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Above: Give generously this season for the kids of our troops serving in our Armed Forces. Right: Toys for the Troops Kids, Inc is a nonprofit organization that makes sure families of service men and women have a wonderful holiday. Photos: Toys for Troops Kids

Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The Citrus Heights community continues to give generously during this season.

Toys for the Troops Kids, Inc is a nonprofit organization in its 19th year of operation having delivered more than 150,000 toys to military bases throughout the Western United States and Hawaii.

This year's toy drive will be running from December 4 through December 19.

If you wish to participate, drop off new, unwrapped toys for girls and boys ages up to 18 years of age at the collection stand in front of Panera Bread, 7901 Greenback Lane in the Citrus Town Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please consider donating a gift

for an older boy or girl as they receive fewer donations than the younger children.

Collected toys will be delivered this year to Beal and Travis Air Force Base before going to families living at military bases in the Western United States and Hawaii.

Toys for the Troops Kids was founded by the California Republican Veterans Association.

Additional toy drop-off sites are at Keller Williams Capital Valley, 5750 Sunrise Blvd., Suite 200, and the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce,

located at 7625 Sunrise Blvd.

For more information please call 916-722-4545. ★

City Council Looks at COVID Recovery Funds

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)

The Citrus Heights City Council recently held a Study Session to discuss the next phases of funding allocations for the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Signed into law in March 2021 by President Joe Biden, ARPA appropriated \$1.9 trillion for Covid recovery, with the allocation for Citrus Heights totaling \$15.6 million. The City already received the first disbursement of \$7.8 million back in May, and the second disbursement of another \$7.8 million is expected in May or June of 2022.

For Phase 1 of the funding expenditures, the City Council voted in August to allocate \$5.3 million to rebuild staffing at the Citrus Heights Police Department by restoring 22 vacant positions. The City must decide how to allocate the rest of the funding. Meghan Huber, economic development and communications manager, said, "It's a situation with much gravity, given that these are one-time funds that we're responsible for stewarding effectively and to meet direct need in our community." For all allocations, the City must identify how the financial need is a result of the pandemic and how the expenditure addresses that need.

Huber recommended that Phase 2 funding (which would use the remaining funds from the initial disbursement) focus on providing grants to small business and non-profits impacted by Covid. Phase 2 would also include support for the travel, tourism, hospitality, and entertainment industries, which the federal government has identified as those most negatively impacted by Covid.

When the second disbursement is received next year, Phase 3 of the funding could be targeted for homelessness prevention, blight abatement, and housing and resident support. Phase 4 would use remaining funds for City infrastructure and addressing revenue loss due to Covid.

Councilmember Daniels said the point of ARPA is to "rescue American businesses" and give them the ability to "move forward in the future with success." He suggested a strategic grant process that ensures funds go to businesses with strong recovery plans, because then their success will benefit the City. Daniels said he is "leery" of allocating any more funds to non-profits or to

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Time to Play Citrus Heights-O-Poly!

By Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Looking for a clever way to experience Citrus Heights with your family and friends?

It's time to roll the dice and play "Citrus Heights-O-Poly". Purchase your copy of a new Monopoly game at local Walgreen's Drugs and Walmart stores in Citrus Heights for \$19.99 while supplies last.

Choose your token and advance to "Go Citrus Heights."

You may soon become the Mayor of Citrus Heights or be knocked out of the game for eating too many ice cream sundaes at Leatherby's Family Creamery. Playing pieces in the game include high five, big smile, heart, the dog, pretzel or a gym shoe.

New this holiday season at both Walgreens and Walmart, the board game is chock full of great adventures, popular street names, familiar family attractions, local history, and familiar landmarks such as Rusch Community Park which all



Citrus Heights-O-Poly features local board placements such Contingency, Lake Natoma, Greenback Lane, Foothill Golf Course and GO Citrus Heights! Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

generations can enjoy as they play.

"We worked with representatives of Walgreens and Walmart on a regional level to develop and market this new game especially for the city of Citrus Heights," said Michael Schulte, marketing manager for the

manufacturer, Late for the Sky Production Company, based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The company began making specialty board games in 1984. All of its board games are American made in its Cincinnati facility. Its primary product lines are the multitude of "opoly" variants on the

classic Monopoly game by Parker Brothers with specialty games which can be custom made to order.

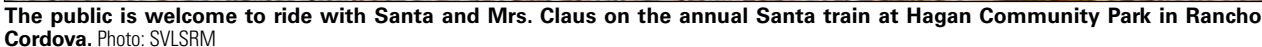
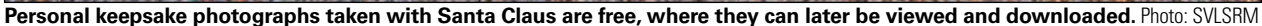
Best known games in its sales inventory recognize the cities of Oakland and San Francisco. "Shark" and "Zombie" -opoly are also popular sellers. The

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By Thomas J. Sullivan

"This is the largest fundraiser for the SVLSRM each year," said club president Andy Berchielli.



An operating G-scale garden loop layout also

For the latest SVLSRM Santa Train event information, visit <https://www.svlsrm.org/>. Advance tickets should be available for sale soon through the club website, Berchielli said. Contact the club by email at: info@svlsrm.org for general information, or call (916) 361-7140. ★

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Time to Play Citrus Heights-O-Poly!



The city centric game is available at Walgreen’s Drugs and Walmart stores in Citrus Heights. Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

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company’s initial product line began with its college series and has grown to include its "City in a Box" editions, which are localized versions of Monopoly, tailored for many U.S. cities, like Citrus Heights.

“Our researchers looked at multiple sources including both the Citrus Heights city website and the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce to identify key familiar local landmarks and points of interest for the new game, Schulte said.

“Their research took about four weeks, with all necessary proofreading and fact-checking then taking place before production could begin.” Roll out was just in time for the holiday retail season. The new Citrus Heights game is one of 12 new games now in production by the company.

“We’re pleased with the general public response so far,” Schulte said. An initial sales inventory of the game is currently stocked

at Walgreens and Walmart where additional orders are likely based on customer demand.

It’s too early for sales tracking figures, Schulte said.

“It’s an impulse buy for many shoppers who are proud of their hometown and want to share that sense of community pride with others. It’s a game they’ll be proud to play with others, or that they might give as a gift this season.”

New players can think big and buy Greenback Lane for \$250 or Lake Natoma for just \$290. Foothill Golf Course can be yours for your own playing pleasure, at \$150.

“While it’s impossible to include everything, we jammed all of the Citrus Heights we could find into this box,” say game developers in their box cover art.

Take turns buying your favorite Citrus Heights properties, increase your rent by collecting city blocks and then trade them for “keys to the city”. Add

some traffic jams, property tax and the tax collection by the Internal Revenue Service and the game gets a little more difficult, and also a lot more fun.

Photos of the game display at the Greenback Walgreens were shared by email with Larry Fritz, president of the Citrus Heights Historical Society, the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce, and the Citrus Heights City Council for comment.

“It’s a great idea,” said Nichole Baxter, city communications director, learning of the game. “We didn’t play a part in it, but we’re delighted to hear about it.”

Schulte said many community groups have used the sale of the company’s popular city-themed -opoly games as a fundraiser and he welcomed hearing from representatives of different Citrus Heights community groups with their interest.

Visit www.lateforthesky.com for ordering information or additional product line information. ★

Council Approves Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - At the November 10 meeting, the Citrus Heights City Council held the public hearing and final vote on the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan, which will guide redevelopment of the 100-acre Sunrise Mall site – creating a new downtown, and a new heart for Citrus Heights. Interim City Manager Chris Boyd said that the finalized plan comes after “hundreds of hours of research, an incredible level of expertise, and the unprecedented amount of community and owner engagement.”

Consultant firm Gensler worked with City staff to develop the plan, and Project Manager Nate Cherry said the community was deeply involved in process: “People really want to see it happen, and they’re really optimistic...they roll their sleeves up and they want to be a part of it. And it’s a coauthored plan with the community and leadership. So, it really captures what Citrus Heights is all about.”

The plan will encourage mixed-use redevelopment of the site over the next 20 years, creating a destination for unique dining, retail, and entertainment in addition to offices, hotels, and residential areas. Also central to the plan are community gathering spaces, walkable streets, plazas, and open spaces.

Cherry said, “This is a job-creating engine, because it’s so diversified.” With construction jobs and long-term jobs on the site, the project is estimated to generate \$99 million in taxes to the City over 20 years, including \$18 million in property tax, \$30 million in sales tax, and \$51 million in hotel occupancy tax. “That’s going to raise everybody’s boat,” said Cherry. “That’s going to increase property values, it’s going to create jobs, and it’s going to

diversify the economy, which is going to make Citrus Height’s quality of life that much better.”

The City of Citrus Heights doesn’t own any of the mall property, so the actual redevelopment will have to be undertaken by the various owners, all of whom have been involved in the creation of the Specific Plan. The majority owner, Namdar Realty Group, submitted a letter ahead of the public hearing to express their support for the plan and thank City staff for their “diligent efforts to be collaborative in establishing the vision for the future of Sunrise Mall... We look forward to advancing our plans for the site.”

Councilmember Tim Schaefer stressed the importance of having the owners’ involved in the process and having their support for the plan. He said that when the idea was first presented, he saw “100 acres worth of hurdles.” But now, Schaefer said, “We’re not done crossing the hurdles yet, but...I think we found our stride; I think we’ll be able to forge forward.”

Vice Mayor Porsche Middleton cited the enthusiastic public participation in the plan, and said “This is really a community-driven vision. All of that input lets us know that our community has serious buy-in, they’re ready for this change, and they’re excited about what’s coming in the future.” Middleton said, “It’s bold, it’s big, but it reflects the dreams of Citrus Heights.”

The Council voted unanimously to adopt the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan, certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), amend the General Plan to change the mall’s designation from General Commercial to a new designation of Marketplace Mixed Use, and rezone the site from Shopping Center to Special Planning Area. ★

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address homelessness.

Councilmember Schaefer agreed, and he wasn’t enthusiastic about funding going toward blight abatement or issues of homelessness. He suggested the bulk of the funds go to small businesses through a competitive grant program.

Huber pointed out that many businesses were able to stay open throughout the pandemic and can’t demonstrate a negative financial impact due to Covid, but those business owners are very concerned with keeping their businesses and customers safe and reducing crime and blight. Homelessness in particular is “one of the largest complaints that we do hear from businesses,” said Huber.

Schaefer countered that those business owners should participate in the process and bring forward ideas to help

solve the problem.

Vice Mayor Middleton agreed that homelessness is a major issue for local business owners, and while she wants businesses to be involved in the process, she said, “It’s really our job to figure that out and help them solve the problem, not to put the burden back onto them.” Middleton also wanted to ensure equitable and inclusive access through robust outreach to the Hispanic and Slavic communities.

Mayor Steve Miller said he would like to see funding go toward creating affordable housing and to expand the City’s Navigator program.

After incorporating the Council’s feedback – as well as input from residents and the business community – an action item will come before Council in January so the funding plan can be officially approved. ★

Holiday Gifts and Craft Supplies at Women’s Empowerment

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Communications

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - Local residents can bring joy to formerly homeless women and children in Sacramento this holiday season by contributing to Women’s Empowerment’s Holiday Gifts and Crafts Drive. The group is seeking 300 unstuffed gift bags and specific fillers for children, teens and women. Gifts for teens and women are especially needed. Women’s Empowerment also needs craft supplies to provide a Craft Party in a Box for each family since the group cannot hold its annual craft party for women and children to make holiday gifts for their loved ones. For a list of gift and craft needs, visit Womens-Empowerment.org. Items are needed by Dec. 6.

“The holidays are often difficult for our graduates as they work hard to put food on the table, much less afford gifts,” said Lisa Culp, executive director, Women’s Empowerment. “The last couple of years have been exceptionally grueling for them. We are grateful to the community for not only providing gifts and craft items to make presents, but also sharing the joy that comes with this gift-giving season.”

Thanks to donations, Women’s Empowerment will include a warm hat, gloves, socks and other items in each gift bag for



A Women’s Empowerment graduate and her children in 2020 pick up their holiday gifts and Craft Party in a Box donated by the community for women and children who have experienced homelessness. The organization is holding the drive again this year. Photo: Thébaud Communications

the women and children. For those interested in making a financial donation toward a gift bag, the average cost is \$40, but any amount helps. Women’s Empowerment especially needs extra \$20 gift cards to Target, Walmart and similar stores to include in each gift bag.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, Women’s Empowerment provides a nine-week employment-readiness and empowerment program, paid job training, childcare and support services so all women and their children can break the cycle of homelessness. Women’s Empowerment offers the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically for women experiencing homelessness, and their children. Eighty-two percent of the graduates secure a job or enroll in school. In the midst of the housing crisis, 75 percent regain a safe home for themselves and their children. The award-winning organization has graduated 1,719 women and their 3,842 children. Women’s Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To make a donation, visit Womens-Empowerment.org. ★

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How to Slash Americans’ Electricity Bills

Commentary
by Wayne Winegarden

Whenever you hear about America’s electricity system these days, it’s usually some big problem that has captured the public’s attention.

There are examples of energy companies operating inefficiently, such as ratepayers having to foot the bill for massive cost overruns at the Vogtle nuclear power plant in Georgia. Sometimes, as was the case in South Carolina, customers wind up paying higher rates to cover the costs of building generation resources that are never completed and generate no electricity. And we have seen outright corruption, such as the FirstEnergy scandal in Ohio that led to the largest criminal fines for bribery ever imposed by the local U.S. Attorney’s office.

What do all of these examples have in common? They involve government-mandated electricity monopolies. Residents and businesses lose out when states rely on electricity monopolies, forced to endure higher prices, reduced investment in new infrastructure, and less reliable power.

When thinking about America’s electricity future, we want a system that produces abundant and reliable energy supply to power our homes and businesses. We want to be able to keep the lights on at the most affordable price possible. And at a time when the country is increasingly concerned about global warming, we want to generate more “green energy” and lower emissions.

The key to making each of these priorities a reality is through electricity competition.

Right now, there is electricity competition at the wholesale level – or the source from which power companies acquire electricity supply to sell to local customers – for most of the country outside the Southeast, Southwest, and Northwest.



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In addition, 13 states and the District of Columbia have retail competition, where individual customers can choose a power company that best meets their requirements, such as lower prices or more power being generated by green sources.

As I document in the new Pacific Research Institute study “Affordable and Reliable,” if every state switched to a competitive electricity market, it would be a win-win for customers, the economy, and the environment.

The latest data shows that competition lowers prices for

consumers. Prices in competitive wholesale markets were trending downward and were at or near 6-year lows in 2020. States with competitive retail markets saw prices drop 0.3% between 2008 and 2020 – compared to a 20.7% price increase in monopoly states.

Competition also ensures that power interruptions are rarer and brief. Because competitive wholesale markets are regional and encompass a larger geographic area, they have more diverse energy generation options when supplies are tight. A key measurement found

that the frequency of sustained power interruptions was 10.4% lower in competitive states compared to monopoly states.

As America transitions to a clean energy future, competition ensures that we will make additional progress in lowering emissions. Looking at the latest figures from between 2008 and 2018, state emission levels dropped on average 12.1% in competitive states, compared to 7.3% in monopoly states.

The research makes it clear – if we want to lower costs for consumers, make our economy more competitive for investment

and job creation at a time of uncertainty, ensure that we have a reliable electricity supply to power our homes and businesses, and boost our progress in lowering emissions, then policymakers in states with government-mandated electricity monopolies should pass reforms establishing competitive electricity markets.

Dr. Wayne Winegarden is senior fellow in business and economics at the Pacific Research Institute, and author of the new study “Affordable and Reliable.” Download a copy at www.pacificresearch.org. ★

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Achievement Gap Still Plagues California Schools



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Then-Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature overhauled California’s public school financing in 2013 with the stated goal of closing the “achievement gap” separating poor and English-learner students from more privileged children.

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) gave local school officials much more leeway by eliminating most “categorical aids” that required funds to be spent for specific purposes. Somewhat contrarily, LCFF also gave school districts specific grants to be spent on improving education of kids on the wrong side of the gap.

Since its passage, the state has also dramatically increased the amount of school spending. The 2021-22 state budget pegs state and local school financing at \$123.9 billion, nearly twice what it was in 2013, and per-pupil spending at \$21,555, “the highest levels ever.” California schools also are receiving \$13.6 billion from the federal government to cushion impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the broadest sense, LCFF embraced the conventional wisdom that altering the flow of money would profoundly affect educational outcomes. However, from its inception, LCFF has

been awash in controversy – not over its concept, but rather its implementation.

Brown insisted that local school officials could be trusted to spend the money wisely for its intended purpose with very light — almost nonexistent — state oversight. Rather, local voters and parents would, it was assumed, monitor LCFF through local implementation plans.

However, critics – civil rights and school reform groups – have complained that implementation plans are indecipherable and that school districts often divert money meant to improve outcomes of at-risk kids into other purposes. One huge loophole has allowed LCFF money left unspent in one fiscal year to be carried into the next year and spent without strings.

The battles over how the money was being spent, or not being spent, have been fought district-by-district, sometimes in the courts. Two years ago State Auditor Elaine Howle weighed in with a report that sharply criticized the lack of oversight.

“We are particularly concerned that the state does not explicitly require districts to spend their supplemental and concentration funds on the intended student groups or to track their spending of those funds,” Howle’s report declared.

The Legislature did close the ludicrous loophole on unspent funds this year, but after eight years, we should have some clue as to whether LCFF, bolstered by billions of extra dollars, has provided meaningful help to kids who need it most or has just been an exercise in

creative bookkeeping.

The latest attempt to gauge its efficacy comes from Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE), a prestigious consortium of education scholars from five major universities.

“As researchers who have long studied the implementation of LCFF, we started with the view ... that LCFF has advanced equity both in terms of funding progressivity ... and improved outcomes for historically underserved student groups,” the PACE report says. “But despite this progress, California continues to lag behind the nation as a whole when it comes to educational outcomes, and many student groups – particularly Black and Latinx students, English learners, students from low-income families, and students with disabilities – continue to experience wide and troubling opportunity and achievement gaps.”

Among other problems, PACE laments that schools with the highest concentrations of at-risk kids tend to also have the least-experienced and -capable teachers, although it doesn’t mention that union seniority rules are the prime cause of that dissonance.

The unfortunate bottom line is that we still don’t know whether LCFF will succeed or join the long list of California’s high-concept notions, such as the woe-begone bullet train, that don’t deliver what was promised.

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



By County Supervisor
Sue Frost

Through the generosity of the *Citrus Heights Messenger*, this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the community of Citrus Heights.

In October two of my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors announced that they are bringing forward an item to our agenda to ban all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes, flavored e-cigarettes and hookah. I have written in the past about this subject, but it ultimately never came forward for a vote at the Board of Supervisors. Now, with this recent push I think it necessary to update readers on this subject once again.

I want to say at the beginning that I am completely in agreement with the proponents of flavored tobacco bans in the goal of reducing teen smoking. As a former emergency room nurse, I understand firsthand that we should be doing everything we can to keep teens from smoking, and educating them so that when they turn 18 they

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Returning to Debate: The Future of Flavored Tobacco in Sacramento County

fully know the dangers associated with smoking. I also recognize that teens are illegally obtaining and using flavored tobacco products in greater volume, and in many cases transitioning to traditional cigarettes.

But Sacramento County doesn’t have a wall built around it, and anyone who wants to buy flavored tobacco products can easily obtain them from other nearby areas that have not banned it. These products will still be readily available in other counties, as well as cities like Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova. A statewide ban would be far more effective so that people in Sacramento County can’t access these nearby, and one will actually be on the ballot as a statewide proposition in 2022.

I have also heard from many adults who legally use flavored tobacco products both because they recreationally enjoy it, and because they use flavored e-cigarettes as a less harmful alternative to smoking. While these adults will still be able to access them in other communities, it will make it more difficult for them to access something that is otherwise legal to use, and they will be sending their tax dollars to

other communities instead of spending money in Sacramento County.

Instead of a ban, we could instead solve this problem by increasing the penalty for selling tobacco products to a minor from the current maximum of \$7,500, to a new minimum of \$7,500, accompanied by a ramped up undercover shopper program. This increase in penalties could potentially fully offset the cost of an improved undercover shopper program, but at the very least be substantially less than the loss in revenue we will now be facing under the ban.

Leading up to my vote on this issue, I will be meeting with stakeholders on both sides of the issue to understand their perspectives in more detail. But more than anything, I want to hear what you have to say. Please e-mail me your thoughts at SupervisorFrost@sac-county.net. Thank you for reading!

Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes all or part of the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, Rio Linda, Elverta, Gold River, Rancho Murietta, North Highlands, Carmichael, Foothill Farms and Fair Oaks. ★

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Joe Biden’s Incredible Shrinking Presidency

Joe Biden was never exactly a colossus bestriding the Earth, but he's been getting smaller by the day.

A Washington Post poll over the weekend suggested that his presidency is, for now, a smoking political crater. It had him at a 41% approval rating, despite the passage of his long-sought infrastructure bill that was supposed to buoy him and his party.

Even more striking, the survey found that Republicans lead Democrats on the generic congressional ballot by 10 points, 51% to 41%, an unprecedentedly strong showing for the GOP that forecasts an earthquake, tsunami, and maybe a few more natural disasters for Democrats come next fall.

And who can be surprised? Biden is stumbling, out of touch, and weak. Two of his major initiatives, at the border and in Afghanistan, created completely avoidable catastrophes. He has given no sense of being in control of events or even his own party. He is an accidental president who is running smack into his own inadequacies and absurd pretensions.

No one in Washington over the last four decades ever said that Joe Biden was just the man with the foresight, wisdom and deft political touch to lead the free world.

No, he was an average

senatorial bloviator whose first two presidential campaigns flamed out in embarrassing fashion, before he hit the jackpot when Barack Obama choose him as his running mate in 2008.

Showing the advantage of hanging around for a very long time, Biden won both the 2020 Democratic nomination and the presidency by default. In the primaries, the former vice president looked good in comparison to Bernie Sanders, and he ran in the general on not being Donald Trump.

Now, Biden is allied with Bernie Sanders, who helped write the first version of his Build Back Better plan, and Donald Trump no longer looms as large as Biden's foil.

The best case for Biden's presidency was that he could be a kind of consensus caretaker – restoring a sense of normality and maintaining a low profile while riding in the slipstream of improving economic conditions and a diminishing pandemic.

Instead, he’s been carried along by the left-wing tide of his party and repeatedly engaged in unconstitutional executive overreach. On top of it all, he's brought his own brand of incompetence, exemplified by the botched pull-out from Afghanistan.

His foremost mistake was overestimating an attenuated electoral mandate for pedestrian governance as a permission slip for passing nearly the entirety of the progressive agenda in the space of less than a year.

Not only has there been sticker shock over the price tag of the Biden agenda,

but it has little connection to things people truly care about. The infrastructure bill polls well, but no one goes about their daily lives worried about the alleged crisis of crumbling bridges and tunnels.

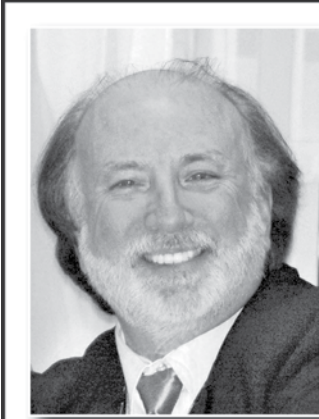
Meanwhile, the Build Back Better bill started as a \$3.5 trillion grab bag of everything that progressives want but couldn’t get in the infrastructure bill. Passing as much spending as you possibly can before you lose Congress a year from now, which is essentially the rationale behind Build Back Better, is not a compelling reason for a historic spate of federal spending.

That legislation has been pared down to largely a child care and climate change bill. That’s an unnatural pairing that came about not because those are the top two things that the public wants from Washington, but because they happen to be what Democrats think they can pass.

Only now is the White House trying to argue that the infrastructure bill and Build Back Better will address real public concerns, namely the supply chain disruptions and the inflation that is outpacing wage growth. This is clearly a tendentious, after-the-fact argument.

The White House can hope that the supply chain bottlenecks ease and inflation declines, but Biden’s disastrous first year speaks to a more intractable problem with the lackluster occupant of the Oval Office himself.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.
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Social Security Matters

Computing COLA and Congressional Pay Increases?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: What determines the amount of the cost of living increase for Social Security as compared to the cost of living increase for Congress? Last year Social Security got less than 2 percent, while Congress got a 10 percent cost of living increase. Why the double standard? What items are used to determine the cost of living increase? **Signed: Inquiring Mind**

Dear Inquiring Mind: I'm happy to explain how the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Social Security is computed and, although it's outside the realm of Social Security I usually deal with, how members of Congress get raises in their pay.

The normal COLA formula affecting Social Security uses the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, known simply as the "CPI-W." The CPI-W measures changes to consumer prices in several categories such as food, housing, transportation, etc., as computed monthly by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The formula to compute

COLA each year compares the average CPI-W for the third quarter of the current year to the average CPI-W for the third quarter of the previous year. If there is a sufficient difference, that difference (expressed as a percentage) becomes the COLA increase percentage for next year. If there is no difference (or only a tiny difference) no COLA increase is awarded because no inflation has occurred from one year to the next, but there have only been 3 years since 1975 that no COLA has been given. The 2021 COLA increase was 1.3% and the 2022 COLA increase will be 5.9%, the latter reflecting high inflation we've experienced this year.

Increases to Congressional salaries are different. Although there is a statute allowing for automatic salary increases for members of Congress, that law can be overruled by legislation which suspends those automatic increases. Through such superseding legislation, Congressional pay has been frozen since 2009. The last salary increase received by members of Congress was 2.8% in January 2009, when each general member's annual salary became \$174,000. Congressional salaries have not increased since that time so, with dollar amounts adjusted for inflation, pay for members of Congress effectively declined by 17% between 2009 and 2020. But don't feel sorry for them. They have plenty of other perks to sustain them, and Representatives who already collect Social

Security get the standard COLA increase to their SS benefit (as we all do).

While Congressional salaries have been frozen for years, there has been much recent debate about whether the CPI-W is an accurate measure of inflation for elderly Americans who rely on Social Security benefits. A commonly heard argument is that instead of the CPI-W, a separate Consumer Price Index known as the "CPI-E" (Consumer Price Index for the Elderly) would more accurately measure inflation for seniors and, thus, should be used to compute COLA for Social Security beneficiaries. Studies have shown that the CPI-E would provide a slightly improved COLA for SS beneficiaries, but there are other formulae being considered too. It remains to be seen whether future legislation will change how COLA is computed.

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Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

You Do Make a Difference



Do you make a difference in the world? Does anyone care about what you do? Are some people more important than others? We all ask ourselves these questions from time to time. Some people wonder about them more than others.

You do make a difference. You are important. Who you are and what you do does matter. You may have wondered what's the purpose of life. Or perhaps you contemplated the nature of the big picture.

There are many more questions than answers. But we don't need all of the answers to lead meaningful lives. Everything you do and each person you impact has a ripple effect, just like a stone thrown into a pond.

Every occupation helps people and fills some need. If it didn't, the job wouldn't exist. Although there may be a wide range of compensation, lower pay doesn't mean a job is less important. All people are equal, regardless of what they do to earn a living. What can make a person special is how they treat others.

A special person treats others with concern, care, and consideration. A special person's economic status, education, intelligence, or occupation is irrelevant. If you want to make a difference in the world you can do so one person at a time. By having a positive influence

on just one person's life, you will have made a significant difference in this world.

The seemingly simple act of saying hello and smiling at a stranger will brighten the day of at least two people; the person who smiled and the one they smiled at. When you help improve someone else's day, who knows how many other people they will have a positive impact on as a result. It's like a good will chain letter that keeps multiplying.

You have three spheres of influence: immediate, direct, and extended. In your immediate sphere are all those people who know you and with whom you have repeated contact. These include family, friends, acquaintances, and coworkers.

Many of the people in your immediate sphere depend on and rely on you more than you or they realize. Although people do not show their gratitude to you as often as they should, your presence is nonetheless important to them.

Your direct sphere of influence includes all the people you have personal contact with. Contact involves any kind of interpersonal communication including in person, over the phone, mail, email, or visual. You can have direct contact with a person once, and then never cross paths again.

You have personal contact with people everywhere you go. You talk to many people over the phone or via mail/email that you will never meet in person. You have visual contact with people in other vehicles when you are driving.

When you are polite and caring, it makes a difference to others. How do you feel when you are treated this way? It affects you as the receiver the same way it impacts others when you are the transmitter.

Your extended sphere of influence includes those that are affected by the people you have had direct contact with. One good deed will have a ripple effect that extends farther than you can ever imagine.

So don't underestimate the difference you make in the world. It is far greater than you realize. If someone voices appreciation for what you have done, ask them to repay you by showing the same consideration for someone else.

You do make a difference, one person at a time.

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Wildfires torched up to a fifth of all giant sequoia trees –Wildfires last year killed 7,500 to 10,400 of giants sequoias | 20 Nov 2021 | Lightning-sparked wildfires killed thousands of giant sequoias this year, leading to a staggering two-year death toll that accounts for up to nearly a fifth of Earth's largest trees, officials said Friday. Fires in Sequoia National Park and surrounding Sequoia National Forest tore through more than a third of groves in California and torched an estimated 2,261 to 3,637 sequoias, which are the largest trees by volume. Nearby wildfires last year killed an unprecedented 7,500 to 10,400 giant sequoias that are only native in about 70 groves scattered along the western side of the Sierra Nevada range. Losses now account for 13% to 19% of the 75,000 sequoias greater than 4 feet (1.2 meters) in diameter.

CEO of American Trucking Association Reveals 37 Percent of Truckers Will Not Comply With Vaccine Mandate - the Consequences Would Collapse Supply Chains and Civic Society | 17 Nov 2021 | A very interview with Chris Spear, president and CEO of the American Trucking Association, took place. During a House Transportation Committee hearing on supply chain issues, CEO Chris Spear shares an internal survey showing that 37% of truck drivers "not only said no, but said hell no" to the Biden vaccine mandates. To give some perspective of the downstream consequence, the ATA President noted "if just 3.7 percent, not 37 percent, just 3.7 percent" of the drivers left the industry, there would be over a quarter million vacancies resulting in a "catastrophic" collapse of the U.S. supply chain. Mr. Spear also shared his opinion the OSHA rule is completely unworkable and unlawful.

Biden Shipped to China 1.6M Barrels of Crude From the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve in October, a Monthly Record | 11 Nov 2021 | U.S. Already Exporting Oil From Strategic Reserve at Record Pace - About 1.6 million barrels of crude from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve – a monthly record – was shipped out in October, according to data from market intelligence firm Kpler. Three cargoes were loaded onto a supertanker in the U.S. Gulf Coast and are headed to Asia. "Given the ongoing pace of the current SPR release – 12 million barrels in the last two months and the biggest weekly release so far last week at 3.1 million barrels – it's fair to assume more SPR barrels are going to leave U.S. shores in the weeks ahead," said Matt Smith, an oil analyst at Kpler.

Three States Sue Biden Administration Over Memo That Curtails Arrests of Illegal Immigrants | 20 Nov 2021 | The attorneys general of three states have sued Joe Biden's administration over a memorandum that ordered immigration agents not to arrest many illegal immigrants inside the United States. Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich, Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen, and Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, all Republicans, assert the directive from Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas is "a brazen display of contempt for Congress's statutory commands." Mayorkas, a Biden nominee, wrote on Sept. 30 that being in the country illegally was not enough cause for agents to carry out an arrest. Estimates of illegal immigrants inside the United States range from 11 million to over 14 million.

Navy Shipbuilding Contractor Suspends Vaccine Mandate After Workers Threaten to Leave | 21 Nov 2021 | A Navy shipbuilding company has ended its vaccine mandate after workers threatened to quit and the Navy confirmed it did not require the mandate. Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII), the parent company of Newport News Shipbuilding, is the world's only manufacturer of the U.S. Navy's nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. The company also serves as just one of two manufacturers of Virginia and Columbia Class submarines, employing more than 25,000 workers in Virginia. Newport had previously announced plans to require all 25,000 of its workers to be fully vaccinated by Dec. 8. The deadline was later moved to Jan. 4, to allow additional time. The deadline has now been "suspended," with the requirement ended. ★

Crime Reports

Citrus Heights Police Report

November 9th

November 21th



11/9/2021 • Time: 4:35 PM • IR Number: 12108772
Crime: **Grand Theft:Prop/Etc \$950+**
Location Type: Department Store/Big Box Store • Public Address: 61xx Sunrise Mall
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/11/2021 • Time: 6:20 PM • IR Number: 12108940
Crime: **Vehicle Theft**
Location Type: Parking Lot • Public Address: 61xx Auburn
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/11/2021 • Time: 6:00 PM • IR Number: 12108846
Crime: **Vehicle Theft**
Location Type: Street/Highway • Public Address: 69xx Caleta Ln.
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/13/2021 • Time: 5:00 PM • IR Number: 12108877
Crime: **Vehicle Theft**
Location Type: Parking Lot • Public Address: 78xx Greenback Ln.
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/13/2021 • Time: 10:00 AM • IR Number: 12108963
Crime: **Grand Theft:Prop/Etc \$950+**
Location Type: Construction Site • Public Address: 74xx Sunrise
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/14/2021 • Time: 2:00 PM • IR Number: 12108887
Crime: **Vehicle Theft**
Location Type: House (Includes Driveway) • Public Address: 70xx Greenback Ln.
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/18/2021 • Time: 5:45 AM • IR Number: 12108994
Crime: **Vehicle Theft**
Location Type: Parking Lot • Public Address: 76xx Kilarney Ln.
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/20/2021 • Time: 6:20 PM • IR Number: 12109049
Crime: **Vehicle Theft**
Location Type: Parking Lot • Public Address: 69xx Sunrise
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/21/2021 • Time: 2:10 PM • IR Number: 12109063
Crime: **Grand Theft:Prop/Etc \$950+**
Location Type: Department Store/Big Box Store • Public Address: 60xx Sunrise
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00310478
 Beatrice O. Okokpujie have filed a
 petition with this court for a decree
 changing the name(s) of Beatrice O.
 Okokpujie to Beatrice Ehi Saint-Joseph
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested
 in the above entitled matter appear before

this court at 9:00a.m. on December 29, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 2, 2021
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2021-00310950

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on January 11, 2022, in Department 53, located at 81313 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause if any why the petition for

Change of Name should not be granted
Dated: November 9, 2021
Shama H. Mesiwala, Judge of the Superior
Court
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2021
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2021-00310717
Erika Vasquez Williams and Stanley Williams
have filed a petition with this court for a decree
changing the name(s) of Antonio Jaden
Vasquez to Antonio Jaden Vasquez Williams.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons
interested in the above-entitled matter

appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on
January 5, 2022, in Department 54, located
at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814,
and show cause, if any, why the petition for
Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 5, 2021
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior
Court

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WILLIAMS 180201 12-17-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2021-00310942

Miguel Angel Rodriguez-Sotelo have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Moncerrat Rodriguez to Moncerrat Rodriguez-Villalpando.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on January 11, 2022 in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and

show cause, if any, why the petition to
Change of Name should not be granted
Dated: November 9, 2021
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Court
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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00309048

Moriah Forde has filed a petition with
 this court for a decree changing the
 name(s) of Aaj'ahan Nevan Lucas to
 Aaj'ahan Nevan Forde, Mil'yahna Nubiah
 Lucas to Mil'yahna Nubiah Forde.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested

in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on December 28, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: October 25, 2021
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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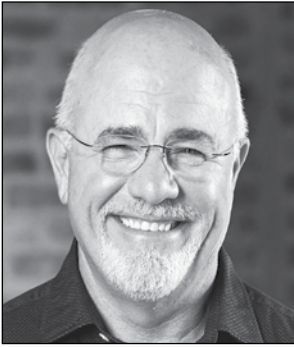
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It's Always
a We Thing

Dear Dave,

My husband recently approached me with an idea for our money. He wants us to set up an account where we both put 10 percent of our income for discretionary spending. My husband makes more money than I do, and because of this, he says it is fair that he would be able to spend more than I would. How do you feel about this?

– Liz
Dear Liz,

I'm sure deep down he's a decent guy and he loves you very much. But he's looking at this all wrong. Right now, he's being pretty immature and selfish about the whole situation. It's a bad plan.

Let's look at this from another angle. There are lots of families where only one person works outside the home and generates an income. Would it be fair,

Dave Ramsey Says

then, to say only the person making money is allowed a little cash to spend for fun once in a while? Of course, not.

When two people are married, they are pronounced "as one." That means even if you only have one person with an income, it becomes our income. If you have kids, they become our kids. See where I'm going with this? Marriage is not a me thing, it's a we thing. Always.
– Dave

Before or after?

Dear Dave,

When it comes to paying off credit cards and getting out of debt, I've heard you talk about cutting up the cards and closing the accounts. Should I pay off the balances before or after I close the accounts?

– Adrian
Dear Adrian,

I like the idea of cutting up the cards and closing the accounts first. Sometimes credit card companies will respond to this by jack-ing up the interest rates, or doing other shady things, but the point is to get them out of your life as quickly as possible and stop using the stupid things. Personal

finance is 80 percent behavior. Ridding yourself of credit cards, and getting credit card debt out of your life for good, is a great first step in learning to behave with your money. You don't build wealth or save money by using credit cards, no matter what anyone says. If you're naïve enough to think you're going to play around with a multi-billion-dollar industry and beat them at their own game, you're sadly mistaken.

The only way to win against credit card companies is by refusing to play their game!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 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. ★

Sustainability Manager
to Lead Green Initiatives

By Ken Casparis,
Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County has added a Sustainability Manager position to develop and oversee a wide variety of climate and sustainability programs and initiatives.

One of the Sustainability Manager's primary responsibilities will be implementing many of the County's Climate Action Plan policies once it is approved by the Board of Supervisors. Other responsibilities include:

Developing and coordinating sustainability-related programs; Overseeing projects and

programs to reduce county and community-generated greenhouse gasses with the objective of improving the Sacramento County environment; Forming a Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force to oversee the development and implementation of a climate emergency response plan; Fostering community engagement and collaboration with industry experts to achieve program objectives; Providing highly complex staff assistance to the County Executive

"I am thrilled to have been selected for this role and look forward to leading our climate and sustainability efforts," said John

Lundgren, Sacramento County Sustainability Manager. "Given my past experience developing the Climate Action Plan drafts for the Office of Planning and Environmental Review, I am confident in my ability to hit the ground running."

Lundgren began work as the Sustainability Manager on Oct. 24, 2021. Prior to this appointment, he was a Senior Planner with the County's Office of Planning and Environmental Review and has also worked in Code Enforcement and Animal Care and Regulation as part of his 26 years of Sacramento County service. ★



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NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIA C.
KELLEY

CASE No. 34-2021-00308855

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Maria C. Kelley deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Maria T. Bokovitz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Maria T. Bokovitz be appointed as personal representatives 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 March 9, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Maria T. Bokovitz 520 Harding Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95833 707-569-6288
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF MARY J. BELLAMY

CASE No. 34-2021-00310684

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Mary J. Bellamy deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Karen Bellamy, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Karen Bellamy be appointed as personal representatives 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 April 20, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Mary P. Kulvinsk Law Offices of Mary P. Kulvinsk, 2625 Townsgate Road, Suite 330 Westlake Village, CA 91361 805-267-1125
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF KATHRYN HATFIELD

CASE No. 34-2021-00310885

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Kathryn Hatfield deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Brian Gray, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Brian Gray be appointed as personal representatives 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 April 20, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Samuel K. Swenson,

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF JANINE L. GRAHAM

CASE No. 34-2021-00309782

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Janine L. Graham deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Michele L. Graham, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Michele L. Graham be appointed as personal representatives 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE
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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to the California Storage Act (Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code.)
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Auctioneer: Bid13.com 1-844-348-2776; agent for Owner. Contents for the following lien units will be sold:
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Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2130134406

SUPERIOR COURT OF
WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF CLARK
IN Re: Petitioner/s: Katie Johnson
And Respondent/s: Odus Williams
To the Court Clerk and all parties: A court hearing has been scheduled:

for: 12/10/21 at 1:30 p.m. at: 1200 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660 in Family Law Annex, Judge Schlenberg. The purpose of this hearing is (specify): Parenting Plan. Warning! If you do not go to the hearing, the court may sign orders without hearing your side. This hearing was requested by: Petitioner: Katie Johnson. Dated: 11/4/21.
I agree to accept legal papers for this case at: P.O. Box 820234, Vancouver, WA 98682. Publish: November 12, 19, 26 & December 3, 2021
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CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 106.50 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, REZONING THE PROPERTY FROM SHOPPING CENTER INTO THE SUNRISE TOMORROW SPECIAL PLANNING AREA

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Article 5, Section 106.50.110 through Section 106.50.150, of the City of Citrus Heights Zoning Ordinance in regards to Special Planning Areas. The Ordinance also amends the Zoning Map changing the subject property from Shopping Center to Special Planning Area (SPA).

The foregoing is a summary of an ordinance proposed to be adopted by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights at its meeting of **December 9, 2021.**

The full text of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, (916) 727-4704 or www.citrusheights.net.

Amy Van
City Clerk
Citrus Heights Messenger 11-26-2021

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that on **December 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the **City Council** of the City of Citrus Heights will hold a Public Hearing at the Citrus Heights **Council Chambers** located at **6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA**, for the consideration of the following:

Adoption of An Urgency Ordinance

The Citrus Heights City Council will be considering adoption of an Urgency Ordinance amending the City's Municipal Code for compliance to Senate Bill 9, which goes into effect on January 1, 2022 and requires local agencies to ministerially approve housing development containing no more than two residential units per lot and ministerially approve an urban lot split. Municipal Code Sections 82 and 106 will be amended to implement the new requirements.

Following the adoption of the Urgency Ordinance, the City Council will consider a Resolution, amending the Master Fee Schedule to include an application fee for the processing of projects related to SB9.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be found at www.citrusheights.net/292. This is not considered a project under CEQA pursuant to SB 9. Project Planner: Alison Bermudez

Following the Public Hearing, the **City Council** may take such action on the project as it deems appropriate. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments prior to and may testify at the Public Hearing. **Written comments may be submitted to Amy Van, City Clerk, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.** If the matter is continued for any reason to a later date, written comments and public testimony will be accepted until the close of the final Public Hearing. All comments will be considered by the Approving Authority.

If you challenge the action of the **City Council** on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Amy Van, City Clerk at 916-725-2448. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. TTY/TDD users with questions or comments can call the California Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1.

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9. Bob of boxing world
13. From then on
14. Ornamental pond dweller
15. Not asleep
16. Cuzco valley people
17. Overnight lodging
18. 5th of 7 canonical hours
19. *Bros Grimm language
21. *Language considered to have most words
23. Man's tasseled hat
24. Cross to bear
25. Retriever's word, for short
28. Person, place or thing
30. Like a bow or a racket
35. Pale ____ beverage, pl.
37. It has multiple limbs
39. Mister in Madrid
40. Spare in a trunk
41. Manuscript changes
43. Romantic occurrence
44. Letter-shaped girder
46. Russian mountain range
47. Curved molding
48. HN03 acid
50. Egyptian goddess of fertility
52. Rub the wrong way
53. CISC alternative
55. Cry of horror, in comics
57. *First language spoken in outer space
61. *Once considered the language of diplomacy
64. Like old cracker
65. What acrimony and acrobat have in common
67. Get ready to drive, on a golf course
69. It's often rewarded with a medal in military
70. Sturgeon yield
71. Backyards separator?
72. "That was close!"
73. "C ____ la vie!"
74. "Silas Marner" novelist

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4. Cozy accessory
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6. Similar
7. H+, e.g.
8. Flax-derived fabric
9. Deserter's acronym
10. Indian princess
11. Luau instrument, pl.
12. Mosquito net, e.g.
13. Teenagers' emotions
20. Nitrogen, in the olden days
22. *Greek N, pl.
24. Relating to dreams
25. *"Veni, vidi, vici" language
26. "My wife can vouch for me", e.g.
27. Prince's "Raspberry _____"
29. *Pakistani language
31. Make over
32. Eel in a sushi restaurant
33. Annotator
34. *Hellenic language
36. Popular way to cook tuna
38. *Greek H, pl.
42. More like a fox
45. Quaggier
49. Langley, VA org.
51. Be full of anger
54. Rabbit trap

56. Land on patellas
57. Invitation acronym
58. One of Four Corners states
59. Price reduction
60. Snail-like
61. Guitar part
62. Ghana monetary unit
63. Designer Boss
66. Trigonometry abbr.
68. Favorite one

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Shop Safe and Smart This Holiday Season

Better Business Bureau Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The 2021 holiday shopping season promises to be an unpredictable one. The labor shortage and supply chain issues are already throwing a wrench into holiday shopping. Electronics, toys, and other products will be (or already are) in short supply, and retailers are struggling to staff up as the shopping season nears.

Product shortages and increased online shopping are likely to result in even more online purchase scams this year. These scams accounted for nearly 40% of all scams reported to BBB Scam Tracker in 2020, according to the 2020 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report. Shortages are likely to make purchase scams even more common as desperate shoppers turn to shady websites in hopes of finding this year's must-have gift.



Be careful this shopping season. Photo Pixabay

BBB recommends the following tips to “Shop Safe, Shop Smart” this holiday season:

Research before you buy.; If the deal looks too good to be true, it probably is.; Beware of fake websites.; Professional photos do not mean it’s a real offer.; Make sure the website is secure.; Be careful purchasing sought-after products.; Beware of making quick purchases while scrolling through social media.; Look for the BBB seal.; Use secure and traceable transactions and payment methods.; Verify shipment tracking information.

Count on BBB to help you “Shop Safe, Shop Smart.” More tips are available at BBB.org/holiday-tips.

Report unsatisfactory purchase experiences to BBB. If you are unhappy with a purchase, file a complaint at BBB.org/complaints. If you never got what you paid for, consider reporting it to BBB Scam Tracker to help other consumers avoid being scammed. ★



By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

Have you ever woke up early in the morning and said a little prayer to God? Then, has the thought about who God IS raised in your mind?

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God is patient and waits for perfect special time! When we have grown and matured spiritually into His will for our lives, then He then will answer all our prayers.

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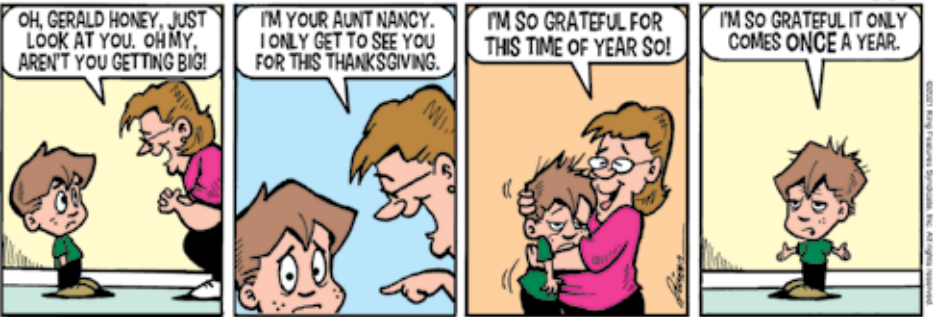
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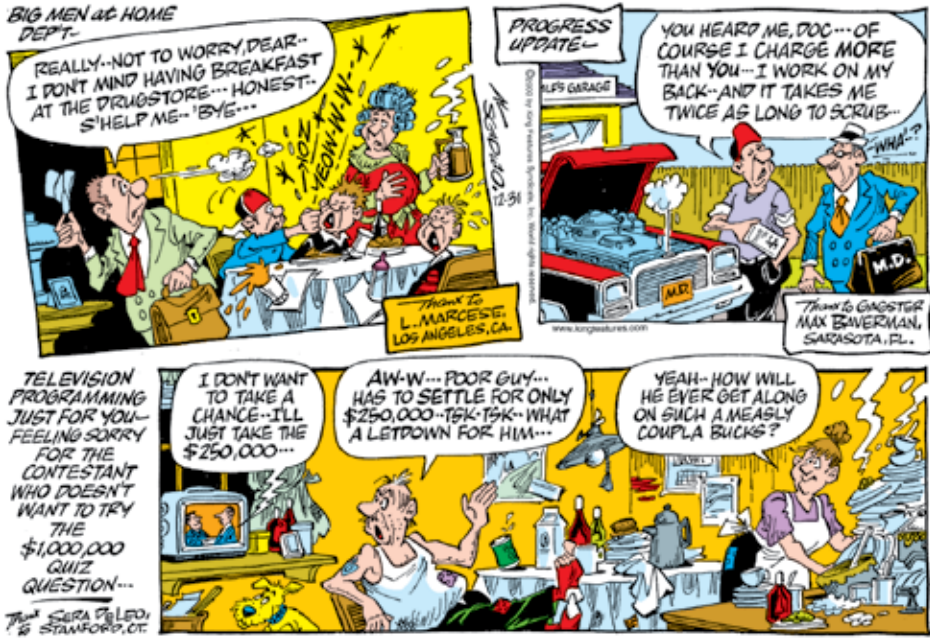
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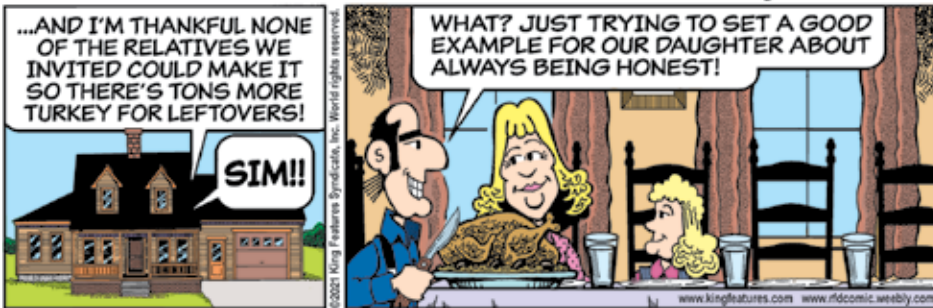
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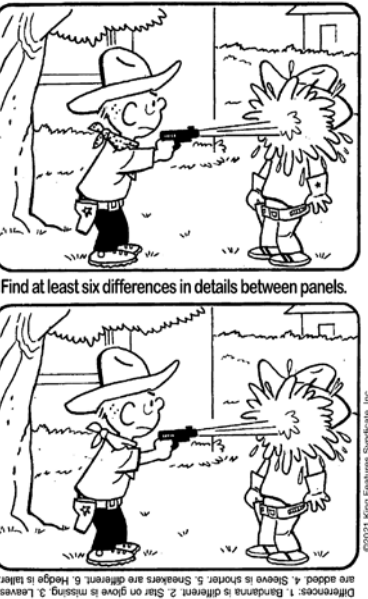
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The Teacher Shortage

The decline in substitute teachers challenges school districts

By Donna Glassman-Sommer and Marvin Lopez, CALMatters

California’s teacher shortage means most quality substitute teachers are being hired on full-time. At the same time, there has been a steep decline in applications for substitute teaching credentials since last January.

In short, we’re creating a substitute teacher shortage as we try to ensure great teachers are leading our classrooms.

Substitute teachers play a vital role in the success of students and teachers. Students spend, on average, approximately more than 10 days with substitute teachers during a given school year. Not having adequate support during these days has shown a negative impact on students’ achievement. Substitute teachers maintain healthy and successful learning environments for students and provide teachers the time and energy they need to build their professional skills to best support students.



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Full-time teachers could take advantage of professional learning, networking and collaboration opportunities. Most importantly, teachers felt secure and confident knowing students continued receiving a high-quality education without skipping a beat.

California is investing in teachers this year but there needs to be more focus on substitutes as part of the solution.

To expand the pool of

potential substitute teachers, state policymakers need to collaborate and reexamine CalSTRS existing policies that prevent retired teachers, under state and federal law, from doing substitute teaching within their first six months of retirement. Retired teachers have experience leading students through their educational journeys and are familiar with the communities they served.

Having opportunities for retired teachers to temporarily work to continue helping local schools while solving a statewide shortage of teachers is a short-term solution, but one that is needed this school year.

Having the support of policymakers is only part of the solution. The support and involvement of all our communities is also important to make a difference; this is how you can help;

Research requirements to be a substitute teacher and see if this is a good fit for you or someone you might know. This can be your way of giving back to your community and helping our next generation of young scholars; Call your local district and neighborhood schools and find out how you can provide additional support on campuses. If not as a substitute, it’s likely volunteers are needed; Attend career job fairs to

learn more about what it takes to be an educator in today’s world and how you can support districts who might need higher levels of support.

Recruiting and retaining enough substitute teachers to help solve the shortage won’t be an easy task. This is a statewide problem that will be solved locally with the help of many people, people like you. Even if you’ve never worked in education, take a moment

to learn more. What could be an occasional day of work for you could be what provides the consistency students in your town need to learn, grow and succeed.

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