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Local Fire Departments Assist in LA Fires



Crews from the Olivehurst Fire Department arrive at Pacific Palisades in Los Angeles county on Jan. 8 to help battle the wildfires. Photo courtesy of the Olivehurst Fire Department

By Shamaya Sutton

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - In wake of what could be the costliest wildfire in U.S. history, local fire departments are banding together to assist their brethren in Los Angeles County.

These efforts were announced almost simultaneously on Jan. 8 with the formation of a special strike team referred to as XYU-3300C. This team includes members of the Yuba City Fire Department, Marysville Fire Department, Olivehurst Fire Department, Linda Fire Department and the Hamilton City Fire Protection District.

"We're a small combination fire department on the border of Butte and Glenn counties," said Christopher Mickelson, Hamilton City's fire chief. "They needed one

more fire engine, so I put one of my volunteer engines up."

The Yuba City Fire Department is currently deploying engine 34 to Southern California while Marysville will be responding with engine 216 and a crew of three.

Linda deployed OES Engine 3101 and Engine 262 and Olivehurst reported sending engine 316 while asking residents to keep their firefighters and everyone on the team in their thoughts as they help battle the blaze.

The City of Yuba City also extended its thanks to all first responders for their bravery and dedication, urging them to stay safe.

Several large wildfires have ignited across Los Angeles County, causing widespread destruction, forcing evacuations, and threatening thousands

of homes. The fires began in early January and have already burned more than 35,000 acres, destroyed more than 12,000 structures and resulted in at least 24 fatalities, as of press time Jan. 13.

The Palisades Fire, which started on Jan. 7 in the Pacific Palisades area, remains one of the largest and most devastating, so far consuming approximately 23,700 acres. As of Jan. 13, it was only 14% contained, according to The Times.

Close behind is the Eaton Fire, which also began on Jan. 7 in the Pasadena-Altadena area and had already scorched more than 14,100 acres, as of Jan. 13, when firefighters managed to contain about 30% of the blaze. Tragically, it claimed 16 lives as of press time, far making it

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Handyperson Exemption Increases to \$1,000



Assembly Bill 2622, effective Jan. 1, allows an unlicensed person to complete small projects up to \$1,000 without obtaining a contractor's license. Photo courtesy Pixabay

Contractors State License Board News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A new law will raise the threshold for work requiring a contractor's license from \$500 to \$1,000.

Assembly Bill 2622 (Carrillo, Chapter 240, Statutes of 2024), effective Jan. 1, allows an unlicensed person to complete small projects up to \$1,000 without obtaining a contractor's license if they do not hire workers and no building permits are needed. If a consumer's project under \$1,000 requires workers or permits, a contractor's license in the appropriate license classification is required.

The new law states that a person who is not licensed can advertise for construction work if the total contract price for labor, materials and all other items on a project is less than \$1,000. The \$1,000 includes all costs associated with the project. The advertisement must state that the person is not licensed.

As with any home-improvement construction project, Contractors State License Board cautions that a down payment should not exceed 10 percent of the contract price and any subsequent payments should not exceed the value of the work completed or the materials delivered.

If an unlicensed person provides a bid greater than \$1,000, performs work requiring a permit or employs any workers, that person is subject to legal action. Penalties for unlicensed contracting include administrative fines of up to \$15,000, jail sentences of up to six months and fines up to \$5,000. Repeat offenders can face a mandatory 90-day jail sentence and a fine of \$5,000 or 20 percent of the contract price, whichever is greater.

Contractors State License Board operates under the Department of Consumer Affairs' umbrella and licenses and regulates about 285,000 contractors in California. ★

Yuba Water Agency Board Names Messick as Chair

Yuba Water Agency News Release

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors selected Jon Messick as chair and Wayne Bishop as vice-chairman for the 2025 calendar year on Jan. 7. The board also welcomed Renick House as its newest board member.

"I appreciate the confidence from my fellow board members in serving another term as chair and look forward to continuing the important work we do to serve the people of Yuba County," Messick said.

This is Messick's second consecutive year as chairman. He has served on the board since 2022 through his role as a Yuba County supervisor representing District 5, which includes the foothills and some of the northeastern valley communities including Hallwood, District 10 and Beale Air Force Base. Bishop is serving his first term as vice-chair. He



Yuba Water Agency's 2025 Board Chair Jon Messick. Photo courtesy of Yuba Water Agency

has represented South Yuba County on the board since 2022 and has been a member of the Administration, Budget and Personnel Committee for the past two

years. House joins the board for a four-year term following his election last year as a Yuba County Supervisor representing District 2,

which includes the City of Marysville and a portion of West Linda.

Yuba Water Agency's board is made up of all five members of Yuba County's Board of Supervisors and two elected officials representing north and south Yuba County. The board works with the agency's general manager to set policy and make decisions that support Yuba Water's core missions of flood risk reduction, water supply reliability, fish habitat protection and enhancement, hydroelectric power generation and recreation at New Bullards Bar Reservoir. The board is guided by a five-year strategic plan.

Yuba Water Agency also approved a five-year update to its Groundwater Sustainability Plan, a requirement under the state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Yuba Water Agency manages two groundwater subbasins in the region, together as a unit, in

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State Route 70 Reopens After Hotel Marysville Demolition

Highway Reopens After Seven-Month Closure



The City of Marysville and JM Environmental will host the "Farewell to Hotel Marysville Fest" Jan. 27. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Caltrans News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Caltrans, in partnership with the City of Marysville, announced the reopening of northbound State Route 70 (SR-70) on Jan. 10.

This reopening follows the closure of the highway due to the fire of historic Hotel Marysville that took place in June of last year, which caused significant safety concerns and required the demolition of the building that was built in 1926.

"Caltrans appreciates the partnership with the City of Marysville and Yuba County during this difficult and challenging process," said District 3 Director Sergio Aceves. "Although we understand the inconvenience the highway closure has caused, the safety of the traveling public is always the department's top priority. Caltrans is committed to support economic prosperity in the communities we serve."

This reopening marks a major milestone toward restoring normalcy for commuters and businesses in the area. While the highway will be fully open, eastbound 5th Street will remain closed from SR-70 to D Street. Contractors will continue work to secure the site by covering the hotel debris with gunite and fencing off the property where the hotel once stood.

After the seven-month detour, traffic will return to normal with 3rd Street reverting back to two-way traffic. All signals along SR-70 will be fully operational and all

lanes both north and south will be open.

"This marks a bittersweet conclusion for the Marysville Hotel. The journey to resolve the legal, environmental, and safety challenges stemming from the hotel fire has been long and difficult. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the collaborative efforts of the city, county, Caltrans and contractor teams," said Marysville Manager Jim Schaad. "Their unwavering dedication has been instrumental in minimizing disruptions while prioritizing safety, first after the fire, throughout the building demolition, and now with the full reopening of the state route."

JM Environmental, in coordination with the City of Marysville, will host the "Farewell to Hotel to Marysville Fest" event at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27 on 5th Street. This event invites the public to pay tribute to the legacy and history of Hotel Marysville.

Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert" and slow in construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements.

The department will issue updates on X @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic information, download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★

High Wheeler Heading to Majors

Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers are excited to announce 2024 Outfielder Jose Gonzalez has signed a contract with the Houston Astros organization.

Gonzalez, originally from Spring, Texas, was one of the original 26 members of the 2024 Pioneer Baseball League Champion Yolo High Wheelers.

"I am so happy for Jose. He was one of our team leaders and is very worthy of this opportunity. I loved the intensity that he brought to the ballpark every day and I am looking forward to seeing him take his game to the next level with the Astros," said Billy Horton, Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers manager.

A stalwart in the High Wheelers lineup, Gonzalez played in 88 games in 2024, typically in the cleanup position. He led the team in home runs (19), RBI (84) and OPS (1.113). Prior to his time with the High Wheelers, Gonzalez attended Navarro



Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers Jose Gonzalez has signed a contract with the Houston Astros organization. Photo by Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers

College and Texas State University, and in 2023, made his professional debut in the Major League Baseball Draft League for the Williamsport Crosscutters.

Gonzalez is the second player in High Wheeler history to be signed to a Major League Baseball contract, joining Mike Sansone. Sansone was

picked up by the Boston Red Sox prior to the 2024 season, playing with the Salem Red Sox (Single A) where he finished with a 3.11 ERA, 68 strikeouts, and 9 walks in 72.1 innings.

In February, Gonzalez will report to Houston Astros spring training in West Palm Beach, Florida. ★

CalPERS Commits Billions to Climate Solutions

CalPERS News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) recently announced it has committed more than \$53 billion toward investing in climate solutions as part of a growing global transition toward a low-carbon economy.

The milestone comes one year after CalPERS launched its \$100 Billion Climate Action Plan. The plan is a key component of CalPERS' Sustainable Investments 2030 Strategy which, in addition to identifying opportunities for growth, seeks to reduce investment risks by cutting the emissions intensity of the fund's portfolio in half by the end of 2030 and achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

"The energy transition underway represents one of the biggest investment opportunities in history," said CalPERS Chief Executive Officer Marcie Frost. "We are providing the capital necessary to plant the seed for the low-carbon economy of the future."

CalPERS had identified \$47 billion in existing climate-focused investments when the plan was launched last November. Those investments are now valued at \$50 billion. In addition, CalPERS has made new commitments of \$3.6 billion in climate solution investments over the past year, divided between private equity and infrastructure.

Through a partnership with Brookfield, a global investment firm that acquired a stake in FirstEnergy Transmission, the CalPERS plan provides support for initiatives focused on the clean energy transition, including investments to

enhance power grid reliability across multiple Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states.

CalPERS climate investments also include a private equity investment partnership with TPG Rise Climate. The fund focuses on scaling climate solutions globally and the partnership seeks to invest and collaborate in opportunities across the fund's core themes including energy transition, green mobility, sustainable fuels and molecules, and carbon solutions.

Climate solutions funded by CalPERS over the past year include an investment in Octopus Energy, a fast-growing renewable energy company based in the United Kingdom. The company uses an advanced operating system to power 6 million homes in the UK, 60 million homes globally, and is expanding its operations into the United States.

"We believe that making sound, long-term investments in climate solutions will generate outperformance while also providing the clean energy needed to meet the increased demands that people have for their homes, cars and technology," said CalPERS Chief Investment Officer Stephen Gilmore.

Beyond the fully executed deals, officials are reviewing an additional \$3.2 billion in climate-related investments. Some of these investments could be finalized in the coming weeks and months.

The \$100 Billion Climate Action Plan seeks investments aimed at climate adaptation, transition, and mitigation efforts. The plan is a partnership between the CalPERS Sustainable Investments team and the teams that manage the fund's various asset classes, working together to identify key investing opportunities. ★

Local Fire Departments Assist in LA Fires

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one of the deadliest wildfires in California's history, according to the New York Times.

Other fires, such as the Hurst and Sunset fires, have been somewhat more manageable, with the Hurst Fire reaching 76% containment and the Sunset Fire fully contained by Jan. 9. Several other smaller fires, such as the Archer Fire which started on Jan. 10 in Granada Hills, continue to pop up throughout the area, adding to the workload of emergency response teams.

Other fires, such as the Hurst Fire in the San Fernando Valley, have been more manageable, burning approximately 800 acres with 89% containment. Still others, including the Kenneth Fire near Calabasas, scorched 1,000 acres and are now fully contained.

These fires have been



Crew members of the Hamilton City Fire Protection District assist with battling the Palisades fire in Los Angeles County as part of 3300C. Photo courtesy of the Hamilton City Fire Protection District

fueled by a combination of dry conditions, strong Santa Ana winds and the region's ongoing drought. Emergency crews continue to battle the blazes, with fire officials issuing warnings for continued high-fire danger due to gusty winds and low humidity, expected to persist into the coming days. Investigations are ongoing to determine

the specific causes of these fires. Notably, a lawsuit has been filed against Southern California Edison, alleging that faulty equipment might have sparked the Eaton Fire, according to the Associated Press. Fire officials said they will continue to monitor the situations and release more information as it becomes available. ★

United Way Seeking Applications for Emergency Food and Shelter Funds

Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way News Release

YUBA-SUTTER-COLUSA, CA (MPG) - The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board has appointed the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way as the lead agency of the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Region Joint Designated Local Board for the National Emergency Food and Shelter Program's Phase 42 Emergency Food and Shelter funds.

Federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, have been awarded for Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties. Sutter County will receive \$72,202; Yuba County, \$42,779 and Colusa County \$27,680.

Eligible agencies with the ability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs may apply for these funds through the

Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way.

Eligibility requirements are listed below. 01(c), non-profit agencies, or public agencies, providing food and/or shelter to homeless and low-income people.

Agencies must not charge fees to clients for EFSP-funded services.

Service providers must be supplementing existing food and shelter programs.

Agencies must practice non-discrimination and not require religious participation.

Agencies must be governed by a volunteer Board of Directors (except for government units).

Agencies must have a Unique Entity ID at the time of application.

Applications may be requested by calling (530) 743-1847 or by email to terry@yscunitedway.org. Completed applications must be submitted no later than noon on Friday, Feb. 21. Mailing address is Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way: P.O. Box 122, Marysville, CA 95901. ★



Here is a view of the Palisades Fire in Los Angeles County taken on or around Jan. 8. Photo courtesy of the Linda Fire Department

Spartan Boys Spoil RedHawk Homecoming



East Nic's Mason Taylor initiates the offense in the Spartans win over Colusa on Jan. 10.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Down a point after one quarter, the East Nicolaus boys' basketball team regrouped, took control of the boards and as a result went on to claim a 56-50 victory in a Sacramento Valley League game on Friday Jan. 10 that sent the Colusa Homecoming crowd home disappointed.

A fast-paced affair throughout, the Spartans pulled away by limiting the RedHawks' shot opportunities and ending Colusa's attempted runs with clutch buckets of their own. And although the final score appears that the game was a close one, the RedHawks were only able to erase some of the deficit in the final two minutes, which was too little too

late and East Nicolaus had the game already in hand. On a night when seven players broke into the scoring column, Wade Lauppe and Mason Taylor led the balanced attack with 12 points apiece, while Bryce Reed dropped in 10. This week, the Spartans (7-10, 1-2) look to even their record in the SVL when they travel to Willows on Jan. 14, after press time. ★



The Spartans' Logan Cleary drives to the basket in East Nicolaus' game in Colusa.



East Nicolaus' Davan Earhart makes a pass as Colusa's Lucas Price defends.

East Nic Girls Can't Stop Colusa



East Nic's Makinze Massey dropped in a team-high 11 points in the Spartans loss to Colusa.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - East Nicolaus remained winless in Sacramento Valley League play as it came up short in Colusa, dropping a contest 42-27 to the RedHawks. Despite the outcome it was a promising start to the contest for the Spartans who held a three-point advantage after the first period as both teams struggled to find the range. However, Colusa proved stronger in the paint and took an 18-17 lead into the locker room at the half. Still, East Nicolaus hung tough in the third period thanks to a pair of threes by Rylee Gillespie and a series

of RedHawk turnovers. In the end though, the Spartans' inability to finish combined with Colusa's outside shooters heating up, saw them outscored 13-2 in the final quarter. Makinze Massey scored a team-high 11-points, although unfortunately for East Nicolaus, only two of those points came in the second half. Gillespie pitched in with 10 points and did an admirable job making things difficult on the RedHawks' leading scorer Danica Chavez. Looking to end a five-game skid, the Spartans (11-7, 0-3) are scheduled to entertain Willows, a team it beat 53-39 last month, on Jan. 14, after press time. ★



East Nicolaus point guard Rylee Gillespie directs traffic in the Spartans' game against Colusa on Jan. 10

Farm Bureau Photo Contest Winners Depict Farm Life



Ashley Jansen, 13 of Colusa County, took home first-place in the Budding Artists category for this photo of a dragonfly. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau



Jacob Rix of Sacramento County took home third-place in the overall category for this photo of a nut orchard. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A 2024 high school graduate and FFA member from Bakersfield earned first-place in the 43rd annual California Farm Bureau Photo Contest. Rachel Ramey, who won \$1,000 for a shot of a mother cow nuzzling her newborn calf, said she unexpectedly witnessed the birth when she was visiting AdamsCows Dairy in Laton for a practice dairy-judging session with her Frontier FFA team. Ramey said she enjoys shining a light on agriculture wherever she goes and uses her smartphone to capture farming moments. "People outside of the agriculture community don't get to experience moments like these," Ramey said. "I wanted to capture (them) to show why agriculturalists do what we do." The 2024 photo contest attracted hundreds of images from amateur photographers who are members of county Farm Bureaus throughout the state. Contestants used cameras and smartphones to capture the winning images. Maddy Nissen of Willows earned second-place and \$500 for a photo of her grandfather leaning on a fence at an Orland ranch. Sacramento resident Jacob Rix won third-place and \$250 for a landscape of an Oakdale hillcrest.

Nissen also won People's Choice and \$100 for a photo of 5-year-old Frankie Alves hugging her cow at the Glenn County Fair. Six photographers earned honorable mentions and \$50 each: Julia Elgorriaga of Madera, Michelle Foster of Santa Maria, Sean Long of Grass Valley, Monica Morris of Valley Center, Christian Rivas of King City and Drew Scott of Kingsburg. In the Budding Artists category for photographers aged 13 and younger, 13-year-old Ashley Jansen of Arbuckle won first-place for a close-up of a dragonfly against rice plants in an Arbuckle field. Grady Rocca, an 11-year-old from Fresno, won second-place with a close-up of a bee pollinating a lavender plant at Solace Lavender Farm in Kerman. Both prizes were presented by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. All 12 prize-winning photos were published in Ag Alert®, the California Farm Bureau's biweekly newspaper, and California Bountiful®, the organization's quarterly magazine. The photos are also on all California Farm Bureau websites at www.cfbf.com, www.agalert.com and www.californiabountiful.com, and will appear on its social media pages. The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8-million Farm Bureau members. ★



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partnership with Cordua Irrigation District and the City of Marysville. The North Yuba Subbasin is north of the Yuba River, while the South Yuba Subbasin is south of the Yuba River.

“Updates to the plan include incorporating new data and science that reflect the current hydrogeologic conditions in our groundwater basin and expanding our groundwater quality monitoring,” explained Charles Johnck, Yuba Water Agency’s water resources program coordinator. “We have a long history of proactive groundwater management, going back to the foundation of this agency, the Yuba Accord and our groundwater substitution

program. This update is just the next step to continue that sustainable framework.”

While Yuba County’s groundwater has been sustainably managed for decades, the Yuba subbasins were two of 127 regions identified in 2014 by the California Department of Water Resources as being medium- or high-priority basins subject to Sustainable Groundwater Management Act based on elements such as population and groundwater use. Approximately 80 percent of Yuba County residents rely on groundwater as their primary water source.

Learn more about Yuba Water Agency and its work to power a brighter future for Yuba County at yubawater.org. ★

County Public Health Welcomes New Health Officer

Butte County Department of Public Health News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Department of Public Health has announced the appointment of Dr. Jarett Beaudoin as the county’s new public health officer.

Beaudoin brings a wealth of experience in clinical medicine, academia and public health to this vital role, where he will lead efforts to protect and improve the health and well-being of Butte County residents.

Beaudoin is a dual-board certified physician in Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine, holding a Master’s in Public Health. Beaudoin completed his residency training in a combined Family and Preventive Medicine program at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Beaudoin’s multidisciplinary expertise makes him uniquely qualified to address the health challenges facing the community.

Most recently, Beaudoin served as a family physician in the



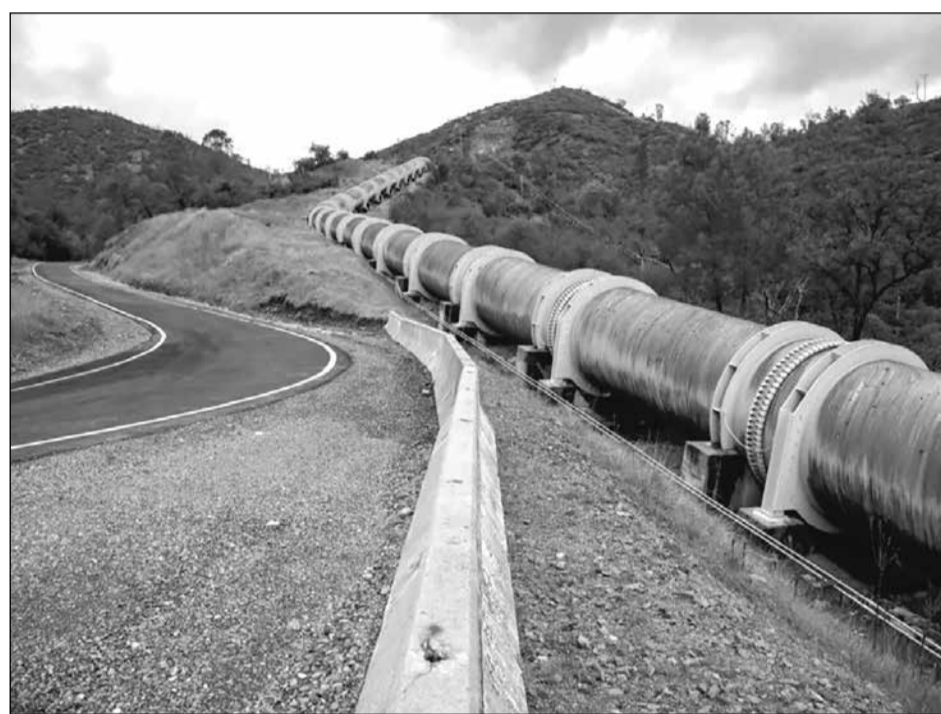
Dr. Jarett Beaudoin is now a Butte County public health officer. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Department of Public Health

Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California at Davis. In this role, he cared for patients of all ages in outpatient, emergency and inpatient settings.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Beaudoin join our team,” said DeAnne Blankenship, interim

director of the Butte County Department of Public Health. “His extensive background in clinical practice, public health and medical education will be instrumental as we continue to address critical health issues, from communicable disease prevention to community wellness initiatives.” ★

Yuba Water Agency Funds Major Project



Shown is a view of Yuba Water Agency’s penstock in the Yuba County foothills. Photo courtesy of Yuba Water Agency

Yuba Water Agency News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba Water Agency awarded a \$76.8 million contract Jan. 9 to upgrade key components of its hydropower generation infrastructure in the Yuba County foothills. A joint venture company made up of Obayashi and Drill Tech Drilling & Shoring, Inc. was awarded the contract for the agency’s Colgate tunnel outage project, set to begin in the fall.

The tunnel outage will focus on a four-mile-long rock tunnel and one-mile-long penstock pipe that carries water from New Bullards Bar Reservoir to New Colgate Powerhouse at the base of Lake Francis Road in Dobbins.

During the outage, Yuba Water will remove rocks and debris, repair and reinforce worn parts and install a new protective valve system at the top of the penstock pipe. The upgraded valve will enhance the agency’s ability to protect downstream infrastructure and improve maintenance access without requiring the entire tunnel to be dewatered.

“Even though recent inspections show the tunnel is in good condition, this

project will reinforce key areas to help prevent future unplanned outages and ensure reliable operations for decades to come,” said Yuba Water hydro engineer Casey Peterson, one of the project’s lead engineers.

Yuba Water Agency has been planning for the tunnel outage since 2017, conducting remote inspections of the tunnel system and working with contractors and manufacturers to design and fabricate specialized parts. For instance, the agency worked for more than one year to secure three 14-foot-diameter, 11-ton connectors, called flanges, which will be installed as part of the new protective valve.

Staging for the project is expected to begin in September, with the bulk of the work planned for October through January 2026. Colgate’s hydropower generation units will be offline during the outage’s entirety.

Yuba Water Agency is funding these critical capital improvements with revenue generated from its hydropower sales, along with state grant funds.

Learn more about Yuba Water Agency’s missions and investments in Yuba County communities at yubawater.org. ★



I hope you made it to the community breakfast in Brownsville last Sunday. The specials are sure something “Special”. However, the cost of eggs is really beginning to make an impact. I hope we can keep serving eggs for the same price. The breakfasts will be held on the second Sunday of each month, so please check your calendar. The money that is made helps Yuba Feather Next Step support its projects. Right now the money is going into the scholarship fund to help people take their Next Step with education.

We did well on our trip to Washington, just followed I-5 north, easy. Only hard parts were going through cities (Portland and Seattle the worst). We had a good visit with grandson, Nicolai, and checked out his new home. He is back with his mother, Casey. Now to get reorganized.

Keri’s School News -Happy New Year from all of us at Dobbins and Yuba Feather School! As we make our way into 2025 we have a lot of exciting things heading our direction. But first, Congratulations to Rebel Lewis, December Star Student at Yuba Feather School! Way to go Rebel! In addition, Brian Davis from BeXtra is just about ready to make his highly anticipated

shoe delivery to both Dobbins and Yuba Feather Schools. As promised, every child will receive a new pair of shoes. Thank You Brian and your amazing crew of volunteers for all the time, commitment and love that you have poured into this wonderful and amazing gift. (Delivery date and time TBD.)

Do you or do you know of anyone looking to finish their high school diploma? Yuba Feather School will soon be opening up their campus for Adult Education. Please BOLO for more information to follow. Other upcoming dates to be aware of:

- Wednesday January 15th is a district wide minimum day.
- Yuba Feather School PTSA meeting is scheduled for January 16th from 2:15-3:15pm. Hope to see you there!
- Monday January 20th No School- Martin Luther King Day.

Look Back in Time – In 1898 there was a dance in Frenchtown. It was well attended by young people from Indiana Ranch, Oregon House, Dobbins Ranch, Brownsville, Challenge, and New York Flat (sounds like people from all over the hill).

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.
~ Yvonne



New Year Marks Start of New Laws and Regulations

The start of another year has brought with it new laws and regulations that affect agricultural production in California. As of Jan. 1, new policies related to water, labor, air quality, endangered species and other issues that impact farmers have taken effect.

Leopold Conservation Award Finalists Show Personalized Approaches to Conservation

For 166 years, the Bowles and Lawrence families have nurtured the land and ecosystem of Bowles Farming Co. in Los Banos. Bowles Farming Co.’s sustainability efforts earned it the 2024 Leopold Conservation Award, which honors farmers and ranchers who practice outstanding environmental stewardship. The company’s wide reach includes 640 acres of natural wetlands, providing an ideal forage habitat for native pollinators and migratory birds.

Photo Contest Winners Capture the Magic of Agriculture

Photographers who submitted their images to the 43rd annual California Farm Bureau Photo Contest captured inspiring moments last year on California farms, such as the birth of a calf, the beauty of almond bloom and the dedication of an overnight harvest crew. Rachel Ramey of Kern County took first place for her photo of a newborn calf at Adamscows Dairy in Laton.

Field Report Offers Insight on California Chestnut Crop

Stanislaus County chestnut farmer Joe Avila told Ag Alert earlier this month about the chestnut crop he harvested in the fall. “The crop was a little bit light,” Avila said. “We had a hot summer. The beginning of October was so hot in Modesto that it dried a lot of the chestnuts on the tree. When we picked them up mechanically, we were cracking a lot of them because they were so dry.” ★

LaMalfa Statement on Offshore Oil Ban

Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) released the following statement in response to President Biden’s executive order permanently banning new offshore oil and gas development in portions of U.S. coastal waters:

“President Biden’s eleventh-hour ban on offshore energy development is a reckless move that puts America’s energy future at risk. This political stunt will cost thousands of hardworking Americans their jobs, drive up energy costs for families, farmers, and industries already struggling with inflation, and make us more reliant on foreign countries for the resources we need.

By weaponizing laws to block responsible domestic energy production, this administration is prioritizing radical activist demands over American workers, national security, and economic stability. Shutting down critical energy projects in the last few days of their administration is simply spiteful to the American people and an attempt to hamstring the next administration. In a few short weeks



Doug LaMalfa

we will be working with a new administration to overhaul these policies so that we can strengthen our energy independence, lower costs for families, and create good-paying jobs here at home.”

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong farmer representing California’s First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. ★

Los Angeles County Wildfires Underscore California's Growing Threat of Disaster



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

Hollywood thrives on depictions of desperate battles against overwhelming forces of destruction.

A real life version, the equal of any cinematic disaster film, is raging today. Wildfires, driven by fierce Santa Ana winds blowing off the desert, are sweeping through Los Angeles County neighborhoods, most prominently and destructively in Pacific Palisades, home to many film industry stars.

Thousands of residents have fled as thousands of acres of lavish, multimillion-dollar homes and lush foliage have been scorched, with at least five deaths reported so far.

As of noon, the fires were uncontrolled and firefighters were reporting that many water hydrants were unusable due to a shortage of water.

"We woke up to a dark cloud over all of Los Angeles, but it is darkest for those who are most intimately impacted by these fires," said LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath.

No one knows how far the fires will reach before being controlled. Movies come to a climactic end, but the outcome of this catastrophe is as dark as the Southland skies.

Just a few days earlier, Gov. Gavin Newsom released a very upbeat video looking back at 2024 in California.

But today he was on scene in Southern California, praising outgoing President Joe Biden for immediately offering aid with "no politics, no handwringing."

However, Biden's successor, Donald Trump, who will take office in less than a fortnight, didn't sympathize with California. Instead, he issued another blast at Newsom, one of his fiercest critics and a potential 2028 presidential candidate.

"Governor Gavin Newsom refused to sign the water restoration declaration put before him that would have allowed millions of gallons of water, from excess rain and snow melt from the north to flow daily into many parts of California, including the areas that are currently burning in a virtually apocalyptic way," Trump posted on his Truth Social website, mentioning a declaration that apparently doesn't exist. "He wanted to protect an essentially worthless fish called a smelt, by giving it less water (it didn't work), but didn't care about the people of California."

Will a President Trump be as generous with firefighting and reconstruction aid as Biden? He was quite helpful — and drew praise from Newsom — when the Camp Fire destroyed the town of Paradise in 2018. But that was before Newsom began building a national political image as a harsh critic.

Politics aside, Southern California's disaster again demonstrates that while wildfires were once mostly confined to rural timbered areas during summer and fall months, a warming climate means they can and do strike anywhere and anytime, including residential

neighborhoods in the middle of winter.

While Northern California has experienced strong winter rain and snow storms of late, Southern California has been bone dry, making it extremely vulnerable when Santa Ana winds stream from the region's deserts during winter months. Local authorities had warned that the lack of rain and the onset of Santa Anas posed a particularly high threat of disaster and their nightmares became reality.

There is one more aspect of the catastrophe that will be persist long after the fires are extinguished — whenever that happens.

Fire insurance payouts will be particularly heavy due to the value of the homes being consumed, bolstering the insurance industry's growing unwillingness to write policies in California under the current regulatory system. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, with support from Newsom, has proposed a major overhaul that would allow insurers to include projections of future losses and the cost of reinsurance in their premiums if they agree to continue writing policies in fire-prone areas.

If implemented, the new regulations would very likely lead to premium increases, which draws the ire of some consumer activists. But having such insurance is not optional in the real world, and without it, the residential real estate market could be doomed.

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Crypto Currency verses the US Dollar

Crypto currency comes in many forms. Bitcoin being the most notable, there are many others that go by names like Ethereum, Ripple, Stellar Loomis, EOS and Lightcoin to name a few. There are an estimated 10,000 crypto currencies now in existence.

The idea behind crypto is it is anywhere and everywhere there is internet access. Not controlled by any one government, crypto is "mined" by using mathematical formulas called block chain technology. Wikipedia describes it as: "*A cryptocurrency is a digital asset designed to work as a medium of exchange that uses strong cryptography to secure financial transactions, control the creation of additional units, and verify the transfer of assets*".

As a currency, crypto currencies meets *some* of the characteristics a medium of exchange must possess. A currency must be hard to replicate, be divisible, recognizable, have uniformity, be portable, have acceptability and maintain a store of value. On the first six characteristics, crypto coins could be argued fit the bill nicely. My objection is having issue with the last characteristic, maintaining a store of value.

Its goes without saying that at times, the price of crypto currencies can vary tremendously. Lately, that has been an understatement.

Stories of skyrocketing prices and subsequent roller coaster like plunges are common. Bitcoin itself briefly breached 100,000.00 a coin just a few weeks ago.

Although a rising price may convince some investors to believe crypto might make an acceptable currency replacement, the very fact it often moves so violently violates the *store of value* characteristic a useable currency must possess.

Store of value means both the buyer and seller of the currency must have faith in its stability. Stability meaning it doesn't go up or down much. Certainly the buyer of crypto relishes the meteoric rise when it occurs, but like all things money, there is always someone else on the other side of the trade.

If a buyer of crypto makes an overnight fortune on a price spike, the seller of that very same crypto lost an equal amount in value.

For to buy crypto, one must have exchanged something else for it.

For example, if it is another currency that is exchanged, the *person who sold the crypto now holds a currency that has fallen in value by an equal amount*.

Given the recent price instability of Bitcoin, the very definition of maintaining a store of value is almost nonexistent and therefore, at this place in time, Bitcoin cannot be considered a usable currency replacement.

Another attraction of crypto is the fact no one or no one government can shut it down. Again from Wikipedia:

"*It is a decentralized digital currency without a central bank or single administrator.....*"

Since the internet is worldwide and unstoppable, the thinking goes that crypto coins can't be confiscated by meddling governments.

However, governments of the world don't have to confiscate crypto currencies to stop their usage. All they have to do is shutdown the exchange websites that trade them. Sounds unlikely but many countries have already done so.

Quite simply, if your country of residence decides it doesn't want you trading crypto, it can shut down all the ways you can access it.

Internet workarounds are certainly possible, but to the average Joe, cyber space backdoors may be difficult to access.

Central governments will always strive to maintain strict controls over their respective currencies to insure their viability.

A country's currency is the lifeblood of their economy so controlling it insures the ability to use the government check book, which means the ability to deficit spend without restriction.

History has proven time and time again a government will insure its currency remains valid and is not usurped by another. This would obviously include curtailing the use of Bitcoin or any other currency whose ownership becomes too wide spread.

That said, to say central governments aren't fully aware of the threat crypto coins may present to their specific currencies would be more than naive.

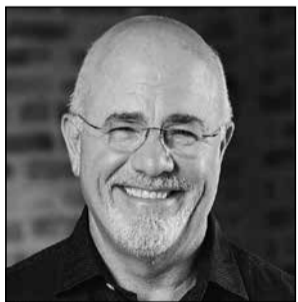
The U.S. government is already looking into issuing its own version of cyber coin called the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). President elect Trump has also indicated the U.S. government is looking to expand its control of the Bitcoin market by establishing a Bitcoin reserve of its own.

The U.S. is not alone. The issue is being discussed among central banks worldwide.

That said, in this analysts opinion, it's only a matter of time before governments bring down a harder hammer on the entire cyber coin phenomenon in order to insure continued control of all things money.

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Dear Dave,

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— Sydney

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Dave Ramsey Says Honor Your Obligations

of situations.

You know, lots of times when people say they can't afford something, what they're really saying is they don't want to give up fun stuff in order to honor their obligations. If that's the case, I'm not the guy you need to be talking to or want on your team. You accepted the responsibilities that came with borrowing money. That means if you don't get to eat in restaurants, go on vacation or buy cool new gadgets until you repay the debt, that that's how it is.

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But there's a bright spot in all this. If you're

already scrimping and saving and paying all the money you have—first toward running your household, then secondly to your creditors—you'll find an amazing thing starts to happen. Your dollars start to stretch a little bit further. This will help you clean up your student loan mess and enable you to have a little better life in the process.

Good luck, Sydney. You can do this!

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Forced to Face it . . .



By Kathy Craig Harteis

Being laid up as they say, I've watched a lot of news in the last couple of weeks. I've been forced to face the trauma of our world these days.

I've watched news reports of potential hope for our nation. Also, I've seen outlandish behaviors by our so-called leaders.

Frozen tundra is striking the east and blazing inferno is overtaking the west.

Early morning news today captured for a moment the spirit and pride of America. I watched a man surrounded by flames, climb

a flag pole to rescue an American flag. He literally climbed the pole, cut loose the flag and rolled it into a ball so as to protect it from touching the ground. That is as it should be.

For a moment it was a display of American pride as it once was seen. I miss those days.

As a first grader in Grimes, CA we began each morning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. That is no longer done in many schools.

At lunch time, our teacher; Miss Lyla Lee Wilsey (Sankey) lined us up single file. We folded our little hands and recited the God is good blessing of our anticipated meal.

Then came political correctness. That too was gone.

I know not everyone will agree with me, but to me those are losses of important lessons for our kids.

I can't help but to wonder if we have tried too hard to fix things. In the process we may have ripped away too many things that simply worked. One day at a time I hope and pray that we will reclaim some of the values we once held dear.

Since I missed the gift giving part of Christmas this year, my children and grandchildren came here last Sunday to open gifts. I still got to enjoy the smiles on each kid's face as they opened their gifts.

No matter what day it was, the blessing was still there.

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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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



A team in search of an identity. That's all we've heard from the pundits all year. The Kings don't have an identity. They can't figure out who they are.

A six-game losing streak and falling six games below 500 cost coach Mike Brown his job.

Monte McNair and Vivek Ranadive were roundly criticized and vociferously so from columnists and even talk show hosts from Kings radio station 1140 AM.

Even the hiring of Doug Christie was met with raised eyebrows as he leap frogged over other assistant coaches with more experience.

Winners of seven out of eight games since Christie took over, including an eye popping seven straight wins, has fans and pundits singing an entirely different tune.

Winning five straight home games was amazing to be sure, but we were all prepared for what the inevitable would be when the Kings entered the Boston Garden. World Champs from last year and playing some of the best basketball in the NBA, the Celtics take no prisoners on their home court.

All that the Kings did was hand Boston their worst defeat of the season and win by an overwhelming 17 points! Platitudes alone don't tell the story. This was the Sacramento Kings at their finest hour, playing frenetic and inspired defense that Sactown fans had been dreaming of. Oh, did I mention that Kings leading scorer and point guard DeAaron Fox sat this one out with a hip injury?

It's time to get on your feet Sacramento and put your hands together, because this unit of basketball players deserves a standing ovation.

Sunday, DeMar DeRozan went into Chicago with his teammates riding a 6-game winning streak, and the game was a see-saw event with a total of 28 lead changes. Zach LaVine looked as though he was a one-man wrecking crew, and regardless of who the Kings put on him, LaVine did pretty much what he wanted. Add to that an inspired game by Lonzo Ball and this contest had all the makings of a game where winning streaks die.

The Kings played a style of defense once again that we have rarely seen, and

at crunch time took care of the ball, all the while making timely baskets. DeRozan was there to remind his former teammates why he was a 6-time all-star, and his 21 points were crucial to the Kings victory.

Domantas Sabonis continued his torrid streak with another stellar game, scoring 22 and adding 15 huge boards. His eight assists were only eclipsed only by Malik Monk's nine, but in this victory, everyone played a part.

Admittedly the Kings are on a roll, and this team is fun to watch.

So, what's changed? If you ask the players, they will say that since Doug Christie took over, they are playing loose and having fun. The results don't lie, but why couldn't former coach Mike Brown achieve the same results.

Part of the answer lies in his desire to experiment with his bench on a constant basis, to the point that no one knew from game-to-game whether they would get significant minutes or no playing time at all. This type of coaching smacks a player's confidence, and it showed in bench players and starters alike.

There is no question that being a former NBA player brings a different perspective to a basketball team, and Doug Christie has their attention in a very positive way.

At this point, fans are taking a completely different attitude, and after giving the Celtics their worst defeat of the season and being only one of two teams to hold the world champs to under 100 points, anything looks possible.


So, how has this affected the Kings and their organization? Well, it quells crazy trade rumors and puts Sacramento in a much better bargaining position as it relates to players that might bolster the front court and give Sabonis some support.

The desultory play of the past is just that, past. This team is bent on showing DeAaron Fox why being a King for life is the ticket to happiness, and nothing would make me happier than to see DeAaron Fox in a Kings uniform for the next 10 years!

Stay tuned Kings fans because this is just heating up, and the best is yet to come!

All be best!

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
CASSANDRA RUSSELL and JEFFREY HOOKER,
PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-01779
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
2/10/2025
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Cassandra Russell and Jeffrey Hooker, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Clara Oswin Elizabeth Hooker
to: Clara Oswin Russell
from: Dexter camp MacKenzie Hooker
to: Dexter James Camp MacKenzie Russell
from: Delilah Scarlett Pearl Hooker
to: Delilah Scarlett Pearl Russell
from: Emmeline-Vaida Juniper Charlotte Hooker
to: Emmeline-Vaida Juniper Charlotte Russell

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: 12/31/2024

Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-306**

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

WESTSIDE IMPRESSIONS
8660 RIVERVIEW TER
SMARTSVILLE, CA 95977, YUBA COUNTY
1) LINDA TERRELL,
8660 RIVERVIEW TER
SMARTSVILLE, CA 95977
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/21/2024.

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

LINDA TERRELL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on DEC 17, 2024, indicated by file stamp.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2025F-002**

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

Live Online Retailer and Marketing
23 2nd Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Lavetra Jacobs
23 2nd 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 01/02/2025.

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

Lavetra Jacobs
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 2, 2025.
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By **NELIDA WILLIAMS,**
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Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 2025

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-304**

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

Elite Universal Security / API Academy
5548 Feather River Blvd.
Olivehurst, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
California Security Services, Inc
5548 Feather River Blvd.
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 01/01/2024.

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

Monty Duaine Hecker California, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 16, 2024.
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By **BRIDGETTE EVANS,**
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-309**

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

AU Adventures
11823 Dolan Harding Rd.
Browns Valley, CA 95918
MAILING ADDRESS:
P.O. Box 67
Browns Valley, CA 95918
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Wesley J. Appleton
P.O. Box 67
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 12/20/2024

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

Wesley J. Appleton
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 20, 2024.
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NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2025F-006**

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

Miss Curry Cares Extended Family Mental Health Care Services
1408 High Noon Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
Mailing Address:
1701 Ellis Lake Drive #60
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Romona Janine Wafer
1701 Ellis Lake Drive #60
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 01/06/2020.

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

Romona J. Wafer
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 6, 2025.
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2025F-009**

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

Live Oak Supply
1707 N. Beale Road
Marysville, CA 95901
Mailing Address:
PO Box 17
Yuba City, CA 95992
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Arthur V. Dombrowski, Jr.
PO Box 17
Yuba City, CA 95992
This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/08/2025.

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

Art Dombrowski, Jr.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 8, 2025.
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By **NELIDA WILLIAMS,**
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-296**

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

Magikry Clean by Juliana
10789 Kenneth Ave.
Dobbins, CA 95935
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 333
Dobbins, CA 95935
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Juliana Delores Beth
P.O. Box 333
Dobbins, CA 95935
This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2020.

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

Juliana D Beth
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 9, 2024.
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
OF ABANDONMENT
File No. 2023F-347**

The fictitious business name referred to in this Statement of Abandonment was filed in Yuba County, CA on: 01/08/2025 FBN Filing number 2023F-347

Grove Biomass
4533 Feather River Blvd.
Olivehurst, CA 95961
County of Yuba
Jabri, LLC
PO Box 488
Yuba City, CA 95992
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

Steven Sanders Nevada Owner/Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on Jan 08, 2025.
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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
MANDY LUIS
Deputy Clerk
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-310**

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

Silver and Black Telecom
6165 B Alberta Ave.
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Adam Richfield
6165 B Alberta Ave.
Marysville, CA 9590
Sarah Richfield
6165 B Alberta Ave.
Marysville, CA 9590
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/24.

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

Adam Redfield
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 20, 2024.
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-312**

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

Red Rocks Excavation
12898 Rices Crossing Rd
Oregon House, CA 95962
Mailing Address:
11354 Pleasant Valley Rd #146
Penn Valley, CA 95946
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Mark Mikolajczak
220 F 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:

Mark Mikolajczak
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 30, 2024.
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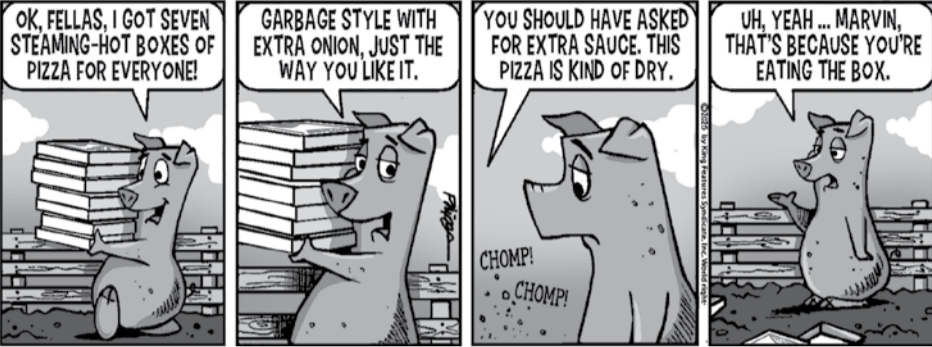
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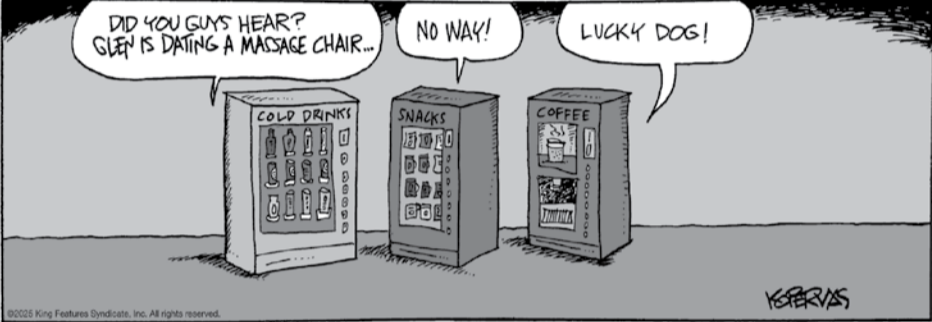
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Dudes In Perpetuity A Parody

Okay, first of all, I know I'm an old guy. I know I should be hanging out with other old guys discussing ailments, medications, and the reason we have hair sprouting in strange places. But, throughout my working life, I never had an interest in joining groups of men. I had no interest in the Lions, Moose, Elks, Ralph Kramden's Raccoon Lodge, or any other critter groupings. By the time I found myself in the eighth decade of life, I was encouraged to join DIP. Dudes In Perpetuity is a fraternal organization composed of men who vow to remain cool dudes forever. The organization's purpose is: "To provide for the welfare of the ancients who are attempting to enjoy their later years, ignoring the pain and discomfort of the elderly, with dignity and pride through association with other old guys who face the same problems." This is a long-winded, convoluted statement that, simplified, would say, geezers who need geezers . . .

I know DIP was started by three retired guys in the 1950s. But, if the real truth were known, what was behind the creation of this organization was their wives were forming Tupperware parties and complaining about their newly retired spouses roaming around the house in their skivvies with nothing to do. The women were tired of their husbands accompanying them on food shopping trips, telling them what to buy, or generally becoming involved in the reorganization of the household. They had done just fine without the guys for several

decades, now the doofuses were underfoot and a problem. So, the men were forced to shave, brush their teeth, dress, leave the house, and play outside by themselves for a number of hours each day. With nothing to do outside, they decided to form a group of like-minded guys in their declining years.

I resisted joining DIP for several years. But, finally, in 2020, I was convinced that I should at least attend a meeting. So, the following month, I acquiesced and, with two friends who were members, attended a luncheon meeting. I have never been in the presence of so many men in various levels of health and advanced age in my life. There were nearly 200 men milling around, all talking at once. My friends and I found our seats, and I sat there watching the activity.

Finally, Tony Gambucchi, the vice president of this branch, known as the Little DIP, called the gathering to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the first verse of "America the Beautiful." Lunch was served and then we were treated with a skit performed by local high school kids. This was very nice. However, ninety-three-year-old Howie Champion, sitting in the first row of tables about five feet from the performers, fell asleep and began to snore. But the kids were troopers and sang their way through the performance in fine style.

Next was the business meeting. By this time, having sat through the kids' song and dance routine with full stomachs and ancient prostates, many of the guys were in various stages

of dozing or scrambling for the restroom.

"Guys, hold on. We have a couple of pieces of business. Please remain in your seats until the business is complete. Sam, poke Howie over there to wake him up," said the Little DIP.

"I'm awake already," replied Howie.

"Okay. First up is Bob Micron with the introduction of the guests."

"Thanks, Little DIP. There are 187 members present, along with five guests. Will the sponsors of these guests please do the introductions?"

This was accomplished with various levels of public speaking ability. Greg Goumba was the last and was given the hand across the throat twice by the Little DIP before he realized the sign was meant for him to stop talking.

"Okay. Next is Clyde Claiborne with his report on the fly fishing trip to Lake Shasta last weekend," announced the Little DIP.

Clyde began his fishing report. "Well, first of all, in order to go on this trip, you had to bring a float tube. Boomer showed up with a homemade one. You know how cheap he is. He's not here is he?" whispered Clyde.

"No, he has pneumonia. Didn't say how he got sick," responded the Little DIP.

"Well, it was an old truck inner tube with a rubberized seat in the middle. The fishing was slow for a couple of hours. Then, as the fishing picked up, old Boomer sprung a slow leak. Apparently, it had been leaking for a while before he realized that he was sitting rather low in

the water. He tried to paddle his feet toward shore and ran into trouble because he had left his boot fins in the van. I paddled over and towed him to shore. I had to get out of my tube and drag him up onto dry land. By the time I got him out, the lake water had filled his waders and he was soaked, chilled, and exhausted from panic paddling his little finless feet.

"Boomer didn't have a change of clothes, so I drug out some of mine. I built a fire, got him situated, and headed on out to do some fishing. By the time I got out, it had been close to an hour, the fish had disappeared, and I got nothing. All told, Hooter, Digger, and Otis caught eleven rainbows and six small mouths.

"We had to be back in town by 3:00 because Boomer had promised his girlfriend he would take her to the quilting show at the fairgrounds. Unfortunately, he failed to let us know of this promise, an oversight that did not go over well. But we had a good time.

"So noted," said the Little DIP. "I'll fill in the Big DIP after he returns from his two weeks in the Bahamas."

"The Bahamas? Where'd he get that kind of money," yelled Sammy Turgoman.

"He told me he recently came into a bit of money. He and Esther decided to splurge," responded the Little DIP. "Okay, Clyde, any other sports business?"

"Just that the first annual rat plinking event will be held out at the dump this Saturday. Bring your .22 pistols or rifles. No scopes."

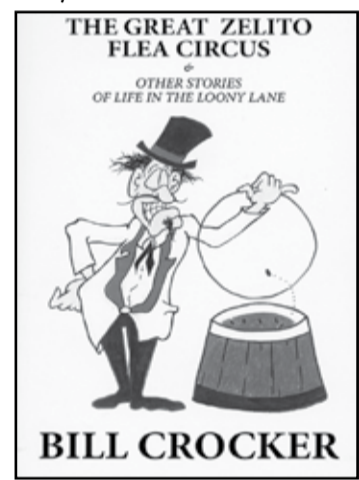
"Okay, that's it for business. Oh, wait, one more quick thing,"



said the Little DIP. "There will be a treasurer's report next month. Sly Holcolm is balancing the books. There seems to be a slight discrepancy in the accounts receivable that needs to be resolved before he reports. I tried contacting the Big DIP in the Bahamas several times about this problem, but his cell phone always went to voice mail.

"If there's nothing else, I'm done and move to close the meeting."

With a chorus of seconds, there was a mad scramble to the restroom. The rest either were asleep or heading out the door. I said my good-byes and headed toward my car. It had been an interesting experience. However, attending a meeting had not changed my mind about becoming a member. I hoped the Big DIP could explain the accounts receivable discrepancy when he returned from his fancy vacation. ★



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'We're Not Scared, We're Prepared'



Sara Baggett presents 'We're Not Scared, We're Prepared,' a new emergency preparedness program for youth at Cordua Elementary School on Dec. 4. Photo courtesy of the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - This past fall, the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services launched a new Youth Emergency Preparedness Program, designed and implemented by Sara Baggett. Baggett is the county's Emergency Operations planner with a long history in emergency response and education.

"Our goal is to hit every elementary school within Yuba County," said Baggett. "So far, we've done the foothill schools and we're just now venturing into the valley floor."

The program has been nicknamed "We're Not Scared, We're Prepared" and seeks to target first-graders to better equip them for the emotional and physical changes that might occur during an emergency. Presentations start with an interactive slideshow where students can take turns guessing the emotions of people in various photographs and disasters. These answers are discussed in an age-appropriate context and at the end, each student receives a "go-bag" filled with essential starter items.

"I didn't even know what a go-bag was when I was living more in the valley around Sacramento," said Cassie Bryan, a communications specialist with Yuba County. "It wasn't until we moved up here we realized, 'Oh, if we need to leave, we need to be completely ready.'"

Bryan has been living in Grass Valley since 2016 and understands firsthand the importance of being able to evacuate at a moment's notice. Foothill schools were

targeted first due to the increased likelihood for natural disasters, such as fires and power outages, but now Bryan and Baggett are looking to expand. So far, they have covered eight schools and issued 183 go-bags. A former kindergarten teacher, Baggett said that first-grade is the perfect age to start introducing emergency preparedness to children, which in turn can help relieve the stress on parents and caregivers.

"When they're prepared, it kind of sets the precedence for the parents," said Baggett. "It's so great to see the kids get excited about it and when they're confident and they bring it home, then it engages the parents and becomes this wonderful project that they can do together."

Oscar Marin, Yuba County's Office of Emergency Service manager, is credited for recognizing the need for a youth preparedness program and green lighting Baggett to spearhead the project. A retired firefighter who served on the frontlines, Marin said he has seen first-hand how chaotic these evacuation situations can be.

"You can prepare all you want, and it doesn't always go as planned but what we really want to think about is the kids' point of view and how we can relieve stress levels in the family all around," said Marin.

This program's effects are already being felt by student alumni. Baggett and her team visited Cordua Elementary School on Dec. 4, a day before an emergency alert was issued in regard to an earthquake. Shannon Bennett, a teacher at Cordue, said

the training was extremely beneficial to her students and wrote in to share the effect it had on her class during the emergency.

"I wanted to thank you for sharing your Youth Emergency Preparedness Program with my class," wrote Bennett. "They really enjoyed your presentation

and loved getting to take home the bag of fun stuff (go-bag). It also gave their parents the opportunity to ask them why they got the bag and what it was about. When we had the earthquake warning the other day, they were not sure if it was a drill or a real earthquake. One of the students

said they were scared and a few others said 'We're not scared! We're prepared!' They definitely got the message. I would love for you to come again next year."

To learn more about the "We're Not Scared, We're Prepared Program," visit bepreparedyuba.org. ★



Sara Baggett, left, and Cassie Ryan, right, are currently working to bring 'We're Not Scared, We're Prepared,' to first grade classes across Yuba County. Photo courtesy of the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services

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