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## Youth Mariachis Ready to Perform



On March 7, Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture announced a fundraiser in support of the youth mariachi orchestra program. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

### Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On March 7, Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture announced a fundraiser in support of the youth mariachi orchestra program.

After years in the planning stages and having received several grant awards, the collaboration between the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement, the Marysville Joint Unified School District and Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture has paid off. Support from the community is needed to keep this culturally relevant program alive and well for students. Currently based at Arboga School, the program is led by music educators Deanna Olson and Lalo Barriga,



Folklorico is a collective term for traditional cultural dances that emphasize local folk culture with ballet characteristics. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

with support from several other instructors. Now a part of the Marysville Joint Unified School District curriculum, *Continued on page 4*

## Butte Water District Proposed Rate Increase



By *Connie Voss*

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Recently, an anonymous local farmer visited The Gridley Herald office with some concerns about possible water rate increases through Butte Water District (BWD). The last water rate increase was in 2006.

General Manager Donnie Stinnett and former General Manager Mark Orme sat down with The Gridley Herald to talk about the proposed rate increase.

Butte Water District comprises about 31,000 acres in Butte and Sutter counties. The district has rights to more than 130,000-acre feet of water from Feather River, which is distributed via canals to landowners for irrigation, environmental enhancement and groundwater replacement.

Butte Water District is a Groundwater Management Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Butte Water District relies on water rate revenues, standby fees from land-based assessments and surplus water transfers to outside entities to pay for the delivery of water to customers. Ground Water Substitutions, when water is supplied from two district-owned wells, also help offset the delivery costs.

Currently, water rates and standby fee revenues generate \$800,000 or about half of the \$1.5 million total annual operating costs. The proposed increase will help bridge the gap between revenues and cost of operation.

According to Proposition 218 passed in 1996, California water districts must follow an established process to raise taxes or service fees. Districts are required to obtain an independent cost-of-service study, with a projected five-year plan in place, specifying maximum amounts for each year. This report must be provided to the public and potential fee increases must be at or below those limits. The amounts in the cost-of-service study are not necessarily the same as the amounts of the newly-proposed rates.

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## Plumas Street Becoming Event Destination

Story and photos by  
**Shamaya Sutton**

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Yuba City's Plumas Street serves many functions. Often considered the region's premiere dining district, it regularly houses street fairs and large community events such as the annual Winter and Summer strolls hosted by the Yuba City Downtown Business Association.

As with all business districts, change is inevitable. Some shops come and go while others continue to expand their footprint and legacy.

"We're still getting set up but the extra space has been really nice," said Justin Rankin, owner of E&J's Music Lounge.

Originally located at 659 Plumas St., Rankin recently moved his shop less than a block south to 623 Plumas St. which once housed a martial arts studio. The new venue offers a much larger display room where Rankin can show off his many custom works. A



The new spacious interior of E&J's Music Lounge in Yuba City features a stage and plenty of room for instruments.

stage in the left-hand corner serves as a rehearsal space for Mudstone, Rankin's band.

"There's a lot of potential for live entertainment here," said Rankin. "It's really cool to see Plumas Street becoming this event



destination."

The events Rankin is referring to include the regular open mics and musical performances that occur

at Hooligans, Sopa Thai, and Steel House Coffee, all nearby businesses. Live entertainment can also be

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# Live Oak Considers Water Rate Increases

By Shaunna Boyd

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Live Oak City Council members heard a mid-year budget report and considered amendments to the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget during their March 5 meeting. Finance Director James Ramsey highlighted various changes to revenues and expenditures, with a projected ending balance of approximately \$2 million in the General Fund.

When looking at the city’s special funds, Councilmember Ashley Hernandez asked for specifics on the Water Fund deficit. Ramsey acknowledged that the Water Fund had a \$2.3-million deficit in December 2024 and by the end of the fiscal year, the deficit is expected to grow to \$3.5 million.

Hernandez said she was concerned that staff couldn’t anticipate that the deficit would increase that much in such a short time.

Vice-Mayor Aaron Pamma was also alarmed by the change and said that City Council should have been notified much sooner.

“It’s not acceptable,” Pamma said.

With such a large deficit, Pamma pointed out, the city is ineligible for many grants and loans that could improve the water system.

City Council voted unanimously to adopt the amended 2024-2025 budget.

The council then heard a presentation on a water rate study, funded by a grant from the State Water Board and conducted by Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consulting. Project manager Alison Lechowicz said, as already indicated in the budget report, “your water utility is way behind the cost of service.”

As an enterprise fund, the water fund is supposed to be fully supported by the rates charged for service. But Live Oak has not updated its water rates in many years, so current rates are among the lowest in the region. As a result, annual expenses (\$1.8 million) are much higher than revenues (\$932,000), resulting in an annual operating deficit of \$921,200.

Even with past loans taken out to sustain the water fund, the deficit will hit \$3.5 million by the end of June. Current rates cannot cover the cost of operation or pay down existing debt. The water rate study provided options for significant rate increases, which will cover operations, improvements and debt repayment.

To minimize the impact on ratepayers, the proposed rate increases would be phased in over five years, with three schedule options considered: Option 1 would increase rates by 50% the first year and 20% the next four years. Option 2 would have a 60% increase the first year, 30% in the second and third years, and 5% in the fourth and fifth years. Option 3 recommended a 40% increase each year for the first three years and then 5% each year.

Lechowicz recommended Option 2, because it would most quickly move the fund into a net positive position.

Another recommendation was to eliminate the current base water allotment and only charge for actual water usage. Lechowicz said charging for actual cost is fair and reasonable, because then lower usage results in a lower cost for the customer.

The city has 2,500 water accounts and most currently pay around \$24 per month. The proposed increases will result in estimated monthly bills of \$38 to \$44 in the first year and up to \$82 to \$85 by 2029. Lechowicz said those rates are in line with most neighboring jurisdictions.



City Council can select one of the options to set a legal maximum increase for each year in the schedule. An annual review would consider the rate of inflation and whether any grants or loans were secured. If the financial situation had improved, City Council would have the ability to approve a lower increase for that year.

Lechowicz outlined the legal guidelines for the process, which include outreach to residents and notification of a public hearing. Ratepayers also have the option to submit written protests against the increase, and if more than 50% do so, then the increase cannot be adopted.

During Public Comment, one resident said, “I don’t want a rate increase. Nobody wants a rate increase. But it seems like we dug ourself into a hole here and we’ve got to get back out of it.” He said increasing rates was a better option than allowing the fund to go under and be forced to use a commercial water supplier, which could increase rates even more.

However, another resident called in to say, “It’s preposterous that they’re proposing 200% increase over five years,” which would be “too much for residents in our disadvantaged community.” He said that City Council should move funds around to balance the deficit and then pursue grants and other funding.

Another caller said the bigger concern was water quality, stating that there are currently issues with discoloration, chlorine and PFAs in the water.

Councilmember Nancy Santana was hesitant to dramatically increase water rates while there are existing quality issues.

Councilmember Hernandez said she doesn’t want to raise rates but the existing deficit makes the city ineligible for grant funding that could support improvements to the water system.

Vice-Mayor Pamma said the current water rate is the “definition of kicking the can down the road” and is “an example of failed leadership over time.” A study in 2017 recommended rate increases but the council at that time did not approve it. Pamma suggested that the Water Fund would likely be in a better position now if a modest increase had been implemented at that time.

Mayor Jeramy Chapdelaine said the city does not have enough in reserves to cover the deficit. Without rate increases, the water fund will be defunct and then taken over by a regulatory agency that will impose whatever rates are deemed necessary.

“We’re at a critical point now,” said Chapdelaine. “In order to be able to continue to provide this service, action needs to be taken.”

City Council voted 4-1 to move forward with Option 2, with Santana dissenting. The city will now begin the public outreach and notification process for an upcoming public hearing and final vote by City Council.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. March 19. ★

# Robert Bendorf Named Interim City Manager

Yuba City News Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Yuba City City Council has appointed Robert Bendorf as interim city manager, effective this week.

Yuba City Mayor Dave Shaw expressed his confidence in Bendorf’s extensive local government experience and looks forward to his contributions as the city prepares for a permanent city manager.

“We are pleased the council unanimously selected Robert to assist the city for the next several months,” Shaw said. “Robert brings a wealth of local government experience and has worked with dozens of local governments in California since his retirement, advising them on numerous aspects of operations and governance. We look forward to working with him.”

Bendorf will begin working with the current City Manager Diana Langley before her departure at the end of March and will assume full-time duties on April 2.

“I am excited to work with the council, its executive team, employees and community partners,” Bendorf said. “Having



Robert Bendorf will assume full-time duties starting April 2. Photo courtesy of Yuba City

the opportunity to work in the community where my family has deep roots since the 1950s, it is very humbling.”

For more information regarding the City of Yuba City, visit the city’s website at [yubacity.net](http://yubacity.net). ★

# PG&E Relocating and Upgrading Gas Lines



Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is replacing 700 feet of natural gas mains to make room for a Caltrans (California Department of Transportation) road-widening project. Photo courtesy PG&E

Pacific Gas and Electric Company News Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** -

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is replacing 700 feet of natural gas mains to make room for a Caltrans (California Department of Transportation) road-widening project. The work will also improve the safety and reliability of the local natural gas distribution system.

Starting about March 10, Pacific Gas and Electric Company crews are installing all-new gas mains along the east side Highway 70 (B Street)

between East 24th and East 18th Streets in front of Marysville High School and along E 18th Street from B Street to just east of Chestnut Street.

Crews will also excavate at the intersection of B Street and 17th Street and 15th and High Street.

The project is expected to continue into late April with crews working weekdays between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Crews will bore and trench to replace gas mains and services.

Motorists can expect lane shifts and are advised to allow for more travel time, due to occasional one-way traffic flagging with delays of up to 10 minutes.

Any “no parking” signs will be posted 24 hours in advance. Crews will work in small sections at a time to minimize impacts.

PG&E has notified customers in the affected neighborhoods by automated phone calls and letters.

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

MEMORIAL

DARRELL OSBORN • 07/25/1940 - 03/04/2025

Darrell (Ozzie) Osborn, born in Walla Walla, Washington, and entered into The Gates of Heaven on March 4, 2025 from his home in Forbestown, California. He is survived by his wife, Carol, of 62 ½ years, as well as three daughters and their spouses: Carrie and Kevin Monroe, Renee and Eliel Morales and Ginger and Steven Magee.

He had nine grandchildren: Kyle (Taryn) Monroe, Amanda Monroe, Cristina (Carlos) Cervantes, Jessika (Coty) Reynolds, Taran (Kelsey) Magee, Josiah (Sophie) Savage Magee, Daniel Magee, and Nolan (Jenna) Magee. He had seven great grandchildren: Naithen, Jaiden and Cora Cervantes, Clara, and Vivian Monroe and



Kaia Reynolds. Ozzie was a Navy veteran who served on the USS Cabildo from 1959-1963. He worked for the water departments in Upland, El Segundo, Brownsville, and Belmont, California. Ozzie retired from the water department and moved to Forbestown, California in 1987. He worked ten years at Mount Hope Bible

Camp, six years at Brownsville Medical Center, as well as his own Osborn’s Sign Shop. He was an active part of his community, including making several community signs, volunteering at the Yuba Feather Historical Museum, the Hilltop Gang and Challenge Community Church.

Memorial service for Darrell (Ozzie) will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 11am at the Challenge Community Church (10080 La Porte Road, Challenge, CA 95925).

If you would like to read more about Darrell or leave message/memory/pictures, please go to the following website: <https://www.roseandscheer.com/obituary/Darrell-Osborn>

Butte Water District Proposed Rate Increase

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In addition, a public hearing must be held, which will be at 11 a.m. March 31 in the local Butte Water District office, 735 Virginia St. Proposition 218 requires all landowners and customers in the district to be notified by mail at least 45 days before the meeting. Stinnett confirmed that all of the notices for Butte Water District were mailed “at the appropriate time.”

“We’re not hiding anything,” said Stinnett. “Here’s our budget; here’s

what our future plans are.”

Orme added, “And every landowner has the right to reject it or vote against it. You can look at the report and if you don’t agree with it, you can protest. Everything is transparent.”

Parcel owners have the right to file any protests using forms available for this purpose on the Butte Water District website at [buttewaterdistrict.org](http://buttewaterdistrict.org). An objection (which preserves the right to legally challenge the rates) is due in writing by mail (no email) or delivered in person by 5

p.m. March 10. Protests can be filed any time before the end of the March 31 meeting. Under Proposition 218, if a majority of parcel owners or customers protest the increase, the district cannot impose the new rates and fees.

Both Stinnett and Orme emphasized that the Butte Water District board members are all farmers, with farmers’ best interests in mind. Parcel owners and customers are encouraged to speak in person or by phone at 530-846-3100 with Stinnett.



# A Taste of Home

## Kim Wing’s Descendant Visits Historic Family Residence

Story and photos  
by Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - King Wong stared up at the balcony of the Local Spicery in Marysville, gently shielding his eyes from the morning sun. It had been years since he saw the place, let alone been inside. A tall figure leaned over the railing as he observed the commotion below.

“My grandfather used to own this place!” Wong shouted up, catching the man’s attention.

Wong was soon joined on the street by a group of women and children all snapping pictures and distracting themselves with excited chatter.

“This was our family’s home!” exclaimed one.

“How cool is this?” replied another.

Nick Davoren, the building’s current owner, quickly disappeared from the balcony as the doors of the spicery opened. Davoren and his partner, Evelyn Wood, opened their shop here in 2018.

Located at 288 1st St., the place was originally known as the Kim Wing Building built in 1860 to serve as both a residence and business for Joe “Chow” Kim Wing and his family. As a prosperous trader specializing in Chinese goods, Wing later expanded his residence by adding a second floor in the 1920s, as noted by Yuba County Library records.

“We really did try to save as much as we could,” said Davoren in reference to the building’s renovations. “We actually started this company in the Bay Area before moving to Grass Valley. For some time, we had been looking for a place in Nevada County where we could make our product but there was just nothing in Nevada County where the zoning would work for us because we wanted to find something that had a special feel and would be a signature piece.”

In honor of the Bok Kai festivities on March 1, Davoren and Wood decided to host a rare but coveted cooking demonstration in their upstairs kitchen. The selected dish was a vegan recipe for garden vegetable kung pao.

“We used to come here every year to work in the temple,” said Casey Kim. “We would come as kids in the summer from San Francisco and stay here. My great-great uncle used to shoot the bombs out for bomb day. We really wanted to see the building and get inside so this was a great opportunity.”

Kim and her family accompanied Wong to the spicery for the cooking lesson. Inside, they were transported to childhood memories of pancake breakfasts, creepy stairwells and watching the first moon landing.

“It must’ve been during bomb day too because why else were we here?” laughed Kim.

Davoren seemed equally



Kim Wing family descendants begin gathering outside the Local Spicery in Marysville on Bok Kai Parade Day, March 1. This building was once referred to as the Kim Wing building, the residence and business for Joe “Chow” Kim Wing and his family.

excited to have the family visit. He joyfully detailed his renovation process while simultaneously presenting the cooking demonstration and lesson.

“To me, kitchens are magical. There’s an incredible cultural power that emanates from a kitchen and, for me, knowing that this one was the kitchen of Kim Wing’s wife, it was important to preserve it,” said Davoren as he rinsed vegetables in the upstairs sink. “This is actually the exact place where the sink was before, with the exact view and same window size to preserve the same view shed, including the security bars. One of the interesting things that very few people know is the plumbing on this one fixture was reversed, hot on the right and cold on the left, which is the opposite of what we do today. But I kept it as the original just so that those moments when you’re standing here and looking out and sharing the view shed, you can just kinda try to connect to the past.”

Steam rose in great swaths as Davoren poured chopped vegetables into his preheated pan. He started with the onions first so that their juices would form

a thin sheet of natural cooking liquid.

“I don’t know why when we start cooking, we intrinsically put oil in a pan but it’s definitely not necessary,” explained Davoren. “When I cook, I don’t cook with oil, you don’t really need it, it’s one of those things I’ve learned.”

Reducing the intake of excessive fats and oils is something that has become important to Davoren, especially after suffering a heart attack. Davoren now leans heavily into his wife’s vegan diet, crafting delicious dishes with his own custom spice blends.

“Historically, spices were more valuable than gold and were used for medicine and healing,” said Davoren. “A large part of why we started this is that it’s something we could do and never get bored with.”

Next came the carrots and peppers. Each ingredient added in order of density so as not to over or under cook any item. As needed, Davoren splashed a spiced broth mixture into the plan to deglaze it. The aroma of fresh spices hung in the air while the vegetables slowly sizzled in the pan. It was a slightly strange experience for the Wing family

descendants. Only breakfast food had been served upstairs when they were children; all the other major cooking was done in a commercial wok on the downstairs floor near the storefront.

“They used to make us dollar-sized pancakes. We’d get one for each year of our age,” said Kelly Kim.

By the time Davoren was finished adding the last bit of fresh lime zest, everyone in the room

was salivating. It was 10 minutes until parade time and the anticipation for both was palpable. Tiny rice-filled cups laden with scrumptious vegetables were passed around the room as firecrackers exploded directly below. The family relished in this moment, enjoying one more meal together in the home of their ancestors before setting off into the outside world again for who knows how long. ★



Nick Davoren ladles freshly-cooked kung pao vegetables over cups of rice to share during his cooking demonstration on March 1 in Marysville.



Descendants of the Kim Wing family gather in the upstairs kitchen of the Local Spicery in Marysville for a cooking demonstration on March 1.

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# Youth Mariachis Ready to Perform

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and soon to be offered in Sutter County schools as well, the youth mariachi musicians are ready to perform for a wider audience. Help raise funds for additional instruments and mariachi uniforms as the program expands by attending a fundraiser on Saturday, March 15 at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas St. in Yuba City. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 per ticket, which includes dinner and the concert. The history of mariachi dates to the 18th-century and evolved

over time in the countryside of western Mexico. Modifications of the music over the years included influences from other musical genres, the addition of trumpets, and the wearing of charro outfits by mariachi musicians. There are many mariachi styles and include corridos, cumbias, boleros, ballads, marches, polkas and waltzes. Most of the lyrics are about machismo, love, betrayal, death, politics, revolutionary heroes and country life. As an added attraction, the newly-formed ballet folklórico dance ensemble from Marysville Charter

Academy for the Arts will perform. Folklórico is a collective term for traditional cultural dances that emphasize local folk culture with ballet characteristics. The folk dances are done in villages throughout Mexico, the Southwestern United States and Central American countries. This concert is in celebration of these unique music and dance forms being performed by students who will be the next generation of culture bearers and who are part of the cultural diversity of Yuba-Sutter. Yuba Sutter Arts is a



The history of mariachi dates to the 18th century and evolved over time in the countryside of western Mexico. Photo courtesy by the Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide arts programming, education, advocacy, assistance and service to artists, organizations and residents in Yuba and Sutter counties. The California Arts Council’s local affiliate programs include Arts in Education, Veterans Initiatives in the Arts, Yuba Sutter Big Band, Very Special Arts Festival, Center Stage Youth Performing Arts and Convergence Theatre Co. ★



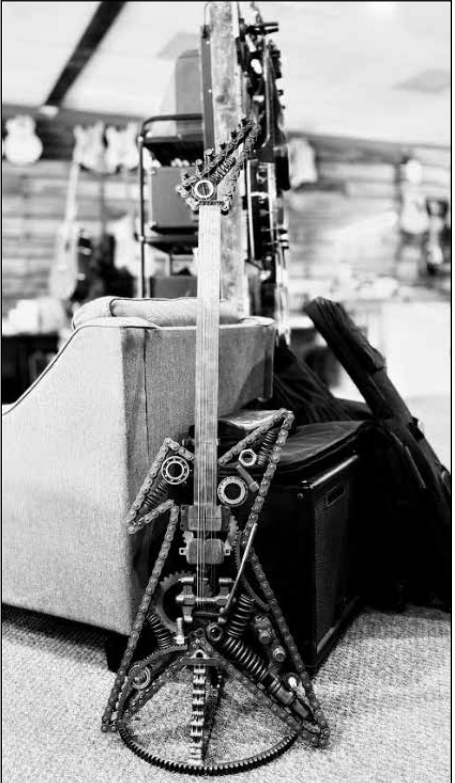
On March 7, Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture announced a fundraiser in support of the youth mariachi orchestra program. Photo courtesy by the Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

# Plumas Street Becoming Event Destination



Skip's Open Mice Music Cafe is now up and running in Yuba City featuring both music lessons and event rentals.

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found at Sutter Buttes Brewing with their monthly comedy nights, the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts and the Teegarden Event Center. One of the newest venues is Skip’s Open Mic Music Cafe, formerly Skip’s Marysville Music Cafe, which relocated from Marysville to Yuba City this past December. “It’s slowly but surely becoming that entertainment district,” said Skip Bertsch about the numerous performance venues on Plumas Street. “With it being an entertainment district, the city has extended the sound ordinance to midnight too, which is nice.” Bertsch’s venue, located at 787 Plumas St., is often used for music lessons and recitals but doubles as an event rental with portable stages. Crazy Katz Vintage Vinyl Records is also located inside the store, making Skip’s a “one stop shop” for local music and performance enthusiasts. “The nicest new feature is that after hours, we have the whole parking lot,” said Bertsch. “It will enable us to do all sorts of little events and outdoor music festivals here.” Across from Skip’s lies Europa Florist & Caskets, which suffered major fire damage in 2023. This business now appears to be open again but only through a back entrance as marked by street signage. Other relatively new stores include a formal wear shop called Carolina & Ana Boutique, Plumas Barber Studio, Aeon Nails and Novedades Espinoza. Iguanas Mexican Grill is now closed but in its place is Agave Bar and Grill which seems to have a lively vibe. Local business owners said to check back at that restaurant for a grand opening party on Cinco De Mayo. For more information about Plumas Street, visit yubacitydowntown.com or take a walk down Plumas Street between Bridge Street and Colusa Highway any day of the week. ★



Custom pieces and cool designs can be found inside E&J's Music Lounge in Yuba City.



Here is a peek into Crazy Katz Vintage Vinyl Records, located inside the Skip's Open Mic Music Cafe in Yuba City.



Perhaps spring can come along now. The time has come for winter to be over and spring to happen. We had a real thunder-lightning storm last week but the power stayed on. I noticed snow on cars coming from us the hill. Let's just see what is next. Are you ready for corned beef and cabbage (along with potatoes, carrots and more)? I always look forward to this traditional dinner, like I do with turkey and all of the trimmings. I don't know why I regulate it to those special days, but it seems tradition demands it. Oh well, I will enjoy it. **News From Keri** - It's been a minute since my last post, and I wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts with you all. Although I am no longer working at Yuba Feather and Dobbins Elementary (not by choice), my commitment to love our community remains unwavering. Resilience has always been one of my strong points, and I believe it will carry me through this transition. On Wednesday, March 5th, and Friday, March 7th, I had the immense pleasure of witnessing Brian Davis from BeXtra complete a mission we started months ago—delivering brand new shoes to every child at Yuba Feather and Dobbins Elementary. Brian's love and dedication to our community is truly inspiring. He embodies the spirit of service, believing wholeheartedly in the power of giving without seeking recognition. Whether you call it divine intervention, fate, or pure luck, I truly believe that everything happens for a reason. It's the friendships and connections we cultivate along the way that infuse our lives with purpose and meaning, turning even the toughest days into something special. So, let's all strive to find our joy and hold onto it tightly! Thank you for being part of this journey with me. Together, we can continue to uplift and support one another. Look Back in Time – In 1914 the stage-coaches of the Marysville-Oroville to LaPorte lines have been replaced by 5-passenger Autos (progress continues). *Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.* ~ Yvonne



Dave Ramsey

## Dave Ramsey Says Help, Don't Enable

Dear Dave,

We've been following your plan, and it's been a real blessing to us. Last week, my mother-in-law told my wife they haven't paid their property taxes. They owe \$5,000, which was originally due in January, but she didn't say why they hadn't paid the bill. I love my in-laws. They're good people, but they're big spenders—and in my mind—a little irresponsible with their money sometimes. We make a good living, and we could help them out. But my wife and I have talked, and we're both afraid this situation may be just the tip of the iceberg. Can you give me some advice?

– Bill

Dear Bill,

My best advice is this. First of all, you shouldn't do anything. This is a really touchy situation. You and your wife definitely need to be on the same page about how you want

to handle things. But your wife should be the one to address this, because she's their child. The last thing you need is to be labeled as the nosy or stingy son-in-law. Believe me, I understand and respect your position. And I agree with the notion you two don't want to enable any bad habits. But this is family we're talking about. You and your wife should try to find a way to help them if they really need help. If that includes some kind of guidance or counsel, that's fine. If it means giving money, make certain you know exactly where it's going, and why it became an issue in the first place. I mean, when you give someone \$5,000 to help with a problem, you automatically earn the right to have a say in exactly how the money's going to be used. Maybe your wife could go over to their house for a visit and just talk about things. In the process, she might learn some details on the situation that would help you guys make a bet-

ter, more informed decision on moving forward. Chances are her mom and dad didn't raise her to have dessert first, then eat her vegetables. But in a sense, it sounds like that might be what they're doing. Long story, short? They need to pay their property taxes now. It sounds like they've got the money to take care of what needs to be done *and* have some fun. But if they don't, some kind of course correction needs to happen. And I mean soon! Otherwise, they're liable to see their financial dignity slip away. – Dave *Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.* ★



# California Uses Gimmicks Instead of Addressing the Heart of Its Budget Problem



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

One of the many gimmicks that California’s governors and legislators employ to paper over budget deficits, thus avoiding real spending cuts or increasing taxes, is to assume some level of savings from making state agencies and programs more efficient. They will plug arbitrary numbers into the budget from such supposed efficiencies, then, along with other gimmicks, declare that the budget gap has been closed and pat themselves on the back for the feat. The 2024-25 budget is a prime example of such political expedience. As enacted last June it totaled \$297.9 billion, of which \$211.5 billion was general fund spending. But the budget assumed that the state would receive \$207.2 billion in general fund revenues, so it had a gap to bridge. Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators turned to a series of gimmicks and indirect loans to close the gap, including \$2.9 billion from assumed efficiency savings in state agencies and state universities. However, when Newsom unveiled a 2025-26 budget proposal in January, the plan acknowledged that while the universities met their relatively tiny savings goal of \$200 million, other agencies would reduce spending

by just \$800 million, or less than a third of their \$2.7 billion goal. The new budget also revealed that 2024-25 general fund spending had ballooned to an estimated \$232 billion — \$21 billion more than the final version had assumed — and while projected revenues had also increased to \$217 billion, the 2024-25 deficit would widen to \$15 billion. Last month, the Legislature’s budget analyst, Gabe Petek, reported that his staff was having difficulty getting accurate information from the administration about the underachieving efficiency decree. “We have tried to get information from some of the larger departments to better understand what types of operational changes are being implemented to achieve the identified savings,” Petek wrote. “As we discuss in greater detail later, we have received limited information thus far.” This venture into the weeds of state budgeting generates two observations: One, that gimmickry is an integral part of the current process, and second, that the state faces chronic gaps between income and outgo, a condition dubbed a “structural deficit.” It is an ongoing mismatch between what the state’s tax system can produce in revenues and what current law says must be spent. The problem dates back to 2022 when Newsom declared that the state had a \$97.5 billion surplus, based on surging revenues. He and legislators raised spending sharply on that assumption, but it proved to be an illusion, resulting in the income and outgo gap that will continue at least for the

remainder of Newsom’s governorship — unless he and legislators make real spending cuts or increase taxes. Moreover, the destructive and deadly wildfires that swept through Los Angeles will impact both the revenue and spending sides of the state’s ledger, more than likely increasing the structural deficit. Newsom and legislators have already approved a \$2.5 billion appropriation for fire-related costs, which would increase the deficit even more unless he can persuade President Donald Trump to send federal aid. Even with a federal bailout, however, Newsom is likely to leave his successor, whom-ever that might be, with a fiscal headache. Newsom surely hopes to skate through without either deep spending cuts or increasing taxes, while continuing to cover the chronic gaps with gimmicks such as arbitrary efficiency savings, direct and indirect loans and creative bookkeeping. He has even increased spending in some categories despite the sluggish revenues, most spectacularly — and most irresponsibly — jacking up state subsidies for the Southern California film and video industry. Sending more money to Hollywood while telling state universities to tighten their belts, potentially impacting enrollment, would seem to be the height of misplaced priorities. Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column that offers his view and analysis of the state’s political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★



**New Legislation Aims to Boost Farmworker Pay and support Agricultural Employers**  
California state lawmakers are trying again to find a way to fairly compensate farm employees for working overtime, this time removing the burden from farmers. Last week, state Sen. Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, introduced a bill that would create a tax credit for farmers to offset the cost of paying overtime wages. “Senator Grove’s agricultural overtime tax credit bill is a sensible solution that will enable farmers to continue producing food while providing a real and richly deserved boost in take-home pay for farm employees,” said Shannon Douglass, president of the California Farm Bureau, which co-sponsored the bill. **Leadership Farm Bureau Class Announced for 2025**  
Eight agricultural professionals have been chosen for the California Farm Bureau’s 2025 Leadership Farm Bureau program. Leadership Farm Bureau class members will participate in a yearlong educational and development initiative that prepares them for leadership roles in Farm Bureau and agriculture. Participants will learn about government and legislation, media and communications, public speaking and team building. They will also attend lobbying sessions in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., and meet with lawmakers and administrative and regulatory officials.

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Soil health isn’t just a buzzword. It’s the foundation of productive farms, resilient crops and long-term sustainability. Farmers face many challenges: unpredictable weather, water restrictions, rising input costs and shifting regulations, all of which make soil management feel like one more hurdle in an already demanding industry. Yet, healthy soil is an investment. It directly impacts yield stability, disease resistance, water efficiency and overall farm resilience. The California Bountiful Foundation, a nonprofit research affiliate of the California Farm Bureau, administers the Healthy Soils Block Grant Program, which helps farmers implement soil health practices. **Podcast Discusses Bee Thefts During Almond Pollination**  
On the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, Placer County beekeeper Jason Miller discussed the bee shortage facing California almond growers this year as farmers scramble to find enough bees to pollinate the year’s crop. With a shortage of pollinators and rising prices for bees, Miller said the theft of bee boxes has become a greater concern. “We have dealt with some very large bee thefts,” he told podcast host Gary Sack on the California Farm Bureau-produced show. The episode also discussed the importance of export markets for California farmers and state regulations restricting the use of driverless tractors on farms. ★



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# It's Tax Season

Tax season is once again upon us. Both the wife and I dread the paperwork. Consolidation of all those 1099 forms, the employment stubs, the home expenses and all the other stuff is a multi-day endeavor. Those having home businesses, multiple businesses, rentals or several sources of income know of which I speak. When I was young, I used to just throw everything in a box and at year end, haul it over to my accountant and let him figure it out. As the years went by, the increase in accounts, incomes and deductions made that exercise maddening for my CPA. It also increased his bill as he spent hours flipping through papers. My wife started to keep file folders and that helped but file folders contain papers and there we go again, page surfing to find the applicable information on some random page somewhere. Since I have been filing taxes for longer than I care to admit, businesses, brokerage firms, banks and other company entities have progressively gotten better at producing year end statements. Their methods of reporting and providing detailed tax information to consumers has vastly improved and we are all thankful for it. Not that the improvements and simplifications of tax forms have alleviated all the pain of filing taxes altogether. But the box full of papers is long gone. With the advent of email, reports can be moved to various email inboxes. Come year end, we email the content folders to the accountant. But that’s just a paperless box of forms that they still have to weed through. And weeding costs money. So after ever increasing accountant bills, we developed a spread sheet on our computer that lists all the things we spend money on, less the obvious nontaxable stuff. We decided not to list all our expenses as that would just take more time and I am not sure I want to see the household “budget” anyways. It might be too depressing. Ya, I know I’m a money guy. But I am not so engrossed in it where I want to spend even more time logging everywhere I drop some coin. That would only add to my anxiety over money so we just list the taxable stuff and the stuff we might consider deducting. We made our own spread sheet on the Excel program. It may not be the best but my wife uses it a lot with it and its familiar territory for her. And you can probably tell from that who does the paperwork. So everything we buy that is not a consumable like a stereo, solar light, suitcase, printer or whatever, we make a folder for, and file alphabetically in a file cabinet. That particular exercise is not really for taxes but it clears the clutter, and tracks the purchase, any warranty it may have, its instruction book, model number, date of purchase and source. If it is used in business or home office, the receipt is copied and filed separately under business expenses and then logged in the spread sheet as a possible tax consideration. The wife tracks everything we think might be considered for possible full or partial deduction. She has many different columns for things like business expenses, utilities, equipment, taxes paid during the year, maintenance items, home office expenses, business travel, major car repairs, home improvements, medical expense and a host of other things. Income is also tracked as well as where it came from, when, how much and the method of payment. No longer waiting to track things down at year end, the spreadsheet is updated weekly as receipts, paystubs, checks and other applicable paperwork are tossed into the INBOX on her desk until she decides to update the spread sheet and then file the paperwork in their appropriate file folders. The companion part of this is the file cabinet I previously mentioned contains not only folders on all the stuff we bought and its paperwork, but separate folders holding the paperwork on the entries on the spread sheet in case we ever have to review the details or actual paperwork on whatever entry might be in question. The paper work back up also would come in handy in an audit obviously. When the CPA meeting day comes, we waltz in with a copy of the spreadsheet, our 1099s and year end statements from whomever and the meeting goes a hell of a lot quicker (and cheaper) than that huge box of papers we used to schlep . In conclusion, file folders and a spreadsheet kept up weekly helps simplify our tax reporting for both us and our accountant. And that’s how we do it! **“Watching the markets so you don’t have to”**  
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# Notable Quotable



**By Kathy Craig Harteis**

If you’ve read this column regularly you know my favorite quote. “Stupid is as stupid does,” Mama always says. That of course came from the ironically wise fictional character Forrest Gump. Today I heard a new-to-me quote from Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares. “Some people are so open minded their brains fall out,” he said. Think about it. That isn’t as far fetched as it sounds. In today’s world it actually rings more true than many want to admit. My readers all know I’ve been recuperating these last 10 weeks from my fateful ice slip. I know I’m more informed than I need with the 24/7 news shows I tend to watch or listen to each day. The good news is I’m healing and improving. I’ll be on the move in just a bit longer. Meanwhile I’m still watching and listening. I have to wonder why any self-respecting girl dad would think it’s ok for biological males to be naked in a female locker room. I guess if my daughters or granddaughters were forced to deal with this I’d be inclined to go all Lorena Bobbitt on the situation. With that said I want to believe tomorrow will be better day. I pray that our elected leaders will someday soon get a grip and exchange protesting for actual governing. It’s time to earn their wages and actually do their jobs. Meanwhile I came across a few more pertinent quotable quotes. “Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing” — Helen Keller “Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself” — George Bernard Shaw “In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life: it goes on” — Robert Frost Now it is the season of Lent. Life can be 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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5. \*Saget of "Full House" fame
8. Last month
11. "Howdy, \_\_\_\_!"
12. Hurtful remark
13. \*Actor Hudson of Winston Zeddemore fame
15. Give the cold shoulder
16. \*Musical based on 1980s rock "Rock of \_\_\_\_\_"
17. \*Comedy horror "\_\_\_\_ Hell"
18. \*Transparency, to Gorbachev
20. Slangy "Follow me!"
21. Coffee shop order
22. Pro vote
23. Heart abnormality
26. Act out Civil War battle, e.g.
30. Eisenhower, familiarly
31. Mediterranean island
34. Small island
35. \*Oscar-winning "Tootsie" actress
- Jessica \_\_\_\_\_
37. Not hers
38. Dionysus' pipe-playing companion
39. Not on land
40. Water pipe
42. Dog tags, e.g.
43. First lunar phase (2 words)
45. Higher education reward
47. Biblical mother
48. \*What "I love Lucy" did in the '80s
50. Name of the Blue Ox
52. \*Gull-winged sports car
55. Party handout

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60. Mixed breed canine

61. "Air Jordan, e.g.

62. "Cheers" setting

63. Byron: "Maid of Athens, \_\_\_\_\_ we part"

64. Dispatched

**DOWN**

1. Ambulance squad, acr.

2. "Shoot!"

3. Person of French descent

4. Preserve, as in body

5. Prejudiced one

6. Falstaffian in body

7. Cr me de la cr me

8. "Do \_\_\_\_\_ others as..."

9. Property right

10. \_\_\_\_\_ Aviv

12. Bridge-like structure

13. Wedding singer, e.g.

14. \*Ceausescu's country

19. Pasta accompaniment

22. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band

23. \*Arrigo Sacchi's Associazione Calcio \_\_\_\_\_

24. Tsar's edict

25. Re-establish

26. Zwieback

27. Up and about

28. "Blinky, Pinky, Inky and \_\_\_\_\_"

29. To the point

32. Sound unit

36. "Duran Duran's hit

36. "Hand-held "Tetris" device (2 words)

38. Give sheep a haircut

40. Gardening tool

41. Quick and skillful

42. Sets, in cricket

46. Metamorphic rock

48. Happen again

49. Fill with spirits

50. Rum cake

51. Affirm


52. \_\_\_\_\_ Maggie Smith

53. Pain

54. "High" time

55. Watch chain

58. Nothing but this in basketball?



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**Kings Korner**

**By V.G. Harris**



There are tough losses and then there are tough losses.

The Sacramento Kings went into Inglewood Sunday night winners of four out of the last five games and came within a gnat's eyelash of supplanting the L.A. Clippers for the eighth spot in the western conference. Sadly, that did not happen, largely because future hall of famers Kawhi Leonard and James Harden exercised their collective will and made shots when it mattered most.

After the western conference player of the week Zach Lavine missed a tough game ending 17 ft. shot to end regulation, the Kings played the talent laden Clippers to a standstill and actually took a one-point lead with less than 22 seconds remaining in overtime.

Shaking off a poor shooting night in which Kawhi Leonard went 1-7 from 3-point land and was held to 17 points for his nights work, Leonard made his only shot attempt in overtime. King's fans watched in agony as with no time left on the clock, Kawhi's shot bounced twice before finally falling through the twine for a 1-point victory.

Cream rises to the top, and players with the talent of a Kawhi Leonard may miss shots all night but always seem to be there when it matters most.

So, Kings fans and players alike must defenestrate the Clippers loss, because in 24 hours the 40-win New York Knickerbockers will invade Golden One Arena, and the Kings need this game like few they've needed all season.

Much like the Clippers, the Knicks are laden with talent, and this contest will test the mettle of this newly assembled team.

The Kings have been shorthanded with both Domantas Sabonis and Malik Monk sidelined with injuries but tonight may see the return of Monk to the starting lineup. Sidelined for three games with a sprained toe, Malik would be a welcome sight against a formidable Knicks lineup.

Fans should be taking note that this new version of the Kings not only has taken care of business as it relates to sub 500 teams, but has given every opponent a tough out, night in and night out. This team plays tough, and every fan wants to see is a team that brings their best effort every night.

Whether it's Keon Ellis, newcomer Jake LaRavia, or the reemergence of Keegan Murray, this version of the Kings is playing better defense than any team in recent memory. It takes great energy to hold teams to under 110 points per night, and the Kings are approaching those numbers.

Rising to 15th overall in defensive rating, the Kings are allowing opponents 113 points per game, but without question the newcomers have made a difference.

All their collective skills will be needed Monday night against a New York Knicks team that is averaging just a shade under 117 points per game, and I expect a play-off atmosphere at Golden One Arcan on Monday night.

For those pundits and fans that have been critical of Keegan this year, I will say that this season has seen two versions of Keegan Murray. Early on Keegan's 3-point shooting was so bad I just wanted anyone else to shoot, and his percentage was in the low 20's. But, as Keegan's defense became a theme that seemed to inspire his game, his second half 3-point shooting has nearly doubled to over 40% in the second half.

Not to be overlooked was last Friday nights game against the San Antonio Spurs. Sacramento Kings fans welcomed back DeAaron Fox and family to Golden One Arena with a rousing win, besting the Spurs from start to finish and winning by a margin of 127-109.

King's fans were classy in their pregame ovation, and later when DeAaron handled the ball, boos could be heard as well.


What I say is, I'm glad this game is in our rear-view mirror. It had to happen and it's a game that can only occur once. DeAaron will undoubtedly play many more games at Golden One Arena, but none will come with the emotion that was present at the arena on Friday night.

It's time for Kings fans to come together, realize that this new version of the Kings is making a legitimate run for the playoffs, and enjoy the process!

Stay tuned Kings fans, this is going to be fun!

All the best!

*Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com).* ★



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OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
ORDINANCE NO. 107.4  
AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE  
NO. 107.3, ADOPTED JULY 21, 2012, AND  
ESTABLISHING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING  
FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, EXAMINATION,  
CERTIFICATION, APPOINTMENT, DISCIPLINE  
AND LAYOFF OF EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO A  
CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Board of Directors of the Olivehurst Public Utility District, Yuba County, California, as follows:  
Ordinance No. 107.2, adopted July 16, 1987, is hereby rescinded. Provisions for the recruitment, examination, certification, appointment, discipline, and layoff of employees pursuant to a Classified Civil Service System be as follows:

**DEFINITIONS** Unless the context otherwise indicates, terms used herein have the following meanings:

**DISTRICT** means Olivehurst Public Utility District.

**BOARD** means the Board of Directors of the District.

**POSITION** means any duties and responsibilities performed by one District employee.

**CLASSES** or **CLASSES OF POSITIONS** means that group of positions sufficiently similar in respect to duties and responsibilities so that the same descriptive title may be used to designate each position allocated to the class, the same entrance qualifications be required of candidates applying for appointment to positions in the class, the same tests of fitness may be used to choose qualified employees and that the same salary range may be made to apply with equity.

**SPECIFICATIONS** or **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS** means the description approved by the Board, of any class setting forth the duties, responsibilities and tasks assigned to the position in the class, and the minimum qualifications necessary to ensure that persons appointed are capable of performing the assigned duties.

**CLASSIFICATION PLAN** means an orderly arrangement of classes covering all positions, together with salary ranges for each class.  
**ELIGIBILITY LIST** means a list of persons qualified to accept employment under this ordinance in anyone class.

**REGULAR FULL-TIME APPOINTMENT** means a full-time appointment in a position covered in the classification plan.

**REGULAR PART-TIME APPOINTMENT** means a part time appointment in a position covered in the classification plan.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER** means members of the Fire Department who are employed on an emergency call for fire call basis. Said employees shall not be considered regular full-time or regular part-time employees of the District.

**INTERMITTENT APPOINTMENT** means an appointment of a person from an eligible list to a position on an irregular or seasonal basis, or in the case of the Fire Department, the appointment of an individual from the waiting list to probationary status with the Department.

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT** means an intermittent appointment of a person not on an eligible list.

**EMERGENCY APPOINTMENT** means a temporary appointment not to exceed thirty (30) working days.

**LIMITED TERM APPOINTMENT** means the appointment of a person to a position for a fixed or specified term of employment.  
**APPOINTING AUTHORITY** means any person empowered by the Board to make appointments.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AN AGREEMENT** means the memorandum of understanding and agreement between the District and employee organizations.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**MERIT SYSTEM:** A merit system for the selection and retention of regular classified employees is hereby established.

**POLICY:** It is the policy of the District that employees in its service be selected on the basis of merit and fitness ascertained through practical and competitive examinations; those regular classified employees be given reasonable security of tenure; and that the acts and decisions of the Board and its officers be in accordance with good merit system practices and policies.

**AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:** The General Manager shall enforce and implement the provisions of this ordinance.

**SERVICE AND TENURE:** Employees of the District are required to give their faithful and complete service and shall understand that tenure will be dependent upon good behavior, efficiency, necessity of the work and the appropriation of sufficient funds.

**COMPENSATION:** Salary ranges for regular classified employees shall be as outlined in the current memorandum of understanding between the District and employee organizations or by otherwise appropriate action of the Board. Compensation for Volunteer fire fighters shall be established by the Board.

**SHORT TITLE:** This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT MERIT SYSTEM ORDINANCE.

**SEPARABILITY:** If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**POSTING:** Copies of this ordinance shall be posted in three public places in the District at least one week before the expiration of thirty days from its passage.

**STATUS OF PERSONNEL**

Intermittent, Limited Term, Temporary and Volunteer Fire Fighters shall not be subject to the provisions of the current memorandum of understanding between the District and employee organizations. Said memorandum of agreement shall apply only to regular full-time and regular part-time employees.

**SICK LEAVE, VACATION, HOLIDAYS, HOURS, HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS, AND PENSION BENEFITS:** All employee benefits and fringe benefits shall be as outlined in the current memorandum of understanding and agreement between the District and employee organizations or other appropriate act of the Board.

**POWER OF THE BOARD:** Class specifications do not modify or limit the power of the Board to assign other duties or to direct and control the work of employees as necessary or appropriate.

**CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATIONS:** The Board may adopt, amend, or abolish any classes of positions, or it may establish, amend or abolish any class specifications as may be necessary through re-assignment of duties or such other changes in District in organization by appropriate action.

**PRESENT EMPLOYEES:** All permanent classified, currently employed, employees who have served at least six months in their present positions shall be deemed to retain their present positions without further working tests or examinations.

**PROBATIONARY PERIOD:** All persons appointed to positions in the service of the District shall serve a probationary period of six months, or as designated for the class of positions in which appointment is made. The probationary period is a definite part of the examination and satisfactory performance on the job during the probationary period shall be a requirement of any examination.

**PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES:** All personnel appointed to a classified position are deemed to be so serving as the final phase of the examination and recruitment process, and therefore are serving at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may be terminated from employment at the discretion of the appointing authority. Prior to termination, however, such employees are entitled to a statement of the reasons for dismissal. A regular classified employee who is promoted to a higher position, and who is considered to be on probation in that position, shall retain hi s rights, privileges, and tenure in the lower position until termination of the probationary period in the higher position.

**CLASSIFIED SERVICE:** All regular positions in the service of the District shall be placed under the merit system and such positions shall be known as the classified service, except:

Elective officers;

Persons rendering professional, technical, or expert services;

District Clerk/Resource Coordinator, ex-officio secretary, Finance Manager, Treasurer, Office Manager/Human Resource Coordinator, Director of Public Works, General Manager, and manager of each utility division.

**RECRUITMENT OF PERSONNEL**

**GENERAL:** The Board shall conduct or cause to be conducted tests or examinations for each class of positions to which appointment is to be made, including in-house promotions to classified positions. Examinations may be oral, written, written and oral, performance, or unassembled, or any combination of such tests. The Board shall determine at the time of announcement of the examination the type of examination to be used.

**CONTRACT:** The Board may contract with any competent agency or person for the performance by the other agency of such technical services in connection with the establishment or operation of the personnel system as may be desired.

**EXAMINATIONS POLICY:** It is the policy of the Board that the written examinations may be administered by a specialized agency or firm. Upon completion of the examinations, the specialized agency or firm shall deliver to the General Manager the names and percentile ratings of the applicants who have successfully passed the examination.

**NATURE:** Examinations shall fairly test the skills, knowledge, and abilities required for performance of the duties assigned to the class of positions for which candidates are seeking employment. Any investigation of experience, education, character or identity and any test of technical knowledge, manual skill or physical or mental fitness which in the opinion of the Board, General Manager, or delegated examining agency be appropriate may be employed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Board shall publicly announce any examination at least two weeks in advance of the date after which applications will no longer be accepted. Examination announcements shall include the title of the class of positions, probable rate of pay, a general statement of the duties to be performed, minimum qualifications required, methods of securing official application forms, and the final date by which applications must be filed. The Board may postpone or cancel any examination prior to its completion.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** The District may refuse to examine or recruit any candidate for employment if it is found that he/she:

is so disabled as to be rendered unfit to perform the duties of the class;

is addicted to narcotics or habitual use of intoxicating liquors to excess;

is a spouse, sibling, parent, or child of any officer or employee of the District;

has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude;

has previously been dismissed, or forced to resign from any employment for good cause;

has attempted to use pressure, political or otherwise, bribery, deception or fraud to secure advantage in the examination or appointment;

has taken part in the compilation, administration, or correction of the examination;

is found to lack any requirement for the class or positions for which he is applying;

has made any materially false statement of fact in his application;

does not possess a valid California driver's license or, because of driving record or other reasons, is not insurable under the District's policy of vehicular liability insurance.

The General Manager is authorized to obtain criminal history information and records from any appropriate custodian of such information, for the sole purpose of determining suitability of a candidate for employment.

**DUAL SUPERVISORY POSITIONS:** The Board may determine that a person acting in a supervisory capacity in one department may not be concurrently appointed to a supervisory position in another department. Such determination is to assure the District of as little disruption as possible in the event of termination of a person in a supervisory capacity.

**APPEAL ON REJECTION:** An applicant may appeal directly to the Board on rejection of hi s application and the Board 's decision shall be final.

**GRADING:** The minimum grade or standing shall be determined on all parts of the examination except that failure on one part of the examination may preclude consideration as to other parts of the test. The grades for the various parts shall be given weight as determined by the appointing authority or examining agency and the passing grade determined in terms of the examination, number of candidates, and the needs of the District. Physical tests, as applicable, may be required.

**APPEAL ON EXAMINATION FAILURE:** section of the examination to the Board basis of fraud, bias, irregularity or erroneous interpretation of the minimum requirements for the class of positions for which he is applying. The Board may grant a mark not exceeding passing on such appeals except if fraud is found, a suitable grade shall be given. The examining agency may make recommendations to the board. The Board's decision is final.

**MEDICAL REPORTS:** Medical examinations for entrance to the District service may include standard medical reports to be completed by licensed physicians at the expense of the District.

**CERTIFICATION**

**ELIGIBLE LIST:** The names of successful candidates shall be placed on the appropriate eligible list for the examination. When a vacancy occurs, the five highest qualifying names on the eligible list for the class in which the vacancy occurs, shall be certified.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** Eligible lists shall be effective on approval of the Board and lists shall be effective for one year with the option to extend for an additional year upon Board approval.

**REMOVAL FROM LIST:** The General Manager may remove the name of any eligible from an eligible list for the following:

failure to respond to notice within five days of mailing notice; upon receipt of notice from eligible declining appointment and asking that his name be removed;

if the eligible has been offered and refused employment.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**GENERAL:** All appointments shall be made from the appropriate certified eligible list. In case no eligible list is available, a list for the comparable class may be used, or a temporary appointment may be made.

**INTERMITTENT APPOINTMENT:** If the needs of the District indicate that there should be positions in a class requiring performance of duties on an irregular, or intermittent, or seasonal basis, an intermittent appointment shall be made from those on the eligible list wishing to accept such work. Such an employee shall not be a regular classified employee.

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT:** In case no eligible accepts an intermittent appointment, a temporary appointment may be made. No temporary appointment made in the absence of an eligible list shall continue longer than six months in any calendar year. and no more than one temporary appointment shall be given any individual in one calendar year. Such an employee shall not be a regular classified employee.

**EMERGENCY APPOINTMENT:** In the event of threatened stoppage of public business, emergency appointments of 15 working days may be made. No individual is to receive more than two successive emergency appointments. Such an employee shall not be a regular classified employee.

**APPOINTING AUTHORITY:** The General Manager is the appointing authority, subject to ratification by the Board.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**POLICY:** The merit system principle connotes that no person holds any position in the service of the District as a matter of right except through efficiency and good faith in the performance of duties.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:** The General Manager, after consultation with the appropriate utility division manager, may suspend, demote, or dismiss any probationary, temporary, intermittent, emergency, or limited term appointed employee without cause at any time, without right of appeal as provided herein, by written directive notifying said employee of the action so taken. Regular full time and regular part time employees who have successfully completed the probationary period in a prior position and who are promoted or placed in a different position, and who are dismissed during the probationary period in the new position, shall have the right to return to the former position held unless charges are filed, and an appeal is heard in accordance with these rules. The General Manager may dismiss, suspend, or demote any regular full-time or regular part-time classified employee for cause only upon serving the employee a written statement setting forth the reasons for such action.

**CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL OR OTHER ADVERSE ACTION:** A regular full-time or regular part-time classified employee may be suspended, dismissed, or demoted by the General Manager for cause only. Cause for such action may be only one or more of the following categories of conduct:

Having made a materially false statement in the application for employment.

Incompetence.

Inefficiency.

Insubordination.

Dishonesty.

Insobriety while on duty.

Failure or refusal to perform duties.

Conviction of a crime of moral turpitude.

Violation of the rules, regulations, or orders of the District.

**PROCEDURES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** Prior to the imposition of any disciplinary action, the person affected by said action shall receive written notice of intent to discipline containing the following: (1) level of discipline intended to be imposed; (2) the specific charges upon which the intended discipline is based; (3) a summary of the facts upon which the charges are based; (4) a copy of all written materials, reports, or documents upon which the intended discipline is based; (5) notice of the employees right to respond regarding the charges within five (5) calendar days from the date of the Notice, either by requesting an information conference (the "Skelly Conference"), or by providing a written response, or both; (6) notice of the employee's right to have a representative of their choice at the Skelly Conference, should they choose to response orally; and (7) notice that the failure to respond at the time specified shall constitute a waiver of the right to respond prior to the imposition of discipline. . . . If the employee requests a Skelly Conference to respond to the charge(s), the conference will be scheduled within a reasonable time after the date of the Notice. The Skelly Conference will be an informal meeting with the General Manager or designee, at which the employee has an opportunity to rebut the charges against them and present any mitigating circumstances. The General Manager or designee will consider the employee's presentation before any final disciplinary action. The employee's failure to make an oral response at the arranged conference time, or the employee's failure to submit their written response by the date and time specified in the notice, constitutes a waiver of the employee's right to respond prior to the imposition of the discipline. In that case, the proposed disciplinary action will be imposed on the date specified.

Upon conclusion of the Skelly Conference , the General Manager shall issue their decision on the imposition of disciplinary action within five (5) working days thereof. The General Manager or designee will (a) dismiss the notice of intent and take no disciplinary action against the employee, (b) modify the intended disciplinary action, or (c) impose the intended disciplinary action. In any event, the General Manager or designee shall prepare and provide the employee with a notice containing the following: (1) level of discipline intended to be imposed, if any, and the effective date of the discipline; (2) the specific charges upon which the discipline is based; (3) a summary of the facts upon which the charges are based; (4) a copy of all written materials, reports, or documents upon which the intended discipline is based; (5) a statement of the nature of the employee's right to appeal.

**APPEAL OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** Any person subjected to any disciplinary action may appeal the order of the General Manager or designee to the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) calendar days of the receipt of notice thereof. Said appeal shall be in writing and shall specify the grounds justifying the reversal of the decision of the General Manager or designee. Upon receipt of such notice of appeal by the Clerk of the Board, the Clerk should notify the Board of its appeal at its next meeting. The Board should then set the matter for hearing no later than thirty (30) days thereafter, giving at least ten (10) days written notice thereof to the affected employees. The Board shall fully and fairly hear all parties concerned and then render its decision within ten (10) days thereafter, based upon the evidence heard, and either approve the action taken by the General Manager, disapprove the action, or order other action to be taken. The Board may continue the matter for further hearing if necessary to adduce additional evidence.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**REGULAR EMPLOYEES:** A Regular Full-Time or Regular Part-Time employee who has completed his probationary period may request a absence after the exhaustion of all available leave time, including vacation and/or sick leave. All requests for leave of absence should

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be directed to the manager of the individual employees' utility division. The manager shall review the request in light of the District's work force requirements and forward it to the General Manager with a recommendation for granting or denial. The General Manager, in consultation with the appropriate committee of the Board of Directors, and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, will independently review the request and manager's recommendation and may grant a leave of absence for up to twelve (12) months. Each leave of absence request will be evaluated on an individual basis based on the employee's service record, work force limitations, availability of "fill-in" employees, and length of requested leave. Any employee on authorized leave of absence who should seek reinstatement during the period of such leave of absence will be entitled to reinstatement at its former position. No probationary period will be required in order to achieve full reinstatement. Unless prior written authorization is obtained, absence for any time in excess of the approved leave of absence shall be considered a voluntary resignation from service and shall disqualify the individual from employment and reinstatement rights.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS: Should a Volunteer Fire Fighter be unable to continue to perform the duties, and functions of a fire fighter within the Department, or should geographical relocation, or job conflicts result in inability to maintain the drill and call performance required for the position, then said individual may request a leave of absence, which request in writing should be directed to the Chief of the Fire Department. The General Manager, in consultation with the Fire Department Liaison Committee, and with approval of the Board, may grant a leave of absence, for a period of up to twelve (12) months. Any employee on authorized leave of absence, who should seek reinstatement to the Fire Department during the period of such leave of absence, will be entitled to reinstatement at its former position, if that position is vacant, or if not vacant, at such lower position within the Fire Department that may be open, assuming the reinstated employee has maintained the necessary skills and competence to perform the duties and functions of an OPUD fire fighter. If the reinstated fire fighter returns during the period of said leave of absence, no probationary period

will be required in order to achieve full reinstatement. The OPUD Fire Department does not guarantee that any position will be available at the time reinstatement is required. Absence from the Department for a period in excess of the allowable leave of absence shall not entitle the fire fighter to reinstatement but said fire fighter may reapply for membership in the Fire Department subject to all necessary training and probationary review.

LAYOFF

ABOLITION AND CONSOLIDATION OF POSITIONS: Whenever in the judgment of the Board, it becomes necessary in the interests of economy and efficiency or because the need for the performance of duties no longer exists, the Board may abolish or consolidate any position or positions in the classified service.

BASIS FOR LAYOFF AND SEVERANCE PAY: In the event of a reduction of force for any reason, persons so laid off shall be laid off in accordance with seniority in the class to which their position is allocated, or in higher classes.

No regular employee shall be discharged from the District without being given at least two (2) weeks' notice and severance pay, nor shall he leave his employment without giving similar notice to the District.

This article will not apply to an employee who is discharged for just cause.

PREFERENCE: Should any position or positions that have been abolished be recreated or reinstated, or new positions be created which involve substantially the same or comparable duties and responsibilities as those abolished during the next one year from the effective date of the abolishment of the position or positions, the employee or employees laid off from the position or positions discontinued shall be appointed in preference to any eligible on an eligible list for such position or positions.

ELECTION TO DEMOTE: In the event of layoff, those persons with probationary appointments or who have successfully completed the probationary period for their current position, may elect to demote to the next lower class in the series of classes in which layoff is made. In

this event, layoffs will be made in the lower class in the same manner as above.

INIMICABLE ACTIVITIES: An officer or employee in the classified service shall not engage in any other activity or enterprise inconsistent, incompatible, or in conflict with his duties as an officer or employee, nor shall District employees perform plumbing and sewer services on private property

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 2024.

OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Marc Perrault  
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Bri Anne Ritchie  
District Clerk & ex-officio Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL  
SUFFICIENCY

Deirdre Joan Cox  
Legal Counsel

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the Olivehurst Public Utility District, Yuba County, California, at a meeting thereof held on the 18th day of July, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES, AND IN FAVOR THEREOF: Directors Burbank, Floe, Nelson, and Perrault

NOES, None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Director Griego

Bri Anne Ritchie  
District Clerk & ex-officio Secretary

(TD) March 14, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE  
THE YUBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., or soon thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA. The Board of Supervisors will consider the following: **Ordinance Amendment "LACT-24-0004" (Minor edits to the Development Code & Zoning Map):** The applicant, Yuba County, is requesting a recommendation of an Ordinance Amendment to make minor amendments, modifications, and corrections to the County of Yuba's Development Code (DC), Official Zoning Map of the County of Yuba (Zoning Map), and associated land use regulations. The Project components are designed to implement the County's 2030 General Plan, limit uses in the Valley Growth Boundary, and enhance unclear language in the Development Code.

General Plan and Zoning designations affected by Ordinance Amendment LACT-24-0004: Countywide, applicable to all land within the unincorporated area of the County. Thus, the Project applies to the following General Plan designations: Valley Neighborhood, Rural Community, Natural Resources, Public/Quasi-Public, Commercial Mixed Use, Employment, Employment Village, and Planning Reserve. The Development Code and Zoning Map will update existing zoning designations consistent with the 2030 General Plan; therefore LACT-24-0004 applies to all zoning designations within unincorporated Yuba County. The Project does not include any development proposal.

A determination has been made that the above referenced project is exempt or categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15183. Projects consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan, or general plan policies for which the 2030 County of Yuba's General Plan Environmental Impact Report was certified shall not require additional environmental review.

Any person wishing to testify at the Board of Supervisors hearing on the proposed project may appear before the Board at the prescribed time and place, or may submit written comments or objections to the Clerk of the Board at 915 8th Street, Suite 109, Marysville, CA 95901, prior to the hearing. Copies of the staff recommendations are available for inspection at the same address. If you have any questions, you may contact Jacob Farmer, Planner I, at (530) 749-5432.

If you challenge in court the action or decision of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors regarding a zoning, planning, land use, or environmental determination made at any public hearing described in this notice, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone raised at such public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, such public hearing.

MARY PASILLAS  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(TD) March 14, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Yuba County Community Services Commission board meeting Tuesday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, CA 95901. Contact Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation at 530-751-8555 or ysedc@ysedc.org for any questions.

Community Events

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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2025 - 9:30 AM

Join fellow believers at the Town Center Fountain in Yuba City where we will head up Plumas Stret, then west along Colusa Highway to Clark Avenue. We will cross at the corner by Starbucks, turn right, and continue down Colusa Highway until we reach Plumas Street. Finally we will make our way down Plumas Street back to the Town Center Fountain. Find us on Facebook.com/TheWayofSufferingJESUS. For info call: 530-635-8461

Next Step Community Breakfast

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ESTATE OF DANNY JOSEPH THOMPSON

Case NO. PRPB25-00020

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **Danny Joseph Thompson**.

**A Petition for Probate has** been filed by: Brenda Lee in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that: Brenda Lee be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 3/17/2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.**

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

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

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

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

**Attorney for Petitioner:** Sheldon C. Hadley  
230 5th Street, Marysville, CA 95901  
**Phone No.:** 530-743-4455  
**PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH:**  
**February 28, March 7, 14, 2025**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave, 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.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Tuesday, March 18 25, 2025 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:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-063

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

**Apex Window Tinting**  
1316 Paddington Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961

County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Arthur Navarro Galvez  
1316 Paddington Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/05/2025.

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

Signed:  
**Arthur Navarro Galvez**  
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County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
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Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-053

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

**Jimmy John's Sandwiches**  
904 E Street #B  
Marysville, CA 95901

County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
HIGS PROPERTIES, LLC  
1243 Santa Barbara  
Yuba City, CA 95991

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/2019.

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

Signed:  
**Harman Dhami**  
**California**  
**Business Manager**

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Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2025f-050

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

**Shannon Sings Karaoke**  
1076 Grand Ave.  
Olivehurst, ca 95961

YUBA COUNTY  
Registered Owners  
**Shannon Nicole Jones**  
1076 Grand Ave.  
Olivehurst, ca 95961

This business is conducted by Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/1/2022

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

Signed: **Shannon Jones**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on Feb. 12, 2025, indicated by file stamp.

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Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025F-035

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

**California Ag Labs**  
430 C Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Certified Ag Labs, LLC  
430 C Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2020.

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

Signed:  
**Robert Myers**  
**California**  
**Vice President**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on January 28, 2025.

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# Marysville High Falls to Rio Linda in Playoffs

Story and photos by  
Daniel Canfield

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Marysville High School girls’ basketball team’s season came to an end on March 6 with a close loss at Rio Linda High School in round two of the 2025 California Interscholastic Federation State Girls Basketball Championships. Coming into the state playoffs as the No. 6 seed in Division IV, Marysville High proceeded to win their first-round game against the No. 11 seeded Prospect Panthers on March 4.

The win against the Panthers propelled Marysville High into the second round of the state playoffs and a matchup



Marysville High School junior Abigail Pietz prepares to take a free throw against Rio Linda High on March 6.

against the Rio Linda Knights on March 6, at Rio Linda High School.

The game against Rio Linda was anticipated to be a close contest as the Lady Knights came into the game averaging 56 points per game and Marysville High was averaging 57. The matchup did not disappoint as Marysville High fought hard but came up painfully short in an extremely close game, losing by a final score of 34-33.

The game was a low scoring affair with the first two quarters seeing several missed shots and some hard play on the boards from both sides. The second quarter ended with a series of missed shots at both ends, culminating

with Marysville High holding a slight halftime lead at 17-15.

The third quarter saw 3-point shots starting to fly and hard fouls going both ways. The tenacious third-quarter defense from Rio Linda High resulted in a rare shot clock violation on Marysville High and assisted the Lady Knights in moving into the lead with a score of 23-21 at the end of the third quarter, setting up a dramatic end.

The fourth quarter saw scoring heat up on both ends of the court and some thrilling shots that brough the fans of both schools to their feet with six minutes remaining to be played. Back-to-back three pointers made by Marysville High’s Abigail Pietz put Marysville up 29-28.

The Lady Knights fought back to take a 34-31 lead with 18 seconds remaining. Two missed shots by Marysville High ended with the ball being turned over to Rio Linda still holding onto a slight 3-point lead. The Lady Knights turned the ball right back over to Marysville High on the inbounds pass which led to a successful 2-point shot cutting Rio Linda’s lead to 34-33 with a fraction of a second remaining on the clock.



The Marysville High girls’ basketball team on offense in the fourth quarter of the playoff matchup against Rio Linda High on March 6.

Once again, the Lady Knights had a turnover on the inbound pass attempt, but Marysville High was not able to connect on a buzzer-beating shot attempt, preserving the win for Rio Linda High.

Junior Abigail Pietz led Marysville with 14 points, including four 3-pointers. Freshman Jorden Hill scored five, and Marysville High got four apiece from Collins, Demi Boykin and Lisette Partida.

The State Championships campaign was the culmination of an outstanding season for the Marysville High School girls’ basketball program which finished the season with a 24-9 overall record and an 11-3 record in the Pioneer Valley League, which earned Maryville High a second-place league finish.



Jorden Hill takes a three-point shot against Rio Linda High on March 6.

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NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-071  
The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:  
Chaos Branding  
& Marketing  
12012 Hoover Road  
Loma Rica, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Hamel Enterprises LLC  
12012 Hoover Road  
Loma Rica, CA 95901  
This business is conducted  
by a Limited Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced  
to transact business under  
the fictitious business name  
or names listed above on  
02/03/2025.  
(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true and  
correct).  
Signed:  
Christopher Hamel  
CALIFORNIA  
CEO  
This statement was filed with  
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on February 28, 2025.  
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By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Mar. 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4,  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF YUBA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:  
CHRISTOPHER JOE ROY-VANNATTA,  
PETITIONER(S)  
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00354  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
HEARING DATE:  
4/21/2025  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.  
Petitioner(s) Christopher Joe Roy-Vannatta, filed a petition with this  
court for a decree changing names as follows:  
from: Christopher Joe Roy-Vannatta  
to: Christopher Joseph Vannatta  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter ap-  
pear 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 hear-  
ing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation,  
printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.  
DATE: 3/5/2025  
Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-041  
The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:  
ARAZ Holdings  
1145 Jewelflower Street  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Zeebran Ariff  
1145 Jewelflower Street  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by  
an Individual.  
The registrant commenced  
to transact business under  
the fictitious business name  
or names listed above on  
01/17/2025.  
(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true and  
correct).  
Signed:  
Zeebran Ariff  
This statement was filed with  
the County Clerk of Yuba County  
on January 31, 2025.  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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By SARAH MULL,  
Deputy Clerk  
Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21,  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-072  
The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:  
Chico Anime & Pop Expo  
(CAP-EX)  
1372 High Noon Dr.  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Michael Thomas VanDyken  
1372 High Noon Dr.  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
Ramon Santiago Jaime  
1125 Vine Ave, Unit B  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by  
a General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced  
to transact business under  
the fictitious business name  
or names listed above on  
03/01/2025.  
(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true and  
correct).  
Signed:  
Michael Thomas VanDyken  
This statement was filed with  
the County Clerk of Yuba County  
on March 3, 2025.  
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By SARAH MULL,  
Deputy Clerk  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-064  
The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:  
Level Up Construction  
and Restoration  
5665 Cobbler Lane  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
LEVEL UP  
CONTRACTORS, INC.  
5665 Cobbler Lane  
Marysville, CA 95901  
This business is conducted by  
a Corporation.  
The registrant commenced  
to transact business under  
the fictitious business name  
or names listed above on  
02/07/2025.  
(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true and  
correct).  
Signed:  
SHAWN BELLINI  
CALIFORNIA  
CEO  
This statement was filed with  
the County Clerk of Yuba County  
on March 3, 2025.  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-052  
The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:  
Atelier Aurel  
12797 Josselyn Hill  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
MAILING ADDRESS  
PO Box 59  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Maria Billings-Lowry  
PO Box 59  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
Peter F. Lowry  
PO Box 59  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
This business is conducted by  
a Married Couple.  
The registrant commenced  
to transact business under  
the fictitious business name  
or names listed above on  
02/02/2015.  
(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true and  
correct).  
Signed:  
Maria Billings-Lowry  
This statement was filed with  
the County Clerk of Yuba County  
on February 13, 2025.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-060  
The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:  
Hot Za Pizza  
13375 Rue Montaign  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
MAILING ADDRESS  
PO Box 115  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Tristan Winks  
13375 Rue Montaign  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
This business is conducted by  
an Individual.  
The registrant commenced  
to transact business under the  
fictitious business name or  
names listed above on N/A.  
(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true and  
correct).  
Signed:  
Tristan Winks  
This statement was filed with  
the County Clerk of Yuba County  
on February 21, 2025.  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By SARAH MULL,  
Deputy Clerk  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2025F-062  
The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:  
Moon Tower  
Production Company  
922 G Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
MAILING ADDRESS  
1190 Market Street, Ste G  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Adrian Jose Saucedo  
1190 Market Street, Ste G  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
This business is conducted by  
an Individual.  
The registrant commenced  
to transact business under the  
fictitious business name or  
names listed above on Feb. 17,  
2025.  
(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true and  
correct).  
Signed:  
Adrian Saucedo  
This statement was filed with  
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on February 24, 2025.  
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COUNTY OF YUBA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:  
KOU VANG PETITIONER(S)  
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 25-00366  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
HEARING DATE:  
4/21/2025  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.  
Petitioner(s) Kou Vang, filed a petition with this court for a decree  
changing names as follows:  
from: Kou Vang  
to: Caston Kou Vang  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter ap-  
pear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause,  
if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.  
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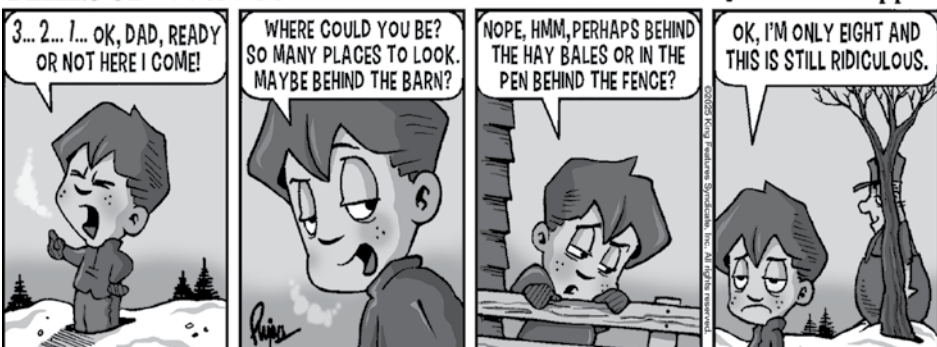
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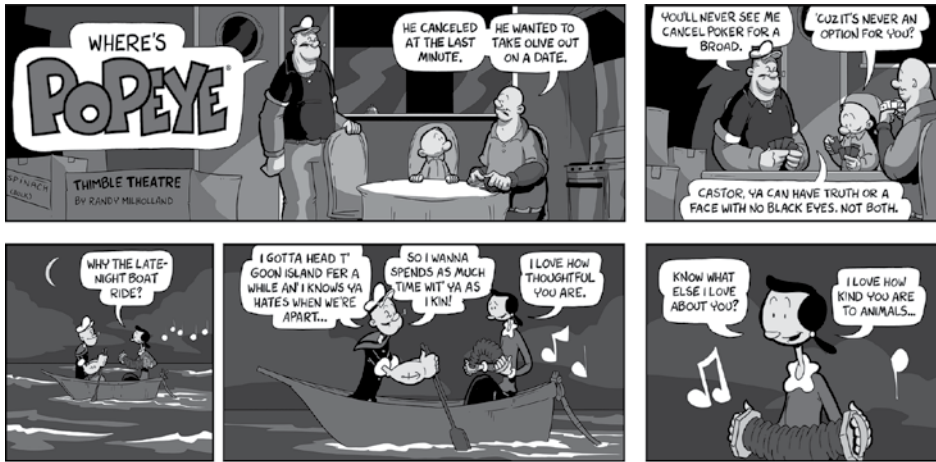
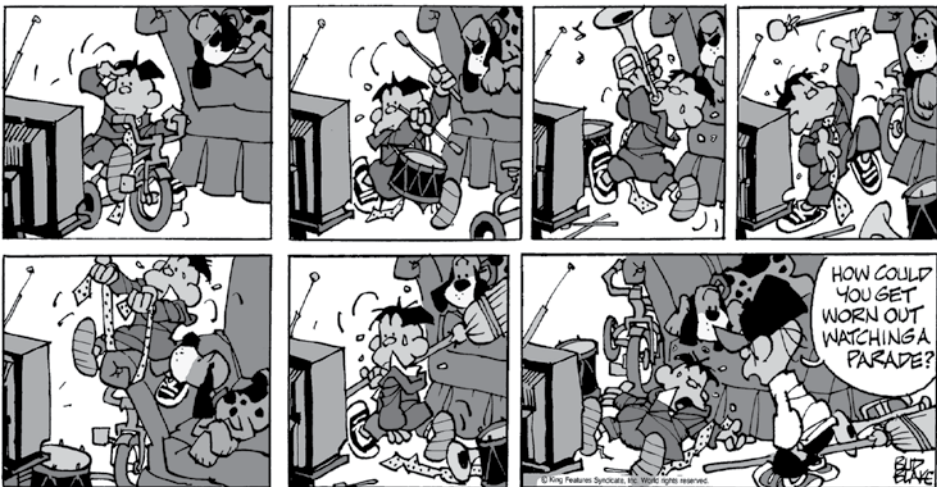
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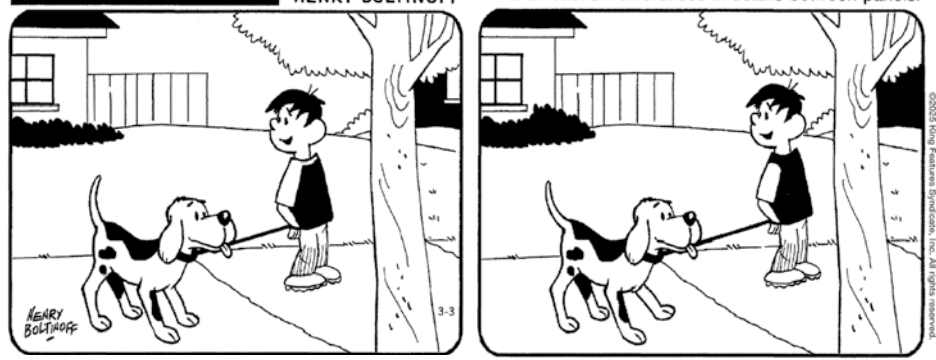
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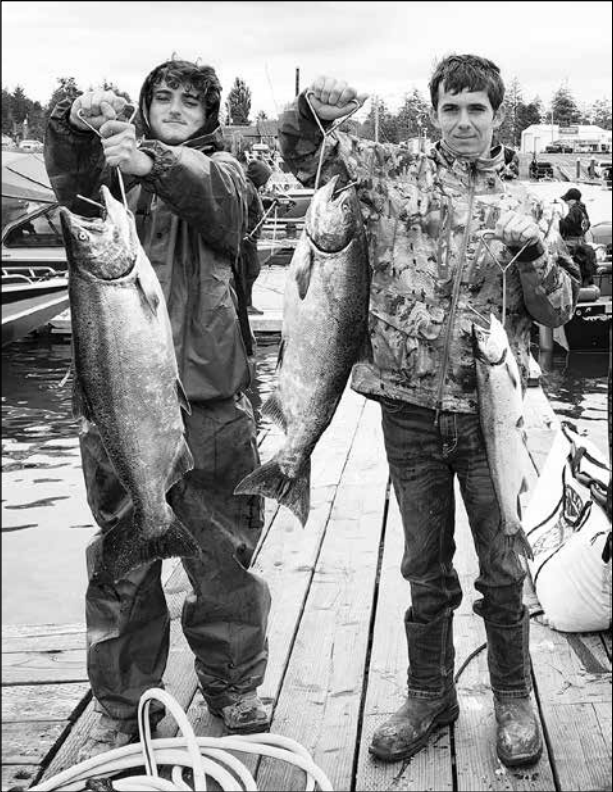
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# The Tragedy on Thermalito Afterbay



Wesley “Wes” Cornett, left, and his brother, Andruw “Dru” Cornett were on a family salmon fishing trip at the Columbia River in August 2024. Photo courtesy of Dawn Coultrap

By Will Sheffield

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On Dec. 14, 2024, tragedy struck the Clark/Combs family when their two teen sons were involved in a Thermalito Afterbay hunting accident.

The incident grabbed the public’s attention and an extensive search effort ensued.

Multiple factors impeded the search and what was hoped to be a live-find rescue turned into a grueling 23-day recovery operation. Meanwhile, mother April Clark; stepfather Henry Combs; and their other three children suffered through the holiday season, with the parents refusing to leave the banks of the Thermalito Afterbay until their two boys were recovered.

## Day of the Incident

Brothers Andruw “Dru” Cornett, 19, and Wesley “Wes” Cornett, 17, of Olivehurst left home early Dec. 14 for a round of early morning duck hunting on the Thermalito Afterbay, which they had frequented many times. The brothers put in for spots at Gray Lodge and Delevan Wildlife Refuges but pulled bad numbers and opted for the waters outside of Oroville.

According to family members, the boys were accomplished kayakers and they used their kayak to set out their duck decoys that day.

But a heavy storm that wasn’t forecasted until later that afternoon set in on the brothers. Extreme sustained winds upwards of 50 MPH whipped the water into 4-6’ swells and heavy rain created dangerous conditions as the boys attempted to wrap up their hunt.

The waters turned treacherous and the brothers were in trouble.

At 8:33 that morning, Dru called 911, alerting first responders that his brother’s kayak overturned and they needed immediate help. Dru reported that Wes was seen in the water swimming north but neither boy had life jackets. Despite warnings from Butte County Sheriff’s

Office (BCSO) dispatchers, Dru went in the water after his brother.

According to a BCSO report on the recovery efforts, Butte County Search and Rescue was immediately activated at a “Code 3” (emergency response) status, with BCSO officers and CAL FIRE also responding Code 3.

A BCSO deputy was on scene first, with CAL FIRE’s Water Rescue team on scene just minutes after at 8:55 a.m. BCSO Marine Unit, along with Search and Rescue, joined the initial search.

The kayak, a paddle and a pair of waders were recovered but the boys were not located that Saturday. The discovery of their personal items led searchers to believe they were indeed still lost on the water and had not left the location, as some speculated.

Despite the worsening weather conditions, hope was on a “live find” and BCSO reported the highest probability areas of finding the boys to search first.

## The Search Continues

Due to the extreme wind and weather conditions, aerial searches by helicopter and drone were not possible during the recovery’s first portion.

Swells 6” and over made it difficult for the hull-mounted sonar scanners to collect live mapping during the search’s continued water rescue component. As the weather shifted, searchers continued to encounter additional environmental issues.

BCSO stated that vegetation overgrowth in the waters that grew to 10’ tall hindered the sonar searches, being impenetrable by the equipment. Not only did vegetation create a visibility issue for divers but it also presented an entanglement risk.

Divers disturbed silt during their search, clouding fridged waters. They were forced to limit dive times and take precautions to guard against hypothermia, since water temperatures often ran 45 degrees or below. Cold



Volunteer diver Juan Heredia, volunteer diver Camila Heredia, boat operator Kenny Pishek, stepfather Henry Combs and boat operator Lee Day prepared to go out for another search. Photo courtesy of Will Sheffield

temperatures were also believed to be a factor in why the brothers weren’t immediately found.

Other resources called in to help in the extended search included multiple types of mounted and drag sonar, high resolution cameras fixed to poles and a remote-operated vehicle, divers and ground search.

The organized search effort employed a grid formation to comb the waters with BCSO reporting that each search area during their eight-day search effort received a minimum of six sonar passes. Volunteers adopted the same method in their water searches.

On Monday, Dec.16, the boys’ parents requested the help of certified divers via video on social media to augment the local and neighboring county resources currently carrying out the search by authorities.

Multiple first responders from Butte, Nevada, Placer, Yuba, San Joaquin, Shasta, Alameda, El Dorado, Napa, Placer, Tehama and Stanislaus counties joined the search for the brothers, including the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Water Resources, the California Rescue Dog Association and WOOF Search Dogs.

## Behind the Scenes of the Volunteer Effort

As news of the incident spread on social media, more volunteers wanted to help.

Juan Heredia of Angels Dive Team arrived on day two of the search and was later joined by Nick Rinn of Oregon Rescue Divers, Big Valley Divers and North State Divers. Other volunteer divers included family friend Chris Green Sr. and Chris Green Jr., divers Patrick and Tiffany Pipkin, Donal Morganson, Jeff Wyatt and Chris Murra.

While the divers searched below, volunteer boat operators Kenny Pishek, Lee Day, Pete Moor and Reese Lolmaugh kept their boats running and the search on course. Licensed drone operator Dean Dyrr added another eye-in-the-sky in the aerial search.

Rinn said that the time of year played a large role in the private volunteer turnout: “Happening right before Christmas with a family of young kids that have siblings, and now you’ve got a mother and a father that are experiencing unimaginable discomfort,

frustration, sadness, everything you could possibly imagine; I just felt that.”

Family members and some volunteers camped on the banks during what became a 23-day long search continued by private searchers and limited BCSO support. April and Henry did not leave the volunteer camp located to the north of Monument Hill, except for a few hours Christmas evening to spend with their other children.

Terrible weather patterns continued to batter the north state with winds and rains creating muddy and miserable conditions for volunteers and campers.

Good Samaritans donated new popups and tarps to shelter those working along the banks during the rains at what became known as “the volunteer search area.” Many donated anonymously and their assistance helped pay for oxygen to replenish the divers’ tanks. A warming station was also organized by community members so that searchers and divers could get out of the weather.

Those who weren’t diving or on boats, such as Rinn, helped refill oxygen tanks to support the diving efforts in any way possible.

The community rallied behind the family, raising funds, while residents and businesses provided meat for camp or catering for searchers.

Numerous individuals walked the banks and levees, and others brought their boats out to help with the water searches.

“The more people they had showing up to show their support to help, whether we found them or not, it was giving them (family) some sort of hope that people are still looking,” said Rinn.

Day added, “It hit real close to home for a lot of people and being so local, everybody just felt like they had to do something.”

Henry and others at the volunteer camp encountered those who had delayed their Christmas Day celebrations to walk the levees and look for the brothers as the search continued through the holidays.

## Closure

After 17 days of dedicated searching, Andruw’s body was recovered at 9:40 a.m. Dec. 31, 2024, near where the brothers were last seen.

His younger brother remained missing until Sunday, Jan. 5, when



Oregon Rescue Divers’ Nick Rinn and Chris Murra on Dec. 19, 2024 search the Thermalito Afterbay for the brothers. Photo courtesy of Will Sheffield

BCSO was alerted that a volunteer walking along the Thermalito Afterbay’s west bank, south of the State Route 162 bridge (Monument Hill Bridge) had spotted something in the water.

There was a perceived sense of urgency to retrieve Wesley, because of his location’s high visibility. Day and Heredia quickly located and recovered Wesley in Day’s boat. Both divers expressed that they wished to respect the family and keep Wesley from public view until BCSO could officially take over the teen’s recovery and identification.

With Wesley returned, the Clark/Combs family could begin the difficult job of grieving and healing.

Church services were held for the Cornett brothers Feb. 15 with an invite-only ceremony held after in honor and remembrance of their young lives.

Heredia, who dedicates himself to helping families such as the Clark/Combs find loved ones lost in water-related accidents, performed an astounding 57 dives during the search for the Cornett brothers. He was joined by his wife, Mercedes, as he was honored for his efforts by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors on Jan. 28.

Referring to the search for the Cornett brothers, Heredia and Mercedes said, “The community of Oroville and surrounding cities should be proud to live there, as we have witnessed one of the most powerful united communities come together when in need, in all of our searches we have done.”

Heredia, Day and Rinn agreed that the BCSO search efforts were well rolled out and resources were deployed longer than they had experienced in other recovery efforts but the search had some difficulties and they offered suggestions.

Day suggested that “Fish and Game commissions should implement annual training of the importance of wearing a life jacket and

implement it like seatbelts to ‘Save Lives.’”

Rinn suggested BCSO Marine Units have additional dive training in that area for continued experienced familiarity in those heavily vegetative, difficult conditions such as the Afterbay waters.

Volunteer divers shared the opinion that the massive outpouring of community support and volunteerism that they witnessed was highly impressive and reflective of a caring community.

Many of the divers agreed that social media and the constant updates motivated more volunteers to join the search but Day added a cautionary statement due to some of the issues that the Clark/Combs family experienced with misinformation and images spreading online.

“My thoughts on this tragedy, and all other tragedies that have happened (is) for the public and community to never film and share anything like this ever again. Videos were posted online before the parents were even notified,” Day said.

## Thanks to the Volunteers

Special thanks to all the volunteers and divers who assisted in the search, multiple law enforcement and support agencies, and many local businesses that donated to the cause, including but not limited to: Teri Dubois; Scott Fennel; Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain; FoodMaxx, Oroville and Linda; Bigfoot Eats and Market, Clipper Mills; Wagon Wheel Market, Oroville; New Earth Market, Yuba City; Rolling Stone Pizza, Yuba City; El Rey Mexican Restaurant, Marysville; Casa Lupe Market, Gridley; Rail House Pub & Grill, Gridley; Marcello's, Yuba City; Popeyes, Oroville; Cool Hand Lukes, Yuba City; Silver Dollar Saloon, Marysville; Cesar Espinosa, Yuba City; and Feather Falls Casino, Oroville. ★



North State Diving divers from Oroville enter the Thermalito Afterbay waters on Dec. 18, 2024 to locate the Cornett brothers. Photo courtesy of Will Sheffield



Big Valley Divers from Chico were among the several volunteer divers who participated in the joint search effort. Photo courtesy of Will Sheffield