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CRPD Opens New Sparrow Park



Cordova Recreation & Park District (District) Board of Directors, District staff and developers celebrate the opening of Sparrow Park. Photo: CRPD

By Shelby Golden, Cordova Recreation & Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - On May 24, 2021, the Cordova Recreation & Park District (District) celebrated the opening of Sparrow Park, a new neighborhood park in Rancho Cordova. Neighborhood parks are vital outdoor spaces for residents. As exemplified over the past year, the need for outdoor public space is crucial to people's health and wellness.

Sparrow Park is the result of a team effort with two years of planning, designing and careful construction. The Sparrow Park team

consisted of District staff, Olympic Land Construction, SBM, Inc., Premier Homes, the Design Team at vanderToolen Associates and the District's supportive Board of Directors.

Sparrow Park offers an open turf area that becomes a community backyard, a shaded picnic area that will host countless neighborhood parties and gatherings, and a well-designed playground with swings, climbers, spinners and other activities to challenge kids and help them grow.

The District is excited to see the community enjoy and make wonderful memories at this neighborhood

park. Now more than ever, Parks Make Life Better! Visit Sparrow Park at 11938 Montron Way, Rancho Cordova.

Cordova Recreation & Park District is one of the largest independent special districts in Northern California serving over 130,000 residents and four school districts in the greater Sacramento area. CRPD provides over 42 parks and recreational facilities, a full-service 18-Hole course at Cordova Golf Course, as well as youth & adult sports, camps, enrichment classes, educational programs and special events for the community. ★

Violent Criminals Get Less Consequences under New Proposal

By Nghia Nguyen, Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Democrat majority of the Senate passed a measure requiring the courts to dismiss sentence enhancements, thereby, resulting in shorter jail or prison time for convicted criminals. Senate Bill 81 (Skinner) further removes the discretion of judges and provides them no guidance when evaluating whether an enhancement should be dismissed.

Some of these enhancements like the Three Strikes law have been placed into law by the votes of the people.

"By eliminating the enhancements, the Legislature is sending the message that it is ok to do multiple crimes without consequences," said Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Red Bluff). "The criminals understand this message well."

"This legislation emboldens the criminals and ignores the rights of victims and the rest of society."

According to the San Diego District Attorney, "Senate Bill 81 serves to mandate dismissal of sentencing enhancements imposed by the original sentencing judge for many offenders by creating a new opaque legal concept - a presumption of dismissal unless the prosecution shows by clear and convincing evidence that the dismissal of the enhancement would endanger public safety."

This bill would likely eliminate all property crime enhancements, as such crimes are deemed "non-violent."

For example, embezzling or defrauding a person of \$5,000 or embezzling and defrauding their entire \$500,000 life savings would essentially have the same penalty.

"This is completely unfair and unjust for both the victim and the community at large," said Senator Nielsen.

Senate Bill 81 received 27 yes votes. No Republican voted for this measure. It now moves to the Assembly for additional hearings.

Elected to the State Senate in January 2013, Senator Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba. To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. Follow him @ CASenatorJim. ★

Two Big Resolutions Come Close to Adoption

By Chris Ching

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Almost there.

With the exception of just a little more discussion on one project-Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge Hospitality Truck Support-City Council was on track to have all Community Enhancement Fund (CEF) applications approved for the 2021/2022 budgetary finalization in June.

The City Council has met several times in the past months to discuss staff recommendations on the various applicants hoping to receive funds for their projects and programs. As before, the Council on May 11, heard public comments on the last seven applications and discussed amongst themselves the pros and cons of funding them.

An example of the process would be the Sacramento Splash Youth Environmental Leadership Camp which brings 30 students together to teach leadership skills within the arena of science and environmental studies. Applicant Mackenzie Weiser applied on behalf of her organization which did not fall on deaf ear as after discussion from Council her project was met with positive response.

There was also discussion about projects proposed from

the Council itself. Amongst these were a Coaching Summit to address the sizable drop in participation by students in school sports, a Youth Poet Laureate for the city and a traveling middle school age baseball team. While supporting the traditional sports mentioned, Councilmember Suri Pulipati offered the attraction of gaming to present day youth and the possibility of coding instruction and the creation of a city E-team.

At the end of the CEF portion of the meeting, City Analyst Stacey Delaney iterated the final list would be adopted June 7, along with the funding amount approved. Applicants would be notified by the end of June.

The other item discussed at the Special Meeting was the current status of the COVID-19 hardship-battling Measure R-a half-cent tax measure voters approved last November, and which began this April. City Manager Cyrus Abhar, Deputy City Manager Micah Runner, Public Works Director Albert Strickler, Economic Development Manager Amanda Norton, and Analyst Laura Fickle (along with Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce CEO Diann Rogers) laid out their proposal for how to best use the funds generated by the

tax with the earlier impetus from the City Council to "positively impact as many residents and as many businesses in a measurable way expeditiously."

The main areas of the \$12.3 million assistance go toward COVID-19 Response and Economic Recovery (community COVID-19 response, Covid-19 economic recovery, property acquisitions, small business support, and revitalization along major corridors), Affordable Housing/Homelessness (Rent Assurance, Safe Housing, Addressing homelessness in the community, and Key Parcel/Locations), Capital Investment (Youth Center, Little League) and Infrastructure (Enhanced Litter and Graffiti Removal, Road Rehabilitation, Sidewalk Repair and Deferred Maintenance).

New housing projects and street rehabilitations for Cordova Vineyards and Mills Ranch were highlighted as positive results of Measure R, as were proposed free internet, fee waivers, business start-up loans and assistance, small business aid, a business retention program and many others.

The council's response was overall a positive one, but each member had their caveats.

Councilmember David

Sander wanted to focus on items where a clear measurable gain or effect could be recorded. Vice Mayor Terry agreed with his fellow councilmember and also wanted to see more childcare aid. Councilmember Linda Budge felt revitalization of neighborhoods was a great concern.

Mayor Garret Gatewood was very impressed with the work the staff had done. "Under a lot of pressure from myself and Council, you've come up with exciting ways to revitalize, retain and grow our businesses." Along those lines, he continued to stress the need for work development and business retention using the metaphor that his city is bleeding, and he needs to stop it. He supported Councilmembers' revitalization desires, but felt it needed to be done later.

City Manager Abhar stated the proposal was very fluid and issues could be addressed.

As with the CEF, the city plans to make a final budget approval by June 7.

At the beginning of the meeting, it was announced that all teleconference meetings would now be made available to the public on the city's website - except for Closed Sessions.

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A Busy Playmakers Summer

Local Non-Profit Offers Free Inclusive Sports for At-Risk Kids

Story by Shaunna Boyd

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Playmakers Organization is a local non-profit that offers free inclusive sports events for at-risk kids, including foster kids and kids with developmental differences. "Today, inclusiveness is more important than ever," said Playmakers founder Greg Roeszler (Coach Roz). The Playmakers goal is to provide resources and support to families while giving kids the opportunity to participate in sports. Coach Roz said, "Team experiences help in their overall development, giving kids a sense of team and a sense of accountability."

All kids deserve the chance to participate, play, and thrive - but not all kids have the same opportunities. At-risk kids are already more likely to be living in a home without a father figure, and Coach Roz explained that the risk increases even more if the child has a disability. Living in a single-parent home comes with challenges that make it more difficult to participate in team sports.

Foster children also face barriers to team sports. Frequent moves to new homes and schools create a lack of stability, making it nearly impossible for them to continue with a team sport. And foster families often can't afford the high cost of traditional team sports, nor the commitment to multiple practices each week.

To bridge this gap in opportunity, The Playmakers Organization has a busy summer planned, with activities and events that will reach more than 2,000 kids and their families. The summer will begin with football camps in Buffalo,



The hurdles drill tests participants' speed and agility. Photo by Shaunna Boyd



Participants practice their hitting techniques while breaking through the dummy bags. Photo by Shaunna Boyd

New York; Omaha, Nebraska; and Orange City, Iowa. Here in the Sacramento Region, the Playmaker River City Fun Day cornhole tournament will

be held July 10 at River City Church, and The Harrison Phillips Man of the Year Golf Tournament will be held in Rancho Murieta on July

11-12. The Mike McGlinchey Playmaker Football Camp will be on July 17 at the Fremont School for the Deaf, and the Izzie Lueken Soccer Camp will

be held August 7 (location to be determined).

New this year, Playmakers is launching an All-Inclusive Sports league with weekly games. With a baseball season, football season, and basketball season, participants will be able to engage with sports year-round. The practice and game will be held on the same day, and kids can attend as often as they are able. Coach Roz explained that kids will be able to come whenever they can and they'll have a uniform, a coach, a referee, teammates, and "people cheering for them."

To reach the kids most in need, Playmakers is partnering with Autism Speaks; Big Brothers Big Sisters; and Defending the Cause Regional Alliance, which coordinates with foster agencies and advocates for children in the foster system.

Since Playmakers is designed to support kids and enrich their lives, Coach Roz wanted them to have a voice in the organization's direction. The Playmakers Children's Board of Directors gives kids a unique opportunity to learn leadership skills and responsibility. He says the most important thing for all children is to have someone "just communicate with them and develop a relationship with them."

The league and camps are completely free to kids and their families. As a non-profit, Playmakers depends on generous donations from the community, and there are always various opportunities for volunteers and sponsorships.

Visit www.ThePlaymakers.org to learn more about The Playmakers Organization and sign up for upcoming events. ★

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He Might Know a Thing or Two!



Jeff Mitchum

By Debra Dingman

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - There were plenty of local folks cheering for Jeff Mitchum, 35, a contestant on the popular Jeopardy! show May 11 whether it was because they knew him from teaching at Vacaville High School, living in Dixon, or growing up in Rancho Cordova. There might have even been some Dixon students watching on their phones or tablets as Jeff is married to Dixon High English teacher Emily Mitchum and they have two children. "I never cheered so much for someone I don't know," laughed Rita Orr from Vacaville whose niece was a Principal at Vaca High for several years where Mitchum is now in his sixth year as an English

teacher. Orr also has several friends who live in Dixon. "There are so many connections, it makes you root for them. I was so excited," she added.

The TV show attracts millions of weeknight viewers and has been on the air since 1964 but in a couple different formats. The daily syndicated version featured Alex Trebek as host from 1984 until he died last year of pancreatic cancer at age 80. It was the middle of the 37th season so Mitchum got to meet temporary host Bill Whitaker.

Everybody knows Jeopardy is that show that gives the answer and expects the contestant to ask the question. It isn't a game of chance. On the contrary, you have to know things. Mitchum, who earned a master's degree in education from the University of California, Davis did know a few things and won.

"You know, being a teacher, being a good teacher, definitely requires a little bit of thinking on your feet," Jeff said. "And, I definitely had to do a lot

of that while I was playing for sure." Jeff described the whole experience as "exciting and nerve-wracking all at once." Jeff said it was fast-paced and before he knew it, he finished five rounds.

In one of the final rounds, the statement was: "Its chapter includes wisdom from King Lemuel, taught to him by his mother, as well as the famous virtuous woman passage." Jeff correctly answered Proverbs 31 as did another contestant but the other contestant did not beat his bet and the other contestant who would have beat his bet, had the incorrect answer. This was an easy one for him as Jeff grew up in Cordova Neighborhood Church in Rancho Cordova where his father was a senior pastor, then a Business Manager in the Central Pacific District until he retired last year.

For his efforts, Jeff won more than \$30,000. Dixonite Marianne MacDonald who watched the entire match was thrilled.

"I've watched the show for years and I'm a big Jeopardy fan," she said. ★

In Real Estate, Just Like Life, Anything Can Happen



Former Rancho Cordova resident Ryan Lundquist, housing market analyst, spoke at the May Rancho Cordova Zoom Luncheon on May 21. "I always speak positively about Rancho," Lundquist said. "I'm always committed to that." Photo Courtesy Ryan Lundquist

By Margaret Snider

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The May Rancho Cordova Luncheon featured Ryan Lundquist, certified residential appraiser and housing market analyst. Prices are up in the Sacramento area and demand is far outstripping supply, Lundquist pointed out. In Sacramento County first quarter 2012 compared to first quarter 2021, the housing market median price rose from \$163,000 to \$298,745, 183%. In the Rancho Cordova 95670 zip code area the February to April 2021 median price compared to the 2020 figure for the same period is up 21.4% and the 95742 area up 15.1%. Average days on the market decreased from 16 to 8 days for 95670, and 43 to 12 days for 95742. In

Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, and El Dorado Counties comparing April 2020 to April 2021, offers increased from 4,168 to 13,361, or up 220.5%, and closed sales from 1,620 to 2,566, up 58.4%.

"We're poised to open up in California and I would say the more normal we get, the more chance of eventually having a more normal real estate market," Lundquist said. "As we get into our normal rhythms of going out to eat . . . drinking beer in the barrel district, taking vacations and getting our kids back to school, those things really matter to boost normalcy." As sellers feel more normal, Lundquist expects to see an uptick in listings. "It's going to take a while to dig ourselves out of this housing shortage, but I think what we want to see is maybe demand go down a little bit, it will help with the supply issue."

What is normal in real estate? "(It's normal) for prices to go up and then to see them go down, and then to see them go up, and down," Lundquist said. "So there is this real estate cycle going on. But we can't just look at 2005 and say, 'it's about ready to pop again'."

A columnist for Zillow recently predicted double digit growth through 2021. "I'm not a fan of his estimate, I'm a fan of their economics, though," Lundquist said. "Now,

hopefully not 20% growth; that type of appreciation, I don't think that's sustainable for the long haul. But in real estate, just like life, anything can happen."

When he resided in Rancho Cordova around a dozen years ago, Lundquist initiated some community projects. According to Cordova Community Council executive director Shelly Blanchard, Lundquist organized his neighbors to paint a wall at the entrance to his neighborhood and posted a video about their efforts. "I used that video as a teaching tool to talk about what a great neighborhood volunteer's experience should look like," Blanchard said. "I believe Leadership Rancho Cordova still uses that video to this day." Lundquist also initiated Project 680, named after the number of students classified as homeless at that time, to provide socks for them. "More than a decade later, Ryan's Project 680 lives on, most recently gathering gift cards to buy shoes for needy students who are heading back to school after more than a year," Blanchard said.

Lundquist has been quoted in local television and national publications and is a board member for the Real Estate Appraisers Association of Sacramento. You can find his blog at www.sacramentoappraisal-blog.com. ★

Kiley: Newsom's False Claims on Jobs Report

By Joshua Hoover, Office of Assemblyman Kevin Kiley

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) responded to Governor Gavin Newsom's claim that California is leading the nation's economic recovery.

"Does Governor Newsom really look around and think we're creating 40 percent of the nation's jobs?" Assemblyman Kiley asked. "California's economy continues to struggle as much as any state in the country. Yet rather than face this reality and correct course, the Governor is presenting us with a Potemkin village."

The facts outlined in the April jobs report paint a dismal economic picture for California. The state's 8.3 percent unemployment rate is unchanged from March and the second highest in the nation, well above the national rate of 6.3 percent; Florida's rate is 4.8 percent. The overall number

of unemployed Californians went down a mere 3,200. In addition, the labor force participation rate declined in California while increasing nationally.

Despite these sobering facts, Governor Newsom is citing the jobs report as evidence "California is continuing to lead the nation's economic recovery," claiming that California created nearly 40 percent of the nation's new jobs in April. In fact, the "unadjusted" figure is 14 percent.

California's poor economic performance in 2021 is a result of conscious planning by the Governor. His January budget proposal forecast 8.5 percent unemployment for the year and predicted jobs would not return the "prepandemic" levels until 2025.

"As the Legislature debates the budget in the coming weeks, I'll continue to advocate for a fundamental course correction that sets high expectations for a swift recovery and

unleashes California's full economic potential." This includes: Taking a science-based approach to school openings rather than being 50th in the country, so parents can return to work. Taking a science-based approach to business openings rather than being 50th in the country, so businesses can resume operations without fear of further shutdowns. Taking a science-based approach to masking rather than ignoring the CDC's guidance. Structuring unemployment assistance to incentivize a return to work. Forgiving all COVID-related fines, penalties, and license revocations. Providing liability protection for businesses, while reforming PAGA and other litigation traps. Offering meaningful tax relief such as Net Operating Loss carrybacks. Removing arbitrary barriers to work such as Assembly Bill 5. Addressing the "surplus" with durable tax reform rather than arbitrary one-time payments. ★

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Michael Sam Spaich

July 31, 1943 to June 8, 2020

Celebration of Life - All are invited to a celebration of Michael's life, to be held June 12, 2021, 11:00am at Matthew Kilgore Cemetery, 2897 Kilgore Rd Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. If you need more details, contact Tim Maybee at temaybee@gmail.com.

Michael Sam Spaich was born July 31, 1943 to Sam & Eva Spaich in the small mining town of Miami, Arizona. He was called home on June 8, 2020 surrounded by his loving wife and family at his side.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, brother John, and his first wife and mother of his children Lynette(Otten) Spaich. Mike and his family moved to Rancho Cordova in the 1950's, where his love for hometown began. He was a very proud Bulldog graduate of Folsom High School (1961). After high school he joined the US Navy, proudly serving for 3 years on the USS Frontier, USS Laws, & USS Twining. Upon completion of his military service, Mike returned home and started his distinguished career with the Rancho Cordova Fire Protection District in 1964. He proudly served his community and the department for 37 years until he retired from the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Protection District in December 2000. Mike held a strong love and passion for the community of Rancho Cordova. It was HIS community and he made sure everyone knew it. He was a tireless volunteer in the Rancho Cordova community and he participated in many projects, events and fundraisers. One of his highlights was when he would drive Mills 1 (a vintage 1932 fire engine) in the Fourth of July parade



every year representing the City of Rancho Cordova. In addition to the restoration and preservation of Mills 1, he also helped preserve and restore the Mills Station building which is currently located at the Sacramento Regional Transportation Hub on Mather Field Drive and Folsom Blvd. Mike was a member of the Metro Firefighters Association & current President of the Mills One Club. His huge heart for volunteering was exemplified in his commitment to the Firefighters' Burn Institute Camp for Kids and to Metro Fire's Deferred Compensation Committee. He continued this volunteer work for 21 years after his retirement. He also worked very hard on the restoration of the Kilgore Cemetery, which is his final place of rest.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Charlotte Spurlock, who provided amazing care throughout his brave battle with cancer. Mike was also an extremely proud father to daughter Nikki Brady(Mark), son Casey Spaich(Kelley) and devoted grandfather to Zachary, Jacob, Hannah, Jackson, Mason, and Wyatt. Mike's extended family includes sister-in-law Linda Kleckner, stepsons Jason & Christopher Spurlock, niece Vanity, nephews Bobby Martinez, Jeremiah Schultz, nephew Jon Spaich(Tiffany)(AJ and Haley), many more and countless friends who will love and cherish Mike's memory. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mike's honor to the Firefighters' Burn Institute at 3101 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95820(Michael Spaich on memo line), or online @ fburn.org (dedication section, in honor of Michael Spaich)



DREAM BIG TOGETHER

A Message from your Mayor

By Mayor Garrett Gatewood

How did you celebrate Memorial Day on Monday? Did you have a backyard barbecue or a picnic at a park? I researched this holiday because I did not know the origins of this day. I found a great quote by President Kennedy who stated, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them." We must remember the men and women who died for their belief to support our country. What is the origin of this day? General John Logan on May 5, 1868 wanted to establish a nationwide day to remember the veterans who died in the Civil War. Each year a national moment to remember occurs at 3:00 p.m., so hopefully each of you paused to remember all our veterans. In 1966 in the city of Waterloo, New York, it was proclaimed to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, 100 years

after the city started celebrating by closing businesses and decorating soldiers' graves with flags and flowers. I remember driving by East Lawn Mortuary on Greenback Lane with all the red, white, and blue flags standing proudly in respect.

On May 18, I was happy to go to the Food Truck Tuesday Event at Lincoln Village. My son and I gave out food and met the friendly residents who lived there. Many said they were so pleased to meet their mayor, and I am always thrilled to meet my Rancho Cordova citizens. Janine Anderson, the Executive Director of LeCars' Legacy and organizer of the event, cares about her residents and hopes Rancho Cordova can help those who have concerns about how to access transportation. She suggested that with a resource center, volunteer opportunities and jobs for youth will emerge. I will be looking into her ideas.

I was honored to have been asked to attend Cordova High School's graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 28th for

the Class of 2021. These seniors have persevered through all the COVID restrictions, and the City Council is so proud of their accomplishments. I was joined by two other council members, Linda Budge and Siri Pulipati, and was pleased that so many came to say hello after energetically clapping for their graduates.

My last news to share is that the Sacramento Public Library's annual Summer Reading Challenge will begin on June 1. With all the negative impact on reading comprehension from less school time, you might encourage your children to check out more library books this summer. Readers of all ages are eligible to read from June 1 through August 15 to receive points and prizes for their effort. You could have a family competition and discuss your books at the dinner table. The website to research more information is www.saclibrary.org/summer and drop me a line to tell me how this contest has helped your family. What do you think my first book should be? ★

Sacramento Teachers of the Year Recognized at River Cats Game



Jessica Kahn, K-5th Grade (Counseling Enriched Program), White Rock Elementary. Photo provided by Bouchard Communications Group

By Elizabeth Anderson, Bouchard Communications Group

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - For the first time in two years, Sacramento-area Teachers of the Year were honored at a River Cats game on Sunday, May 23, at Sutter Health Park. The celebration did not happen last year due to the pandemic. As a result, this year's event had a larger than normal slate of 27 honorees being celebrated for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

SchoolsFirst FCU is sponsoring the celebration. "We are proud to serve the educational community throughout the Sacramento region, and are grateful of these deserving teachers who work tirelessly to contribute to the foundation of our community and a student's future. We are especially appreciative of all they've done to teach and support students and their families during this most difficult year," said SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union's President and CEO, Bill Cheney. "It is an honor to partner with the Sacramento County Office of Education and the Sacramento River Cats organization to celebrate these leaders in education."

The Teachers of the Year recognized included:

- 2019-2020 School Year**
 Jessica Kahn, K-5th Grade (Counseling Enriched Program), White Rock Elementary;
 Diane M. Beeken Boyd, English, Mesa Verde High School; Svetlana Popov, Mathematics, Rio Americano High School
- 2020 - 2021 School Year**
 Monica Burlando, 3rd Grade, Misson

Avenue Open Elementary School; Vicky Warren, 9th - 12th Grade (Health, Art), Casa Roble Fundamental High School

Honorees were treated to two tickets to the Sunday River Cats game, food vouchers, and special swag. They also received special recognition in the stadium during the game. In addition, four of the teachers that were selected as Sacramento County Teachers of the Year, were honored on the field in a special pre-game recognition, including Belinda Foster, Lynda Bettencourt, Gewon Richards, and Julie Fong.

"Teachers dedicate their lives to supporting and nurturing our children and deserve recognition. We are grateful to the Sacramento River Cats and SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union for leading the way in celebrating our area's top teachers and helping more people better understand their essential role in our community," said David W. Gordon, Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools.

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Newsom Paints Rosy, but Flawed, Economic Picture



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

There is a seamless connection between what Gavin Newsom is saying and doing as governor and his campaign to survive a recall, encapsulated in the slogan “California Comeback.”

Newsom’s much-revised state budget, unveiled this month, is centered on a “\$100 Billion California Comeback Plan” that would, he says, put the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout in the rearview mirror.

Last week, when new employment data were released by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, Newsom immediately hailed them as proof that under his leadership, the state is booming again.

“California is continuing to lead the nation’s economic recovery, adding 101,800 jobs in April — 38% of all the jobs created throughout the entire country,” Newsom crowed. “Over the past three months, California has created 390,300 jobs. But we’re not letting up; the California Comeback Plan is the biggest economic recovery package in the state’s history and will provide historic investments in small businesses and workers to bring California roaring back.”

A closer examination of the latest employment numbers, however, indicates that — as politicians are wont to do — Newsom is cherrypicking the most favorable economic indicator while ignoring others that are less positive.

One of the latter is the state’s unemployment rate of 8.3% in April, unchanged from the March level despite the supposed surge in new jobs. It’s still markedly higher than the national jobless rate of 6.1% and is the nation’s second highest behind Hawaii’s 8.5%.

California’s unemployment rate had been the nation’s third highest in March, but New York improved enough to displace California in April. Four states were tied for having the nation’s lowest jobless rates of 2.8% in April. Arch-rival Texas was slightly higher than the national rate at 6.7%.

The data point cited by Newsom, that California added 101,800 jobs in April, 38% of the nation’s job gains, is also somewhat iffy.

The California Center for Jobs & the Economy, a business-supported research organization, points out that the jobs number is a “seasonally adjusted” estimate, rather than a hard count, noting that the federal agency “so far has revised their adjustment formula three times in an effort to overlay seasonal factors to data that is overwhelmingly driven instead by the pandemic.”

“The underlying unadjusted numbers instead show California gaining a stronger 151,500 nonfarm jobs, and the U.S. doing far better with a gain of

1,089,000,” the center’s analysis continued. “Using the adjusted data, California had 38% of the national jobs gain. Using the more relevant unadjusted, California had 14%. As of the April numbers, California has regained 48% of the non-farm jobs lost to the state shutdowns. The U.S. in total has regained 63%.”

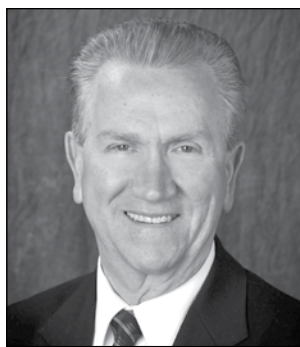
Newsom’s Employment Development Department (EDD) simultaneously released its version of the federal jobs report, which demonstrated just how much ground California must regain to return to pre-pandemic levels.

EDD said that just 38,600 more Californians were employed in April than in March while 1.6 million remained unemployed — and that doesn’t count those who have dropped out of the state’s workforce.

The employment situation is especially daunting in Southern California. The Los Angeles region had the highest unemployment rate of any major U.S. metropolitan area in April at 11.7%, dragging down the state as a whole.

So, it would seem, California is recovering, bit by bit, the more than three million jobs lost when Newsom, under emergency decrees, closed large segments of the state’s economy a year ago to battle the pandemic. However, we still have a very long way to go before he can legitimately claim a California Comeback.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



By Bob McGarvey

The graduates in our family made us very proud last week. Our Granddaughter ‘graduated’ from Kindergarten last Thursday, and one grandson graduated from Mitchell Middle School on Friday while another grandson graduated from Cordova High School. We have 3 grandchildren who will be going through first grade, Mitchell Middle School, and Cordova High School this coming school year. It will begin in August for them, and we will be around to help them as much as we can.

And Another Thing

We also honor the families on Memorial Day

I am writing this column on Monday, May 31, 2021 which is Memorial Day. There were quite a few shows on TV today that showed some of the very difficult things which our Veterans had to do to protect their country, their fellow US citizens, and their freedom. And I just learned that there is only one Veteran from WWII who received the Medal of Honor who is still alive. He is a member of the “Greatest Generation.” People who lived through the ‘Great Depression,’ and then had to fight across the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans in WWII. Then five years after WWII ended, the Korean War began in 1950 and it ended in 1953. And then

the United States began its involvement in the Vietnam War on November 1, 1955, and that officially ended May 15, 1975. We know that there have been other wars since then, and in every one of them we have seen the loss of some Veterans. On Memorial Day we honor all of the Veterans who “...gave the last full measure of devotion” as President Abraham Lincoln said.

We also honor the families on Memorial Day. The families of the Veterans who have protected our country since it was created. Every Veteran is honored, included the Veterans who are also alive.

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and we’ll see you next time. ★

Ask Toni

Understanding Hospice!



Toni King

Toni:

My 86-year-old mother with Alzheimer’s needs 24-hour care and lives in a personal care home. She is enrolled in a Medicare Advantage HMO and taking her to the doctor is quite an ordeal.

Friends have suggested that I disenroll my mother from this HMO and return her to Medicare, then use “Telehealth” which is popular since COVID-19 has made medical changes, or I can ask about using a “House Call Doctor” for her.

Financially, it is costing over \$4,000 for her personal care home and she does not qualify for a Medicare Supplement due to her Alzheimer’s because I have tried. How do I find a doctor that does use telehealth or makes house calls like Dr. Welby did in the old days?

Is this something that Medicare or Medicare Advantage plan will pay for it? Thanks, Trish from Atlanta, GA

Trish:

I have good news for you because the Dr. Welby days are back for those on “Original Medicare” or Medicare Advantage plans. In today’s pandemic times with social distancing telehealth also known as telemedicine has become popular. These current doctor at-home office visits via the computer are keeping the sick from having emergency room hospital visits when one cannot get to the doctor’s office for a face-to-face meeting.

My advice to you Trish and the Toni Says® readers is to ask your family member’s primary care doctor or specific healthcare provider about which telehealth, house call or visiting physician organization that their office is contracted with, whether your family member has “Original Medicare with or without a Medicare Supplement, a retiree group medical plan or a Medicare Advantage plan.

Not only are doctors making telehealth or house call visits, but dentists, eye doctors

and even mobile x-ray/ultra-sound machines with technicians are visiting homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, etc.

A telehealth or house call visit can help keep those who are having a minor ailment turn into a major operation, keeping a frail Senior healthy and out of the hospital.

Doctor or medical provider visits by telehealth or house call services whether at home or at a long-term care facility such as assisted living or nursing home are being accepted and paid for by Original Medicare, Original Medicare with a Medicare supplement and Medicare Advantage plans (depending on your house call provider or telemedicine service being in the Medicare Advantage plan’s network).

House call doctors are generally board certified and the providers consist of doctors, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. The patient does not have to be home bound to qualify. The house call doctor can schedule regular appointments, especially if there is a chronic illness or you can schedule appointments as needed.

Trish, you are wise to look at all your mother’s options regarding disenrolling from her Medicare Advantage plan with her serious health situations. Many do not realize that you must qualify medically to apply for a Medicare Supplement which helps pay for what Medicare will not pay for. If she does not qualify, then she will pay the Medicare out of pocket amounts.

Therefore, it is vitally important to look over all of one’s Medicare plan options because no one knows when their health will begin to deteriorate and then they cannot change Medicare plan options. Call Toni Says® Medicare office for personal Medicare planning at 832/519-8664.

In 2021, who would believe that doctor’s offices making telehealth or house call visits would be making such a huge difference because of the necessity of social distancing regarding the pandemic.

Toni King, author of the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition is giving a \$5 discount to the Toni Says® readers on the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced book at www.tonisays.com. ★

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Daisy Nai Yang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Daisy Nai Yang to Daisy Nai Yang. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 23, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 28, 2021 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 2021 YANGH 180101 6-4-21

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 #34-2021-00296308

Shaun Pasquel Jones has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shaun Pasquel Jones to Shaun Pasquel Thomas. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 23, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 10, 2021
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00300281

Celia Christine Acido-Huerta has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Celia Christine Acido-Huerta to Celia Christine Acido. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on June 29, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 7, 2021
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 HUERTA 180101 6-11-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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 #34-2021-00300302

JC Bassett has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of JC Bassett to Jack Carson Kellum. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on July 20, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 7, 2021
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 BASSETT 180101 6-11-21

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 #34-2021-00300096

Jan Argyle Mantz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jan Argyle Mantz to Jan Argyle Cooper. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on July 1, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 5, 2021
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 MANTZ 180101 6-11-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00300372

Kristie Tho Nguyen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kristie Tho Nguyen to Kimtho Nguyen. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 24, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 10, 2021
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 NGUYEN 180101 6-11-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00300325

Heather Lee Merrifield has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Heather Lee Merrifield to Heather Autumn Lee. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on June 24, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 10, 2021
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00297970

Cshamiya Deary & Daneil Aquah has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Zyla Isatta Deary to Zyla Isatta Aquah. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 1, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 6, 2021
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 AQUAH 180101 6-18-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00300773

Mark Alan Taylor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mark Alan Taylor to Lark Ariel Taylor. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on July 7, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 17, 2021
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 TAYLOR 180101 6-18-21

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 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00300834

Isaac William Gilmore has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Isaac William Gilmore to Isaac William Whitmore. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on July 7, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 18, 2021
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 WHITMORE 180101 6-18-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #FCS055865

Tashina Black has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lalita Snye Patton to Lalita Snye Black. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 8:30a.m. on July 21, 2021, in Department 12, located at 580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 11, 2021
 Christine A. Carringer, Judge of the Superior Court
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 BLACK 180101 6-18-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00300802

Heather Brown and Matthew Barrett have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of August Kai Barrett to August Kai Brown-Barrett and River Quinn Barrett to River Quinn Brown-Barrett. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on July 7, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 17, 2021
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 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
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 #34-2021-00301011

Amy Jo White has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Amy Jo White to Amy White. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on July 13, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 19, 2021
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 WHITE 180101 6-25-21

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 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00301117

Humberto Contreras Torres has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Humberto Contreras Torres to Humberto Contreras. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on July 14, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 21, 2021
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2021
 CONTRERAS 180101 6-25-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00300874

Alvin Lawrence Rener Jr. has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alvin Lawrence Rener Jr. to Alvin Lawrence Rener-Mosley Jr. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on July 8, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 18, 2021
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2021
 MOSLEY 180101 6-25-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00299948

Dearna Marie Torres and Juan Emilio Moreno Medrano have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Emiliano Xavien Medrano to Mariano Acito Medrano. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 30, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: May 4, 2021
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2021
 MEDRANO 180101 6-25-21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RONALD LESTER VAN SANT CASE No. 34-2021-00299599
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Ronald Lester Van Sant, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Toby J. Van Sant, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Toby J. Van Sant

be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows August 26, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the Petitioner is: Michael Yee 4010 S Land Park Drive Suite B Sacramento, CA 95822 916-927-9001
 Publish: May 21, 28 and June 4, 2021
 VAN SANT 170622 6-4-21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF OLIMPIO M. GUANLAO CASE No. 34-2021-00296355
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Olimpio M. Guanlao, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Reginald R. Guanlao, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Reginald R. Guanlao be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows July 21, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the

court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Reginald R. Guanlao 1953 Culverhill Way, Roseville, CA 95747 916-612-8174
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)
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 NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre) : Jamie Miller
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 The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: (El nombre, direccion y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es): Roberta Miller, In Pro Per 3903 Coon Hollow Road Placerville, CA 95667
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 3341 Power Inn Road
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 Case Number: 20FL05276

Notice of Hearing
 1. To Victor Santos Ambrosio
 2. A Court hearing will be held as Follows: June 30, 2021 at 9:00am Dept: 125. This matter is set a for a court hearing/appearance using Zoom Application for the above referenced date and time. In order to participate in your Zoom hearing, you must either use a computer or smart device with internet access and have downloaded the ZOOM Application. If you do not have compatible technology, then you can attend the hearing using a telephone and calling the designated toll free telephone conference line. You must appear by Zoom Application or telephone using the designated department account referenced below at least

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Firms are invited to submit three (3) paper copies of their proposal to the Connector JPA, 10640 Mather Blvd, Suite 120, Mather, CA 95655 no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 2, 2021.

The full content of the Request For Proposals ("RFP") is currently available through the JPA web site located at www.connectorjpa.net. All questions regarding this RFP should be sent via e-mail to ConnectorSupport@sacounty.net, attention Mr. Derek Minnema, prior to June 18, 2021 at 4:00 pm PST. All questions received and agency answers will be posted on the JPA website.
 Grapevine Independent June 4 and 11, 2021

Public Hearing Notice Recreation Fees

The Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District (FORPD) Board of Directors will consider a revision to the fee schedule for recreational programming during the meeting listed below. Members of the public may attend and address the Board.

Wed., June 16, 2021
 6:00 pm Meraki High School
 10700 Fair Oaks Blvd,
 Fair Oaks, CA 95628
 *Check online for Zoom meeting information

If you challenge this resolution in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at or prior to the public hearing. Please submit any written comments to the Parks & Recreation Department prior to the public hearing.

Copies of the revised fees report prepared for the Board will be available for review after June 11, 2021 at the FORPD Administration Office at 4150 Temescal St. For questions or comments, please call (916) 966-1036.

A public notice from:
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 Carmichael Times June 4 and 11, 2021

CITRUS HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF HEARING FOR 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN, AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

A Public Hearing will be held on June 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the office of the Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD), located at 6230 Sylvan Rd., Citrus Heights, CA, 95610, and accessible via Zoom at Phone Call In: (253) 215-8782, Phone Meeting ID: 936 0581 6651, Computer Audio/Live Meeting Presentations: https://zoom.us/j/93605816651, to consider adoption of CHWD's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP), and amended Water Conservation Program (Program). Copies of the draft documents may be reviewed at the aforementioned address or at CHWD's website, www.chwd.org.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present the draft documents to the CHWD Board of Directors and accept and respond to any public questions or comments. California State law requires CHWD to update its UWMP every five years and submit it to the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The 2020 UWMP documents CHWD's plans to ensure adequate water supplies to meet existing and future demands under a range of water supply conditions, including water shortages. The WSCP documents CHWD's plans to manage and mitigate an actual water shortage condition, should one occur because of drought or other impacts on water supplies. The Program would replace CHWD's current Water Conservation Program and is a comprehensive water conservation program. The Program establishes permanent water use regulations to prohibit water waste, sets six drought stages with required customer and CHWD actions, and sets procedures for enforcement, penalties, and variances.

Spoken or written comments on the draft documents may be presented at the Public Hearing, and written comments may be submitted in advance of the Hearing at the aforementioned address by June 11, 2021. Questions or comments about the draft documents may be directed to Water Resources Supervisor Brian Hensley at (916) 725-6873.

CITRUS HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT
 By Hilary M. Straus, General Manager
 Citrus Heights Messenger May 28 and June 4, 2021

Fatal Overdoses are Up 35.5% in California, 14th Highest Nationwide

By Emily Lamb, QuoteWizard News

SEATTLE, WA (MPG) - QuoteWizard®, a LendingTree company, and one of the nation's leading online insurance marketplaces, released a new report on a growing number of drug overdose deaths in America.

We found that the number of fatal overdoses has increased by more than 27% since the start of the pandemic. Nationwide, more than 87,000 died of an overdose in 2020, compared to 69,000 in 2019.

A complete breakdown of overdose deaths by state and drug category is available at the link below. The graphics and images included in the report are free to use with a courtesy and study link <https://quotewiz.com/news/posts/drug-overdose-deaths-in-america>

Key findings: Nationwide, 87,203 people died of an overdose in 2020, compared

to 68,757 in 2019. Louisiana, Kentucky and West Virginia have had the highest increases in overdose-related deaths. Pennsylvania, Florida and California had the highest numbers of overdose deaths overall. Combined, opioids account for nearly 70% of overdose deaths.

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Homicide Investigation on La Riviera Drive Update

By Sergeant Rod Grassmann, Sacramento Sheriff's Department

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Homicide Detectives of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office identified Andrew Leonard Granderson (20) of Rancho Cordova, for the November 1, 2020 murders of Micah Nero (18) and Joseph Nash (18) on the 8700 block of La Riviera Drive in Sacramento. Using evidence found at the scene and witness statements, detectives had a signed Homicide Warrant for

Granderson. Granderson was located in Las Vegas and contacted by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and an FBI Task Force Team who booked him in a local Nevada jail where he awaits extradition to Sacramento County. No further information is available at this time.

At 11:47 p.m. on Sunday November 1, 2020, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received several calls from the 8700 block of La Riviera Drive in Sacramento County regarding shots being fired.

Deputies responded to the complex to search for evidence of a shooting and were directed to a specific location. Two adult male victims with apparent gunshot wounds were located inside a residence. Fire arrived moments later and pronounced both victims deceased at the scene.

Detectives are asking anyone with information relating to this incident, to please contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP. Tip information may also be left anonymously at www.sacsheriff.com or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★

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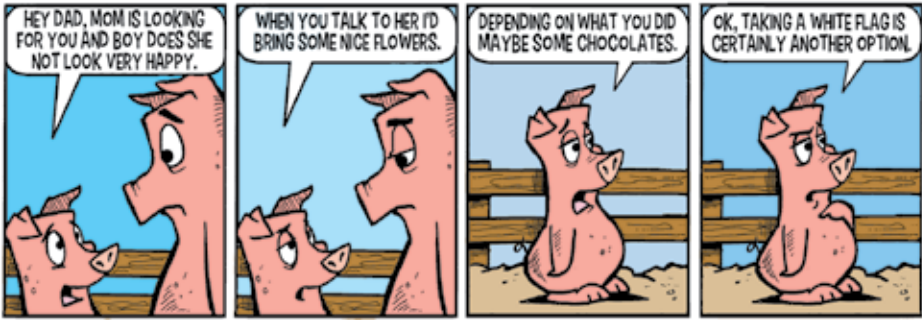
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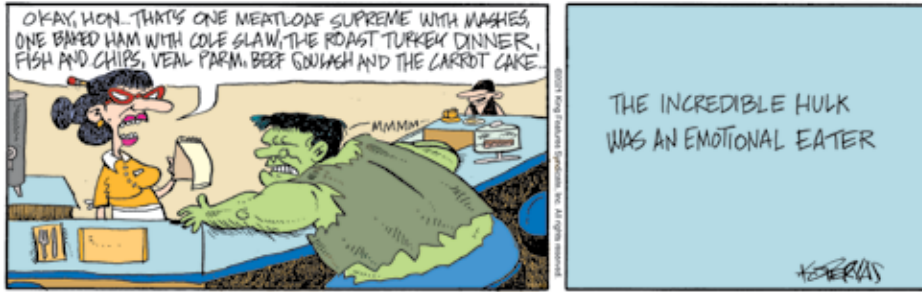
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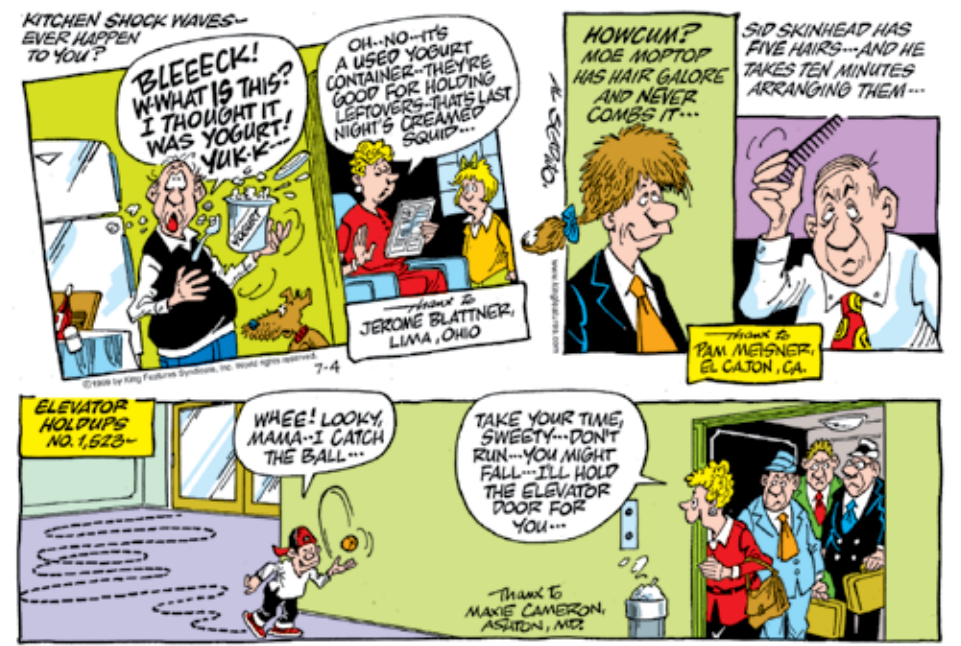
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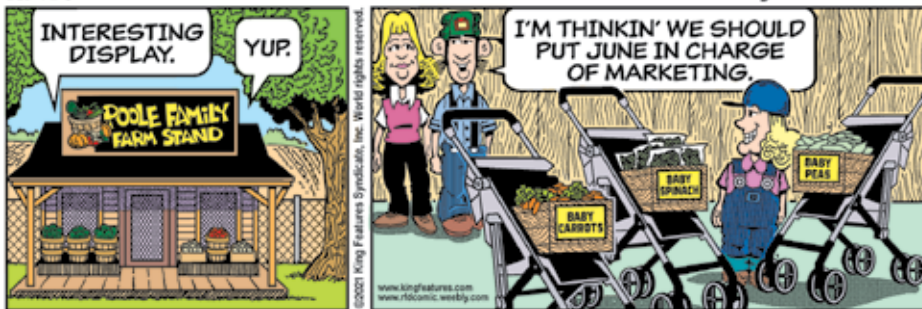
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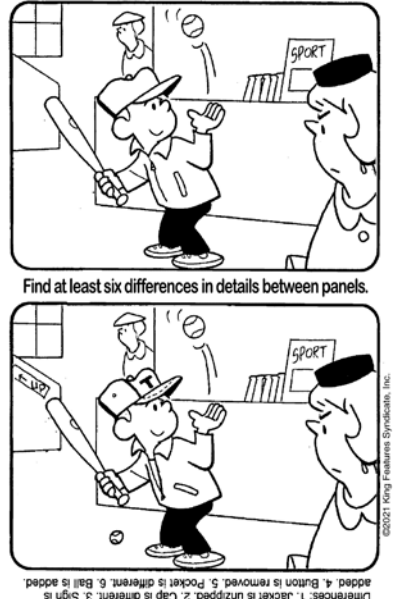


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COVID origin dissent 'suppressed' by intelligence community, House GOP report finds | 24 May 2021 | U.S. intelligence failures related to the COVID-19 global pandemic include suppression of dissenting views on the origin of the virus, a recent report by House Republicans on the intelligence oversight panel concluded. "We believe the [intelligence community] failed to properly support policymakers with timely products and analysis. Moreover, evidence shows that [its] failures continued in the pandemic's aftermath," the minority's report stated in the annex to a study that linked China's Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) to the pandemic's outbreak. "Specifically, Republican members are aware of allegations that [U.S. intelligence agencies] suppressed dissenting views related to the origins of the pandemic and that the community relied upon 'outside' experts with concerning yet undisclosed entanglements," the report said.

Leaked Documents Show Mystery Disease Outbreak at Wuhan Lab in 2019 - Report | 24 May 2021 | The Wall Street Journal (WSJ), citing an alleged previously undisclosed U.S. intelligence report Sunday, claimed three researchers working for the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) were hospitalized with coronavirus-like symptoms in November 2019. Other anonymous sources in the WSJ report alleged the U.S. has quietly amassed even more evidence that supports the theory of the Chinese coronavirus originating at the Chinese virology lab. The virus began infecting people in Wuhan city in late 2019, multiple studies have concluded; no evidence exists of prior infections by the virus anywhere else before those identified in Wuhan.

9/11 Cover-up Director Appointed to Chair COVID Cover-up Group - Zelikow was the author of the Bush administration's 2002 National Security Strategy, which laid out the case for pre-emptive war, which was used to invade Iraq. | 25 May 2021 | Deep-state fixer and cover-upper Philip Zelikow, former Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission, will be chairing the COVID Commission Planning Group, according to the University of Virginia, whose Miller Center for Public Affairs will serve as the group's base to "help America and the world learn from this pandemic and safeguard against future threats." Zelikow's "non-partisan" group includes Event 201 participants, the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security at the Bloomberg School of Public Health and it's being funded by Schmidt Futures, which is Eric Schmidt-Goolag-Alphabet-Bilderberg, the Skoll Foundation, which is the eBay FAANGster insider philanthropy group, the Rockefeller Foundation and Stand Together, which is Charles Koch's philanthropic organization. Zelikow's hope is that their work will feed into a future National COVID Commission.

Chinese Propaganda Outlet Paid Millions to American Newspapers and Magazines, Records Show - China Daily pays to place interviews with pro-China Quincy Institute scholar | 25 May 2021 | A news agency controlled by the Chinese Communist Party paid millions of dollars to American newspapers and magazines over the past six months, even as U.S. officials have sounded the alarm on Beijing's propaganda activities. China Daily paid more than 1.6 million for advertising campaigns in Time magazine, the Los Angeles Times, Financial Times, and Foreign Policy magazine, according to disclosures filed with the Justice Department. The Beijing-controlled news agency paid another 1 million to American newspapers, including the L.A. Times, Chicago Tribune, and Houston Chronicle, to print copies of its own publications.

San Jose shooter was on feds' radar in 2016, questioned about hatred of his job | 27 May 2021 | The suspected gunman who [allegedly] killed eight people and himself Wednesday at a transit rail yard in San Jose, California, was found to have harbored a hatred for his workplace when he was detained by federal officials several years ago. Upon returning from an August 2016 trip to the Philippines, Samuel Cassidy, 57, was found with books about terrorism and notes about how much he hated the Valley Transportation Authority, according to a Department of Homeland Security memo obtained by the Wall Street Journal. Customs and Border Protection officials reportedly found a black memo book "filled with lots of notes about how he hates the VTA." His baggage and electronic media were also inspected, the DHS memo said. ★



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Above top: Taylor McIntire #22 tags an Oakmont runner out at 3rd. Above: Lady Lancer Emma Beamish #11 covers first base for the force out. Right: Lancer Erica Jackson #55 makes the force out at first against a ponderosa runner. Photos by Rick Sloan



Jada Sampson #19 fights off a Grant player. Lancer goalie Julia Soto #30 makes a free kick against Grant Girls Soccer. Mireya Martinez-Marquez #11 keeps the ball in play against a Natomas defender. Photos by Rick Sloan

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