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## Local Organizations Working Together!



Above: Rotarian Geri Beck helps install solar panels for the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank, helping the efficiency of the organization with the aid of Grid Alternatives. Right: Members of the Orangevale Rotary doing electrical work. Photos courtesy Rotary Club of Fair Oaks

**By Pete Schroeder,  
Rotary Club of Fair Oaks**

**FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG)** - The Rotary Club of Fair Oaks has approximately 90 members. The Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank currently serves over 2,400 families every month (of course, as the pandemic stretches out, that number will increase dramatically!) Meristem is a unique Fair Oaks organization that provides guidance and support for over 50 young adults on the autism spectrum, to greater independence and fulfillment.

Recently, the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks began sponsoring a Rotaract Club at Meristem. Rotaract is an international adjunct to Rotary International for young adults, just as Interact Clubs are adjuncts of local Rotary Clubs for high-schoolers. There are over 10,000 Rotaract Clubs in 184 countries. There are over 20,000 Interact Clubs in 159 countries!

Friday, May 15th, the Meristem

Rotaract Club and the Orangevale Fair Oaks Food Bank teamed up to deliver food to home-bound adults in the Fair Oaks area. Eric Seward led the Meristem Rotaract Club team.

And ... the Food Bank is  
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## Explore Parks and Have Fun with Agents of Discovery

**By Ken Casparis,  
Sacramento County**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - This July, Agents of Discovery, an interactive, augmented reality game is coming to two Sacramento County Regional Parks, Gibson Ranch Regional Park and River Bend Park.

Sacramento County's Department of Regional Parks, in partnership with California Parks and Recreation Society and as part of the Parks Make Life Better campaign, is bringing this app to park visitors, free of charge, from July 1 - 31. While in participating parks, users will be encouraged to explore new areas to find "challenges" that will... well, challenge their knowledge of the parks!

"Our staff has been working hard to set up challenges to make this experience as fun and educational for visitors as possible," said Liz Bellas, Director of Regional Parks. "Agents of Discovery will help teach people of all ages about our local parks and open spaces while demonstrating the benefits of parks and recreation."

If you've ever played games like Pokémon GO or Harry Potter Wizards Unite, you're likely familiar with augmented reality. This technology combines visuals and audio from the game with the user's actual environment in real-time.

When users enter the active park area, they will begin receiving tips through the app that will help them find and complete the challenges.

**Agents of Discovery Tips  
and Disclaimers:**

While Agents of Discovery is best downloaded and played using WiFi, it is also accessible using cellular data; Under "Missions" search for the park you plan on visiting, either "River Bend Park" or "Gibson Ranch Regional Park" and download mission prior to visiting; Make sure GPS is enabled; Be aware and cautious of possible traffic, other people, and obstacles that may be in your way when playing Agents of Discovery.  
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## Golden State Killer Pleads Guilty

*DeAngelo is Sentenced to Life Without Parole*

**Source: Orange County  
District Attorney's Office**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - According to a press release issued by the Office of Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer:

Joseph James DeAngelo Jr., 74, pleaded guilty to 13 felony counts of first-degree murder and 13 felony counts of kidnapping to commit robbery during a 13-year multicounty crime spree that terrorized much of California during the 1970s and 1980s. DeAngelo was identified through Investigative

Genetic Genealogy (IGG) in 2018, more than three decades after he raped and murdered his last victim in 1986.

DeAngelo also admitted to 161 uncharged crimes related to 61 uncharged victims, including attempted murder, kidnapping to commit robbery, rape, robbery, first-degree burglary, false imprisonment and criminal threats. The uncharged crimes occurred in Alameda, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare and Yolo counties.

The decision by

prosecutors to accept DeAngelo's offer to plead guilty to the 26 charged crimes and admit the uncharged crimes was made in consultation with the victims and their family members. The totality of the circumstances, including the age of the victims, the age of witnesses and the death of other key witnesses, and the age of the defendant, were taken into consideration.

This six-county joint prosecution resulted in a guilty plea of:

13 counts of first-degree murder with special

circumstances allegations of multiple murders and murder during the commission of rape, robbery, and burglary.

13 felony counts of kidnapping to commit robbery with sentencing enhancements for personal use of a firearm and personal use of a knife during the commission of the offenses.

DeAngelo also admitted to the uncharged crimes of: Attempted murder, kidnapping to commit robbery, rape, robbery, first-degree burglary, false imprisonment and criminal threats.  
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# Women's Empowerment Receives \$10K from SMUD

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Communications

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Women's Empowerment recently received \$10,000 from SMUD's Sustainable Communities initiative to provide workforce development skills, paid job training and housing search assistance for women experiencing homelessness.

"We are grateful to SMUD for recognizing that communities are only sustainable when women and their families have a safe home and a stable income," said Lisa Culp, executive director, Women's Empowerment. "SMUD's generous donation will help us ensure women and their children have homes and jobs, especially during this pandemic."

Women's Empowerment was featured on NBC's The TODAY Show in 2015 for offering the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically for women who are homeless and their children. The award-winning organization has graduated 1,681 homeless women and their 3,792 children. Last year, 70 percent of graduates found homes in the midst of the housing crisis,

and 79 percent secured jobs or enrolled in school or training. The program combines self-esteem courses, job training, health classes, support services and paid job training to help homeless women across diverse ages, races and cultures. Women's Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To donate: Womens-Empowerment.org.

"Our goal is to enhance the lives of those living in our community, and our Sustainable Communities Initiative focuses on those with the greatest need," said Shiloh Costello, SMUD manager of Sustainable Communities. "We are proud to help an organization that directly impacts hundreds of women and families in our area as they work to become self-sufficient."

SMUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative aligns with SMUD's core purpose and vision to enhance the quality of life for all customers through innovative energy solutions. The program helps bring environmental equity and economic vitality to communities in SMUD's service area, with special attention given to historically underserved neighborhoods. For more information, visit SMUD.org. ★

# Protesters Topple Statues of St. Serra

Catholic League Press Release

NEW YORK, NY (MPG) - Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on protesters who destroyed statues of Saint Junipero Serra:

Smashing statues of American icons is all the rage among urban barbarians. Ignorant of history, they are destroying statues of those who were among the most enlightened persons of their time. This includes Father Junipero Serra. The 18th century missionary fought hard for the rights of Indians, and was rightfully canonized by Pope Francis in 2015.

A statue of Saint Serra was toppled in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park on June 19, and the next day another statue of the legendary priest was torn down at Placita Olvera in Los Angeles. Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, who is also president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, singled out Saint Serra for his compassion and his effort to establish rights for Indians and women.

In 2015, I published a booklet, "The Noble Legacy of Father Serra," that detailed his many accomplishments. In light of the attacks on him, it is worth recalling some of his heroics.

Serra got along well with the Indians. His goal, and that of the Franciscan missionaries whom he led, was not to conquer the Indians - it was to make them good Christians. The missionaries granted the Indians



A screenshot from a video showing vandals removing the statue of St. Junipero Serra in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco on June 19, 2020. Photo courtesy Catholic San Francisco

rights and respected their human dignity, quite unlike the condition of black slaves. The Indians appreciated their efforts, drawing a distinction between the missionaries and the Spanish crown: the former treated the natives with justice; the latter did not. The civil authorities were the problem, not the priests.

Contrary to the conventional wisdom, the missionaries did not eradicate Indian culture. Indeed, they learned the native language of the Indians and employed Indians as teachers. Some cultural modification was inevitable, given that the missionaries taught the Indians how to be masons, carpenters, blacksmiths, and painters. The Indians were also taught how to sell and buy animals, and were allowed to keep their bounty. Women were taught spinning, knitting, and sewing.

Archbishop Gomez is right to point out that Serra

fought for the rights of women, as well. It was the missionaries who sought to protect Indian women from the Spanish colonizers. The Friars segregated the population on the basis of sex and age, hoping to safeguard the young girls and women from being sexually exploited. When such offenses occurred, Serra and his fellow priests quickly condemned them.

A total of 21 missions were established by the Franciscans, nine of them under the tenure of Serra; he personally founded six missions. He baptized more than 6,000 Indians, and confirmed over 5,000; some 100,000 were baptized overall during the mission period.

If the truth were told about Saint Serra, he would be heralded as a friend of the Indians, not as their enemy. But truth matters little to those whose hearts are full of hatred and whose minds are closed to reality. ★

# VA NorCal Health Offers 'On-Demand' COVID-19 Testing

By Will Martin, VA Northern California Health Care System

MATHER, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento VA Medical Center (VAMC) will offer drive-up, elective COVID-19 testing to Veterans registered as VA patients from 9 a.m. - noon each Tuesday and Thursday in Mather beginning June 23. Other VA Northern California Health Care System sites are also offering COVID-19 tests to Veterans and VA NorCal employees inside their clinics, with plans to establish drive-up testing at some sites in the near future.

"An effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic in built on consistent testing," said VA NorCal Director David Stockwell. "By offering accessible testing to our

patients, we're ensuring the Veteran community is at the forefront of coronavirus care in Northern California."

VA NorCal medical personnel will conduct the tests using oropharyngeal swabs with results usually available in a few days.

Northern California Veterans should contact their local VA NorCal clinic for details or to register as a VA patient. To schedule a health care appointment during the COVID-19 pandemic, Veterans should contact the VA NorCal Call Center at 1-800-382-VETS (8387).

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# District Attorney Announces Crime Lab Youth Shadow Days

Office of Sacramento County District Attorney

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert announces open registration for the 3rd Annual Crime Lab Youth Shadow Days. This program is being offered virtually for the first time this year.

The Crime Lab Youth Shadow Day was launched in 2018, and quickly exceeded capacity. A second day was added to meet the high demand, resulting in a total of 120 student participants from approximately 50 high schools across the county.

Participating students will visit the District Attorney's Crime Lab virtually and meet criminalists who are experts in the various fields of forensic science and crime scene investigations (CSI). They are provided a virtual learning experience in several areas including blood spatter analysis, bullet trajectory, trace evidence, firearms and tool comparison, and drug analysis.

There will be two virtual Crime Lab Youth Shadow Days this year:

**WHEN:** Friday, July 17, OR Friday,

July 24, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Virtually – broadcasted live from the District Attorney's Crime Lab

The program is open to current Sacramento County high school students. Priority will be given to senior high school students.

Students will need to submit completed registration forms and a signed permission slip, which can be downloaded at [www.sacda.org](http://www.sacda.org).

The deadline to apply is July 10, 2020. Space is limited to 60 students each day and on a first come, first served basis. Please register early.

DA Anne Marie Schubert states, "Our goal with all of our youth programs is to engage and educate our youth as well as inspire them to pursue a career in the criminal justice field, including forensic science which is a critical factor in most criminal cases. I am pleased we are able to continue this program virtually – keeping students, our staff and their families healthy and safe in this time of social distancing."

For questions, please email [YouthPrograms@sacda.org](mailto:YouthPrograms@sacda.org). ★

# Local Organizations Work Together!

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incredibly excited to announce that as of Saturday, May 23, 2020, they added another distribution day in Fair Oaks. And ... they will have their mobile trailer distribution on the 3rd Thursday of each month as the need continues at New Life Community Church (8101 Sunset Ave. Fair Oaks) from 10-12:30pm.

This is the Power of local groups banding together for the good of the community!

**But wait, there's more!**

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations.

Rise Against Hunger held a fundraiser called "Go the Social Distance"... a virtual 5K/10K race ... was held from May 15 to 17.

249 Athletes have signed up to participate for the event, coming from many U.S. states, as well as England, Italy, and the Philippines.

18 Fair Oaks Rotarians either ran or



**More Rotarians getting it done.** Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Fair Oaks

walked as well...and raised over \$700 for Rise Against Hunger.

If not for the pandemic, our Rotary Club of Fair Oaks, as well as Bella Vista Interact Club students were planning an actual food packing event, which had been scheduled for May 16, 2020.

If you are interested in joining the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks, or would like to donate to the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank, please contact Robin Gostovich at [rimgosto@yahoo.com](mailto:rimgosto@yahoo.com). ★

# Governor and Democrats Ignore Millions of Californians in Budget Deal

By Nghia Nguyen, Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Legislature sent the Governor a budget that increases billions of dollars in taxes, prevents funding for charter schools and jeopardizes public safety. This deal was cobbled together with little public input – an agreement that lacked transparency. Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama), Vice Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, issued the following statement:

"I do appreciate the pro Tem, the Speaker and the Governor for their continued support in Paradise to fund the promised \$7.3 Million to the Paradise Irrigation District. This money will help

bring clean water to survivors of the Camp Fire.

"It is, however, disappointing that this budget came together without public discussion or representation. Citing concerns with Covid-19, the conference committee – a forum for bipartisan discussions – was scrapped.

"There is no excuse for the denial of public input and lack of transparency. By cutting out the minority party, the Governor and Democratic lawmakers have denied millions of Californians the opportunity for their voices to be heard through their representatives in discussions and negotiations.

"Californians deserve to have a voice in their government." ★

# Explore Parks and Have Fun

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Be sure to look around and be safe when playing; Create an account in order to save your progress; Agents of Discovery is fun for all ages. Children should get parental permission before downloading this app; Parks are open from sunrise to sunset;

Please practice social distancing while outdoors:

Maintain at least six-foot social distancing from individuals who are not part of the same household or living unit; Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer that is recognized by the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention as effective in combating COVID-19; Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or fabric or, if not possible, into the sleeve or elbow (but not into hands); Avoid all social interactions outside the household when sick with a fever or cough; Wear a face covering if unable to maintain six-feet of physical distancing from individuals who are not part of your household or living unit.

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### COVID-19 Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit

**Overview**

Due to social distancing requirements of the Governor's executive order, the County understands that some restaurant establishments will seek alternatives to their existing indoor and outdoor configurations by extending operations to new outdoor areas including walkways, parking lots, landscaping or other required open space areas. On May 19, 2020, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Adopted a Resolution (Resolution No. 2020-0309) finding an Overriding Public Interest to allow the Planning Director to issue temporary permits to restaurants to allow for temporary outdoor dining areas.

**Purpose of the Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit:**

- Allow businesses and shopping centers to meet requirements for social distancing while facilitating restaurant establishments to resume operations.
- Prevent conflicts with other adjacent businesses or residential uses and ensure outdoor dining area will not significantly interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or otherwise constitute a health and safety risk.
- Provide flexible outdoor operations allowances where they may not be otherwise permitted by County Code.

**Expiration**

Upon approval, the initial permit is good for a maximum of 90 days and so long as the emergency order is in effect. The permit may be extended upon request so long as the emergency order is still in effect and no complaints regarding violations of the permit conditions have been reported.

**Fee**

The application and permit is free of charge. County costs are being reimbursed through COVID-19 Recovery Funds.

**Procedures**

Fill out the application form available at: [www.planning.saccounty.net](http://www.planning.saccounty.net)

Under the "What's New" section on home page (right side of page) click on the "COVID-19 Temporary Dining Permit (May 2020)" link.

Please send a complete application form to: [planning-applications@saccounty.net](mailto:planning-applications@saccounty.net)



# 1,000 + 3,000 = Priceless Golden State Killer Pleads Guilty



Kiwaniis Club Treasurer Bradley Miller presents a \$500 check from Kiwanis to Food Bank Executive Director Keith Wright. Photo courtesy Sal Arrigo, Jr.

By Sal Arrigo, Jr.

These are some very nice numbers: on Saturday, June 27, 2020, the Kiwanis Club of Orangevale – Fair Oaks sponsored a Food Drive to support the Orangevale – Fair Oaks Food Bank. After all the collecting was done, approximately 1,000 pounds of food and \$3,000.00 in donations were collected! What is even more exciting is that fact that Keith Wright, Executive Director of the Food Bank, told all the volunteers, “with the money that has been collected, we should be able to quadruple the amount of food donated today.”

To say we had a successful day is an understatement! We were also honored to have both Assemblyman Kevin Kiley and Supervisor Sue Frost participate in our event, giving their time for such a great cause. Both individuals were there to say “thank you,” since both represent the Orangevale area, and they have a vested interest in the operation of the Food Bank, which serves members of their constituency.

According to information provided by the Food Bank, \$25.00 will feed a family for one week. Food Bank volunteers

contribute more than 1,100 hours per month to assist local families. If you were not able to donate to the Kiwanis Food Drive, consider this: if you are an avid gardener, you can donate produce or make a holiday donation in someone’s name. There are multitudes of ways individuals can help assist the Food Bank throughout the year.

As for the Kiwanis Club of Orangevale – Fair Oaks, we were recently recognized by our California-Nevada-Hawaii District Governor for our work in supporting food drives in our area during the pandemic, so if you are interested in joining an award-winning service club, Kiwanis wants you.

We are back to meeting in person (and you can social distance, too). Come and visit Kiwanis at El Gallo Mexican Restaurant, located at 11773 Fair Oaks Blvd., on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. We also have social gatherings on the 4th Tuesday of every month (the location varies). Find us at facebook.com/KiwanisclubofOFO, or email us for more information at kiwanisclubofOFO@gmail.com.

Sal Arrigo, Jr., is the president of the Kiwanis Club of Orangevale – Fair Oaks. The Kiwanis Corner is published monthly. ★

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DeAngelo’s crime spree began in 1975 when he was working as a police officer with the Exeter Police Department. The crimes, which continued long after he was fired from the Auburn Police Department in 1979, escalated from peeping through windows to stalking to rape and serial murder.

The hearing was relocated to the Sacramento State Ballroom to accommodate the large number of victims and their family members in attendance and to ensure social distancing in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

“The investigation, identification and prosecution of the East Area Rapist/Golden State Killer has been a long journey for justice – a journey marked by passion, persistence and sheer determination,”



Joseph James DeAngelo Jr.,

said Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert. “Through the revolutionary tool of Investigative Genetic Genealogy, this serial rapist and murderer was not only identified and brought to justice but will spend the rest of his life in prison. It is my sincere hope that today brings healing to victims, their families and communities harmed by the atrocious crimes committed by Joseph DeAngelo.”

Joseph DeAngelo will be sentenced to life in state prison without the possibility of parole. The sentence will run consecutive and concurrent to his sentence for the first-degree murders to which he has pled. His sentencing hearing will commence on August 17, 2020. Victims will be given the opportunity to deliver victim impact statements prior to DeAngelo’s sentencing on August 21, 2020. The sentencing hearing location will be announced at a later date.

His crimes earned him the nicknames of the Visalia Ransacker, the East Area Rapist, the Original Night Stalker, and the Golden State Killer. It was not until April 2018 that Sacramento authorities announced that Investigative Genetic Genealogy had identified DeAngelo as the person responsible. ★

## Sacramento International Airport Installs PPE Vending Machines

By Samantha Mott, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento International Airport (SMF) has added Clean & Safe Travels Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) vending machines in both terminals for passengers traveling during the Covid-19 pandemic.

These machines are located pre-security in Terminal A (between Starbucks and the ticket counters), and Terminal B (at the west entrance near the Southwest Airlines ticket counter). In addition to the increased cleaning, ticket counter sneeze guards and social distancing messaging, SMF is utilizing these machines to promote precautions and increase safety for our passengers and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Increasingly strong measures have

been put into place to ensure travelers both see and feel that their health and safety is our top priority,” says Cindy Nichol, Sacramento County Director of Airports. “Installing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) vending machines in the terminals is just one of many steps we have taken.”

Passengers can purchase a variety of protective masks ranging from \$8.25 to \$14.50, disposable gloves (\$4.50), sanitizing wipes (\$5.25) and hand sanitizer spray or gel (\$4.25 to \$6.50).

Although there is no requirement to wear face coverings in the terminals at SMF, passengers are strongly encouraged to do so in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Additionally, most airlines have implemented policies requiring both employees and passengers to wear face coverings in boarding areas and on aircraft. ★

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## God Will Lift Your Burdens

By Marlys Johnsen Norris,  
Christian Author

Every one has burdens to carry in life. God's Word tells us to take them to the Lord and leave them with Him. It is no secret what God can miraculously do to remove them from someone's life forever. God speaks to us in His Word – **"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."** (Phil. 4:6-7)

We all are struggling with the onset of the corona virus and the many ways it has changed our lives regardless of where we live or work. Never in our lives have we had our government dictate so many things we must do in our lives. Medical people have encouraged us to do certain things to spare us from experiencing this terrible illness that causes some to die prematurely.

**Unfortunately some people disregard the warnings and do what-ever they want to do. Who gives them a right to break the laws of our land?** They may be causing the virus to spread even more faster than it would

otherwise. Others are doing their best to follow the rules and guidelines. Still others are not respecting others and robbing, ransacking and destroying properties of others with no regard for anything or anyone. They all need to be placed in prison cells for years.

Police are now under attack throughout our country and they have been the ones who have brought peace and justice into our lives for years and especially when these kinds of situations arise. Policemen doing their job arresting people caught breaking the laws who have taken off running away after they were arrested. Then, a distance away, they tried to stop them and they were shot in the back to stop them. It did but unfortunately the bullet hit and they were killed. How is true justice awarded? Regretfully the consequences came!

There is no such thing as "peace at any price". No matter what there is a price to pay for someone always!

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## Cause Unknown in Motorcycle Fatal Collision

By A.J. McTaggart,  
California Highway Patrol

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On June 21, 2020 at approximately 12:23 am, The California Highway Patrol (CHP) received a call of a collision involving a motorcyclist in the area of I-80 westbound just west of Greenback Lane. CHP officers responded to the collision scene and learned that a 25-year old female out of Sacramento, was riding her 2011 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle. The female rider was immediately transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Center (MSJMC) for major life-threatening injuries sustained in the collision. At approximately

1:50 am, MSJMC advised CHP units at the scene that the rider had succumbed to her injuries sustained from the collision. It is unknown at this time how many vehicles are involved in the collision and the cause is still under investigation. The #1-4 westbound lanes of I-80 west of Greenback Lane were closed for approximately two hours for investigative measures.

Any persons who may have witnessed this collision or who can provide any additional information regarding this collision should call Officer A.J. McTaggart at the North Sacramento Area CHP office at (916)348-2300 by cell phone at (916)798-0975. ★

## Ask Toni

### Did Medicare Call My Mom about COVID-19 Tests Or Was This Fraud?



Toni King

Hello Toni:

Yesterday, a representative from Medicare called my mother asking all types of personal questions to provide her with testing supplies for COVID-19 and specialized masks which can protect her more than the ones bought at the store. I just happened to be at her house and was able to take the call.

I told them that she did not give personal information over the phone I'm concerned this could be a scam, but then if it was Medicare, I'm concerned I could have made a mistake and she will not get the coronavirus help needed if she does get sick.

I've advised my mother not to answer the phone and to let voice mail screen calls. Can you please advise me what I should do or where I could call to see if Medicare is trying to contact my mother?

~ Alice Dallas, TX

Don't Worry Alice:

You can relax because you were correct not to give your mother's personal information over the phone because Medicare or Social Security does not randomly call your home or office and ask for your personal information. Medicare

and Social Security already have the information they need regarding your mother's Medicare account.

Baby Boomers and America's Seniors' need to be aware that Medicare or Social Security will never call you! This is the way that scammers get your personal information for fraudulent Medicare billing for services you never ordered only to line their pockets or commit or perform other fraudulent actions that can drain your credit. Both Medicare and Social Security will send you a letter to let you know you need to contact them.

Reader Alert: Since I tuned 65 in May and have now joined Medicare, I have a mymedicare.gov account and was surprised to receive an email from Medicare.gov with a Medicare alert due to COVID-19 virus scams. Medicare is informing Medicare beneficiaries NOT to give out any personal information because Medicare DOES NOT call you regarding medical needs. Medicare will not contact you to provide Coronavirus tests, masks, or other items in exchange for your Medicare or Social Security number. These items are provided by visiting a doctor's office or receiving a prescription distributed by a pharmacy.

**Below are a few tips to help protect you against Medicare or Social Security fraud:**

- **Never** give your Medicare or Social Security number to strangers, especially

those who call you on the phone or come to your door. Just like you tell your grandkids not to talk to strangers, you need realize strangers are not always your new friends. **Play the Stranger Danger Game.**

- **Do NOT** accept "free" offers in exchange for your Medicare number. Remember, there is nothing "free". They will have Medicare pay for whatever they are offering, and they will use your Medicare number to get it paid for!!
- Do not accept offers from door to door sales people. Watch out who you let in your house.
- **Never** sign a blank form
- **Hang up** when someone calls saying they represent Medicare or Social Security and asks for your Medicare or Social Security number! Remember Medicare and/or Social Security know your number already. Medicare fraud is exploding and stealing "Baby Boomers and Seniors' valuable Medicare dollars." The only way to stop it is to let your friends know what I have just told you. We need to stand together and stop those who only want to make a "fast buck" from your personal information. Together, we can do that!

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](http://www.tonisays.com). ★

## Gov. Newsom Claims Right to Withhold Federal Grants to Fund California Deficits

New California State Press Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - California Gov. Gavin Newsom responded to a New California State press release regarding illegal borrowing of federal grant monies to fund budget deficits by claiming the right to seize federal grant funds from counties not requiring face masks.

New California State press release issued early on June 24, 2020 highlighted the State of California intending to fund its \$85 billion budget shortfall through June 30, 2021 by accessing "Borrowable Resources" of over \$59.6 billion, including the over \$27 billion in federal health and financial stimulus dollars to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Later the same day, Gov. Newsom told reporters, the State of California has the sovereign right to indefinitely hold billions of targeted federal grant monies from counties that are not in full compliance with the "new rules and regulations" in his recent COVID-19 Executive Order.

Newsom stated that after doing what he referred to as a "budget deal" with the California Legislature, "We're going to attach some considerations and consequences" for withholding federal funds from non-compliant counties.

New California believes that such action is a violation of law, and if implemented would set a dangerous U.S. Constitutional precedent that a state governor and

legislature can withhold spending federal funds during a crisis to fund its own budget deficit needs.

New California State calls on the United States government to immediately take actions to prevent and protect the public safety by assuring that the State of California is not improperly or illegally using federal funds designated for health and financial stimulus as a source of "Borrowing Resources" to fund California's \$85 billion budget deficits.

New California is a new state in development exercising its Constitutional Right to form from the State of California. The process to form New California is authorized and codified in Article IV Sections 3 & 4 of the United States Constitution. ★

## California Unemployment Insurance Claims Increase by 20 percent

California Center for Jobs and the Economy

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - After a relatively stable level in the prior 4 weeks, total California initial claims (regular UI plus PUA claims by the self-employed) jumped 20% for the week of June 20. As suggested in the separate WARN Act analyses, most layoffs continue to be temporary but an increasing percentage is now shifting to permanent, an indication that the recovery period will face additional difficulties in returning to previous job and employment levels.

Nationally, actual claims (not seasonally adjusted (NSA)) for regular UI were essentially level at 1,457,373, while the seasonally adjusted (SA) level used for trend analysis is being reported as a decrease at 1,480,000. Combined with PUA claims, the national NSA numbers eased 2%. California showed

287,354 initial UI claims (NSA) along with 86,130 initial PUA claims (NSA). As with last week's employment and job numbers, the initial claims data is another indication that the economic downturn has been more severe in California and continues in many sectors, while the US on average appears to be in the initial stages of a recovery.

Combining both the regular UI and PUA initial claims, California had the highest number of initial claims among the states. Total initial claims for California for the week were 2.0% of the May labor force, moving up to the 8th highest among the states. To date, total initial claims of 6.6 million since the beginning of the state's shutdown represent over a third of the labor force. This level, however, does not translate directly into the unemployment level. Not all claims are necessarily approved, filers may have

secured employment after submitting their claim, and individuals may have filed more than one claim in this period.

Although not included in the table above, claims under the new Pandemic Emergency Compensation (PEUC) program continues to show significant numbers. This new category allows an additional 13 weeks of coverage for persons who have exhausted their regular benefits, including eligibility for the additional \$600 a week. California claims were at 296,831 or 35% of total claims nationally. Rather than newly unemployed persons, claim rates for this category are an indicator in the growth of long-term unemployment, a major problem during the shallow recovery from the 2008 Recession that had a depressing effect on wage and longer-term employment prospects for the affected workers. ★

## North Sacramento CHP Welcomes New Area Commander



Captain Aaron Goulding

California Highway Patrol Press Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On June 1, 2020, a new commander was assigned to the North Sacramento Area of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to fill the vacancy left by the recent reassignment of Captain Andy Williams. Captain Aaron Goulding, who had been serving as the Ventura CHP Area Commander, has

been assigned as the North Sacramento CHP Area Commander.

Commander Goulding was raised in the Inland Empire of Southern California. He is a graduate of California State University, Bakersfield. He is a 28 year law enforcement veteran and has spent the last ten years working CHP assignments in both northern and southern California.

The CHP is a family tradition for Captain Goulding, as he was the first of several family members who now work for the CHP, which include his brother and oldest son; serving in the Bakersfield and Napa CHP Areas respectively. Goulding's career in law enforcement began in 1992 with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, where he served as a

Deputy Sheriff and worked both jail and patrol assignments. In 1994 he attended the CHP Academy, after which he was assigned to the Fort Tejon CHP office. His career has included a variety of field, specialized, and headquarters assignments as an officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. These assignments included working at CHP offices located throughout California.

As it relates to his new assignment, "I am excited to serve the communities within the greater Sacramento area." Captain Goulding is committed to making our area the safest place to live and travel. He appreciates the trust the Department has shown towards him by allowing him this opportunity and assignment as Commander of the North Sacramento CHP. ★



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# POPOFF!

with **Mary Jane Popp**

educated at Harvard...7 total. The only two signers who later became President of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all colonies would appear equal. President John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe all died on the fourth.

Adams and Jefferson died on the same day within hours of each other in 1826. Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national bird, but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson who recommended the Bald Eagle. In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the new nation. Today the population is near 330 million.

Fireworks are part of the tradition of celebrating this national holiday. And so is barbecue from hot dogs to chicken and ribs. Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies. Traditions place the origins of the song "Yankee Doodle" as a pre-revolutionary War song originally sung by British military officers to mock the disheveled, disorganized

colonial "Yankees" with whom they served in the French and Indian war. Its believed the tune comes from the nursery rhyme Lucy Locket. The tune of the National Anthem was originally used by an English drinking song called "To Anacreon in Heaven." The words have nothing to do with consumption of alcohol but the melody of the Francis Key had in mind when he wrote those words did originate decades earlier as the melody for a song praise of wine.

It's always amazing to me how traditions are born and then evolve over the years. This 4th of July will be a more somber and reflective celebration with the covid 19 virus running rampant. I urge you to be vigilant and do what it takes to beat this cruel virus by physical distancing, washing hands as many times as you can, and please wear a mask in public when lots of folks are about. That mask may save your life or the life of someone you care about or even a perfect stranger. It's not fun, but neither is the coronavirus. Enjoy and stay safe.

**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!!**

## FUN FOURTH

### HAPPY (BANG BANG) 4TH OF JULY!!!

It's here and time to celebrate the birth of our nation or Independence Day

when the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence. It actually happened on July 2, 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was adopted. But what's a couple of days anyway. And it's been a federal holiday since 1941. So it is that the United States and Great Britain parted ways. Here are a few fun facts connected with that fateful day.

Only John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. All the others signed later. The Declaration was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies. The average age of the signers was 45 from the youngest Thomas Lynch from South Carolina at 27 to the oldest Benjamin Franklin from Pennsylvania at 70. One out of eight signers was

# Supervisor Susan Peters Update: Help for Restaurants

Dear Friends,

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors recently took action to allow for deviations to County Zoning and Development Standards to allow for temporary outdoor dining areas for restaurants due to the COVID-19 pandemic with no cost to restaurants who want to utilize this temporary provision (fees are covered by COVID-19 Recovery Funds program).

Due to social distancing requirements of the Governor's executive order, Sacramento County understands that some restaurant establishments need alternatives to their existing indoor and outdoor configurations by extending operations to new outdoor areas including sidewalks, parking lots, landscaping or other required open

space areas. Accordingly, the Board has authorized the Planning Director to issue temporary permits to restaurants to allow for temporary outdoor dining areas.

Upon approval, the initial permit is good for a maximum of 90 days and so long as the emergency order is in effect. The permit may be extended upon request so long as the emergency order is still in effect and no complaints regarding violations of the permit conditions have been reported.

For more information, including the application form, <https://planning.sac-county.net/>

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- ACROSS**  
1. Begone!  
5. Blue  
8. Instinctive motive  
12. Barbershop supply  
13. Cover with asphalt  
14. Twist and distort  
15. Dismounted  
16. Tiny particle  
17. Like smell of burning rubber  
18. \*King of Great Britain when America won independence  
20. Same as pleaded  
21. "Well-\_\_\_ machine"  
22. \*Abigail Adams \_\_\_ Smith  
23. \*Preferred cooking device on the 4th  
25. They play dead  
29. Tiller's tiller  
30. Santa's reindeer  
33. Dwarf buffalo  
34. Smart ones?  
36. "\_\_\_ the hills and far away"  
37. Penicillin holder, e.g.  
38. Part of both levorotary and levorotary  
39. \*Like 4th of July  
41. Cholera  
42. Egg dishes  
44. Actress Close  
46. \*Jefferson was three and Washington was \_\_\_  
47. Medal of Honor word  
49. Castle material  
51. \*Roman Candles and Fountains, e.g.  
55. Manuscript sheet  
56. Dirty money  
57. Dire fate  
58. Type of wrench  
59. Charitable contribution  
60. Genesis twin  
61. Dad's lads  
62. General Services Administration  
63. Job for a body shop
- DOWN**  
1. Without a date  
2. \*American Revolutionary War spy, Nathan  
3. Miscellany  
4. Type of local tax  
5. French composer of "Gymnopédies" fame  
6. Steer clear  
7. Prefix for half  
8. "U. S. personified"  
9. Steak choice  
10. Power system  
11. Former times  
13. Saffron-flavored rice dish  
14. Stares  
19. Decorates with gold leaf  
22. Negative conjunction  
23. Jewish folklore creature  
24. "Superman" star  
25. Machu Picchu country  
26. Remove from Pinterest board  
27. Grieve  
28. \*Many retailers hold one for the 4th of July  
29. Sign of a saint  
31. \* \_\_\_ of Liberty

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# Tax Initiative for Certain Commercial and Industrial Real Property is Withdrawn

Office of California Secretary of State

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced that an initiative eligible for the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot has been withdrawn by the proponents.

The Attorney General's official title and summary of the initiative is as follows:

**REQUIRES CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REAL PROPERTY TO BE TAXED BASED ON FAIR-MARKET VALUE. DEDICATES PORTION OF ANY INCREASED REVENUE TO EDUCATION AND LOCAL SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Taxes certain commercial and industrial real property based on fair-market value—rather than, under current law, the purchase price with limited inflation. Exempts agricultural property and certain small businesses. Dedicates portion of any increased revenue to local services and to supplement, not replace, state's minimum-funding guarantee to schools. Provides tax exemption for \$500,000 worth of tangible personal property used for business and all personal property used for

certain small businesses. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Net increase in annual property tax revenues of \$6.5 billion to \$10.5 billion in most years, depending on the strength of real estate markets. After paying for county administrative costs and backfilling state income tax losses related to the measure, the remaining \$6 billion to \$10 billion would be allocated to schools (40 percent) and other local governments (60 percent). (17-0055.)**

The measure previously became eligible for the ballot on October 16, 2018, through a random sample verification of signatures.

Pursuant to Elections Code 9604(b), proponents may withdraw an initiative any time before the Secretary of State certifies it as qualified. The 131-day qualification deadline for the November 3, 2020, General Election is June 25.

The proponents of this initiative, Anthony Thigpen, Helen Hutchison, and Benjamin McBride did not provide any contact information.

For more information about how an initiative qualifies for the ballot in California, go to [www.sos.ca.gov/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/) ★

# Legislative Democrats Pass Legislation to Legitimize Racial Discrimination

By Jacqui Nguyen, California Senate Republicans

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield) and Senator Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar) released a joint press release denouncing the passage of Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 5. Legislative

Democrats passed ACA 5 and its purpose is to repeal Proposition 209.

"Prop. 209 states that California shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. For Sacramento Democrats to pass legislation that does the exact opposite is appalling," said Senate

Republican Leader Shannon Grove.

"We need to come together as a state and country to stand against racial injustices," said Senator Ling Ling Chang. "But the answer to discrimination is not more discrimination. I support and will continue to support laws protecting minorities and women from discrimination, not encouraging it." ★

# Newsom Signs Legislation to Fortify General Election for the COVID-19 Pandemic

Office of California Secretary of State Alex Padilla

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom has signed AB 860 – authored by Assemblymember Marc Berman with Senator Tom Umberg as a joint author – which codifies that county elections officials must mail a ballot to every registered, active voter ahead of the November 3, 2020 General Election.

"California is moving in a swift, bipartisan manner to fortify our democracy in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic," Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. "Expanding vote-by-mail statewide is a necessity to protect our right to vote and our public health. Voting by mail has worked safely and securely in California for decades. Mailing every voter a ballot for this election is simply common sense."

"A few simple measures in AB 860 will further strengthen and complement the expansion of vote-by-mail. Providing vote-by-mail tracking options to all California voters will improve voter confidence. Allowing lawfully cast vote-by-mail ballots to arrive to elections officials 17 days following the election will protect against any disruptions in the postal service. And affording

elections officials more time to process vote-by-mail ballots will help with the efficiency of the vote count process for this unprecedented election."

AB 860 provisions for the November 3, 2020 General Election:

Requires county elections officials to mail every active registered voter a ballot; Requires every county elections officials to adopt a vote-by-mail ballot tracking system. Californians can sign up for the Secretary of State's "Where's My Ballot?" tool to receive automatic updates about the status of their vote-by-mail ballot by text (SMS), voice call, or email. Californians can sign-up at [wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov](http://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov/); Requires that county elections officials process and count ballots that were postmarked on or before Election Day and arrive to elections officials no later than 17 days after Election Day. Under current law, vote-by-mail ballots that arrive more than three days after the election are not counted; Allows county elections officials to begin processing returned vote-by-mail ballots 29 days before Election Day. Under current law, counties can begin processing vote-by-mail ballots 10 business days before an election. Results will still not be released until after all polls close on Election Night. ★

# Vehicle vs CHP Motorcycle Collision on I-80 Eastbound at Watt Avenue

By A.J. McTaggart, California Highway Patrol

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On June 17, 2020 at approximately 8:55 pm, The California Highway Patrol (CHP) received a call of a vehicle vs. a CHP motorcycle officer on I-80 Eastbound at the Watt Avenue overcrossing. Other CHP units responded to the traffic collision and discovered a Chevrolet S-10 Extreme had collided with Officer Arroyo's, ID

19090 CHP patrol motorcycle. Officer Arroyo was immediately taken to a nearby hospital for major injuries sustained in the collision. The solo driver of the Chevrolet (Ulises Emmanuel Briones-Rodriguez, age 36, out of Sacramento) fully cooperated with CHP investigators and was subsequently arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. The cause of the collision is still under investigation. Prior to the collision, Officer Arroyo

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