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Young girls perform the Honor Dance at the Bok Kai Festival.

Story and photos by Teri Saya

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - 2024 is the year of the Dragon according to the Chinese zodiac. The last Dragon year was in 2012 and the next one won't be until 2036. So, on March 9 and 10, the 144th annual Bok Kai Parade and Festival in Marysville was extra special, celebrating Bok Eye, the Chinese water god.

POW! POP! POP! CRACKLE! FIZZZZ! According to Jon Lim, a fourth-generation Chinese American and president of the Marysville Chinese



Hang Won Lung, the Bok Kai dragon, follows the pearl of wisdom.

Community, the sound of the firecrackers are to scare off the bad spirits during the Bok Kai parade, especially just before the giant dragon, Hang Won

Lung, dances by. The crowd saw plenty of firecrackers, cymbals, bells, drums and chimes as the parade passed by.

Bok Kai Grand Marshall Judy Mann and Bok Kai hostess Naomi Houston rode in antique and vintage cars.

Speaking of cars, there were many, ranging from antique to classic to recent, and an impressive line of Yuba County Sheriff Department vehicles, including a boat and a Jeep that looked like a tank. The shiny red firefighting vehicles drove by with horns blaring. One of them was a

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## MJUSD Welcomes Coding and Robotics

MJUSD News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - In the realm of STEM education, blending science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) has paved the way for aligned courses nationwide. STEAM education fosters problem-solving, innovation, creativity, and collaboration among students, which is crucial for the future of California and the nation. MJUSD educators embrace STEAM, ensuring the inclusion of arts in this educational focus.

MJUSD teachers from six foothill schools and Arboga took a pioneering step in collaborative STEAM efforts, concentrating on coding and robotics in the 2021-22 school year. Loma Rica School students excitedly identified themselves as a coding hub within the district. The district also initiated after-school programs to offer coding and robotics classes for enrichment.

Digging deeper, they also recognized that teachers at McKenney, Johnson Park, Edgewater, Cedar Lane, and Lindhurst High School were already integrating coding into their curriculum or extracurricular activities. Recognizing this internal capacity, MJUSD teachers and administration expanded their efforts to provide districtwide access for students.

In response to the growing interest, MJUSD district leaders partnered with UC Davis, securing a CTC grant of nearly \$400,000. This grant covers the costs of a supplemental STEM credential for teachers interested in expanding their expertise. Beginning February 3, 22 teachers embarked on the first cohort of supplemental credential classes, funded by the district, ensuring no cost to participants. UC Davis staff is facilitating these classes in a hybrid format to accommodate both in-seat and zoom attendance.

Coding and robotics skills have transcended screens, finding application in real-world scenarios across various industries, including automation.

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## Marysville's Operating Budget Looking Good

By Sharon Pearce

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - More than \$3 million was received during this period and the city of Marysville spent just more than \$1 million, according to Finance Director Jennifer Styczynski's fiscal year budget overview at the March 5 Marysville City Council meeting.

The finance director said that the city is functioning below budget to date with the police portion at about 41% and fire at about 45%. As to general expenditures, such as insurances, the city pays those up front in July as a one-time expense; the same occurs with parks and facilities expenditures.

The largest one-time only expense is general capital at \$6.1 million. As to those, such as street projects at 14th Street and A Street, the Gavin Park project, and under the General Plan, more than \$7 million of one-time expenditures are coming but the city overall is operating in the

black, Styczynski said.

Styczynski pointed out that gas taxes were bringing in more than budgeted with expenditures currently about 36%. More than \$135,000 in gas taxes is expected. Wastewater revenue also brought in more since the system was introduced of billing under the owners' names. She said the enterprise funds were doing well.

Styczynski said the budget was managed on a cash basis, with revenues recognized as set, and some having lifetime status. The operating budget was at \$14.15 million, with \$13.54 million in expenditures. There will be \$190,000 less in sales tax this year with the city running behind a little by the end of the year, Styczynski said. Measure C will only provide about \$110,000. It was uncertain how much revenue from sales tax collected within the city will be, Styczynski explained, as the way revenue is totaled within the fiscal year is in three segments, "Small, Small and Large Catch-up."

"We are expecting a raise in revenue but it is slower coming in. It is state-wide," Styczynski said.

She explained most of the money from the COVID-19 stimulus has been spent, so recipients cut back but also are just starting to spend again. The city went conservative on the cannabis tax budget, Styczynski said, but that revenue is increasing. The report was unanimously approved.

Mayor Chris Branscum said that the budget overview was very well presented.

Council unanimously approved the closeout of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant of \$416,000, which went for a dine-in program during COVID-19, with 104 individuals fed against the 49 originally expected. It supported elders and those with disabilities with funds benefitting six local restaurants. Door Dash was used when individuals could not go out, so it served more individuals than originally expected.

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# Marysville's Operating Budget Looking Good

# Bok Kai Parade Dazzles

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The program ended in October 2023 with the amount spent at about \$165,000. The balance remaining will be returned to the state for repurposing.

Marysville City Council unanimously approved an award bid for an historical mansion for a Fire Station Accessory Building Replacement Project. It is to be a full tear-down and replacement to house large equipment. The \$400,000 allocated will come from the fire budget.

Public Works director Vincenzo Corazza received approval for adoption of an engineering standards book. Superseding previous editions, it details multiple engineering standards for projects. Corazza said that "the city has comparatively stringent standards now." This book will offer new standards from different agencies.

Several graphics presentations were made, including from the Marysville Cemetery Commission detailing clean up of the historical cemetery, and development of proper road signage. Photos were displayed of volunteers who are now offering cemetery tours on Monday and Thursday mornings. Total maintenance

cost is budgeted at about \$47,000, with an additional \$10,000 requested for repair of 24 headstones this year.

The Yuba-Sutter Film Commission showed what it does to bring in film production and support a local film making community by attending at least four film events per year and advertising in industry publications. It was successful in contracting 14 shoot days for four productions, with an estimated economic return of \$158,700. It has three feature films slated for 2024. The mayor questioned where production units lodge when they are in the area.

Gordon Tom, an author of several books, including on Marysville's Chinese immigrant population, showed photographs of early Chinatown and the Bok Kai water dragon, reflecting how Chinatown developed from dirt roads and wooden pavements from 1900 to the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Tom said that thousands still visit Bok Kai Temple, the only one left in the world, as all were removed from China by the Communists. Tom also reported that Marysville is the only temple that actually has the circular-shaped Bok Kai dragon. ★



Dancers from the Xian Yun Academy performed at the Bok Kai Festival.

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steam pumper used to fight fires in the mid-1800s. Riding atop and waving was Marysville City Council Member Stuart Smith Gilchrist.

The parade also included colorful dragon floats, dragon costumes, dancing and martial arts displays. One tiny red dragon rode on a classic Radio Flyer wagon. The Lincoln Elementary School from Oakland brought a baby pink, extra-long dragon that undulated and danced for the crowd. The Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts had its Dragons Marching Band, which added upbeat music to the moving displays.

The firecrackers went off again and the anticipation was high when the star of the whole parade, the great Hang Won Lung showed his colorful head. Bobbing and weaving, the 100' dragon followed the Pearl of Wisdom held high upon a pole just out of his reach. At intervals, the dragon would curl up his long body and take a quick nap, then uncurl and continue chasing the pearl.

Much of Chinese art depicts a dragon holding a pearl and the story about the dragon is one of the oldest and best-known legends in Chinese folklore. The story goes that during a famine in central China, a young boy looks for food in a field. He digs up a patch of turf to bring home, and under it, finds a pearl. He takes the pearl and hides it in a sack of rice. The field of turf dies but the sack of rice overflows, and the boy and his mother share their good fortune with their neighbors. The greedy emperor hears about the pearl and wants it for himself but the boy hides the pearl by swallowing it, which then transforms him into a mighty dragon. From that day forward, the dragon would protect the land and its people.

Another legendary tidbit: Did you know you



Stacy Federico and Maureen Sala of 'Fabulous Finds' hung a cabbage outside of their vintage store to feed the dragon.

can feed the dragon as it passes by? Often during the dragon's dance, business owners and homes will hang a cabbage or lettuce on a string outside their doorways. When the dragon eats the offering, he then spits it back out, which seems a bit rude but represents the dragon spreading wealth, prosperity and good luck. Stacy Federico and Maureen Sala of the Fabulous Finds vintage store hung a big cabbage outside their establishment which sits along the parade route.

During and after the parade, the Chinese American Museum of Northern California was open to the public. Speaker David Lei gave a fascinating talk about "Customs, Rituals, and Beliefs" of the Chinese people, and Brian Tom, museum director, conducted tours.

At the end of the day were fireworks and then live music at the WoodButcher bar until 10 p.m.

On Sunday, the festivities continued with the Bok Kai Temple opening its doors to the public. Inside sits the 1878 head of the oldest surviving dragon puppet, Moo Lung. The temple was built in 1880 and is one of the oldest operating Taoist temples in the country.

On this special day, it is traditional that worshippers bring offerings for the saints: roast pigs, chickens, cakes, dumplings, fruits and nuts are placed on altars to be blessed and then later eaten at extensive family picnics.

The graceful movements of the cultural dancers entertained the crowd throughout the celebration. There was a car show and a rib cook-off where you could sample and vote for the most delicious ribs and browse through the many custom cars (without touching the chrome with sticky fingers).

An extravagant finale was the "Firing of the Bombs," a loud and boisterous activity where the colorful firing of the bombs highlights the celebration, which is in tribute to the Chinese Water God, The Bok Eye. According to the Bok Kai Temple website, the bombs are fired in a roped arena where the young scramble for "good fortune" rings, which are shot into the air from the bursting bombs and traditionally bring luck throughout the year. The rings can be kept by those who retrieve them in the scramble.

The 144th annual Bok Kai Parade and Festival was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. ★

# MJUSD Welcomes Coding and Robotics

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healthcare, environmental conservation, space exploration, education, agriculture, transportation, entertainment, energy, and financial services. These skills shape our world, emphasizing the necessity for schools to equip both adults and the younger generation with the tools for innovation and problem-solving in every field.

Superintendent Fal Asrani emphasized,

"Coding is the universal language of the 21st century job market, spanning agriculture, engineering, transportation, and medical pathways. MJUSD is steadfast in ensuring that starting from elementary schools, all students have access to this essential skill, preparing them for successful transitions to college and careers. Our forward-thinking teachers are leading the way, and we take pride in their vision for the future." ★

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# Officials Replace Unsafe Playground



Here is a rendering of the new Shanghai Garden Park Playground area that is expected to be completed within three months.

By Angela Underwood

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Yuba City officials are prioritizing childhood safety, approving more than a quarter million dollars for the Shanghai Garden Park Playground Replacement Project.

The call for new equipment came after two residents raised concerns about the 24-year-old play equipment at an August 2023 meeting, calling the apparatus "worn out and unsafe."

Yuba City Community Service director Ann Gillen presented Mayor Shon Harris and councilmembers with the project specifications and renderings on Feb. 20, explaining the typical lifespan of playground equipment is 15 to 20 years.

"After inspecting and evaluating the safety of the equipment, our Parks Department recommended removing the 5 through 12-aged playground immediately," Gillen said.

District 3 Councilmember Michael Pasquale said he visited the site directly after the August meeting. "I went out the next day and several parents gave a lot of really good input, walked me through the park and showed me what was going on," Pasquale said.

In September 2023, council members authorized removing the equipment and reallocated funds to cover the cost of a new playground. In November 2023, the Dixon City Parks Department held a community meeting, presenting up to four replacement options, with



Yuba City Community Service director Anne Gillen explains to city officials that the park replacement project entails buying new equipment for \$130,000.

Shanghai Garden Park neighborhood residents picking their preference.

The project costs \$130,000 to replace equipment, \$50,000 for a town center fountain, and \$78,940.76 for well installations and upgrades, totaling \$258,940.76. However, Gillen said the town center projects and well upgrades will take longer to complete.

According to Gillen, the alternative would be to go out for a bid on the project. District 2 Councilmember Marc Boomgaarden supported the idea but questioned the future safety of other citywide playground equipment.

"Are we putting aside funds to replace these, given that we know the lifespan, so we don't get hit if you will," Boomgaarden asked.

City finance director Spencer Morrison explained that the replacement equipment money comes from the General Fund as much as possible, which started years ago under former Parks Department director Brad McIntire.

"We as a council should be taking a look at that annually as well just to



Yuba City financial director Spencer Morrison said that the funds for the new playground equipment will come out of the general budget

make sure the numbers are fresh, and wherever we can fund, we can fund," Boomgaarden said.

Vice-Mayor Dave Shaw asked for a budgetary schedule for future equipment replacements.

"A projection for the next 10 to 15 years since we have been using CBG (community block grant) money and everything else to fix the parks," Shaw said.

District-At-Large Councilmember Wade Kirchner commended staff for their work on the project.

"A year ago, a group of people came before us and brought a concern, and it was a safety concern," Kirchner said, adding that he regularly passes the highly-used Shanghai Garden Park.

According to Kirchner, one of the best parts of the project was involving the public.

"I think it is a home run all the way around," Kirchner said. "This is your government at work, and it is really exciting and fun to watch."

Harris said it "is nice" when a project proceeds so fast, which doesn't always happen. ★

# Longtime DBA Leader Recognized



From left are Yuba City Vice Mayor Dave Shaw, Mayor Shon Harris, Sandee Drown and her two grandsons, and District-at-Large Councilmember Wade Kirchner.

Story and photo by Angela Underwood

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Former Yuba City Downtown Business Association (DBA) President Sandee Drown almost did not accept a city proclamation recognizing her leadership.

"It was a little hard to receive for a second," Drown said. "I even called a couple of the City Council (members) and said, 'You thanked me enough.'"

But it wasn't enough for the Happy Viking owner.

Mayor Shon Harris and the Yuba City City Council honored the business owner and longtime leader on March 5 with priceless words encased in a shiny glass frame. The city proclamation signifies stellar leadership.

Harris read from the document that detailed Drown's tenure with the association, noting her service as the association's events committee chair from 2014 to 2017.

"Accomplishments by Sandy and the DBA are extensive and include creating the Bunny Hop and the Trick or Treat Street events, increasing the attendance and revenues of Summer and Christmas strolls," Mayor Shon Harris said.

According to the mayor, Drown also helped spearhead a new lighting system downtown to improve beautification and safety and was instrumental in strengthening the relationship between the Yuba City Police Department homeless liaison officers and downtown merchants.

Not to mention her work during COVID-19.

"Sandy was a strong advocate for small businesses to stay open during Covid and successfully lobbied for a \$10,000 grant from Sutter County to assist downtown restaurants during the pandemic," Harris said.

It was not just her leadership that made the difference during the pandemic; it was the unified voice of the association, according to the former president.

"We said what are our three goals that we want to communicate to the city to have them help us, so we were very strategic about how we approached it and where we needed the city and county to help us," Drown said.

Humbly accepting the accolade, Drown credited the association for their hard work after thanking the mayor, councilmembers and city manager for the recognition.

"I want to thank my family, who graciously allows me to share the time that I give to all DBA things," Drown said.

Speaking of family, Drown brought her two grandsons to the meeting, saying she hopes to instill leadership and community in the next generation the way her father instilled them in her.

"After he retired from the military, he gave 28 years to the Little League and here I am passionately giving back to a couple of organizations," Drown said.

Drown officially passed the president baton to State Farm Insurance owner Ryan Henshaw, who won the Downtown Business Association election for the post. As the immediate past president, Drown will remain on the executive board for two more years.

"When you see the energy of the downtown right now, there is has been a lot of really cool partnership with city and downtown businesses," Drown said.

While the association's future looks bright, Drown will be remembered by Yuba City with a proclamation stating her "leadership, dedication, professionalism, and commitment have helped make the downtown community a better place for all to experience, shop, dine and visit." ★

# Woten Says 'Get Something Going' for Sheriff's Contract

By Sharon Pearce

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Live Oak City Council appointed two replacement members to the Planning Commission from seven applicants on March 6.

Matt Cashman and Mike Tuman will serve four-year terms. Applicants were publicly interviewed either in person or by Zoom at the meeting. Much general discussion was about a desire to see Live Oak retain a quiet, small-town atmosphere, while at the same time focusing on rehabilitation and upgrading its downtown, and to preserve the structures it has. Another two applicants will be selected at the same time in 2025, no applicants will be selected in 2026 and another two applicants will be appointed in 2027 to fill the staggered terms.

High school student Aubrey Lopez requested the city's permission to paint a mural on a mechanic's shop in town to honor the community as one with the legacy of a strong work ethic. The Municipal Code does not provide guidance on murals so city staff was asked for direction to establish such a process. It was announced that 10 large-scale murals have been painted in Live Oak since 2017.

Lopez gave City Council members copies of her mural vision of two men working in a field in the foreground with trees fading into the background. The council responded positively to the request. Live Oak City Manager Aaron Palmer reported that \$20,000 annually is put into grants for the arts, suggesting that it could be a source to defray Lopez' expenses.

Councilmember Jeramy Chapdelaine encouraged it as a great project for matching funds, with Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana, also an Arts Commission member, saying she will pass the word along to encourage this project.

Four Q Street residents pleaded with City Council to address dilapidation and garbage on properties there, especially near Date Street.

One Q Street resident said that she has complained about this problem for 10 years. Another said she has spent more money than she earns fixing her own fence with nothing done by the city about the street. They said that the sidewalks aren't paved and the sidewalks turn to mud when it rains. With the need to repair potholes and add stop signs, the Q Street residents said, the area needs to be cleaned and made safer for children and dogs. The residents were told that a code enforcement officer would be in contact.

City Manager Palmer's service to the city was acknowledged with a plaque, and photograph.

All Consent Calendar items were passed, including updates to the General Plan and Housing Element. The latter, said contract planner Kevin Valente, is updated annually. All building permits for the year are entered into the state of California's spreadsheet, which identifies the status of housing. Valente said that Crystal Court was the last development built in Live Oak and that the state "wants them to rezone from high quality" but there have been no new apartments.

Councilmember Bob Woten reinforced what he expressed in the last council meeting about refocusing on the unsigned sheriff's contract.

"Can we just analyze it again, just get something going? I feel an urgency," said Woten and warned, "...they (the Sheriff's Office) must plan a budget and we have our own budget. We need to dig down and see if we can get this taken care of."

Councilmember Lakhvir Ghag concurred.

Santana complained that citizen complaints on Councilmember Facebook pages are not always interfaced with and complainants redirected to the City's website where transparent answers might be available.

The next council member will be at 6 p.m. March 20 at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. ★

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# AT&T Upgrades, is it Unsafe to Eliminate Landlines?

By Teri Saya

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - It was March 15, 2022, when disaster struck in the tiny Butte County community of Forbestown. A fire broke out in a double-wide trailer that was the office at the Peaceful Pines Mobile Home Park.

Dale Mansfield, co-owner of the mobile home park, received a phone call on his landline just after 11:00 pm from a tenant. "Your sister's house is on fire and it looks fully engulfed!"

"I told my wife to call my nephew, my sister's son, tell him there's trouble. I live about a mile from the park, and when I got there, the whole valley was lit up by a plume of fire. I was there before the fire department arrived. I started walking back towards my sister's place and there was a power line down and it was arcing and bouncing around on the ground. And the flames burned clear to the top of a hundred-foot cedar tree right there. The whole back end of her double-wide mobile home was gone. I realized there was absolutely nothing I could do, the blaze was out of control."

Cal Fire arrived and was able to extinguish the fire. Unfortunately, Mansfield's sister died in the blaze. The Fire Investigator told him that the fire had been burning in the kitchen where she had been using the stove to heat the place for at least 15 minutes before it caught the rest of the home on fire. Evidently, she had no working fire alarms.

Neighbors tried calling 911 on their cell phones but were unable to get through due to no cell phone service. Eventually, someone was able to contact the fire department, and according to Mansfield, showed up later than would have if there had been reliable cell phone coverage.

Like so many other people who live in remote areas, Mansfield does not like the idea of landlines being eliminated. "This is my personal feeling about it, but I don't think you should trade a perfectly good, sound working technology for something that only works half-assed. A dropped call is strictly something that happens on cell phones. Because you don't get a dropped call on landlines. So many might hang up on you, but you never get disconnected."

People panicked when, recently, a nationwide cell service blackout occurred and lasted several hours. And now AT&T has put in a request to the California Public Utilities Commission to waive its obligation to maintain landline phone service. This includes its Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations.

What is COLR? Here is an explanation taken from the California Public Utilities website; "COLR is a telecommunications service provider that stands ready to provide basic telephone service, commonly landline telephone service, to any customer requesting such service within a specified area. At least one telephone company in a specified area is legally required to provide access to telephone service to anyone in its service territory who requests it. This is known as the Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligation, which ensures that everyone in California has access to safe, reliable, and affordable telephone service. AT&T is the designated COLR in many parts of the state and is the largest COLR in California. Where AT&T is the default landline telephone service provider means that the company must provide traditional landline telephone service to any potential customer in that service territory."

Public hearings began in February at the California Public Utilities Commission on the matter. The commission also is taking public comments. So far, at least 3,500 have filed public comments – most of them opposing the waiver.

AT&T assures customers will continue to have access to emergency services 911, and that no customers will be disconnected. "We are working with the few remaining consumers who still use traditional copper-based phone service to upgrade to newer technologies from AT&T or other providers."

For more information and to participate in the CPUC public hearings, go to: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/proceedings-and-rulemaking/cruc-public-participation-hearings>.

To view the AT&T application to the CPUC, go to: <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M502/K977/502977267.PDF>. ★

# Water Conservation Kits Available Late Spring



Yuba Water Agency, with other public water providers, will offer conservation kits that can decrease water use and lower water bills for area residents. Courtesy photo

## Yuba Water Agency News Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Yuba Water Agency is teaming up with several local public water providers to offer water conservation kits to Yuba County residents as part of a local Water Conservation Pilot Program. The agency's board of directors unanimously approved the program during its March 5 meeting.

"Even though it's raining right now and our local water supplies are in good shape, we can't count on that in the future," said Yuba Water General Manager Willie Whittlesey. "So the more we do to make water conservation a way of life now, the more resilient our communities will be in the future."

Yuba Water Agency is providing up to \$50,000 to develop 1,500 conservation kits and is partnering with Olivehurst Public Utility District, Linda County Water District, Wheatland Water District and North Yuba Water District to distribute them to their residential customers. The kits' goal is to decrease water use and, ideally, water

bills for Yuba County residents.

The kits are expected to be ready by late spring and will include practical items such as a rain sprinkler gauge, kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators, a water-saving garden hose nozzle and shower heads. Additionally, they will include a link to a website with other water conservation tips for items such as detecting and addressing common household leaks.

Although Yuba Water Agency is not a residential water supplier (the agency provides wholesale water to eight local irrigation districts), its core missions include ensuring a sustainable and reliable water supply for Yuba County.

Also at the March 5 meeting, Yuba Water Agency approved \$4,000 to help the Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Protection District replace a failing fire hydrant at the Alcouffe Community Center in Oregon House. The hydrant is the main source of water that the department uses to help fight fires in its service area.

Learn more about Yuba Water Agency at [yubawater.org](http://yubawater.org). ★

## Stories from The Great Zelito Flea Circus

by Bill Crocker

*A collection of humorous essays about the funny side of life*

### Communication Among the Sexes Vive La Difference!

It was late Friday afternoon, and Barbie had just returned to the apartment she and Buddy, her husband of four years, shared on the upper east side of Manhattan. It had been a trying day at the office of Groper, Groper, and Groper high above Madison Avenue. She was the human resources director for this large firm that specialized in commercial real estate. Buddy was an attorney in a firm across Central Park in the upper west side. Per her usual habit, Barbie fixed a potent Manhattan, punched her girlfriend's cell number, and waited for Buffy to answer.

"Hi there, girlfriend," responded Buffy. "How was your week?"

"Dreadful, dreadful. Well, at least today."

"Why, what happened today?"

"You just wouldn't believe it if I told you."

"Tell me what happened."

"Groper, the Elder tried to hit on one of the secretaries."

"No! The old guy? He's got to be in his eighties."

"Actually seventy-eight, but who's counting. His wife's a bitch. I know he has no home life."

"Maybe he's just lonely. Who told you?"

"The secretary's supervisor came to my office this afternoon."

"Is it true? How do you know it's true?"

"Well, she said it was true. She said the secretary said Mr. Groper passed her in the hallway and leered at her."

"She said that? She said leered?"

"Yeah, she said she felt so dirty."

"Did he touch her?" asked Buffy

"She said the secretary said he sort of brushed against her."

"Did you talk with the secretary?"

"No. The supervisor said the secretary said she was leaving and couldn't talk about it. I'll have to talk with her on Monday."

"I think that's wrong. I mean, really."

"What's wrong, the hitting on the secretary or the secretary not wanting to talk about it?"

"No, the fact there's no proof or witness to the hitting. I mean, what if it didn't happen? What if he's innocent? He's an old man, for cripe's sake. Maybe the bitch wife gives him grief at home. Is he a good boss?"

"Actually, Groper, the Younger is my boss. Groper, the Elder is sort of a fixture in the office and doesn't do

much these days. He's still the controlling partner in the firm so has to be tolerated."

"There's a third Groper. What does he do?"

"Groper, the Youngest is a kid still on training wheels. He and Groper, the Younger will take over completely when Groper, the Elder assumes room temperature."

"So when that happens, do they move up one notch?"

"What do you mean, become the Elder and the Younger? I suppose. But I'm a little nervous about this whole leering thing. The secretary is not opposed to short skirts and asset exposure, if you know what I mean. I've talked to her about it, but it's done little good. I told the supervisor, I said the short skirts were going to be her downfall. I said I had to handle this situation properly. I said my job might be on the line next week if I didn't."

"Talk to Buddy about it. Maybe it'll help to talk it through."

"Yeah, maybe. Buddy initially appears to listen, but goes glassy-eyed if the story continues beyond a couple of minutes."

"Oops, got to run. Brad's home. Listen, don't worry. Buddy'll help you sort it through. Talk to you later."

Barbie and Buffy said

their good-byes and disconnected. Barbie sat for a moment more concerned than ever about next week's investigation.

Early Saturday morning, Buddy's cell rang.

"Hey, Buddy, you ready to hit the links?" asked Brad.

"Morning. Yeah. I still need to eat breakfast."

"Say, what's this I hear about Barbie losing her job?"

"Losing her job? Who told you that?"

"Buffy says there was a confrontation at the office yesterday. What happened? Buffy wouldn't elaborate."

"Oh, yeah, Old Man Groper. Barbie told me all the gory details. What I got was Groper looked at a secretary wrong. I guess the secretary loves to expose lots of leg and other assets. Can't blame the old guy."

"We should be so lucky, huh?"

"Yeah, right."

"Well, okay, see you at the club?"

"Yeah. Give me a couple of hours. I have to meet with my broker. I lost a bundle on the Hoseworth merger yesterday."

"The Hoseworth merger? Wow, I didn't know. What happened?"

"I didn't sell soon enough."

"You okay?" asked Brad.

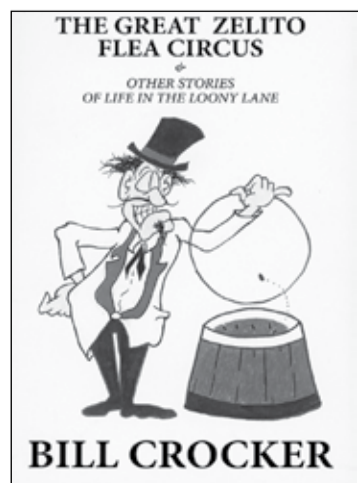
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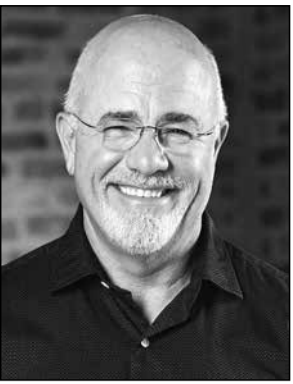
has a plan."

"Well, okay. See you in a couple of hours."

Thus, the classic difference in the communication among the sexes. Barbie and Buffy will certainly revisit the Groper incident, doing the he said, she said thingy, several times over the weekend and discussing the ramifications of various solutions. Discussion of the Hoseworth debacle will be limited to Brad's comment to Buddy at the end of their round of golf that his double bogie on the fourteenth hole was probably due to his concern as to what to do about the market loss. Buddy will agree and the discussion, to the extent that guys discuss, will be closed. ★







## Dave Ramsey Says

\$55,000 a year. I generally recommend keeping your mortgage or rent payment at about 25% of your take-home pay. Sometimes you can slide by paying a little more, but in those cases, you'd really have to be on top of your finances. So, the biggest thing you can do right now is take control of your money, instead of letting it—or a lack of it—control you. And the best way to make all this happen is by consistently living on a realistic, written monthly budget.

Once you start doing this, you've taken your first big step toward having a real gameplan for your money. At that point, the idea of trying to live on a budget ends, and the fact that you are living on a budget, and telling your money what to do—instead of a lack of it dictating what you can do—becomes more of a reality.

Remember the Star Wars movie "The Empire Strikes Back"? At one point during Luke's training, Yoda tells him, "Do, or do not. There is no try." In a larger sense,

Yoda is urging Luke to focus and work harder, instead of continuing with half-hearted attempts and giving up easily. If you want to accomplish a difficult task, Lindley, you have to throw yourself into it completely. You must fully commit, and stop making excuses. You have to focus, and fight to make it happen.

It's no fun waking up broke at the end of every pay period. We both know this. So, put your head down and get your mind in gear. Make. This. Happen.

You can do it!

—Dave

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

### Control Your Mind and Money

Dear Dave,

I'm trying to work my way out of debt, but it seems like something always happens to stall things or knock me backwards. I make \$55,000 a year, I'm single and I have \$15,000 in debt, along with a mortgage payment of \$1,224 a month. I've been trying to live on a budget, but I'm still not sure where all my money goes. Can you help?

—Lindley

Dear Lindley,

I know living on a budget can be hard at first. And honestly, it usually takes folks who are new to doing it about three or four months of practice before they start getting it right and seeing the results.

For starters, your house payment is a little heavy for someone making



Stone Soup is still operating – every Thursday at noon we serve soup, salad, bread and dessert. It is a great time to visit with friends and neighbors as well as to get a good lunch. A donation of at least \$3.00 is asked. There is a need for more volunteers, too. One can bring a soup (get in touch with Yvonne at the bookstore – 675-3275) or help with the clean-up afterward. This program is run by volunteers and can always use more help.

The spring equinox is March 19, on Tuesday. Now the days will start getting a bit longer. All of the daffodils are celebrating, buckeye will be leafing out soon and watch for the manzanita blooms. Don't even think of summer veggies yet,

tho; we have known freezing temperatures into April. Unless you have a great deal of patience and a greenhouse, just wait a couple of months.

Do you have a corned beef ready? It will be St. Patrick's Day on Sunday and I love to do corned beef, then I can have sandwiches the next week. It is kind of like turkey: the dinner is okay, but the leftovers are even better.

Look Back in Time – In 1909 Alphonse Dubuque won first prize in La Porte snowshoe races at 14 seconds on 1,000 foot track (they had plenty of snow). ★

*Hope to see you soon in Brownsville.  
~ Yvonne*



### Winegrape growers pull out vineyards amid shrinking market demand

A once-in-a-generation downturn in the wine market is reshaping California's grape growing regions as farmers tear out vines to rebalance supply with declining demand. Throughout this winter, bulldozers have plowed through Lodi's wine country, leveling vineyards and piling vines in mangled heaps on either side of Highway 99 in San Joaquin County. Thousands of acres in the region have been removed or are slated for removal, according to an ongoing survey of its members by the Lodi District Grape Growers Association.

### As pistachio production surges, California growers seek new markets

California pistachio growers are searching the globe for potential emerging markets to handle expected record-shattering crops during the next few years. A market outlook for the surging pistachio sector was offered at the American Pistachio Growers annual conference last week in Monterey. Pistachio shipments to Europe, Asia, Canada and Mexico allowed the sector to avoid overproduction with a 2023 crop that approached 1.5 billion pounds. Pistachio harvests are expected to

grow exponentially as nonbearing acreage comes into production.

### Sunflower growers seek new contracts after seed firms leave state

A second contractor of hybrid sunflower seed production has pulled out of California in as many years, sending growers scrambling to find new seed-production contracts or replacement crops. Early this year, Syngenta told growers it was shutting down its California hybrid sunflower planting seed program and would no longer be contracting the crop. The company planned to close its Hamilton City seed-processing facility after finishing the 2023 crop. Last year, Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. closed its Woodland commercial seed lab.

### Sacramento water forum focuses on improving data collection

Improving data practices to best manage California's water resources helped drive discussions last week as state and local water managers, farmers, environmentalists and others gathered in Sacramento for the California Irrigation Institute Conference. With a theme of "Fluid Futures: Adapting to Extremes," the Feb. 26-27 event focused on leveraging information and data technology to make water-management decisions. ★



## Another Valuable Commodity

Last week when I wrote about the most valuable commodity being time, I got to thinking about what my dad used to say.

Without health you have nothing.

No truer statement exists I suppose. No matter how much money one has, or how well one uses his or her time, if you're ill, sick, feeling bad or in chronic pain, life can be miserable and sicknesses can burn much of the money you may have saved.

Total health care costs to the nation amount to about 17% of every dollar spent by everyone on everything. Medicare, which assists mostly the elderly, consume 12% of the U.S. government's national budget.

Most of our healthcare costs, whether paid for by government or paid for out of pocket, is spent on reactive medicine, which is after someone has become ill.

Proactive health care is preventative medicine which are costs spent before someone gets sick in the hope of preventing illness.

Although billions are spent by consumers on supplements, organic foods and the like on proactive medicine, the costs for these things pale in comparison to the costs spent on doctor and hospital visits, emergency care and transportation, and the prescribed medicines after illness befalls an individual.

One thing is certain. It's a lot more comfortable and cheaper to address problems before they start. Once somebody is sick, it's costly, miserable, possibly isolating and limits one's ability to participate and enjoy the things that life has to offer.

It's puzzling to me when I see people doing things that obviously are not good for one's health. Practices such as unhealthy eating, smoking a pack a day, avoiding exercise and things like that definitely increase ones chances of needing medical attention at some point and probably sooner had one limited such things.

Not to say we all should eat grass, run five miles a day, do yoga until our limbs fall off or the hundreds of the other widely accepted things that lead to a more healthy existence.

All things in moderation come to mind and that means allowing myself some of the things I enjoy that might not make it to the good-body list.

I have been known to smoke a cigarette or fine cigar on occasion (heaven forbid!). I can polish off a fair amount of See's candies when the mood strikes me and I tend to overdue it in sports even when injured and I should rest up. But that's just me.

On the flip side, I do other things that I hope will get me to a ripe old

age. I drink a cup of green tea every day because the Japanese do and they have a lower rate of cancer and higher life expectancy. I am not 100% sure it's from green tea as they also eat a lot of fish, so I do both. Supplements line my shelves and you won't ever find me eating a donut or pastry for breakfast or a basket of fries for lunch.

Again, all things in moderation. It is said it is not what one does every so often but what one does every day that kills you.

I do cringe when I see older folks packing a hundred plus over their ideal body weight and are barely able to hobble to the restaurant table, and then order a huge breakfast of chicken fried steak, pancakes and a three egg omelet covered with cheese. I too like stuff like that but they are not going to help us toss out the spandex and throw away the walker.

Moderation is a good thought to keep in mind when you plan your excesses of the day.

Maybe I am coming off a bit judgmental here. But let's face facts. Many of the things people do on a daily basis are known to cause health issues.

The bottom line is it's far cheaper to pay attention to one's health habits then wait until those habits manifest themselves into a health problem.

Trying various health remedies to some may seem crazy, but who knows if that wheatgrass suggestion or the supplement someone might have recommended to you actually might help you feel better. Perhaps it might be better to spend a few dollars on whatever it was that someone suggested to you then ordering up that super-sized meal just because you happen to be famished that day.

In conclusion, it might be a lot cheaper and a lot healthier to consider moderating those unhealthy "must haves" and instead spend a bit more time exploring some healthier options.

You might find you'll be a lot happier, a lot healthier, and maybe have a little more money later on.

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

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## Where We Belong



By Kathy Craig Harteis

Say what you will about battling the cold of North Dakota. There is much more to the beautiful country than cold.

It's home.

It's home for us even though we flee the cold for a time each winter. Joke's on us.

Rain, sleet, snow, white-out conditions and muddy construction on a coastal highway high above the water is just a few of the

things we dealt with this year far from our beloved North Dakota.

All places have their burdens to bear.

We are happy to be home where we belong. Well, almost home.

This morning as I write we are at a hotel in Bozeman, Montana. We always say when we get here it begins to feel like home. We're almost there.

We've visited a lot of family and friends that we love. We've seen a lot of beautiful sites and eaten an abundance of delicious food.

Our favorite while in Oceanside, Ca was the fresh fish. It was lovely to go to the fish market right by the ocean for the daily catch.

Now it's time to buckle up and start eating healthy again. We admit we may

have overindulged a bit in the last two months.

In our defense; it was there. What are you going to do when anything you want is delivered to your door?

There are more important things though than food delivery.

Home, my kids big and small and knowing our neighbors is definitely a plus.

Home is where the heart is a true saying. We are where we belong.

Life is good today.

*A native of Grimes, CA, Kathy Craig Harteis is a former local journalist and former owner and chief executive of Kathy Craig Media Consulting, in Colusa. She currently lives in Beach, North Dakota, where she lived for many years while raising her family.* ★

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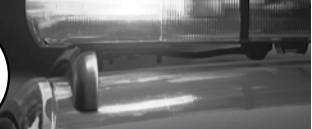
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**File No. 2024F-036**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
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4545 Skyway Drive  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Andrew Rohleder  
4545 Skyway Drive  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2024.

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

Signed:  
**Andrew Rohleder**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 20, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By MANDY LUIS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Mar 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**File No. 2024F-046**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**The Bloc Shop Marysville**  
424 8th St,  
Marysville, CA 95901  
MAILING ADDRESS  
34 Ditzhazy Court  
Roseville, CA 95678  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Caylon Gary McKellar  
34 Ditzhazy Court  
Roseville, CA 95678  
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:  
**Caylon McKellar**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 26, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE**

Notice is hereby given that Marysville Mini Storage 528 14th Street, Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 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.

This auction will be conducted online at [www.bid13.com](http://www.bid13.com) **Friday March 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM, and end on Thursday March 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM.** 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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Lydia Carranza (2 units)  
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Kathleen Clinkenbeard  
Diana Stoker  
Dharamjit Das  
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Joseph Woods

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE**

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The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Tuesday, February 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been in storage at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901, telephone 530-634-9781. Units to be sold belonging to the following:

Name  
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Christianna Lewallen  
Jordan Ridgeway  
Tiffany S. Harger  
Deah L. Gibson  
Melissa A. Hathaway  
Jordan Peters  
Steve G. McConnell  
Leslie R. Wallace

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: ELIZABETH BALLESTEROS PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00031 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:  
04/15/2024  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) ELIZABETH BALLESTEROS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Courage Rider Dye Ballesteros  
to: Courage Catori Amore Ballesteros

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: 03/5/2024  
Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
MARCH 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: JESSICA CROCKETT, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00176 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:  
04/02/2024  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) JESSICA CROCKETT, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Jessica Crockett  
to: Jessica Cook  
from: Averi Trewartha  
to: Averi Cook

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: 02/16/2024  
Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FEBRUARY 23, MARCH 1, 8, 15, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: KRYSTAL NICOLE SCHULTZ, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00206 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:  
04/22/2024  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) KRYSTAL NICOLE SCHULTZ, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: KRYSTAL NICOLE SCHULTZ  
to: AMY KRYSTAL BRAMLETT-SCHULTZ

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: 03/01/2024  
Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
MARCH 15, 22, 29, APRIL 5, 2024

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**File No. 2024F-061**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Dobbins Grange No. 745**  
9761 Marysville Road  
Dobbins, CA 95935  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. California State Grange  
3830 U Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/01/2023.

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

Signed:  
**Teresa J. McFall**  
California Treasurer

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on March 7, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**File No. 2024F-039**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Red Boot Ranch**  
10158 Peoria Road  
Browns Valley, CA 95918  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Katrina Ann Cookman  
10158 Peoria Road  
Browns Valley, CA 95918  
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:  
**Katrina Ann Cookman**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 21, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
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March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.



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**File No. 2024F-066**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Mitchelle's Mowing and More**  
2187 Walnut Avenue  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Kyle Dee Mitchell  
2187 Walnut Avenue  
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 01/01/2011.

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

Signed:  
**Kyle Mitchell**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on March 8, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By SARAH MULL,  
Deputy Clerk  
March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**File No. 2024F-027**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Surf Thru Express Car Wash**  
601 5th St,  
Marysville, CA 95901  
MAILING ADDRESS  
11837 Bolthouse Dr., Suite 400  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Surf Thru, Inc.  
11837 Bolthouse Dr., Suite 400  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/13/2020/.

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

Signed:  
**Todd Gall**  
California Secretary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 6, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
February 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**File No. 2024F-028**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Sandtech Cleaning Services**  
6302 Jordan Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Larry Sandoval  
6302 Jordan Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901  
2. Novina Sandoval  
6302 Jordan Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901  
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

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:  
**Larry Sandoval Jr.**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 6, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**File No. 2024F-058**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**South Property Services**  
2019 Hammonton-Smartsville Rd, #33, Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Claudia Oliver South  
2019 Hammonton-Smartsville Rd, #33, Marysville, CA 95901  
2. Frank Lee South  
2019 Hammonton-Smartsville Rd, #33, Marysville, CA 95901  
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/19/2024.

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

Signed:  
**Claudia Oliver South**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on March 6, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024.



# To Stop Predators from Using AI to Exploit Children, Congress Must Act

Commentary by Teresa Huizar

Sexual predators are using a new tool to exploit children -- AI image generators. Users on a dark-web forum shared 3,000 AI-generated images of child sexual abuse in one month, according to the Internet Watch Foundation.

Current child sexual abuse laws are outdated. They don't account for the dangers AI and emerging technologies pose. Lawmakers must act fast to put legal protections in place.

The national CyberTipline -- a reporting system for suspected online child exploitation -- received a staggering 32 million reports in 2022, up from 21 million two years prior. That figure is sure to grow with the rise of AI.

AI platforms are "trained" on existing visual material. Sources used to create images may include real children's faces taken from social media, or photographs of real-life exploitation.

Advanced AI-generated images are virtually indistinguishable from unaltered photographs. Investigators have found new images of old victims, images of "de-aged" celebrities depicted as children in abuse scenarios, and "nudified" images taken from otherwise benign photos of clothed children. Much of this technology is downloadable, so offenders can generate images off-line without fear of discovery.

Using AI to create pictures of child sex abuse is not a victimless crime. Behind every AI image, there are real children. And studies show that a majority of those who possess child sex abuse material also commit hands-on abuse.

Adults can also use platforms like ChatGPT to better lure children. Criminals have long used fake online identities to meet young people in games or on social media, gain their trust and manipulate them into sending explicit images, then "sextort" them for money,

more pictures, or physical acts. ChatGPT makes it shockingly easy to masquerade as a child or teen with youthful language.

President Biden recently signed an executive order geared at managing the risks of AI. But we need help from lawmakers.

We need to update the federal definition of child sexual abuse material to include AI-generated depictions. As the law stands, prosecutors must show harm to an actual child. A defense team could claim that AI material is not depicting a real child, even though AI images often pull from material that victimizes real children.

We must adopt policies requiring tech companies to monitor and report exploitative material. Only three companies were responsible for 98% of all CyberTips in 2020 and 2021: Facebook, Google, and Snapchat.

Many state laws identify "mandatory reporters," or professionals who are legally required to report suspected abuse. Employees of social media and tech companies ought to have mandated reporting responsibilities.

We need to rethink how we use end-to-end encryption, in which only the sender and receiver can access a message or file. While it has valid applications, end-to-end encryption can help people store and share child abuse images. To illustrate how many abusers go undetected, consider that out of the 29 million tips CyberTipline received in 2021, just 160 came from Apple, which maintains end-to-end encryption for iMessages and iCloud.

Even if law enforcement has a warrant to access a perpetrator's files, a tech company with end-to-end encryption can claim that it can't help. Surely an industry built on innovation is capable of developing solutions to protect our children.

AI and social media are evolving every day. If lawmakers act now, we can prevent wide-scale harm to kids. ★

# New White House Proposal Would Upset America's Innovation Ecosystem

Commentary by Jon Soderstrom

Forty-three years ago, a young Senator Joe Biden voted for a transformative policy reform that subsequently catalyzed upwards of \$2 trillion in economic growth.

Yet now, President Joe Biden's administration is poised to functionally undo that reform. The President can protect a key part of his Washington legacy by putting a halt to this inadvertent political and economic sabotage.

The reform in question was the Bayh-Dole Act of 1980, which helped revive the moribund economy of the 1970s. Prior to the law, the federal government held all the patents on discoveries made at university and non-profit labs that received federal funding. The government had little incentive to license those patents to private companies for further development. And companies were hesitant to license those patents on a non-exclusive basis -- since the government could always grant additional licenses to rival firms, which could then debut their own competing versions of a product.

Because of these misaligned incentives, thousands of taxpayer-funded discoveries collected dust on the proverbial laboratory shelf -- and were never turned into products.

The Bayh-Dole Act put an end to this waste by allowing universities and other research facilities receiving government funds to hold the patents themselves and license them to companies for further development. Thanks to the law and the academic "tech transfer" system it established, we've made tremendous strides in quantum computing, developed a host of communications tools, created breakthrough medicines, and even invented Honeycrisp apples.

Unfortunately, some in the Biden administration want to upend the foundation of this system. Under a proposed framework, the federal government could "march-in" and relicense patents on products that bureaucrats feel are overpriced. The administration recently announced

the framework as part of a campaign to reduce prescription drug prices -- but the framework would apply to all patents that benefited from federal research grants, not just pharmaceuticals.

March-in rights have always been part of the Bayh-Dole Act. Their original intent was to ensure government-financed innovations were put to work instead of being licensed and warehoused by a dominant market player.

For decades, however, these march-in rights went unexercised -- because there was no need for the government to step in. With the incentive structure that the Bayh-Dole Act created, commercial development proceeded rapidly.

The administration's march-in proposal would destroy these incentives. Companies won't license government-funded university research if the government reserves the right to step in and appropriate the fruit. The administration seems to forget that for every dollar the government spends on research, the private sector invests nearly \$5.

Imagine the effects of march-in up and down the innovation chain. As industry shuns university research, royalties from licensing patents will dry up. Fewer royalties mean universities will have less funding available for new research, which means fewer researchers. Do we really want to strip the motivation of the next generation of PhD candidates? Do we want our most gifted professors to head for the exits and more lucrative employment at private labs? Do we want to put a halt once again to the ability of the public to realize benefits from government-funded research?

The economic might of the United States depends on the public-private partnerships facilitated by the Bayh-Dole Act. The system works marvelously, and the president shouldn't repudiate his own role in helping to create it.

Jon Soderstrom served as managing director of the Office of Cooperative Research at Yale University from 1996-2021. ★

# The FDA Offers Up Children to a Long, Brutal, and Fatal End

Commentary by Matthew Ellinwood

The effects of Sanfilippo syndrome in small children are so devastating that the rare disease is often known as "childhood dementia."

About one in 70,000 newborns inherit this disorder. The affected children look normal at birth, but between ages one and six they begin to develop a host of symptoms, including severe developmental delays, seizure-like episodes, and losses in cognition, vision, and hearing. Without exception, Sanfilippo leads to an early death.

I have devoted my career to understanding this cruel disease and to looking for ways to treat or cure it. Thankfully, therapies for Sanfilippo are on the horizon -- for the first time.

Yet there the Food and Drug Administration is holding potential Sanfilippo therapies to an impossible and inhumane standard.

Sanfilippo syndrome results from a deficiency of one of four enzymes needed to break down long chains of carbohydrate molecules. These undegraded molecules accumulate with devastating effects within a child's brain, leading to a heartbreaking neurodegeneration.

The problem lies in the standard approach the FDA is applying in evaluating Sanfilippo syndrome therapies. Under the agency's traditional approval path, a drug must undergo randomized trials that demonstrate clinical benefits.

This process makes sense for common diseases, such as diabetes, with reversible symptoms that can be observed within weeks.

But that's not the case with Sanfilippo syndrome.

Under the agency's "accelerated approval" path, the FDA can make a treatment available on the basis of a "surrogate endpoint" -- a measurable biochemical change that predicts

forthcoming improvements.

Sanfilippo syndrome is exactly the kind of illness regulators had in mind when they created accelerated approval. The straightforward biology behind Sanfilippo syndrome should make approving treatments easy. Yet the FDA has refused to allow Sanfilippo treatments access to the accelerated approval path, insisting instead on traditional approval.

That's a disaster for current and future patients.

Because Sanfilippo syndrome is so rare, recruiting enough patients for traditional clinical trials is a challenge. This obstacle has already forced several research programs to close down. In fact, a biotech executive just shut down his world-leading clinical trial on Sanfilippo, citing the FDA's regulatory process as a key obstacle.

Then there's the gut-wrenching ethics issue. The FDA's requirements demand control groups that receive either delayed treatment or no treatment for a year or more. A Sanfilippo patient in one of these groups could hit the point of no return in their illness, beyond which future treatments would be ineffective. In other words, participation in these trials could be a death sentence.

Research suggests that effective Sanfilippo treatments will need to begin before age two. Forcing a one-year-old child with the disease to remain in a placebo group for a year could permanently eliminate the possibility of improvement. Is this the only way to evaluate promising treatments? Do some children have to die in order to satiate our desire for data?

Effective treatments for Sanfilippo are finally within reach. The only question is whether the FDA will allow modern medicine to deliver on this promise.

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This piece originally ran in Salon. ★

# Reparations Would Cost Taxpayers \$2.8 Trillion

Pacific Research Institute News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A new analysis released February 20th by the Pacific Research Institute -- a California-based, nonpartisan, free-market think tank -- finds that if California were to implement the controversial recommendations of the state Reparations Task Force, it would cost taxpayers \$2.8 trillion, push 1.84 million additional people to leave California over 5 years, and increase the tax burden for the average household by 54 percent.

"As lawmakers consider the first bills to implement the state Reparation Task Force's recommendations, it is imperative that they understand the fiscal and economic implications," said Dr. Wayne Winegarden, PRI senior fellow in business and economics. "Our new analysis makes clear -- the state reparations plan is a financially unrealistic proposal that will bankrupt California if enacted."

Spending Watch is a new initiative from the Pacific Research Institute evaluating the revenue, spending, and economic impacts of major budget and policy proposals.

Reviewing U.S. Census estimates, nonpartisan media analyses, and the California Reparations Report from the state Reparations Task Force, it is estimated that roughly 2 million black Californians would be eligible for the Commission's recommended \$1.4 million per person payout. Given this, Spending Watch pegs the total state reparations bill at \$2.8 trillion.

Assuming that reparations are paid out over 30 years, and that the present-day value of \$1.4 million is not accounted for over that period, the annual state cost would be \$93.3 billion.

Given these calculations and assumptions, Spending Watch estimates that Californians would experience the following if lawmakers enact the state Reparations Task Force's proposals:

**54 Percent Increase in State Tax Burden:** Since lawmakers are unlikely to significantly reduce spending, Spending Watch calculates that a 3.25 percentage point increase in income, sales, and corporate income tax rates would be needed to generate sufficient revenue to fund reparations payouts. This equates to a more than 54 percent increase in the marginal state income tax and sales tax burden for the average household.

**Jobs, Economy, Household Income Would Decline:** Spending Watch estimates that, compared to California's baseline growth, reparations payouts would cause the economy in 2029 to be 11 percent smaller and the average family's income to be 5.7 percent lower. There would also be 4.9 percent fewer job opportunities.

**Would Accelerate State's Outmigration Problem:** Given the negative economic and tax effects, Spending Watch estimates that an additional 1.8 million residents would leave the state over a five-year period due to reparations, seeking a more affordable lifestyle in other states.

"Unlike reparations, there are many policies that lawmakers can enact to create prosperity and improve affordability for all -- such as repealing AB 5 to increase employment opportunities, implementing school choice, and reforming CEQA to lower housing costs -- without imposing huge burdens on the poorest residents who are least able to bear the costs," Winegarden concluded. ★

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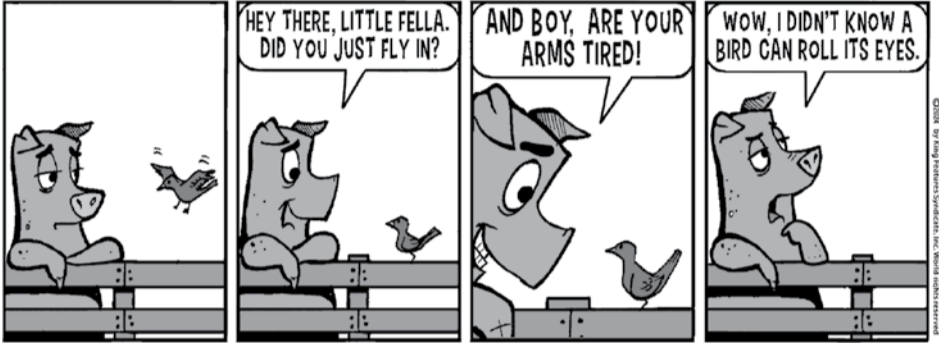
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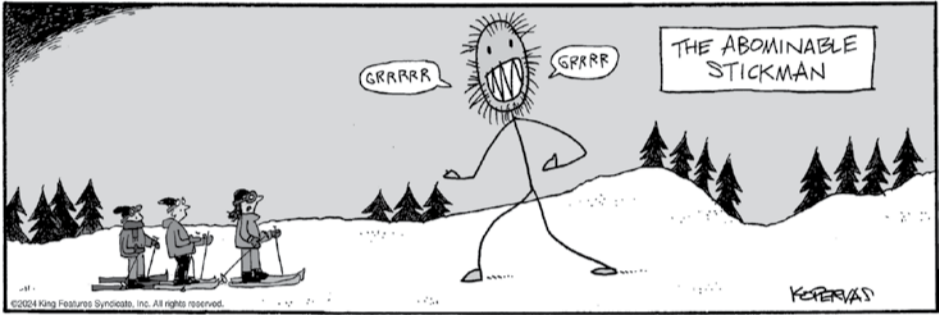
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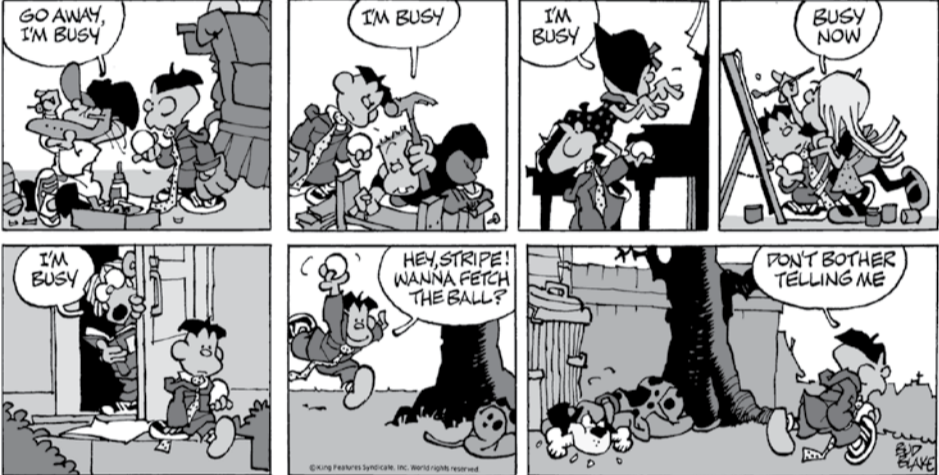
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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



I'm sorry to say the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde season for the Sacramento Kings continues.

The roller coaster ride that is inconsistency raised its ugly head again Sunday, at Golden 1 Center.

In defense of the Kings I will say I saw four quarters of energy defense, and the team collectively played hard.

At the end of the day, regardless of how good your defense plays, you still have to put the ball in the basket.

While the Kings won the free-throw-line contest, their field goal and three-point shooting were abysmal, and I challenge anyone to show me a team in the NBA this season that has scored 14 points in a quarter and still won the game.

A good research project for those that like those things, but the 14 points that the Kings scored against the Houston Rockets in the 3rd quarter of Sunday's game assured the Rockets of another win against Sacramento.

Whether it's the size differential, or the Rockets just simply shoot better, we don't match up with this team. The Kings have had similar difficulties with the New Orleans Pelicans, and it seems that teams with length, particularly on the perimeter, give our boys a problem.

So, after licking our wounds, let's not forget that the team just came off of wins over a heavily favored Minnesota team on the road, followed up by wins over the Lakers and San Antonio Spurs.

The real question is how do we break away from this moniker that has claimed the Kings as one of the most inconsistent teams in the league?

I don't have all the answers, but I will venture to say that most coaches start with putting the best 5 players on the court to start every game. Sounds logical, but it is not something coach Brown has not even experimented with.

Kevin Huerter, if not on this team, would not be starting for any other NBA team. Why? Because he is the epitome of inconsistency on a team that is already suffering from way too much of that. We need scoring and defense that we

can count on, and we have derived neither from Kevin Huerter. The same can be said of Harrison Barnes, who at times reminds us of the player that won a world championship, but of late has become more of a spectator with a real good seat.

Malik Monk can find other accolades than the 6th man award, and why are we so concerned about an individual award anyway? Malik is the consummate team player, and when he is on the court, magical things happen. Playing alongside De'Aaron Fox the tandem is an oppressive duo to guard, so why not give other NBA teams the best we have from the jump?

Malik not only never starts a game, he never starts the 2nd half either!

Other teams must be smiling from ear to ear as they look over and see Malik sitting on the bench. They have to contain supposed sharpshooter Kevin Huerter who is shooting 36% from three-point range, and putting up a whopping 10.6 points per game.

Harrison Barnes is shooting marginally better from beyond the arc at 39%, and he adds a tepid 12 points per game.

Huerter gets almost the same playing time as Malik Monk, and Harrison Barnes actually gets more! Every game!

Kings fans, it's time to let Coach Brown know that the best players need the most minutes. Seems easy, but apparently not.

I will leave you all with this. If I'm wrong I'll be the first to admit it, but Coach Brown hasn't started Malik this season. Let Huerter come off the bench, and maybe it will wake him up.

Stay tuned for more, but Malik's 15.7 points per game could easily turn into 20-plus per game if he was on the floor more than 26 minutes per game.

Food for thought, and let's not forget about Trey Lyles, who could be contributing a lot more scoring if he was getting more than 20 minutes per contest.

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heads are in the bay. Go to the South Bay/Oakland...trolling. No live bait is available yet. Try: Rat-L-Trap. (a) Note: Rock Cod



Rat-L-Trap

season opens April 1st. San Joaquin River Delta at Sycamore Slough. Only one 4-lb striper caught. Try: Sardine Cut Bait. (g)

### COASTAL WATERS

Fishermen continue getting limits of Dungeness Crab all along the San Francisco Coast. Try: Fish Offal. (b)

### LAKES RESERVOIRS

Lake Oroville turning out nice Chinook Salmon of 16 1/2" to 19". Lots of Pond Smelt bait fish. Slow troll 30'-40' deep. Try: Cut Plug with Sardine. Note: 125,000 salmon smolts released in the Fall of 2023.

### RIVERS

American River; several steelhead being caught. 5200 CFS flow. Try: Plastic Eggs. (g)

### Klamath River Dams Report

Klamath River Renewal Corp. (KRRC) expects 5 to 7 million cubic yards of toxic materials to flow down the river. Decomposing Algae robs the water of oxygen, as does oxidizing minerals. Level of CO2 is zero. Bottom layers of reservoirs are "Anoxic" no CO2. Testing: Aluminum, lead, arsenic, chromium. Carcinogenic all above the US EPA drinking water levels.

"Scissorbill"  
~ Brownie



Hildebrandt Spinners

### ICE FISHING 5 of 5 Articles

After setting up our ice fishing camp at Ice House Reservoir, Abe showed me how to use his new Super-duper "Spin-Del" fish getter. Abe explained his new flip-up strike indicator..." Brownie, my tip-up does not have a fishing pole. Place it over the fishing hole, set your bait at the desired depth, then pull the flag down, and hook it under the notch on the Spin-Del unit. When the fish grab your bait, the Spin-Del rotates and releases the flag, signaling that a Kokanee has taken your bait." I congratulated Abe on his new strike indicator. The only problem is the fish was attached to his Spin-Del contraption, and no way to reel it in.

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# Falcons Head into CVC Play Locked In



River Valley senior Emilio (Milo) Castaneda (20) goes through his wind up to throw a pitch in the Falcons' 15-2 victory over Marysville on Thursday, March 7. Photo by Steven Bryla

By Steven Bryla

## River Valley 15, Marysville 2

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The River Valley Falcons baseball team's huge offensive fourth inning against the Marysville Indians gave them their best start in the program since the 2017 season as they defeated Marysville 15-2 on Thursday, March 7.

River Valley Head Coach Rob McMains told the Dispatch that although this is a lot of the same players on some of the last couple rosters, it's a new mentality of confidence and they have goals they are focused on accomplishing set in place.

The Falcons got on the scoreboard early as senior pitcher Emilio (Milo) Castaneda blasted a two runs-batted-in (RBI) triple in the first inning. Castaneda added another two-RBI triple in the fourth inning for a team-leading third hit and five RBI's for the day.

Castaneda and senior first baseman/outfielder Maddox McMains expressed to the Dispatch that they feel like they can make a statement and compete in the Capital Valley Conference this season.

"We've established our work ethic and we're working hard," Maddox told the Dispatch. "We're staying locked in."

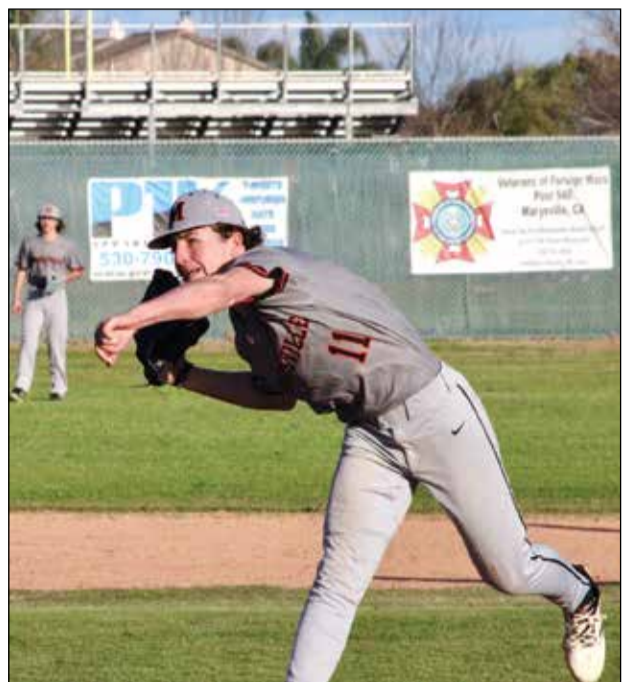
Castaneda trusted his defense behind him and had five strong innings on the mound against Marysville as he gave up three hits with one run and struck out nine Indians hitters.

In the loss to River Valley, Marysville fell to 1-4 for the second consecutive season, and in his first year at the helm for the Indians Dominic Barriga told the Dispatch

they were going to be focusing on fundamental work moving forward before they opened Pioneer Valley League play this past Tuesday as they hosted Sutter.

Barriga told the Dispatch that the Indians have been in all of their games on the season and they are going to continue putting in the work.

River Valley opened the Capital Valley Conference league play against Bella Vista this week as their only home game was on Thursday, March 14, against the Broncos.



River Valley senior Emilio (Milo) Castaneda (20) goes through his wind up to throw a pitch in the Falcons' 15-2 victory over Marysville on Thursday, March 7. Photo by Steven Bryla

## YUBA CITY

The Honkers went 1-2 last week as they were beaten by Folsom and McClatchy, but picked up a 6-5 win over West Park (Roseville) on Thursday, March 7.

Folsom was able to do most of the damage against the Honkers in the fifth inning of the Folsom 6-2 win on Tuesday, March 5, as two walks by Yuba City junior pitcher Brandon Pelechowicz contributed to the five-run inning before he was relieved by senior pitcher Grant Fletcher.

Fletcher got the start against McClatchy on Friday, March 8, and pitched six strong innings where he gave up just two runs and six hits in the game. The Honkers weren't able to get anything going offensively against McClatchy as senior outfielder Kaedin Bullock and junior Zeke Garcia were the only two hits for Yuba City in the evening.

The Honkers opened CVC play against Inderkum this week as they look for another playoff appearance after they won five of their six CVC series last season.



Yuba City junior outfielder Ashton Decker (8) lays down a bunt in the Honkers' 6-2 loss to Folsom on Tuesday, March 5. Photo by Chris Pedigo

## SUTTER

Sutter Union Head Coach Stewart Peterson picked up his 200th career win as a varsity head coach last weekend as the Huskies competed in the Colusa Tournament. The Huskies remained perfect on the season as they went 4-0 last week with victories over Linden, East Nicolaus, Winters and Durham.

A noticeable attribute for the Huskies was the great performances from their starting pitching so far, as they have controlled their opposing offense and haven't let any team get over two runs in any game.

Peterson told the Dispatch every pitcher on the roster has a specific role and they all have done a great job so far in the season.

Sutter senior outfielder/pitcher Rylan Giovannoni still leads the Huskies in hits (8) and RBI's (10) and hit the first Sutter home run of the season in the second inning of their 9-2 victory over Winters on Friday, March 8.

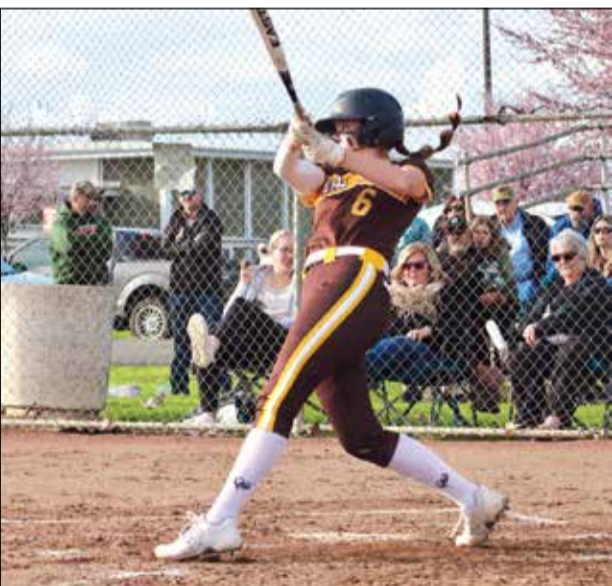
Sutter senior infielder Logan Yacavace and junior outfielder Carson Bishop are on Giovannoni's heels with six hits a piece.

The Huskies started PVL play this week against Marysville as this will be the final season in the PVL for Sutter as they are going to the Golden Empire League next season due to realignment. ★

# Lady Honkers Light up Scoreboards

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

## Yuba City 13, Marysville 0



Yuba City junior pitcher Tori Hernandez (6) follows through on her home run in the Lady Honkers' 13-0 victory over Marysville on Wednesday, March 6.

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba City Lady Honkers beat the Marysville girls softball team on Wednesday, March 6, for the first time since the 2021 season in their 13-0 victory.

Yuba City junior pitcher Tori Hernandez pitched a no-hitter and barely missed a perfect game by allowing a walk in the fourth inning. In addition to the great performance in the circle, Hernandez struck out 12 Lady Indians and hit a moonshot two-run home run in the fourth inning.

Lady Honkers sophomore shortstop Chloe Gonzales led the game with five runs-batted-in (RBI), including a two-RBI single in the fifth inning to score the 12th and 13th run of the game for Yuba City.

In her first season as head coach of the program, Lady Honkers Head Coach Patty Gates has already established the fundamental base for the team as senior catcher/captain Lexi Dell expressed to the Dispatch.

Gates told the Dispatch she wanted her team to hold one another accountable throughout the season and play for one another.

Marysville dropped to 0-2 after the loss to Yuba City and Lady Indians Assistant Coach Jeff Bartolome told the Dispatch that a lot of the girls on the roster will be adjusting to new positions as they are still in the works of people finding their place on the diamond.

Marysville played in the Jackson tournament on Thursday, March 7, where they went 0-2 to Linden and Sonora. They combined for three runs and three hits between the two games. Bartolome expressed to the Dispatch that he wanted to see the team gain unification with one another throughout the tournament.

Yuba City went 3-2 in Chico from Friday, March 8,

through Saturday, March 9, in the Chico tournament as the two losses were to CIF Northern Section perennial powers University Prep and Pleasant Valley.

## SUTTER

The Sutter Union Lady Huskies softball team opened their 2024 season in Chico on March 8-9 as they were one of three area teams in the tournament.

Sutter went 5-0 and run-ruled four out of the five games in total for 70 runs in the five-game stretch. The Lady Huskies exploded for 76 hits as a team, including 26 extra-base hits. Sutter senior pitcher/Boise State signee Olivia Bauer opened her senior campaign in the pitching circle with a five-inning no-hitter against Willows.

Lady Huskies' Head Coach Stefanie Danna told the Dispatch it was an all-around team effort and everyone saw a good amount of time on the field. Danna added that along with the great offensive production, it allowed her and her staff to see how versatile the team is.

Danna told the Dispatch one of the goals they had this season as a team was to take control of games early and they did that in Chico. Sutter opened Pioneer Valley League play on Wednesday as they hosted Center and are scheduled to play at Wheatland today at 4 p.m.



Yuba City junior infielder Alexia Alvarez (7) lays down a bunt in the first inning of the Lady Honkers' 13-0 win over Marysville on Wednesday, March 6.

## RIVER VALLEY

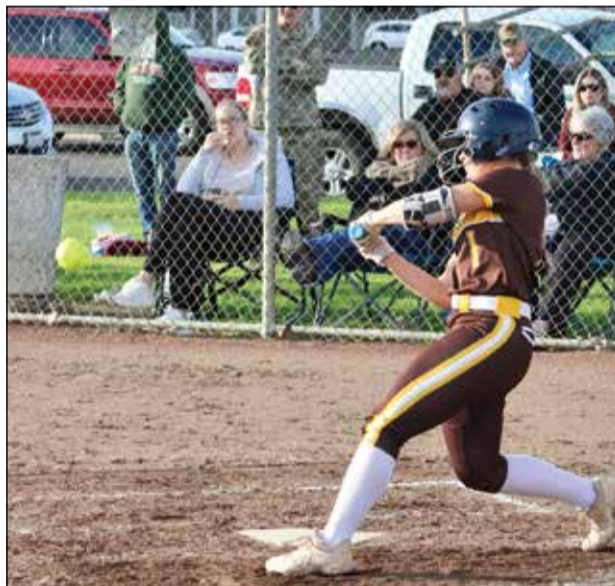
The River Valley Lady Falcons softball team went 4-1 in the Chico tournament that was held March 8-9. River Valley's lone loss came to Red Bluff in a 9-0 defeat where the Lady Falcons were no-hit.

The impressive victories over University Prep, Orland and Willows were all over Northern Section playoff teams.

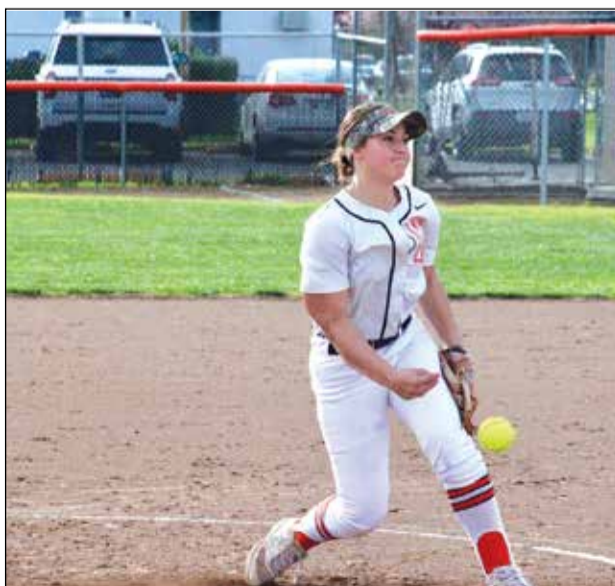
River Valley junior first baseman Claudia Dudek clobbered eight hits and seven RBI's and senior outfielder Alexis Otero brought in nine RBI's throughout the five

games in the tournament.

Lady Falcons junior pitcher Payton Smith controlled the circle for River Valley in the tournament primarily. In the final week prior to the Lady Falcons starting CVC play, they hosted Oroville on Tuesday and are scheduled to host Davis today at 4 p.m. ★



Yuba City senior catcher Lexi Dell (1) connects with a ball in the Lady Honkers' 13-0 win over Marysville on Wednesday, March 6.



Marysville junior pitcher Janis Sutton (6) throws a pitch in the Lady Indians' 13-0 loss to Yuba City on Wednesday, March 6.

