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The Next Level for Taylor

GHS Senior to Attend Simpson University on Wrestling Scholarship



Surrounded by his mentors, Jaden Taylor commits to wrestle for Simpson University on scholarship. Pictured left to right: Simpson head coach Rod Forseth, coach Joe Ruggiello, coach Asan Khan, and Jaden Taylor (center front). Photo provided by Michelle Montgomery

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Surrounded by his family, coaches, and future teammates, Gridley High School Senior Jaden Taylor was guest of honor at his commitment ceremonies held at Simpson University, Redding campus March 18th. Taylor will be attending Simpson University on a \$20,000 wrestling scholarship.

Taylor began his wrestling career with Gridley's Recreation wrestling program at 5 years old, eventually working with Yuba-Sutter Combat Wrestling Inc. until 8th grade, where he placed 5th in State. He then moved on to wrestle for Gridley High School where he worked with Coaches David Klingsheim and Asan Khan, and met, trained, and wrestled with Alec Flores and Jeffrey Rosales. In 2019, Taylor lost both teammates to two very different, equally tragic events: Flores was struck and killed by a vehicle, Rosales, lost to suicide.

Taylor's close friend and Coach, Asan Khan, says that after that series of ill events – the loss of his friends, his wrestling career not moving in the direction he would like, and then COVID-19 – Taylor made the decision to buckle down hard. Taylor's mother, Rachael Montgomery adds, "That was a hard patch for him. He just continued to work through it ... just take it to the mat every time."

Private workout sessions with the Khan family were fine tuning the wrestler's highly competitive skills and renewed drive and ambition in Taylor were noticed by his coaches. Coach Khan says, "I found his work ethic incredible.... he never complains.... he just goes and goes.... He's just such a tremendous teammate." Khan says Taylor's dedication is impressive, that the wrestler is not one to back down or be intimidated by a larger competitor and that the quiet, talented, and driven athlete is on the verge of greatness.

Taylor, who is described as a "man of few words" shares how wrestling has both pushed him to be better and comforted him during difficult times. "It's like an escape I guess," he says. "When I was younger, everything was about strength... I always wanted to be the fastest, I wanted to be the strongest, so that motivated me." But now, "if anything has gone wrong in my life, or like I'm depressed or like just had a hard patch in life, I've always had wrestling to take my mind off everything." Taylor looks forward to challenging himself further, "not for the fame," but recognition of his hard work and discipline.

Wrestling begins September 8th at Simpson University and Taylor is ready for it. Khan says, "He's very hungry... he's motivated" and the training at the college level will hone his skills further. "I'm so proud of him." Coach Khan continues, "The best years of wrestling are ahead of him ... He's going to be amazing." ★

City Considers New Meters and Discusses Feather-River Sewer Work

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Business as usual at the Gridley City Council meeting, held March 15th.

Gridley City Council voted unanimously to approve research into and cost analysis of multiple meter companies that would potentially replace Gridley's current, Itron Meter System. The council was informed the current system is inefficient, creating additional manual labor for multiple city departments to obtain clear and accurate data.

Electric Utility Director Danny Howard presented council with a variety of items to consider with regard to the old meter system. The current meters are at the end of their lifespan at 20+ years old, meter screens are unreadable and cumbersome to replace, meters are typically located in difficult to access areas on private property and many meters must be hand-read to get accurate readings or clear discrepancies. Gridley utility crews are often called out 10-20 times a month to take manual readings from meters. In addition, a Field Collection System software update later in the year is expected to cause issues with the already antiquated meters.

Howard suggested New Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) software which allows for real-time reads and connection, the ability to disconnect and reconnect of utility services from a City employee's computer, and other beneficial tools that could streamline utility data collection for the City of Gridley.

Moving on, City Council heard from City Engineer Dave Harden regarding planning and progression of the Feather River Sewer Crossing Project and additional services needed from Bennett Engineering Services (BENS). BENS has been working on a feasibility study for the replacement of the Feather River Sewer Crossing under a \$500,000 planning grant under Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Concern over the current location and condition of Gridley's 50+ year-old sewer force main has been expressed, specifically by downriver municipalities fearful of a contaminated water supply. Harden says, that "what we thought was going to be a pretty straight forward pipe replacement project" has encountered

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Celebrating Our Youth!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After the last year of lockdown, distance learning, and virtually no sports, our area youth could stand a little extra attention! That is why the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce has dedicated this year's Red Suspenders Day to them with the theme "Celebrating Our Youth!"

The Chamber is asking for help from youth in our community, youth groups, clubs, and organizations to get involved! They would like to see Red Suspenders Day 2021 full of kid-friendly fun and overflowing with youth participation. Kid-centric activities are being planned throughout the increased footprint of the Red Suspenders Day in Downtown Gridley. Potential groups or vendors with children's activities or games are asked to contact



This duo is ready to "Celebrate Our Youth" this Red Suspenders Day! L to R: Saxon Ross, Cohen Waite. Photo by Seti Long

the Chamber and a discount on parade entries for children's organizations is being considered (contact the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce for more details).

One of the major hopes

for this year is that the community will reinvigorate the tradition of the bed races and kick off pre-parade festivities. The Chamber is hoping Gridley youth can liven things up with their own beds! Teams must have at least one of their five-member crew aged 18 years-old or younger, make their own bed-cart out of a metal framed-bed, and be ready to don helmets for the faced paced race! The Chamber would like to see adult participation and supervision during construction and at the time of the races, Saturday morning at 9:30 am.

Other Red Suspenders Day festivities include a socially distanced Unjustice Court at Rotary Park, Friday, May 14th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, then on Saturday, beginning at 7:00 am the Little League Pancake Breakfast.

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Clearly, hands down, no debate - Brian Fesler (and the 16lb Bass photo in the paper last week) is the Outstanding Over Achiever Gridley High Alumni of the week. The guy married Stan Potoski's daughter and he gets paid to catch fish on a bass boat that costs more than the average person in Yuba City makes in a year.

Let's review our city seals (or logos) to get some insight into where we live. Live Oak has an Oak Tree with the words "Live Oak California". That's it - very minimalist, hip, cool, and modern. Live Oak had to add the word California after the 13th package meant for them went to a Live Oak in Florida (that city recently added the word Florida to their city seal). The Gridley City seal used to be a pheasant next to some reeds and rice stalks. Gridley has now upgraded to a seal that says "Gridley California" below a light bulb, the city arch silhouette, two square historic buildings, and a tree. Biggs' Seal is most definitely the busiest. It has a pheasant, a flock of geese, the Sierra Buttes, rice fields, rice stalks, a big shiny sun, and the phrase "City of Biggs - where the people own the power

and water." Biggs has not rebranded their seal for more than 30 years.

Mac's Market and Hardware is the official financial, commercial, nutritional, cultural, and self-defense gathering place for people in East Biggs, Manzanita, East Gridley, and the Labor Camp neighborhoods. As we get closer to Easter, they have baby chicks for sale. I love our community, where else can you refill your propane tank, get a loaf of bread, pick up a lemon tree, send money to Mexico and buy a live Chicken.

The Gridley Grille or Gridley Grill and Crab Shack seem to be the only place open for a sit-down breakfast nowadays. It is on Highway 99 between Gridley and the first open-pit mine on Nevada Street on the edge of Live Oak. The good news, the food is excellent and not everything is seafood (an issue for me). They have waffles, omelets, breakfast burritos, and pancakes, indeed a full traditional breakfast and lunch menu.

Frank Jr. and I took to the hills hiking this week and we recommend it to everyone. The wildflowers are in bloom and where we hiked there were so many flowers it made the wind smell like a bouquet. So if you have been wondering when you should go to catch the blossoms before they dry up and disappear, now is the time.

Ten extra points for the Lions Club hosting a drive-thru egg hunt. It's one of

those - get an A for effort situations. It is good of the Lions to make sure the entire egg hunting celebration did not get canceled completely. Thank you Lions.

Speaking of egg hunting, our family has a history of adapting the egg hunting activity to keep family members interested. Some years ago hiding soda pop was added to the hard-boiled vinegar dye kit colored eggs. This addition has kept the kids of various ages very enthused, for a while. Now we have kids showing up with grandkids so we have added plastic eggs filled with chocolate candies. Just as I settled in for the new tradition - an announcement went out on the family group chat announcing we are having "\$20 buy-in money eggs"- plastic eggs filled with cash - hidden with the hard-boiled eggs, soda pops, and plastic eggs. I must admit that my Jesuit-educated theological concerns have been piqued. This addition of filthy lucre (biblical lingo for money) to these quasi-religious Easter traditions of eating rabbit-shaped chocolate, hunting colored eggs and soda pop, buying baby chicks at the hardware store, and hosting a massive Easter Dinner feast could be a distraction from the central message of the events of Holy Week and rejoicing in the Resurrection of Jesus. I bet we'll do both.

Josh F.W. Cook, is a public administrator and educator. ★

Tax Dollars for Campaigns?



Commentary
by Doug LaMalfa

Our country is facing a deadly pandemic, millions have lost their jobs, our freedoms have been violated, free speech and even differing viewpoints are under attack, civil unrest is rampant, and the integrity of our elections is being questioned.

Yet, the first bill

Democratic leadership introduced in the House this year - their seemingly top priority - would enable treasury funding for political campaigns... up to \$6 million per candidate!

Are you kidding me?

In typical Democrat fashion of mislabeling something to hide its true purpose, they call it the "For the People Act"... but it is really the 'For the Politicians' Act.

It's hard to imagine what more Democrats could have done to clearly signal right out of the gate just how out of touch and self-interested they really are.

Election integrity is a critical issue we must address but using taxpayer fines to give to candidates to get elected is the about

most absurd idea I can think of.

To restore trust in our elections we must ensure elections end on election night, we must end ballot harvesting, require voter ID, and we must require signature verification to prevent voter fraud.

I am continuing to fight for election integrity, and it becomes clearer every day how critical it is that we end Democrat control of our country.

But I need you, your continued support is the only way we're going to win these fights. Will you help me with \$25 or more now and ensure we have the resources to restore conservative stewardship of our elections and our nation?

Thanks, Doug LaMalfa



MEMORIAL NOTICE

Debra "Debbie" Alyce Berman

February 15, 1952 to February 21, 2021

Debra "Debbie" Alyce Berman, age 69, passed away on Sunday, February 21st, 2021 at 4:36 AM at Enloe Medical Center in Chico, CA. Debbie was born on February 15, 1952 in Castro Valley, CA to her parents Phylis and Barney Nichols. In 1970 she was married to John Bazzano with whom she had two children, Tony and Michael Bazzano. Their marriage ended, and Debbie pursued nursing school in the spring of 1975. During her senior year she was placed in the Feather River District Hospital in Greenville in a six week training period of the Rural Clinical Nurse Placement Project. During this time she was featured in an educational nursing training film. She successfully graduated in 1978 where she delivered the class graduating speech.

On June 20th, 1982 Debbie married Joel Berman. Together they adopted their child Andrew Berman. They lived for many years in Biggs, CA. On Debbie's long and exciting



adventure, she experienced many achievements including but not limited to; managing her husband's podiatry office, working in many hospitals on the east and west coasts (with a particular fondness for newborn nurseries), case management and consulting, being designated a Cattery of Excellence by the Cat Fancier's Association of America, raising and showing Persian cats, being an active member of the Placer County

Foster Care Support Group where she provided a home for many children, as well as writing and illustrating the book So You Have Diabetes? She was also well known for her creative endeavors in sewing, painting, stained glass, gardening, cross stitch, crochet, and knitting. Debbie was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Judy Arnott. She is survived by her husband Joel, sons Tony, Michael, and Andrew, sister Cathy Bottorff, brother Mitchell Nichols, four grandchildren, and a large list of beloved family members.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Dovie Novella Griffin

A funeral service was held on Thursday March 25, 2021 at 10 a.m. at the Victory Chapel in Live Oak for Dovie Novella Griffin, 87 of Gridley. She was born October 13, 1933, in Reeds Spring, Missouri, one of 11 children born to George and Ova Johnson.

Dovie was a longtime resident of Gridley, having worked at Libby Cannery for many years. She was very devoted to her family and church. She was also instrumental in leading many to the Lord. She was always supporting her kids and grandkids in all their activities. She was a member of Victory Chapel in Live



Oak, which was her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne Griffin, two sons; Jack and James Patrick, and one daughter Janice Gentry.

She is survived by her daughter Linda Cabrera of Gridley, 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pastor Tim Stewart of Victory chapel will officiate the service. Interment was in the Gridley Biggs Cemetery.

Donations in Dovie's honor may be made to the Victory Chapel in Live Oak.



Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Kathryn Pfister

November 29, 1942 to March 13, 2021

Kathryn Pfister "Kathy or Chech" was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. She left this world unexpectedly on March 13, 2021, at the age of 78.

She was born to Robert and Elizabeth Haller on November 29, 1942. She attended Gridley schools. After graduating from high school, Kathy attended Yuba College. She married Tobe Pfister and together they had 3 children; Kristine, Joseph, and Nannette.

She loved spending time in her kitchen and gardening. Kathy was dedicated to her family and always put them first. She followed all of her family to their sporting events and rodeos and loved to travel up and down the state, and even out of state, to be part of their lives. There was no bigger fan! She never met a stranger and everyone that knew her gravitated to her gracious personality. Kathy



was a very spiritual lady and a lifetime member of the Presbyterian Church. She was active in many activities including teaching the word to others, choir and bells. She was unshaken in her faith, and her devotion to God was admirable.

She is survived by her children Kristine (Bill), Joseph (Clarissa), and Nannette; along with her grandchildren Zachary, Ethan (Jessica), Michael, Luke, Tristin, Ally, and Abigail; one great-grandchild Sage, her sister Margaret (Peggy) Neves, and her two nieces Lenore Rooney and Stacey Cranfill.

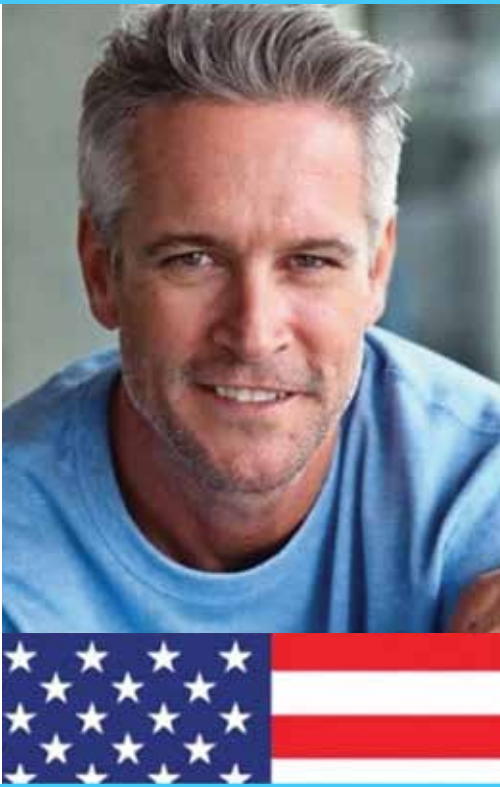
A graveside service will be held at Gridley Biggs Cemetery in the gazebo on Wednesday March 24, 2021 at 2 p.m. with a celebration of life immediately following, at the Gridley Moose Lodge.

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Livestock Coming back to the Butte County Fair

Butte County Fair Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Butte County Fair is excited to announce the 2021 Livestock Grading/ Evaluation Event. The Livestock show will be held in August. Due to COVID restrictions and the long planning cycle for this event, the Fair

has made appropriate changes. To create an event that will best meet the needs of the exhibitors in our county and the safety of all individuals involved, the schedule will be slightly elongated. The Fair must follow the State rules related to livestock shows.

The Butte County Fair Board and staff are

pleased to be able to offer our youth exhibitors the opportunity to participate in this event in August. The Livestock event details are in finalization stages. The 2021 Livestock rules will be posted within the next one-two weeks.

So, get your livestock ready and we will see you all this Summer! ★

Celebrating Our Youth!

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Classic Car Show, Donkey-Plop Bingo, Fireman’s Games (COVID-19 permitting) and best of all, opening day of Gridley’s Farmers Market! The day will culminate with the Gridley Museum’s annual Tri-Tip Dinner fundraiser.

Planning for this year’s Red Suspenders Day is in full swing, with provisions being

for socially distanced fun. Your continued patience and flexibility are asked for as the Chamber faces the challenges of planning such a large community event during the times of COVID-19. Updates will continue as Red Suspenders Day, May 15th, 2021 approaches. Please contact the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce at info@gridleyareachamber.org or at (530) 846-3142. ★

Food-Truck Fun This FRIDAY!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School Leadership Class has amped up the fun with creative, socially distanced fundraising events and now, something special for their classmates and community!

Friday, March 26th, the GHS leadership class will host their first Food Truck Lunch on the grass in front of the high school. Four favorite food trucks from the Gridley and surrounding areas have agreed to participate, with flavors ranging

from loaded baked potatoes, to burritos and pulled pork!

This is a private event for students until **after 12:45**, when leadership will open the event to the community and invite all to enjoy tasty treats from Daisy’s Churros, Campfire BBQ from Paradise, Spuds 4-U, and Chando’s Tacos from Sacramento. Chando’s Tacos will stay in Gridley till 4:00 pm. GHS Leadership suggests grabbing some grub before Friday’s first Football game of the season! ★

By Orchard Hospital Auxiliary

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Orchard Hospital Auxiliary is again opening its telecare service to all residents of the Gridley, Live Oak and Biggs communities. There is no charge. Those enrolled in the service will be called every Monday through Saturday morning

at 8:30 am just to be sure that all is well. In this time of isolation, it is good for all of us to keep in touch with others and a friendly voice is always welcome. Regardless of age or health status there is always a chance of a problem. Usually, it is just a chance for a friendly chat, but if there should be a problem of some kind, the

caller will contact a family member or neighbor to check on them. Almost all of us are feeling a bit alone right now and a call can sometimes help to ease the isolation. If you or a family member would like to take part in our service, please call (530) 846-2030 to be signed up or to find out more about the program.★

Community Blood Drive Coming Tuesday

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A Vitalant blood drive will be held Tuesday, March 30, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Ages 16 and older

may donate, 16 and 17-year-olds will need parent permission. Please fill out the parent permission form on site. Eat well and drink plenty of fluids before arriving.

As long as the donor is not having any symptoms

of any illness, there is no waiting period to donate blood after receiving the Covid vaccination.

Covid safety precautions will be in place. Make an appointment with Kathy Sannar at 530-570-8144. ★

CAL FIRE Investigators Determine Cause of the Zogg Fire

California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Press Release

SHASTA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Last year’s Zogg Fire in Shasta County started on September 27, 2020 and burned a total of 56,338 acres, destroyed 204 structures and caused four civilian fatalities and one non-life-threatening injury.

CAL FIRE investigators were immediately dispatched to the Zogg Fire and began working to determine the origin and cause of the fire. After a meticulous

and thorough investigation, CAL FIRE has determined that the Zogg Fire was caused by a pine tree contacting electrical transmission lines owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) located north of the community of Igo.

The Zogg Fire investigative report has been forwarded to the Shasta County District Attorney’s Office.

Californians must remain vigilant and be prepared for wildfire. For more information on how to be prepared, visit www.readyforwildfire.org or www.fire.ca.gov. ★

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major issues with the geography of the terrain, excluding directional drilling from the table.

Harden suggests micro-tunneling as the City’s only viable option. Additional services from BENS exceed planning grant reimbursable limit by a total \$68,037. The additional \$68,000 could be minuscule when compared to the cost of environmental impacts if hazardous materials were to leak in large amounts. Although the services of a diver are retained to inspect the

pipe every few years, Harden says, “We don’t really have a way to confidently say this pipe doesn’t leak in the river and if it ever does, it’s basically on Gridley for the environmental impacts.”

Therefore, City Council approved additional services for the Feather River Sewer Crossing project and moved into closed session to discuss and review “Scott McMillian et al vs. City of Gridley”, Butte County Superior Court, case no. 21CV00451. The Gridley Herald did not receive a report from closed session. ★



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DWR Adjusts State Water Project Allocation Following Dry Winter

California Department of Water Resources

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As California experiences a second consecutive dry year, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an adjustment to its initial State Water Project (SWP) allocation for the 2021 water year. The department now expects to deliver 5 percent of requested supplies this year, down from the initial allocation of 10 percent announced in December.

Initial allocations are based on conservative assumptions regarding hydrology and factors such as reservoir storage. Allocations are reviewed monthly and may change based on snowpack and runoff information. They are typically finalized by May.

“We are now facing the reality that it will be a second dry year for California and that is having a significant impact on our water supply,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “The Department of Water Resources is working with our federal and state partners to plan for the impacts of limited water supplies this summer for agriculture as well as urban and rural water users. We encourage everyone to look for ways to use water efficiently in their everyday lives.”

Ongoing drought conditions require the coordination of federal, state and local agencies. Today, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which operates the Central Valley Project, is also expected to adjust its initial CVP water supply allocation accordingly. The State Water Resources Control Board mailed early warning notices to approximately 40,000 water right holders urging them to plan for potential shortages by reducing water use and adopting practical conservation measures.

As a result of the persistent drought conditions, and in accordance with its permit for the long-term operation of the State Water Project, DWR has submitted a revised Drought Contingency Plan to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The plan provides updated hydrologic conditions and outlines areas of concern for the joint

operations of the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project, water quality, and environmental impacts.

DWR does not anticipate the need to pursue a Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) to allow for temporary changes to the water quality and outflow requirements for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The severity of the situation is particularly evident in the North State. Lake Oroville is currently at 53 percent of average. The Feather River watershed, which feeds into Lake Oroville, has seen significantly less precipitation this year than normal, on track for its second driest year on record. Following a below average 2020 water year, California’s major reservoirs are at 50 percent of capacity.

California is better prepared for drought than in the past. Following the 2012-2016 drought, DWR enacted many programs focused on managing the state’s water through a strategic, integrated approach with a strong emphasis on water use efficiency and conservation. The state provides assistance and tools to local water agencies to help them reduce their drought vulnerability. DWR’s Water Use and Efficiency Branch (WUE) provides agencies and individuals assistance for improving water use efficiency and developing and meeting efficient water use requirements.

The 5 percent allocation amounts to 210,266 acre-feet of water, distributed among the 29 long-term SWP contractors who serve more than 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland.

Allocations represent the amount of SWP water that DWR will deliver for the year and are reviewed monthly based on several factors, such as water in storage, environmental requirements, and rain and snow runoff projections. For 2020, the initial SWP allocation was 10 percent and the final allocation was 20 percent in May.

For information on current water conditions at the state’s largest reservoirs and weather stations, visit the California Data Exchange Center website at cdec.water.ca.gov/snow_rain.html ★

COVID -19 One Year Later: Americans Step Up to Address Families' Urgent Needs

By Stephen Walsh,
American Red Cross

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - One year since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, people have stepped up to address the emotional needs of families reeling from the coronavirus and 2020's record-breaking disasters.

Throughout our region and across the country, trained American Red Cross disaster mental health and spiritual care volunteers have had more than 53,000 conversations to provide emotional support to people in 2020 – which had the greatest number of billion-dollar disasters in a single year. In addition, trained volunteers have provided free crisis counseling through the Red Cross Virtual Family Assistance Center for grieving families during COVID-19.

"The past year has been overwhelming for many in our community, and yet through it all, people are caring for one another," said Regional Chief Executive Gary Strong. "When help can't wait, they provide families with the support they need during emergencies. During Red Cross Month in March, we honor this humanitarian spirit and ask you to join us by donating, giving blood, volunteering or taking a class to learn lifesaving skills."

What Is Red Cross Month: For nearly 80 years, U.S. presidents have proclaimed March as Red Cross Month to recognize people giving back through its lifesaving mission—which is powered by more than 90% volunteers.

A Growing Desire to Give Back: A 2020 study on a rise in volunteer

experiences added to LinkedIn profiles shows that more people want to help others during this unprecedented time. Last year, more than 70,000 people across the country became new Red Cross volunteers largely to support urgent disaster and essential blood donation needs. In addition, thousands of COVID-19 survivors – many new to blood donation – rolled up a sleeve to give convalescent plasma and help patients battling COVID-19.

How to Help: You can help ensure that families don't face emergencies alone – especially during a pandemic:

Donate: Support our Disaster Relief efforts at [redcross.org/GivingDay](https://www.redcross.org/GivingDay). A gift of any size makes a difference to provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance. Your donation will be part of our annual Giving Day on March 24 to aid families in need across the country.

Volunteer: Visit [redcross.org/VolunteerToday](https://www.redcross.org/VolunteerToday) for most-needed positions and local opportunities.

Give Blood: If you're healthy and feeling well, make an appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org). Your donation can make a lifesaving difference for a patient in need. As a thank you, those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma on March 15-26 will receive a Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Learn Lifesaving Skills: Take a class in skills like CPR and first aid to help in an emergency at [redcross.org/TakeAClass](https://www.redcross.org/TakeAClass). Online options include our Psychological First Aid for COVID-19 course, which covers how to manage stress and support yourself and others. ★

COVID Crisis Triggers Increase in Elder Abuse and Prejudice Aimed at Seniors

By John Grimaldi,
Assoc. of Mature American Citizens

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - There's been a worrisome increase in cases of elder abuse since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The senior advocacy organization's CEO, Rebecca Weber, says the surge is mainly due to self-isolation and other preventative measures that are in place to combat the spread of the virus."

According to the Website, PubMed.Gov, "Before the COVID-19 pandemic, elder abuse affected one in 10 American older adults annually. It has been assumed that the pandemic has brought with it a surge in elder abuse due to individuals ordered to stay at home combined with increased interpersonal stressors."

The measures in place to deal with the pandemic can limit in-person visits by caregivers, friends and family, making it difficult for the elderly living on their own to cope with physical and mental needs, leaving them vulnerable to abuse, Weber explains. "And then there are those unpaid family caregivers who have been left with reduced incomes or no incomes at all as a result of the COVID crisis. The stress they are under can readily result in abuse."

Nursing homes get most of the blame for elder abuse. But in too many cases, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse, the perpetrators are family members.

"Elder abuse is a widespread problem in America where 10,000 men and women celebrate their 65th birthdays each day; and where each year more people live longer than

ever before. It is no longer unusual for us to live to be as old as 80, 90 and 100 years or more these days thanks to healthier lifestyles and the miracle of modern medicine. But, with age come new vulnerabilities that can make any of us susceptible to the crimes of angry and greedy predators. And that's why it is up to younger friends and family who truly care to keep a watchful eye open for anomalies that indicate older loved ones may be victims," says Weber.

The Website sixtyandme reports that the most common type of abuse experienced by older Americans is neglect and that when senior citizens self-report abuse, statistics show that they are most likely to report financial abuse. "It is far more socially acceptable, at least in some people's minds, to report that they have been scammed than to state that somebody sexually abused them."

Meanwhile, a wave of "downright shameful intimidation" may be in store for the elderly as a result of COVID-19. The virus appears to have triggered a wave of prejudice directed at our older population, says AMAC's Weber. Younger generations appear to be blatantly revealing ageist tendencies on social media with messages referring to the coronavirus with insulting epithets such as "boomer remover" and "coffin dodger."

According to the medical journal, Psychiatric Times, "A Twitter analysis of 18,128 tweets between March 12 and March 21, 2020, showed that about one-quarter of all tweets [about 4,500] could be considered ageist, either because they included jokes or ridicule aimed at older adults or because their content downplayed the relevance of COVID-19 and/or implied their lives were less valuable." ★

The Last Thing We Needed

Commentary
by Michael Leach

The COVID 19 pandemic has increased substance abuse in America. As many feared, the virus was the last thing we needed, and it is no coincidence overdose rates are at an all-time high in America.

Substance abuse is an issue of magnitude in the United States. A drug epidemic that started with Oxycontin is now a part of our country's fabric, raging for over twenty years now. And though it may have taken too long, we finally began to make progress in reversing a trend of overdose deaths that had shortened the average US life expectancy. Rates began to drop and continued to do so for concurrent years, marking a substantial victory in just one of many battles that comprise the larger war.

But right when we thought we'd turned the tide, rates began to climb again. And then, the pandemic hit, and the last thing on anyone's mind was addiction. But those who work in the substance abuse treatment industry and the field of addiction knew one thing when we saw the news about COVID-19; things weren't about to get any better.

According to the CDC, Over 81,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States in the 12 months ending in May 2020, the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in 12 months. Synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl) appear to be the main reason

for the increase in overdose deaths. Thirty-seven of the Thirty-eight US jurisdictions with available synthetic opioid data reported increases in synthetic opioid-involved overdose deaths.

America's drug epidemic has taken a toll. It began in the early 2000s when prescription opioids, particularly Oxycontin, were overprescribed. The drug's manufacturer, Purdue Pharmaceutical, took on an aggressive marketing approach that used false claims about the drug's safety to get doctors to push the medication. These claims included that Oxycontin wasn't addictive when used correctly and was safer than other opioids. This was far from the truth. Many people were now addicted to potent opioids.

Since then, Oxycontin has been heavily regulated, and the formula changed to make it abuse-resistant. But the damage was done, and those people who became addicted to opioids just found a new source for the drug, heroin.

Heroin is not only stronger than Oxycontin, but it's far cheaper. Once people became addicted, all that restricting the drug did was force people onto illicit opioids. Those who could profit from this new pool of addicts did so by flooding the market with opioids. And some of the cheapest and strongest ones are synthetic.

Synthetic drugs are made in labs, usually overseas, and smuggled into America. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that has become one of

the biggest killers in America. It is many times stronger than heroin and is causing an overdose epidemic as we speak.

The pandemic causes stress. Many people have become unemployed and have fallen on hard times. Many of us have been isolated from friends and family and don't leave our houses much. And then there's the worry. Will we get the virus? Will our parents? Even worse, will we be the ones to give it to them?

All of these things can make it difficult for someone in recovery to stay clean. It can make it difficult for someone in active addiction to curb their consumption or consider treatment. And it can make it hard for those in treatment to continue their pursuit of recovery.

But it has also been difficult for many people who previously didn't have struggles with substance abuse and now find themselves looking for drug and alcohol treatment services. And even the landscape of these treatment services has changed, and the pandemic hasn't made them any more accessible to people.

The COVID-19 pandemic was the last thing we needed. But we can't forget about the epidemic that was here first.

Michael Leach has spent the majority of his career as a health care professional in the field of substance abuse and addiction recovery. He is a medical reviewer for the healthcare website Addicted.org and a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant. ★



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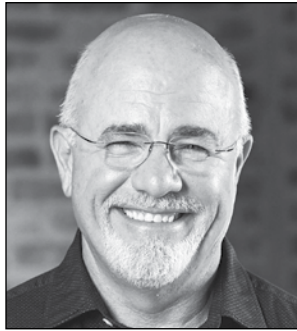
By Barbara Ott

It's Spring! The Spring Equinox has happened and the temperatures will start to warm the soil. You can notice this process by the way weeds grow. Some weeds seem to always grow but if you watch them carefully, you'll notice they stay small when it's cold. To make these observations you need to allow

some weeds to remain in your garden whether it is a vegetable garden or flower beds. The need to do weed observations is an excellent reason to not worry over much about getting weeds out of the garden. If they are all gone how can you use them as harbingers of Spring?

One of my favorite sayings is "Earth Abides". The Spring Equinox comes around and one can be assured that the days are getting longer and the soil will warm up. The warm soil will encourage the growth of roots whether they be beloved plants that have rested during the winter or annoying plants that are labeled weeds. The seeds that have rested in the earth abide and start

to grow. The plants whose roots have kept them alive, abide and start to grow. When that process starts, we know the air will continue to become warmer. Some years it gets too hot faster than in other years but we know this pattern will occur. The cycles of growth and water are part of what makes it so delightful to work in a garden whether vegetable or flower. Sometimes I think plants have done a great job of using us. It is to their benefit to have us well trained. We make sure they get the right light, the right soil, the right water. If they are wilty we try to help. If they are bug ridden, we work hard at getting rid of their pests. What great servants we are to our plants. ★



You May Already Have Some

Dear Dave,

I started listening to your radio show recently, and I heard you say people should have 10 to 12 times their yearly income in life insurance. I'm single, with no plans to get married. Plus, I don't have any children. Do I still need a big life insurance policy like that?

—Kris

Dear Kris,

I do recommend most people, if they work outside the home and are married — especially if they have kids — have 10 to 12 times their annual income in a good, level term life insurance policy. You only need life insurance to take care of things you leave behind when you die. So, when it comes to this kind of coverage, just think about anyone who might be left in a bad financial situation if you died. Your family could never replace you,

Dave Ramsey Says

but in most cases, they would need to replace your income.

Someone in your shoes might not need a traditional life insurance policy, especially if you've been smart with your money and saved up a pile of cash. A simple, inexpensive burial policy might work. There's also a good chance you already have a small amount of life insurance coverage built into an existing health insurance policy or bank account.

Good question, Kris. I'm glad you're looking for answers!

—Dave

Are You Willing To Do What It Takes?

Dear Dave,

I owe \$17,000 on my car, and it is my largest and only debt. I think I can have it paid off in two years, because I bring home about \$2,800 a month and my monthly expenses are \$2,100. I also just got a \$2,000 tax refund. Should I pay it off as fast as possible, or sell the car?

—Justice

Dear Justice,

If you think you can have the car paid off in two years or less, that's what I'd do.

The question is this: Are you willing to do what it'll take to make that happen? It's going to mean lots of discipline and hard work on your part, in addition to living on a really strict budget. But in return, you'll have that car loan off your back for good.

You don't want the debt on all your vehicles to be more than half of your annual income. If that's the case, it means you have too much money tied up in things that are going down in value. If you bring home \$2,800 a month, you probably make around \$40,000 a year. Technically, your car loan is under half in this scenario, but it's still pretty expensive. I'd get serious about getting out of debt, and pay the thing off!

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



only thing to make the changes needed in me, in you, in this country, in the world!

As we pray this Lenten season for peace and blessings, let us pray for changes in our hearts, our minds, and our lives, so we can (through the Lord change the world).

God has patience and love for even the worst of us. None of us are beyond God's mercy and saving grace. Praise God!!!

Sometimes we feel beyond God's help, because we have gone down the wrong path too long. Thank Goodness Paul was given a detour

on a road that changed his life for all of us gentiles (non-Jewish).

Thank goodness God spit Jonah from a big fish so he could do God's work. Thank goodness a thief on a cross next to Jesus found Paradise so his death on a cross would be remembered through generations because of his 12th hour repentance. Hope is never lost.

Cry out to the Lord! He hears us all, even the lowest of the low, weakest of the weak, lost of the very lost. What's wrong with this world? "We are!" Make the change and be saved by the Lord. ★

Tax Day for Individuals Extended to May 17

By David A. Tucker II,
Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON D.C. (MPG) - The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced that the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. The IRS will be providing formal guidance in the coming days.

"This continues to be a tough time for many people, and the IRS wants to continue to do everything possible to help taxpayers navigate the unusual circumstances related to the pandemic, while also working on important tax administration responsibilities," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Even with the new deadline, we urge taxpayers to consider filing as soon as possible, especially those who are owed refunds. Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get refunds, and it can help some taxpayers more quickly receive any remaining stimulus payments they may be entitled to."

Individual taxpayers can also postpone federal income tax payments for the 2020 tax year due on April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This postponement applies to individual taxpayers, including individuals who pay self-employment tax. Penalties, interest and additions to tax will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of May 17, 2021. Individual taxpayers will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by May 17.

Individual taxpayers do not need to file any forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the May 17 deadline can request a filing extension until Oct. 15 by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or using the Free File link on IRS.gov. Filing Form 4868 gives taxpayers until Oct. 15 to file their 2020 tax return but does not grant an extension of time to pay taxes due. Taxpayers

should pay their federal income tax due by May 17, 2021, to avoid interest and penalties.

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds associated with e-filed returns are issued within 21 days.

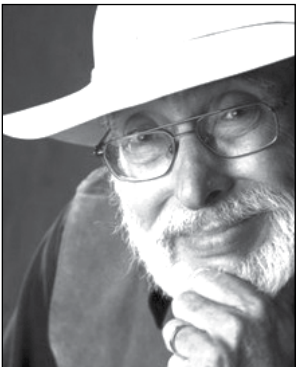
This relief does not apply to estimated tax payments that are due on April 15, 2021. These payments are still due on April 15. Taxes must be paid as taxpayers earn or receive income during the year, either through withholding or estimated tax payments. In general, estimated tax payments are made quarterly to the IRS by people whose income isn't subject to income tax withholding, including self-employment income, interest, dividends, alimony or rental income. Most taxpayers automatically have their taxes withheld from their paychecks and submitted to the IRS by their employer.

State tax returns - The federal tax filing deadline postponement to May 17, 2021, only applies to individual federal income returns and tax (including tax on self-employment income) payments otherwise due April 15, 2021, not state tax payments or deposits or payments of any other type of federal tax. Taxpayers also will need to file income tax returns in 42 states plus the District of Columbia. State filing and payment deadlines vary and are not always the same as the federal filing deadline. The IRS urges taxpayers to check with their state tax agencies for those details.

Winter storm disaster relief for Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas - Earlier this year, following the disaster declarations issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the IRS announced relief for victims of the February winter storms in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. These states have until June 15, 2021, to file various individual and business tax returns and make tax payments. This extension to May 17 does not affect the June deadline.

For more information about this disaster relief, visit the disaster relief page on IRS.gov. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"Oh bury me not," Herb sang, "on the lone prairie..."

"You're in a fine mood this morning, Herb. Pass me the hot sauce, will you?" said Doc. "Thanks."

Doc thought a second. "You feeling okay, guy?"

Herb shrugged. "Sure, Doc."

"How about the rest of you?"

We all nodded. "I'm good too," said Steve, which wasn't always a given in his case.

"Well," said our pal who sports more degrees than a thermometer, "I suppose it's this virus that has us thinking

about death. I hate it. In normal times, when do we ever think of funerals and burial and all that? Never, really. But now..."

"I know one thing for sure, Doc," said Dud. "If you keep putting all that hot sauce on your eggs, we'll be digging a hole for you sooner than we planned."

That started the laughing, but it also started us thinking, which can occasionally verge on the dangerous.

"There's always cremation ...," said Steve.

"Yep," Windy chimed in. "Goin' up to Oregon, Steve?"

"Why would I do that?"

"Well, they got this yere Tillamook Rock Lighthouse there. Named it after that Tillamook cheese I respect," Windy said. "Filled that sucker up with burned-up bodies. Mebbe so your body would be okay with them

guys. But you gotta burn up first. Just ashes in a can or something."

"You're kidding, right?"

"Nossir, Doc, it's a pre-imaginated fact fer shore. Lighthouse-type folks say there's over 467,000 burned-up folks in there already."

Steve shook his head. "Not for me, Windy. Don't like crowds."

"Well then," said Windy, "there's outfits that kin dump you in the ocean, or bury you on the lone prairie. And if you don't have a sleepin' bag, they'll sell you one. And if you don't want one, you kin just git ... buried, ya know?"

Doc nodded. "Cheaper than a casket, Steve." "Hmmm," he said. "Lone prairie sounds better to me. How's the view?"

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How Will California Spend \$150 Billion Windfall?



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Let's assume that your rich Uncle Harry died and when his will was read, he had left you \$50,000.

The unexpected inheritance gives you three choices. You could put the money into a savings account or investment and have it available should you need it in the future. You could use it for a one-time purchase such as a new car, college tuition or a down payment on a house. Or you could ramp up your lifestyle by \$50K a year and hope that Harry's brother George dies and leaves you enough money to continue the party.

Something like that is occurring now as Uncle Joe (Biden) sends out nearly \$2 trillion in "stimulus" payments both to low- and moderate-income families and state and local government entities to offset losses of income during the COVID-19 pandemic and, it's assumed, kick-start the pandemic-ravaged economy.

California will be a case study in how the massive transfer of money that the federal government is borrowing from buyers of its bonds and treasury notes plays out.

California is expected to receive the nation's largest single share of the pot, at least \$150 billion.

Nearly half will be in the form of cash payments to families (\$40 billion) and supplemental payments to the roughly 800,000 unemployed workers now drawing unemployment insurance benefits (\$30 billion). Most of that money, it's assumed, will go directly into the consumer economy, plus another \$3.8 billion for direct assistance on rent, food and other necessities.

The remainder of the \$150 billion will mostly go to state and local agencies as both unrestricted revenue and money for specific purposes, such as \$15.9 billion to help schools reopen, \$5 billion for colleges, \$4 billion for mass transit services, and \$3.9 billion for child care.

Throughout California, officials in the specific government agencies that will benefit from Uncle Joe's largesse are busily deciding how to spend it — and they face the same three choices as Uncle Harry's beneficiaries would.

The political pressure to spend it on new commitments will be immense. Advocates of specific programs, such as those seeking universal pre-kindergarten education and child care, will want to expand their reach. Public employee unions will seek increases in salaries and benefits.

Elected political figures don't like to say "no" to demands for immediate gratification and few have the courage to insist that one-time windfalls should be carefully husbanded rather than spent.

There's already a mini-version of the syndrome underway in California. The state has perhaps

\$15 billion in unexpected revenues because the pandemic-induced recession had little, if any, impact on high-income taxpayers and Gov. Gavin Newsom is under pressure to spend the windfall on program expansions, even though the state faces projected budget deficits in following years.

The problem, of course, is spending windfall money on new commitments, such as salaries, benefits and program expansions, backfires when the money is gone. Those commitments morph into entitlements and their beneficiaries then demand that politicians generate new income streams to pay for them.

There's already a debate underway in Washington over how much of the stimulus spending will become permanent and whether the federal government should continue borrowing to pay for it, or raise taxes.

Left-leaning Democrats in both Washington and Sacramento are floating new tax proposals, such as a "wealth tax" on those sitting atop the economic ladder.

Newsom simultaneously embraces, in principle, big expansions of entitlements, such as universal pre-kindergarten and single-payer health care, while warning that he won't embrace new taxes, apparently fearing they would chase away the high-income taxpayers who supply a huge portion of the state's revenues.

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

Large Amount of Drugs Found During Traffic Stop

Butte County Sheriff's Office
Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On March 14, 2021, Deputy Runyon made a traffic stop on Lincoln Blvd. at Ophir Road in Oroville, on a vehicle for vehicle code violations. Deputy Runyon contacted the driver, identified as Misty Black, age 33 of Oroville, and passenger, Timothy Jones, age 38 of Oroville. Deputy Arredondo arrived with his K9 partner "Chico" to assist with the traffic stop. Deputy Arredondo's K9 partner Chico alerted to the odor of narcotics after a free air sniff around the vehicle. During a subsequent search of the vehicle, Deputy Runyon located multiple packages of narcotics, totaling 25 grams of heroin, and 5.2 grams of methamphetamine. Deputy Runyon also located items that indicated possible sales of narcotics, to include packaging material (plastic baggies) and a digital scale.

Misty Black was arrested for possession of a narcotic controlled substance for sale (heroin) 11351 H&S, possession of a controlled substance for sale (methamphetamine) 11378(a) H&S, and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia (meth pipes and



Multiple packages of narcotics, totaling 25 grams of heroin, and 5.2 grams of methamphetamine were found. Photo BCSO

used syringes) 11364 H&S. Misty's bail was set at \$47,000.

Timothy Jones was arrested for possession of a narcotic controlled substance for sale (heroin) 11351 H&S, possession of a controlled substance for sale (methamphetamine) 11378(a) H&S, and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia (meth pipes and used syringes) 11364 H&S. After Jones was booked into the Butte County Jail, he was found to be in possession of 1.6 grams of heroin. Jones was also booked for bringing a controlled substance into the jail 4573 PC. His bail was set at \$62,000. ★

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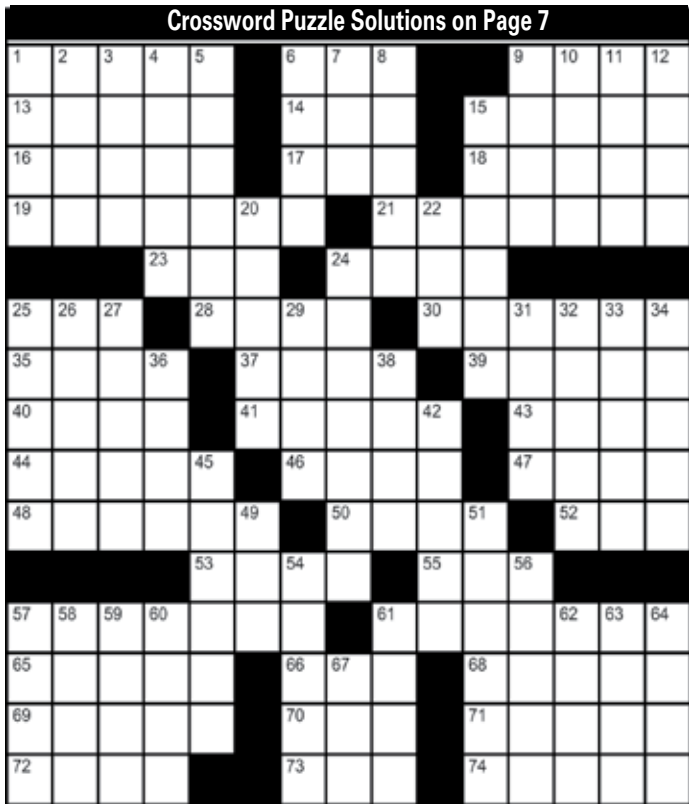
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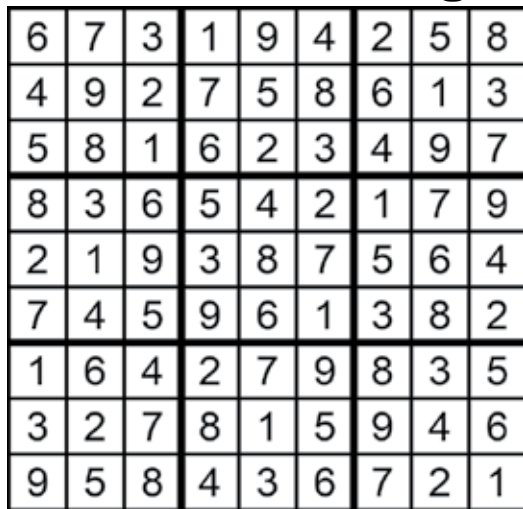
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 Gabriel Zaine Murray
 Clinton River Murray

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing April 7, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2021-0000258

The following persons are doing business as: D12 HOUSEBOATS
3060 Thorntree Drive, Suite 50, Chico, CA 95973
 Dustin Jenks, 68 Bobcat Saddle, Oroville, CA 95966
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 24, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2021-0000276

The following persons are doing business as: VAN FARM
357 W Liberty Road Gridley, CA 95948
 Van Sa Ho, 357 W Liberty Road Gridley, CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 26, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 2/22/2021
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #21CV00439

1. Petitioner Cynthia Faye Brandt filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name
 Cynthia Faye Brant

Proposed name
 Cynthia Faye Hill

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing April 21, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2021-0000254

The following persons are doing business as: URIOSTEGUI AUTO DETAILING
1374 Hwy 99, Gridley, CA 95948
 Alejandro Uriostegui, 1374 Hwy 99, Gridley, CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 23, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2021-0000332

The following persons are doing business as: SPITERIS DELICATESSEN AND CATERING
971 East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
 Nicole Marie Crippen, 550 Stilson Canyon Road, Chico, CA 95928
 Date Filed in Butte County: March 11, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2021-0000212

The following persons are doing business as: VALADEZ BEE SERVICE
110 Turner Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
 Perfecto Valadez Gonzalez, 164 Turner Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 12, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2021-0000269

The following persons are doing business as: RC CASTLE CONSTRUCTION
1019 Normal Avenue Chico, CA 95928
 Gary Charlesworth and Shawna Ralston, 1019 Normal Avenue Chico, CA 95928
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 24, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #21CV00440

1. Petitioner Christian Anthony Dunn filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name
 Christian Anthony Dunn

Proposed name
 Christian Anthony Watson

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing April 21, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
 Publish: March 19, 26, and April 2, 9, 2021 (The Gridley Herald)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2021-0000331

The following persons are doing business as: SISTER MUSE
1099 E 1st Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
 Aleah Panther, 1099 E 1st Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
 Date Filed in Butte County: March 11, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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Hispanic/Latino Neighborhoods Targeted by the Tobacco Industry

**By Ester Craig,
California Health Collaborative –
Si Se Puede**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Research shows that the Hispanic/Latino populations is often the target of menthol and flavored tobacco products. These findings are from the 2019 Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community campaign which looks at the availability and marketing of tobacco products, alcohol, condoms and healthy and unhealthy food options in California stores.

Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community is a statewide campaign formed by tobacco prevention, nutrition, alcohol abuse prevention and sexually transmitted disease prevention partners collaborating to improve the health of Californians. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of how communities, and specifically youth, are negatively impacted by the saturation of unhealthy products and product marketing in the retail environment.

The California Health Collaborative's Si Se Puede supported Butte County Public Health in conducting surveys in Gridley. Gridley currently has 14 retailers that sell tobacco. With a 47.8% Hispanic/Latino population, and with 26.2% of residents under that age of 21, it is vital that we have this data in order

to improve the health risks in the community of Gridley.

The 2019 survey found the following for Butte County: 89.5% of stores near schools have flavored tobacco products; 52.3% of stores have single little cigars/cigarillos; 96.1% of stores sell menthol cigarettes; And 64.1% of stores sell vaping products compared to the 54.7% CA State average.

Comparing Healthy Store data to Hispanic/Latino specific data available from the CA Tobacco Control program finds: Hispanic/Latino adult tobacco use prevalence (all tobacco products) is 19.0% and Hispanic/Latino youth tobacco use prevalence (all tobacco products) is 10.3%; There are on average 103.3 stores selling tobacco per 100,000 residents in Hispanic/Latino areas compared to 78 stores for the general population; The average price for a single flavored little cigar/cigarillo is \$0.91 in Hispanic/Latino areas; and 90.5% of stores in Hispanic/Latino areas sell menthol cigarettes.

For state and county- specific data and more information on Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community, please visit www.healthystoreshealthycommunity.com. For more information regarding Si Se Puede contact Esther Craig at ecraig@healthcollaborative.org. ★

Recall Process Holds Electeds Accountable



Ted Gaines

**Commentary
by Ted Gaines**

Governor Newsom looks certain to face a recall election. Voters – even his supporters – should be thankful that California has citizen empowerment tools to check corrupt, incompetent, unresponsive or simply unpopular government officials. If you favor accountability, look kindly upon the recall effort as a means of voters being heard.

It was not always so. In the early 20th century, California state and local governments, media, and courtrooms operated as little more than subsidiaries of the mighty railroads, which abused the public faith by buying and selling influence as though it was rail stock. Republican reform Governor Hiram Johnson revolted against railroad dominance by creating a direct-democracy end run around the moneyed Colossus that so easily and thoroughly controlled the state.

Johnson championed three major reforms: the initiative, the referendum, and, so critical now, the recall.

Each gave voters the chance to circumvent the existing and corrupted power structure that had silenced them.

Voters went from having little or no way to hold their representatives to account to having a powerful arsenal for self-determination, which they have used many times in the past century.

When runaway property taxes chased seniors out of their homes and broke family budgets, voters came together in 1978 to pass Proposition 13, the most consequential tax reform in state history. Prop. 13 has saved families billions in its four-plus decades of existence. This reform simply could not have originated in the legislature, whose appetite for more and more tax dollars is legendary, but only as an initiative from the people.

When Gray Davis short circuited during the energy crisis, voters famously used the recall to usher in Arnold Schwarzenegger as his replacement, to see if the Hollywood legend could right the ship of state.

Whether you supported Davis or Schwarzenegger or Prop. 13 is secondary to the power Governor Johnson's reforms invested in the people. The key element of his changes is that voters were given the ability to weigh in, to be heard, in ways that purely representative democracy does not allow.

Governor Newsom's detractors have accused him of decimating small business, failing to reopen schools, and disregarding his own restaurant-killing safety guidance. These criticisms have fueled another

grassroots effort to end his term early and find a better replacement.

Even if you support Newsom completely and think his handling of California is flawless, is it not a good thing for the Governor – and all politicians – to be haunted by the specter of accountability?

Hiram Johnson left us tools, not toys. It is not easy to place a recall on the ballot. To qualify, proponents need to submit valid signatures equal to 12-percent of the prior election's turnout total. This year, that means roughly 1.2 million signatures were needed to put our current Governor up for a vote of (no) confidence. That threshold is a huge hurdle and ensures that recalls will not be used lightly.

But that threshold also means it now typically costs \$5 million or so to qualify a recall or initiative for the ballot. This tool of the people runs the risk of being transported into the exclusive realm of big-money special interests who can afford paid signature gatherers, advertising, mail pieces and other tools of organization and persuasion. We should not let it turn into the very thing it was intended to fight. We should make it easier to qualify initiatives, referenda, and recalls, to keep them safely within reach of authentic grassroots efforts.

Newsom may or may not fare better than Davis. But win or lose, the recall is a signal to the current Governor and all politicians that they serve at the people's pleasure. ★

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUTTE
CASE No. 21PR00059
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Estate of Ray J. Penix, Decedent. NOTICE IS GIVEN that Kevin D. Penix as administrator of the Estate of Ray J. Penix, deceased, will sell at private sale on or after April 5, 2021, that certain improved residential real property located at 8 Hanging Tree Court, Oroville, California, A.P. No. 069-090-024, subject to confirmation of court. The terms and conditions of the sale are: All cash or part cash and part credit, the terms and

Notice of Water Rate Increase

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Biggs-West Gridley Water District approved an increase in rates for agricultural water service at its noticed regular meeting on February 24, 2021. The rate increase totals 2.0%. The rate tables showing the actual amount of the new rates by class of water service are available by contacting the District office at (530) 846-3317, or by emailing bcedillo@bwgwater.com. Consistent with Proposition 218 and Resolution No. 2018-02, the rates will take effect 30 days from approval and will be imposed for the 2021 irrigation season.

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conditions of which are acceptable to the administrator and the court, escrow and title insurance to be equally split, transfer fees paid by estate, prorations as of close of escrow, property to be purchased in its "as is" condition. Ten percent of the amount bid must be paid with the offer and the balance must be paid on confirmation of sale by the court. Bids or offers for this property must be made in writing and directed to the

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P.O. Drawer 111
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BIGGS-WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT CEQA MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines, the Biggs-West Gridley Water District ("BWGWD") hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project:

- Name of Project:** Biggs-West Gridley Water District 2021 Water Transfer Program.
- Project Proponent and Lead Agency:** Biggs-West Gridley Water District, 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road Gridley, California 95948; principal contact – Eugene Massa, Jr., General Manager, (530) 846-3317.
- Project Description:** BWGWD proposes to sell during the 2021 irrigation season up to 20,658 acre-feet ("AF") of water to participating member districts of the State Water Contractors, Inc. or other south of Delta purchasers, including Central Valley Project contractors (collectively, "Buyers"). Buyers and others are seeking up to approximately 300,000 AF of transfer water from various willing sellers in the Sacramento Valley during the 2021 irrigation season. Purchasing this water would lessen potential water supply shortages to these parties that may occur as a result of dry hydrologic conditions and regulatory restrictions on pumping in the Delta. As a willing seller, BWGWD would make up to 20,658 AF of water available to Buyers by idling cropland (i.e., non-irrigation of farmland by voluntary participants). Water made available by crop idling within the boundaries of the BWGWD would then be retained and stored by the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") in Lake Oroville for delivery to Buyers. BWGWD's proposed transfer will comply with the most current Draft Technical Information for Preparing Water Transfer Proposals prepared by DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation dated December 2019 (Draft Technical Information), as applicable to land idling transfers.
- Project Location:** The project area, from which the water for this transfer will be made available, is defined by the BWGWD's legal boundaries, which encompass approximately 34,800 acres in the northern Sacramento Valley, mostly in Butte County with a small portion of that acreage in Sutter County (See attached draft IS/MND). Within the BWGWD's boundaries are approximately 31,300 irrigable acres, of which approximately 22,739 acres are dedicated primarily to the production of rice.
- Hazardous Waste Sites:** The project location is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.
- Public Review:** A copy of the draft Initial Study and related documentation is available for public review at www.bwgwater.org and during business hours at BWGWD's office at the above address. Public comments on this proposal to adopt a negative declaration will be received by BWGWD at the above address beginning on March 26, 2021 and ending at 3:30 p.m. on April 26, 2021. Following the review and comment period, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be on the District Board of Directors' agenda for potential adoption at a noticed regular or special meeting to be held at a later-determined date at the District's offices located at 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road, Gridley, California.

Dated: March 17, 2021

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Eugene Massa, Jr., General Manager
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SPORTS

Wolverines Varsity Football Get Revenge on Los Molinos 52-8



Biggs High School varsity football players, Cody Roles (#32) and Camren Jackson (#8), celebrate after Roles scores on a 21-yard touchdown reception against the Los Molinos Bulldogs on Friday. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Biggs High School varsity football player, Parker Finley (#22) races down the sideline against the Los Molinos Bulldogs as teammate, Shavon Gramps-green (#46) celebrates during the game. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - 20-10 was the final score of the second round of the 2019 playoff game between Biggs Wolverines varsity football team and Los Molinos Bulldogs; in favor of the Bulldogs. A season filled with huge aspirations abruptly ended, leaving a void for far too long before having an opportunity at revenge.

Friday, March 19, 2021, fans packed Del Kalbach Stadium in Biggs, CA to watch their beloved Wolverines take on Los Molinos Bulldogs in the

second game of their 2020-2021 season. On the first play of scrimmage, the Wolverines recovered a Bulldogs fumble and drove 45-yards for the 1-yard score by Parker Finley. And the Wolverines never let up. The explosive offense and stellar defense controlled the game from start to finish. The Wolverines would put on another spectacular performance to get their revenge on the Bulldogs 52-8.

Finley finished the night with 163 all-purpose yards, 65 of those coming from a kick-off return to start that second half that he took to the house. Finley rushed

for 98 yards and scored two touchdowns. Shavon Gramps-green tallied 137 all-purpose yards, with 105 yards on the ground with two scores, and one reception for a 32-yard score. Quarterback Gregg Slusser completed two passes for 53-yards, both resulting in touchdowns. Slusser also had 49-yards rushing and one interception on defense. Junior tight end, Cody Roles, got in on the scoring action with a 21-yard touchdown reception.

In a post game interview, Finley had nothing but great things to say about joining this electric Wolverines team. "Feeling great. Best team I've been a part of. They've welcomed me in with open arms. We just went to work right away. The past three weeks have been a blast." And a blast it has been to watch this Wolverines team on the gridiron.

In two games, the Wolverines have outscored their opponents 103-16. Their next game is scheduled for another home game at Del Kalbach Stadium on March 26, 2021, against Portola High School. ★

Gridley Little League Says "Let's Play Ball!"



Gridley Little Leaguer, Jaden Solis, runs to first base during Gridley's Opening Day first game on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Solis would go on to score the winning run by stealing home for the 8-7 victory. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Gridley Little League softball players pose for a picture during Gridley's Opening Day on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - It couldn't have been a more perfect day for Little Leaguers to be back out on the ball fields for some baseball and softball. Family and friends packed the stands, brought their lawn chairs and posted up to watch some much needed competition and feel a sense of normalcy back into their lives. One spectator, in all smiles, said, "Look around us. The sun is shining. There are ball players everywhere. There are fans everywhere. This feels amazing!" From 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.,

Little Leaguers in T-Ball, Farm, Minors, and Majors flooded Manuel Vierra Park in full uniform with their baseball and softball equipment ready to take on the day. For the first time in over a year, ball players got to show their skills in pitching, fielding, hitting, and base running. And what a spectacular showing it was!

The Minors Rangers baseball team took the field against the Minors Braves baseball team to get the competition started. In a close back and forth battle, the Braves won the game in walk-off fashion when Jaden

Solis stole home for the 8-7 victory. The Minors softball Lady Giants walked away victorious in a 15-9 game. The Majors softball Lady Rangers won 8-5. The Majors baseball Giants won 17-7.

Every year on opening day for Gridley Little League, the board invites a special guest to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. This year, opening day ceremonies were canceled, but that didn't stop a special guest from being invited out to be honored. Mr. Dick Jones was this year's special guest at the ball field dedicated to him, where the Majors and Minors baseball players play their games. ★



Gridley Little League t-ball player, Maddux Solis, chases down the ball in full catcher's gear during the Opening Day game. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

Almost Back to Normal with a Multi-Schools Event

By Steve Allard

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - It happened quickly. Within minutes of getting the green light from the county officials, Chico High's head coach, Kevin Girt, threw together a multi-school cross country meet in a few days. Girt explained, "I have been petitioning since January to host a meet and we finally got an approval on Wednesday, around noon." Seven schools (Core Butte, Chico, Gridley, Orland, Oroville, Pleasant Valley and Red Bluff) from Glenn, Tehama, and Butte attended the Butte

County Cross Country Championships Saturday, March 13th, at Hook Oak Park, Chico.

The weather was perfect as the top runner from Chico, Mario Giannini (11) set a new personal record. He finished the 5K course with 15:47.18. 2nd place was teammate Liam Sehorn (12) with 16:26.75 and 3rd was Renton McGregor (11) from Pleasant Valley with 17:07.55. Jack Hervey (12) and Nate Solecki (11) finished 4th and 5th with 15:15.70 and 17:37.74, both from Chico.

Damian Mendoza Jr., crossed the line

23rd overall at 20:23.2. "It was the toughest race of the season," as he caught his breath at the finish. Mendoza is currently ranked 15th in Div 4 and 42nd in Norcal. Not bad for an athlete who joined cross country as a way to get into shape his freshman year. Cross Country newcomer, Gordon LaBuff, finished 26th at 22:23.3. Gordon decided to run because swimming (his normal sport) was not allowed this year.

In the women's 3.3K JV/Open race, Janessa Delgado (9) was second behind the first-place runner from Orland, Itzel

Esquivel (10). Itzel broke the tape with 14:33.42 and Janessa was a few steps behind with 14:34.6. The two runners battled for supremacy throughout the entire race, each taking turns leading. It was the final 200 meters when Esquivel turned on the jets towards the finish line and Delgado did her best to keep up. Finishing 7th overall, Giselle Fuentes (9) set a PR and finished with 15:41.9 after recovering from the common cold the day before the race.

Only 4 runners from Gridley competed in the race. ★

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Newsom’s One-Man Rule Cripples California Economy, Business and Students’ Livelihoods

By Jacqui Nguyen,
California Senate Republicans

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - It has been 365 day since Governor Newsom issued a stay-at-home order with the promise that it would be only for a few weeks to fight the pandemic and flatten the curve. Fifty-seven Executive Orders later, an estimated 19,000 businesses have shuttered their doors and others are teetering on the brink of closure, 1.7 million Californians are unemployed, and fraudulent unemployment claims climb to \$31 billion dollars, and there is no end in sight with the Governor refusing to relinquish his ‘one-man rule.’

Senate Republicans introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 5 last December to end the Governor’s state of emergency power, and reestablish the Legislature’s Constitutional co-equal status, but so far, a hearing has not been set for this measure.

“A year ago, Governor Newsom shut down the state based on the prediction of a worse-case scenario. At the time, the Governor promised us his decisions would be based on sound science and data, but when the predictions did not pan out, he refused to pivot to a new strategy. Instead, he doubled down on his command and control policies. When questioned about the data driving his decisions, he claimed people would not understand – that it was ‘too complicated.’ What people do understand Governor is that your policies devastated our businesses, cost millions of jobs and have left our children with mental health problems and learning loss. It is time to end your ‘one-man rule.’” - *Senate Republican Leader Scott Wilk (Santa Clarita)*

“It’s time for the Governor to return power to the people and their representatives in the Legislature. The one-year anniversary of his commandeering of immense emergency powers highlights the arbitrary and haphazard nature of his one-man rule. With many small businesses on life support and in-class school instruction lacking in many communities, having the Governor continue his one-man rule is not working well for many Californians.” - *Senator Patricia Bates (Laguna Niguel)*

“Governor Newsom’s COVID shutdown took jobs from millions of Californians, shuttered the dreams of small business owners and left a generation of school children with a learning gap and struggling with the mental health effects of isolation. His government

programs have been grossly-mismanaged. Millions of unemployed Californians had to deal with the bureaucratic EDD nightmare, which denied them timely access to critical benefits, all while the department allowed billions of dollars in fraud and waste. The Governor’s policies lurched from one proposal to another with confusing, conflicting and ever changing guidelines. While Californians had to comply with his rules, they did not always apply to the Governor himself who infamously dined indoors, unmasked, with powerful lobbyists and sent his children to an elite private school so they could receive in-person schooling. California deserves better than the one-man rule we have seen this past year.” - *Senator Shannon Grove (Bakersfield)*

It’s been one year since Governor Newsom ordered California to shut down. Since then, Governor Newsom has issued 57 Executive Orders and unilaterally changed over 400 laws. California’s unemployment claims have skyrocketed, businesses have shuttered, and Californians have fled the state in record numbers. Children fell behind in their education as nearly every school across the state shut down. And even with all this sacrifice in the name of safety, California’s COVID-19 case and death numbers are no better than states that remained open. Leadership starts at the top. It is time we do better and end the one-man rule.” - *Senator Brian Jones (Santee)*

“It’s been a year since Governor Newsom declared a state-of-emergency for the state of California,” said Senator Melissa Melendez (Lake Elsinore). “Since that day, thousands of businesses have permanently closed their doors; millions of Californians have lost their jobs and are on unemployment; EDD has doled out billions of dollars in fraudulent claims; and shuttered schools have tarnished the educational experience for California children. It’s time we take this unilateral control away from the Governor for good because Californians have had enough!”

“As I reflect on California’s statewide shutdown anniversary, I am reminded that we are strong and resilient. We have seen many step up to support one another in unprecedented ways. Our state is slowly reopening, but there is still a lot of work to be done. I remain committed to helping every Californian get back to their everyday lives and will continue to work towards providing the tools necessary for our communities to thrive.” - *Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (Yucaipa)* ★

Airport’s New Human Trafficking Detection Program Announced

Samantha Mott,
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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Every year traffickers use trains, buses, planes and ships to transport thousands of victims, hiding them in plain sight while traveling to destinations around the world. As the eyes and ears in airports and global transportation systems, airport employees are uniquely positioned to help combat the issue of human trafficking.

January was National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and in recognition of that, the Sacramento County Department of Airports (SCDA) partnered with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop a new Human Trafficking Awareness and Reporting training program.

Together with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Transportation, the Blue Campaign, a division within the DHS Office of Partnership and Engagement, created the Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI).

The BLI program is designed to provide airport employees with the tools needed to take advantage of their unique position and ability to identify potential



As the eyes and ears in airports and global transportation systems, airport employees are uniquely positioned to help combat the issue of human trafficking. Image by Ahmad Ardity from Pixabay

human trafficking victims and notify federal authorities.

In 2018, then California Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 2034. This bill requires transit agencies like bus and light rail stations to provide human trafficking training to employees who may interact with traffickers and/or their victims.

Although the bill does not apply to airport agencies, SCDA has decided to move forward and join this partnership to provide training to all of its employees.

“SCDA leadership feels strongly about this program,” said Airport Director Cindy Nichol. “We realize the potential impact it can have and we are committed to offering this training to our employees.”

In addition to a number of other Federal agencies, there are approximately 10 other

airports, 26 airlines, and six industry associations taking part in the program.

Participating BLI partners instruct their employees using the BLI virtual training module and associated printed educational materials. The training may be integrated into partners’ initial or refresher training for flight attendants, pilots, customer service representatives, and other aviation industry personnel.

The Blue Campaign is the unified voice for the DHS efforts to combat human trafficking, working with federal, state, and local governments, as well as law enforcement, public, and private organizations. The Blue Campaign strives to protect the fundamental right to freedom and bring those who exploit human lives to justice. ★



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