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Local Mask Makers Fill Critical Need

Story by Shaunna Boyd

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As COVID-19 continues to spread, essential workers are facing a dwindling supply of protective masks. So, volunteers from around the region have stepped up to fill the need, sewing and donating thousands of masks.

Jodi Groves, a member of the Golden Valley Quilt Guild, made more than 50 masks, enough for each employee at the Front Street Animal Shelter to have two each. Groves said that the employees at the animal shelter are not considered safety workers, so they are not offered any protective gear. "But they're still out there," said Groves, "taking care of the animals."

Groves said other members of the Guild are making masks for staff at hospice, the VA, and Mercy San Juan. "When someone reaches out, we're on it," said Groves. "Quilters are known for being very giving people. One of us will take it on."

Tayva Singer, owner of Cali Quilt Co at 7900 Winding Way in Fair Oaks, wanted to do something to help during the pandemic. So, each day for weeks Singer set out more than 100 kits of fabric and elastic so people could make masks at home. She estimates that well over 1,000 masks were created from the kits.

"There's a need, and we had the fabric," said Singer. "We all need to chip in. We all need to help each other."

Anytime a doctor or nurse reached out, Singer gave them enough kits for themselves and for others on their staff. And she was moved by



Above: Giana DeGracia and her daughter, Sawyer Huff, show off their new masks. Photo courtesy of Cali Quilt Co. **Right: Folsom Mask Maker volunteer Karen Hamer works at her sewing machine to fill the critical need for protective masks.** Photo courtesy of Folsom Mask Makers



the amount of people who wanted kits so they could donate the masks to local healthcare workers: "The generosity is overwhelming."

Singer was happy to help her community in this time of need, and she never even considered

selling the kits: "We don't want to profit off hardship."

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Drive-in Church Services Now Permitted

**Center for American
Liberty Special Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As a result of the Center for American Liberty's lawsuit (@Liberty_Ctr) and request for a temporary restraining order, drive-in religious services are now permitted in California during the COVID crisis.

This policy change, reflected in announcements from the two counties sued in our lawsuit, comes hours after Governor Newsom and Attorney General Becerra filed their brief in response to our TRO filed on Tuesday.

In their response, Governor Newsom and AG Becerra explain that because cars are "technology," drive-in church services are permitted under the state's shelter-in-place rule.

The Order states – "the State confirmed that in-person services are prohibited but clarified that "...drive-in worship services are permitted under the existing Executive Order, which expressly allows 'faith based services that are provided through...other technology."

San Bernardino County's press release states, "The state has declared that drive-in worship services are allowed 'as long as the individuals engaged in such services abide by physical distancing guidelines and refrain from direct and indirect physical touching of others."

"This is heartening progress for our clients, and all Californians" said Chief Executive Officer of the Center for American Liberty, Harmeeet K. Dhillon (@pnjaban). "But while this is a step in the right direction, it is still not enough."

"The state is still holding houses of worship to a different standard," Dhillon said. "AG Barr's statement on Tuesday was clear, states cannot have two sets of restrictions – those that apply to churches and the more relaxed standards that apply to other entities. The State's orders still do not define worship as an essential activity that permits travel in California, even while at the same time the state is now saying drive-in worship is permissible. The orders are riddled with contradictory and confusing language."

For more information about this case, please visit <https://libertycenter.org/pf/gish-v-newsom/>

Sac DA: Enforcement of Public Health Order in Sacramento County

**Sacramento County
District Attorney's
Office Special Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Since the Public Health Order went into effect on March 20, 2020, Sacramento area law enforcement agencies have primarily taken an education-based approach to gain voluntary compliance when addressing violations of the Public Health Order. While education continues to be the primary focus of all agencies when it comes to violations of the Health Order, law enforcement agencies in Sacramento County will now also take enforcement action on violations of the Public Health Order that clearly put the health and safety of our communities in jeopardy. This includes the cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Citrus Heights, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County Parks Police, Fulton-El Camino

Parks, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. Each of the police chiefs and Sheriff have continued to collaborate on a measured and balanced approach to enforcement of the Health Order in Sacramento County.

On April 12, 2020, Sacramento Sheriff's Office and Sacramento Police Department responded to multiple reports of "sideshows" that occurred throughout Sacramento County. These incidents involved estimates of 100 or more people gathered closely in the streets and resulted in one collision into a police vehicle. These sideshows are not only dangerous, but are an obvious violation of the Public Health Order.

Over the past three weeks, law enforcement agencies in Sacramento County have also responded to calls involving large

house parties and other gatherings that were clearly in violation of the Public Health Order.

Events like these undermine the efforts of our communities which have worked hard to make a difference in this health crisis. Because of this, in addition to citing appropriate vehicle code and penal code violations, law enforcement agencies throughout the Sacramento region will begin conducting enforcement on reoccurring or blatant violations of this Health Order.

"We know that the vast majority of our community will continue to comply with the Public Health Order, and an educational approach will still be effective," said Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn. "This move towards limited enforcement addresses those that blatantly put the community at risk by engaging in obvious violations of the

Public Health Order."

"It is important for folks to understand that all of Sacramento law enforcement is united in our desire to keep our communities safe, and in our willingness to enforce the order against unreasonable violations," Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones also stated.

Health and Safety Code 120295 states that violating either a state or a local isolation order constitutes a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine between \$50 and \$1,000. Each day of violation is a separate offense with jail and/or a fine between \$50 and \$1,000.

Government Code 8665 provides that anyone who violates, refuses, or willfully neglects to obey any lawful order or regulation during a State of Emergency is guilty of a misdemeanor. The penalty for a violation of this code is up to 6 months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000. ★



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Help Needed For 6-Year-Old "Silent Angel" with Rare Disease

Alisandra Zamora of Gold River is Fighting Rett Syndrome



Alisandra Zamora is a six-year-old who is living with an extremely rare diagnosis of Rett Syndrome. Photo: Help Hope Live

By Emily Progin, Help Hope Live

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - "When you combine ANGEL and FIGHTER, you get Alisandra." That's how Gold River mom Veronica Rodriguez describes her six-year-old, Alisandra Zamora, who is living with the extremely rare diagnosis Rett Syndrome as well as Charcot Marie Tooth 1A. Veronica and her "silent angel" need help from their community to cover the cost of Ali's care.

"Ali was in and out of the hospital since she was nine months old," explains Rodriguez. "Doctors discovered she was silently aspirating, meaning that food was going into her lungs. She couldn't eat by mouth anymore, and from there, it was a downhill battle with seizures, sleep apnea, and life-threatening situations." Just before she turned four, doctors diagnosed Alisandra with Rett Syndrome, which affects just 1 in 10,000 female children. Because of the diagnosis and other

physical issues, she cannot speak, walk, eat, or breathe without assistance, which means she requires 24-hour-per-day care.

Rodriguez, who has two other children, was born and raised in San Diego but moved to Gold River specifically to secure better care for Ali and stronger professional opportunities. Though Alisandra's care takes up most of Rodriguez's time, she still volunteers at her children's school and regularly attends St. John's Church in Folsom. "The coronavirus has put a stop to that," she explained—Alisandra's diagnosis could make her uniquely vulnerable to the virus because of her compromised immune system.

"Through all the trials and tribulations, she is resilient, always happy and content," Rodriguez says of Alisandra. "Finding a balance between her needs and raising two other kids can be difficult." The family's biggest struggle is financial: insurance refuses to cover the cost of a wheelchair-accessible van, which will allow Alisandra to continue attending weekly doctor's appointments and physical therapy sessions as she grows. To help with the cost, Alisandra's family has turned to the national nonprofit Help Hope Live.

Make a donation in honor of Alisandra Zamora at <https://helphopelive.org/campaign/17205/>. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and all funds raised will be managed by the nonprofit to cover only verified medical and related expenses. Help Hope Live verifies medical and financial need for every patient.

Help Hope Live is a national nonprofit that specializes in engaging communities in secure, tax-deductible fundraising campaigns for people who need a transplant or are affected by a catastrophic injury or illness. Since 1983, campaigns organized by Help Hope Live have raised over \$136 million to pay patient expenses. ★

Ask Toni

Laid Off... Turn 65 April 30th What Do I Do??



Toni King

Toni:

I need your help to enroll in Medicare because I will turn 65 on April 30th. On April 10th, I was laid off due to the current economic conditions. My employer benefits ended the day I was laid off. I have no idea what to do!! A friend recently gave me a Toni Says® newspaper article with your information and said I could email you regarding getting my Medicare started as quickly as possible. I am concerned that I will get the dreaded Medicare Part B penalty because I didn't have Medicare start April 1st. I cannot get a straight answer as to what we need to do. Help me Please!!

~ Mary Ann from The Woodlands Area

Mary Ann:

Every day I am hearing from Americans who are losing their jobs due to these trying times with Coronavirus and downfall of the economy. Don't fret, Mary Ann... April is your birthday month and you can enroll anytime in April and your Medicare Part B will begin May 1st. You do not have to wait until April 30th to enroll nor have you made a major

mistake because your Medicare Part A and B did not begin on April 1st.

Medicare has a special enrollment window called the enrollment effective date schedule, which is NOT mentioned in the Medicare and You handbook but is discussed in my new Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition.

On page 5 of Chapter 1 in the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition, there is a chart with a timeline explaining when and how to enroll when turning 65.

The official Medicare & You handbook, only discusses Medicare's "Initial Enrollment Period" and does not go into detail.

Below is what you need to understand regarding Medicare's effective date schedule:

- **Enrolling anytime 3 months before turning 65**, your Medicare begins the first day of the month you turn 65. *Since you, Mary Ann will turn 65 on April 30th of this year; you could have enrolled in Medicare Part A and/or B in January, February, or March (3 months prior) for an April 1st effective date. But you missed this window of opportunity and have other options.*

- **Enroll in Medicare the month you turn 65** which is April, then your Medicare will begin 1 month after you sign up which is May 1st. *You can enroll in a Medicare Supplement without answering one health*

question because you are in your Medigap 6-month enrollment period.

Now the fun begins:

- **Enroll in Medicare 1 month after you turn 65**, your Medicare will begin 2 months after you sign up. Enroll in May; Your Medicare Parts A and B begin August 1st.
- **Enroll in Medicare 2 months after you turn 65**, your Medicare will begin 3 months after you sign up. Enroll in June; Medicare will begin October 1st.
- **Enroll in Medicare 3 months after you turn 65**, your Medicare will begin 3 months after you sign up. Enroll Medicare in July your Medicare will begin November 1st.

Mary Ann, your important 6-month Medigap/Medicare Supplement open enrollment application period begins on the 1st of the month, which you have enrolled in Medicare Part B and you do not have to answer one (1) medical question. There is a 6-month window to apply for any Medicare Supplement without health underwriting.

Toni King, author of the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition, which is a simple guide that puts Medicare in people terms, is having a \$5 Toni Says® readers discount at www.tonisays.com. If you have any questions regarding this article or any Medicare issues reach out to Toni at 832-519-8664 or email at info@tonisays.com. ★

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Local Mask Makers Fill Critical Need

Folsom Cordova Selects Next Director of Communication and Community Engagement



Tayva Singer, owner of Cali Quilt Co, gave away fabric and elastic so people could sew and donate more than 1,000 masks. Photo courtesy of Cali Quilt Co.

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 “People don’t feel safe right now,” said Singer. In the face of all that fear, she said it feels good to be able to do something that can help people feel a little safer.

The Folsom Mask Makers group was launched in mid-March,

materials, washing and ironing the fabric, preparing sewing kits, and delivering the finished masks. The masks are donated to local hospitals, medical centers, and other healthcare workers on the frontline of this crisis. Some masks are donated to community members as

Sacramento area hospitals. Karen Pizzo McConnell, costume design and seamstress at El Dorado Musical Theatre, is coordinating the volunteers working on the N95 cover masks approved for donation to ICUs at Mercy San Juan Hospital.

With her sewing experience, McConnell said she was “the resident [sewing] expert answering questions all day on the group site. When Mercy San Juan asked for a mask that required a more experienced hand, we realized we needed a second group dedicated to [N95 mask covers].” Hundreds have already been delivered to Mercy, filling that critical need for those who spend their days caring for others.

“Each of us are trying to keep up with the needs of family and an ever-dwindling supply,” said McConnell, “but we will produce until the need is longer there.”

Volunteers with Folsom Mask Makers understand the need for these masks since many of them are healthcare providers, already working long shifts to care for patients. They spend their free time volunteering to make masks because they know firsthand that these masks are what keeps them and their coworkers safe and healthy so they can keep doing their jobs.

The group needs more volunteers and donations of elastic and 100% cotton fabric. For more information, visit the Folsom Mask Makers Facebook page. ★

Folsom Cordova Unified School District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Angela Griffin Ankhelyi, APR, has been named the next Director of Communication and Community Engagement, effective April 14.

A familiar face at the District, Angela Griffin Ankhelyi became the Community Outreach Coordinator in 2013, and later the Community Engagement Specialist in 2018. During her time in the Communication and Community Engagement department, she worked on several strategic marketing and communication campaigns, earning awards with the California School Public Relations Association, the National School Public Relations Association and the Public Relations Society of America - California Capital Chapter. Additionally, she has built and established partnerships with a variety of community organizations, civic groups and businesses that have brought valuable funds, resources and increased volunteerism to our schools and programs. She serves on the board of



Angela Griffin Ankhelyi, APR. Photo: FCUSD

the California School Public Relations Association as the Partnerships Chair, as well as on the board of the Cordova Recreation and Parks Foundation. In 2019, she earned her Accreditation in Public Relations and has over 20 years’ experience in communication, marketing and public relations in a wide variety of industries.

“We are excited and honored to welcome Angela Griffin Ankhelyi

to this position,” said Dr. Koligian at the April 14 Special Board Meeting. Dr. Koligian commented that Griffin Ankhelyi “has a deep understanding of our District and proven communication skills that she has demonstrated over the last several years. It is with full confidence that I have selected her to lead the Communication and Community Engagement department moving forward.” ★



In addition to making masks for medical staff, Lori also uses her extensive collection of fabric to make customized masks for family members. Photo courtesy of Cali Quilt Co.

and volunteers have already made and donated thousands of masks throughout the greater Sacramento area. Karla Burgess, an intensive care unit (ICU) registered nurse (RN), is managing the group, coordinating volunteers from Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado counties. In addition to sewing the masks, members are also picking up

well since guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommend everyone wear a mask when out in public.

The shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers is so critical that the Folsom Mask Makers created a subgroup focused solely on making N95 ICU cover masks for local

City Announces \$1M Loan Program, to Support Local Businesses

City of Rancho Cordova

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The City of Rancho Cordova is launching new programs to support Rancho Cordova businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among these programs is \$1 million in funds for very low-interest loans to local businesses through the new Emergency Investment and Relief Program. The city will partner with Lift Investing to direct \$1 million of its existing investment accounts into a community financial institution that will then provide very low-interest loans with deferred principal and interest payment for the first three to six months to local businesses to help them retain or create jobs. Stay tuned to the city’s website at CityofRanchoCordova.org/coronavirus for information once the program goes live.

“The City of Rancho Cordova is here to partner with our business community,” said Mayor David Sander, Ph.D. “The Emergency Investment and Relief Program and other resources aim to provide our businesses with vital information and options

and support our local economy during this unprecedented time.”

In the coming days, the city will launch a new program to provide free business counseling with specialists who will offer one-on-one in-depth consultations to businesses to help them navigate funding resources available.

The city has created a dedicated resource page for businesses, as well as a comprehensive list of businesses that remain open on the city’s website at CityofRanchoCordova.org/coronavirus. These pages are updated daily as new resources and information becomes available.

Rancho Cordova’s workforce of 65,000+ makes it one of the largest employment centers in the region. The State of California and County of Sacramento Stay-at-Home Orders are impacting local businesses. While some businesses deemed “non-essential” have temporarily closed, others have been impacted by residents staying home unless performing essential duties.

For more information on resources available to Rancho Cordova businesses, visit CityofRanchoCordova.org/coronavirus. ★

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And Another Thing

There Will be Some Light at the End of this Tunnel

By Bob McGarvey

My wife and I enjoyed Easter Sunday, and others we talked to also had a nice day on Easter. There are so many people in Rancho Cordova who, like me, are waiting for their lives to get back to normal. We will all have to guess and wait to see what normal will be. Getting back to work for many will make them feel comfortable again.

Something that has been brought to my attention by one of our staff members is that there is a great need to identify those in our community with no access to internet and social media. If the news is their only source for information, they are not fully being informed of the local resources in Rancho Cordova. A good message would be to ask those in the community who don't have access to internet to call the city for information for seniors. Another way to support

those in the community who don't have access to internet is by printing out and sharing the resources the city has available on its website at CityofRanchoCordova.org/coronavirus.

The school year (2019-2020) began with high hopes in all of the school districts in the City of Rancho Cordova, and until the beginning of this year (2020), everything was looking great as far as schools were concerned. Then decisions were made to close all of the schools because of the coronavirus. Even then, no one was thinking that all the schools here (and around the country) would be closed for the whole school year. Even more than that, the education of every child has to be done at home. That has caused some unheard of hardships for the majority of families because many people didn't think they were going to have to teach their children and

work at the same time.

The morning I write this, the news media said there are 22 million unemployed citizens who are filing for unemployment benefits. There are so many that quite a few are still waiting for the government response to come to them. Hopefully, there will be some light at the end of this tunnel and there are medications that look like they can help people who have been infected. Making a vaccine that will protect us like the flu shots we receive every year is also part of the light at the end of the tunnel. Right now, all we can do is help each other as much as we can, put on cloth face coverings and gloves, and wash our hands more often than ever before. We have beaten diseases before, and we will beat this one too.

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

Social Security Matters

Social Security for Children and Younger Wife



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor



Dear Rusty: I am 59. My wife is 48 and has been a stay at home mom for 15 years. We have children aged 13, 10, and 5. I know it makes sense to delay the start of benefits, but I understand that it's more complicated when small children are involved. Does it make sense for me to begin receiving benefits at 62 so I can also collect more for the children? **Signed: Older Father**

Dear Older Father: Yes, the issue is more complicated when children are involved. Here's why: If you claim your own Social Security (SS) at age 62, your minor children would be able to receive child benefits, and your wife would also be able to receive "child-in-care" benefits, even though she is not yet age-eligible for regular spouse benefits. Usually, a minor child is entitled to 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) SS amount, and a younger care-giving wife is entitled to the same. But when there are multiple dependents collecting on the same worker's record the Family Maximum applies.

The Family Maximum limits the amount of total benefits which can be received by the family to 150% to 188% of the worker's FRA benefit amount. Social Security determines the Family Maximum for each individual case with a complex formula that uses your "primary

insurance amount" (or "PIA," the amount you get at your FRA). Your PIA is broken into 4 parts and a different percentage of each part is taken and summed up to arrive at your Family Maximum. Then your PIA is subtracted from the Family Maximum amount and the remainder is equally divided among your minor children and wife. Once a minor child turns 18 (or 19 if still in high school) that child no longer receives benefits and the Family Maximum is recomputed, with the new amount equally divided among the remaining dependents. When your youngest child turns 16, your wife will no longer be eligible for child-in-care benefits. But there's more to consider.

By taking your benefit at age 62, it will be cut by 30% from what it would be if you waited until your full retirement age to claim, and that reduction is permanent. Plus that reduced benefit will mean your wife's benefit as your widow, should you pre-decease her, would be less than it might otherwise be if you waited until later to claim.

Until you reach your full retirement age, you will also be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits the amount of money you can earn before Social Security takes back some of your benefits. The limit for 2020 is \$18,240 and if you exceed that amount, SS will take back benefits equal to half of the excess over the limit. They take back those benefits by withholding your SS until they recover what you owe because you

exceeded the limit. And, if your benefits are withheld because you exceed the earnings limit, your children and wife will not get their benefits for any month(s) that your benefits are withheld. FYI, the earnings limit increases by about 2.6 times in the year you reach your FRA and no longer applies once you reach your FRA, but any dependent benefits not paid because you exceeded the earnings limit are lost and cannot be recovered.

So, as you can see, there are many things you should consider. If you will be retired from working at age 62 and don't need to worry about the earnings limit, then claiming then, along with the dependent benefits, could be a prudent choice. But if you will continue to work and earn a significant salary, you might very well find that the benefits you and your dependents lose due to the earnings limit will overshadow any advantage you might gain by filing at that time. And, you might also find that the permanent cut in your own benefit because you claimed early, along with the reduction to your wife's future survivor benefit amount, will make claiming at age 62 less attractive.

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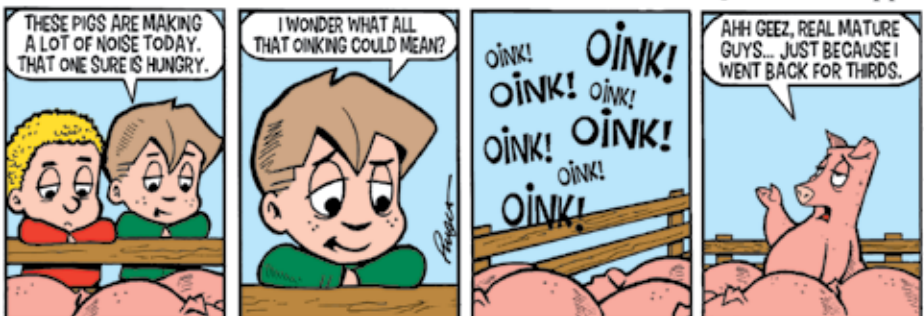
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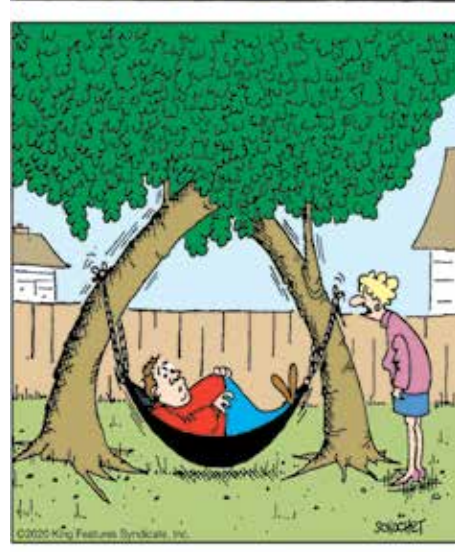
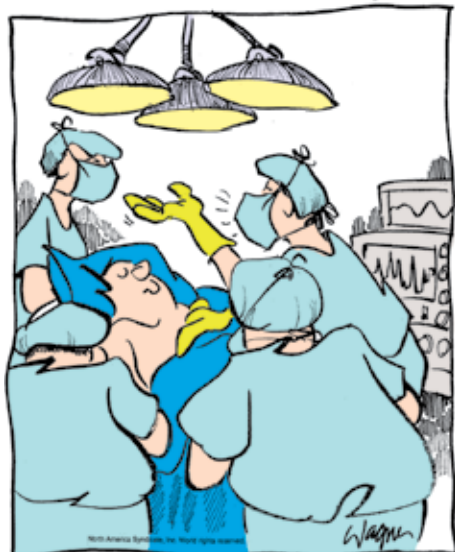
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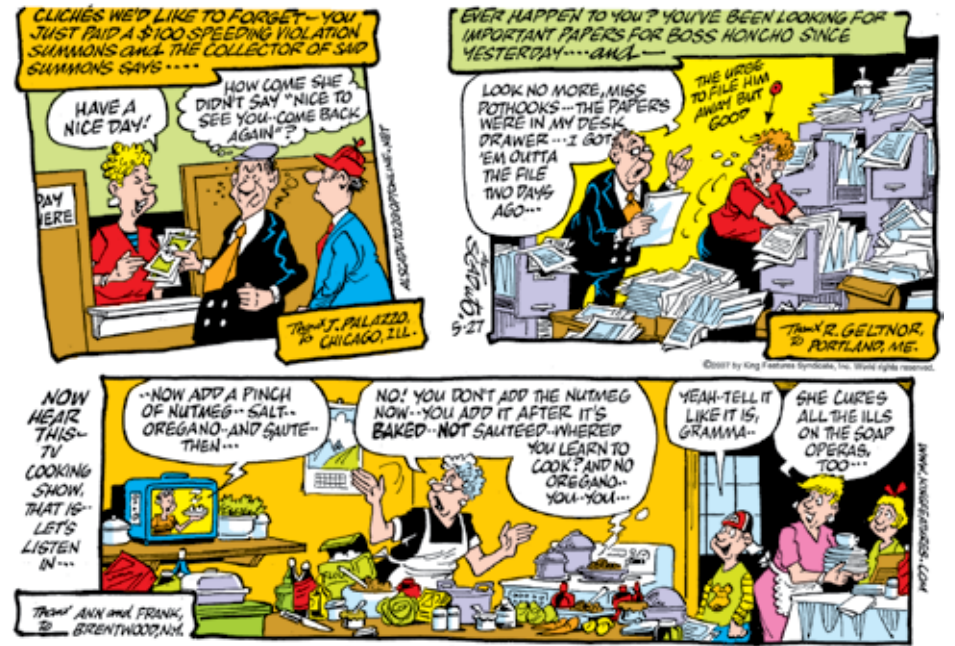
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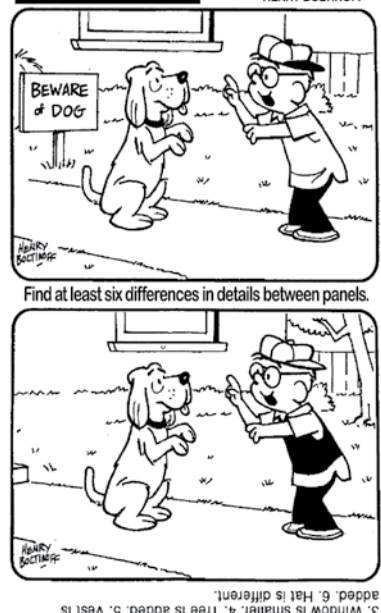
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Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 5

ACROSS

- *Like many mythical creatures
- Second mo.
- Spill the beans
- Convex molding
- the President's Men
- Ankle support, e.g.
- Make a logical connection
- "E.T.'s craft"
- Des Moines native
- "Fire-breather"
- "Household spirit"
- Tucker of "Modern Family"
- Antonym of is
- "Grim's Queen"
- Tailor-made
- Showing on TV
- "All's well that well"
- Golly!
- Punctuation mark
- Seaport in Yemen
- Hitching post?
- Additionally
- Poison ivy or Poison oak
- One more than The Beatles
- Hold as a conviction
- "Mrs. Potts or her son Chip"
- Andrew Sean Greer's 2017 Pulitzer-winner novel
- Toast choice
- Jack and Jill's water jug
- "Now or Never"
- "Horse's cousin"
- "One of the seven dwarfs"
- Ascetic holy Hindu
- HHS agency
- Relating to #25 Across
- Banana treat
- Go bad
- Australian canid
- Lou of "Walk on the Wild Side" fame
- Card in the hole?
- "The Forsyte", pl.

DOWN

- Wisecrack
- Like a zealous fan
- Regular attendee
- Hipbone-related
- Cuban music genre, pl.
- "Half-man, half-goat"
- "Santa's helper"
- Splotches
- Arch on a face
- Croquet turf
- Popular smoothie berry
- Well, to Sofia Loren
- Relating to living organisms
- Opposite of alpha
- Genetic initials
- Parents hope to do this with values
- "Beauty's beau"
- Empower
- Droopy
- "Big Bad One"
- Yellow bad one
- Feeling worse than before
- "Like Curious George"
- "Garden dweller"
- Finger move
- Moneyed one
- Pine product
- Choose not to do something, 2 words
- Toni Morrison's "Baby"
- 1862 plots, for short
- Prefix for below
- Old photo color
- Stalin's domain
- Back of the neck
- Not active
- Past tense of chide
- Fill beyond full
- Sound of passing bullet
- Baba
- "Who Bugs Bunny talks to?"
- Numbers, abbr.

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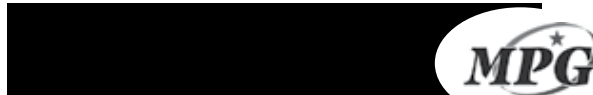
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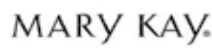


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There's no doubt that Trump is inclined to shift blame when possible (and even when it isn't). He'll never take ownership of the testing debacle at the outset of our coronavirus response or admit it was wrong initially to minimize the virus.

Yet none of this detracts from the force of his critiques of China (although he blows hot and cold on that) and the WHO, which are at the center of this international catastrophe and must be held to account.

Without China's deceit and WHO's solicitude for Beijing, the outbreak might have been more limited, and the world at the very least would have had more time to react. China committed unforgivable sins of commission, affirmatively lying about the outbreak and punishing doctors and disappearing journalists who told the truth, whereas the WHO committed sins of omission

– it lacked independence and courage at a moment of great consequence.

In effect, China and the WHO worked together to expose the rest of the world to the virus, at the same time they downplayed its dangers.

China acted as you'd expect. Countries that run gulags aren't typically noted for their good governance and transparency. The WHO is supposed to be different. According to its constitution, "The health of all peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security and is dependent on the fullest co-operation of individuals and States."

But it's hard to see how the WHO would have acted any differently if its constitution contained a proviso stipulating that it should validate Chinese propaganda as much as possible, especially in the midst of a world-threatening outbreak of a novel virus.

On Jan. 14, WHO tweeted that "preliminary investigations" by Chinese authorities had found no evidence of human-to-human transmission. Several days later, it reported "limited" human-to-human transmission, although it downplayed the finding as typical of respiratory illnesses.

Then, the WHO declined to call the outbreak in China a public health emergency of international concern on Jan. 22, at the same time there were confirmed cases in Taiwan, Australia, Japan,

Thailand and South Korea. After the WHO finally declared the emergency, it proceeded to drag its feet on declaring a pandemic, waiting until March 12.


One of the worst things China did was seal off Hubei province from the rest of the country while flights continued around the world. Was the WHO concerned about that? No, it was fully on board. As a headline in Reuters put it in early February, "WHO chief says widespread travel bans not needed to beat China virus."

Incredibly enough, in late January, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was praising Chinese officials for "the transparency they have demonstrated." Despite the emerging consensus that China has lied about its number of cases and deaths, WHO hasn't yet said a discouraging word about China's actions. It's been resolute, though, in excluding Taiwan from its workings, just as Beijing dictates.

Trump takes more than his share of potshots, but that doesn't mean he's always off the mark. China and the WHO are genuine malefactors who deserve all the obloquy the president, and anyone else, can heap on them.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Local Non-profits Find Ways to Continue Their Missions

By Shelly Blanchard, Cordova Community Council

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - From responding to food needs to helping with pets to staying connected with teens, non-profit organizations in Rancho Cordova are stepping forward to do what they do best, despite restrictive social distancing and stay-at-home orders.

Like volunteer organizations across the country, Rancho Cordova groups are working together to make life bearable for some — and possible for others.

One group that is working together is the Rancho Cordova Interfaith Council, which includes numerous local faith communities whose leaders meet via Zoom every week to hear about needs in the community and figure out ways to address them.

Putting their heads together, they keep tabs on food giveaway efforts at the Rancho Cordova Food Locker and the Blessings in a Backpack program which provides weekend food for needy students. At their weekly meeting, the team is updated on how the school food distributions are going, hear from food locker management on emerging trends and brainstorm ways to address gaps.

For example, the weekly calls triggered a food drive to benefit veterans at Mather Veterans Village and students served by Blessing in a Backpack, held at River City Christian. A recent conference focused on how to address



Mentors at Cordova High School (MACH) are dedicated to making sure students succeed in school. Photo: Cordova Community Council

food needs of isolated seniors, with reports from congregations like United Methodist Church and Cordova Church of Christ on how they are keeping in touch with elderly in their faith communities, with a willingness to adopt other isolated seniors who are not. Volunteer opportunities which arise from these meetings are posted at JustServe.org and can be accessed by simply typing in your zip code to see what's needed in Rancho Cordova.

But the response goes beyond food:

The award-winning Mentors at Cordova High (MACH) program is helping teen mentees with food for them and their families, if there is a need. They have turned to technology to continue their weekly meetings to discuss how to shift to distance learning, how to stay connected with friends they cannot see, or other challenges unique to teenagers who have had to say good-bye to school, sports teams and even high school graduation due to COVID-19. Find out more at www.cl3mach.org.

Whisker Warriors is caring

for feral cat communities, working to reduce the impacts of "kitten season" through spay and neuter efforts. They are making sure veterans and seniors confined to their homes have the food they need for their pets, too. Want to help? Visit www.rcwhiskerwarriors.com.

Rancho Cordova Arts members have harnessed technology to offer free arts workshops, with a new edition posted every weekday. Visit the Rancho Cordova Arts YouTube channel to see what's new and create something

wonderful with a local artist. Search YouTube for Rancho Cordova Arts and subscribe.

You may change your mind about classical music if you get in on Symphony d'Oro's twice-per-month live video tutorials by Conductor Pete Nowlen. He will wrap up his delightful two-part series on musical instruments on April 23 and teach you how to be a conductor in May. Visit www.symphonydoro.org and sign up for their email list to get the free invitation.

Sacramento Splash, a local non-profit dedicated to nature, will encourage you to take a healing walk with nature as the extraordinary vernal pools at Mather burst into bloom. Visit SacSplash.org to learn about the pools and how to visit them, and for free backyard science projects and nature studies by visiting their Curriculum Corner.

Rancho Cordova Moose Lodge members are sewing face masks and delivering food to elderly residents. The Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce is helping local businesses stay alive by publishing information about who's open and who is not.

Want to learn more about what non-profits are doing in Rancho Cordova as residents continue to weather stay-at-home orders, job layoffs and cabin fever? Sign up for the Cordova Community Council daily email newsletter, which is featuring what these volunteer-powered organizations are doing in the community. Visit cordovacouncil.org to sign up and explore — without ever leaving home. ★

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 PUSH 180201 5-1-20

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 RONNA 180201 5-8-20

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 JUMP 180201 5-15-20

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 FBNF2018-01520 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "YG Services" located at 836 57th Street Suite 460 Sacramento, CA 95819. Priscilla Yang-Gamez, 6832 Lindbrook Way #T2 Sacramento, CA 95823. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on February 23, 2018 in the County of Sacramento. Publish April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2020
 YG 170707 4-24-20

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 FBNF2019-01811 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "Tres Legends" located at 6832 Lindbrook Way #T2 Sacramento, CA 95823. Priscilla Yang-Gamez, 6832 Lindbrook Way #T2 Sacramento, CA 95823. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on February 26, 2019 in the County of Sacramento. Publish April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2020
 TRES 170707 4-24-20

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF OLAMAE THOMPSON CASE No. 34-2020-00273458
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Olamae Thompson, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Dominic Thompson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Dominic Thompson, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 14, 2020 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner is: Dominic Thompson 7824 Polo Crosse Avenue Sacramento, CA 95829 916-690-3897 Publish: April 10, 17, and 24, 2020
 THOMPSON 170622 04-24-20

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CAMERON RICHARD TURNER, AKA CAMERON R. TURNER CASE No. 34-2020-00277689
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Cameron Richard Turner, aka Cameron R. Turner, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Richard B. Turner, Kathleen T. Turner, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Richard B. Turner, Kathleen T. Turner, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 14, 2020 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner is: Richard B. Turner and Kathleen T. Turner 545 W Shasta Avenue Chico, CA 95973 530-521-2128, 530-354-6118 Publish: April 24, May 1, and 8, 2020
 TURNER 170622 5-8-20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 (Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, subd. (a)(1))
FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSIDER PUBLIC INPUT PRIOR TO DRAWING DRAFT ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District ("District") intends to hold a public hearing, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, subd. (a)(1), at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of districts the District intends to establish for board member elections before drawing a draft map or maps of the proposed boundaries of the districts (the "Proposed Action"). The time for the public hearing is:
 • April 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as practicable).
 Pursuant to Executive Order No. 29-20, the public may participate in the meeting and provide public comment via Zoom video conference. The link to the meeting will be provided 15 minutes prior the start of the meeting on the District's website at:
<https://folsomcordova.agendaonline.net/public/>
 Pursuant to Executive Order No. 29-20, persons who require reasonable accommodation or modification to observe and/or offer public comment are directed to contact Kelly Goldsmith, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at 916-294-9001 or KGoldsm@fcsd.org.
 Testimony of all interested persons for or against the Proposed Action will be heard through the public comment means set forth above. Protests may be made in writing. Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularities and defects to which the objection is made. All written protests shall be filed with the District on or before the time set for the hearing. The District may waive any irregularities in the form or content of any written notice and at the hearing may correct minor defects in the proceedings. Written protests may be withdrawn, in writing, at any time before the conclusion of the hearing.
 DATED: April 24, 2020
 Sarah Koligian
 Dr. Sarah Koligian, Superintendent
 Folsom Cordova Unified School District
 Grapevine Independent 4-24-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
OPEN APPLICATION PERIOD
 Citizen Oversight Committee
 Park Maintenance and Recreation
 Improvement District
 (PMRID)
 The Cordova Recreation and Park District announces an opportunity to serve on its community-based, advisory Oversight Committee. Members review and recommend how special tax assessments (PMRID/Measure J) are spent. One (1) seat is currently available, and applications are being sought from residents of Rancho Cordova.
 The Oversight Committee consists of five residents appointed by the CRPD Board of Directors. Members are encouraged to engage with their communities and bring feedback and input to the Committee. Experience with public sector finance is recommended, but not required. Terms are for four years and members do not receive financial compensation. The Oversight Committee meets several times a year and all meetings are open to the public.
 Applications are available online at www.crpdc.com. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, May 29, 2020. Please contact Danielle Jones, Clerk of the Board at (916) 599-4583 or djones@crpd.com for additional information.
 Grapevine Independent April 24, 2020

Keep on Truckin': Suspend AB 5

Commentary
by Senator John Moorlach

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - 'It's absurd to effectively ban "gig" workers while millions are trying to figure out how to make a living from home'

With most Californians hibernating in their homes for "social distancing," trucking has become even more important. Independent truckers bring us our food, water, medical supplies, clothing and, when available, the most essential commodity: toilet paper.

Which is why my Senate Bill 990 is absolutely crucial and ought to be passed when the California Legislature returns to Sacramento. When amended, it would suspend until January 2022 the severe restrictions on independent workers imposed by Assembly Bill 5 from last year. AB 5 restricts the freedom to work in many fields: translators, transcribers, writers, dancers and teachers, among many others.

There are too many businesses opportunities that do not fit in the "employer/employee" box. Especially independent

truckers who work for multiple companies throughout the year, using their vehicles and time.

Independent truckers are truly essential because, if food is not delivered, people go hungry. If the medicines don't go to hospitals, patients may die.

Trucking is one of the few industries recruiting more people, for obvious reasons.

Despite the health crisis, independent truckers continue climbing into the cab of their individually owned 18-wheelers every day to make sure the routine, everyday items we take for granted are delivered. No drivers, no deliveries. No deliveries, no store shelves stocked with products.

One official who just doesn't get this is California Attorney General Xavier Becerra. He's continuing his legal actions against independent truckers

Gig workers need similar flexibility. ... And independent truckers need the freedom to keep on truckin.'

SB 990 gives Californians room to debate AB 5, while keeping the economy rolling down the Interstate Highway. ★

Trekboxx Facility to Produce Face Shields to Support Health Care Workers

By Becky Warren,
Elevate Public Affairs

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento area company, Trekboxx, which specializes in custom storage units for sport utility vehicles, is keeping their employees working by now converting its manufacturing facilities to produce protective face shields, at cost, for local healthcare providers treating COVID-19 patients. Trekboxx is using clear plastic sheet donated by Dart Container to construct the face shields. The first shipment of over 10,000 face shields will be delivered to UC Davis.

"I saw a need locally and we wanted to do our part. Now is a time for us to do all that we can for those risking their health in order to save lives during the COVID-19 outbreak," said Trekboxx owner and founder, David Walter. "The least we can do is actively find ways to support health care workers, and we have already received support from partners like Dart Container."

Trekboxx is making the face shields at cost and keeping their employees working

to make these shields during this crisis. Trekboxx is also providing on its website's call to action ways other companies can also produce face shields including a video explanation and more information on the face shield's design and material suppliers.

"We want to support what Trekboxx is doing to help protect and equip health care workers," said Michael Westerfield, Director of Recycling for Dart Container. "It's each of us doing our part that will make a difference during this crisis."

Face shields produced at-cost by Trekboxx will be manufactured from twenty 1,500 lb. rolls of clear polyethylene terephthalate (PET) with 50% recycled post-consumer content.

Trekboxx is asking other businesses or residents who have a CNC router, laser, or plotter that want to help to contact them by email at faceshields@trekboxx.com. The community can also help the effort with a donation on their GoFundMe page.

For more information on Trekboxx, visit <https://www.trekboxx.com>, or on their face shield production, visit <https://www.trekboxx.com/helping-heros>. ★

Big Day of Giving is Coming and the Folsom Cordova Needs Your Support

Folsom Cordova Community Partnership

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - This year's Big Day of Giving comes at a crucial time. The economic uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has hurt nonprofits everywhere, making Big Day of Giving a critical opportunity for donors to rally around local nonprofit organizations as the need for community support is greater than ever.

The Folsom Cordova Community Partnership is a 501(c) 3 community-based nonprofit. Our mission and vision support our work to: build strong families, meet the needs of struggling parents to increase self-sufficiency, promote youth development through positive peer and adult relationships and develop employment skills for individuals to achieve their career goals. We are proud to announce that we will be participating in the Big Day of Giving for the 7th straight year.

Big Day of Giving is Thursday, May 7. You can visit our Big Day of Giving profile at BigDayofGiving.org/

FolsomCordovaCommunityPartnership or you can find the link on our website at: TheFCCP.org/ways-to-give

This year's giving day follows seven years of growth for the event, which reached new heights last year when over 600 nonprofits in the Sacramento region raised \$8.4 million in 24 hours. In total, the giving days organized by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, as part of its initiative to grow philanthropic giving in the capital area, have generated more \$40 million for local organizations since 2013.

Big Day of Giving is powered by the region's online nonprofit resource, GivingEdge, and is made possible with major support from Western Health Advantage and additional community partners. Donors who want to plan their giving ahead of the 24-hour challenge can visit www.bigdayofgiving.org before Big Day of Giving to review nonprofit profiles and, starting April 20, schedule their gifts and launch personal campaigns to raise funds for their favorite nonprofits. ★

Did Governor Newsom Buy PPE from Banned Chinese Company?

By Angela Toft, RCF

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Doug Ose, Chairman of Rebuild California Foundation and former CA Congressman, is demanding to know why CA Governor Gavin Newsom just made a \$1 billion deal to purchase PPE masks from Chinese company BYD, which VICE News reported "has glaring red flags on its record ... including a history of supplying allegedly faulty products to the U.S., ties

to the Chinese military and Communist Party, and possible links to forced labor."

On Sunday, Ose tweeted: "I hope our leaders are only doing business with #PPE suppliers who have been properly vetted. It would be infuriating to see the govt #procurement process reward foreign or domestic bad actors at high prices if other suppliers are available. #BuyAmerican if possible."

BYD, which has no history of making personal protective equipment, has

previously delivered such shoddy and potentially dangerous products to local governments, including in California, that a recent law banned federal funds being used to purchase certain BYD products.

Ose attempted to obtain a copy of the contract, which transfers \$1 billion Americans tax dollars to this Chinese company, and was surprised to learn that it has not yet been made available even to California's own state legislators. ★

Nielsen to Serve as Vice Chair of Legislative Hearing to Review COVID-19 Spending

From the Office of Senator Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Respected for his experience and keen attention to detail, Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) was selected to serve as Vice Chair of the newly created Senate budget subcommittee focused on the state's COVID-19 response. The first hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, at 2 p.m. The public can view the hearing by visiting www.senate.ca.gov.

"We are living through an extraordinary public health event," said Senator Jim Nielsen. "Millions are without jobs, and schools are closed. Thousands of Californians have tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus; most are recovering at home and others are hospitalized. Sadly, several hundred fellow Californians have died."

Prior to the state's unprecedented shelter-in-place policy that led the

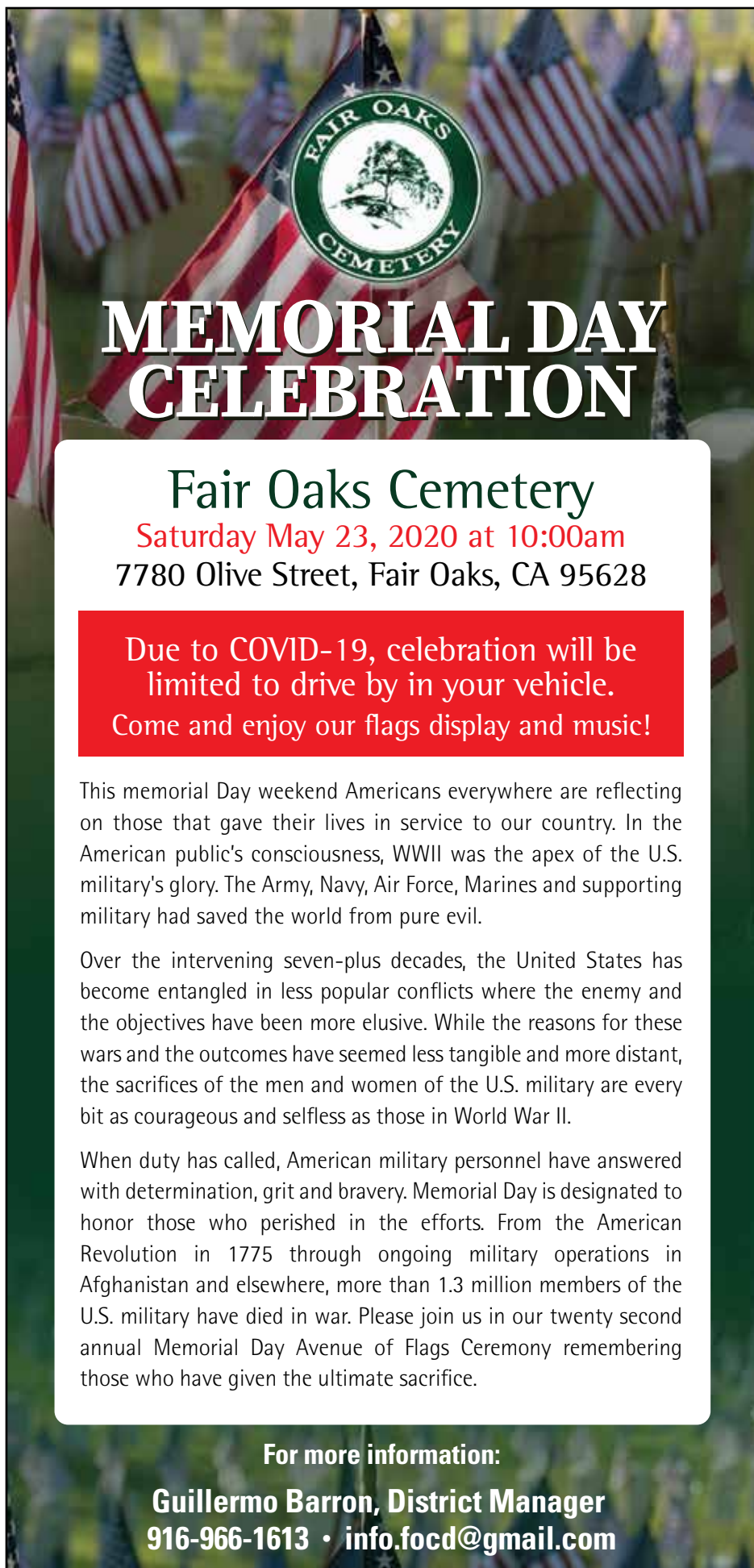
Legislature to shut down, Senator Nielsen voted to provide emergency funding and waive rules to support the Governor as he leads the state in its effort to minimize the spread of the coronavirus.

Nielsen praised Governor Newsom for his leadership and swift action as he emphasized the need to review California's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is the duty of the Legislature to ensure that public funds are used in the most appropriate and cost-effective manner, while also thoughtfully using resources to meet our state's immediate public health and economic challenges," Senator Nielsen said.

"California leaders are doing what we can to work together and minimize the spread of the virus."

To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. ★



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Fair Oaks Cemetery
Saturday May 23, 2020 at 10:00am
7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

Due to COVID-19, celebration will be limited to drive by in your vehicle. Come and enjoy our flags display and music!

This memorial Day weekend Americans everywhere are reflecting on those that gave their lives in service to our country. In the American public's consciousness, WWII was the apex of the U.S. military's glory. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and supporting military had saved the world from pure evil.

Over the intervening seven-plus decades, the United States has become entangled in less popular conflicts where the enemy and the objectives have been more elusive. While the reasons for these wars and the outcomes have seemed less tangible and more distant, the sacrifices of the men and women of the U.S. military are every bit as courageous and selfless as those in World War II.

When duty has called, American military personnel have answered with determination, grit and bravery. Memorial Day is designated to honor those who perished in the efforts. From the American Revolution in 1775 through ongoing military operations in Afghanistan and elsewhere, more than 1.3 million members of the U.S. military have died in war. Please join us in our twenty second annual Memorial Day Avenue of Flags Ceremony remembering those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

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 20 Lb Box •Unscented •Double Duty (Clump n Seal Regular 19 lb) (Slide 19 lb)
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 13 oz can •Selected Varieties (Reg price \$1.79) (Healthy Cuisine 12.5 oz can \$1.89 Reg price \$2.09)
 Limit 2 Cases Per Family **\$1.59**
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SCOOPAWAY CLUMPING CAT LITTER
 42 Lb Bag •Multi-Cat Formula
 Limit 2 Boxes Per Family **\$12.99**
 Effective 4/22/20 - 4/28/20

EARTHBORN HOLISTIC DRY DOG FOOD
 Natural Grain-Free
 •Primitive Feast •Great Plains Feast •Meadow Feast •Coastal Catch •Weight Control •Large Breed 28 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags Per Family (Reg Price \$43.99)
\$39.99

PURELY FANCY FEAST CANNED CAT FOOD
 2 oz. All Varieties Limit 1 Case **\$1.09**

NUTRO PERFECT PORTIONS GRAIN FREE CANNED CAT FOOD
 •Pate •Cuts In Gravy 2.64 Oz Can Limit 1 Case **69¢**

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 •Holistique •Millennia 28.5 Lb Bag Only Limit 2 Bags As Marked
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 •Choice Cuts in Gravy •Chunky Ground Dinner •Chopped Ground Dinner All Varieties 13 Oz. Limit 2 Case (12 ct)
85¢
 Limit 2 Bags Per Family

FRESH STEP CRYSTALS CAT LITTER
 8Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags **\$11.99**

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 •Grilled Tuna & Egg 12 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags Per Family **\$7.99**

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 Just add Heater For Tropical Fish **\$36.99** Limit 1 Per Family

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 Large **\$13.99**
 Jumbo **\$19.99**

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 50 Gal. Salt Mix **\$14.99**

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FANCY FEAST GOURMET CANNED CAT FOOD
 3 Oz - All Varieties Except Elegant Medley Limit 1 Case Per Family
 Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon
 Effective 4/22/20 - 4/28/20 **ON SALE Everyday** CHM PLU 361

BONUS COUPON
FRISKIES PARTY MIX CAT TREATS
 2.1 Oz •Selected Varieties Limit 2 Pkgs with Coupon
 Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon
 Effective 4/22/20 - 4/28/20 **\$1.19** CHM PLU 573

BONUS COUPON
JONNY CAT PREMIUM CAT LITTER
 20 Lb Bag Limit 1 Bag With Coupon
 Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon
 Effective 4/22/20 - 4/28/20 **\$3.79** CHM PLU 362



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