp but entirely predictable turnaround from surpluses Governor Newsom bragged about just last year. This deficit will have significant consequences for education funding and other programs, as economic reality brings legislative Democrats' overspending and overpromising back down to earth.

The Vice Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, Senator Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks) offered his reaction to the LAO's announcement:

"Despite all warnings that it was unsustainable, California's tax-and-spend majority increased state spending by \$116 billion over the last six years, nearly doubling the general fund budget in that short time. Republicans cautioned that this level of spending would lead to greater deficits, and it would be more prudent to show restraint. Unfortunately, the majority party ignored those warnings, enacting a budget in June that already projected a \$14 billion deficit, even before the LAO's new report revised the deficit to \$68 billion."

"Hopefully, the supermajority will see it is time for a more realistic budget strategy, instead of throwing money at a laundry list of projects that sounds nice on the national television debate stage."

Christmas and New Year's Holiday Transit Service

Yuba-Sutter Transit News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - In observance of

 Transit services will be adjusted as f follows:

the 2023 Holiday Season, Yuba-Sutter

Monday, December 25th - No Service/Administrative Office Closed; Tuesday, December 26th - Full Service/Administrative Office Closed; Monday, January 1, 2024 - No Service/Administrative Office Closed For more information, please visit our website at www.yubasuttertransit.com.



Dr. Fal Asrani Named 2023

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employees talked about the details of their work, the job benefits, and what they loved about working in HHS.

Human Resources staff embedded the video in marketing at job fairs and position recruitments, and it has been viewed more than 1,000 times. Once hired, new HHS staff often mention that they have seen the video.

"By showcasing our talented employees and presenting the values and vision of our County and HHS, we are able to attract candidates who align with our core values," said Eberhardt-Rios. "We want people to feel connected in the workplace, which is essential for long term employee satisfaction and retention."

Human Resources staff conducted special events that reduced the time it took to onboard new employees from weeks to a couple of days.

Auditor Controller staff helped Health and Human Services navigate the rules of a state program that allowed the County

to draw down hiring and stay incentives for specific work within the agency to 15 percent of the staff. Health and Human Services staff began communicating more broadly with staff through all staff meetings, strategic planning discussions, employee "get to know you" features called Teamwork Tuesdays and Welcome e-mails highlighting new team members. They advertised existing state programs to pay back part or all of student loans for taking jobs in critical Health and Human Services positions.

"It was staff inspired efforts in a lot of different areas that made the difference," Eberhardt-Rios said. "It is a program that can be easily replicated by other counties because it showcases employees, who they are, how they make a difference, and what they do within the county. They are the most inspiring recruitment influence of all."

To view the video that was created as part of the project, visit this link: /www. youtube.com/watch?v=mxqAP oYBwI ★

Superintendent to Watch we celebrate the success of



Dr. Fal Asrani, MJUSD superintendent. Courtesy photo

MJUSD News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Dr. Fal Asrani has been selected as a 2023 Superintendent to Watch by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA). Dr. Asrani joins just 24 other Superintendents nationwide who were selected for the honor in recognition of their innovative and effective use of technology to engage and inform the school community, and to expand two-way communication and outreach efforts.

"We believe that the education of our future leaders is the collective responsibility of the entire community," said Dr. Asrani. Our families, local business and civic leaders must be welcomed and engaged in our schools to help shape the narrative of how important education is to the future economic success of the entire region. Our efforts have shifted our schools from operating as silos to becoming an integral part of local conversations and we have worked tirelessly to connect with and integrate MJUSD into all aspects of our community," she said. "This recognition goes to my Board. Cabinet and administrators for their efforts with community collaboration and highlighting the many ways our staff and students. We are committed to designing a school-family-community bond that will pave the way for a brighter future for all our students," said Asrani.

Dr. Asrani has been a champion of communication by implementing the following:

Social media engagement (district and schools); Internal and External newsletters; Town Hall Meetings; Let's Connect Virtual Meetings; Coffee with the Superintendents (connecting with teachers); Establishing a Superintendent's Advisory Committee; Developing interpersonal relationships with community leaders and elected officials Guest speaking engagements at more than a dozen local organizations/meetings Creating a bus tour to share the work that the school district is doing and what's next Sharing news releases with local media to highlight victories and challenges Providing a "Did You Know" article to the local newspaper weekly; Weekly appearances on 93Q radio by various administrators, clubs and school district leaders; Capturing videos of each school in the district to promote on various platforms; And more!

"Our school district has been blessed with such a dynamoe Superintendent," said Randy Davis, President of the MJUSD Board of Trustees. "Dr. Asrani came to the District with a burst of energy that has been contagious!'

"She has forged partnerships within the community, leveraged District funds to tackle urgent facility needs and adapted an academic regimen filled with data collection and analysis along with performance measures to improve our student's accomplishments," President Davis said.

"This year's honorees understand the critical role that effective, twoway communication plays in building trust with students, families, employees and community members," said NSPRA Executive Director Barbara M. Hunter, APR. "Each of these leaders have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to championing innovative communication strategies to advance their district's success."

NSPRA had a record number of nominations this year - more than 70 - and many exceptional candidates, making the selection process very competitive. Since the 2015-16 school year, NSPRA has recognized 152 school district leaders as Superintendents to Watch. Honorees must have fewer than five years of experience as a superintendent and demonstrate dynamic, fast-paced leadership with strong communication at its core.

As the leader in school communication, NSPRA serves more than 2,800 members who work primarily as communication directors in public school districts and education organizations throughout the United States and Canada. NSPRA provides high quality professional development programming through on-demand learning, an annual National Seminar, webinars, online forums and resources. For more information, visit NSPRA's website at www. nspra.org.

USAF Thunderbirds to Thrill at **Beale Air Force Base in 2025**

9th Reconnaissance Wing **News Release**

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA (MPG) - We are proud to announce the United States Air Force Thunderbirds at the highly anticipated 2025 Air Show, June 7-8, 2025.

Renowned for their precision flying and incredible aerial displays, the Thunderbirds are set to captivate audiences with their thrilling maneuvers and airborne excellence during the upcoming event.

The announcement came Dec. 5, 2023,

at the 2023 International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) Convention at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. ICAS is recognized as a leader of air show-related issues, including safety, and professional ethics.

"I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting the USAF Thunderbirds at 2025 Beale Air Show," said Col. Geoffrey Church, 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander. "This will be an exciting event for Airmen, families, and our local community."

For questions, please contact Public Affairs at (530) 634-8887.

Fatal Collision on Hwy 99 after **Vehicle Rolls Off Embankment**

Yuba City Police Department News Release

revealed that the BMW driven by Terry was traveling north in the #2 northbound

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YUBA-SUTTER REGION, CA (MPG) - On December 10, 2023 at approximately 10 PM, YCPD Dispatch received a report of a vehicle that had rolled off the State Route 99 embankment, north of State Route 20. Officers arrived on scene and located a 1997 Honda Prelude on the east embankment of State Route 99 north of State Route 20 but south of Queens Avenue. A 2021 BMW X3 was also located at the scene in the #2 northbound lane of State Route 99 near where the Honda Prelude left the roadway.

The BMW was occupied by 46-yearold James Terry, who was the driver, and 46-year-old Shawna Loyd, who was a passenger. 19-year-old Malyanh Soulinthone was located in the driver's seat of the Honda and was determined to be deceased.

The Traffic Enforcement and Education Unit responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. The investigation lane of State Route 99 going approximately 50 mph. The Honda driven by Soulinthone was traveling south in the #1 southbound lane of State Route 99 traveling at an unknown speed. For an unknown reason, Soulinthone crossed the middle divide and drove into the path of the BMW. The BMW struck the passenger side of the Honda, which caused the Honda to slide off the roadway and down the east embankment. The BMW came to a stop in the #2 northbound lane of State Route 99.

Evidence located in the Honda suggests alcohol was a contributing factor in the collision and Soulinthone was driving with her headlights off.

Terry and Loyd were transported to Rideout Hospital for minor injuries and released that night. Soulinthone was positively identified by the Sutter County Sheriff Coroner's Office and next of kin have been notified.

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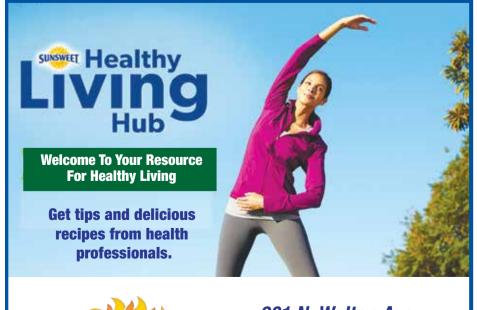
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The Literary Agency from Hell **1A Literary Parody**

During my research to find a literary agency that would blast my first book into stellar space and make me lots of money, I came across the oddest agencies with the most peculiar requirements. Several agencies even described their versions of the client from Hell and were quite snooty about them. I thought that was a bit much, so I decided to turn the tables and create my version of the agency from Hell.

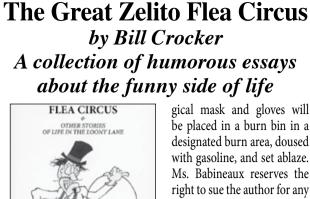
Adelle Snotpuss Literary Agency

Adelle Snotpuss Literary Agency was founded in August 2001 and has offices in San Francisco, Chicago, and, of course, New York City. The agency works tirelessly to bring new and published authors to the heights of literary excellence. Ms. Snotpuss and her agents place decades of experience at your feet and are confident they can market your work to the world.

Adelle Snotpuss, President

Adelle Snotpuss is president of Adelle Snotpuss Literary Agency. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Determinative Interrelationships from The San Francisco College of Arts. She received her doctorate in Expressive Literacy from Chicago's respected University of Back of the Yards.

Prior to creating her own agency, she worked in the



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editorial department of Yards Publishing, a Print On Demand firm located near the old Chicago stockyards on South Halsted Street. She quickly learned how to convince prospective clients their work was destined to become best sellers and nail down the contracts that included editing, proofreading, and various other extras for inflated prices to be paid up front. Virtually all the books were losers, and once the clients ran out of friends and relatives, the sales dropped like a rock.

She is the author of two books: an autobiography entitled, "I Only Want What's Best for Me" and "How to Dominate Your Mate."

Babs Babineaux, Senior Agent

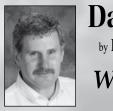
Babs Babineaux is the senior agent with Adelle Snotpuss Literary Agency. She was educated at L'Université des Arts Littéraires, Paris, France. She considers herself a literary oligophage and only accepts romance. "Don't you agree that all other genres are rubbish?" she asks. She is especially opposed to receiving science fiction. Any such submission will be sealed in an airtight plastic bag and with the use of a surgical mask and gloves will be placed in a burn bin in a designated burn area, doused with gasoline, and set ablaze. Ms. Babineaux reserves the right to sue the author for any stress related illness resulting from the encounter.

Titles Babs has represented include Binky Butterworth's 2018 winner of The Romantic Hayride Award, "Fragrance of Love," the story of young love behind a pair of matching Clydesdale rumps; Ludmilla Skorodumov's riveting novel about romance on the Siberian tundra, "The Shared Mummy Bag;" and Pénélope Pariseau's "Secrets of the French Kiss."

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Choose the agent with whom you wish to work. Send a short e-mail query letter to that agent. The letter should include a story synopsis, your best brown-nosing comments concerning our agency, your writing history, and contact information. We will read your letter, pass it among the staff, make snide comments concerning the lack of proper punctuation, and probably trash it. If you do not hear from us within three months, you can assume that your work is viewed as crap and the query letter is now tacked on our office dartboard. If you try to contact us by letter, e-mail, or telephone, your name will be turned over to the proper authorities for prosecution.

We await your literary submission and look forward to working with you in developing a best seller.



Dare to Live Without Limits by Bryan Golden Wishing Won't Make It So

and a problem free life. Yet many people are disappointed with their situations. Is wishing effective or is it overrated? The answer is yes to both. So what's the catch?

Wishing alone is unproductive. If you want results, wishing must be followed by action. Wishing without action is as ineffective as leaving your car in neutral. Without being in gear, revving the engine at full throttle will make a lot of noise but won't move you an inch.

Whenever you were told to wish for what you wanted, you were given only half the story. People who pin their hopes on wishes coming true are invariably disappointed. They are disheartened when their wishing fails to generate results. Even wishing really hard isn't dependable. True, some wishes will come true on their own, but these are few and far between.

As much as patience may be a virtue, wishing and waiting is of no avail. Those who passively wait for wishes to materialize will be waiting for a very long time. Again, without the infusion of action, wishing yields little, if any, results.

Now that I've pointed out the limitations of wishing, let me emphasize that wishing is an essential component of reaching your goals. Wishing puts seeds of desire into your mind. This process is the foundation of all achievement. Your mind, the most powerful tool known, will go to work nonstop to find a way to transform your wishes into reality.

Your mind is prepared to create an action plan for you. But without understanding the importance of following a wish with action, you will not benefit from your mind's work. If you are not looking for an action plan, you won't release the full power of you mind to find one.

Instead, you will be restricting the awesome capability of your mind to merely contemplating wishes. It's as if you are at the controls of this paper. ©2023 Bryan Golden

Everyone wishes for good fortune a high-performance jet, capable of supersonic flight, but are content to confine your travel to taxiing around the airport. Even though your jet is capable of taking you to any destination, you never even leave the ground.

> Here's how to make wishes come true. Start with a wish, any wish. Don't limit yourself by only wishing for what you think is possible. The infinite power of your mind only recognizes restrictions you impose on it.

> Next, imagine the wish coming true. How would you feel? How would you act? Maintain your mental focus on your wish. Don't just give it passing attention. The more you concentrate on your wish, the more you energize your mind to find a path to it.

> Now you are ready to formulate an action plan. This will be your road map to bring you to your wish. Your plan will consist of specific steps you need to take, one by one, to reach your destination. Every journey, regardless of the length, is nothing more than a series of steps.

> Once your plan is in place, you need to take action. This requires effort. Stay motivated by reviewing your wish daily. Remind yourself how you will feel when it comes true. Each day you should take another step, no matter how small.

> Don't give yourself a time limit. You never know how long it will take to get your wish. As soon as you stop, you guarantee your wish won't come true. Once your wish comes true, you won't care how long it took.

> Although wishing won't make it so, wishing combined with action, produces amazing results. Go ahead and wish, and then get moving. May you make all your wishes come true!

> NOW AVAILABLE: "Dare to Live Without Limits," the book. Visit www. BryanGolden.com or your bookstore. Bryan is a management consultant, motivational speaker, author, and adjunct professor. E-mail Bryan at bryan@columnist.com or write him c/o

Drug Companies Shouldn't be Used as a Political Piggy Bank



Commentary by Kenneth E. Thorpe

It's been just over a year since President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law. Already. Americans are reaping numerous benefits from the law's historic investments in clean energy and health care.

According to the White House, the IRA's climate provisions have already spurred the creation of 170,000 jobs. Seniors on Medicare are paying less for insulin thanks to the law's new \$35 per month cap.

Those are all important achievements. But let's be honest: All legislation involves tradeoffs, and the IRA is no exception. While the bill's authors may have gotten some things right, it's false advertising to say it comes at no or little cost.

The IRA empowers Medicare officials to set the prices the program will pay on select brand-name drugs. The Biden administration recently announced the first ten medicines that will be subject to those price controls. Their new prices will go into effect in 2026, with more drugs eligible for price controls in the years ahead. The IRA also requires drug companies to issue rebates to Medicare on medicines whose cost goes up faster than the rate of inflation.

Government scorekeepers calculate the savings to Medicare from the IRA's drug price provisions and other related policies at \$266 billion through 2031. But the Medicare savings the IRA produces don't get deposited as a lump sum into Medicare's trust funds to extend the program's solvency.

Rather, the savings are just dollars in the "unified" federal budget. That means the money simply offsets part (not all) of the \$670 billion in new spending and tax credits the IRA provides for clean energy.

The IRA's clean energy proposals are worthy. But we can't pretend the money for them isn't coming from somewhere.

That "somewhere" would be the research firms responsible for bringing

innovative medicines to patients. Lawmakers found a convenient way to transfer funds from the life-sciences industry to the federal government establishing a piggy bank, of sorts, that they could use to fund clean energy. But this process can't continue without jeopardizing the development of tomorrow's medicines.

Research firms, just like all companies, have to remain profitable to stay in business. When the opportunities to earn a return look grim – as is the case when the government can set a price for the product you sell - companies cut back in other areas. As a result, patients will have access to fewer new drugs. According to economists at the University of Chicago, the drug price control provisions of the IRA could result in 135 fewer new drugs by 2039.

That is not a solution for patients, particularly those still waiting for treatments and cures for Alzheimer's, cancer, and other serious diseases. Every new medicine developed to treat one of those conditions may reasonably translate into millions of lives saved.

That's the tradeoff we're making to support clean energy. Unfortunately, lawmakers are continuing to ignore it. Several of them have proposed legislation that would expand the scope and severity of the IRA's price controls, despite the fact that the original ones have yet to take effect.

If they succeed in squeezing the industry tighter, legislators could very well end up exacerbating the problem they're trying to fix. Good policymaking requires an honest assessment of tradeoffs. Lawmakers must take a long, hard look at their efforts to turn the life sciences industry into a piggy bank and decide whether price controls are really the best way to fund other policy priorities.

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for Christmas

A brother calls from Alaska another calls collect A sister calls from south L.A. As we guess who's calling next

As we grow a little older each one's sure to realize how Dad and Mom worked and saved to put presents before our eyes

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Christmas Day is changing We're getting older every year but its warmth abounds in memories and in wishing you were here

So from Mom and Dad's prayers go out to our families and their youths to their hopes and dreams of doing well and in living Christmas truths





Don't Be Afraid To Start Small

Dear Dave,

I'd like to slowly start a business online while working my regular job. But even though I'm in pretty good financial shape, I don't have much money left at the end of the month. I have no debt except for my house, and I also have nine months of expenses in my emergency fund. How can I start my business without borrowing the money?

– Kristin

Dear Kristin,

I like where your head is. Start and run your business with cash. Period. Even if it takes a little while to get

Dave Ramsey Says

things off the ground. That should be a guideline for every entrepreneur.

But guess what? You may have more money on hand than you think. You're a little heavy on your emergency fund right now. I recommend people have three to six months of expenses set aside for emergencies. You could back your emergency fund down to six months of expenses, and move the extra over to an account designated for your business. After that, grow it slowly each month until you have enough to open your doors. You'd be surprised how much cash will pile up, even if you save just a little bit at a time.

The big thing, Kirsten, is don't be afraid to start small. Don't despise humble beginnings. Some of the best and most successful companies in America started as micro-businesses or cottage industries. I literally started my company on a card table in my living room. It's easier and safer in a lot of ways. So, I love the wisdom you're showing by wanting to keep your full-time job while starting the business online.

So, yeah. Take three or four months of expenses out of your emergency fund, and move it to a designated business account. Watch your budget carefully, and keep spending to a minimum. Above all, don't take your business into debt. Grow it at the speed of cash. The best, most successful businesses don't outrun their money and other resources!

- Dave

*Leadership and small-business expert Dave Ramsey is 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.





Almond Farmers Remain Optimistic Despite Recent Challenges

California almond growers have faced tough economic conditions in recent years as production costs soared while earnings plummeted. Yet the Almond Board of California maintains that the long-term outlook for the tree nut remains positive, even as the industry struggles through some growing pains. At the recent 2023 Almond Conference in Sacramento, industry leaders said changing times and shifts in consumer behavior mean the sector will need to evolve and innovate to remain competitive and drive global demand for the state's 3.5-billion-pound crop.

Shannon Douglass Becomes First Woman to Lead California Farm Bureau

Shannon Douglass, a diversified farmer

Farm Bureau Joins Coalition Backing Tax-Reform Initiative

The California Farm Bureau has endorsed a 2024 ballot initiative that would give voters the final decision on approving new local and state taxes. The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act is backed by a coalition that also includes the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the California Business Roundtable, the California Business Properties Association and other supporters. The new measure would require all new taxes passed by the California Legislature be approved by voters and would reaffirm a two-thirds voter approval for all new local special tax increases.

Sacramento County Teacher Wins Agricultural Educator Award

A Sacramento-area teacher who created a

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Tell Me Again About This Soft Landing

Yahoo Finance reported that the inflation rate is at 3.24%, compared to 3.70% last month and 7.75% last year. The market seems to regard this as good news because not only does it appear inflation is coming down, but the belief is the Federal Reserve (FEDS) may have engineered the proverbial soft landing many thought impossible.

Soft landing means the economy remains somewhat stable as it recovers from an economic set back.

Seems a stretch to me that the worst inflation in 40 years will give itself up without severe pain being inflicted on the consumer and the economy.

Economic hiccups of much lesser degrees in the past few decades have given way to some serious economic downturns almost without exception.

It is for that and other reasons that I have a hard time swallowing the current inflationary fires will be able to be extinguished in short order without causing at least as serious a setback such as the Dotcom crisis, the 1987 stock meltdown, and the 2008 banking blowup caused.

Considering we shut down the entire world economies for over a year, printed up about 85% of the entire stock of U.S. dollars in existence in a mere three years addressing CoVid and saw recent inflation rates approaching the double digit inflation we saw way back in early 1980, I am supposed to believe all is well and there will be no pain in reversing it all?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is responsible for reporting inflation and have four different metrics for doing so. Some argue that the BLS stats are suspect because they continue to change the way they measure inflation.

There is a long standing website, Shadowstats.com, run by a fellow named John Williams. Williams received an A.B. in Economics, cum laude, from Dartmouth College in 1971, and was awarded a M.B.A. also from Dartmouth. He has studied and reported on government statistics for over 30 years and I interviewed him way back in the early 2000's. I found him to be extremely well spoken, highly intelligent and seemed to know his stuff better than anyone I have met over decades of studying economics.

According to Williams, there have been numerous changes to the way the

reports a "haute con job."

In the latest reporting from Shadowstats, which figures inflation as it was calculated in the 1990's, Williams pins the current inflation rate at about 12% with a 2023 high of 17%. A far cry from the stats out of the BLS.

Shadowstats of course has its detractors. Notable economists have cast a shadow of doubt on Shadowstats and its methodologies, but some argue what the BLS reports versus what the average Joe sees at the supermarkets are worlds apart.

The truth might lie somewhere in between the two reporting agencies, but no matter which agency you believe, the fact is that our ongoing inflation has already inflicted serious damage to consumer pocketbooks.

Even if one believes the BLS, the current 3.24% is adding to the 7.75% we have already seen. If you instead lean into Shadowstats, it is significantly worse.

Simply put, just because inflation may be slowing, it is still GROWING. Therefore if current prices are stressing your pocketbook, you just wait.

Although the markets dwell on an inflation figure that is decelerating, prices are still RISING.

In short, while stock proponents seem to be celebrating a slowing inflation *rate* with a brief rally in stocks, they ignore the fact that unless inflation growth stops all together and prices start going down, it will be even harder for many to make ends meet in the months that follow.

So who believes inflation will turn negative?

I see a blue moon rising.

Meanwhile, the stock market and the news media seem to be celebrating that prices, by whomever measures it, will be even higher next year.

I find that perplexing at best.

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

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from Glenn County, has been elected as the new president of the California Farm Bureau. Douglass, who served three terms as first vice president, becomes the first woman to head the organization, which was founded in 1919. The election took place at the organization's 105th Annual Meeting Dec. 1-6, in Reno, Nevada. Douglass is an owner of Douglass Ranch in Orland, which raises cattle and grows walnuts, corn and forage crops. She succeeds Jamie Johansson, a Butte County olive and citrus fruit grower who served three terms as president.

garden and horticulture program to introduce students to agriculture has been honored with the Outstanding Educator Award, presented by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Kevin Jordan, a science and horticulture teacher at Leo A. Palmiter Junior and Senior High School in the Sacramento County community of Arden-Arcade, received the award at the 105th California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada. Jordan was also named the 2023 Teacher of the Year by the Sacramento County Office of Education. ★

Life is Not a Holiday Movie



By Kathy Craigo Harteis

This time of year, the television is flooded with holiday movies.

Like so many of us, I've watched a few.

Time and again the setting is different, but the plot is the same.

The lead character is forced to go somewhere he or she doesn't want to go.

Once there, they meet someone they instantly dislike only to end up loving the person. There's always a misunderstanding or an arrival of an old flame to threaten the budding romance.

Throw in the threat to the family farm, the family business or the entire town's tradition and you've got an all's well that ends well plot.

Then gentle snowflakes begin to fall, the couple declares their love and any danger of loss is put to rest.

It would be nice if real life was like a holiday movie, but sadly is not.

In reality, the gentle snowflakes in a movie are often a sudden onset arctic blast that hangs around and piles up.

Life's daily challenges are never magically overcome.

I believe in the power of prayer and things falling into place in the right timing. It's not magic, it's faith.

Life is tough for many people this time of year.

Not everyone has a warm home, enough food or family to surround them.

The basics of life are sometimes a luxury.

I believe that if we are blessed it should be our desire to pass it on to someone who needs it.

For years, even in tough times, we found a way to bless someone else.

It doesn't have to be monetary. A gift of your time, paying a visiting or sharing baked goods is a great way to bring holiday cheer.

Make an effort to live in a holiday movie kind of world.

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FLETCHER - Connie Fletcher, 73, of Olivehurst, passed away December 11, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

MCKRAY – Richard McKray, 44, of Yuba City, passed away December 12, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

CHACON – Anthony Chacon, 64, of Galt, passed away December 13, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

GALICIA, JR. - Elias Galicia, Jr., 47, of Olivehurst, passed away December 15, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023F-349

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Antiquated 1947 Pyramid Creek Dr., Marysville, CA 95901, Yuba, County 1) Antiquated LLC, 1947 Pyramid Creek Dr. Marysville, CA 95901 This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Not Applicable

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

Signed:

Timothy Charles Polumbo II,

Managing Member

State of Incorporation/State of Organization: California

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on 11/27/2023, indicated by file stamp

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS. **County Clerk** By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk

12/15, 12/22, 12/29/23, 1/5/24 CNS-3762502#

TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2023F-346 The following person(s) is

DEPALMA DRYERS

8506 Oroville Hwy

Marysville, CA 95901

County of YUBA

Registered Owners:

1. Anthony M. McGrath

8506 Oroville Hwy

Marysville, CA 959001

2. Laura L. McGrath

8506 Oroville Hwy

Marysville, CA 95901

a General Partnership

11/08/2023

correct).

Signed:

This business is conducted by

The registrant commenced

transact business under

declare that all informa-

the fictitious business name

or names listed above on

tion in this statement is true and

(are) doing business as:

THANK YOU FIRST

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023F-353

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

Services 2143 Wilcox Ranch Road Plumas Lakes, CA 95961 County of YUBA Registered Owners: 1. Shon Dee Mullanix 2143 Wilcox Ranch Road Plumas Lakes, 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 04/12/2023.

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

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

Signed: Shon Mullanix

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By NELIDA WILLIAMS, **Deputy Clerk** December 15, 22, 29, 2023 January 5, 2024

NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023F-347 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Grove Biomass** 4533 Feather River Blvd Olivehurst, CA 95961 MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 488 Yuba City, CA 95992 County of YUBA Registered Owners: 1. Jabrri LLC PO Box 488 Yuba City, CA 95992 This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under fictitious business name the or names listed above on 10/30/2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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

Signed: Steven Sanders, NV **Owner/Manager** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 11/21/2023.

DONNA HILLEGASS. County Clerk By NELIDA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2023F-355 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JEWELUX 2177 Harvest Street Marysville, CA 95901 County of YUBA **Registered Owners:** 1.Maricris Taloy Dizon 2177 Harvest 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:

Maricris T. Dizon This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 12/05/2023. DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By BRIDGETTE EVANS, **Deputy Clerk** December 15, 22, 29, 2023,

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of NORA ANN KIBBE BARRIE, aka NORA ANN KIBBE and

NORA KIBBE. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Heather Weldin in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER

ESTATE OF NORA ANN KIBBE BARRIE

Case NO. PRPB23-00171

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): Heather Weldin 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: January 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

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

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner: Deborah K. Patterson 11249 Gold Country Blvd., Suite 140 Gold River, CA 95670-3008 Phone No.: 916-498-9911 PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH: DECEMBER 15, 22, 29, 2023

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER **ESTATE OF LOUIS J. REVERA** Case NO. PRPB23-00170

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of LOUIS JOHN REVERA, LOUIS J. REVERA.

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

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): ROBERTO RIOS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023F-344

(are) doing business as: Western K9 Wellness 5193 Fruitland Road Marysville, CA 959001 County of YUBA Registered Owners: 1. Western Equine Wellness LLC 5193 Fruitland Road Marysville, CA 959001 a Limited Liability Company.

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/22/2023

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

Signed: Daisi Wymore, California President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 11/20/2023. DONNA HILLEGASS, **County Clerk** By BRIDGETTE EVANS, **Deputy Clerk** December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

This business is conducted by The registrant commenced

correct).

The following person(s) is

January 5, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Dani Daue aka Dani Ellen Daue aka Dani E. Daue Case No. PRPB23-00168

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of Dani Daue aka Dani Ellen Daue aka Dani E. Daue ..

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

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

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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: January 2, 2024 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.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 11/21/2023. DONNA HILLEGASS County Clerk

Laura L. McGrath

By NELIDA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

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Attorney for Petitioner: Sheldon C. Hadley 230 5th Street Marysville, CA 95901 Phone No.: (530) 743-4455 PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH: DECEMBER 8, 15, 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023F-348

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

Jaramillo Tree Service 1910 Hammonton Smartville Rd Linda, CA 95901 County of YUBA **Registered Owners:**

1. Bernardo Jaramillo Gonzalez 1910 Hammonton Smartville Rd Linda, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/2023.

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

Signed: Bernardo Jaramillo Gonzalez

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December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023F-340 The following person(s) is

(are) doing business as: Western Bat Specialists 1468 Sky Harbor Drive, Suite A Olivehurst, CA 95961

County of YUBA Registered Owners: 1. C. Wright & Wright Enterprises. Inc. 1468 Sky Harbor Drive, Suite A Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/1991.

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

> Signed: **Rebekah Wright** CA CFO

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be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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Attorney for Petitioner: PENELOPE A. CHANGARIS 474 Century Park Drive, Suite #300 YUBA CITY, CA 95991 Phone No.: 530-674-9841 PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH: DECEMBER 8, 15, 22, 2023



Merry Christmas, California



Ted Gaines Commentary by Ted Gaines

Christmas season is here! Although in California it can feel much different in the inland deserts and sunkissed coastal cities than it does in the snow-capped Sierra Nevada, it should be a time of unity for us all. May its lessons of love, warmth, charity, and family inspire California politics this month and in our future.

Sacramento inspires strong feelings, especially among Conservatives who often feel voiceless in state-level politics and are reduced to complaining about, not solving, the problems they see. Complaining is OK! Identifying problems is important and the first step toward change. But, despite the Democrat stranglehold on Sacramento, opportunity exists everywhere for Republicans. This year, invest yourselves in school boards, city governments, counties, coaching, mentoring, and church. State politics is not the end-all, be-all of life. Participate where you can. There you will find hope.

To the Democrats, whose power has been little checked for decades, look charitably upon your Republican colleagues, constituents, and their ideas. Your state-level political power is near absolute, but that does not reflect the political makeup of the state itself. Millions of Republicans live and work beside you, and you may find some wisdom in their beliefs, if you let yourself. Approaching these ideas with an open mind and open heart may lead to greater political unity in our state, a goal often discussed but rarely achieved. Seek opportunities to hear all voices.

For everyone this Christmas season, immerse vourselves in vour families and friends. After the individual, the family is the fundamental unit of government. Strong families are critical to healthy politics. Tend your own garden, fill it with hope and love, this season and throughout the year. Forgive slights, heal old wounds, mend broken relationships, build up others. Let Christmas be a catalyst for renewal in the year to come.

Lastly, this Christmas, for all believers, let us love and honor Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate on this holiday. All the beauty of the season, the love, the charity, the grace, and forgiveness we hope to emulate are the values of Christ himself. The lessons, wisdom and ultimate truth found in the words of the Bible cannot be surpassed. Lean on them this Christmas, but also every single day of the year, with your friends, families, coworkers, and especially, with those who disagree with you politically.

In my many years serving in the legislature, I found a sincere desire to improve California in all my colleagues, regardless of their politics. Our differences reflected different approaches to governance but started with the same hope of a brilliant future for our state.

President Lincoln was confronted after the Civil War by a woman who hoped to see the South crushed for its secession. Lincoln said, "Madam, do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

May the lessons of the season inspire us all to a politics where we strive to find common ground and destroy our enemies by turning them into our friends.

Merry Christmas, California.

Senator Ted Gaines (Ret.) was elected to represent the Board of Equalization's First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate, defender of Prop. 13, and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly ten million constituents in 34 counties of northern, eastern, and southern California. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines. ★



Giving a Firearm as a Gift? Some Reminders from NSSF

By Pat Kittle

With the gift-buying season upon us, it's natural for gun owners who enjoy target shooting, hunting, collecting or just plain plinking, to want to share their enjoyment of firearms with others. What better way to do that than to gift a firearm to a family member, close friend or relative?

The first thing to remember if you're thinking about giving someone a gun is that ownership of a firearm brings with it serious responsibilities and legal obligations that other consumer products don't. So, let's look at some questions you may have about giving a firearm as a gift.

Consider a gift card: the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) recommends that if you want to give someone a new firearm, rather than going to a gun store, buying it on your own and giving it to, say, your father, consider instead purchasing a gift certificate from that retailer and giving it to Dad as his present. That way he'll get the exact gun he wants, and there's no question about who is "the actual buyer of the firearm," which is a question any purchaser must certify on the federal ATF Form 4473 at the time of purchase.

When buying a gun as a gift, consider using a gift certificate from a firearm retailer near where the recipient lives.

Let's assume, however, you do not want to give a gift card because you want to give "Old Betsy," your favorite old deer rifle, to your son or daughter, or you want to see the joy on their face when they unwrap their present. The first question you then must ask is whether the intended recipient can legally own a firearm at all. Remember, you can never under any circumstances transfer a firearm to someone you know, or have reasonable cause to believe, legally can't own one. That's a federal felony, so be careful.

Pre-January 1, 1899 antique firearms are generally exempt from a transfer requiring a background check, but be safe and check with your retailer or local law enforcement before you hand over your prized possession.

The next question is whether the person can own the gifted firearm where he or she lives. With more than 20,000 different gun laws on the books, even the kinds of firearms that law-abiding citizens can own vary from place to place. For example, juveniles (under age 18), generally speaking, are precluded by law from possessing a handgun, and some states restrict certain types of firearms and magazine sizes. Check out the ATF website for an overview of local laws or contact your state's attorney general's office.

It is legal to purchase a firearm from a licensed firearm retailer that you intend to give as a gift. There's no law that prohibits a gift of a firearm to a relative or friend who lives in your home state. However, whether you purchase a new firearm or want to gift a gun you already own, keep in mind that some states (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington State) and the District of Columbia require you to transfer a firearm through a local licensed firearm retailer so an instant background check will be performed to make sure the recipient is not legally prohibited from owning the gun. Maryland and Pennsylvania require a background check for a private-party transfer of a handgun. There are exceptions*, so it's important to carefully check the law of your state or ask your local firearm retailer.

If the person you want to give the gift of a firearm to does not reside in the same state as you, then under federal law you have to ship the firearm to a licensed firearm retailer in the state where the recipient lives who can transfer the firearm after a background check.

If shipping a gun, you can only ship a handgun by common carrier (but not U.S. mail) and a long gun by U.S. mail or common carrier to a federally-licensed retailer, but not to a non-licensed individual in another state. With all carriers, federal law requires you to declare that your package contains an unloaded firearm. To be safe, always consult your carrier in advance about its regulations for shipping firearms.

As you can see, there are a lot of things to consider when making a gift of a firearm to ensure you do it properly. Using a gift certificate from a firearm retailer near where the gift recipient lives might be the best solution in order to avoid legal pitfalls and state law variations.

It's often an emotional moment when a treasured family heirloom is passed down to the next generation. These moments are part of what our cherished enjoyment of firearms is all about and represent that unique bond that sportsmen and sportswomen have with their fellow enthusiasts.

So, enjoy the holidays and do it right!

Source: National Shooting Sports Foundation. The NSSF is an American national trade association for the firearms industry that is based in Newtown, Connecticut. Formed in 1961, the organization has more than 8,000 members: firearms manufacturers, distributors, retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's clubs and media.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023F-352 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Magana CashCoolers, 1540 Ivy Hatch Way, Plumas Lake, CA 95961 County of YUBA **Registrant Information:** Magana Ice & Water LLC, 1540 Ivy Hatch Way, Plumas Lake, CA 95961; State of Incorporation: CA 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. Magana Ice & Water LLC

S/ Andres Magana Gonzales, Member

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: Annie Rollins & Tyras Rattler Jr. PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 23-01298 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE: 1/29/2024 DEPT: 4 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Annie Rollins & Tyras Rattler Jr., filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Ava Rain Elizabeth Rollins to: Ava Rain Elizabeth Rollins-Rattler

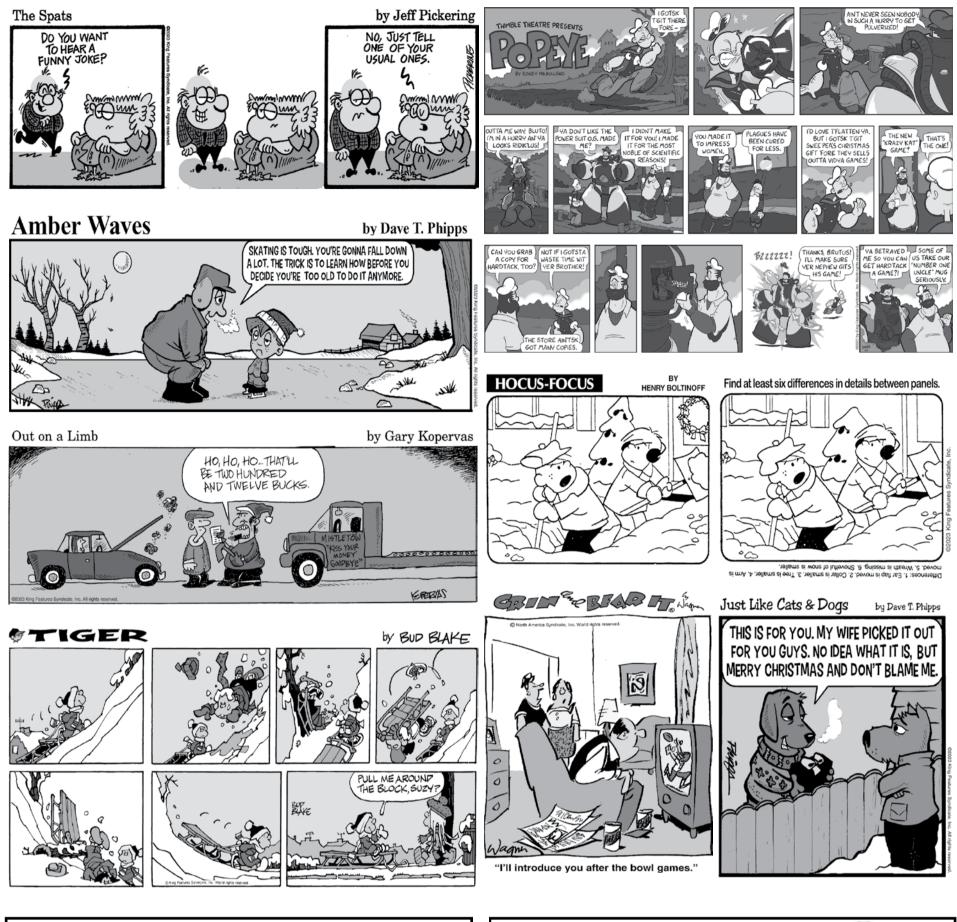
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the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

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

DATE: 12/13/2023

Stephen W. Berrier JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT DECEMBER 22, 29, 2023, JANUARY 5, 12, 2024

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News you won't hear on main stream media

Huskies Win Raczniak Classic, RV Shines as Sutter Gets Swept

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

Sutter Tournament SUTTER

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The Sutter girls' basketball team went winless in their home tournament from Thursday, December 14 through Saturday, December 16.

Sutter opened with a nail biter as they suffered a two-point loss to River Valley. The game relatively was a back-and-forth affair as the Lady Huskies did have the opportunity to win the game, but came up short.

Sutter head coach Brandee Harter told the Dispatch that they still need to clean things up on the floor, but was happy with how they stayed competitive in every game they played throughout the tournament.

The Huskies trailed by 11 at the half against Valley Christian in the second game of the tournament and fought back within two possessions to close out the third quarter.

Sutter ultimately lost 54-49 but played another competitive game and that ensued to last Saturday where they trailed by 10 points in the first quarter to Gridley, but battled back and eventually took the lead in the third quarter and had it for some time in the fourth before Gridley was able to pull away for the victory and seventh place in the tournament.

Lady Huskies junior forward Torrence Harter was named to the All-Tournament team.

RIVER VALLEY

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The River Valley girls' basketball team finished the Sutter tournament with a 1-2 record, but played competitively and fought hard against tough competition.

River Valley won their first matchup of the tournament against Sutter where they won the back-and-forth game, but it was the second time within a week (RV won on December 9, 41-35) where both teams played well against one another in a



The Sutter Huskies boys' basketball team poses with their victory shirts following their 47-32 win over Colusa in the championship game of the 42nd Annual Georgia Raczniak tournament on Saturday, December 16.



River Valley junior forward Avneeth Gill (4) shoots a shot in the Lady Falcons 38-36 victory over Sutter on Thursday, December 14.

tournament and the Lady Falcons pulled out the win.

River Valley head coach Thomas Zaragoza told the Dispatch that his defense and free throw shooting kept them in a lot of the games.

Zaragoza added that throughout the practice time remaining in between games, the Lady Falcons will be working on building more confidence with one another and adding offensive production. River Valley lost a close game against future Foothill Valley League (FVL) foe Placer 50-43 in the semifinals before they finished the third place game with a five-point loss to Faith Christian to eventually take fourth in the tournament.

Lady Falcons junior guard Gurleen Nijjar was named to the All-Tournament team.

River Valley hosted Rio Linda and Pioneer on Tuesday and Wednesday night before they play in a competitive Lincoln tournament next week.

42ND ANNUAL GEORGIA RACZNIAK REDHAWK CLASSIC (Colusa)

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - The Sutter Huskies boys' basketball team flourished as they won the 42nd Annual Georgia Raczniak RedHawk Classic at Colusa High School from Thursday, December 14 through Saturday, December 16.

Sutter got back to an even .500 record on the season after sweeping the three games throughout the tournament.

The Huskies cruised to an easy victory over Pierce for the second time this year before they had a strong one-point victory over former Northern Section/Butte View League rival Gridley for a trip to the championship game against Colusa.

Sutter and the RedHawks played in Colusa a few days earlier where the Huskies lost by 10 in the non-league match up.

The Huskies jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter of the championship game and didn't look back as that big lead extended 27-10 at the end of the first half.

Sutter senior forward Jagger Beck, who was also named Most Valuable Player of the tournament, told the Dispatch they came out with more energy, integrity and played more comfortably.

Beck also sported a new look on the court with a buzz-cut and following the championship victory on Saturday, Beck joked around the team and said everyone needed to buzz their hair.

Huskies head coach Nabeel Bhatti told the Dispatch that multiple players throughout the entire roster have shown glimpses of spectacular play throughout the season as some have exceeded expectations so far.

On top of Beck being named MVP, Sutter seniors Naseem Bhatti and Gannon Deal were also named to the All-Tournament team. The Huskies hosted Casa Roble on Tuesday, who is a future Golden Empire League (GEL) opponent beginning next fall with the realignment of leagues in the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section.

Sutter will end the 2023 part of their season competing in the Lindhurst tournament that takes place from December 28-30. \star

Honkers Shutout Bulldogs, Falcons Tie with Lions

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

Gridley at Yuba City

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba City Honkers' two early goals held up as they beat the Gridley Bulldogs in a nonleague matchup on Tuesday, December 12.

Yuba City snuck past the Gridley defense on the opening kick of the game and lit up the scoreboard with an early goal to take a 1-0 lead in the match.

The Bulldogs were able to gain their composure back and played the rest of the night lights-out on the defensive end.

The Honkers added to their lead in the 15th minute as they scored off a penalty kick to take a 2-0 lead, and that would end the scoring on the night, but both teams had opportunities and great shots on the goals.

Gridley Head Coach Jesse Barajas told Messenger Publishing Group that Yuba City came out with a lot of quick passes and his team backed off quite a bit.

Honkers Head Coach Erik Soli expressed to MPG that the win over Gridley builds Yuba City's confidence and his players brought it as they played hard in the victory.

"We came out strong and that early goal didn't dictate the game: we kept bringing the pressure after that," Soli said. "It gave us momentum, and our kids didn't let up after the early score."

Soli added that everyone on his roster made the right moves, and they were able to control the ball well throughout the game.

Gridley lost their following match on December 14 to Pleasant Valley, as they surrendered two second half goals.



River Valley junior midfielder Benjamin Barriga (15) controls the ball and pushes it upfield in the Falcons 1-1 tie on Tuesday, December 12.

Barajas told MPG they are working hard as a team, and are going to attempt to make another Northern Section/State tournament run like last season.

The Bulldogs hosted Colusa on Tuesday and traveled to Anderson on Wednesday to finish their 2023 schedule.

The Honkers opened Capital Valley Conference play on December 14, with a 5-0 loss to Woodcreek. Yuba City had two chances this week to win their first CVC game since the 2020-21 season as they hosted Antelope on Tuesday and traveled down the road for in-town rival River Valley last night.

Live Oak at River Valley

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The River Valley Falcons and the Live Oak Lions tied 1-1 in a nonleague matchup on Tuesday, December 12.

The chilly nightcap had players on both sides making sure they were loose and constantly moving to avoid cramps.

River Valley got on the scoreboard early in the first half, as both squads were able to have equal time of possession of the ball, and the game was balanced as a whole.

Falcons Head Coach Abel Franco told MPG that his defense was spot-on throughout the game against Live Oak.

River Valley junior midfielder Benjamin Barriga expressed to MPG that they didn't allow the Lions to space out wide for long outlet passes into the open field.

Live Oak tied the game at one off a corner kick from Esteban Alvarado to Jesus Rivera for the equalizer.

Lions Head Coach Rudy Rosales told MPG they were successful on defense, and they are still working towards finding a main striker up on the front line.

Live Oak is experiencing injuries to some key components on the roster, but Rosales is not using that as an excuse.

He added that it is the next guy up, and will be adding guys to those missed spots on the field, and a successful season for this team consists of all playing together with one another.

Live Oak lost their match against Williams 1-0 on December 14, and ended the 2023 part of their season with a road trip to Hamilton on Monday.

River Valley lost their CVC opener to Antelope 4-0, and hosted Placer on Tuesday night before they hosted Yuba City last night in the crosstown matchup to close out 2023. ★

Farm Bureau President Urges **Support to Sustain Farming**

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The leader of California's largest agricultural organization on December 4, 2023, called on lawmakers to work to sustain agriculture well into the future by securing water supplies and rejecting policies that merely ask farmers and ranchers to be resilient in the face of unaddressed challenges.

Speaking before the 105th Annual Meeting of the California Farm Bureau in Reno, Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson outlined "extraordinary events that have put all of California farmers and ranchers at risk."

He noted the impacts of a three-year drought that resulted in the fallowing of more than 1.2 million acres of productive farmland. That was followed in 2023 by atmospheric river storms and destructive floods that caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to California farmland and crops.

Johansson took issue with California's failure to complete long-planned water infrastructure projects that could have stored water for dry years and enhanced flood control in wet ones.

"While our members struggled, we faced administrations in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento who found it easy to blame it all on climate change," said Johansson. He took political leaders to task for simply declaring that "agriculture would have to do less to meet

climate goals."

Johansson said farmers and ranchers need supportive policies rooted in science, not politics. He said Farm Bureau remains committed to "defending the use of science on our farms, our waterways...and saving the next generation of farmers and ranchers."

"I truly believe it must be Farm Bureau and our membership who leads the fight."

But Johansson cited some notable victories for California agriculture in 2023. That included advocacy that led Gov. Gavin Newsom to sign an executive order that rolled back unnecessary permitting requirements and bureaucratic red tape to allow farmers to divert floodwaters to recharge depleted groundwater aquifers.

"For 13 years, California Farm Bureau and some of our partners have been pushing the (California) State Water Resources Control Board to allow our farmers to use their land to recharge aquifers," Johansson said. "This year, our efforts finally produced results.'

Johansson applauded actions by the governor that fast-tracked Sites Reservoir, a planned off-stream water storage project north of Sacramento long advocated by the Farm Bureau.

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 29,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.3 million Farm Bureau members.

USDA Grant To Support Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -The California Bountiful Foundation, the 501(c)3nonprofit science, research and educational organization of the California Farm Bureau. has received a \$574,750 grant to support the California Farm Bureau Beginning Farmer and Rancher Mentoring Program.

The program has been named "Expanding our Roots" and is dedicated to supporting newly emerging agriculturalists in California. More information on the program may be found at the California Farm Bureau website.

The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The funds will support the development and implementation of the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Mentoring program, which will partner with the California Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers organization. "This was a very

competitive grant solicitation process that the California Bountiful Foundation pursued, and it is one of many examples how the foundation is supporting farmers and ranchers as well as helping us build our agricultural future," said California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson

The initiative will match 200 beginning farmers and ranchers with one to 10 years of experience with agricultural mentors who have worked in California farming and ranching for more than a decade. Mentoring will focus on topic areas including market access, climate challenges, navigating the regulatory system, pest management and the business aspects of farming and ranching.

Beginning agriculturalists receiving support under the program will include military veterans and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Partners in the effort include the California Farm Bureau YF&R program, county Farm Bureaus, the Black Agriculture Working Group and the Farmer Veteran Coalition's founder, Michael O'Gorman.

"We are excited to implement this program and for the opportunity to support beginning farmers and ranchers who are critical to California's agricultural future," said Amrith Gunasekara, Ph.D., science and research director of the California Bountiful Foundation. "This effort will provide valuable experiences, training and opportunities for our young agriculturalists and mentor the next generation of leaders in America's most productive farming state."

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LOCAL FISHING **ICE FISHING** Part 5 of 5

Ice House Reservoir was just that! During the 1800s, ice blocks were cut and stored for future use. Today, lots of big pan fish, such as crappie and bluegills inhabit this reservoir. After augering several ice holes, we installed Vexilar Ice Ducer Fl-18 Sonars. These sonars were used to view fish in real time, as they approached our baited Fra-Bill tip-up strike setters. The tip-ups have short 18 inch fishing poles. We place the tip-ups over the ice holes, lower the Wax Worm baits to the desired depths, then pull the flag down and hook it under a notch on the "Spin-Del " pole...when the pan fish grabs the bait, the "Spin-Del" pole rotates and releases the tip-up strike setter rods, and the "Fish-on Flag."

caught by fly fishermen. Try: Black foam Beetle. (b) Clear Lake. Water temperature is 57 degrees. Netted 70#, 2 ¹/₂ lb. Crappies, found them under the docks at 10'- 15' deep...Skitter the bait under the docks. Try: Fluke. (b) Folsom Lake; nice big rainbows being netted...slow troll 1.5



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Several halibuts being caught in the bay by sportfishermen. Try: Live Anchovy. (g) Westbank in the delta striper fishing improving...slow jigging spoons in place at 6-inches off the bottom. Try: Spoons. (a) Deltas Broad Slough; stripers on the bite. Landed 15# fish to 24- inches, no shakers. Try: Rattletrap. (a)

COASTAL WATERS

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