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The National Federation of Independent Business lists the new law among its top five "compliance headaches" for California's small business owners. Photo courtesy of Marcus-Aurelius Pexels

By Sameea Kamal, Calmatters.org

California workers will be guaranteed five paid sick days a year starting Jan. 1, up from the three days that employers are currently required to provide, thanks to Senate Bill 616. The bill, authored by Long Beach Democratic Sen. Lena Gonzalez, also extends protections against retaliation to workers who are in a union, but excludes provisions that would have granted railroad employees access to unpaid sick leave. It was a significant, but partial victory for proponents, including advocacy groups for families and

women and dozens of unions. They originally sought seven days, but the final version was reduced in negotiations during the legislative process. The California Work & Family Coalition hailed the law — one of several measures last session aimed at improving work-life balance — as "a commonsense change." But trade associations representing various industries such as the California Grocers Association and California Hotel & Lodging Association, as well as chamber of commerce groups throughout the state, argued that the law would hurt small businesses that have not recovered from the pandemic, are now

dealing with inflation and can't afford the additional cost of covering for sick workers. The National Federation of Independent Business lists the new law among its top five "compliance headaches" for California's small business owners in 2024, along with SB 848, which makes it unlawful for employers to refuse as many as five days of "reproductive loss leave" for miscarriages, failed adoptions and other events. The state Chamber of Commerce had the sick leave law on its "job killer" list and recently issued guidance for employers to navigate the *Continued on page 9*

## Cold Case Suspect Pleads No Contest to Murder

Butte County District Attorney News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) -** A suspected cold case killer finally admitted to murder in the Butte County Superior Court today. Dustin Troy Kimball, 49, of Magalia, pleaded no contest to a single count of murder for the 2017 homicide of Jennifer Coleen Moore.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Moore was reported missing to the Glenn County Sheriff's Office on June 20, 2017. Friends and family had last seen her the day prior, leaving her home in Orland with her then-boyfriend, the defendant Kimball. Moore left her special-needs son at home with her roommate while she went with Kimball to purchase a car for herself, but she never returned. The Glenn County Sheriff's Office investigated the missing person report, but Moore was not located during their investigation and the case "went cold" for the next three and a half years.

Ramsey said on January 10, 2021, the Butte County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of human remains found in a rural area near the Butte County community of Forest Ranch, off Highway 32. The skeletal remains were evaluated by forensic anthropologists from Chico State and were ultimately determined to be those of the missing Moore.

At the preliminary hearing on December 20, Ramsey said that the evidence established Kimball was the last person to be seen with Moore on June 19, 2017. After he picked her up from her home in Orland, he drove her to the Chico Walmart, which was the last location they were seen together on store surveillance.

Evidence of Kimball's internet search history revealed that less than an hour before picking up Moore from her Orland home, he was searching topics related to "jugular vein" and "how to cut a jugular vein." Kimball's cellphone location data revealed that after leaving the Chico Walmart that evening, he spent an hour at the exact area where Moore's remains would later be found off Highway 32. The data also showed Kimball returned to that site the following day, on June 20, 2017 — though Moore's remains would not be found at that site for another three years.

Kimball's sentencing is set for January 31, 2024. As a result of the plea, Kimball faces a sentence of 15 years to life in state prison. He is currently being held with no bail in the Butte County Jail pending sentencing. ★

## Catching Santa's Helper Reading Our List



Keith the Elf caught checking our list twice! Photo courtesy MPG

By Paul Scholl

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) -**While out and about in Yuba City just before Christmas, we caught one of Santa's best local helpers, Keith the Elf, picking up a copy of the Territorial Dispatch to read the local news just

to be sure they didn't miss anyone on the naughty or nice list. It was printed on the front page of the Christmas issue. When asked if they really decided who should be on which list by what is published in the local newspaper, Keith the Elf said "Where else

are you going to find out something like that? Certainly not on the television news stations. Santa gave that up years ago when cable tv started." If you want to find out more about who is on the naughty or nice list, be sure to pick up your copy every week. Happy New Year! ★

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# Cal Fire Funded for Groundbreaking Research on Wildfire and Forest Health

**CAL FIRE News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has announced the availability of \$4.5 million for Forest Health Research grant projects. CAL FIRE is soliciting applications for research in forest health and wild-land fire science critical to the State of California and that support landowners, resource agencies, fire management organizations, and decisionmakers throughout the state. Research projects are expected to produce scientific publications, outreach and education events, and decision support tools.

Forest Health research grants will be awarded in five categories: 1) Wildfire and Forest Research, which can occur on any landownership; 2) State Forests Research must include at least one study site on a Demonstration State Forest 3) Graduate Student grants, must be led by a graduate student; 4) Scientific Synthesis and Tool Development to synthesize current scientific information and literature, distribution of current scientific data and information, and/or

decision support tools for landowners, managers, and the public; 5) Special Topic Research to address a need identified by CAL FIRE. This year the special topic is enhancing ecological monitoring of vegetation treatments including cultural fire and community-based prescribed fire.

**Official Call for Applications:**

Forest Health Research Grants Program: The call for concept proposals opens on December 20, 2023, and will be due by 3 PM on January 31, 2024.

A public virtual workshop and applicant office hours will be held during the open application period. Please check the Forest Health Research Grants web page for dates, times, and locations. The workshop will be recorded and made available on the program web page.

“The Forest Health Research Grant Program consistently draws top-tier research initiatives addressing various wildfire and forest health concerns,” said Chris Keithley, Assistant Deputy Director of Fire and Resource Assessment at CAL FIRE. “Cumulatively, the findings contribute valuable insights to CAL

FIRE and the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, contributing knowledge about shifts in environmental conditions, climate-induced effects on forests and wildfire patterns, and the efficacy of forest management practices.”

This program is designed to complement the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Action Plan, the 2018 Strategic Fire Plan for California, and the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy, which propose to protect lives, property, and resources of California and increase the ability of our natural and working lands to survive and mitigate the effects of climate change.

The Forest Health Research Grant Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities.

For more information and to sign up for grant email announcements, visit [www.fire.ca.gov/grants](http://www.fire.ca.gov/grants) ★

# Sac Diocese to Seek Bankruptcy Protection, Facing over 250 Sexual-Abuse Cases

**By Matthew Malone, MPG Staff Writer**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento will seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection next year, Bishop Jaime Soto announced on Dec. 9, as it faces hundreds of lawsuits alleging child sexual abuse by clergy. The diocese oversees Catholic parishes in much of Northern California, including Sacramento County.

In a letter published online and distributed to parishioners at local churches, Soto said he expects to file for bankruptcy protection in March 2024.

“It is now clear to me that the only respectful, transparent, and fair way to address the substantial number of claims by those who have been abused by clergy and other members of the Church is to seek a court-supervised reorganization. This process will also allow me to sustain the sanctifying, teaching, and charitable work of the Catholic community in Northern California,” the letter read.

Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection generally allows an organization to continue operating while negotiating with creditors to restructure its debts. The letter noted as much and said parishes and schools in the diocese “would continue their operations uninterrupted.”

Soto said more than 250 lawsuits alleging abuse have been filed against the diocese. Without reorganization, “it is likely that not all the abuse victim-survivors would receive a fair consideration of their claim,” he said, with available funds being “depleted” in the first cases



The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, the seat of the Diocese of Sacramento, is seen in 2011. Bishop Jaime Soto has announced his intention to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on behalf of the diocese, in response to hundreds of lawsuits claiming clergy sexual abuse. Photo courtesy of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament - Sacramento, California by TravelingOtter used under CC BY-SA 2.0.

brought forward. “Bankruptcy is a costly and lengthy process, but it also provides supervision and transparency for all the parties involved so that a fair resolution is offered to the victim-survivors of abuse,” Soto continued. He expressed hope that the diocese would “emerge from this necessary, penitential exercise with greater resolve to be a humble sanctuary of holiness and healing for all the sons and daughters of God in Northern California.”

**Law Group Decries Plan**

A law firm that represents people alleging clerical abuse, including cases in the Sacramento diocese, criticized the decision.

“On behalf of the many survivors who were gravely hurt, we react with deep disappointment in the choice made by the Bishop of Sacramento to seek bankruptcy protection from accountability,” Jeff Anderson and Associates said in a press release. “We know from all the work we

have done with survivors across the country that bishops and dioceses have continuously utilized Chapter 11 to shamefully protect themselves.”

The release said other dioceses have used bankruptcy filings to delay court cases and prevent “full disclosure.”

“The Diocese might change, but their motivations for filing bankruptcy remain the same – the desire to protect their reputation and their assets, no matter the moral expense,” attorney Jeff Anderson said in a statement.

The Sacramento diocese is the fourth in California to seek bankruptcy protection after a wave of sexual-abuse claims under state Assembly Bill 218. The legislation took effect in 2020 and extended the statute of limitations on childhood sexual abuse, allowing much more time for accusers to come forward after reaching adulthood.

The other dioceses filing for Chapter 11 protection are Santa Rosa, San Francisco and Oakland. ★

# Shooting Incident in Yuba City

**Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release**

**SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Early in the morning on December 21, at approximately 12:13 a.m., Sutter County deputies were dispatched to the 1700 block of Barrington Drive in Yuba City for a report of shots fired. One subject was transported to Adventist Health

and Rideout Hospital by Bi-County Ambulance for a single gunshot wound to the side, and no reportable deaths occurred.

At the time of this release, we had no further information regarding this incident, possible suspects or details, as this investigation is ongoing.

More information will be provided as the investigation continues. ★

# Live Oak Fire Contract Agreed to and Submitted to County

**By Sharon Pearce**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Live Oak’s City Council met in special session on Friday, December 22, to review and finalize its new fire contract with Sutter County Fire Department for fire protection, first responder, emergency, medical, and hazardous materials response services. The current contract expired on June 30, 2022, but the City has been paying regularly to the County for fire protection to date. The new contract runs from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2029.

Following questions from each councilmember to

Sutter County Fire Chief John Shalowitz and to City Manager Aaron Palmer, the council added language to the proposed contract to set out that Sutter County is to provide to Council a pre-expiration notice 12 months before the contract comes to an end. Sutter County Fire, through Sutter County, is also to maintain a program of self-insurance for general liability, and automobile liability, affirmed by Chief Shalowitz.

With that addition, and a modification to the contract requested by Vice Mayor Nancy Santana where one battalion chief’s salary and benefit

costs would be paid 75% by the City in year one, and increased to 100% thereafter, that it be changed to having even year one paid at 100%. That extra cost will be \$64,059.75 for an annual expenditure of \$256,239 for that item.

The cost share was also increased for the City of Live Oak from 80% to 85% based on call share, as responders reported a growing number of calls from the area. The proposed 5% increase will cost approximately \$40,000.

Mayor Ashley Hernandez asked when it would make sense for the City to have its own fire

department. Chief Shalowitz replied, “Hard call...the cost is about \$1,500,000 to cover a station.” He explained the County covers all human resources, but there is clothing; it costs \$7,000 for a firefighter to get on the engine and do his job. Shalowitz also explained that to add one firefighter actually means a day of three shifts, with three persons. Cost is approximately \$120K annually for one firefighter.

This special session was set following the wake-up call at the council meeting of December 20 as to how long the fire contract had been pending, though

the fire dept. was paid regularly, once attention was turned to negotiating the new sheriff’s contract. The latter “shocked” Vice Mayor Santana, she said, at the December 20 regular meeting, with what was asked for in new expenditure and the negotiation involved.

Chief Shalowitz, in commenting on the delay, said he was told Council wanted to solve the sheriff’s contract first. “I came with a wish list. The city manager wanted stats for the 100% of cost. I am sure with the two contracts moving forward, it was very trying, but that is what I had.” ★

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# Yuba Water Reinvests \$35 Million in Hydropower Revenue Through Grants

**Yuba Water Agency  
News Release**

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Yuba Water Agency Tuesday, Dec 19, 2023, approved nearly \$25 million in grants and one cash-flow loan for two dozen multi-year projects in Yuba County as part of its Community Impact Grant and Loan Program. The agency also approved a separate \$10.4 million grant to Yuba County to help the county leverage additional external funding for several local public works projects.

"Our biggest investment today is in flood control," said Yuba Water's general manager Willie Whittlesey. "And, while we now have the revenue from our hydropower operations to reinvest more broadly into our community in other areas like water education and water supply reliability, and we're proud to do that, flood risk reduction is at the heart of why we are here. And these grants reflect that."

Below is a summary of Yuba Water's Community Impact Grant and Loan Program grant recipients and amounts awarded.

*Community Impact Grant and Loan Program awards.*

A significant portion of the community impact grants, nearly \$19 million, will go toward levee and other critical flood risk reduction infrastructure improvements along the Feather River, Bear River and Dry Creek in Yuba County.

**Reclamation District 784:** \$9.1 million for critical drainage improvements along the Feather River;

**Reclamation District 10:** \$7.8 million to improve the stability of a 2.5-mile stretch of levee along the Feather River north of Marysville;

**Reclamation District 2103:** \$1 million to design a levee



Yuba Water Agency provides nearly \$25 million of funding through its Community Impact Grant and Loan Program. In the image the Feather River Levee and Star Bend in Yuba County. Photo courtesy of Yuba Water Agency

improvement project along part of Dry Creek in southern Yuba County;

**Reclamation District 817:** \$975,000 to evaluate flood risk deficiencies along parts of Dry Creek and the Bear River.

In addition to making substantial investments in flood risk reduction, Yuba Water committed more than \$5.3 million for water supply projects that benefit both foothill and valley water users. The agency also approved a cash-flow loan to the Camptonville Community Services District.

**Hallwood Irrigation Company:** \$2.4 million to upgrade aging water conveyance infrastructure to reduce seepage and improve efficiencies;

**North Yuba Water District:** \$1.6 million to help line 9,500 feet of irrigation canals, significantly reduce leaks and water loss;

**Dry Creek Mutual Water Company:** \$500,000 to install water meters;

**City of Marysville:** \$300,000 for ongoing water quality treatments at Ellis Lake;

**EA Family Services:** \$150,000 to restructure the septic system at Lake Francis Resort (Yuba Water owns Lake Francis)

**Camptonville Community Services District:** \$227,058 cash-flow loan to start work to replace a chlorine contact tank and associated treatment plant upgrades while the district awaits reimbursement from the state.

The agency also awarded grants related to improving the resilience of the Yuba River watershed and local emergency preparedness.

**Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council:** \$325,000 will help the council reestablish and manage its Home Resilience Program, including a defensible space program for foothill residents;

**The Sierra Fund:** \$325,000 for hydraulic mine restoration work;

**Yuba County Office of**

**Education:** \$32,417 will equip the district with emergency response equipment;

**Linda County Fire:** \$7,967 for repairs to its Zodiac rescue boat; *Bill Shaw Rescue Equipment and Training Grants Program awards*

Yuba Water awarded five Bill Shaw Rescue and Equipment Grants totaling \$50,000. The grants are exclusively for first-responder agencies in Yuba County and cover one-time costs of up to \$10,000 per applicant per fiscal year related to rescue equipment or specialized personnel training connected to Yuba Water's missions.

**Dobbins Oregon House Fire Department:** \$10,000 for water rescue equipment;

**Linda County Fire:** \$10,000 for drysuits, water shoes and personal flotation devices;

**Foothill Fire:** \$10,000 for self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders, which help protect firefighters' lungs

during firefighting;

**Loma Rica Browns Valley Community Services District:** \$10,000 for communication equipment upgrades;

**Olivehurst Fire:** \$10,000 for portable radios and related communication equipment;

*Additional funding support for Yuba County drainage, water distribution and river access work.*

Lastly, Yuba Water committed a separate \$10.4 million grant to Yuba County for drainage improvements in Linda and Olivehurst, a water distribution project in the Gold Village/River Highlands community and a river access project at Star Bend on the Feather River. The funds from Yuba Water are expected to leverage approximately \$16.8 million in additional external funding for the projects.

Yuba Water's Board of Directors has committed to investing \$10 million a year into community programs and projects that align with the agency's core mission areas with a goal of improving the quality of life for the people of Yuba County. Community Impact Grant and Loan Program applications are accepted twice a year, in March and September.

Non-profits, tribes and other government agencies can apply for grants to fund projects or programs that directly connect to our missions of flood risk reduction, water supply and management, watershed resilience, water education and water conservation.

Although this year's total grant awards exceed the agency's \$10 million target, many projects are multi-year efforts. Yuba Water will distribute the grant funds over several years.

Visit [yubawater.org](http://yubawater.org) to learn more about Yuba Water's work and investments in the community. ★

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# NFIB Releases Top Five Compliance Headaches for 2024

## NFIB News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California's leading small business association today released its list of the top five compliance headaches hitting small business owners in 2024.

"California small business owners are no different from their counterparts elsewhere in the nation in struggling to find qualified employees and in dealing with inflation," said John Kabateck, California state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). "What does separate them from other small business owners in other states, however, is having to live with a Legislature that takes an almost sadistic delight in hamstringing them further with more and more regulatory compliance, and 2024 shows no letting up."

The five soon-to-be laws are:

**SB 553 (Cortese) - Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. Effective July 1, 2024.**

This bill requires employers to establish, implement and maintain a workplace violence prevention plan and record information in a violent incident log, the post-incident response and internal workplace violence injury investigation. The log must include: the date, time and location of an incident, a detailed description of an incident, a classification of who committed an incident, the type of incident, including whether an incident involved physical, verbal, sexual or animal attacks, the consequences of an incident such as medical treatment received,

whether security or law enforcement was contacted and the contact information of the individual completing the violent incident log.

**AB 2188 (Quirk) - Discrimination in Employment: Use of Cannabis. Effective January 1, 2024.**

Passed last year but going into effect on January 1, 2024, this bill amends California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) by making it unlawful for an employer to terminate, penalize or otherwise punish an employee for cannabis use outside the workplace. Existing law prohibits an employee from being impaired by cannabis in the workplace. One of the challenges for employers, however, is that since there is currently no reliable testing method for determining if an individual is impaired by cannabis, the threshold for proving such impairment is extremely difficult to meet.

**SB 700 (Bradford) - Discrimination in Employment: Use of Cannabis. Effective January 1, 2024.**

This bill amends California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) by making it unlawful for an employer to request information from an applicant for employment pertaining to the applicant's prior use of cannabis unless obtained from the applicant's criminal history. Takeaway from a recent NFIB California Podcast guest: Don't ask about an applicant's cannabis usage history. (NFIB does not provide legal advice. For legal advice about compliance with these or other laws, we

recommend consulting with an attorney or human resource specialist.)

**SB 616 (Gonzalez) - Paid Sick Leave. Effective January 1, 2024.**

This bill increases paid sick leave from three to five days a year. Paid sick leave can still be front loaded and the current accrual methodologies remain in place.

**SB 848 (Rubio) - Reproductive Loss Leave. Effective January 1, 2024.**

This bill amends California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) by making it unlawful for an employer to refuse to grant a request by an eligible employee to take up to five days of reproductive loss leave. The leave must be taken within a three-month window from the time of the loss. A reproductive loss event can include a failed adoption, failed surrogacy, miscarriage, stillbirth or unsuccessful assisted reproduction.

Keep up with the latest on California small-business news at [www.nfib.com/california](http://www.nfib.com/california) or by following NFIB on Twitter @NFIB\_CA or on Facebook @NFIB.CA.

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

### What Do You Ask For?



Everyone asks for something. Some things you intentionally request. Other things you seem to get without asking. For example, I'm sure you've heard the expression that someone is asking for trouble. Since no one really wants adversity, this request is invariably made subconsciously. Another common expression is to be careful about what you ask for, because you may get it.

It's helpful to understand the power of asking. Many people don't fully recognize or appreciate this force. They are far too complacent regarding the impact of their thoughts and actions. Surprisingly, there may be little or no awareness of what they are asking for.

Your requests are extremely potent. They are mental seeds attempting to grow to reality. Your mind is impartial; it doesn't care whether you ask for good or bad things. Therefore, you have to be cognizant of what you want, as well as what you ask for.

Only ask for that which you want. If you don't know what you want, how can you decide what to ask for? Even if you haven't identified what you want, your thoughts are not idle. Your mind will be asking for things, but without any direction.

Just as important as understanding what you want, is understanding what you don't want. Avoid asking for failure and problems. Asking can be in the form of thoughts or actions. You ask for problems by engaging in behavior destined to produce undesirable results.

A person who habitually overeats is asking to be heavy. Someone who turns to alcohol, when faced with adversity, is asking to compound their problems. An employee who is consistently late for work is asking to be fired. A dishonest individual is asking for a life of deceit. The person who mistreats others is asking for few, if any, friends.

If you are not asking for anything

specific, you are taking a passive role in your future. You don't want to go through life as a spectator, content with whatever the wind blows your way. Only by being proactive, will you be able to influence the direction of your life.

If you are receiving things you don't want, you have to ask for something else. Where you are now, and what you have, is a consequence of previous requests. Consciously ask for what you do want. Adjust your thoughts and behavior to attract the desired results.

It is never too late to ask for something different. You have freedom of choice. When you ask for something, it should be with conviction. Ask for things you really desire. Don't ask for things that cause misfortune to others.

Be sure you really want what you are asking for. Avoid asking for things flippantly. When you ask for something, you begin a chain of events. It starts with a thought and continues with behavior designed to get what you ask for.

Ironically, it's easier to ask for and get what you don't want. It's easier to get fired than to get hired. It's easier to destroy a relationship than to keep it going. It's easier to let yourself go to pot than to stay healthy. That's one of the reasons you have to be selective in what you ask for.

Do you know what you are asking for? If not, take a good look at what you are thinking and doing. Ask only for what you want. Avoid requesting anything undesirable.

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# Giants and KNBR FanFest Tour to Make Stop in Sacramento

## Sacramento River Cats News Release

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG)** - On Thursday, Dec. 14, the San Francisco Giants introduced the Giants & KNBR FanFest Tour 2024 – an evolution of their traditional preseason fan event. Known as a single-day San Francisco-based event, Giants & KNBR FanFest has transformed into a four-stop Northern California series, which kicks off in Sacramento at Sutter Health Park on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Giants & KNBR FanFest Tour will expand beyond San Francisco, providing opportunities for fans to interact with their beloved team prior to Spring Training in Scottsdale. This year's iteration will feature four events with current Giants players, coaches, alumni, VIP guests and Lou Seal. The final stop will feature a Spring Training-inspired Open House at Oracle Park with Giants alumni.

As a proud affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, the Sacramento River Cats and their home of Sutter Health Park will host the first stop of the tour on Jan. 20. At the event, fans will have the chance to receive autographs, participate in Q&A sessions, purchase merchandise, and much more. Scheduled to appear at the event is Rocklin, CA, native and Giants ace Logan Webb, along with other current teammates and coaches.

"We are thrilled to host the first stop of the Giants & KNBR FanFest Tour," said Sarah Hebel, Sacramento River Cats director of marketing. "Player and fan interaction is an integral part of the Sutter Health Park fan experience, so River Cats fans will no doubt look forward to this extended opportunity to connect with local product Logan Webb among other Giants favorites."

Outside of Sacramento, the tour will also make stops in San Jose (Jan. 24) and Napa (Feb. 3) before concluding at Oracle Park (March 9). Giants tickets for the 2024 baseball season will be available for purchase at each tour stop, along with other special offers for those in attendance.

"We are continuously listening to our fans to ensure we are delivering what they want," said Rachel Heit, chief marketing officer of the San Francisco Giants. "With the reimagination of Giants & KNBR FanFest in 2024, we're giving Giants fans even more opportunities and flexibility to connect with their team, while improving and expanding upon a beloved preseason event."

To learn more about the giants & KNBR FanFest Tour 2024, visit [rivercats.com](http://rivercats.com) and click on the FanFest icon. Fans can also visit [mlb.com/giants/fans/fanfest](http://mlb.com/giants/fans/fanfest). For more, follow along with @SFGiants on Instagram, X, TikTok, YouTube, and Facebook. ★

This winter is forecast to be an El Nino event. Or well it was earlier in the fall, but I thought I saw something about it fading. From what I have seen for forecasts, we are in for average rainfall this rain season. Time will tell but I'm confident. So far, as far as my measuring here at the nursery as of 12/19/2023, we have had 4.875" of rain to date and it is raining as I write so it will be higher. Last year we were at 9.50" of rain to date. One thing to remember with winter storms if they are cold ones, when the storms clear out, pay attention for freezing weather. That is usually when the freeze happens. Clear cold nights.

Bare root season is the big thing happening in January at the nursery. Bare root fruit trees arrive in late December and are sold through January and February. We usually have some folks who are new to gardening and the term "bare root" may not be familiar to them. It is simply what it says. The trees have been taken out of the ground and the roots are exposed, thus, "bare root". We bury the roots in mix and then pull them when they are purchased and the customer takes them home and plants them right away. They are less expensive since the pot, soil, and time and effort to plant them into a container has been avoided. It does require that it must be planted right away, or otherwise stored in a way to protect the roots from drying out or freezing. We have availability lists at the nursery, and on our website, of all the varieties of fruit trees we carry during bare root season. Bare root season for fruit trees is usually considered very late December or early January to the end of February. By then the trees are beginning get too many new fragile roots and new leaves to handle them "bare root" without possible damage. There are advantages to planting your own fruit trees. You make the decisions of what fertilizers etc. are used and avoiding many of the unknowns of commercial grower's methods. Allowing the fruit ripen on the tree allows much better flavor to develop as the fruit ripens than that picked early and ripened in cold storage. Often kids and adults are encouraged eat more fruit just because they like picking it themselves and it is close by.

When planting fruit trees, be sure to check if the tree you are buying needs a pollinizer. Some are self fruitful and don't need

a different pollinizer and others do. Many of the peaches and nectarines are self-fruitful, but not all of them. Most of the cherries need a pollinizer, but again, not all of them, and so it is with apples, apricots, plums, pears. Most fruit trees have a tag giving some of that information.

Chill hours may be noted on the tag. That refers to the cumulative number of hours required under 45 degrees during the entire winter season to provide normal fruit production and is generally not a concern in our area. Some varieties may have high number of chill hours, and when there is a warm winter, the fruit production may go down.

Bare root roses are available during January and February, and have been pruned by the growers. If you have roses that are growing in your yard already, we suggest delaying the pruning until the danger of a heavy freeze is past. In our area roses usually don't go completely dormant. What happens when you prune a rose? It starts putting out new growth at that point. That new growth is too tender to survive a hard freeze and dies back. We have lots of micro climates in the foothills, so consider the temperature range in your area and delay the pruning until freezing danger is past and do the pruning in early spring if it seems more appropriate. If by chance you do prune them and are then hit by freeze that damages new growth, no great harm has been done – the rose just has to expend more energy that might otherwise have been saved for its beautiful first bloom and has to start over again.

Some maintenance chores to be done in January – weather permitting –

Annual pruning of dormant deciduous fruit trees.

Prune dormant vines, grapes and cane berries.

Rake up heavy litter of leaves and apply pre-emergent if weeds were a problem last year.

Shop early for the best selections in bare root fruit trees.

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

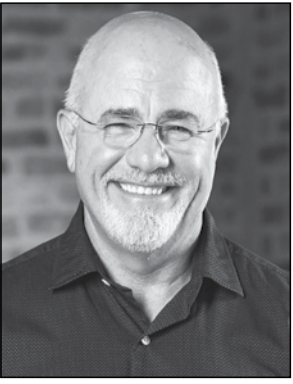
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## Dave Ramsey Says

happened to me, there were three pieces to the puzzle that helped me break the cycle. One was fear. Specifically, I was scared to death that I wouldn't be able to take care of my family, and that I'd retire broke. Now, don't misunderstand me. No one should live their lives in fear. But a healthy, reasonable level of fear can provide needed motivation.

Another was disgust. I realized what I was doing was stupid. I was tired of living that way, and I made a conscious, purposeful decision that things were going to be different.

The third piece, and maybe the most important because it's connected to our spiritual walk, was contentment. We live in a society that's constantly having the idea that we'll be happier, or more successful, or more admired, if we'll only buy this or that product. We're constantly marketed to, and when we have this stuff in our faces day after day, we can become unsatisfied with just about every aspect of our lives. Don't let it drag you down. It's all just an illusion.

One of the things I did to combat this, was to start living on a strict, written, monthly budget. Also, I

stopped going places where I was tempted to spend money. You shouldn't give a drunk a drink, right? So, don't put yourself in a bad situation when it comes to your behavior with money. If you go wandering through the mall without a specific plan, you'll lose every single time.

When you go to the store make a list of only the things you need. On top of that, take only enough cash with you to buy what you need. If you can walk in and back out without buying a bunch of stuff that wasn't on your list, it's a win. Every time you do this, it's another win and another step away from your old habits and in the right direction.

You can do this, Melissa. God bless you.

- Dave

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

Dear Dave,

My mom and dad always told me to live within my means. As an adult, I've made some mistakes with money, including falling right back into debt after paying off everything. I'm tired of this rollercoaster, and I want to get control of my finances for good. Can you give me some advice on where to start?

- Melissa

Dear Melissa,

It's frustrating, isn't it? But making mistakes with money means just one thing. It means you're human. We've all done it. Think about this, though. We're approaching a traditional time of the year for changes. On top of that, you're smart enough to have realized what you've done in the past hasn't worked.

Believe it or not, I was once in the exact same spot you are now. When it



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## Kid in a Candy Store

They say windows of opportunity close quickly. Nothing can be truer as it relates to the current job market.

I had three kids in college this year, and during CoVid, I encouraged them to apply for apprentice programs at the highest quality institutions they could find. I explained to them firms like banks, financial advisory firms, insurance companies, high tech companies and the like were clamoring for warm bodies.

Simply put, regardless whether potential workers were afraid of CoVid or sitting by the river contemplating their naval (as my dad used to say) few people wanted to work and companies were desperate to fill their many job vacancies.

Heck, even my local Bank of America shuttered its doors on certain days due to the lack of available bodies to man the teller windows.

Unlike decades before where the world was flooded each and every year with college grads viscosly competing for jobs, these last few years reminded me of the proverbial kid in a candy store for those willing to set the alarm clock and get their butts out of bed and to a work desk somewhere.

I hammered on all three of my lovelies to hit the yellow pages (well nowadays the internet) and put their face in front of a hungry interviewer who was given the edict to fill the seat with a willing worker.

In fact, in my 45 or so odd years of working, I could not remember a time when it was easier to land a good paying job somewhere than during and right after the CoVid era.

In the past, a college degree in no way guaranteed you a job, even with a solid degree in a hard science, let alone those majoring in sociology or communications. Not knocking those degrees mind you, but they are two of the harder to employ degrees out of many on surveys of past graduates a few years into the workforce.

Not so during Covid.

Institutions of the highest caliber were more than eager to hire high school grads willing to work, and if you had a college degree, all the better. College grads have had a golden opportunity of not only getting a job, but getting a good job.

Fast forward to today and the employment picture is reverting back to where it was for decades. Graduates who sat back and took their time to grab a job may now be realizing that with inflation soaring and CoVid savings evaporating, grads by the ton are hitting the streets again looking for work.

The sobering news is that companies may not be hiring due to the slowing economy, and many are laying off workers as the worst inflation of 40 years takes a bite out of consumer demand.

From Reuters just last week comes the sobering news for graduates and non-graduates alike looking for work:

*"U.S. job openings dropped to more than a 2-1/2-year low in October, the strongest sign yet that demand for labor was cooling amid higher interest rates"*.

One of my sons has just graduated from U.C. Irvine and having to now spread his wings and pay rent in the Los Angeles, he has moved into the ranks of those looking for a good paying job and finding a time of it securing employment.

As dad warned him a few years back, an apprenticeship with a bank or advisory firm or some other high paying employer a year or so back would have likely solidified him into a great job now once graduated. Having waited however, he is now competing with many others in the same predicament: Too many graduates sans a parent paycheck needing work but finding fewer job openings.

In conclusion, the CoVid years was literally a once in a lifetime window where landing a job was a foregone conclusion as long as one wanted to work, which apparently not many did.

Now that times are harder and prices are higher and the economy doesn't look to improve much anytime soon despite what the CNBC cheerleaders tell you, the job market has reverted back to where it was for so many years.

If you want a job, a good paying job, once again, you better have a sturdy pair of walking shoes and fast internet and be prepared to use them.

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

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## Let's Do Better



**By Kathy Craig Harteis**

It's especially hard in the smaller counties where the lion's share of work falls to a few.

My advice to the readers of these small papers is to show kindness to the reporter on the job.

Again, it's hard work to keep on top of everything.

Our world here and abroad has faced insurmountable sadness in 2023. People not meant to die are gone. Countries are battling one another, and our own politicians are nitpicking one another. Instead of doing the jobs for which they were elected, they'd rather spend their time fighting among themselves.

That's just wrong.

We live in a world where trust is nearly nonexistent.

We have learned phrases such as organized retail crime, human trafficking, smash and grab and terrorist threats.

What happened to trust and integrity?

Once there was joy in sharing, respect in leadership, and trust in one another.

In the past weeks, we've enjoyed small town America events. School concerts, holiday sales, and town square tree lighting.

Life in a small town manages to give us a glimpse of the simple, better world in which we've lived before.

I know there are good and honest people all around us. It's the few that are the threat.

My hope for the new year is truly that we (all of us) will do better.

It's simple; be honest, look out for one another, and take care of the business for which you were hired.

I don't know about everyone else, but I suspect that most of us want life to be good today. ★

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**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 to 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**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 11/27/2023.  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
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**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 11/21/2023.  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGET EVANS,  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2023F-370**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Leaf it to us**  
23310 Big Oak Rd.  
Smartville, CA 95977  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Cristobal Gonzalez  
23310 Big Oak Rd.  
Smartville, CA 95977  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/2023.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Cristobal Gonzalez**  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE**  
Notice is hereby given that LOCK-TITE STORAGE CENTER, 1250 SCALES AVENUE, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 (530) 742-2508. intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 217-21716 of the Business & Professions code, known as the "California Self Service Storage Facilities Act", Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The auction will be conducted online at storage.treasures.com, starting Monday January 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM and ending Friday, January 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM. (Noon). If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, personal items, furniture, etc belonging to the following:

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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).  
Signed:  
**Shon Mullanix**  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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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.  
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**www.storage treasures.com**  
(TD) Dec. 29, 2023, Jan. 5, 2024

**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**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 11/29/2023.  
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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

**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**  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2023F-354**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Calypso's Garden**  
1399 Meadow Rach Street  
Plumas Lakes, CA 95961  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Calypso's Garden LLC  
1399 Meadow Rach Street  
Plumas Lakes, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Jose Francisco Brambila Jr. CA Owner/Manager**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 12/04/2023.  
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County Clerk  
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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

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NORA ANN KIBBE BARRIE**  
**Case NO. PRPB23-00171**  
  
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  
  
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.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2023F-368**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**STEAMING SEAFOOD RESTAURANT**  
1665 N Beale Rd  
Marysville, CA 95901-6929  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. JIE M. GUAN INC  
1665 N Beale Rd  
Marysville, CA 95901-6929  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2023.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**JIE M. GUAN CA President**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 12/19/2023.  
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Signed:  
**Jose Francisco Brambila Jr. CA Owner/Manager**  
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## Board Approves Regulations for Converting Wastewater to High Quality Drinking Water

### State Water Resources Control Board News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Further advancing the Administration's all-of-the-above Water Supply Strategy to make California more resilient to hotter, drier conditions, the State Water Resources Control Board approved regulations on Dec. 19, 2023, that will allow water systems to develop treatment protocols to convert wastewater into high quality drinking water.

The board's unanimous vote gives California the most advanced standards in the nation for treating wastewater to such an extent that the finished product meets or exceeds current drinking water standards. Known as direct potable reuse, the process will enable water systems throughout the state to generate a climate-resilient water source while reducing the amount of wastewater discharged to rivers and the ocean. In fact, recycling water allows water systems to add millions of gallons of additional drinking water to their supplies over time while avoiding costlier and more energy intensive water supplies.

"This is an exciting development in the state's ongoing efforts to find innovative solutions to the challenges of extreme weather driven by climate change," said E. Joaquin Esquivel, chair of the State Water Board. "On top of helping us build drought-resilient water supplies, direct potable reuse offers energy savings and environmental benefits. And most importantly, these regulations ensure that the water produced is not only safe, but purer than many drinking water sources we now rely on."

The final version of the regulations came

together over many years and after an expert panel of 12 scientists and engineers evaluated work by the board's Division of Drinking Water and determined the standards are protective of public health. Proposed regulations were released to the public in July; board staff gathered public comment and made adjustments based on that input. These revisions include added flexibility for alternative treatment techniques and clarifications about the collaboration among partner agencies on reuse projects.

Direct potable reuse relies entirely on immediate, multi-barrier treatment that can recycle wastewater to drinking water standards in a matter of hours. This contrasts with the method currently being deployed in major projects launched throughout the state, called indirect potable reuse, which further improves treated wastewater over time through groundwater recharge or dilution with surface water. While no formal direct potable reuse projects could be initiated in California until the regulations were adopted, water agencies in Santa Clara, San Diego and the city of Los Angeles have launched pilot projects in recent years.

The newly adopted regulations comply with California's Safe Drinking Water Act, which ensures that the water delivered by public water systems in California shall at all times be pure, wholesome, and safe to drink.

Once the new regulations are finalized through the Office of Administrative Law in 2024, water systems can submit plans for direct potable use projects to the board for approval.

More information about direct potable reuse can be found on the board's website. ★

## White House Censorship Through Facebook and Instagram Continues

### Commentary by Harold W. Pease Ph.D.

We have known since July that "Facebook and Instagram altered their content moderation policies and censored posts under pressure from the [Biden] White House," this from "never-before-released internal documents, obtained via Judiciary Committee subpoenas" headed by Congressman Jim Jordan. These have been presented in at least three rollouts since, called The Facebook Files I-III. But the purpose of censorship is to keep what this committee has revealed, through incontestable documentation, from you and I.

Unless you are doing your own research or subscribing, listening, or viewing non Deep State sources, you remain controlled and ignorant, as Facebook and Instagram are Deep State outlets. This was also so of Twitter, now X, before purchased and changed to a free press outlet by Elon Musk (See "Twitter Files Confess: The Great COVID-19 Lie Machine," Harold Pease, Ph. D. March 31, 2023, Liberty Under Fire.org, Column 707).

Pressure from the government is forbidden under the Constitution as it makes truth indistinguishable from government propaganda. That is why freedom of speech and press are critical to freedom. Government censorship is forbidden because it shapes the narratives to their benefit. Information that opposes theirs is termed misinformation and punished.

Even Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg stated, "Facebook was continually pressed by 'external stakeholders,' including the Biden White House, to remove certain posts"—especially all "vaccine discouraging content." Facebook Files # I and II exposed government's efforts to delete messages that discouraged taking the experimental vaccine for Covid-19—even when from medical authorities. Not even memes were "spared from the Biden White House's censorship efforts." The Biden Admin. expected YouTube to fall in line similarly and both did.

In another email the White House was enraged that Facebook hadn't censored Tucker Carlson for a comment he made suggesting vaccine hesitancy. Documents showed Rob Flaherty, White House Director of Digital Strategy, on the phone demonstrating a "clear effort at government-directed social media censorship." This was frequent and common and often on a first name basis. Facebook "admits White House demands for removal of content were met even when a post did not violate any Facebook policies."

In July 2021 Biden publicly denounced Facebook and other social media platforms, claiming "they were 'killing people' by not censoring alleged 'misinformation.'" On August 2, 2021, Facebook announced it would be making changes to its policies "because of pressure from the Biden White House" and vowed "to be more aggressive against ...misinformation" admitting that "this. is stemming from the continued criticism of our approach from the [Biden] administration." Facebook and Instagram became Biden message clones—propaganda arms of

the government making a direct assault on the First Amendment. They even "blocked information about vaccine side effects that THEY KNEW were true." Today they do the same censorship of vaccine injuries which accounts for more deaths than did the virus itself.

The Committee, led by Jordan, concluded, "The collusion of the Biden administration, in coordination with multiple departments within the United States government and big tech, has led to the censorship, silencing and de-platforming of individuals and organizations and it is a direct assault on the First Amendment." (Rep. Jim Jordan Releases Smoking-Gun Documents Proving Facebook Censored Americans at the Request of Biden Regime, Gateway Pundit. FACEBOOK FILES Part 1, Jim Hof, Gateway Pundit, July 27, 2023).

Facebook Files III focused on "newly subpoenaed internal notes of meetings between Facebook executives and Biden Admin officials" revealing "more about the lengths the Biden White House wanted to go to control true speech on Facebook." They lacked tolerance for any other view. It bothered them that The New York Post could churn-out "articles every day about people dying" from the vaccine. "What is supposed to happen to that [them] from Policy perspective. Does that article get a reduction, labels?," Rob Flaherty, President Biden's then-Director of Digital Strategy, inquired. They mocked the notion that the people might be intelligent enough to decide themselves. Remember, none of the censors have medical degrees but they block those who do.

Biden administration officials had several conversations with Facebook employees. They wanted to reduce the "reach for any narrative, story they don't like. Even if the narrative and story is true." They wanted to control what was seen on Facebook. "They questioned whether Facebook could change its algorithm so users saw more posts from the New York Times and less from competing outlets like the Daily Wire."

Flaherty readily admitted that, "We're keen on what platforms are doing to reduce the spread of bad information, that platforms are not funneling people towards bad content. That's our primary concern." Under the Constitution the individual decides what is bad content, not government.

Donald Trump probably summed up best how the Deep State treats us when he said, "They use Big Tech to censor you, the Deep State to spy on you, the intelligence agencies to frame you, the media to slander you...They rig elections to disenfranchise you...all the while they claim they are the ones defending democracy and justice" (X22 Reports, Ep 3225b, Dec. 1, 2023).

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## PG&E Moves Toward Decarbonization with Production Pilot and Renewable Natural Gas

### PG&E News Release

**OAKLAND, CA (MPG)** - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has reached a historic milestone in its commitment to decarbonize its natural gas system and expand on technologies that support the production of new, carbon-free and carbon-neutral energy resources. For the first time in the company's history, it has begun the process to purchase California-produced renewable natural gas (RNG) for residential and small commercial customers. The company is also announcing a new biomass-to-RNG project.

These clean-energy advancements come as the nation celebrates Clean Energy Action Month. They also support tenets of California's SB 1440 and related policies.

"A clean and decarbonized energy future requires bold steps and breakthrough technologies. We're excited and eager to partner with other change-makers in Northern California to expand and scale the production of clean, renewable natural gas from the abundant wood waste available within our state," said Engineering, Policy and Strategy Executive Vice President, Jason Glickman.

Breaking New Ground

- Converting Wood Waste to Natural Gas

PG&E has launched an initiative to purchase California-produced RNG for its natural gas customers, the first step in a plan to procure RNG to serve 15% of its residential and commercial demand by 2030.

A new woody biomass-to-RNG partnership pilot project will serve as the first contract secured toward these goals.

Each year, PG&E prunes or removes dead, diseased, or dying trees that may compromise powerline safety. A critical part of PG&E's wildfire prevention efforts, the Vegetation Management work will also help supply forest waste for the pilot project.

The woody biomass-to-RNG project, a collaboration between PG&E and West Biofuels located in Woodland, Calif. will test new technology that converts wood and forest waste into a clean source of pipeline-ready natural gas. The facility uses advanced technology to convert most of the renewable carbon in the biomass into natural gas, maximizing output and eliminating emissions during production. This RNG source will provide natural gas service to residential and small commercial customers.

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Outside of this pilot, PG&E looks to issue a second round of RNG procurement before the end of the year. These projects are to be located in California and must create RNG from organic waste. Multiple types of organic waste feedstock will be eligible to participate, such as food waste, wastewater, and wood waste. More information will be available on PG&E's new RNG procurement webpage at: [www.pge.com/mgrfo](http://www.pge.com/mgrfo)

New RNG Interconnections

PG&E also continues to connect new California RNG production sites to its gas pipeline system and is planning to interconnect a new landfill-based RNG facility located in the Bay Area in early 2024. As of October 2023, PG&E has delivered more than 1.5 billion cubic feet of RNG to buyers within the transportation sector that fuel up at one of PG&E's 22 compressed natural gas facilities.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation (NYSE:PCG), is a combined natural gas and electric utility serving more than 16 million people across 70,000 square miles in Northern and Central California. For more information, visit [pge.com](http://pge.com) and [pge.com/news](http://pge.com/news). ★

## The Paid Sick Day Dilemma

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law's complexities. There's no federal law that requires employers to give workers paid sick leave. California became the second state in the nation to adopt a paid sick leave policy in 2014, but now provides less time than 15 states and many of its own cities, including San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

Upon signing the bill on Oct. 4, Newsom said too many people were still having to choose between skipping a day's pay and taking care of themselves or their

family members when they get sick.

"We're making it known that the health and wellbeing of workers and their families is of the utmost importance for California's future," he said in a statement.

This isn't the first time a sick leave expansion has been introduced, but the COVID-19 pandemic amplified the need. In March 2021, a new law required larger employers to provide as many as 10 more days for quarantines or vaccine side effects. But that benefit went away, along with federal tax credits that paid for it, six months later. ★

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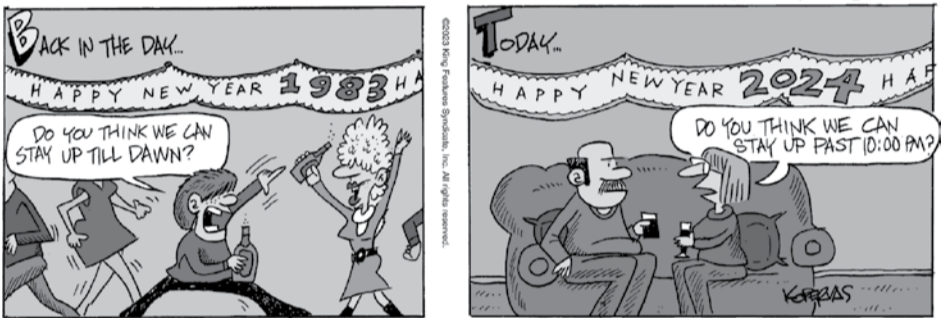
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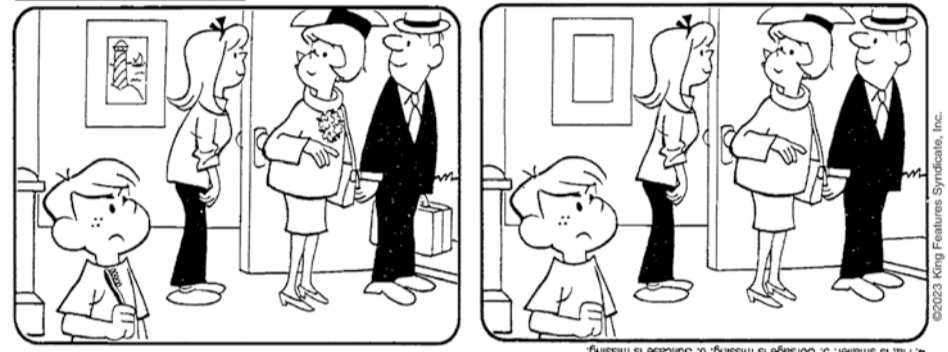
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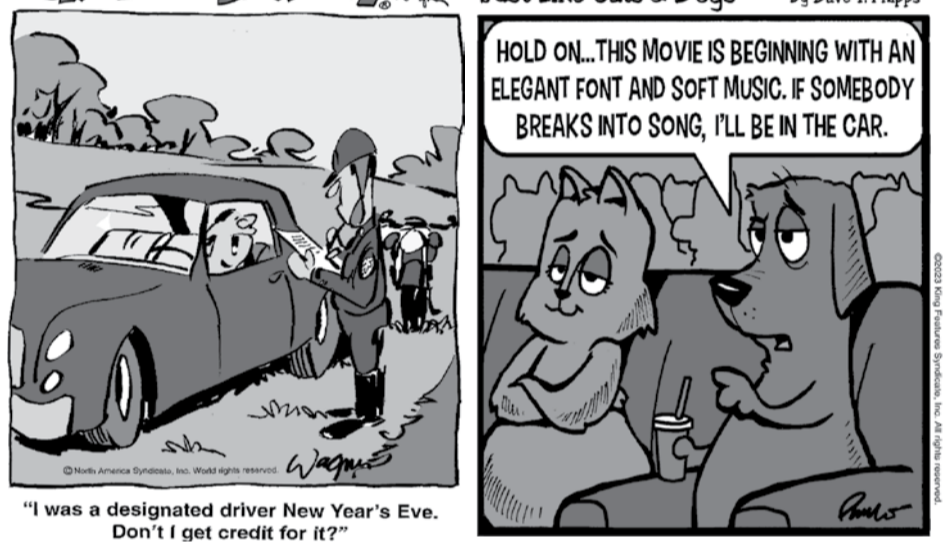
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## Contracts and 2024 Holiday Lights Top Live Oak Council

By Sharon Pearce

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Bringing to conclusion long-pending contracts with the Sheriff and Fire Dept. dominated discussion at the last Live Oak City Council of 2023 on December 20th. The Fire Dept. contract had run, but returning a new one had been put in abeyance pending working on the more costly Sheriff's Contract. Council started unsure of how long the Fire Dept. contract had been in negotiation, and upon checking, determined the old contract ran in June 2022.

Mayor Ashley Hernandez and Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana expressed much consternation over the fact that the Fire Dept. contract ran the very next month after Council started negotiating the Sheriff's contract. Confusion was expressed as to whether anyone formally said not to continue to focus on the Fire contract until the Sheriff's contract was done. Mayor Hernandez commented "That is unbelievable and embarrassing." Vice-Mayor Santana commented she would never have said "Wait" on a Fire contract. "We need to get the Fire contract done for our community and residents, and not put it on the back burner."

Santana asked for a special meeting, and City Manager Aaron Palmer agreed to set it for 1pm Friday, December 22, with Chief Epperson present. Palmer said he would also show payments made to the Fire Dept. since June 2022, and indicated he would call the County the first thing the next morning, the 21st, to make sure the contract would be sent in for the meeting on the 22nd.

As to the Fire contract, Palmer indicated the Fire Dept. is requesting a third firefighter, and to pick up a battalion chief, and they want the firefighter cost covered on a split of 85/15% up from 80%. The overall increase to the city for the contract would be \$244K. Council discussed details on equipment, and which firefighters were qualified as medics for emergencies, including for administering drugs. Vice-Mayor Santana said she would like the third firefighter, and for him to be in Live Oak 100% of the time.

Council members went through reassignments to committee positions. Vice-Mayor Santana requested to be on the Arts Committee. Jeremy Chapdelaine wanted to stay on the LAFCO and SACOG Committees. Bob Woten requested to stay on Economic Development but switched out to Mayor Hernandez being the Regular, and he being the Alternate. Woten said he wanted to remain on the Executive Committee of the Yuba Sutter Economic Development Commission (YSEDC). All new assignments were to

be laid out and distributed to council.

Councilmember Lakhvir Ghag reported on his meetings, stating the League of Cities meeting emphasized safety, and keeping crime down, followed by Housing, with an emphasis to build smaller houses for affordability. The Mosquito Vector meeting revealed a case of West Nile had been recorded, and vehicles had been sold at auction, returning good money. At SACOG, the emphasis was on a possible toll highway developing with three different toll lanes and how many members for that committee would come from each county. The Feather River Air Quality meeting indicated that trading in vehicles is beginning and Live Oak can put in an application in January.

Council member Ghag commented "Let's work together; strength is in numbers. Let's make this the best community to live in and raise our children." He also shared that an individual connected with the Live Oak Chamber told him the person had a lot of old Chamber records and material that some organization needs to take over and that person would be willing to meet with the city about the material, which may include banners used in the past for holidays. Councilmember Ghag recommended reactivating the office upstairs that had been set aside for meetings for the mayor and council members, to which the council agreed.

Vice-Mayor Santana indicated residents had commented that the city's holiday decorations were few and very old and would appreciate upgrades on our lights, having them down Broadway, and updating decorations. "I'd like to see lights on our City Hall," said Santana, who offered to donate a large tree off her property which could be relocated and decorated. The Vice-Mayor also inquired if candy could be thrown from the Santa on a Fire Truck event on the 21st to make it more special. Mayor Hernandez indicated residents would like to create a volunteer committee where money for decorations could be brought in, so not all of it would just be from the City.

Director of Public Works Ron Walker was recognized with an award and his photo taken.

The Holiday Lights Decorating Contest winners were Bessara, 3rd; the Watson family, 2nd; the Bates family, 1st and the Mayor's Pick, Erlick Hedrick, apartment.

Council approved Additional Business Grant Applications recommending funding all 14, and approving a budget transfer of \$245,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm. ★



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Feather River Afterbay outlet producing nice 16"- 21" rainbows...Swinging. Try: Blood Midges. (b)



Blood Midges

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Oroville WA. Mile Pond. Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*) has orange, green and blue speckles on their backs. Yellow/orange belly, orange spots on dorsal fins

and anal fins. Kids love "UM." Try: Earth Worms. (b)

#### RIVERS

Sturgeon fishermen gather on the Sacramento River near Pittsburg. Herring spawn attracts White Sturgeons. Try: Herring Roe. (a) Note:



Grannon and Spotted Sedge

Upper Sacramento River sturgeon fishing is "catch and release" only. Trinity River at Junction City, winter steelhead run best yet! Adult steelies to 6 lbs. Small size #6 hooks. Try: Grannon or Spotted Sedge flies. (b) Sacramento River, Anderson to Redding. Chinook Salmon being caught. Try: Spinner Bait. (a)

#### Spinner Bait

Take a fresh anchovy, remove the scales, fillet it lengthwise, take that half and split it lengthwise so the head is broader, tapering to the tail. Insert the fish hook in then out of the flesh near the head, then push the hook tip through the flesh at mid-section. This makes bait spin slowly

"Hard Row To Hoe"  
~ Brownie

# Marysville Boys' and Girls' Programs End 2023 on High Note

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville Indians ended the 2023 portion of their schedule with a sweep of wins over Franklin of Stockton and Gridley in double overtime.

The first quarter of the game versus Franklin was close before Marysville erupted and ran off with the game in the second quarter as they led by 27 at the end of the first half.

Junior guards Jackson Love and Dennis Syders led the Indians in scoring against Franklin.

Indians assistant coach

Danny Lewis told the Dispatch it was going to be a big thing to go into the break with momentum heading into Pioneer Valley League play when they open up on the road at Sutter on January 3.

Syders had a big night offensively against Gridley as he scored 37 points, with six rebounds and five assists. Syders was effective on driving the ball to the basket as he had 14 free-throw attempts on the night and made 12.

Marysville trailed by 10 at the end of the first half, and made a big comeback in the fourth quarter to eventually tie the game and take it to overtime where they needed a

second overtime to pull out the win.

Senior forward Anthony Walker contributed 13 points, nine rebounds and four blocks to help seal the victory for the Indians over Gridley.

Lewis expressed to the Dispatch that they are bigger and stronger than last season as a team overall, but they also lost a lot of players from last season, unlike a lot of their PVL competition.

Marysville Head Coach Stan Easter has always told the Dispatch the Indians are the "hunted" with winning three consecutive PVL titles and will get everyone's best efforts every night.



Marysville junior guard Demi Boykin (3) drives towards the basket in the Lady Indians' 66-32 victory over Gridley on Wednesday, December 20.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville girls' basketball team won its only game from last week on Wednesday, December 20, in dominant fashion over the Gridley Lady Bulldogs in a 66-32 win.

Marysville had a controllable 27-point lead at the end of the first half, and used their speed, strong defensive mentality and spacing on the floor to cruise to the easy victory over Gridley.

Lady Indians Head Coach Ike Prince told the Dispatch that getting up and down the court is one of the team's biggest strengths of the year.

Marysville's quick hands and stepping into passing lanes caused havoc for the Lady Bulldogs, as the Lady Indians had 36 steals in the game.

Marysville junior guard Demi Boykin led the way with 10 steals and 24 points.

Boykin expressed to the Dispatch that she wants

to continue building and working together as a team for the remainder of the season.

The Lady Indians are a selfless team, as they average 15 assists per game as a team, and Prince expressed to the Dispatch that he wants to see his team improve on establishing Marysville basketball as a brand.

"We want to show people we aren't just a fast break team, that we can execute in the half court etc.," Prince said. ★



Marysville junior guard Jackson Love (12) goes up for a layup in the Indians' 91-52 win over Franklin of Stockton on Tuesday, December 19.



Marysville junior forward Jordan Brooks (23) shoots towards the basket in the Indians' 91-52 victory over Franklin of Stockton on Tuesday, December 19.

# Yuba City and River Valley Tie, Lady Falcons Make Strides

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba City and River Valley girls' soccer programs are both still winless in Capital Valley Conference play as the Thursday, December 21, frozen-like atmosphere match ended in a tie at 0.

Both teams had opportunities to score throughout the game, but nothing was able to break or find its way into the back of the net. Yuba City was able to control the ball in the second half a bit more than River Valley, but the main name of the game between the cross-town rivals was defense.

This game could be

classified as a ground-breaker for the Lady Falcons program as this is the first non-loss to Yuba City in the last 10 matches in a five-year period.

River Valley Head Coach Meigan Soo told the Dispatch the game against the Lady Honkers was a step in the right direction.

"We had a strong start in the first half and we're excited, we got tired in the second half," Soo said.

Soo added that the depth in her bench is small, as they don't have a ton of available reliefs on their sideline, but she is hopeful for more in the future in looking to add a junior varsity/freshman team.



Yuba City senior captain Gabby Rojo (10) goes to push the ball upfield against River Valley in the Lady Honkers' 0-0 tie on Thursday, December 21.



River Valley senior Marissa Gonzales (13) has a free kick in the Lady Falcons tie with Yuba City on Thursday, December 21.

"The girls went through the grind the last 15 minutes of the game tonight, and they showed a lot of grit," Soo said.

Lady Falcons senior center back K'Lana Fujimoto and junior striker Clarissa Recendez expressed to the Dispatch how big of a jump and morale booster this was for the River Valley girls' program.

"We completed a goal as a team and really gave them a run for their money," Recendez said.

Moving forward for the Lady Falcons, Fujimoto and Recendez told the Dispatch that they look to continue playing as a cohesive unit and have fun with one another on the field.

Although it was a rivalry game, it also had its sweet moments postgame as rivals were able to hug and be friends again.

Yuba City senior captain/forward Madeline Roy told the Dispatch that although it is friendly off the field, they put it aside while on the field and give it all they have.

"There are always moments where you're on the field and going to joke, but we can set it aside for a match," Roy said.

Both teams have this week off before they begin play again next week, as River Valley will go to play at Roseville on January 4, while Yuba City will host Sutter. ★