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## Increasing Transparency for Traffic Safety Projects



The City receives frequent requests for traffic calming measures on local neighborhood streets - like the speed humps pictured here. The new Multi-Modal Transportation Safety Program (MMTSP) will provide an online portal where requests will automatically be prioritized, and residents can track the progress of their request. Photo provided by the City of Citrus Heights

Story by Shaunna Boyd

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - At a special City Council study session this month, Council heard updates about the Multi-Modal Transportation Safety Program (MMTSP), which is now in its final phase. The MMTSP is funded by a CalTrans planning grant to develop a community-driven, transparent, and equitable process for prioritizing and addressing neighborhood traffic safety issues.

City Engineer Leslie Blomquist explained that each year the city receives a significant number of requests for traffic calming measures

on local neighborhood streets. The number of resident requests has continued to rise over the last decade, indicating increased demand for safety improvements throughout the city. But without a process in place for prioritizing those requests and allocating the limited funding resources available for these improvements, a significant backlog occurred.

To remedy this, the City started working on the MMTSP last fall. Because the program is all about safety on local neighborhood streets, public engagement has been critical - including workshops, online surveys, social media outreach, and webinars.

The input from residents was used to identify community preferences and priorities. Combining community priorities with a systemwide traffic safety analysis led to the development of an automated process for prioritizing and evaluating resident requests - and the interactive online portal is under development now. Priority ranking will be assigned based on location context, such as proximity to schools, parks, libraries, emergency access routes, government services, senior housing, etc. The rankings will be weighted based on responses from the community survey.

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## Providing Shelter and Much More

From Sacramento  
County

There's no simple solution; homelessness is a complex issue. Every individual is different and needs their own unique approach.

Through its initiatives and its array of services, Sacramento County is finding more ways to help those who need a place to live as well as to break the cycle of chronic homelessness.

"People are not just being sheltered," explains Cindy Cavanaugh, Sacramento County's Director of Homeless Initiatives. "They're moving towards ending their homelessness."

During these unprecedented times, Sacramento County is working hard to help people experiencing homelessness. COVID-19 adds another layer of complexity.

"COVID has been a challenge, but we were able to respond on a county-wide basis," Cavanaugh says. "Working with our partners, we added nearly 600 shelter units for those most at risk, provided necessary supplies and sanitation to those living outside, and did proactive testing as well. We are now working on services and rehousing those we've brought inside."

Before the pandemic, Sacramento County already was experiencing an uptick in homelessness. According to the 2019 Sacramento City/County Continuum of Care Point-in-Time Count, an estimated 5,570 people are experiencing homelessness in Sacramento County on any given night - a 19% increase since 2017.

About 70% are unsheltered. Of those 5,570 individuals, 12% are children and 8% are transitional-aged youth, ages 18 to 24. While the county has seen an increase in homelessness overall, the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness decreased, including a 7% drop of those unsheltered. According to the study, about 36 out of every 10,000 Sacramento County residents are experiencing homelessness.

Many of the existing County services and efforts aimed at combating homelessness are not visible or well understood - particularly to those not using them.

"The system of homeless services and support has very few designated points of entry. Navigating the system can be challenging," says Homeless Services Program Manager Julie Field in the County's Department of Human

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## A Hot Wheels Legend



Hot Wheels Garage of Legends selected Riley Stair's 1970 Pontiac Trans Am as the first-place winner from the finalists incorporating the design and build into the brand's storied 52-year history. Photo: Mitchell Communications Group

Submitted by John Engleman,  
Mitchell Communications Group

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Sacramentan Riley Stair's 1970 Pontiac Trans Am won the Saturday, November 14th Hot Wheels Legends Tour finale and it will now be made into a Hot Wheels diecast car to

be sold worldwide. Stair competed against 8 other tour stop winners (and a Mobil One Fan Favorite winner, and 4 foreign winners) for the right to have his Pontiac immortalized at Jay Leno's Garage in Burbank, California.

His car was voted the top car by four of the six judges, including Snoop Dogg and Hot Wheels Senior Design

Manager, Brian Benedict. It wasn't something that the humble Stair saw happening, but he said excitedly "It feels great!"

"To be honest, I didn't think I would win," said Stair. "I was reserved to the fact that to get to that point was all that I needed. I'm ecstatic that my

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# How Risky was that Napa Party Gavin Newsom Attended?

By James Bikales, CALMatters.org

Just how risky was the birthday party that Gov. Gavin Newsom attended at a ritzy Napa Valley restaurant?

According to a modeling tool, if held today, there's an 11 to 12% chance – odds of about one in nine – that one of the dinner guests was infected with the coronavirus.

The COVID-19 risk map, developed by Georgia Institute of Technology researchers, has been peer-reviewed and published in the highly esteemed science journal Nature. Using data on infections in each county, it calculates the risk that at least one afflicted attendee will be at an event of various sizes.

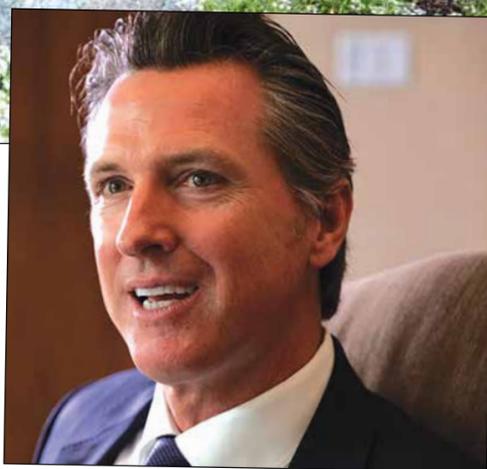
Based on current Napa County infections, the model calculates a 12% likelihood that one guest at an event of 10 people would have COVID-19. Using Sacramento County, where many of the guests were from, gives it an 11% chance.

The Nov. 6 dinner attended by at least 12 people was celebrating the birthday of lobbyist Jason Kinney, a close friend of Newsom's, according to the San Francisco Chronicle, which first reported the story Nov. 13. Newsom and his wife joined members of several other households at the event – including two California Medical Association executives – despite his administration urging against private gatherings of more than three households.

Probability aside, many epidemiologists agree that



Above: A model calculates a 12% chance that a guest at a small dinner party in Napa Valley is infected with the virus. Whether indoors or outdoors, dining in a restaurant is “amongst the riskiest things we do for COVID,” a UC San Francisco health expert said. Photo by KTaovia/Flickr. Right: Sorry, Governor, your apology is not accepted from the thousands of now bankrupt business owners. File photo MPG



dining out poses a high risk of infection, given that it places strangers in close proximity for extended periods, often without masks.

Studies appear to bear out the conclusion that the party at Michelin-starred French Laundry in Yountville put its guests at significant risk.

On the date of the party, Napa County reported 32 new cases of COVID-19, 286 active cases, 2,181 confirmed cases, 16 confirmed deaths and 1,879 recoveries. The total has since risen to 2,623 cases.

Newsom publicly

apologized for attending the dinner, saying he should have practiced what he preached. The same day, he announced tight new restrictions to combat a fall surge of the virus, including the closure of most nonessential businesses, restaurants, bars and places of worship. On Thursday, Newsom tacked on a month-long curfew shutting down non-essential work and gatherings from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for 94% of the state's population.

There is some dispute as to whether the meal took place outdoors – Newsom said

Monday that it was an outdoor restaurant, but photos published Tuesday by Fox LA appear to show a private dining room with at least three walls and a sliding glass door. Napa County was in the “orange” tier of the state's reopening guidelines at the time, meaning some indoor

dining was permitted.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, told MSNBC in September that restaurants should be closed to indoor diners.

“When you have restaurants, indoors, in a situation where you have a high degree of infection in

the community, you're not wearing masks, that's a problem,” he said.

In a peer-reviewed study published in Nature this month, Stanford researchers used mobility data to show that a few super-spreader events at points of interest – including restaurants – account for the vast majority of COVID-19 infections. Rather than full-scale lockdowns, the researchers recommend restricting occupancy at those high-risk locations.

Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, a public health expert and physician, said that models cannot fully reflect an individual's risk because “risk is relative, and cumulative.” Still, he noted the indirect risk to the public posed by the optics of Newsom attending the dinner.

“Optics can really pose an indirect risk, because it can convert or translate into non-adherence,” he said.

Hasbrouck said Newsom should have modeled different behavior by leaving the dinner.

“In any leadership role, certainly if you're touching on public health or you're touching on public policy, you really have to have a higher standard,” he said. “You have to make some of those compromises because you're trying to lead by example.”

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# Increasing Transparency for Traffic Safety Projects

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Mary Poole of the General Services Department explained that when the portal officially launches, residents will be able to identify problem locations on the map and submit a request form with up to three issues they want to see addressed – including speeding, cut-through traffic, stop sign violations, crossing safety issues, reckless driving, inadequate street lighting, lack of sidewalks, etc. Residents can also submit requests over the phone or through the mail, and City staff will input those requests into the same system. All submitted requests will be shown on a public-facing interactive map where residents can see the ranked priority level and track the progress of their requests.

Requests that are marked as high priority will then undergo site-specific analysis and data collection – such as traffic volume, speed, and cut-through rates – to determine the need for countermeasures.

Countermeasures will be implemented through a “progressive application,” said Blomquist. For example, if the issue is high vehicle speeds, they would initially implement cost-effective measures such as updated striping to narrow the traffic lanes and encourage slower speeds. The area would then be monitored for improvement. If the problem persists, then other more aggressive, and expensive, measures would be implemented, such as speed humps. “The goal here is really to maximize the use of the limited funding and to be able to address more and more concerns and get to the lower portions of the list as soon as possible,” said Blomquist.

The goal is to facilitate a transparent, community-driven process in which residents have contributed directly to the prioritization of projects. Staff will input the backlog of previously submitted requests into the online portal. For any requests over five years old, they will reach out to the submitter to

determine if the issue is still occurring. The new process will ensure that community members have a clear understanding of the process and how their requests will be handled.

Another feature of the MMTSP is the promotion of a culture of traffic safety in the city. This is a call to action to Citrus Heights residents to build a sense of community responsibility. Neighborhood Champions have been “critical to the success” of the program, said Poole, thanking Chad Singleton, Aimee Pfaff, Susan Pointer, and Melanie Steffens for their active role working with their neighbors and promoting public engagement in the MMTSP process. Poole said that anyone can be a Champion, and the MMTSP Toolbox will offer yard signs and stickers as a way to promote a sense of citizen ownership over street safety.

The MMTSP will come to the City Council for a final vote at the December 10 meeting. If approved, the program will launch in spring 2021. ★

# Providing Shelter and Much More

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Assistance. “We have worked to streamline the ‘front door’ and minimize confusion for persons trying to change their course.”

As the largest provider of social services, Sacramento County offers an array of programs and services aimed at helping individuals and families experiencing homelessness to regain health, income and permanent housing stability. Its sheltering network includes long-established local shelters, dozens of individual homes as well as more than 200 residential units on the Mather campus in Rancho Cordova.

“We’ve heavily invested in rehousing,” Cavanaugh says. “County departments across the spectrum – from public defender to family services, behavioral health to human assistance – are finding new ways to help people leave homelessness more quickly, stabilize and rebuild their lives. This not only serves the individual, but the community at large.”

## Homelessness Response

Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance provides a robust multi-departmental response to homelessness from immediate crisis response services to rehousing, and longer-term stabilizing services that help individuals transition to permanent housing stability.

Eduardo Ameneyro, DHA Homeless Services Division Manager says, “Just through DHA alone, we have more than tripled our homelessness budget and have created a foundation of flexible services and programs that can expand as resources are secured. Increased collaboration among local partners ensures we can cast the widest array of services and serve persons who would otherwise not have received services.”

CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP): Supports CalWORKs recipients experiencing homelessness with obtaining permanent housing. Includes assistance with move-in costs and limited-term rental subsidies.

Family Homelessness Response and Shelter System: Works to reduce barriers to accessing emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness by:

centralizing registration via an electronic portal; allowing pets; expanding the definition of a family; removing restrictive funding; and removing time limits.

Mather Community Campus: Provides shelter and transitional housing programs for single adults, families with minor dependent children and Former Foster Care Youth including: Shelter for up to 140 single adults; Transitional Housing for up to 25 families; and Transitional Housing for up to 58 Former Foster Youth with 10 additional units provided off-campus.

Flexible Supportive Rehousing Program: Provides intensive case management and permanent housing services to 250 frequent users of County jail and Behavioral Health Services

Flexible Housing Pool: Provides limited-term intensive case management services and housing services for persons and families experiencing homelessness. Participants of this program are referred in through collaboration with county Departments, local cities, the Continuum of Care and Outreach Navigation services.

Homeless Prevention and Intervention Services for Transition Age Youth: Provides prevention, diversion and intervention services for youth aged 18-24 years who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.

Full-Service Rehousing Shelter: Provides shelter, case management and rehousing assistance for up to 115 persons experiencing homelessness, based on referrals.

North A Street Shelter: Provides outreach and shelter services for 80 individuals in the River District.

Return to Residency: A bus ticket is provided for persons newly arriving in Sacramento County, faced with homelessness and no means of support. The destination must be the person’s verified place of residency where housing and ongoing support have been confirmed.

For more information on the County’s Response to Homelessness visit our website.

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# Property Owners Covering Delayed Rent Payments

*By Brooke Armour, California Business Roundtable*

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable, issued the following statement in response to a recent study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia that shows an estimated 24,000 renters statewide are behind on their rent, totaling nearly \$1.7 billion in missed rent payments since the pandemic began:

“The Federal Reserve study is clearly defining the economic sacrifices made by private property owners that have allowed renters to stay in their homes, helping to prevent homelessness—all with little to no support from the state or federal government. This new report magnifies the urgent need to provide assistance that gives relief to property owners and tenants affected by COVID-related economic hardships.

“At the same time, the Legislature’s short-term eviction protections are expiring early next year. We cannot afford to prolong the crisis for property owners and tenants, especially as the governor toggles counties between COVID-mitigation tiers and its related impacts on the workforce. We look forward to working with the governor and Legislature to jointly address financial support for housing and small business recovery immediately.”

The California Business Roundtable was one of the main proponents of AB 1482 (Chiu-Grayson), which enacted a balanced approach to modernizing the state’s rental housing laws to increase protections for tenants while also encouraging the construction of new affordable housing. The Roundtable also took a neutral position on AB 3088, the current rental housing eviction freeze set to expire on February 1, 2021. ★



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# Social Security Matters

## Claim Now and Invest It, or Wait to Claim?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social  
Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I'm 66 now and will be 67 in December and my question is this: Should I take Social Security now or wait? I'm still working full time and plan to work for a few more years, at least until I'm 70 but maybe longer. I was told by a friend that I should take my Social Security now and put the money into savings, invest it or use it. And, since I'm still working, I'm still contributing to Social Security, so that when I reach 70 I should get the full amount. I'm not sure if this is accurate so would like to hear your advice.  
**Signed: Uncertain Lady**

**Dear Uncertain Lady:** By taking your Social Security benefit now you will be locking into a benefit amount that is smaller than it would otherwise be if you wait longer to claim. You've already reached your Social Security full retirement age (FRA) of 66 and, since then, have been earning delayed retirement credits (DRCs) at the rate of .667% per month of delay past your FRA. You will continue to earn those DRCs – an 8% higher benefit for each year you delay - until age 70 when your benefit will be 32% more than it would have been at 66 and 24% more than at age 67.



Can you do better than that by taking a smaller benefit now and investing it? That depends upon what type of investing you intend to do. I cannot answer that for you, but a guaranteed 8% increase in your benefit amount for each year you delay, resulting in a much higher benefit for the rest of your life, is pretty hard to beat.

It is true that continuing to work now may help increase your Social Security benefit, but that's true regardless of when you claim. Your benefit will be based upon the 35 highest earning years over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) at the time you claim. If, after your benefits start, your current earnings are higher than any of those used to originally compute your benefit, you will get credit for those higher earnings and your benefit will increase. Even after you claim benefits, Social Security examines your new earnings every year to see if you're entitled to a higher benefit. And you will get credit for your current earnings even if you wait and continue to earn those DRCs for a much higher benefit later.

In the end, when to claim Social Security is a decision that should consider your current and future financial needs, and your health and estimated longevity. If you are working and don't need the extra money right now, and like the idea of a higher

benefit later, after you are done working, then waiting to claim makes sense, especially if you're in good health and expect at least average longevity. Average life expectancy today for a woman your age is about 87, and if you attain at least the average, you'll collect much more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting longer to claim. Conversely, if your longevity outlook is less than average and you need the money now, claiming earlier is a perfectly good strategy.

One last thing to consider: if you are married and your husband is collecting benefits, you are eligible to file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" which would let you collect a spouse benefit equal to half of your husband's FRA benefit amount, while allowing your own benefit to continue to grow until age 70. You can do this because you were born in 1953, before the cutoff date of January 2, 1954. The option was eliminated for anyone born after that date.

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### The Failure of Black Lives Matter

Black Lives Matter came up with the single most effective political slogan of the year.

While no one was likely to be overly impressed with Joe Biden's line, "Build Back Better," and Donald Trump's "Keep America Great" or "Make America Great Again, Again" didn't have the resonance of the original 2016 version, BLM broke through the clutter with a catchphrase that was memorable, pungent – and utterly devastating to Democrats.

After a surprising Tory victory in the British parliamentary election in 1992, the pro-Tory tabloid *The Sun* famously boasted, "It's the Sun Wot Won It." In the same spirit, it could be said that in this year's congressional election, "It's 'Defund the Police' Wot Lost It."

Democrats have an uphill battle to take the U.S. Senate – pending two Georgia run-offs – and suffered shocking setbacks in the House that drastically diminished their majority.

All over the map, Democrats got hammered on defunding the police,

which couldn't have been better designed to extract maximum political pain with zero upside.

Black Lives Matter has been a stunning success in the elite culture. It won the obeisance of almost every major institution, from corporate America to sports leagues to colleges. It created a powerful, if dishonest, narrative of systemic police racism. It got invested with nearly a holy significance, such that criticizing it is considered at least a sin and perhaps a firing offense.

Much more importantly, at least for a time after the death of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis, it won the goodwill of a clear majority of Americans.

To take this position of strength and use it primarily to associate your allies with a politically radioactive position requires extraordinary strategic folly and heedless ideological fanaticism. BLM had both, in ample supply.

The notion of defunding the police had been rattling around the left for a long time, but the George Floyd protests took it mainstream. BLM pushed municipalities to actually act on the proposal.

Whenever someone tried to take the edge off defunding the police by redefining it as simply reallocating some law-enforcement dollars, defenders piped up to say, No, we really mean it.

The New York Times ran an op-ed against incrementalist interpretations, "Yes, We Mean Literally Abolish the Police."

Predictably, Republicans took the weapon handed to them and used it, as Democrats would have done if a voluble faction on the right called for, say, abolishing child welfare agencies.

The effectiveness of the attack now has Democrats who are otherwise loath to speak ill of BLM complaining about what its catchy slogan did to the party.

After support for BLM surged last spring, positive feelings for it have been declining. A Pew Research report showed support for BLM dropping from 67% in June to 55% in September. Only 45% of white people expressed support for the movement.

Given that BLM elevated the dumbest, most self-destructive slogan in American politics in a very long time, and an even more atrocious policy, its numbers deserve to fall further. Advocates of defunding the police argued that setting out an extreme position could have a political effect even if it had no chance of enactment.

They proved exactly right – just not how they expected.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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## Proposition 13's Defeat a Victory for California's Future



Commentary  
by Ted Gaines

As the media focuses overwhelmingly on the drawn-out presidential election, we shouldn't ignore the defeat of Prop. 13, a massively consequential outcome for Californians. Even in this most liberal state, where sales taxes, income taxes and gas taxes march ever upward, Prop. 13's loss shows that Prop. 13 taxpayer protections remain important, popular, and necessary.

Once again, Prop. 13's deep roots proved tough to tear out. Prop. 13 was the latest of many attempts to dismantle the state's most famous taxpayer reform. Prop. 13 would have eliminated a key business property protection by subjecting these properties to reassessments at least every three years, exposing them to massive tax increases far above the 2-percent cap guaranteed by Prop. 13.

It would have gutted the agricultural industry by requiring reassessments of barns, silos, processing facilities, mature fruit and nut trees, and other property that currently falls under Prop.

13's protections. Small business owners with "triple net" leases, already reeling from COVID, would have faced a wave of property tax increases as they look to rebound.

California's business climate is already terrible – it's earned CEO Magazine's worst place to do business "honor" for a decade straight – and Prop. 13 would have certainly made it worse. But besides avoiding the direct damage Prop. 13 would have inflicted on business, its election day defeat is important for the precedent it continues. Prop. 13 is the single most important tax law in California and must be defended completely. Voters sent yet another signal that it cannot be weakened. It can't be torn down piece-by-piece. It can't be carved up for special exemptions supposedly aimed only at big business.

Voters know that once Prop. 13 suffers a single chip in its exterior then the entire pillar is primed for collapse. This time it was big (and small) businesses in the crosshairs, but next election cycle it will be homes worth more than \$2 million, then homes worth \$1 million, then assessments every 20 years, then they will be coming after YOUR home. A Prop. 13 patchwork of gradually shrinking exclusions would soon exist only as a memory.

I've spent nearly two decades in public service as a taxpayer advocate and champion of Prop. 13. The law is a savior for over-taxed Californians. It's saved

homeowners and business property owners billions over the past 42 years and provided them with a stable, predictable bill every year, allowing for planning and budgeting and eliminating the tax spikes the led to closed store fronts and seniors losing their homes in the 1970s. Prop. 13's enduring effectiveness is what makes it a constant target.

A check on taxes is also a check on government growth and a boon for the economy. Defeating Prop. 13 will keep more than \$11 billion a year out of government slush funds and in the pockets of business owners who can use it to expand, invest, and hire more employees. That is critical as California businesses scramble to stay alive and rebuild out of the pandemic.

To create a vibrant COVID economy, we must be partners in prosperity with our private sector. Defeating Prop. 13 stops our tax climate from getting worse and everyone interested in a thriving California economy should celebrate its loss, for now, but be ready to defend Prop. 13 again in 2022.

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### Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

#### Everything Leads Somewhere



Everything happens for a reason. However, when you are in the midst of adversity, it's hard to see anything good coming from it. Although there are circumstances beyond your control, you have total control over your attitude and response.

While you are in the midst of dealing with an adverse situation, it's difficult to comprehend that something positive can emerge. Having the belief that everything leads somewhere provides hope and encouragement.

When a door closes you need to move in a different direction. You may not immediately understand why something happened, but the reasons become clearer as you move forward. You'll be able to identify new paths and gain a different perspective.

There are endless examples of how this process works. Let's review two notable people who understood this and used it to realize incredible achievements. First, we'll look at Lee Iacocca, the iconic automobile industry legend.

Lee Iacocca began working for the Ford Motor Company when he was 22. By the time he was 46 he was the President at Ford. He was instrumental in the design of many of Ford's most successful models including the Ford Mustang. Due to internal conflicts, Iacocca was fired from Ford in 1970.

Iacocca was then hired by Chrysler as its President, where he oversaw the development of the minivan which help

lead Chrysler to great success. It would have been easy to become despondent after being ousted by Ford. But Iacocca used his firing as a springboard to incredible accomplishments at Chrysler.

Thomas Edison also had a lot of exposure to unfortunate circumstances. His teachers told his mother that he was too stupid to learn anything. He was fired from his first two jobs for being unproductive. It took Edison 10,000 attempts before he developed a commercially viable light bulb.

With each unsuccessful light bulb, Edison endeavored to determine the cause of the failure. He made some adjustment to each new bulb before testing it. Edison ultimately succeeded because he utilized adversity to move forward. Like Iacocca, Edison never allowed negative circumstances to serve as a roadblock. Both men exemplify the fact that everything leads somewhere. These men never made excuses justifying failure. Instead they forged ahead, learning from their experiences.

Maintaining a positive mindset is essential. Having an upbeat attitude may be the last thing you feel like doing. A positive outlook is always more beneficial than a negative one. A negative attitude always makes you feel worse. With a positive perspective, each challenge will reveal new paths which are available to you and you'll see new options appear.

You learn much more from challenging situations

than when all goes as planned. Adversity is a force of innovation, discovery, and progress. Nothing new ever emerged from a perfect situation.

Effectively handling the unexpected helps you become more resilient. You benefit greatly from your ability to improvise, adapt, and adjust. Life is filled with challenges. Change is constant. By having a positive response to whatever is encountered, you give yourself a significant edge. After dealing with a negative situation, you have a heightened appreciation for the positive aspects of your life. Fixating on problems causes you to lose your perspective by neglecting to appreciate all of the good.

Positive, upbeat, happy people have a deep-seated belief that all will work out. They maintain an attitude of gratitude by being thankful for all of their blessings. They don't allow themselves to become consumed by problems.

Believe that everything does lead somewhere. Things happen for a reason. Maintaining a positive outlook enables you to find the correct path for you to take. Look for the new doors which are now open to you.

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# Being Nice Does Have Its Rewards

By Rev. James L. Snyder

It was one of those weeks. It seems that every week of mine is "one of those weeks."

Several problems developed with my vehicle, and I had to take it to the garage.

Fortunately, when I took it in, it wasn't as serious as I thought. Of course, I was happy about that, and as I drove my vehicle home, I sang one of my happy songs.

The next day, the vehicle had the issue again. I guess he heard me sing that happy song and was going to try to prove me wrong. I should've worn a mask while singing so he wouldn't understand what I was singing. When am I going to learn?

Oh well, it's one of those weeks.

I took the vehicle back to the garage, and they solved the problem very quickly, which made me happy. Remembering the last time I brought the vehicle home, I did not sing my happy song, at least out loud.

When everything goes wrong, it is tough to be nice. Having a nice attitude takes a lot of work, and I must say it is beyond my pay grade.

Then things changed.

First off, I got a check from my publisher, which I

was not expecting. It was just the beginning of the "nice" attitude in my week.

My wife was away for lunch the other day, and so I had to get my lunch. I stopped at Wendy's and got my lunch, and I have one of those coupons for a free Frosty. I used my coupon, and when I picked up my food, there were two Frostys.

"Excuse me," I said to the waiter, "I only ordered one frosty, but you gave me two."

The person at the window looked at me, smiled, and said, "I just wanted to do something nice for you. Go ahead, keep it." I smiled back at him and thanked him.

As I was thinking about how nice the week was going, I decided to celebrate it by getting an Apple Fritter.

I went in, got my Apple Fritter, and took it to the cashier. When I got there, I looked at the cashier and said, "If I mention how nice you look today, could you give me a discount on my Apple Fritter?"

I could see quite a bit of strain in the lady at the cash register, and I'm sure she's had one of those days like I

have every once in a while.

She looked at me, smiled (probably the first time that day), and said, "That's the nicest thing anybody has said to me all day. Sure I can give you a discount. In fact, this Apple Fritter is on the house. Go ahead and take it." Then she smiled as I walked out the door.

Driving home, I thought about it and that being nice sometimes has nice results. Nothing could be nicer for me than a free Apple Fritter.

I thought about the words of Jesus, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

After this little incident, I will take more time practicing to be nice to the people I meet each day.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

For many people, this has been the most difficult year they can remember. Surveys show that worry, stress, loneliness, and fear have increased this year at alarming rates. However, as we approach Thanksgiving, I want to encourage you to do something that might seem totally contrary to how you feel and radical in the middle of a year like this. *Be grateful.*

Have you ever wondered what God's will for you is? Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "Whatever happens (even in a Pandemic), give thanks, because it is God's will in Christ Jesus that you do this" (GW). There it is, God's will for us today is to be thankful. Even in the worst of times, God wants us to be grateful.

You say, "What do I have to be thankful for? Everything is shut-down, I've been forced out of

# Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

## Radical Thanksgiving

business, my loved one is sick, I don't know how I will pay next month's bills!" It's not my intent to belittle your pain. If you are worried, if you've lost your job, maybe a loved one, you're under a lot of stress, I'm sorry. I'm very sorry for your loss and pain.

A famous Bible scholar named Matthew Henry was once attacked by thieves and robbed. Yet, even in his time of loss and pain he wrote these words in his diary: "Let me be thankful. First, I was never robbed before. Second, although they took my purse, they didn't take my life. Third, although they took my all, it was not much. Fourth, let me be thankful because it was I who was robbed and not I who did the robbing." The point is, even in the worst of times, there is always something you can be thankful for.

I used to think life was made up of mountains and valleys, highs, and lows. But that's not reality. Because there's never a time in your life when

EVERYTHING is perfect. And there's never a time in your life when everything is all bad. Life is like two rails on a track. One of them represents the good things in your life and the other represents the bad. In life you get both at the same time. So, in your life no matter how good things are, there's always some bad and in your life no matter how bad things are, there is always something you can be thankful for. When you get the good and the bad together that's called life.

So, what do you thank God for when things are going more bad than good? For starters, you woke up this morning! And God is still in control! God still loves you! You have your sins forgiven, a purpose for live and a home in heaven! And in some way, somehow God will take the bad in your life and He will bring good out of it. You can thank God for that today, even during the worst of times!

**Pastor Ray**  
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By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

# A Gift From God to You

"A MOMENT IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS HIS GIFT TO YOU" ... ENJOY HIM! ! My heart concurs with those words that I read on the front book cover of a devotional prayer book. It is in His presence we can experience a peace that surpasses all understanding of anything on this earth. Peace that passes all understanding is only found in a personal intimate relationship with Almighty God.

Scripture says "Seek the Lord and seek His presence continually" (Psalm 105:4) And in Psalm 119:50 it states "Your promise revives me, it comforts me in all my troubles" Another place it says "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and in His Word I hope." (Psalm 130:5) Yes, it is when one is quietly waiting

on the Lord one experiences His presence. Once a person has experienced His presence in their life, the desire to be there often is birthed in them. In His presence one will enjoy a peace beyond measure to carry one through any kind of difficulty or problem. With this peace comes an assurance because God is on the journey with you and He speaks to your inner nature. His presence and His voice calms and comforts like nothing else on this earth.

Once a person has received this gift of peace, there is no longer a need to shop in a department store for a gift to make one feel better. Seeking the face of God and His presence is the best gift one will ever receive. Jesus is the Heavenly Father's "love gift" to all mankind and accepting Him as the Savior of one's soul one realizes much. When Jesus is the Lord in their life, He transforms, heals

and delivers the life surrendered and committed to "know Him and follow His words in daily obedience."

You really believe you are not worthy of a blessed gift like this? None of us are worthy! This is why the Son of God had to come and die. He paid the penalty for all our sins. We are now washed and cleansed by His shed blood on Calvary. Accepting Him we are now acceptable to receive His "gift of eternal life." Only those who have received Jesus have a wonderful opportunity to experience His presence and peace in their life today! Consider Him - He loves YOU to the uttermost!

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# Newsom Displays Hypocritical Arrogance



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

Gov. Gavin Newsom wasn't born to wealth and privilege but as a youngster he was enveloped in it as the surrogate son of billionaire Gordon Getty.

Later, Getty's personal trust fund – managed by Newsom's father – provided initial financing for business ventures that made Newsom wealthy enough to segue into a political career as a protégé of San Francisco's fabled political mastermind, Willie Brown.

Getty and Brown personify San Francisco's unique culture, one that not only tolerates raffish personal behavior but celebrates it, which is why Newsom's political career didn't suffer when, as mayor, he had an affair with his campaign manager's wife. It would have been a career-buster almost anywhere else.

When Newsom became governor two years ago, after a stint as lieutenant governor under Jerry Brown, he brought his bubble of wealth and privilege with him to Sacramento. He and his "first partner," Jennifer Siebel, shunned the state's Victorian governor's mansion that Brown had renovated, moved into a multi-million-dollar home in the suburbs and enrolled their children in a tony private school.

Newsom tries, in his public appearances, to associate himself with the lives of ordinary Californians and talks a lot about closing yawning economic gaps. Nevertheless, he still comes across as someone unbound by the usual conventions.

That attitude became jarringly apparent last week when the San Francisco Chronicle revealed that although Newsom had publicly beseeched Californians to avoid social gatherings to battle COVID-19, he attended a birthday party at the very expensive French Laundry restaurant in Napa for a long-time advisor, lobbyist Jason Kinney.

At first, Newsom's office insisted that no social distancing rules were broken, which might have been technically true. Belatedly, however, Newsom recognized that to Californians who are sacrificing social lives, family contacts and often their jobs to fight the pandemic, it was what political types call "bad optics."

On Monday, he said "I made a bad mistake... I want to apologize to you, because I need to preach and practice, not just preach and not practice... We're all human, we all fall short sometimes."

The French Laundry incident came just days after Newsom revealed that his children were back in classes at their private school while millions of other California kids are confined to homebound classes via the Internet. It's the sort of hypocritical arrogance that drives voters up the wall.

As Kevin Faulconer,

the outgoing mayor of San Diego and a potential Newsom challenger in 2022 tweeted, "His kids can learn in person. But yours can't. He can celebrate birthday parties. But you can't. He can dine on a \$350 meal at one California's fanciest restaurants during the worst recession in generations. But you definitely can't. Can you believe this? I can't."

The incident also earned Newsom a tongue-lashing about "layers of bad judgment" in the Sacramento Bee, a newspaper that shares the governor's liberal political leanings.

"He just handed more ammunition to Republican leaders who have decried the state's emergency shutdowns of restaurants, gyms and churches," the Bee editorial said. "If the governor can eat out with friends – and if his children can attend their expensive school – why must everyone else sacrifice?"

"Two years into his first term, and nine months into the COVID-19 pandemic, Newsom still can't get his act together. If Newsom can't get his head into the game, perhaps he should make this governor thing a one-term affair and leave the job open for someone with a desire to lead."

Consider what Faulconer and the Bee said as the opening salvoes of the 2022 campaign for governor. If Newsom continues to ooze hypocritical privilege, his first term could be his last.

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

## Ask Toni

### Medicare Rule ... No One Remembers!



Toni King

Dear Toni,

Just a quick note to say that my mother had to go into the hospital this week. Has the flu, a urinary tract infection and pneumonia. She had slipped and bumped her head, but no concussion. Very weak, so we are asking that she be placed into rehab/skilled nursing to build her strength backup.

She changed from her company retirement Medicare Advantage PPO plan this summer to her new Medicare Supplement Plan G. I know that the Medicare Supplement pays if Original Medicare pays.

I cannot remember specifics about a Medicare rule you wrote regarding skilled nursing. I know the inpatient/outpatient rules have changed. Please explain what her options can be? Do not want my mother to pay more than she must.

~ Thanks, Tom from Tampa, FL

Hi, Tom:

The Medicare rule is explained in the Medicare & You handbook titled, "Am I an inpatient or outpatient?" Learn how a hospital stay does not always mean you are an inpatient and may have to pay more or all your skilled nursing facility care.

This Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice (MOON) went into effect a few years ago and applies to those with an Original Medicare hospital stay. It does not apply to those with Medicare Advantage plans. Medicare Advantage plans have different rules regarding rehab/skilled nursing stays.

The MOON rule is explained with more detail in the Medicare & You handbook and most who are enrolled in Original Medicare may have missed this information. The handbook states .... "Staying overnight in a hospital doesn't always mean you're an inpatient. You only become an inpatient when a hospital formally admits you as an inpatient, after a doctor orders it. You're still an outpatient if you haven't been formally admitted as an inpatient, even if you're getting emergency department services, observation services, outpatient surgery, lab tests, or X-rays. You

or a family member should always ask if you're an inpatient or an outpatient each day during your stay, since it affects what you pay and can affect whether you'll qualify for Part A coverage in a skilled nursing facility."

America needs to be aware that a family member who is having a hospital stay is provided the MOON (Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice) in written form that is signed and dated with an oral explanation from the facility no later than 36 hours from the time the Medicare patient begins receiving outpatient observation services. This time limit is considered the new two midnight stay observation policy.

Tom...this means that you should have received the MOON (Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice) within 36 hours that your mother entered the hospital.

Below is what you, your family members or caregivers need to know when having a hospital stay:

1. Remember the MOON rule applies to those on "Original Medicare" and not Medicare Advantage plans, as Medicare Advantage Plans have their own rules and options regarding inpatient/outpatient services.
2. Discuss the hospital procedure with your physician/surgeon regarding whether this will be an inpatient or outpatient stay.
3. Remember you only become an inpatient once the hospital, not your doctor, "formally admits" you or your family member with a doctor's order.
4. You or a family member should ask every day if you or your loved one is an "inpatient or an outpatient."

Not enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Part D plan and the hospital stay falls in "Under Observation" or MOON, you may also have to pay for the drugs administered because the outpatient stay is under Part B which does not cover prescriptions given orally.

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# CLG NEWS UPDATES

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Gov. Newsom orders curfew for most California counties

Gov. Gavin Newsom has ordered a curfew for all California counties in the purple tier amid climbing coronavirus cases. The curfew will affect 41 of the state's 58 counties – and more than 94 percent of the state's population. The curfew, which the state is calling a "limited Stay at Home Order," stops short of a full lockdown. It will be in effect from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. starting Saturday. The restrictions between those hours will be similar to the stay-at-home order that was in effect in March. That means all non-essential work, movement and gatherings will have to stop in all purple tier counties. The curfew is set to remain in effect until Dec. 21 at 5 a.m.

**Pennsylvania congressman claims state's mail-in ballots are unconstitutional - suit** | 21 Nov 2020 | Congressman Mike Kelly of Pennsylvania, one of President Trump's top House allies, filed a lawsuit Saturday aimed at throwing out 2.6 million mail-in votes in his home state – claiming the state law allowing them is unconstitutional. Meanwhile, Republicans in Michigan are attempting to delay that state's scheduled Monday certification, days after a dramatic battle over the election results in Detroit's Wayne County drew Trump's attention. The Kelly lawsuit seeks to halt the certification of the results of the Nov. 3 election in the Keystone State, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported. Joe Biden's 81,000-vote victory (sic) in Pennsylvania is set to be officially declared on Monday. The case parallels a Friday filing by the Trump campaign itself that asked a federal court to halt statewide certification so that 1.5 million mail-in ballots in seven disputed Pennsylvania counties can be examined for evidence of the fraud and irregularities that Trump insists occurred there.

**Nevada: Total Ballots Cast: 1,327,394, Total Presidential Election Votes: 1,405,376** | 21 Nov 2020 | More votes were cast in the 2020 presidential election than there were ballots cast. From Nevada's own state election site: Total Ballots Cast: 1,327,394. Total Presidential Election Votes: 1,405,376.

**Evidence Shows 'More Than Double' the Vote Margin in Swing States Is From Illegal Ballots** | 19 Nov 2020 | Trump campaign lawyers Rudy Giuliani, Sidney Powell, and Jenna Ellis gave a blockbuster press conference on Thursday in which they ran down the legal case for the president's repeated claim that he won the 2020 presidential election. Giuliani insisted that the evidence the campaign has collected suggests that "more than double" the margin of votes required to flip the election in six swing states are provably illegal, meaning Trump will have won them when only legal votes are counted. Ellis insisted that the legal challenges are not aimed at reversing the preliminary election results, however, but at restoring election integrity. "In the states that we have indicated in red, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nevada, and Arizona, we more than double the number of votes needed to overturn the election in terms of provable, illegal ballots," Giuliani, the former mayor of New York, said. Giuliani insisted that the amount of evidence Team Trump has compiled suggests that Democrats cooked up a voter fraud scheme across the country.

**In sworn statement, prominent mathematician flags up to 100,000 Pennsylvania ballots** | 19 Nov 2020 | In a sworn declaration, a respected mathematician says his analysis of election data and phone interviews with Pennsylvania voters raises questions about as many as 100,000 absentee ballots requested in the key battleground state where President Trump and Joe Biden are separated by just about 82,000 votes. Williams College Professor Steven Miller, a Yale and Princeton trained math expert, said he analyzed Pennsylvania ballot data collected by former Trump campaign data chief Matt Braynard as well as 2,684 voter interviews conducted by a phone bank and found two concerning patterns. One involved possible votes that were not counted, the other ballots that appeared to be requested by someone other than a registered voter. "I estimate that the number of ballots that were either requested by someone other than the registered Republican or requested and returned but not counted range from 89,397 to 98,801," Miller said in the sworn statement provided to Just the News. ★

## Crime Reports

### Citrus Heights Police Report

November 16<sup>th</sup>  
November 20<sup>th</sup>



11/16/2020 • Time: 9:15 PM • Public Address: • IR Number: 12009407  
Crime: **484(A) PC: Petty Theft**

Location Type: Theft from Vehicle • Public Address: 61xx Shadow Ln.  
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/16/2020 • Time: 2:00 PM • Public Address: • IR Number: 12009392  
Crime: **10851(A) VC: Vehicle Theft**

Location Type: Street/Highway • Public Address: San Stefano St/San Simeon Dr.  
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/18/2020 • Time: 10:30 PM • Public Address: • IR Number: 12009444  
Crime: **487(a) PC: Grnd Thft:prop/Etc \$950+**

Location Type: Theft from Vehicle • Public Address: 70xx Westchester Wy.  
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/18/2020 • Time: 8:17 PM • Public Address: • IR Number: 12009433  
Crime: **211 PC: Robbery**

Location Type: Department Store/Big Box Store • Public Address: 73xx Greenback Ln.  
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/18/2020 • Time: 2:58 PM • Public Address: • IR Number: 12009427  
Crime: **484(A) PC: Petty Theft**

Location Type: Theft from Vehicle • Public Address: 60xx Sunrise Vista Dr.  
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/18/2020 • Time: 6:00 PM • Public Address: • IR Number: 12009441  
Crime: **10851(A) VC: Vehicle Theft**

Location Type: Parking Lot • Public Address: 61xx Westport Ln.  
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/19/2020 • Time: 2:26 AM • Public Address: • IR Number: 12009450  
Crime: **10851(A) VC: Vehicle Theft**

Location Type: Parking Lot • Public Address: 75xx Kilarney Ln.  
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/19/2020 • Time: 12:00 PM • Public Address: • IR Number: 12009530  
Crime: **484(A) PC: Petty Theft**

Location Type: Street/Highway • Public Address: 60xx Birdcage St.  
Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

11/20/2020 • Time: 3:00 PM • Public Address: • IR Number: 12009496  
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Location Type: Parking Lot • Public Address: 70xx Auburn  
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# WEEKLY COMICS

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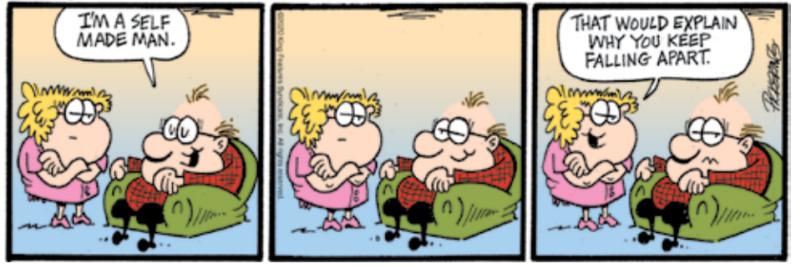


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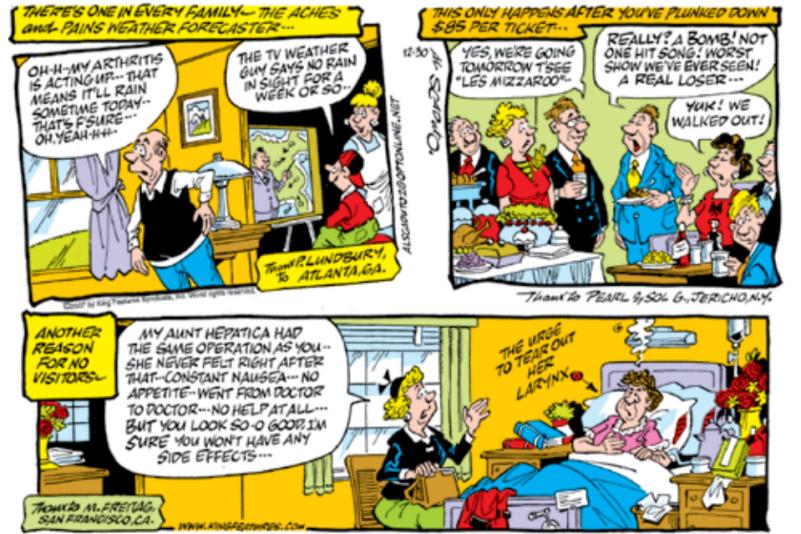
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BY AL SCADUTO



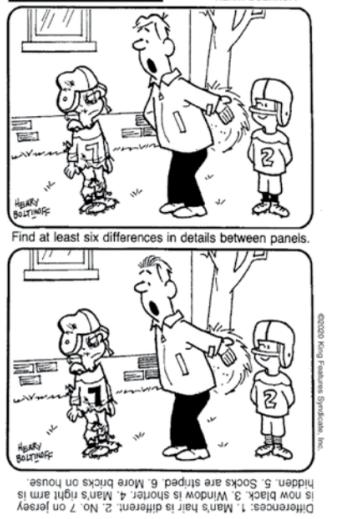
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- 1952 Olympics site
- Afghanistan's neighbor
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- Wing-shaped
- Narcotics agent, for short
- Call it quits
- "One way to improve health"
- She played a TV genie
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- Golfer's goal
- "Kiss the Cook" garment, pl.
- Keyboard instrument
- Prefix for before
- Greek god's libation
- Door-stopping wedge
- Full of meaning
- Fleur-de-\_\_\_\_\_
- Do penance
- Type of parrot
- \*Ask for procaine when at this office
- \*Unavoidable risk factor for many diseases
- Rock grinding
- \*Take a spoonful of sugar to avoid this taste
- Genetic info carrier
- Aqua-lung
- Criticism
- \*Annual \_\_\_\_\_
- Fill with spirits
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- Linseed
- Do without
- Last Supper cup
- Break down or analyze
- Fairy-tale beginning
- Internet share-able
- Stepping stone to gain
- Greenwich time
- \*Use a scalpel
- Like the Vitruvian Man
- \*Stay in bed
- \*Take antihistamines to avoid this kind of nose
- A pop
- \*Eat one a day?
- Rap sheet listing
- So out it's in
- \*Worn until a bone heals
- Piglet
- Lightly color
- Different spelling of emir
- Horsetly
- "Wizard of Oz" man
- \*Increase fluid intake
- Elsewhere, in a courtroom
- \*\_\_\_\_\_ test
- Maltreated
- Tattooed
- Gridiron position
- Record a movie
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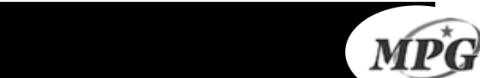
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Wine grapes were once again the county's leading cash crop, with a value of \$175 million. Image by jhenning from Pixabay

By Laurie Slothower, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - During her presentation of the 2019 Sacramento

County Crop and Livestock Report at the Nov. 17 Board of Supervisors meeting, Agriculture Commissioner, Chris Flores reported that the gross value of all agricultural products in Sacramento County was a little more than \$460 million in 2019. The number represents the gross production value of all agricultural commodities and does not reflect actual profits or losses.

Wine grapes were once again the county's leading cash crop, with a value of \$175 million, even though harvested acreage, tonnage and price per ton were less last year than previous years. Wine grapes alone accounted for 38 percent of total production value of crops and livestock.

Milk remains the second-highest cash

value commodity, at \$52.3 million.

The most exported Sacramento County produced crop was pears. Some 5.4 million pounds were exported to 6 countries, including Canada, Ecuador, French Polynesia, Guatemala and Mexico.

The 2019 Crop and Livestock report includes a 50-year lookback of the County's agricultural history. In 1969, the most valuable commodity was cattle and calves. Fruits and nuts comprised only 11.5 percent of all agricultural products grown in Sacramento County 50 years ago. In 2019, fruits and nuts made up nearly half of the county's bounty, at 46.2%.

Every year, the value of specific commodities rises or falls based on weather, supply and demand, and market forces.

In 2019, almonds, sweet corn and honey/pollination services (among other crops) experienced increases, while aquaculture, cattle and calves, and cherries (among others) experienced downturns. Cherries alone lost more than \$6 million in value because of damage caused by late spring rainstorms.

The 2019 Crop and Livestock report can be found in Sacramento County libraries and on the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner's website.

Top 10 Agricultural Commodities in 2019: Wine grape, milk, nursery stock, poultry, pears, aquaculture (fish, crustaceans, mollusks and aquatic plants), cattle and calves, hay (alfalfa), rice, and field corn (corn grown to feed livestock). ★

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NOTICE is hereby given that on **December 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the **Planning Commission** of the City of Citrus Heights will hold a Public Hearing for the consideration of the project listed below.

**Project Name:** GPA-20-02 Draft Amendment to the General Plan Housing Element

**Project Description:** In accordance with state law, Citrus Heights is updating its General Plan Housing Element to reflect the new housing needs projected by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for the 2021-2029 period. The Planning Commission will review the Draft Housing Element Update, which includes minor modifications to existing policies, and forward a recommendation to the City Council. Please see [www.citrusheights.net/he](http://www.citrusheights.net/he) for more details.

**Environmental Determination:** The project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061 where the amendment is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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**Project Description:** Applicant is proposing construction of a 3,172 square foot Raising Cane's fast food drive-thru restaurant with 199 square foot outdoor covered patio on 36,566 square foot development area.

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# A Hot Wheels Legend



Stair gave the 1970 Trans Am a radical treatment of modifications to enhance the performance of General Motors' second generation F body. Photo by Thaddeus James

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He bought the car in nephew is going to be able to play with a copy of the car I built."

Stair got the car bug from his father. "Growing up, I just gravitated to it," said Stair. "Because of my Dad, I was always around cool older cars." So why did a 20-something decide to go with an older car? "It was what I knew," he said. "It's from a time period when cars were more pure and honest."

Chico from a Craigslist ad, and it had been sitting, not running for 8-10 years. Challenge accepted, "I picked out the car and started out to build something start to finish, and really pushed myself and my skills. I really tested myself with this car."

A video of Riley's Trans Am can be seen at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=iN-US2P1ie0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iN-US2P1ie0) ★

# Let's Talk Meth

By Andrea Sandoval, Sacramento County

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Just like the opioid crisis, methamphetamine (meth) is highly addictive and continues to be a serious issue across the country and for Sacramento County. Through planning and far-reaching collaboration, in May 2019, the Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health Services, Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services launched the Sacramento County Methamphetamine Coalition to identify and implement community-wide initiatives that help reduce the devastating consequences of meth use, its effects on the person and on the community.

In an effort that will continue the conversation about meth and offer education, resources and support to any person in need, Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health Services, Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services is excited to announce the launch of the Let's Talk Meth digital outreach campaign.

The Let's Talk Meth website provides information on a variety of treatment programs that matches different needs and connects people with others who have begun a journey of recovery.

"We are so excited to launch the Let's Talk Meth campaign," said Sacramento County Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services Division Manager, Lori Miller. "This resource will be so helpful for those searching for lasting recovery and will connect you to licensed and certified substance use treatment providers in Sacramento County. We know the journey to take back your life and reconnect with friends and family is a

hard process but it is possible and you do not have to do it alone."

Getting Substance Use Treatment

Every person has different needs when it comes to substance use treatment. It is important to be referred to the appropriate level of care. Sacramento County offers a full continuum of care based on the American Society of Addiction Medicine to make sure the right treatment is provided.

To qualify for any Sacramento County treatment and recovery program, an assessment is required. This means speaking with a care professional who uses standardized guidelines to ask questions that help determine the level of treatment you need.

Your care professional will: Help you determine exactly what kind of treatment would best suit your needs; Match you with a treatment service within Sacramento county; Tailor the treatment available to your exact needs; Refer you to other support services, self-help groups and resources

How do I know if I will qualify?

Any person 12 years or older living in Sacramento County who is experiencing substance use problems is eligible and able to receive treatment. You can talk to a care professional about funding eligibility.

Please contact 1-888-881-4881 to request services and information on how to request auxiliary aids and services, including provision of materials in alternative formats at no cost. Bilingual/bicultural staff or interpreters will be provided at no cost to participants.

Share our message with your communities by getting involved today, download our



Every person has different needs when it comes to substance use treatment. It is important to be referred to the appropriate level of care. Photo by Nathan Martins from Pexels

partner toolkit.

Learn More about the Sacramento County Methamphetamine Coalition

The Meth Coalition is a collaboration of stakeholders and meets quarterly with representatives from public health, law enforcement, and judiciary, education, treatment and prevention agencies, as well as members of the community who have been impacted by meth.

The goals of the Coalition are: Determine the nature and extent of the meth use on its impact across county systems; Raise awareness and understand the impact of meth use on service systems and the community; Review data from different systems in relation to meth to determine key points of impact; Explore options and opportunities for increased treatment and service capacity; Develop and recommend cross-system, data-driven strategies and response to this problem; Provide updates to the strategic plan.

To learn more about ways to

get involved in the Sacramento County Methamphetamine Coalition, please email [DHS-SUPT@saccounty.net](mailto:DHS-SUPT@saccounty.net).

About the Sacramento County Methamphetamine Coalition: In 2019-20, the coalition held six meetings to present the Strategic Plan and discuss county and statewide impacts of methamphetamine use on local systems, including Individuals Experiencing Homelessness, Health, Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement and Emergency Response, and Child Welfare. Attendance represented 135 entities from both the public and private sectors! These meetings led to the creation of five different county-led subcommittees: Enforcement, Engaging the Medical Community, Prevention and Treatment, Public Education and Media, and Special Populations. Future coalition meetings will inform and administer action steps in the landmark Sacramento County Methamphetamine Coalition strategic plan. ★



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