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# **Quarterly Issues & Programs Report**

**First Quarter 2024**

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Quarterly Issues & Programs Report

This report contains an overview of the public affairs programs and announcements aired by KFAQ-AM Radio for the quarter just ended. For over 99 years, KFAQ-AM has demonstrated a firm commitment to serve its listeners by airing in-depth interviews with newsmakers, community activists and community leaders in an effort to address matters that affect the quality of life here in Northern California.

For over three decades, KFAQ-AM has aired a Monday thought Friday program called “Life! Line with Craig Roberts”, which is presented in the peak afternoon drive time hours of 5:00-7:00 PM. Locally produced, the program seeks to address areas of interest and concern to those living in both our community of license as well as the surrounding areas well within the reach of our signal.

Topics and areas of concern addressed by the program include, for example, health matters (early cancer detection, treatment and prevention) education (home schooling, funding of public education and comprehensive student/teacher performance guidelines) women’s issues (menopausal treatment, breast cancer awareness, employment) and issues of concern to minorities (bi-lingual education, immigration issues, racism), among dozens of other topics.

Issues to be addressed are culled out from a vast list of local activists, listener feedback and interview requests from local and regional community leaders.

Additionally, the program provides opportunities for listeners to speak out on topics of concern, as well as the chance to speak directly with experts and community leaders on a variety of topics that affect the quality of life for them and their family.

The station also airs messages of thirty to sixty seconds in length throughout its broadcast schedule provided to us by a number of community-based and government-based organizations. Subjects in the recent past have included but are not limited to crime reduction, recycling program awareness, senior issues, assistance programs for parents of children with learning disabilities and immunization programs for people at risk (elderly/HIV/children).

The following is a list of problems, needs and interests compiled from over two hundred interviews from a diverse list of community leaders throughout the Bay Area and Northern California.

### Problems Needs and Interests

1. Minority Challenges (discrimination, housing, employment, education).
2. Problems of the Elderly.
3. Youth and Education.
4. Unemployment, Finances, and the Economy.
5. Gender Challenges (women suffering discrimination, employment problems, and domestic violence).
6. Environment.
7. Urban Problems (overcrowding, urban blight).
8. Housing.
9. Health & Covid-19 Pandemic.
10. Crime and the Criminal Justice System.
11. Voters Rights & Elections

The following pages list some of the programs that have dealt specifically with the afore-mentioned list of issues and problems. In addition, because of the nature of our basic programming philosophy and program content, many of our programs often address one or more of these issues on a daily basis.

The station's format represents a broad diversity of opinions and views from the traditional Judeo-Christian ethic upon which our nation was founded. In addition, we air programming from many different religious and cultural backgrounds and experiences, complimenting the rich diversity of our listening audience.

A significant number of our national programmers and talk program hosts address themselves to a multiplicity of issues confronting American society today, particularly those dealing with crime, drug and alcohol abuse, racism, sexism, ethical and moral conduct, sexual mores, familial relationships, education, international relations, and terrorism.



## TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.

5P-7P

PROGRAM DATE: Tu., January 2, 2024 (or the weekend of)

PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:05-5:45pm

Guest: **JOYCE CORDI**

*Bio from her website:*

> Publisher, Reimagine America

> Joyce Cordi offers context rather than commentary on government dysfunction based on her 30 years of hands-on experience managing business transformation activities.

> She was a candidate for Congress from California's 15th Congressional District in 2008, urging voters TO FIRE CONGRESS, elect more business people and fewer lawyers, while accumulating the largest vote total of any opponent ever against the well-funded incumbent.

> A native Californian, Joyce is a long-time proponent of environmental protections – believing that it is not inconsistent for business to be ethical, responsible, and profitable – simultaneously.

**Issues Discussed:** Voters in this election cycle; how to fix what's broken

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[ReimagineAmerica.org](https://ReimagineAmerica.org) or [www.JoyceCordi.com](https://www.JoyceCordi.com)

NOTES, unedited, straight from Joyce...

**Voters are ANGRY!**

- Angry about choices offered
- Angry re: Process for determining general election candidates
  - most of so-called "swing states" have citizen initiatives heading to Nov. 2024 ballot
  - All involve some amount of Alaska model with GE rank choice voting --

Between 58% and 70% of probable general election voters don't want promised rematch between Biden and Trump —



BUT are any significant number of those voters enthused about voting in primaries — to push one of prospective GOP pigmy candidates into first place

- Nicki Haley ???
- No Labels threat

### > **Immigration:**

We need major reform!!!!

### **But right now we need drastic triage:**

Estimates of 3 to 6 million illegal entries this year alone -- equals half the population of Ohio!  
Our labor market does not need, cannot absorb this influx and our social safety net is approaching collapse!

--California considering health insurance for illegals

--4 year wait for asylum hearing creates "mixed status" families that can't be deported -- we need new rules!

### > **Economy?** Do you have a crystal ball?

- Interest
- Disrupter
- Natural disaster
- Global economic weakness
- Major geo-political shock
- Immigration
- Production versus consumption



## TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO. 5P-7P

**PROGRAM DATE:** Wed. Jan. 10, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:05-5:30m

*\*In observance of National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month*

Guest: **DR. MARCEL VAN DER WATT**

> Director of the Research Institute at the National Center on Sexual Exploitation  
> Internationally recognized for his research and work as a former sex trafficking police investigator.

**Issue Discussed:** His article (below) about pursuing the sex buyer; A path to end human trafficking – possible or no? HOW?

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[www.EndSexualExploitation.org](http://www.EndSexualExploitation.org)

### Give sex-buyers the attention they deserve

BY MARCEL VAN DER WATT, OPINION CONTRIBUTOR

To solve the global problem of sex trafficking, it is time to hold not only traffickers to account, but also the people who create, enable and perpetuate this problem: sex-buyers.

Although sex-traffickers enjoy the lion's share of the global community's scorn, it is sex-buyers—overwhelmingly men who purchase sexual access to the bodies of women and children—who deserve far more of the outrage and should receive a much larger share of frontline law enforcement's responses. After all, traffickers may be the ones who pocket the money that is generated from sex trafficking operations, but it is sex-buyers who pay it.

Sex-buyers constitute the critical missing link in most responses to sex trafficking. They are responsible for inflicting incalculable amounts of trauma on those caught up within systems of prostitution. Those systems prey upon the acute vulnerabilities prevalent among poor and marginalized communities.

Not only is the link between systems of prostitution and sex trafficking on full display in the most recent Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, but sex-buyers boldly tie the knot between them. For instance, sex-trafficking victims were found in typical prostitution venues such as legal brothels (10 percent), unofficial brothels (9 percent), night/strip clubs (10 percent), bars (14 percent), and sauna or massage parlors (9 percent). Sex trafficking victims were also exploited in outdoor public settings (11 percent) and in private and hidden venues (36.5 percent).

No matter the setting, there is a sex-buyer behind every transaction. Sex-buyers continue to evade the glaring headlines concerning “open air prostitution markets” in Brooklyn and the “scourge” of prostitution in Queens, New York. Yet, reported sex-buying incidents in more than 2,690 cities and counties in the U.S. confirm that prostitution is a demand-driven reality and document the plenteous harms perpetrated by sex-buyers across the country.

Evidence from research into sex-traffickers arrested for trafficking minors and the nature of sex-buying in the online sexual exploitation marketplace augment these insights into the problem of consumer-level demand. Whether intentionally engaging in sex with trafficked women and children or simply disregarding intuitive indications of harm in the online or offline sex trade, sex-buyers oxygenate the perpetration of sex trafficking crimes. It is futile to try to distinguish between men’s demand for victims of sex trafficking from men’s demand for commercial sex acts.

A growing number of reports worldwide further confirm this ominous reality. In New Zealand, sex trafficking is significantly under-reported and under-detected in the sex trade. This is not surprising, since New Zealand Police are constrained by legal limitations on their ability to proactively screen for sex trafficking victims “within the legal commercial sex industry.” While New Zealand’s Prostitution Reform Act continues to serve as a paragon for those pushing for the full decriminalization of prostitution — a policy that removes laws criminalizing sex-buying — the country’s lowered ranking to Tier 2 in the U.S. State Department’s Trafficking in Persons Report for the third consecutive year, raises questions concerning the fleeting promises of permissive prostitution laws.

In Germany, a country widely called “the brothel of Europe,” a study revealed that 55 percent of sex-buyers admitted to having observed or paid a pimp/sex trafficker and “very rarely” reported trafficking to the authorities. Even though acknowledging they have witnessed sex trafficking, only 1 percent of 96 German sex-buyers reported the suspicion of sex trafficking to authorities.

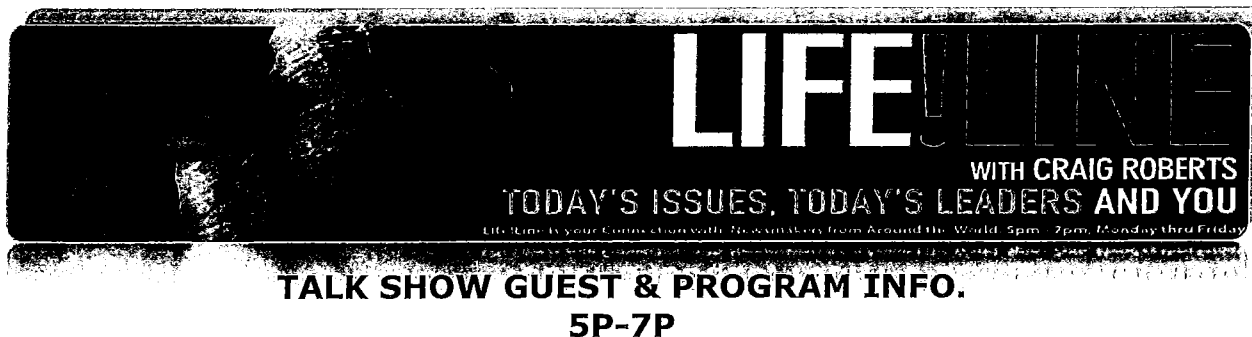
The piece entitled “Raped, Forgotten, Lost,” published in Der Spiegel, provides an in-depth look into the “fatal mistake” that is Germany’s 20-year-old legal sex trade. Its prostitution law, which was ostensibly intended to protect women, has emboldened countless sex-buyers who mete out abuse and violence without compunction.

The country’s permissive laws benefit the perpetrators and abandon the victims. A South African study also reveals the grave outcome when sex-buyers are permitted to flourish in a *de facto* decriminalized legal environment and when brothels, cocoons for sex trafficking operations, are deeply embedded in communities.

In one case, a U.S.-based live "camming" website was implicated in a South African prosecution and conviction of two child sex-traffickers. The account used to exploit the child victim had more than 6,000 logins by sex-buyers from across the globe to view the victim over the two-year period during which she was exploited.

Efforts to reduce sex trafficking and other forms of commercial sexual exploitation must move beyond the apprehension of sex traffickers. Law enforcement's use of well-established demand-reduction tactics and the imposition of fines on sex-buyers, can not only facilitate accountability for perpetrators and an equitable outcome for those trapped in systems of prostitution, but also generate revenue streams that fund support services for people who seek to exit.

Without the demand for prostitution, there would be no market forces producing and sustaining the roles of sex traffickers. Simply put: no buyers, no business. The U.S. and its global allies in the fight against sex trafficking would do well to confront the role of sex-buyers in fueling sex-trafficking crimes and creating an endless cycle of harm and misery. Radically shrinking, with a view to eliminating sex-trafficking crimes, is not a pipe dream. It can be done.



PROGRAM DATE: Wed. Jan. 10, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:35-6pm

Guest: **SUSAN SHELLEY**

> President of Communications for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Issue Discussed: **UPDATE** on protecting Prop 13/ACA1 efforts

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**California's Proposition 13 still sparking clashes**

Cal-Matters

#### **IN SUMMARY**

Proposition 13, an iconic tax limitation measure passed by California voters 44 years ago, is still generating legal and political skirmishes.

California's famous – or infamous – Proposition 13, passed by voters 44 years ago, sought to impose limits on state and local taxes.

The initiative, and several followup measures, imposed a direct cap on property taxes, created voting thresholds that made it more difficult to enact other taxes, and curbed the use of tax-like fees.

Although voters have rejected direct assaults on Proposition 13, politicians and pro-tax interest groups such as public employee unions have fought legal and political skirmishes with the anti-tax movement over what kinds of revenue-increasing instruments can be used to skirt constitutional restraints.

One potential clash is Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposed financial penalties on oil companies that exceed still-to-be-specified limits on their profits. He initially proposed a tax on those profits, but a tax would require a two-thirds legislative vote, so Newsom substituted financial penalties which, at least theoretically, would require only a simple majority vote.

However, the petroleum industry is branding the penalties as a tax, hinting that if Newsom's measure becomes law, a legal challenge will be mounted on its constitutionality.

"A fee imposed on the industry as a commodity going to the government, that is going to look and act like a tax," Kevin Slagle, spokesperson for the Western States Petroleum Association, said. "We know windfall taxes have been tried nationally and don't work. What we need to do is focus on better public policy."

A couple of years ago, the state Supreme Court handed pro-tax groups a major victory, declaring that although special purpose taxes proposed by local governments require two-thirds approval by voters, such taxes proposed by initiative ballot measure need just simple majority support from voters.

Writing the 5-2 majority opinion, Supreme Court Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar declared, "Multiple provisions of the state constitution explicitly constrain the power of local governments to raise taxes. But we will not lightly apply such restrictions on local governments to voter initiatives."

The decision validated some local initiative tax measures that had failed to get two-thirds votes and touched off a flurry of new tax proposals using the initiative process, one of them being a highly controversial tax on property transfers of \$5 million or more in Los Angeles.

In November, Los Angeles voters approved Proposition ULA by a nearly 3-to-2 margin – a clear majority but short of a two-thirds vote. It would generate between \$600 million and \$1.1 billion a year for low-cost housing, rent relief and programs to battle homelessness.

The city's newly elected mayor, Karen Bass, is counting on the funds to help fulfill her pledge to alleviate the nation's worst urban homelessness crisis.

However, if the tax is to take effect, its advocates must prevail in a lawsuit filed last month by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – named for Proposition 13's late author – and local real estate interests, contending that the tax is prohibited by the state constitution and Los Angeles' city charter.

The suit argues that "great and irreparable harm will result to plaintiffs, and to all Los Angeles property owners in being required to pay unconstitutionally imposed taxes," adding, "Similar harm will occur to all Los Angeles residents in the form of increased rent and consumer prices resulting from the tax increase on all property sold (or value transferred) above \$5 million."

Given the huge amounts of money involved, it's likely that the legality of the transfer tax will eventually reach the state Supreme Court and it could wind up on the same docket as a challenge to Newsom's oil profits penalties.

Thus the never-ending saga of Proposition 13 enters a new phase.

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**ISSUE: *Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (ACA 1)***, the proposed constitutional amendment that would make it easier to raise local taxes for anything labeled "infrastructure" and for certain public housing projects.

**ACA 1 is a direct attack on Proposition 13.** It would change the state Constitution to cut the percentage of votes needed to raise special taxes, dropping it from the current two-thirds required under Prop. 13 to only 55%. That makes it much easier for tax-raisers who want to take more and more of your money. "Infrastructure" can be anything government wants to do.

ACA 1 will be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on Wednesday, July 12. You can help defeat this dangerous measure.

You may want to call your own representatives in the Assembly and the Senate and urge them to oppose ACA 1. You can look up their names and contact information at [FindYourRep.Legislature.ca.gov](http://FindYourRep.Legislature.ca.gov).

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## **History and Impact of Proposition 13**

On June 6, 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a property tax limitation initiative. This amendment to California's Constitution was the taxpayers' collective response to dramatic increases in property taxes and a growing state revenue surplus. Proposition 13 (or "Prop. 13") rolled back most local real estate assessments to 1975 market value levels, limited the property tax rate to 1 percent plus the rate necessary to fund local voter-approved bonded indebtedness, and limited future property tax increases to a maximum of 2% per year.

Prior to 1978, real property was appraised cyclically, with no more than a five-year interval between reassessments. Since property values were systematically reviewed and updated, assessed values were usually kept at or near current market value levels. In contrast, under Proposition 13, properties are reassessed to current market value only upon a change in ownership or completion of new construction (called the base year value). In addition, Proposition 13 generally limits annual increases in the base year value of real property to no more than 2 percent, except when property changes ownership or undergoes new construction. Essentially, Proposition 13 converted the market value-based property tax system to an acquisition value-based system.

Under Proposition 13, similar properties can have substantially different assessed values based solely on the dates the properties were purchased. Disparities result wherever

significant appreciation in property values has occurred over time. Longtime property owners, whose assessed values generally may not be increased more than 2 percent per year, tend to have markedly lower tax liability than recent purchasers, whose assessed values tend to approximate market levels.

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#### **ACA-1**

from PluralPolicy.com

#### **Bill Details:**

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Sections 1 and 4 of Article XIII A thereof, by amending Section 2 of, and by adding Section 2.5 to, Article XIII C thereof, by amending Section 3 of Article XIII D thereof, and by amending Section 18 of Article XVI thereof, relating to local finance.

#### **Bill Summary**

(1) The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements. The measure would specify that these provisions apply to any city, county, city and county, or special district measure imposing an ad valorem tax to pay the interest and redemption charges on bonded indebtedness for these purposes that is submitted at the same election as this measure.

(2) The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 23 of the voters of the local government voting on that tax. This measure would authorize a local government to impose, extend, or increase a sales and use tax or transactions and use tax imposed in accordance with specified law or a parcel tax, as defined, for the purposes of funding the construction, rehabilitation, or



replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of its voters voting on the proposition and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements. This measure would also make conforming changes to related provisions. The measure would specify that these provisions apply to any local measure imposing, extending, or increasing a sales and use tax, transactions and use tax, or parcel tax for these purposes that is submitted at the same election as this measure.

(3) The California Constitution prohibits specified local government agencies from incurring any indebtedness exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided in that year, without the assent of 23 of the voters and subject to other conditions. In the case of a school district, community college district, or county office of education, the California Constitution permits a proposition for the incurrence of indebtedness in the form of general obligation bonds for the

construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, to be adopted upon the approval of 55% of the voters of the district or county, as appropriate, voting on the proposition at an election. This measure would expressly prohibit a special district, other than a board of education or school district, from incurring any indebtedness or liability exceeding any applicable statutory limit, as prescribed by the statutes governing the special district.

The measure would also similarly require the approval of 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district, as applicable, to incur bonded indebtedness, exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided in that year, that is in the form of general obligation bonds issued to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing projects, if the proposition proposing that bond includes specified accountability requirements. The measure would specify that this 55% threshold applies to any proposition for the incurrence of indebtedness by a city, county, city and county, or special district for these purposes that is submitted at the same election as this measure.



## TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.

5P-7P

PROGRAM DATE: Thu., Jan. 11, 2024 (or the weekend of)

PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:05-5:15pm

Guest: **JONATHAN KELLER**

> President, California Family Council

**Issues Discussed:** parental notification proposal blocked from being heard

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[www.CaliforniaFamily.org](http://www.CaliforniaFamily.org)

### CA Legislative Leader Still Refuses to Allow Hearing on Parent Notification

California Assembly Education Committee Chair Al Muratsuchi is still blocking public debate at the state capitol over parent notification in schools despite polls showing the voters overwhelmingly support it. Last year, Assemblyman Bill Essayli introduced AB 1314, a bill requiring public schools to notify parents if a child starts identifying at school as a gender that does not align with the sex listed on his or her birth certificate.

The legislation was assigned to the Assembly Committee on Education, but Muratsuchi refused to set the bill for a hearing. This week there is an opportunity for him to change his mind before Friday's deadline. But Muratsuchi is still refusing.

*"Nothing good comes out of keeping secrets from parents," Essayli told a crowd gathered outside the state capitol last week. "Nobody loves their children more than their parents. If children are struggling with their identity; if they are struggling with anything at school, they need their parents. To isolate them from their parents is to do them harm."*

*"Unfortunately, this legislature is so arrogant, they are so pompous, they refuse to even give my bill a hearing," he complained. "They don't even want to take a vote. That's how little regard they have for the people of this state."*

Muratsuchi explained the justification for his decision in a press release last April. "As Chair of the Education Committee, I will not be setting AB 1314 for a hearing, not only because the bill is proposing bad policy, but also because a hearing would potentially provide a forum for increasingly hateful rhetoric targeting LGBTQ youth."

Greg Burt, vice president of the California Family Council, says this decision reveals the contempt some lawmakers have for the Constitutional rights of parents to guide and oversee the upbringing of their children. "Why is a discussion about keeping parents informed about the struggles of their children seen as threat towards LGBTQ-identified youth?" Burt asks. "Parents, keen to protect their children, always want to be informed about their kids' lives. This is true for parents no matter what their political or religious affiliation."

A recent California poll confirms this contention. A SPRY Strategies poll from last November shows liberal and conservative voters agree on parent notification. The poll asks the following question:

***"A school board voted to notify parents if their child identifies as transgender or the opposite sex. The Attorney General is suing that school district. Do you agree parents should be notified if their child identifies as transgender in school?"***

58.1 percent of the respondents said they "strongly agree" with this statement. An additional 14 percent said they "somewhat agree." Another Rasmussen poll from last May yielded similar results.

After Essayli's bill was refused a hearing last year, he joined with a group of parental rights organizations (Coalition for Parental Rights) to promote parent notification policies in local school districts. (read more here) So far 10 California School Districts have implemented a notification policy of their own, even though California Attorney General Rob Bonta filed a lawsuit against one of the school districts over the policy. (read more here)

In an effort to bypass the legislature altogether, another parental rights group, Protect Kids California, is collecting signatures for a ballot initiative that will mandate AB 1314-style notification for public schools. The initiative also aims to protect girl sports and bathrooms from trans-identified male players and bans sterilizing gender-transitioning drugs and mutilating surgeries for minors. Protect Kids California representative Erin Friday held a press conference on the steps of the California capitol on the opening day of the legislative session last Wednesday to promote their initiative and to announce a lawsuit against Attorney General Rob Bonta for the biased way he titled the measure.

The California election code requires the attorney general to give state initiatives "a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure in such language that the ballot title shall neither be an argument, nor be likely to create prejudice, for or against the proposed measure and summary shall neither be and argument or likely to creat prejudice for or against the proposed measure." Bonta titled the initiative, "Restricts Rights of Transgender Youth."

"Mr. Bonta's title and summary is pregidicial, paritial and inaccurate," Friday said. Bonta's title "is designed to influence and interfere with the democratic process and to push the agenda to harm children, women, and girls."



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Thu., Jan. 11, 2024 (or the weekend of)

**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:20-5:45pm

Guest: **JONATHAN TOBIN**

- > Editor in Chief, Jewish News Syndicate
- > A prominent voice in Jewish and political journalism
- > Senior Contributor for **The Federalist**, a columnist for **Newsweek** and **Israel Hayom**, and a regular contributor to the **Washington Examiner** and **Commentary** magazines.
- > In addition to his writing, he hosts the JNS **"Top Story"** podcast and has won more than 60 awards for his journalism and studied history at Columbia University.

**Issue Discussed:** analysis of current ongoing conflict between Israel/Hamas

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[www.JNS.org](http://www.JNS.org)

**Talking points:**

- > **Hamas pleads for arms, aid.** Hamas political leader **Ismail Haniyeh** on Tuesday urged Muslim states to support his war against Israel with weapons as well as humanitarian aid, saying Hamas' fight is not solely for the Palestinian people.
- > **Gaza's Health Ministry** warns of a looming catastrophe for displaced Palestinians and a **"triangle of death"**: hunger, dehydration, and disease. Dozens of dead, and wounded were brought to Al-Aqsa Hospital.
- > **Blinken Calls on Israel** to build ties with arab nations.

> **Israel is facing a genocide case in the international court. Could it halt the war in Gaza?** Israel is set to appear before the International Court of Justice this week in a high-stakes case that could determine the course of the brutal war in Gaza. It is an unprecedented case. Experts say it is **the first time** that the Jewish state is being tried under the UN Genocide Convention.

> **Hamas's Oct. 7 assaults, including sexual violence, could be crimes against humanity**, two U.N. experts say., following months of frustrated accusations from Israel and women's groups that the U.N. was ignoring the rape and sexual mutilation of women.

> **IAF hits 30 "significant" sites as Khan Yunis assault continues.** Israeli President Isaac Herzog tells NBC Israeli forces in Gaza uncovered a document detailing how Hamas inculcates "values of jihad" in Palestinian children.



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Thu., Jan. 11, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:50-6pm

**Guest #1: VALERIE HILL**  
> CEO, RealOptions

**Issue Discussed:** RealOptions' plans for 2024; Sanctity of Human Life month and ways we support Bay Area Churches; Share about our upcoming Walk For Life on Saturday March 2, 2024.

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[www.FriendsofRealOptions.net](http://www.FriendsofRealOptions.net)

**Event Information:** email [REDACTED]  
Or call [REDACTED]

**For miscarriage recovery resources:**  
**English:** [www.miscarriagehurts.com](http://www.miscarriagehurts.com)  
**Spanish:** [www.perdidadelembarazo.com](http://www.perdidadelembarazo.com)

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**TALKING POINTS:**

1. Tell us about RealOptions plans for 2024?
2. January is Sanctity of Human Life month - what are some of the ways that RealOptions supports Bay Area Churches? How can local churches get involved?
3. You have a Walk for Life coming up on March 2...tell us about how our listeners can get involved.

RealOptions is a "life affirming medical clinic" - our three ministry areas: medical clinics, pregnancy loss healing and educational services.

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Or call

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The dedicated team at RealOptions will equip and empower you to confidently tackle any obstacles you face and assist you when additional support or services are needed. This a safe place to learn, grow, ask questions, and get answers. Your health and well being are important to everyone at RealOptions Obria Medical Clinics where your voice matters. Let us help you to develop meaningful connections and experience healthy relationships for optimal wellness. Call or schedule your appointment online.



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PRETAPE DATE: Wed. Jan 16, 2024 (or the weekend of)**

**PRETAPE/SEGMENT TIME: 5:05-6pm**

**Guest: *PASTOR ALLEN COLEMAN***

**> Sr. Pastor, Bay Hills Church**

**CONTACT #: IN-STUDIO**

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**[www.BayHills.net](http://www.BayHills.net)**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**9:00a & 11:00a**

**4000 Klose Way**

**Richmond, CA**

**Topic overview:**

The overview of our topic will be on the discussion of revival in the Bay Area:

- Bay Area Pastors are habitually despondent about ministry in the Bay Area when they should be excited
- Most Pastors look at trends rather than data. The data overwhelmingly supports a positive outlook of ministry in the Bay Area.
- Biblically speaking, Revival has always emerged at the breaking point.

Our outlook and disposition have reverberating implications for those we lead.



**Here is an article written by Pastor Allen on this topic.**

## **Long Obedience Is Not Enough**

November 12th, 2022 by Pastor Allen

I recently re-read what I remembered to be a hopeful book for pastors. Maybe it's because I'm older, or maybe I'm just more naive. Whatever the reason, and with no disrespect to Eugene Peterson, "Long Obedience In The Same Direction" is not what I needed to hear. The premise of the book is pretty simple. We need to be faithful despite the results, despite our 'success', despite the fruit. At face value, I couldn't agree more. It even has Biblical merit:

Hebrews 11:13 (NLT) — All these people died, still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth.

They died in faith, never received it, only ever having seen it from a distance. Well, there you have it. It's biblical. Just live faithfully.

Unless...

They died in faith. But did they live in faith? Rather, did they live just in faith? Faith was clearly their orientation, but what about their disposition? Let's take a closer look. Just a few verses earlier, the author says this:

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT) — Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

Wait. Stop a second. It seems like the author is saying that part of the purpose faith serves is to facilitate hope. That while faith is the act of commitment on the part of the Christian, hope ought to be the state of being (or mind) that results.

Could it be that faithfulness provides a platform for hopefulness? And why do these questions even matter? Why is Allen harping on this?

I'm currently reading another book. It's about revival. In its opening pages, the author speaks a great deal about hope. He uses a helpful illustration from the movie "The Shawshank Redemption." Morgan Freeman's character says this to the hopeful character portrayed by Tim Robbins:

"Let me tell you something, my friend. Hope is a dangerous thing. Hope can drive a man insane. It's got no use on the inside. You'd better get used to that idea."

Have we? This is the same question the author of this book is asking. Have we just settled for faithful without being hopeful? The author continues by asking whether faithful can be code for something else. Something more along the lines of:

"Hang in there because things will never change."  
"It can feel fatalistic."

I agree. If we're being honest with ourselves, it's like we've pre-decided that we "will not receive" and we will only see "from a distance."

Well, I refuse.

What are we even doing here if our faith isn't fanning into flame our hope? Why labor in ministry one more day if we don't believe some form of revival can break out at any moment? Why does God gift us for ministry if we are not facilitators of: "Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven."

Listen, I want to be faithful. No matter the results. But I also want to wake up every day hoping that what I do today has implications for today. What's the alternative? That nothing meaningful will really come from today's ministry, so suck it up and be faithful until you die. No thanks. I don't feel that way. Paul certainly didn't feel that way:

Philippians 1:21–24 (NLT) — For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.

It's easy to let ministry in hard places leave us settling for faithfulness without hopefulness. Especially in the Bay Area. But is that all that it means to "live" for Christ? It can't. Instead, I'm going to hope for "more fruitful work." Whether I ever see it and to whatever degree I see it...I'm hoping for it. I'm hoping for revival. Hoping it's just around the corner.

You should, too— because, in my experience, hope is contagious.

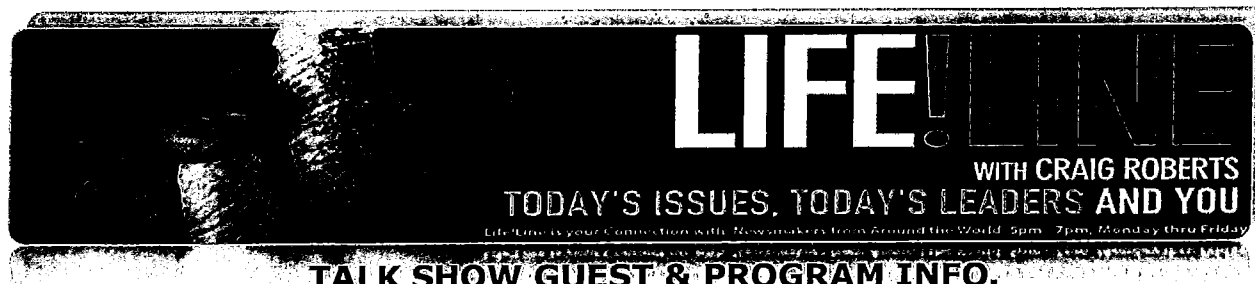
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**Long BIO:** Pastor Allen never set out to be a pastor. Born and raised in east L.A., he spent much of his early adult life like many of you: skeptical of, antagonistic to, or uninterested in Jesus. He was too preoccupied with his own family, future, and fortune. He served his country as a United States Marine and later climbed the corporate ladder to a successful business career at a Fortune 500 company. Then, Jesus...

Pastor Allen's transformation story is nothing short of miraculous. He was the least likely convert, at the least likely time, in the least likely place, with the least likely background. But from that point forward, there was no denying his purpose and calling.

For more than 20 years now, Pastor Allen has used his military, business, and ministry experience to build, grow, revitalize, and lead the local church. He has been preaching the Gospel in contexts from mega-church to church-plant; from the Deep South to the West Coast; from intellectual elites to gangs of bikers. And yet, no matter the environment, the message of Jesus has always remained the same.

Pastor Allen's background has produced a preaching style that is uncensored, transparent, and passionate, yet is unapologetically Bible-centered. He is not your typical poised, polished, and polite communicator emblematic of many churches. He wholeheartedly favors sincerity of delivery over public perception. Pastor Allen loves his family, his Bible, and his Harley-Davidson. He is husband to Shannon for more than 25 years and father to four adult children—Kaelyn, Tyler, Zachary, and Faith.



**PROGRAM DATE:** Wed., January 17, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:05-5:30pm

**Guest: JOYCE CORDI**

*Bio from her website:*

- > Publisher, Reimagine America
- > Joyce Cordi offers context rather than commentary on government dysfunction based on her 30 years of hands-on experience managing business transformation activities.
- > She was a candidate for Congress from California's 15th Congressional District in 2008, urging voters TO FIRE CONGRESS, elect more business people and fewer lawyers, while accumulating the largest vote total of any opponent ever against the well-funded incumbent.
- > A native Californian, Joyce is a long-time proponent of environmental protections – believing that it is not inconsistent for business to be ethical, responsible, and profitable – simultaneously.

**Issues Discussed:** Iowa caucus; Davos; immigration

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**Talking points:**

**~ The Iowa Caucus —**

- Don't count on New Hampshire to change the trajectory
- ~ Sununu behavior

**~ Davos**

- uncertainty in global markets and worry about support for Ukraine.

**~ Immigration stalemate**

- let's deal with crisis now — leave some of the thornier issues for later. \*\*\*

**~ Because we have to get a deal on budget NOW — prevent shutdown this weekend etc.,**

- Fund Ukraine defense before they run out of ammunition — urgent
- Tie US aid to Israel to reining in Netanyahu and right wing.



## TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.

5P-7P

PROGRAM DATE: Thu. January 18, 2024 (or the weekend of)

PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:05-5:30pm

### Guest: **DR. CLEMENTINE MSENGI**

> Faculty of the Center for Doctoral Studies in Educational Leadership at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

> Author of the soon-to-be-released (Jan. 23), *SPARED: Escaping Genocide in Rwanda and Finding a Home in America – a True Story of Hope and Resilience* (Credo House Publishers)

> survivor of the Rwandan genocide (her parents and some of her siblings were massacred in this genocide)

> In 2003, she received a fellowship from the Echoing Green Foundation and founded a nonprofit organization designed to help refugees and immigrants adjust to American culture and contribute to the well-being of the local community.

> Dr. Msengi has garnered a number of awards, **including the Outstanding American by Choice Award from the Department of Homeland Security.**

**Issues Discussed:** surviving/escaping the Rwandan genocide; lessons learned about faith, family, community, war and resilience.

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Talking points:

**Question:** The title of your book, 'Spared,' is very powerful. How did you come up with this name? "Thank you. I could not think of another title more fitting for the story I tell in this book. In the midst of the Rwandan genocide, where over one million lives were tragically lost, 'Spared' reminds me of the fragility of life and the need to be grateful for the gift of life. As I remember those who were not spared, this title serves as a reminder to me to be grateful that I am here and have been spared from many things that could have taken me down. I believe many people will relate to some of my experiences as they too may have been spared from their own challenges in life."

### **What is the main message in your book?**

"There are many universal themes contained in this book. As I recount my daunting escape from Rwanda and subsequent journey to America. I openly share what it was like to live in hiding for over 100 days and the necessity to relocate to a new country. I also discuss how finding healing and trust have allowed me to live a normal life again. My experience further helped me realize the influence of good and bad leadership - that the decisions leaders make can seriously impact those they lead, I share many examples in the book. Spared brings a message of home, courage, faith, and healing."

### **Question: It's been a long time since you fled Rwanda. Why did you decide to write and publish your book now?**

"This is an excellent question. Writing on a topic like this takes courage. I needed time to process my experiences before I could share them with others. I believe now is the right moment because I am finally ready. I am hoping to return to Rwanda at some point to reflect on what transpired and observe firsthand how the country has healed from its past toward building a united nation in which tribal divisions no longer exist."

### **Question: What is your hope/goal in sharing your story?**

The commemoration of the 30-year anniversary of the Rwandan genocide will occur in 2024. This presents an opportunity for renewed attention and reflection on Rwanda's history and related topics. I believe my story opens doors for discussing these and other issues connected to this abhorrent event in world history. I also created a study guide to help engage my readers with deeply discussing what is covered in the book."

### **Question: Your story is incredible; it's hard to believe how you could overcome all these things. It would be easy to give up. Were there times you felt overwhelmed?**

"There were moments of despair, for sure. Many times I wanted to lie down and quit. But I realized I could not quit if I was breathing and still alive. I believe God gave me the strength to get up, take the next step, and keep moving. Hopefully, what I endured will encourage anyone who is struggling to keep going."

### **Question: How is/was the transition to America?**

"The transition to America was a complex process. Adapting to a new culture while carrying the weight of my past was challenging, but also provided opportunities for growth and a chance to rebuild my life through education. America is my home now. I have created a family and established new friendships. I feel blessed to be here and thank everyone who has made that transition easier for me."

I have also been honored to have many opportunities to support and encourage others in their own life journeys through public speaking, mentoring, teaching, and coaching. Anyone who may need my support in any way, please feel free to reach out. I will be sure to get back in touch with you."

**Question: How can your story of survival inspire others going through difficult times in their lives?**

"I hope my story serves as a source of inspiration; demonstrating that even in the darkest moments we can call upon the strength within us to overcome adversity. It is a reminder that no matter how dire the circumstances may be, there is always hope for a brighter future. By sharing my experiences, I aim to encourage others to believe in the power within them and draw from those around them who are willing to help. Regardless of our backgrounds, we have the ability to choose what is good and take action to improve the lives of others in order to make our world a better place for us and future generations."

**Question: Where can people learn more about you or purchase your book?**

"At Amazon.com, interested readers can learn more about me and purchase my book."

**Question: In the book, you mention that you had a Bible and a hymnal book with you on your journey to escape the marauders? How did you come by the Bible and hymnal with you, and what did it mean for you during your attempt to escape the genocide?**

"Carrying a Bible and hymnal with me was a source of comfort and strength during my escape. They symbolized hope, faith, and a connection to something greater than I am. To me, that is God; whose name I called upon saliently in desperate times and whose presence I felt many times. As I meditated on several messages in the Bible and silently sang family songs from my hymnal book, I discovered strength that was beyond my comprehension. To me, there would be no way to make it in life without faith in God".

**Question: What can us as a society learn from what happened in Rwanda?**

"The Rwandan genocide serves as a tragic reminder of the consequences of division, hatred, and illustrates the importance of fostering unity and understanding. This is a reminder that we should not lose hope in humanity. By forging a sense of community and understanding, we can collectively make our world more peaceful."

**Before ending the show, how can people reach you?**



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Thu. January 18, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:50-6pm

Guest: **CYNTHIA RACHEL**

> The Marketing Director for Innovative Education Management (who covers South Sutter Charter School in Sacramento, Ocean Grove Charter School in S.F., and Sky Mountain Charter School in L.A.)

**Issue Discussed:** School choice campaign

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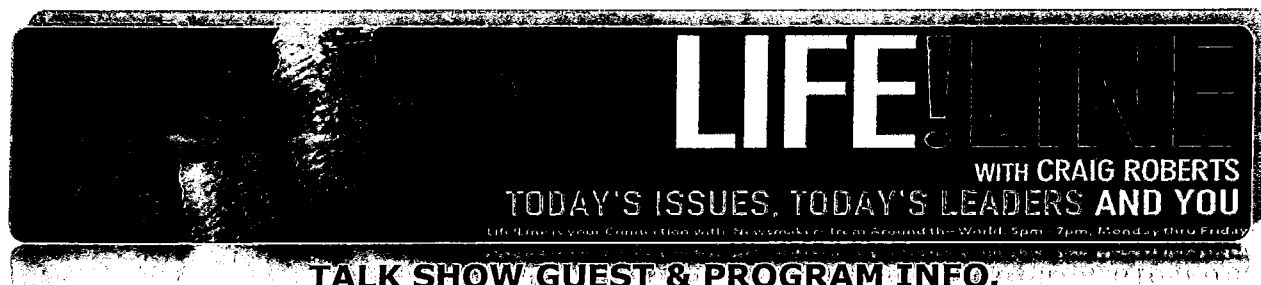
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**Suggested Questions:**

- ☐ Can you tell our listeners about the unique features and strengths of Ocean Grove Charter School that set it apart from other schools?
- ☐ We've heard a lot about the flexibility Ocean Grove offers to parents and students. Could you elaborate on how this flexibility is crucial in shaping a student's educational journey?
- ☐ One of the strengths mentioned is the supportive ES (Educational Specialist) team. Can you share how they work with families and students to ensure a successful homeschooling experience?
- ☐ Ocean Grove seems to place a strong emphasis on parental involvement and choice. How do parents actively participate in shaping their child's curriculum, and what benefits does this approach offer?

- Could you tell us more about the array of field trips, clubs, and extra-curricular activities that Ocean Grove provides? How do these enhance the overall learning experience?
- We've heard about the funding support Ocean Grove offers. Can you explain how this helps alleviate the costs of homeschooling and supports parents in providing a well-rounded education?
- Access to online resources and webinars is a strength. How do these tools assist parents and students in tracking progress and staying informed about the educational journey? What if a family does not want to use online curriculum?
- Finally, what can parents and students expect during the open enrollment period for the 2024-25 school year? Are there any important dates or details they should be aware of?





## TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.

5P-7P

PROGRAM DATE: Tu., January 23, 2024 (or the weekend of)

PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:05-6pm

Guest: **JOYCE CORDI**

*Bio from her website:*

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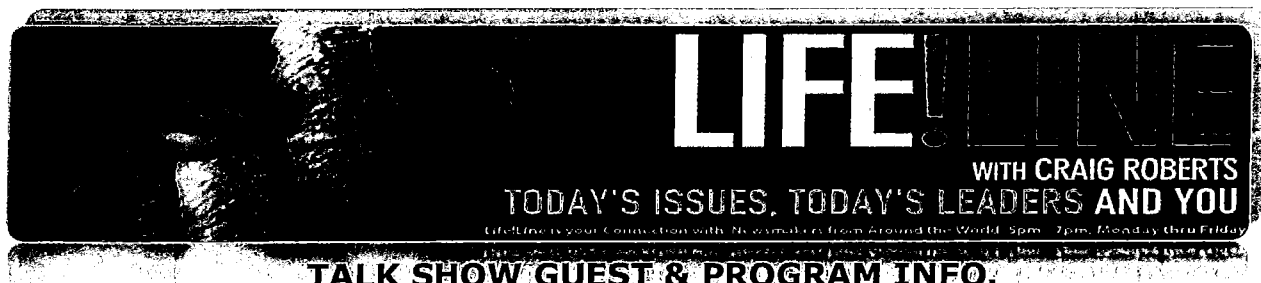
**Issues Discussed:** 2024 election cycle; US Senate seat debate; Mike Johnson-what is he doing?

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NOTES, unedited, straight from Joyce...

1. Night after first televised California US Senate seat debate -- chance to compare Adam Schiff and Steve Garvey (likely top finishers) side by side.
2. Let's delve into immigration debate -- sadly everything I wrote or said on radio/podcast over last five years remains true today and getting worse by day.
3. Mike Johnson admits he takes his marching orders from Trump (speaks with him "almost daily"). Does this violate the norm: we have one President at a time?
4. And, is Johnson risking our gains in Ukraine and thus, God help us, risking Putin/Xi miscalculation equaling a multi/national conflict in Europe (NATO) or SEATO (China re: Taiwan or Phillipines -- or both -- which would involve direct military engagement of US troops, etc...)?



5P-7P

PROGRAM DATE: Wed., January 24, 2024 (or the weekend of)

PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:05-5:45pm

Guest: **JOHN SMITHBAKER**

> Founder of *Fathers in the Field*

> Author of *"Man Enough to Forgive"* (Dunham Books)

> His passion and focus are to help men recapture their divinely assigned roles of Pastor, Provider and Protector in the home, as well as in the Church. Standing in the gap for the fatherless and challenging men to defend those under their care is a call on his life from the Heavenly Father. As a gifted leader, Smithbaker combines his personal experience and straightforward style to connect with men impacted by the wounds of fatherlessness, helping them recognize their God-given, mission-oriented purpose in life.

**Issues Discussed:** how rampant fatherlessness has brought this country to where we are now; calling on men to be strong, courageous and counter-cultural; first-hand insights and encouragement for men who have similar life experiences and father wounds, highlighting the need for forgiveness.

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From his website:

John J. Smithbaker Releases Book to Address the No. 1 Societal Issue of Our Time: Fatherlessness

'Man Enough to Forgive' and Companion Workbook Helps Readers Fulfill Their Mission-Oriented Purpose Through Forgiveness

Author, speaker and founder of Fathers in the Field, John J. Smithbaker, has written "Man Enough to Forgive: Healing the Wounds of Fatherhood Abandonment," to challenge men to break the cycle of fatherlessness and pursue biblical forgiveness.

Designed specifically for Christian men, but relevant to all men suffering, even as adults, the impact their father's leadership in the home as children, the book emphasizes how forgiveness of one's earthly father is critical to a more intimate relationship with the Heavenly Father and to overcoming the pain fatherless boys naturally carry over into adulthood.

"The purpose of 'Man Enough to Forgive' is to address the No. 1 societal issue of our time—fatherlessness caused by divorce or the abandonment, absenteeism, neglect or indifference of a child's God-ordained pastor, provider and protector—his father," says Smithbaker.

"Men were born for a glorious and mission-oriented purpose; therefore, my goal is to walk alongside other men in this battle for truth and the pursuit of masculine righteousness through forgiveness." Almost every destructive cultural issue today in America has roots in the systemic problem of fatherlessness. More than 18.4 million children in America live without a biological step or adoptive father in the home today.

Research shows that fatherless children are more likely to live in poverty, suffer from a mental illness, engage in criminal activity and drop out of school. This epidemic has not only plagued our society, but it also has severe consequences for the Church. "Pastors universally acknowledge that their churches are being overwhelmed with the symptoms of fatherlessness both among boys and men," says Smithbaker.

"The wounds and consequences of a father's absence is holding many men back from pursuing their God-given purpose as a spiritual leader within the family and in the Church."

Recognizing that the path to true forgiveness is a challenging and sometimes misunderstood process, Smithbaker has developed a companion study guide for readers, which includes writing prompts, thought-provoking questions, podcast episodes and practical checklists to guide men through an easy-to-follow process.

Both the book and study guide will ultimately serve as a road map to those impacted by abandonment and divorce, helping them to find healing in the arms of the Heavenly Father. "I have witnessed firsthand how generational fatherlessness destroys families and is fundamentally weakening our nation," said Smithbaker.

"My mission is to earnestly search for and rescue the desperately hurt, the angry, the lonely and those pleading voices of the precious fatherless who are crying for help."

### **John's personal story:**

> Even before he was born, the conditions for John Smithbaker's ministry training began. While still in his mother's womb, John's biological father abandoned their family and left them to fend for themselves. As a young boy, teen, and well into his adult life, the dark hole that bore through John's heart grew. Try as he did to camouflage the deepest of soul wounds through an unrelenting pursuit of personal successes and worldly accomplishments, nothing could fill the void left by not having God's fatherhood plan in his life.

One fateful afternoon en route to a fishing expedition, John's life was changed forever. In his very own "Damascus Road" moment, the Heavenly Father made clear to John the nature of his pain, the profound magnitude of the fatherless epidemic in America among boys and men, and what he

needed to do next. However, like so many who are terribly hurt, John had largely externalized his pain and held fast to bitterness about his broken home. There on the side of the road John's own sins flashed before him. At the prompting of the Holy Spirit, he gave up his commitment to pain and resentment and repented for the deepest sin in a fatherless boy's life — unforgiveness of his father.

Soon after his miraculous Christian faith conversion, John was called by the Lord to abandon his worldly pursuits and the comforts and fruits of being a successful CEO in business to become a full-time missionary. God commissioned John to become a national advocate for precious fatherless boys who have no voice and gave him a unique vision to develop and launch the life-impacting ministry of *Fathers in the Field*. The ministry's mission is to go boldly into the fields of the fatherless to bring God's redemptive love to boys and men across America.

John J. Smithbaker uses own experience of once being held back from becoming the man God designed him to be to relate to the boys and men who suffer through the brokenness, the pain, and the anger of being left behind. A naturally gifted communicator and leader, with his ministry teams John rallies men in the local Christian church to come alongside the fatherless in their community, fulfilling the biblical mandate to "defend the cause of the fatherless." Isaiah 1:17

As an author, speaker, *Fathers in the Field's* founding servant, and an alpha male activator, John's passion and focus is to help men recapture their divinely assigned roles of Pastor, Provider, and Protector in the home.

Standing in the gap for the fatherless and challenging men to both live up to their own family responsibilities while stepping-up to be strong change agents in their community is both John's destiny and a providential call on his life from the Heavenly Father.

Today the Lord expanded John's call, specifically to reach and connect with adult men – the fatherless still bearing the hurt and scars of abandonment and for whom forgiveness is a restrictive barrier to their connection with their Heavenly Father. This key ministry extension was the inspiration for the **Man Enough to Forgive** outreach, which includes John's second book; an accompanying 4-part, year-long series men's study guide workbook; and podcast of the same name.

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## TALKING POINTS:

The issue of fatherhood abandonment is an ever-growing concern in our culture. The social problems that plague our nation today – divorce, crime, suicide, mental health, addiction, etc. – are all either directly or indirectly related to **fatherlessness**. These issues are not only destroying society but the entire family unit.

Take these statistics for example:

1. 72% of adolescent murders are committed by fatherless children
2. 60% of rapists come from fatherless homes
3. 67% of state prison inmates come from fatherless homes
4. 30% more likely to abuse drugs and/or alcohol
5. Children from fatherless homes are dramatically more likely to commit suicide
6. Children from fatherless homes are twice as likely to drop out of school

Passionate about restoring the family and helping men understand their unique purpose in life, as ***a fatherless boy himself, John provides first-hand insights and encouragement for men who have similar life experiences and father wounds, highlighting the need for forgiveness.***

Today, John is calling on men to be strong, courageous and counter-cultural. He believes that “*men were born for a glorious and mission-oriented purpose, but too many fall short or have lost their way due to the pain and consequences of being fatherless.*” By addressing fatherlessness at a heart level, we can break the cycle and help others find healing.

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## TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO. 5P-7P

PROGRAM DATE: Tu. Jan. 30, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:05-5:45pm

(SOHL Month)

Guest: **WESLEY J. SMITH**

- > Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism
- > Among the world's foremost critics of assisted suicide and utilitarian bioethics.
- > Host, Humanize Podcast
- > In 2004 he was named by the National Journal as one of the nation's top expert thinkers in bioengineering for his work in bioethics.
- > In 2008, the Human Life Foundation named him a Great Defender of Life. His Human Exceptionalism blog, hosted by National Review Online, is one of the premier blogs dealing with human life and dignity.

**Issue Discussed:** Chinese scientists create a mutant coronavirus strain that attacks the BRAIN and has a 100pct kill rate in mice even as they admit there is a risk it spills over to humans. What in the world?? Where does science need to draw the line? Ethics?

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Chinese scientists create a mutant coronavirus strain that attacks the BRAIN and has a 100pct kill rate in mice even as they admit there is a risk it spills over to humans.

- Eight rodents infected with the pathogen 'surprisingly' died within eight days
- Critics of the study said: 'This madness must be stopped before [it is] too late'
- READ MORE: World leaders meet to thrash out plan to protect against 'Disease X'

Chinese scientists have been experimenting with a mutant **coronavirus** strain that is 100 percent lethal in mice — despite concerns such research could spark another pandemic.

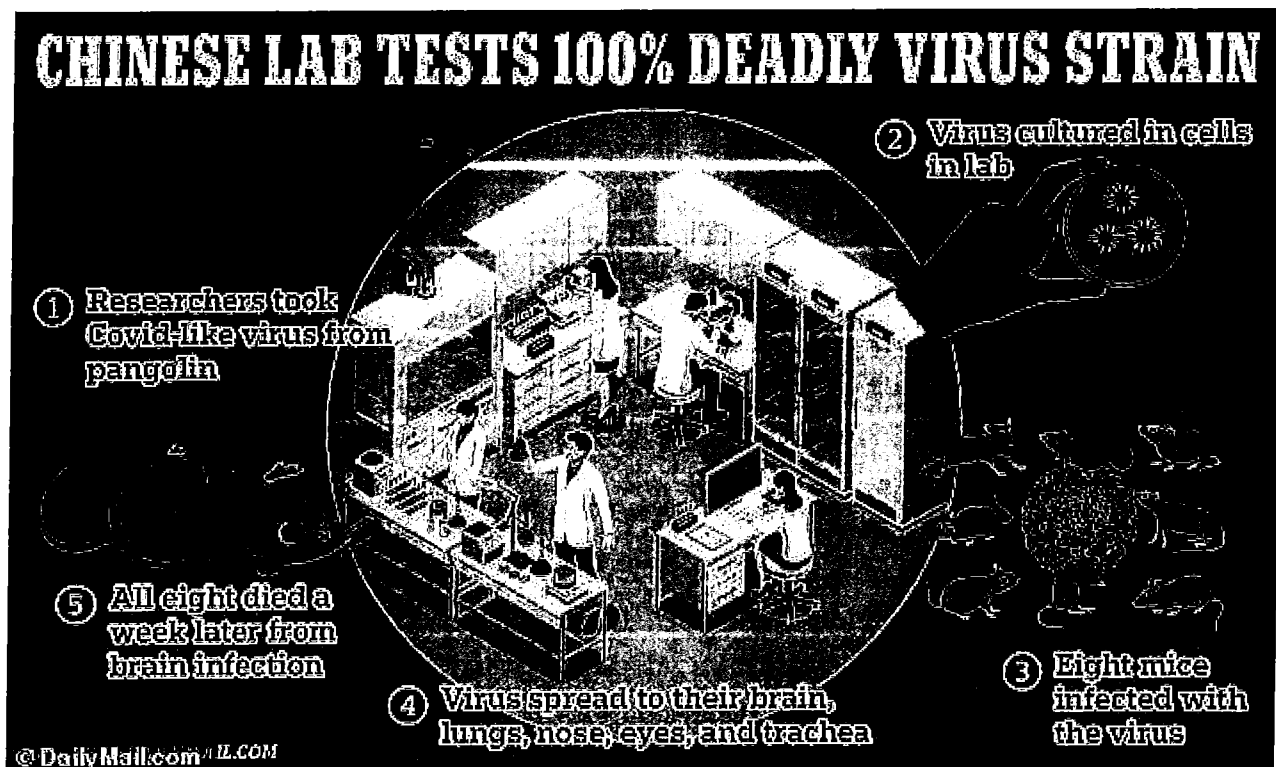
Scientists in Beijing — who are linked to the Chinese military — cloned a Covid-like virus **found in pangolins**, known as GX\_P2V, and used it to infect mice.

The mice had been 'humanized', meaning they were engineered to express a protein found in people, with the goal being to assess how the virus might react in humans.

Every rodent that was infected with the pathogen died within eight days, which the researchers described as 'surprisingly' quick.

The team were also surprised to find high levels of viral load in the mice's brains and eyes - suggesting the virus, despite being related to Covid, multiplies and spreads through the body in a unique way.

Writing in a scientific paper that has not yet been published, they warned the finding 'underscores a spillover risk of GX\_P2V into humans'.



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The virus was discovered in pangolins in Malaysia - scaly mammals that are known harborers of coronaviruses and were heavily speculated to be the intermediate host that passed Covid from bats to humans

Professor Francois Balloux, an infectious disease expert based at University College London, wrote on Twitter (X): 'It's a terrible study, scientifically totally pointless.

'I can see nothing of vague interest that could be learned from force-infecting a weird breed of humanized mice with a random virus. Conversely, I could see how such stuff might go wrong...'

Professor Richard Ebright, a chemist at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, told DailyMail.com he wholeheartedly agreed with Professor Balloux's assessment.

He added: 'The preprint does not specify the biosafety level and biosafety precautions used for the research.

'The absence of this information raises the concerning possibility that part or all of this research, like the research in Wuhan in 2016-2019 that likely caused the Covid-19 pandemic, recklessly was performed without the minimal biosafety containment and practices essential for research with a potential pandemic pathogens.'

According to the study, carried out by the **Beijing** University of Chemical Technology, the virus was discovered in 2017 prior to the Covid outbreak.

It was discovered in Malaysia in pangolins - scaly mammals that are known harborers of coronaviruses and were heavily speculated to be the intermediate host that passed Covid from bats to humans.

The researchers cloned the virus and stored multiple copies in the Beijing lab, where it continued to evolve.

It is unclear when the newly surfaced study was conducted. But the researchers said it was possible the virus had undergone a 'virulence-enhancing mutation' in storage, which made it more deadly.

For the new research, eight mice were infected with the virus, eight were infected with an inactivated virus and eight were used as a control group.

All mice infected with the virus died. They succumbed to the infection between seven and eight days after being infected.

Symptoms included their eyes turning completely white, rapid weight loss and fatigue.

Researchers found 'significant amounts' of the virus in the rodents' brains, lungs, noses, eyes and windpipes.

By day six, the viral load had 'significantly decreased' in the lungs, but the animals' brains had shrunk and there were 'exceptionally high' virus levels in their brains.

The results suggest that the virus infects via the respiratory system and then migrates to the brain - unlike Covid which causes lower lung infections and pneumonia in severe cases. However, there have been examples of Covid being found in brain tissue of severely sick patients.

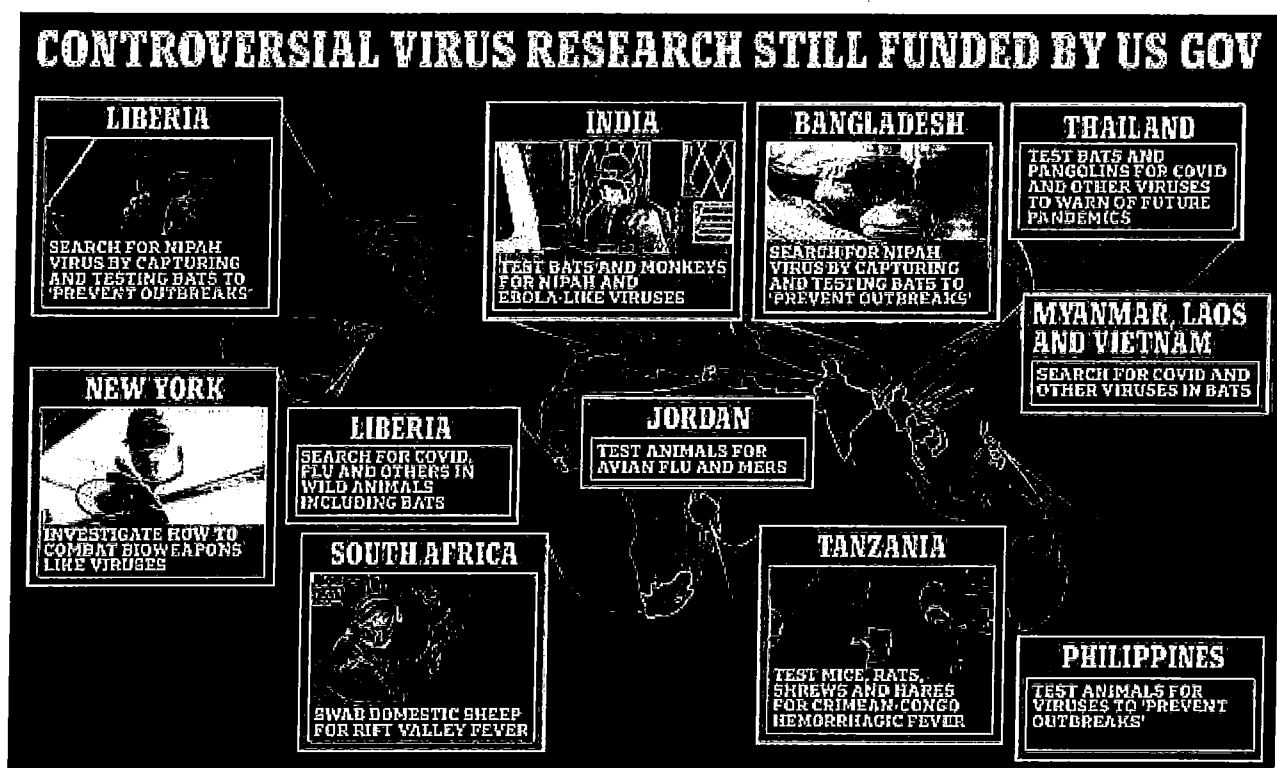


'Severe brain infection during the later stages of infection may be the key cause of death in these mice,' the researchers said.

They concluded: 'This is the first report showing that a SARS-CoV-2-related pangolin coronavirus can cause 100 percent mortality in hACE2 mice, suggesting a risk for GX\_P2V to spill over into humans.'

However, the original strain of Covid also killed 100 percent in mice in some studies, meaning the new results may not be directly applicable to humans.

Dr Gennadi Glinsky, a retired professor of medicine at Stanford, said on social media: 'This madness must be stopped before [it is] too late.'



The above shows the grants awarded to EcoHealth Alliance from the US Government that are currently active. EcoHealth, which originally focused on conservation, now works around the world to investigate the origins of viruses, map where they have spread and analyze them to find out where the next outbreak could occur

DailyMail.com exposed in 2022 how similar research virus-manipulation research was being carried out by Boston University.

Researchers were found to have created a new Covid strain that had an 80 percent death rate among mice.

It sparked nationwide debate about whether the experiments were an illegal form of research known as 'gain of function' - which involves purposefully making viruses more deadly or infectious to study their evolution.

The Biden Administration tightened rules around such research in October 2022, but the definition of gain of function remains contested.

Dr Christina Parks, a molecular biologist from the University of Michigan, said the Chinese study was 'classic gain of function, whether they tell you it is or not.'

One of the Chinese researchers was Dr Yigang Tong, who trained at the Academy of Military Medical Sciences, a Chinese military medical research institute run by the People's Liberation Army.

Dr Tong studied there between 1988 and 1991 for a master of science and then again between 1997 and 2000 for a PhD.

He also co-authored a paper in 2023 with 'bat woman' Zheng-Li Shi, who helps run the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV).

The WIV has been designated the most likely source of the Covid pandemic by the FBI and US Department of Energy in what has been dubbed the 'lab leak' theory.

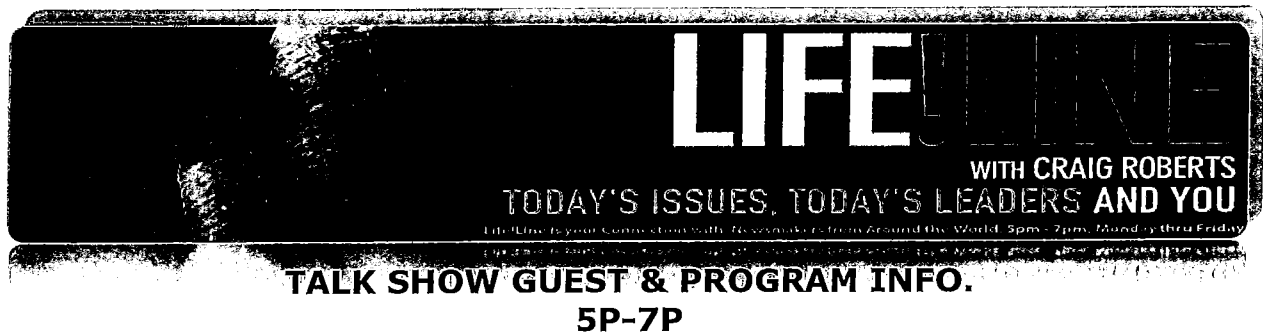
Researchers there, with US Government grants, were performing gain of function experiments on coronaviruses in the months leading up to the Covid outbreak.

The virus first emerged miles away from the WIV, where researchers were known to be working on coronaviruses found in bats.

It comes as Dr Peter Daszak, head of the New York based non-profit EcoHealth Alliance, which funded controversial experiments in Wuhan which some fear started the pandemic, presented the discovery of a never-before-seen virus with 'almost' as much potential to infect humans as Covid.

Dr Daszak, a friend of Dr Anthony Fauci, the ex-chief medical advisor to the US President, revealed his team have already found one bat coronavirus of considerable interest.

'We found a lot of SARS-related coronaviruses, but one in particular we found was quite common in bats where people were commonly exposed,' he told the WHO event, attended by MailOnline.



PROGRAM DATE: Tu. Jan. 30, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:50-6p

Guest: **BRAD DACUS**  
> President, Pacific Justice Institute

Issue discussed: SCOTUS steps out of the transgender/bathroom debate fray

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### TALKING POINTS:

US supreme court won't hear case over bathrooms for transgender students

**Appeal from Indiana school hoped court would not require allowing trans students to use bathrooms of their choosing**

US supreme court has decided it will not hear a case centering on the debate over bathrooms for transgender students.

The decision came on Tuesday despite an appeal from Indiana's metropolitan school district of Martinsville.

Martinsville school district officials hoped the nation's highest court would not require allowing transgender students to use the bathrooms of their choosing.

But the supreme court rejected the case without comment.

Federal appeals courts are divided over whether school policies enforcing restrictions on which bathrooms transgender students can use violate federal law or the US constitution.

In the 2023 case court brought by the Martinsville metropolitan school district, the Chicago-based US seventh circuit court of appeals ruled in favor of transgender boys, granting them access to the boys' bathroom.

The seventh circuit's opinion, written by judge Diane Wood, said that she expected the nation's highest court to eventually be involved.

Wood wrote: "Litigation over transgender rights is occurring all over the country, and we assume that at some point the supreme court will step in with more guidance than it has furnished so far."

The federal appeals court in Richmond, Virginia, also has ruled to allow transgender students to use the gendered bathroom with which they identify. But the US appellate court based in Atlanta ruled against granting that legal ability.

Court battles over transgender rights are ongoing across the country. And at least nine states are restricting transgender students to bathrooms that match the sex they were assigned at birth.

Some claim it's a move in violation of Title IX, the US civil rights law passed in 1972 which prohibits sex discrimination at educational institutions that receive federal funding.

In 2021, the supreme court rejected hearing a similar case involving a Virginia school, upholding a lower court's ruling that the Gloucester county school board's decision to prohibit a transgender boy from using the boy's restroom was unlawful.

Battles over transgender students' right to play for their preferred sports teams are also taking place.

Last year, supreme court justices decided against taking up a case that started after a West Virginia school district banned a transgender girl, Becky Pepper-Jackson, from competing for a girls' track and cross-country teams. The decision upheld a lower court's ruling that Pepper-Jackson could compete for the girls' teams if she wanted.

The Joe Biden administration last year weighed in on the debate, proposing that schools may block some transgender athletes from competing on sports teams that match their gender identities under certain circumstances while arguing against blanket bans.

The Department of Education wrote in April 2023: "The proposed rule would establish that policies violate Title IX when they categorically ban transgender students from participating on sports teams consistent with their gender identity just because of who they are.

"The proposed rule also recognizes that in some instances, particularly in competitive high school and college athletic environments, some schools may adopt policies that limit transgender students' participation."



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.  
5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Wed. Jan. 31, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:35-6p

Guest: **PETER DEMOS**

- > Chairman on the Board of Directors for the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and president of the Tennessee Hospitality Association.
- > Currently, he is the president and CEO of Demos' Brands and Demos Family Kitchen, owning six restaurant locations across middle Tennessee, including PDK Southern Kitchen and Pantry, and multiple other businesses.
- > Peter is a highly sought-after leadership source expert and speaker on business, leadership and faith. His latest professional pursuit is the release of his compelling debut book detailing his journey from fear-filled to fearless, "Afraid to Trust."
- > He has been featured in numerous mainstream and faith-based publications including "The Washington Examiner," "Townhall," "The American Spectator" and "Christian Post."
- > Adjunct professor at Lipscomb University where he teaches a class on leadership and management.

**Issue discussed:** Business leader advocates for Ohio Pastor arrested for helping the homeless

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## Talking points:

- The law is designed to protect its citizens. In this situation, the law failed to protect its citizens and then tried to discourage others from doing the same act of kindness. The church was not establishing a homeless shelter; they were simply trying to get these people out of a dangerous situation.
  - As a businessperson who has had to battle zoning ordinances, I understand how this works. In most cases, these situations would need be reported by someone. But who would report this? How does this impact them in the slightest?
  - A church would be criticized for shutting its doors on people. When I was a teenager, I tried to do a fundraiser and the churches in my town turned me down. Before my life was radically changed by Christ, I used this example when I was attacking churches as my antidotal evidence that Christians are "all hypocrites". Yet, when they do, they get punished by the community.
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## **Pastor sues Ohio city after he faced charges tied to housing homeless people**

By Jonathan Edwards    January 25, 2024 at 11:44 a.m. EST

Pastor Chris Avell returned to his Bryan, Ohio, church on New Year's Eve with doughnuts ahead of the Sunday morning service. As he was getting out of his car, he recalled spotting a police officer walking toward him.

Avell, who had been tussling with city officials for nearly two months about keeping Dad's Place church open 24/7 and sheltering homeless people overnight, was told that he was being charged with 18 counts of violating the city's zoning ordinance, the pastor recalled in an interview with The Washington Post.

On Monday, Avell's church sued the city and several of its officials, alleging that they are trying to stifle Avell from exercising his religious beliefs by sheltering the homeless. In a 43-page complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for Northern Ohio, the church accused city officials of waging a months-long harassment campaign to try to bully the pastor into evicting homeless people from the church. The lawsuit comes less than two weeks after Avell pleaded not guilty to the 18 zoning violations.

Bryan City Attorney Marc Fishel said officials are applying the law to Dad's Place just as it would to any other business or organizations. Aside from zoning ordinances, the church violated fire codes in a way that endangered lives, the city alleged.

"Throughout this process, the City has merely tried to get Dad's Place to comply with laws that apply to everyone," Fishel said.

Jeremy Dys, a lawyer with First Liberty Institute, a nonprofit law firm that's representing Avell and that specializes in religious freedom cases, said the pastor wants to carry out his mission of taking care of people in need.

"This is what churches have done for centuries, millennia even," Dys said.

The law the church's lawsuit claims the city is violating protects religious institutions from governments discriminating against them using zoning laws. Frederick Gedicks, a law professor at Brigham Young University, said that city officials will have to demonstrate that stopping Dad's Place serves a compelling public interest like fire safety, and that preventing people from staying at the church overnight is the least restrictive way to serve that interest.

At a hearing Tuesday, the church and the city agreed to maintain the status quo, Dys told The Post. That means that Dad's Place will stay open 24/7 until at least March 4, when a judge considers the church's request for an injunction against the city.

Last March, Avell said he saw more homeless people waiting for beds at the shelter next door to Dad's Place. A local housing shortage left some on the streets after they'd hit the shelter's limit on the number of nights they were allowed to stay there, he said.

"It was heartbreaking," Avell told The Post.

He felt compelled to help, he said, and in March, opened the doors to his church 24 hours a day. For eight months, Dad's Place church housed up to a dozen people a night, the lawsuit states. Two church volunteers stayed overnight to help, protect and minister to people, it adds.

"The Church's religious mission in operating in this manner is to provide a place for people to go who have nowhere else to go and no one to care for them," the suit states.

Dad's Place received a cease-and-desist letter on Nov. 3 from the city's planning and zoning administrator, ordering the church to stop housing people within 10 days, citing zoning laws, the suit states.

After considering the letter, Avell and the church decided that would contradict their religious obligation to care for "the least of these" in the community, a reference to a verse in the Book of Matthew, according to the suit. They kept the doors open 24/7.

"The ministry of the church is not confined to Sunday morning at 11am," Avell said in a news release. "We welcome anyone to experience the love and truth of Jesus, regardless of the time of day."

On Dec. 8, the city filed 18 criminal charges against Avell, and on Jan. 11, he pleaded not guilty during his arraignment.

The city claimed in its statement that, after learning in the late fall that Dad's Place was housing people, it gave notice to Avell and the church to stop. Knowing people were sleeping there overnight, officials grew worried about the building complying with the state's fire code, they said.



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Thu. Feb. 1, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:05-5:30pm

Guest: **JAMES CZERNIAWSKI** (CHUR-NOW-SKEE)  
> Senior policy analyst in Technology and Innovation at Americans For Prosperity

**Issues discussed:** the latest Nanny State proposal to "protect" kids from social media; explicitly criminalizing unsolicited robocalls that use voices made with AI

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In the latest Nanny State proposal to "protect" kids from social media, California legislators are proposing a bill that would require social media companies to shut off their algorithms designed to make their feeds as gripping as possible for users under 18.

This is a terrible idea, according to James Czerniawski, tech policy expert at Americans for Prosperity (story below).

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**To protect kids, California might require chronological feeds on social media**

*A proposed California law would require social media companies to make chronological feeds the default for users under 18.*

Social media companies design their feeds to be as gripping as possible, with complicated algorithms shuffling posts and ads into a never-ending stream of entertainment.

A new California law would require companies to shut off those algorithms by default for users



under 18, and implement other mandated tweaks that lawmakers say would reduce the negative mental health effects of social media on children.

The bill, dubbed the Protecting Kids from Social Media Addiction Act by its author, state Sen. Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley), was announced at a news conference with California Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta on Monday, alongside another proposed law that would tighten privacy protections for minors.

"Social media companies have the ability to protect our kids," Skinner said. "They could act; they have not."

One of the act's key provisions is making a chronological feed the default setting on platforms, which would show users posts from the people they follow in the order that they were uploaded, rather than arranging the content to maximize engagement.

This change would show young users "the things that they want to see, as opposed to the addictive algorithmic feed that is presently being fed to our children," Bonta said.

The act would also require the default settings on social media apps to mute notifications between midnight and 6 a.m., cap use at one hour daily, and remove the visibility of "like" counts. Parents — and in practice, most likely, the children using these apps — would have the ability to change these default settings.

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland), who introduced the bill to tighten privacy protections for minors, said changing the settings can yield big benefits for children.

"We know there are some kids that will change the default setting," Wicks said, "but the default setting is a very powerful tool."

The new bills are just the latest in a string of legislative and regulatory actions taken by California lawmakers and lawyers in recent years aiming to change how social media companies do business.

In October, Bonta's office filed a lawsuit against Meta, the parent company of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp, alongside 32 other states, alleging that the company designed its apps specifically to addict young users while misleading the public about the adverse effects of these "harmful and psychologically manipulative platform features."

Portions of internal company documents included in that lawsuit show that Meta knew that more than a million children under 13 were using Instagram, while company officials publicly stated that underage users were not allowed on the platform. The suit also alleges that Mark Zuckerberg, the company's chief executive, personally vetoed a proposal that would have banned filters that simulate the effects of plastic surgery, despite pushback over the negative effect on girls' mental health.

Bonta's office also won a \$93-million settlement in a case against Google last year, which alleged that the company had deceived users by collecting their location data for ad targeting and other applications after they had opted out.

But a prior law intended to rein in social media companies' treatment of young users ran into trouble in the courts last year. A federal judge in San Jose issued a temporary injunction against the California Age-Appropriate Design Code Act in September, ruling that the law likely violates the 1st Amendment rights of the tech companies that it seeks to regulate.

The law, which was co-authored by Assemblymember Wicks and signed into law in 2022, would require companies to provide privacy protections to children by default. The court found that enforcement of these provisions could either require more data collection — to verify the age of certain users — or limit the content that adult users were allowed to see. Bonta's office is appealing the decision.

The lawmakers at the Monday news conference cited research published by the U.S. surgeon general last year as evidence of the harms that social media use inflicts on minors. That report found that "adolescents who spend more than three hours per day on social media face double the risk of experiencing poor mental health outcomes," nearly half of adolescents said that social media made them feel worse about their body image, and a majority saw "hate-based content" on a regular basis.

"Profit is being made off of our kids and at expense of their well-being," Skinner said Monday. The new law "is designed to prevent these very preventable harms."

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**Last week, New York City became the first city to officially declare social media to be a public health hazard (stpry below).**

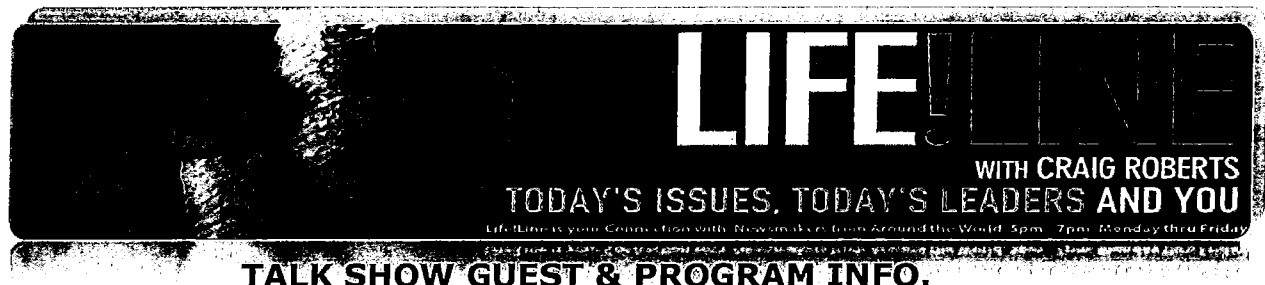
*"We need a conversation that acknowledges kids will have access to this technology and it's about social media literacy efforts as well as connecting parents to the tools at their disposal to tailor their kids' online experience," James said in a recent press statement. "We shouldn't repeat the mistakes of similar conjecture that were used when discussing video games, rock and roll, TV, and radio. More research, more tailored and targeted solutions are needed."*

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**NYC first to designate social media as environmental toxin**

New York City declared Wednesday that it's the first city to issue an advisory officially designating social media as an environmental toxin.

Driving the news: In response to the danger social media poses to the mental health of young people, the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene issued an advisory identifying unrestricted access to and use of social media as a public health hazard.

The department urged parents and caregivers to delay giving children access to a smartphone or social media until at least age 14.



PROGRAM DATE: Thu. Feb. 1, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:35-5:45pm

Guest: **JONATHAN KELLER**  
> President, California Family Council

**Issues Discussed:** Newsom Officials Fail to Force Christian Preschool to Abandon Beliefs about Human Sexuality

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### **Newsom Officials Fail to Force Christian Preschool to Abandon Beliefs about Human Sexuality**

The Newsom Administration's California Department of Social Services (CDSS) tried but failed to force an El Cajon Christian preschool to abandon its religious beliefs on sexuality and gender or be kicked out of participating in a federally funded USDA food program. After the church filed a federal civil rights lawsuit, Attorney General Rob Bonta's Justice Department refused to defend the state's actions and settled for nearly \$200,000.

"This is a major victory for religious liberty," said Greg Burt, Vice President of the California Family Council. "The state should not discriminate against churches and other religious non-profits because they won't abandon their biblical beliefs. Newsom's officials tried to illegally stop this church from showing the love of Jesus to poor immigrant families. Fortunately, the Constitution protects people of faith against government overreach like this."

Attorneys for the Church of Compassion and its Dayspring Christian Learning Center were represented by the National Center for Law and Policy (NCLP), Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) and Advocates for Faith and Freedom (AFF).

They filed a lawsuit and motion for preliminary injunction against the Biden administration and California state officials last year, challenging the suspension of the Church's preschool from a federal food program due to their beliefs about human sexuality.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), which oversees the Child and Adult Food Care Program nationally, provides funding to states including California. After the Biden administration expanded the definition of "sex" in Title IX to encompass sexual orientation and gender identity, California's Department of Social Services (CDSS) implemented new mandates. But these new rules restricted religious organizations from participation in the food program if their orthodox biblical views on human sexuality affected the way they operated their church or ministry.

The preschool was abruptly removed from the Food Program on December 29, 2022, when the CDSS mistakenly thought it could enforce compliance with the sexual orientation and gender identity "non-discrimination" provisions against religious institutions. The CDSS insisted that both the Church and the preschool revise all their policies and practices to conform with this new directive, not merely their food services. In an attempt to discipline the preschool, the CDSS added the school to the National Disqualified List, effectively blocking their access to government funding. Nonetheless, the church remained resolute and did not yield to the state's demands.

The sweeping CDSS mandates would have required the church and preschool overhaul their hiring policies, restroom regulations, dress codes, and pronoun use to align with the government's updated definitions. Despite warnings from the National Center for Law & Policy (NCLP) that such actions were a clear violation of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, the CDSS moved forward with the withdrawal of Food Program funds from the preschool.

"Ironically, in the name of combatting discrimination, government officials have excluded the church and preschool from serving the El Cajon community based solely on their religious beliefs and exercise," said ADF Senior Counsel Jeremiah Galus. "This is antithetical to the First Amendment's promise of religious freedom and only hurts needy families and children."

The federal civil rights lawsuit and motion for preliminary injunction asserted violations of religious freedom, speech, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the federal Administrative Procedures Act. Federal law protects religious organizations from discrimination based on their beliefs and hiring practices. Attorney General Rob Bonta's staff wisely quickly waved the white flag of surrender deciding to settle the case before the court even had an opportunity to rule on the motion for preliminary injunction.

The settlement reinstated Dayspring in the Food Program, reimbursed suspended funds, removed the preschool from the National Disqualified List, and required the CDSS to issue clear guidance regarding the existence of exemptions for religious institutions in California's food programs. The CDSS also agreed to pay \$160,000 in legal fees. This outcome is a significant win for religious freedom in California and sets a precedent for similar religious institutions.



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.  
5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Tu. Feb. 13, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:05-5:15pm

Guest: **SUSAN SHELLEY**

> President of Communications for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

**Issue Discussed:** UPDATE on protecting Prop 13/ACA1 efforts

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**Assembly Approves Two Constitutional Amendments Threatening Taxpayers' Rights**

Dec. 2023

The Assembly approved two constitutional amendments September 6 that would impact taxpayer protections and the vote requirements needed to approve new taxes.

ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) proposes lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to 55 percent to pass infrastructure-related local bonds and special taxes. This would strip taxpayers of the two-thirds vote requirement established by Proposition 13 to prevent local governments from increasing taxes in response to Proposition 13's property tax limitations.

ACA 1 needed at least 54 votes to clear the Assembly, and was approved with a 55-12 vote.

The measure now moves to the Senate. If it receives at least 27 votes in the 40-member house, it will be placed on the ballot in 2024 and a majority vote in a statewide election will determine its fate.

“ACA 1 will lead to higher taxes – including higher property taxes to repay local bonds – and a higher cost of living in California,” CalTax President Robert Gutierrez said. “Proponents claim their goal is to develop more affordable housing, but their proposal would actually make everything in California less affordable by paving the way for major tax increases.”

CalTax noted that ACA 1 directly attacks section four of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, established by Proposition 13 – the requirement that a two-thirds vote of the electorate is needed to increase local special taxes. (The other three sections establish a maximum uniform tax rate of 1 percent of real property’s assessed value; require acquisition-value assessments, in which the value of locally assessed real property is based on the purchase price or appraised value at the time of a change in ownership or new construction, plus an increase for inflation not to exceed 2 percent annually; and require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to increase state taxes.)

On September 7, supporters of the measure amended SB 789 (Allen and Wiener) to place ACA 1 on the November 2024 ballot if it is approved by the Senate. ACA 1 includes language stating that its provisions apply to local measures that appear on the ballot in the same election, so the lower vote threshold would be in effect for the November election. Local officials are likely to view this election as favorable for tax measures.

The second measure approved by the Assembly is ACA 13 (Ward), which would require any statewide initiative that changes any vote requirements to receive the same votes in support as the vote requirement specified in the initiative.

ACA 13 was introduced in the last weeks of session in direct response to the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act, an initiative proposed by the California Business Roundtable that has qualified for the November 2024 ballot. The initiative would require statewide voter approval of all legislative tax increases, a two-thirds vote for all local special taxes, and a public vote for municipal fees.

Assembly Member Vince Fong said ACA 13 is a misguided attempt to change the rules of a pending election because of a policy disagreement.

“Direct democracy is a fundamental part of our state, history, and constitution,” Fong said. “Just because one doesn’t like an idea doesn’t justify changing the rules.”

ACA 13 was approved with a final vote of 57-19, and now goes to the Senate.

If approved by at least two-thirds of the Senate, ACA 13 will appear on the March 2024 ballot. If approved by a majority of voters in that election, the rules would change for the Taxpayer Protection Act – which qualified for the ballot in 2022 – and the initiative would need a two-thirds vote for passage in November. ACA 13 would not require ACA 1 to be approved by a 55 percent vote, because ACA 13 applies only to measures placed on the ballot by the public (additionally, it applies only to measures that increase vote thresholds, not those that decrease them).

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**ISSUE:** *Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (ACA 1)*, the proposed constitutional amendment that would make it easier to raise local taxes for anything labeled "infrastructure" and for certain public housing projects.

**ACA 1 is a direct attack on Proposition 13.** It would change the state Constitution to cut the percentage of votes needed to raise special taxes, dropping it from the current two-thirds required under Prop. 13 to only 55%. That makes it much easier for tax-raisers who want to take more and more of your money. "Infrastructure" can be anything government wants to do.

ACA 1 will be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on Wednesday, July 12. You can help defeat this dangerous measure.

You may want to call your own representatives in the Assembly and the Senate and urge them to oppose ACA 1. You can look up their names and contact information at [FindYourRep.Legislature.ca.gov](http://FindYourRep.Legislature.ca.gov).

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From the CA.gov website:

### **History and Impact of Proposition 13**

On June 6, 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a property tax limitation initiative. This amendment to California's Constitution was the taxpayers' collective response to dramatic increases in property taxes and a growing state revenue surplus. Proposition 13 (or "Prop. 13") rolled back most local real estate assessments to 1975 market value levels, limited the property tax rate to 1 percent plus the rate necessary to fund local voter-approved bonded indebtedness, and limited future property tax increases to a maximum of 2% per year.

Prior to 1978, real property was appraised cyclically, with no more than a five-year interval between reassessments. Since property values were systematically reviewed and updated, assessed values were usually kept at or near current market value levels. In contrast, under Proposition 13, properties are reassessed to current market value only upon a change in ownership or completion of new construction (called the base year value). In addition, Proposition 13 generally limits annual increases in the base year value of real property to no more than 2 percent, except when property changes ownership or undergoes new construction. Essentially, Proposition 13 converted the market value-based property tax system to an acquisition value-based system.

Under Proposition 13, similar properties can have substantially different assessed values based solely on the dates the properties were purchased. Disparities result wherever

significant appreciation in property values has occurred over time. Longtime property owners, whose assessed values generally may not be increased more than 2 percent per year, tend to have markedly lower tax liability than recent purchasers, whose assessed values tend to approximate market levels.

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## ACA-1

### Bill Details:

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Sections 1 and 4 of Article XIII A thereof, by amending Section 2 of, and by adding Section 2.5 to, Article XIII C thereof, by amending Section 3 of Article XIII D thereof, and by amending Section 18 of Article XVI thereof, relating to local finance.

### Bill Summary

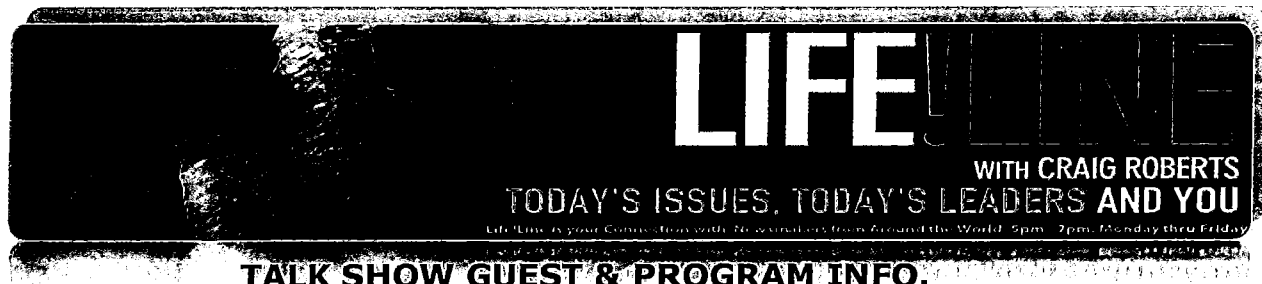
(1) The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements. The measure would specify that these provisions apply to any city, county, city and county, or special district measure imposing an ad valorem tax to pay the interest and redemption charges on bonded indebtedness for these purposes that is submitted at the same election as this measure.

(2) The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 23 of the voters of the local government voting on that tax. This measure would authorize a local government to impose, extend, or increase a sales and use tax or transactions and use tax imposed in accordance with specified law or a parcel tax, as defined, for the purposes of funding the construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of its voters voting on the proposition and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements. This measure would also make conforming changes to related provisions. The measure would specify that these provisions apply to any local measure imposing, extending, or increasing a sales and use tax, transactions and use tax, or parcel tax for these purposes that is submitted at the same election as this measure.

(3) The California Constitution prohibits specified local government agencies from incurring any indebtedness exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided in that year, without the assent of 23 of the voters and subject to other conditions. In the case of a school district, community college district, or county office of education, the California Constitution permits a proposition for the incurrence of indebtedness in the form of general obligation bonds for the

construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, to be adopted upon the approval of 55% of the voters of the district or county, as appropriate, voting on the proposition at an election. This measure would expressly prohibit a special district, other than a board of education or school district, from incurring any indebtedness or liability exceeding any applicable statutory limit, as prescribed by the statutes governing the special district.





**PROGRAM DATE:** Tu. Feb. 13, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:20-5:30pm

**Guest:** **GREG BURT**

> Director of Capitol Engagement for California Family Council (CFC)

**Issue Discussed:** California Dept of Ed still harassing schools after federal ruling

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### Despite Federal Ruling, State Threatens Rocklin Schools Over Parent Notification Policy

SACRAMENTO, CA – Despite a federal court ruling against a southern California school district's gender secrecy policy, the California Department of Education (CDE) ruled last week against the Rocklin Unified School District (RUSD) for its parent notification policy on gender. The CDE investigation report claimed Rocklin's newly enacted rule, requiring parents to be notified if their child starts publicly identifying as another gender, violated education codes related to discrimination and student privacy.

If the district doesn't take corrective action, the CDE will take action under Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5 § 4670, which permits "the withholding of all or part of the local agency's relevant state or federal support..."

Yet, a federal judge already ruled against the CDE lawyers' discrimination and student privacy arguments last September when they tried to convince the court that forcing teachers in a San Diego County school district to lie to parents was legal. In that case, *Mirabelli v. Olson*, a federal court issued a groundbreaking 36-page order enjoining the Escondido Union School District and CDE officials from enforcing gender secrecy policies for the "trifecta of harm" it causes to teachers, children, and their parents.

The Rocklin Unified School Board members, who were not contacted or asked any questions as part of the CDE investigation, refused to comply with the CDE order, voting 4-1 to officially appeal the decision.

The attorney defending the teachers in the Mirabelli case, Thomas More Society Special Counsel Paul M. Jonna, finds the CDE behavior towards Rocklin school deeply concerning, and contradictory to what CDE attorneys told the federal court in the Escondido School District case.

"In *Mirabelli v. Olson*, the CDE officials argued at the preliminary injunction hearing that they were not proper parties because, as their attorney said, 'the plaintiffs have not pointed to one instance where there's been a loss of funding from a local school district or there's any kind of repercussions from not following these FAQ's,'" Jonna said. "That argument failed then, and now the CDE apparently feels free to exercise that authority. But we intend to hold the CDE and other state officials fully accountable for their attempts to blatantly disregard the rationale and reasoning of the federal court's Preliminary Injunction order in *Mirabelli v. Olson*."

Also raising concerns about the CDE decision is Dean Broyles, president of the National Center for Law & Policy. He represents another teacher in the Escondido Union School District who refused to follow the gender secrecy policy. Broyles recently sought and obtained a religious accommodation for his client after the Mirabelli ruling. This means the school district will no longer require this teacher to use a student's preferred pronouns, nor keep secret a student's gender identity from parents.

"The California Department of Education is far out on a legal limb that is being rapidly sawed off," Broyles said. He criticized State Superintendent Tony Thurmond for conducting what he called a "sham secret 'investigation'" of RUSD and threatening to defund the district. He argued that the RUSD's policy aligns with the federal court's findings in Mirabelli "in spite of Attorney General Rob Bonta's specious allegations of discrimination, privacy, and equal protection, parental notification is actually mandated by the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, the Fourteenth Amendment and well-established U.S. Supreme Court precedent."

Bonta used those arguments in state court against the first Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD), the first district in California to implement a parent notification policy related to the gender identity of students. The state judge temporarily put part of that policy on hold last year, but the parties are due back in court later this week.

CVUSD's attorney Emily Rae, Senior Counsel at the Liberty Justice Center, also accused Superintendent Thurmond of employing "political intimidation tactics" against California parents and school districts, like Rocklin Unified, that advocate for the right to be informed about their children's school lives. "Rocklin School District's policy comports with California law," Rae asserted, criticizing the CDE's attempts to "keep parents in the dark" as a violation of familial rights and an affront to the principles of transparency and parental involvement in education.

"Superintendent Thurmond's letter is one of many tactics meant to undermine the supermajority of Californians who agree that parents have an inherent right to direct the upbringing and education of their children," Rae said. "Thurmond is attempting to supplant the role of parents in raising their own children and replace them with the government."



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PRE-TAPE DATE: Wed. Feb. 14, 2024 (or the weekend of)**

**PRE-TAPE/SEGMENT TIME: 5:05-5:30pm**

\* in observance of Valentine's Day

Guest: **MELISSA HENSON**

> Vice President of the Parents Television and Media Council

> noted expert on entertainment industry trends and how the impact of entertainment affects children and the American popular culture at large.

**Issue discussed:** Hollywood's anti-marriage messaging is showing up all over/in our culture today as they continue to push harmful, and, more explicit messaging, into programming aimed at youth today; how that has affected a whole generation of relationships and what we can do to fix it.

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**What Is Love? Hollywood Hasn't Got a Clue**

Melissa Henson | Feb 13, 2024

Townhall.com

A 2008 Parents Television and Media Council study found that sex in the context of marriage was at that time either non-existent on prime-time broadcast television, or depicted as a burdensome, rather than as an expression of love and commitment. Across the broadcast networks, verbal references to non-marital sex outnumbered references to sex in the context of marriage by nearly 3 to 1; and scenes depicting or implying sex between nonmarried partners outnumbered scenes depicting or implying sex between married partners by a ratio of nearly 4 to 1.

We are seeing the impact of Hollywood's anti-marriage messaging show up in our culture today.

In 2007, the year in which the data for that analysis was collected, 42% of women aged 15-44 were married.

By 2022, that share dropped to 37%, amounting to some 3.1 million fewer marriages. In 1970, 17% of adults 18 and over had never been married. Today it's 31%.

Fewer young people anticipate getting married and having children, and fewer young people believe that having a good marriage is important. Recent data from the Pew Research Center tells us that only one in four adults believe that having children is "extremely" or "very" important to a fulfilling life.

### ***Why have so many young adults fallen out of love with love?***

Although there may be several factors, Hollywood has played its part. We are seeing the fruits of TV's toxic attitude toward love, monogamy, and marriage. I don't think it's a mere coincidence that the generation that grew up watching the programs that denigrated marriage and family are now disinterested in getting married and starting families.

I am encouraged that there are young adults speaking out about how they are increasingly turned-off by hook-up culture that Hollywood is constantly trying to sell them.

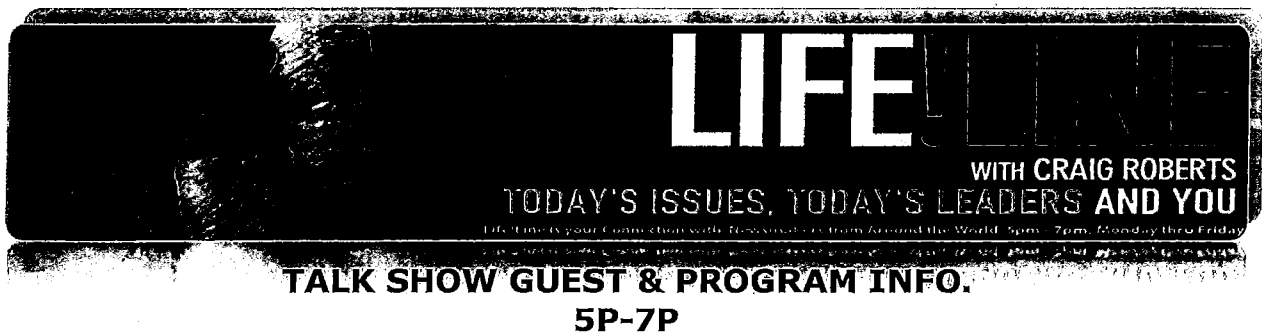
"Katie," a 23-year-old young woman who embraced "hookup" culture when she went to college told BuzzFeed News, "It feels like we were tricked into exploiting ourselves [and] tricked into thinking it was our idea... I would say I gathered this mostly from media, *Sex and the City*, *Girls* — HBO somehow did a number on me — books, social media... You read a lot about [sex positivity] on Tumblr, you read a lot about it on Twitter when you were in high school, [and] it gets really ingrained in your brain that you need to be comfortable having sex with someone you're not committed to. I think in my feeble 18-year-old mind, it was probably not what I needed to hear."

As toxic as TV content was 15 years ago, it has only gotten worse in the years since.

HBO's "Naked Attraction" tells us that the first and really the only thing that matters in choosing a romantic partner is what they look like naked.

HBO's "The Idol" tells teens sex has to be manipulative, dangerous, and even cause physical harm to be exciting.

HBO's "Euphoria" depicted college freshman choking his high school-aged girlfriend during sex — an encounter eerily similar to one "Katie" described to *BuzzFeed News*: "There's people I've hooked up with where they just immediately choked me and I was like, this was not discussed, I don't know you... I've had some kooky experiences with men where I was open to [hooking up] at first, then realized, *I'm in a place that I don't know, I don't know how old you are, I don't know your name, I'm blackout drunk*, and that's obviously not fun."



**PROGRAM DATE:** Wed. February 14, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:35-5:45pm

Guest: **ELAINE PARKER**

> Chief Communications Officer, Job Creators Network (JCN)

**Issue discussed:** last week the Congressional Budget Office released its latest national fiscal outlook. The Key takeaway: "**The United States is on the verge of a debt spiral unless it immediately gets its fiscal house in order,**" writes Alfredo Ortiz, CEO of Job Creators Network (JCN), in a new op-ed.

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## **US Faces 'Unsustainable' Spiral of Rising Debt and Interest Costs**

### ***Paying the Cost***

When the US borrows money, just like any debtor, it needs to pay its loans back with interest. The national debt is \$34 trillion and rising. Soon, America will need to spend more each year paying interest on the debt than it spends on national defense.

Former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin told Bloomberg TV recently that the economy is "in a terrible place," and Black Swan author Nassim Nicholas Taleb warned that "a debt spiral is like a death spiral."

"We are in a spiral now—it's a slow spiral, but it's still a spiral—of rising debt and rising payments on the debt," Phillip Swagel, director of the Congressional Budget Office, told me for the Big Take DC podcast. "The situation is unsustainable."

Swagel and Bloomberg reporter Liz McCormick join the Big Take DC to discuss the rising debt load and what it would take to rein it in.

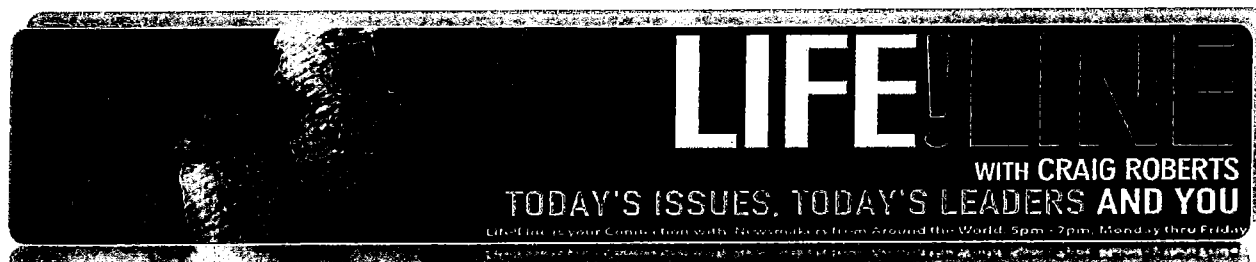
The CBO projects the annual interest on the debt will hit \$1.4 trillion by fiscal 2033 and \$5.4 trillion by fiscal 2053

But leaders in Washington keep kicking the issue down the road. There are plenty of complaints, warnings and promises to do something, but federal spending rarely comes down with each budget or temporary funding patch.

Borrowing money isn't necessarily a bad thing. In 1790, Alexander Hamilton wrote that debt was the price of liberty. Unlike a household spending more than it's bringing in, it's OK for the US government to live with a bit of red ink.

But Congress can't seem to rein it in. Fights over spending and the federal debt limit often bring the government to the brink of a shutdown or a default. But a solution is elusive and the fights themselves are damaging.

The only way out of this debt spiral is for Congress to balance the budget by making some hard decisions about spending and taxes. But hard decisions are hard to come by in a deadlocked Congress.



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Tu. Feb. 21, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:05-5:15pm

Guest: **JONATHAN KELLER**  
> President, California Family Council

**Issues Discussed:** Teachers sue Gov. Newsom for being forced to lie

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**CA teachers sue Gov. Newsom after being forced to lie about children's sexual identity**

***'Authorities like Governor Newsom and his corrupt Department of Education must be held responsible for the atrocities they are inflicting on young children,' says USPIE Founder Sheri Few***

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — Several teachers in California are suing California Democrat Gov. Gavin Newsom and Attorney General Rob Bonta along with the Escondido Union School District (EUSD) for forcing them to lie to parents about their children's sexual identity. Claiming that their First Amendment rights were trampled with an outrageous policy that forced them to openly ignore or deceive parents concerned about their children's wellbeing. The teachers were allegedly told to address students by their "chosen names" in class but revert to their biological pronouns and legal names with parents "in order to actively hide information about their child's gender identity."

*"As the school district is following the lead of Governor Newsom and the California Department of Education, it's absolutely right that they all should be included in this long-overdue lawsuit," said United States Parents Involved in Education (USPIE) Founder and President Sheri Few.*



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024 (or the weekend of)

**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:05-5:30

Guest: **JON COUPAL**

> President, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

**Issue Discussed:** Prop 13/ACA1

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**Gov. Newsom's silly arguments against the Taxpayer Protection Act don't stick**

By JON COUPAL | PUBLISHED: February 17, 2024 at 7:05 a.m. | UPDATED: February 19, 2024 at 6:01 p.m.

Last week, the organizations sponsoring the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (TPA) filed their response to the governor and Legislature's lawsuit, which seeks to remove the overwhelmingly popular measure from the November general election ballot.

The Taxpayer Protection Act will close court-created loopholes in Prop. 13 as well as providing additional taxpayer safeguards:

- Empower voters with the right to approve or reject all new state taxes as well as local taxes.
- Increase accountability and transparency so politicians spend our tax dollars more efficiently, and ballot titles for tax increases are clear and truthful.
- Stop government agencies from imposing "hidden taxes" disguised as fees imposed by appointed bureaucrats.



The organizations that are sponsoring and defending the Taxpayer Protection Act include the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the California Business Roundtable and the California Business Properties Association, which collectively represent tens of thousands of homeowners, businesses large and small, and owners of commercial real estate. These groups were supported by several "friend of the court" briefs from over a dozen local taxpayer associations.

The lawsuit by Gov. Gavin Newsom and Democrat leadership, backed by public employee unions, calls for the nearly unprecedented step of using the courts to deny voters their constitutional right to vote on this duly qualified initiative, a commonsense taxpayer protection and accountability measure. They are using a series of political, not legal arguments, to ask the California Supreme Court to remove the measure from the ballot.

The legal brief from the pro-taxpayer coalition exposed the abject lack of legal merit in the arguments from the governor and his allies in the Legislature. Specifically, the attack on the Taxpayer Protection Act fell far short of meeting the extremely high threshold the California Supreme Court has established for removing duly qualified initiatives from the ballot before voters exercise their constitutional right to vote.

The lawsuit against TPA is chock full of frivolous political arguments to support their position that California voters should not have the right to vote on future taxes. If the lawsuit proves anything it's that the tax-and-spend progressives who control California are scared to death that TPA will pass. And that fear is well founded as evidenced by polling showing that its provisions are supported by a majority of Californians.

Previously, the governor and Legislature's attorneys complained that "the [Taxpayer Protection Act] reduces the Legislature's spending power... and increases the power of State and local voters to reject taxes and charges."

To which we responded, "Yeah, that's the point."

TPA is desperately needed because the state has gone from a \$100 billion surplus to a \$60 billion deficit, with multiple years of projected shortfalls on the horizon. Combined with the state's ongoing cost-of-living crisis, California voters should have the right to vote on future taxes to ensure their voice is heard on when and how new revenue is raised and spent.

The governor, legislative leadership and public employee unions' arguments make it clear that they oppose the voters having this right, and instead want the power to raise unlimited taxes for unlimited spending, without any say from the voters who are paying those taxes.

This week's legal filings in defense of the Taxpayer Protection Act demonstrate how TPA builds upon previous voter-approved taxpayer protection measures like Propositions 13, 218, and 26, which serve as a much needed check on higher taxes and spending.

Given the weakness of the anti-taxpayer arguments against TPA, we are cautiously optimistic that the lawsuit seeking to remove it from the ballot will fail and that voters will be given the opportunity they deserve to vote on this critically important measure.

A decision from the California Supreme Court is expected before the end of June.

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**ISSUE:** Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (ACA 1), the proposed constitutional amendment that would make it easier to raise local taxes for anything labeled "infrastructure" and for certain public housing projects.

ACA 1 is a direct attack on Proposition 13. It would change the state Constitution to cut the percentage of votes needed to raise special taxes, dropping it from the current two-thirds required under Prop. 13 to only 55%. That makes it much easier for tax-raisers who want to take more and more of your money. "Infrastructure" can be anything government wants to do.

ACA 1 will be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on Wednesday, July 12. You can help defeat this dangerous measure.

You may want to call your own representatives in the Assembly and the Senate and urge them to oppose ACA 1. You can look up their names and contact information at [FindYourRep.Legislature.ca.gov](http://FindYourRep.Legislature.ca.gov).

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**From the CA.gov website:  
History and Impact of Proposition 13**

On June 6, 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a property tax limitation initiative. This amendment to California's Constitution was the taxpayers' collective response to dramatic increases in property taxes and a growing state revenue surplus. Proposition 13 (or "Prop. 13") rolled back most local real estate assessments to 1975 market value levels, limited the property tax rate to 1 percent plus the rate necessary to fund local voter-approved bonded indebtedness, and limited future property tax increases to a maximum of 2% per year.

Prior to 1978, real property was appraised cyclically, with no more than a five-year interval between reassessments. Since property values were systematically reviewed and updated, assessed values were usually kept at or near current market value levels. In contrast, under Proposition 13, properties are reassessed to current market value only upon a change in ownership or completion of new construction (called the base year value). In addition, Proposition 13 generally limits annual increases in the base year value of real property to no more than 2 percent, except when property changes ownership or undergoes new construction. Essentially, Proposition 13 converted the market value-based property tax system to an acquisition value-based system.

Under Proposition 13, similar properties can have substantially different assessed values based solely on the dates the properties were purchased. Disparities result wherever significant appreciation in property values has occurred over time. Longtime property owners, whose assessed values generally may not be increased more than 2 percent per year, tend to have markedly lower tax liability than recent purchasers, whose assessed values tend to approximate market levels.

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**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 (or the weekend of)

**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:05-6pm

Guest: **HECTOR MORENO**

> Lead Pastor of the **Home Church** in **Campbell, California.**

*Note: The Home Church is a non-denominational, charismatic Christian church in the heart of Silicon Valley. The Church was founded in 1979 by Mike Kiley as a Calvary Chapel.*

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**Interesting note:** *Hector served as a Deputy District Attorney in the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office for 10 years as a trial attorney prosecuting serious felonies. In 1999, Hector began practicing Family Law in a private practice and founded his law firm in 2008. He has operated a free legal clinic since 2008. The legal clinic is open on the first Saturday of each month.*

> Hector and his wife Chrissie have been married for 40 years this June and have five adult children and eight grandchildren with the eighth due in May. Hector and Chrissie began following Jesus in 1982 while students at Santa Clara University and joined the Home Church at that time. They never left.

> Hector and Chrissie are long time 49er fans.

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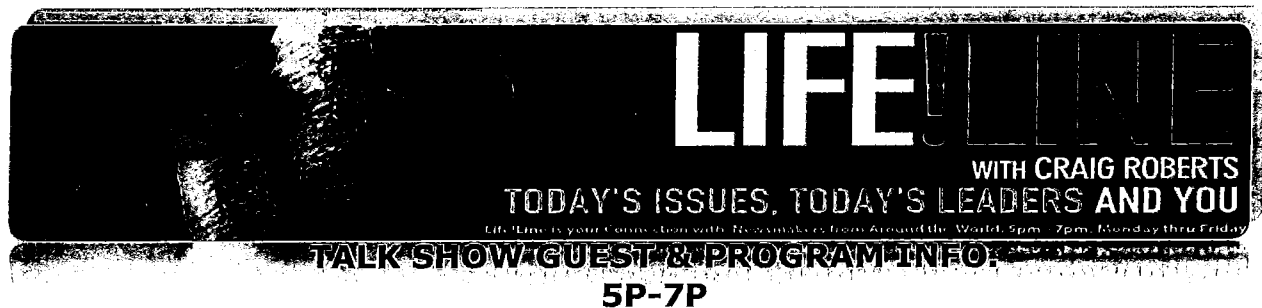
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### **Suggested Questions:**

1. Why are you bi-vocational and what are the challenges associated with being both a pastor and a practicing lawyer?
2. In the practice of Family Law, you participate in spouses getting divorced. It seems like there would be a conflict between being a Christian and doing divorces. How do you deal with that?
3. What would you say to that spouse who just received divorce papers and is devastated? They are followers of Jesus, have young children and have no idea what to do.
4. What would the **pastor** tell them?
5. What would the **lawyer** say to them?
6. Someone comes to you and is considering leaving a secular career to enter full-time ministry. *What advice would you give them?*
7. **What do the 49ers need to do to win the Super Bowl next year?**



**PROGRAM DATE:** Wed. March 6, 2024 (or the weekend of)

**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:05-5:15pm

Guest: **JONATHAN TOBIN**

- > Editor in Chief, Jewish News Syndicate
- > A prominent voice in Jewish and political journalism
- > Senior Contributor for **The Federalist**, a columnist for **Newsweek** and **Israel Hayom**, and a regular contributor to the **Washington Examiner** and **Commentary** magazines.
- > In addition to his writing, he hosts the JNS "**Top Story**" podcast and has won more than 60 awards for his journalism and studied history at Columbia University.

**Issue Discussed:** US Short Cease-Fire Push; Hamas Rejects UN Report; Hamas rejects UN report on Oct. 7 sexual violence

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Talking points:

- US pushes for short cease-fire in Gaza to buy time
- Hamas rejects UN report on Oct. 7 sexual violence

**US pushes for short ceasefire in Gaza war to buy time**

U.S. and Arab negotiators pushed Israel and the terror group Hamas to agree to a short cessation in fighting—if for only a few days—in the hopes it will lead to a longer Gaza ceasefire.

A brief respite in fighting "could prove to both sides that the other is serious about a longer deal, negotiators said," *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Tuesday.

Ceasefire talks in Cairo, in which Israel did not directly participate, fell apart on Tuesday. The sides later agreed to continue negotiations for at least one more day.

The U.S. has held Hamas responsible for the failure of this round of talks. Biden told reporters on Tuesday that talks were “in the hands of Hamas right now. The Israelis have been cooperating. There’s an offer out there that’s rational. We’ll know in a couple of days what will happen.”

Vice President Kamala Harris also called on Hamas to accept the terms on the table, speaking during a meeting with Israeli War Cabinet member Benny Gantz at the White House on Monday.

Mediators had set the start of Ramadan as an unofficial deadline for a ceasefire. The annual Muslim religious holiday, which begins this year on the evening of March 10, is regularly exploited by Hamas and the Palestinian Authority to incite violence against Jews.

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant warned late last month that terrorist groups are plotting to step up violent attacks on the Jewish state during Ramadan.

“The main goal of Hamas is to take Ramadan, with an emphasis on the Temple Mount and Jerusalem, and turn it into the second phase of their plan that began on October 7,” Gallant told IDF troops.

### **Hamas rejects UN report on Oct. 7 sexual violence**

Hamas issued a statement on Tuesday rejecting a United Nations report released the previous day on the Gaza-based terrorist group's sexual violence during the Oct. 7 massacre and the sexual abuse of hostages.

“We in Hamas strongly reject and condemn the report published by U.N. representative Premila Patten, which accuses the Palestinian resistance fighters of committing acts of rape and sexual violence on October 7,” the terrorist organization wrote.

The terror group called the report's claims “baseless false accusations” which amounts to the “demonization of Hamas.”

“Patten's claims clearly contradict what emerged from the testimonies of Israeli women about the good treatment they received from the resistance fighters, as well as the testimonies of Israeli hostages who were released—about the good treatment they received during their captivity in Gaza,” the statement reads.



**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 (or the weekend of)

**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:20-5:45

Guest: **RYAN WALKER**

> Executive VP, HAFA (Heritage Action for America)

Note: Heritage Action was founded in 2010 and is armed with the research and policies of The Heritage Foundation.

**Issue Discussed:** **WHAT** is the six-bill minibuss spending package moving through Congress this week and **WHY** Heritage opposes it.

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Heritage Action reinforces the grassroots work of Sentinels with our first-class team of state directors and government relations specialists in Washington. Together, Heritage Action and Sentinels are fighting for America's future.



PROGRAM DATE: Tu. March 12, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:05-6pm

Guest: **JOE MURRAY**

> a Tennessee educator, attorney, and a former speechwriter for Patrick Buchanan. He is the author of "**Take Back Education**"

Issue Discussed: NATO. What is it? Who are they? Why are they?

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## NATO OVERVIEW

Formed in 1949 with the signing of the Washington Treaty, **NATO is a security alliance of 30 countries from North America and Europe.**

**NATO's fundamental goal is to safeguard the Allies' freedom and security by political and military means.**

NATO remains the principal security instrument of the transatlantic community and expression of its common democratic values. It is the practical means through which the security of North America and Europe are permanently tied together. NATO enlargement has furthered the U.S. goal of a Europe whole, free, and at peace.

**Article 5 of the Washington Treaty** — that an attack against one Ally is an attack against all — is at the core of the Alliance, **a promise of collective defense.** **Article 4** of the treaty ensures consultations among Allies on security matters of common interest, which have expanded from a narrowly defined Soviet threat to the critical mission in Afghanistan, as well as peacekeeping in Kosovo and new threats to security such as cyber attacks, and global threats such as terrorism and piracy that affect the Alliance and its global network of partners.



In addition to its traditional role in the territorial defense of Allied nations, NATO leads the UN-mandated International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan and has ongoing missions in the Balkans and the Mediterranean; it also conducts extensive training exercises and offers security support to partners around the globe, including the European Union in particular but also the United Nations and the African Union.

## MEMBER STATES

The NATO Alliance consists of 30 member states from North America and Europe.

***Article Five of the treaty states that if an armed attack occurs against one of the member states, it should be considered an attack against all members, and other members shall assist the attacked member, with armed forces if necessary.***

Over the past two decades, the Alliance has developed a network of structured partnerships with countries from the Euro-Atlantic area, the Mediterranean and the Gulf region, as well as individual relationships with other partners across the globe. NATO pursues dialogue and practical cooperation with many partner countries and engages actively with other international actors and organisations on a wide range of political and security-related issues.

At present, NATO has 32 member countries. These countries, called NATO Allies, are sovereign states that come together through NATO to discuss political and security issues and make collective decisions by consensus.

- NATO was created by 12 countries from Europe and North America on 4 April 1949.
- Since then, 20 more countries have joined NATO through 10 rounds of enlargement (in 1952, 1955, 1982, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2017, 2020, 2023 and 2024).
- Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty sets out how countries can join the Alliance. It states that membership is open to any "European State in a position to further the principles of this Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area".
- Any decision to invite a country to join the Alliance is taken by the North Atlantic Council, NATO's principal political decision-making body, on the basis of consensus among all Allies.

**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.**  
**5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Thu. March 14, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 11:00am

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**Guest: MARK TONEY**

> Executive Director, **TURN** (The Utility Reform Network)

**Issue discussed:** Last Thursday, the California Public Utilities Commission approved a rate hike that will increase PG&E bills by roughly \$5 a month. That's on top of the 13% increase in January. A third hike is in the works.

**NOTE: PG&E has said it expects total rate hikes in 2024 will total about \$50 more per average customer.**

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**TURN'S MISSION**

TURN champions the cleanest energy and highest quality phone service at the lowest prices possible for residential customers, low-income households, and small businesses through legal advocacy at the California Public Utilities Commission, state and federal policy development, and community organizing throughout California.

## TURN'S HISTORY

TURN began at the kitchen table of pioneering consumer advocate Sylvia Siegel, a fierce advocate who was tired of seeing her electric bills go up year after year, and realized all Californians were getting ripped off by a Public Utilities Commission that rubber-stamped rate hikes. She taught herself the complex laws and rules of utility rates and quickly learned how to use them to the benefit of the public, rather than corporate profits.

In the past 50 years, TURN has identified and exposed corporate waste and lack of oversight, and driven common sense public policy to protect all Californians. TURN has grown into an organization known and trusted nationally for our expertise in energy and telecommunications issues, and our commitment to renewable energy that is affordable for everyone.

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***It's the only store for dozens of miles. PG&E's latest rate hikes could put it out of business*** (Source: Cal-Matters)

## IN SUMMARY

High electric bills consumed 65% of a rural grocery store's profit last year. Owners say they may close the store because of PG&E rate hikes.

Twelve years ago, when Tammy and Tim Babcock saw businesses closing in rural northeast California and families moving to bigger cities, they purchased the Big Valley Market in Bieber, with the hope of revitalizing the dying town.

Since then their grocery store has become crucial to the day-to-day lives of residents in the surrounding communities, especially to the 200 or so people living in Bieber, about 250 miles north of Sacramento.

But the store is struggling to survive. Tammy and Tim Babcock blame recent rate increases in their electric bill.

In 2023 the Babcocks paid Pacific Gas & Electric nearly \$40,000 for electricity — about two-thirds of the store's annual profit, Tammy Babcock said. This year rates for businesses their size will grow by 17%, the utility said.

"I called PG&E and I said 'Are you trying to put us out of business? Are you trying to kill small town America?'" said Tammy Babcock, 62, as she stood in the store she works outside jobs to sustain.

As major California utilities like PG&E seek higher energy rates this year — in part to pay for upgrades and safety improvements — business owners like the Babcocks say that it's pushing already struggling businesses toward closure. If that happens to the Babcocks' market, the surrounding neighborhoods and towns would suffer.

The California Public Utilities Commission, which regulates utilities, approved the latest rate hike in November. At the time, the commission said it was to ensure that PG&E maintains a "safe and reliable energy system." The rate hike, which took effect on Jan. 1, affected tens of thousands of residential and business customers.

For PG&E's more than 764,000 business owner accounts, rates will rise this year 17 – 21%, depending on size and type of business.

Residential electric rates have nearly doubled in California over the last decade. About 1 in 5 customers, some 2.4 million, are behind in utility bills by an average of \$744, said the Public Advocates Office, the consumer arm of the utilities commission.

### **Small town struggles with rate hikes**

In Bieber, which has very little industry, the median annual household income is about \$46,000, according to the U.S. census.

The Babcocks' market sits below the verdant Big Valley Mountains, which overlook four small towns: Nubieber, Bieber, Lookout and Adin. Fewer than 2,000 people live in this flat farmland.

The store is the main place to buy water, rice, bread and other necessities. The closest Walmart is in Susanville, more than 67 minutes away, and the closest Safeway is in Burney, about 44 minutes away.

In addition to selling groceries, the Babcocks also serve ready-made meals at two tables.

Just before noon in January, six people walked into the Big Valley store and Tim Babcock seated them as his wife went back and forth to the kitchen, serving them tacos.

The regulars, who have known each other for years, watched Fox News on the store TV and discussed community issues.

One of the customers said that if the Big Valley Market were to close, he would have to drive 52 miles east to get milk and other necessities in Alturas. Another customer said she'd have to drive at least 19 miles to get fresh fruit in Fall River Mills.

To generate outside income, the Babcocks operate a hay business and cater weddings, funerals and hospital events, they said.

"We are trying to sustain our business and make a place for the people in the valley so they don't have to drive back and forth long distances," Tim Babcock said. "They can't even afford gas."

Kathlin Meyer, 73, said she visits the Big Valley Market at least three times a week. It's the place where she feels most like part of a community, she said, after her move from Fortuna in 2006.

Like Tammy Babcock, Meyer is a cancer survivor. Last year, during Meyer's chemotherapy, the Big Valley Market delivered food to her house.

"If we close, people have to cross over a mountain, and in the winter the road is covered with ice and snow," Tammy Babcock said. "We have to help take care of our people, our senior citizens."

Tim Babcock added that if the electric bills continue to increase, the Big Valley Market would have to close. Tammy Babcock then recited how much they have paid in recent months, holding a list of the store's electric payments.

In January they paid nearly \$3,000 toward the store's PG&E bill. They made two payments because they couldn't afford the entire amount immediately. In December, the Babcocks paid nearly \$3,000. In November, it was nearly \$4,000.

With the approved rate hike, this year the Babcocks expect to pay more than \$40,000.

### **Getting regulators' permission**

Republican state Sen. Brian Dahle, who is from Bieber, told CalMatters recently his office receives many calls from people complaining about electric bills and that the state should hold utilities accountable.

PG&E initially made an official available to answer CalMatters' questions but did not answer follow-up questions about programs that could have helped a small or medium-sized business like the Big Valley Market.

"Energy rates were adjusted for all customers to fund investments in the coming years," the utility said, "to pay for permanent wildfire risk reduction, critical gas and electric safety and reliability work and capacity upgrades to support new business connections and California's bold clean energy goals."

Like the Big Valley Market, medium-sized business customers will pay an average of 17% more this year, PG&E said, while small businesses will pay 21% more, agricultural businesses will pay 19% more and large businesses will have a 3.5% increase.

**"PG&E is committed to providing ways for its business customers to save energy and money and has a variety of programs and tools available to find the best rate and to save money on their energy bills," PG&E said. It listed a dozen programs, including monthly "budget billing," loans to replace equipment, and "economic development rates" for some businesses that are 12% to 25% less.**

**But PG&E also is seeking another overall rate increase for this year. In June PG&E requested rate hikes to reimburse the utility \$688 million for wildfire safety work it had completed.**

**State regulators earlier this month issued a counter proposal that would allow the utility giant to collect \$516 million from customers. A typical residential customer's bill would go up \$4 to \$6 a month during the first year, although the lowest-income customers would pay \$3 or \$4, according to the commission's proposal.**

**Mark Toney, executive director of the consumer group the Utility Reform Network (TURN), noted that if this relief is approved, the utilities would immediately start collecting it.**

**"PG&E shouldn't automatically be getting this money without a field inspection to make sure they did the right work in the right locations with the right result, and they certainly should not be getting advance payment," he said.**

**The commission is scheduled to vote on that on March 7.**

### **California lawmakers' objections**

**Gov. Gavin Newsom appoints and the state Senate confirms all five members of the Public Utilities Commission, where they sit for staggered six-year terms.**

**Earlier this month, Republican lawmakers introduced a bill that would force state regulators to cut electricity rates across the board by at least 30%.**

**Assemblymember Joe Patterson, the Republican from Rocklin who introduced the bill, noted existing law gives state regulators authority to fix utility rates and charges at a "just and reasonable" price.**

**"I went to the CPUC website and I looked at what their mission statement said and, honestly, they don't even list affordability as their goal," he said. "How is that possible? I am not saying they don't think of it when discussing issues, but it should be their priority."**

**Lawmakers from both parties, meanwhile, are contesting a separate proposal from the state's three major investor-owned utilities that would levy fixed rates on residential customers based on their income.**

A monthly fixed charge for PG&E's low-income customers, for instance, would be as low as \$15, the utility said, and no more than \$30, while moderate-income customers would pay about \$51 and customers in the top 25% of earners would pay a fixed \$92.

Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco, said the utilities' proposal would place an unacceptable burden on middle class Californians while removing incentives to conserve energy.

"Californians already pay some of the highest electric bills in the nation and should not be forced to arbitrarily pay more to cover for a private utility's poor business decisions," Wiener said in an email.

Justin Ong, chief policy advisor at the commission's Public Advocate's office, said the average monthly rate for PG&E customers is higher than all other utilities in the state due to the rate hike approved in November.

"We're still really strong supporters of the fixed charge because it's one of the only ways to reduce rates," Ong told CalMatters.

The commissioners who approved the PG&E rate hikes in November will decide on the fixed charge proposal in July. If that plan is authorized, it would be implemented in 2026, Ong said.

### **'We want to keep rural America alive'**

A few blocks away from the Big Valley Market, Williams Wells, 55, picked up restaurant food for his mother, whose heart problems prevent her from taking care of herself. Wells said he moved to Bieber from Sacramento to help his 78-year-old mother, but that has become extraordinarily expensive. The breathing machine she needs has been plugged in 24 hours a day for the past six years, he said.

"My mom only receives \$400 from Social Security and I work three jobs to be able to take care of her," Wells said. "I sleep with no heat, and we still pay over \$300, and we have seen it go over \$700. If it keeps going up, we'd probably be homeless."

Besides him, the streets in Bieber were empty. Many storefront windows were broken or boarded up. The town of 146 homes was quiet.

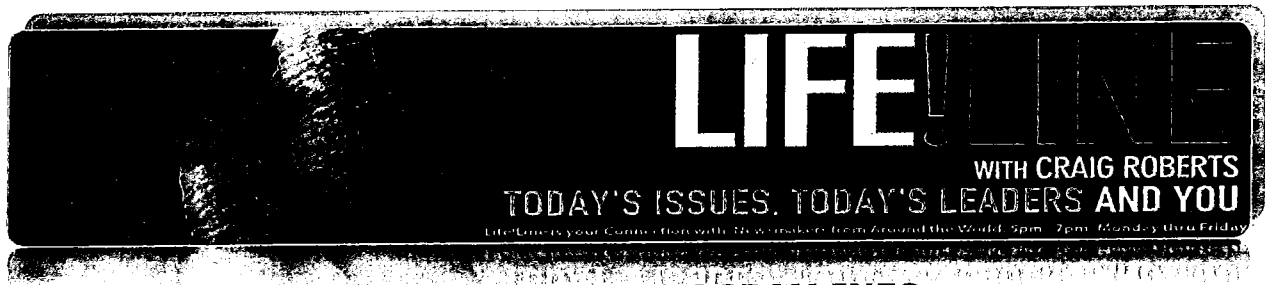
Except inside the Big Valley Market, Tammy Babcock was cutting pork into chops while her husband unpacked boxes and filled shelves.

They were preparing for a busy evening. A basketball game was scheduled at the Big Valley High School, a few blocks away. Whatever the Babcocks earned that night would likely go toward the next electricity bill, Tim Babcock said.

"We don't want to move into the city, we are not that kind of people. But these energy rates ain't helping, right?" said Tim Babcock.

"It's a struggle, but we want to keep rural America alive."





**TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.  
5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Thu. March 14, 2024 (or the weekend of)  
**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:05-6pm

**Guest:** **PASTOR CLAY ALLEN**

- > Founder/President, Avenue, a sexual restoration ministry founded along with his wife Susan.
- > authored "Operation Destiny", the intensive restoration curriculum designed to equip and train churches to boldly, yet, confidentially help men break free from the habitual misuse of sex while discovering and experiencing their God-designed destinies.
- > BASS Workshop Presenter

**ISSUE/TOPIC DISCUSSED:** The true pandemic: the devastation of sexual and relational brokenness.

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**Clay's Thoughts:**

**THE TRUE PANDEMIC: THE DEVASTATION OF SEXUAL & RELATIONAL  
BROKENNESS**

**PROBLEM**

**A. NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:**

***How Long Do New Year's Resolutions Last?***

53% of people fail to keep resolutions after 3 months 66% of people fail to keep resolutions after 4 months 94% of people fail to keep resolutions after 12 months

## **New Year's Resolution Self-Accountability:**

In 2023: 77% of Resolution Makers resolved to keep themselves accountable

In 2024: 20% of Resolution Makers resolve to keep themselves accountable, a 57% drop in self-accountability in just 1 year

## **B. PORN & SEXUAL BROKENNESS**

### **STATS:**

- 33% of women use pornography on a regular basis
- 57% of U.S. pastors and 64% of youth pastors have struggled with pornography
- 77% of Christian men view pornography
- 85% of 15 – 17-year-old boys view porn
- 87% of adult male porn users say they have no one to help them avoid porn
- 93% of churches do not have a program to address sexual brokenness
- 7,659 churches split off of the United Methodist Church from 2019 to 2024, the largest denomination in the U.S., due to disagreements over practicing biblical sexuality

### **The LARGESTE CHURCH SPLIT IN U.S. HISTORY!!!**

## **C. THIS IS THE TRUE PANDEMIC BECAUSE SEXUAL BROKENNESS HARMS NOT JUST THOSE INVOLVED, BUT EVERYONE:**

- Relationally- Emotionally - Financially - Spiritually

If you, or, someone you know, is struggling with sexual or relational brokenness...  
**KNOW THAT YOUR BEHAVIOR MAY NOT BE YOUR FAULT!**

### **SOLUTION:**

**GOD PROVIDES THE PERFECT CURE, EVEN IF YOUR BEHAVIOR IS NOT YOUR FAULT EVERYTHING ELSE IS INEFFECTIVE TO CURE BECAUSE... SEXUAL & RELATIONAL BROKENNESS IS A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM**

The answer for people who have been harmed by porn, whether they're the one using porn, or, they're the spouse of the porn user whose relationship has been devastated is:

**Jesus – HE IS The Answer to all life's problems – He died to Reach, Rescue & Restore the broken James 5:16 Rom 12:1-2**

*What if I am not the one who is broken?*  
*How can I help?*

**ACTION:** GOD WANTS HIS CHURCH TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE SO THAT PEOPLE ARE RESTORED TO THEIR GODPURPOSE WHICH IN TURN REMOVES THE "STAINS AND WRINKLES" FROM HIS CHURCH AS WE PREPARE FOR JESUS' RETURN!!!!

## SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

1. Why is sexual and relational brokenness the True Pandemic?
2. How is it that a person may not be at fault for delving into pornography & inappropriate sexual behavior?
3. Why is it so difficult for people to heal from the harm of sexual and relational brokenness?
4. How does someone change their behavior who has been hurt, perhaps unknowingly early in life and at no fault of their own?
5. If a person knows someone struggling with porn, infidelity, or, someone that's been betrayed in their relationship, what would you suggest they do to help that person?

## New Year's Resolutions Statistics 2024

By Sarah Davis, Editor Fact Checked by Alena Hall, Editor

The start of a new year serves as an opportunity for many to set new goals and commit to better habits. But what happens when the energy and excitement after the ball drops wears off—and how many New Year's resolutions fail to come to fruition?

Below, we explore exactly what types of goals are set—and by whom—as well as what statistics say about the likelihood of those intentions turning into reality.

A new survey from Forbes Health/OnePoll of 1,000 U.S. adults (conducted on Oct. 23, 2023) looked at Americans' attitudes surrounding resolution setting and what types of goals were prioritized. Interestingly, the survey highlighted a couple standout themes: The most commonly-selected new year's resolution for 2024 among respondents was fitness, which contrasts with findings from the previous year.

The previous Forbes Health/OnePoll survey in 2022 showed that many people were prioritizing their mental health, rather than their physical health, in their resolutions for 2023. Specifically, the recently-conducted survey found:

- 62% say they feel pressured to set a new year's resolution.
  - Women (64%) feel slightly more pressured to set a resolution than men (60%).
- Overall, 48% of people say improving fitness is a top priority in 2024 while 36% cite improved mental health as a top resolution (respondents could select more than one).
  - 55% say physical and mental health are of equal importance.
- More people cite improved fitness as a top resolution (48%) compared to improved finances (38%), improved mental health (36%), weight loss (34%) and improved diet (32%).

o Women (36%) and men (36%) equally cite improved mental health as a top resolution for 2024. However, women are more likely to focus on fitness (52%) in 2024 compared to men (42%).

- 20% of respondents say they keep themselves accountable when it comes to sticking to their goals. This is a massive drop compared to last year's survey, for which 77% of respondents said they would keep themselves accountable.

- Overall, 80% of respondents feel confident in their ability to reach their goals, and only 6% lack this confidence.

- o Men are slightly more confident (82%) than women (79%) in their ability to reach their goals.

- 49% plan on using a fitness app for assistance in sticking to their resolutions.

Generally, apps are the most popular tool used to maintain accountability. The most popular tools are: \* Diet program (46%) \* Gym membership (43%) \* Habit tracking app (40%) \* Diet/calorie counter app (33%) \* Meditation app (33%) \* 86% of respondents say their new year's resolution will have a positive impact beyond 2024.

- o 29% say that their resolution will have a positive impact for one to two years, and 57% believe it'll have an impact for three years or more.

***Most Common New Year's Resolutions For 2024***, the Forbes Health/OnePoll survey found some resolutions to be more common than others, with the most popular goals including:

- Improved fitness (48%)
  - Improved finances (38%)
  - Improved mental health (36%)
  - Lose weight (34%)
  - Improved diet (32%)
- Less popular resolutions include traveling more (6%), meditating regularly (5%), drinking less alcohol (3%) and performing better at work (3%).

### ***How Many People Make New Year's Resolutions?***

Setting a New Year's resolution is an incredibly common practice, especially in the U.S. A 2022 poll by YouGov indicated that 37% of Americans said they had a goal or resolution they wanted to achieve in 2023, with 87% saying they were very or somewhat likely to keep it through the year. Interestingly, another study found the practice of resolution setting may be more common in the U.S., as similar polls in Sweden found just 12% to 14% of people set goals for the new year [1]. U.S. adults are also ambitious when it comes to New Year's resolutions. A separate 2020 survey from New Urban Plates/Ipsos revealed that while nearly two in five respondents had a goal in mind for the upcoming year, 18% reported having multiple goals[2].

### **Setting New Year's Resolutions by Demographic**

While resolutions are made by individuals across the board, a few groups are more likely than others to set their sights on a specific goal for the new year, according to the 2020 New Plates/Ipsos survey, which polled 1,005 U.S. adults. For 2021 resolution setting, these groups included:

- Younger adults (59% of those ages 18 to 34 versus 19% of those older than 55)
- Parents (54% of people with kids living at home versus 33% of those without kids)

- Those who set a resolution the year before (86% compared to 11% of those who did not set a 2020 resolution)

### ***How Long Does the Average New Year's Resolution Last?***

If you find yourself in the camp of setting lofty goals for the new year only to find yourself falling off the wagon just months (or weeks) later, rest assured that you're not alone. In fact, failing at New Year's resolutions is so common that there's even a slew of (unofficial) dates commemorating such failures—some sources cite "Ditch New Year's Resolutions Day" as January 17 while others denote the second Friday in January as "Quitter's Day."

The Forbes Health/One Poll survey found that the average resolution lasts just 3.74 months. Only 8% of respondents tend to stick with their goals for one month, while 22% last two months, 22% last three months and 13% last four months. The types of goals you set also matters when it comes to success. Research in Plus One suggests action-oriented goals are more likely to result in success after a year than avoidance-oriented goals (58.9% versus 47.1% in this specific data set)[1]. ***But the beauty of goal setting is you don't need a ball drop or cannons of confetti to signal a fresh start—you can recommit to your resolutions at any time.***

In fact, June 1 is unofficially known by many as "New Year's Resolution Recommitment Day," giving you the perfect opportunity to take stock of where you are with your resolutions and hit reset if necessary.

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## TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO:

**5P-7P**

**PROGRAM DATE:** Tu., March 19, 2024 (or the weekend of)

**PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME:** 5:05-6pm

**Guest: JOYCE CORDI**

*Bio from her website:*

> Publisher, Reimagine America

> Joyce Cordi offers context rather than commentary on government dysfunction based on her 30 years of hands-on experience managing business transformation activities.

> She was a candidate for Congress from California's 15th Congressional District in 2008, urging voters TO FIRE CONGRESS, elect more business people and fewer lawyers, while accumulating the largest vote total of any opponent ever against the well-funded incumbent.

> A native Californian, Joyce is a long-time proponent of environmental protections – believing that it is not inconsistent for business to be ethical, responsible, and profitable – simultaneously.

**Issues Discussed:** topics below

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**TOPIC SUGGESTIONS, unedited, straight from Joyce...**

Follow-up to our conversation on Russia

- Brave Russian protesters
- Occupied Ukraine voted at gun point
- Poland's announces plans to (re)build bomb shelters in Warsaw and other major population centers
- Following Putin's "victory" speech leaders of breakaway portions of Georgia and Moldova rush to Moscow to kiss ring of this would be "Peter the Great" imperialist.



## TALK SHOW GUEST & PROGRAM INFO.

5P-7P

PROGRAM DATE: Wed. March 20, 2024 (or the weekend of)

PROGRAM/SEGMENT TIME: 5:05-6pm

Guest: **JERRY GHIRARDO, CPA, MBA**

> Owner, Ghirardo CPA

> Executive Pastor and Chairman of the Board at Lighthouse Christian Church

> Jerry lives in Novato with his wife Laura and their daughter Cristina and son James Edward.

**Issues Discussed:** All things taxes during tax season

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## SUGGESTED TOPICS/TALKING POINTS

### 1. SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE

**Note from Gerald:** *We can keep this brief if need be so that we can jump into the actual tax questions and planning opportunities*

**Q. What guidance is there from Scripture that relates to financial management and income tax compliance?**

- I can give Bible verses that relate to finances and income tax.

### 2. TAX COMPLIANCE

**Q. What is the best approach to income tax compliance and reporting?**

- Be proactive, get organized, file timely and pay taxes on time.
- Take advantage of every opportunity to pay the least amount of tax legally required.
- Report all taxable income but be sure to maximize deductions and tax credits.

### **3. TAX PLANNING FOR INDIVIDUALS**

**Q. What are some of the tax planning opportunities for individual taxpayers?**

- Filing status, dependents – makes a difference
- Standard deduction vs. itemized deductions
- Timing and amount of itemized deductions including bunching strategy

**Mortgage interest, property taxes, cash and non-charitable contributions, medical but must exceed 7.5% of gross income**

- Rental properties – maximize deductions, claim depreciation on the tax basis of buildings, improvements and personal property

**Types of investment income:**

- Max 20% capital gains rates on long term investments
- Same for qualified dividends
- Timing of capital gains and losses – tax loss harvesting.

**Tax exempt investments – T-bills are state tax free, Muni bonds can be fed and state tax free**

- IRA contributions – traditional, non-deductible and Roth IRA's
- 401k or 403 b employee deferrals
- \* Gain exclusion on sale of principal residence - \$250k for single and \$500k for married couple
- \* Tax deferred exchanges on the disposition of real property investments or rental properties.
- \* Green credits – solar, energy efficient equipment and improvements, electric vehicles



## **Tax planning for businesses**

Depends in part on the type of business:

- Sole proprietors – self-employed individuals
- Limited Liability Companies – single member or multiple member LLC's
- S-corporations
- C-corporations
- Partnerships – general or limited
- Cash vs accrual basis of accounting
- Opportunities to defer income and/or accelerate deductions – be careful not to manipulate income
- Capture all deductions – auto expenses, travel, miles, supplies, business meals, home office when relevant
- Purchase fixed assets and claim accelerated depreciation in first year – Section 179 and/or bonus depreciation

### **Types of fixed assets – computers, furniture, equipment, land improvements, building improvements, vehicles**

> Claim Section 199 extra deduction for “Qualified Business Income” (QBI) – maximum 20% extra deduction

> Utilize retirement vehicles:

- SEP-IRA
    - 401k
    - Solo 401K
- Can often defer until the following year and still claim deduction

## **5. Passthrough Entities – CA PTE withholding**

### **Don't passthrough entities have specific tax advantages?**

- Avoid's double taxation
- Can manage. Reduce self-employment taxes

- LLC's, Partnership and S-corps can pay state taxes on taxable income each year allocated to the owners.

**This payment provides a federal deduction and is treated as a state tax credit for the owner.**

## **6. Fraud prevention**

- **How can you protect against identity theft, fraudulent returns?**
  - Get IRS Identity Protection Pin
  - Update the PIN each year
  - Use IRS website
  - Use encrypted messages and documents or secure portals are even better

## **7. Tax problems**

- **How to deal with delinquent taxes?**
  - Face the music – be proactive
  - Get help from a tax professional
  - Set up an installment plan
  - Submit an offer in compromise
  - Stay on track with payments.
  - Respond to all tax notices timely
  - Utilize TaxPayer Assistance