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Newsom wants statewide panel to review any COVID vaccine



Gov. Gavin Newsom says Californians need to have confidence in a vaccine, and the state will have a review process regardless of which presidential candidate wins in November. Photo by Chokniti Khongchum from Pexels

By Ana B. Ibarra,
CalMatters.org

Coronavirus vaccines approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in coming months will not be distributed in California until a statewide panel of health experts can ensure they meet safety requirements, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Monday, October 19, 2020.

While there is no vaccine available yet, California and other states have been gearing up for its eventual distribution. On Friday, California sent a draft of its vaccination plan to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In the draft, state officials said a scientific safety review workgroup, made up of

immunization and public health experts from agencies and universities across the state, will help “ensure public confidence in vaccine safety, efficacy, and implementation efforts.”

Other states also have created committees to review any coming vaccine in response to concerns that the Trump administration might rush the regulatory approval process.

“Of course, we don’t take anyone’s word for it,” Newsom said, in a nod to the politicization of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This vaccine plan will move at the speed of trust. You have to have confidence in the efficacy of the vaccine, confidence that we’re not rushing to judgment in terms of its

distribution and its accessibility,” Newsom said.

In response to a reporter’s question, Newsom said the review group process will stand even if former Vice President Joe Biden wins the election.

A new survey from STAT and The Harris Poll showed 58% of people in the U.S. said they would get vaccinated for COVID-19 as soon as the vaccine became available – that’s down from the 69% who said the same thing in mid-August, possibly indicating a growing mistrust among the general public. Only 43% of Blacks said they’d get the vaccine as soon as it was ready compared to 59% of white respondents, according to the poll.

In the summer,

California was tapped by federal health officials to help plan for a large-scale rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine as early as Nov. 1. Some public health experts pushed back on the idea that a vaccine could be ready for safe distribution by then.

The drug company Pfizer is expected to have one of the first coronavirus vaccines. If its vaccine proves effective, safe and can be consistently manufactured, the company would apply for emergency use authorization in the third week of November, CEO Albert Bourla said in an open letter last week.

But even if ready in this calendar year, Newsom said, supply is expected to

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City Approves Speed Limit Changes

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - At the October 22 City Council meeting, City Engineer Leslie Blomquist and Sergeant Shaun Gualco of the Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) recommended an amendment to the Municipal Code for updated speed limits.

Sergeant Gualco explained that the goal of CHPD’s traffic enforcement efforts is to improve safety on city roadways through education, engineering, and enforcement. The top collision factor in the city is unsafe speed, and speed enforcement accounts for approximately 71% of all moving violations (excluding photo red light enforcement).

The most effective form of speed enforcement is Lidar, which uses a laser to accurately pinpoint specific vehicles. Lidar can be used in all traffic conditions, even on high-volume, multi-lane roadways. Sergeant Gualco said that use of Lidar requires justifiable speed limits based on valid Engineering and Traffic Surveys conducted within five years. If those conditions are not met, speeding tickets issued based on Lidar are at risk of “speed trap” legal challenges.

There are some exemptions: Speed traps don’t apply to residential streets or school zones, nor to moving violations where the officer confirmed vehicle speed through pacing (matching the vehicle speed).

Under the California vehicle code, posted speed limits should be established near the 85th percentile of free-flowing traffic, which is the speed 85% of all drivers are traveling at or below. A speed limit can justifiably be lowered by 5 miles per hour (mph) below the 85th percentile if the roadway has a high crash history, multiple driveways, or the presence of pedestrian or bicycle lanes.

To determine the 85th percentile of speed, data collection must be completed according to the following guidelines: Unmarked vehicles monitor the free-flow speed of vehicles on the roadway. Vehicle speed cannot be influenced by anything other than the roadway geometry. Data cannot be collected when vehicle speed is influenced by buses or trucks, traffic enforcement (or the perception of enforcement), road construction or lane closures, or inclement weather.

Engineering and Traffic Surveys were conducted on many city roadways, and

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Weathering the Storm

Citrus Heights State of the City 2020

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The City of Citrus Heights hosted a virtual State of the City on October 20. More than 300 participants joined the meeting live through Zoom. A recording of the event posted to the City’s website and multiple broadcasts on the local government affairs channel allowed even more residents to view the meeting.

Mayor Jeff Slowey, who has served on the City Council for the last 17 years, opened by calling this year unprecedented: “We’re living through a pandemic that has had a huge impact on our

community’s economy, our children’s school routine, our work environments, our social lives, and so much more.”

Despite the challenges, Mayor Slowey said that City officials and staff remain committed to serving the community. He illustrated this point by describing how all City projects are linked to one of the Council’s three-year strategic goals: maintain fiscal stability, improve streets and infrastructure, diversify for a changing economy, enhance and expand public safety, and improve community vibrancy and engagement.

Mayor Slowey lauded the

City’s continued business and economic development, such as welcoming new businesses, adapting aging retail properties, and hosting business appreciation events. In May, online business permit requests broke records, showing that business was moving forward despite the pandemic. The City put the 11-acre New Sylvan property on the market, which offers the potential for exciting new development along the Auburn Blvd. corridor.

The City also made progress on major projects and key initiatives, including the electric greenway trail project, the Sunrise Mall revitalization, the census

outreach campaign, and the Safe Routes to Schools project.

To support businesses during the pandemic, the City launched the Love Local campaign to help residents find local essential businesses where they could shop safely. They also connected local businesses with COVID-relief services and participated in the Great Plates Delivered program, which funds local restaurants to provide meals to at-risk seniors.

When COVID first hit, City officials began meetings with county, state, and federal leaders to ensure the City had up-to-date

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based on the data collected, five speed zones were identified as requiring updated speed limits.

Three areas with posted speed limits of 40 mph are recommended to increase to 45 mph: Antelope Road from I-80 to Auburn Blvd., Antelope Road from Auburn Blvd. to Sunrise Blvd., and Sunrise Blvd. from Antelope Road to the northern city limits. In these areas, the 85th percentile speed was measured at 51, 50, and 49 mph, respectively, which would have indicated posted speed limits of 50 mph. However, high collision rates (respectively, 237%, 165%, and 121% of the expected rate for this road type) justified a rate 5 mph below the 85th percentile.

Old Auburn Road from Fair Oaks Blvd. to the northeastern city limits is recommended to increase from 35 mph to 40 mph, based on an 85th percentile speed measured at 43 mph—rounded down to the nearest 5 mph increment, as allowed

by state guidelines. Only one area was recommended for a decreased speed limit: Fountain Square Drive from Greenback Ln. to Stock Ranch Rd. has a current posted speed limit of 30 mph, and the 85th percentile speed was measured at 30. However, based on a higher than normal collision rate on this roadway (265% of the expected rate for this road type), the proposal would reduce the speed limit for this area to 25 mph.

Blomquist explained that studies have shown that setting speed limits too high or too low can increase collision rates, which is why it is so important to get accurate data through the Engineering and Traffic Surveys. Adjusting the posted speed limits based on current, accurate data “will allow for a robust and effective speed enforcement program, essentially making sure we have all the tools in our tool box to address speeding and traffic safety on our roadways,” said Blomquist.

Councilmember Bret

Daniels was surprised to learn about the high level of crashes along that segment of Fountain Square Dr. and asked if those crashes were occurring at the roundabout at Stock Ranch Rd.

Blomquist explained collisions are not reported at the roundabout, but along the area of roadway in front of City Hall and the Post Office.

Councilmember Daniels supported the proposed changes to the speed limits as “very reasonable.” In particular, the areas where increased speed limits were proposed, Daniels noted that the roads are wider and well-maintained, and thus more suited for higher speeds: “I think this is a good thing, and a very logical thing for us to do. ... I think these are good changes.”

The City Council voted unanimously to approve the speed limit amendments to the Municipal Code. The costs to install new speed limit signs is approximately \$6,500, which will be funded with existing, budgeted maintenance funds. ★

Weathering the Storm

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information and resources as staff worked to adapt to public health orders and maintain city services. Mayor Slowey also expressed admiration for the community, who pulled together during this crisis, checking in on each other, sharing food, and sewing masks for first responders.

City Manager Chris Boyd said, “Our community is engaged, and that is essential to good government.” Economic stability and fiscal prudence and transparency are top priorities for community members, and Boyd highlighted the City’s transparency by citing the frequent budget reviews and financial forecasting. Boyd noted the City’s anticipated budget shortfall, a reality known and planned for since incorporation in 1997: “We are in the midst of that time right now and are dedicated to getting through it successfully.”

Prior to COVID, City staff had already reduced expenses, saving \$1 million. The pandemic has only tightened what Boyd said was already a “very lean budget.”

“The city of Citrus Heights is committed to providing high-quality, economical, responsive city services to our community,” said Boyd. “Citrus Heights has been and always will be a city that takes its future into its own hands. I know that this pandemic has been hard, but I also know that our solid community roots will help us weather the storm.”

Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) Chief Ron Lawrence echoed that sentiment: “We’re in this together – whether it’s a pandemic, whether it’s battling wildfires in California, whether it’s dealing with civil unrest or social change – we’re all in this together.”

During the pandemic, the CHPD worked to keep officers safe while maintaining services. By partnering with other jurisdictions in the county, they ensured a consistent message about the public health crisis with an emphasis on education and asking for voluntary compliance with public health orders. They also partnered with the City and the County to give 14,000 free masks to local businesses so they could operate safely.

In his address, Chief Lawrence credited the department’s accomplishments to the dedicated officers, 911 dispatchers,

and professional staff who ensure quick and effective responses to emergencies and crime. Lawrence said that over the last four years, there has been an 18% reduction in crime rates, and 2019 saw the lowest crime rate since the department’s inception – in both violent crimes and property crimes. He also highlighted some of the department’s top programs, including the holiday referral program, the youth mentorships programs, the drone program, the bait program, the traffic program, and the Navigator program.

Chief Lawrence noted the civil unrest across the country and affirmed the CHPD’s support of citizens’ right to peacefully assemble and protest. He said, “We’re your neighbors. We’re your friends. We want the same things that you do, and that’s to feel safe, secure, and to be treated fairly.” He promised, “We’re here for you, and we’ll always be here for you.”

Mayor Slowey said, “We are at a pivotal time in our city’s history. ... I want to conclude tonight by being very realistic with you: Making our vision for the city’s future a reality is going to take a lot more dedication and community involvement.”

“One of easiest ways to share your voice is to vote. When I say that our city is at a pivotal moment in time, I mean that on multiple levels. Our COVID resilience and recovery is absolutely crucial, yes, but so are the decisions that you make at the ballot box this November. For the first time in city history, our residents will be electing City Council members by district, with Districts 1 and 3 up this year. And we also have a local measure, Measure M, on the ballot.”

Mayor Slowey is not running for reelection this year, so he just has a couple months left on the Council. He said, “My hope is that everyone who has watched tonight’s broadcast will feel called to join City officials and staff by sharing your voice, getting involved, and connecting with us. That would be a wonderful legacy for me to leave.”

Visit <http://citrusheights.net/sotc> to watch the State of the City address and to participate in a poll about the next round of strategic planning for the City. ★

Used Batteries in Curbside Carts Are Fire Hazards

By Laurie Slothower, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is asking residents not to put household batteries – rechargeable, or otherwise – in your curbside recycling or garbage cart.

Recently, a Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling Collection Equipment Operator was finishing his route in Antelope, when he realized that the funny smell he noticed in the back of his truck was actually a fire!

Following department procedure, he called 911, found a safe location to dump the load, and waited for firefighters to put

out the flames.

Common household batteries - such as AA, AAA, D, button batteries, lithium-ion batteries (commonly used in electronics) - are banned from landfill disposal. Do not put batteries of any kind in any of your curbside carts because of the danger they pose to spark a fire, and the danger to our environment.

Residents can drop off batteries for no charge at local area Household Hazard Waste Facilities or visit the Earth 911 or Call 2 Recycle websites for other drop off locations. Local hardware stores, grocery stores and home improvement stores may have take-back programs, too. Always call before you go. ★



Hundreds of businesses are struggling to stay alive under the Covid shutdown. Thousands of Citrus Heights residents are unable to work or earn a living. And the City’s answer is to RAISE THEIR TAXES? Are they working for US or for THEMSELVES?

VOTE NO ON MEASURE M!

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City Manager	\$411,610	City Engineer	\$192,690	Human Resources Manager	\$160,278	Senior Animal Services Officer	\$120,930
Assistant City Manager	\$289,737	Community Services Director	\$254,477	Operations Manager	\$150,835	Police Communications Supervisor	\$120,804
Assistant To The City Manager	\$131,711	Support Services Manager	\$198,330	Senior Civil/Traffic Engineer	\$146,687	Construction/Maintenance Inspection Supervisor	\$116,870
City Manager’s Executive Assistant	\$107,022	Information Tech Manager	\$177,542	Database & Application Analyst	\$143,509	Senior Building Inspector	\$114,317
Chief Of Police	\$318,775	Facility and Ground Manager	\$171,995	Senior Management Analyst	\$136,609	Senior Planner	\$113,516
Assistant Chief Of Police	\$260,394	City Clerk	\$160,527	Information Tech Analyst	\$127,480		

Partial List (Sources: [TransparentCA.org](https://www.transparentca.org); [publicpay.ca.gov](https://www.publicpay.ca.gov); 2018, 2019)

In the middle of pandemic shutdowns, the city gave PAY RAISES to city employees, including management. But over 100 city employees already make over \$100,000 per year. Now they want to RAISE TAXES on Citrus Heights residents and businesses struggling to survive. Are they working for US or for THEMSELVES?

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Find out more at www.VoteNoOnM.org

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Social Security Matters

Why Isn't My Wife Getting Half of My Benefit?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife isn't getting half of my Social Security benefit amount. Shouldn't she be?
Signed: Feeling Cheated

Dear Feeling Cheated:
A spouse does not always receive 50% of the husband's Social Security benefit, because it depends on the age at which both of you claimed Social Security, and whether your wife was entitled to benefits from her own lifetime work record.

If your wife is entitled to Social Security on her own work record and claimed that before she reached her full retirement age (FRA), she would never get half of your benefit amount as your spouse because she claimed her own benefit early. Your wife's spousal benefit consists of both her own benefit and a "spousal boost," so claiming her own reduced benefit early



would also result in a lower spousal benefit. Her spousal boost, which was based upon her full retirement age (FRA) benefit amount compared to half of your FRA benefit amount, will also be reduced if she claimed the spouse benefit before her full retirement age.

If your wife wasn't entitled to her own benefit (from her own lifetime work record), but instead claimed her spouse benefit from you before reaching her FRA, her spouse benefit would be permanently reduced, again because she claimed it before her full retirement age. A basic Social Security rule is that any time any Social Security benefit is claimed before full retirement age, that benefit is permanently reduced.

The spouse benefit is based upon each spouse's benefit amount at their full retirement age. So, for example, if you delayed beyond your FRA to get a higher personal benefit for yourself, your wife's

spousal benefit would still be based upon your FRA benefit amount, not the increased amount you received by delaying past your FRA to claim. Which would again mean a spousal benefit which is less than 50% of your actual benefit.

So, as you can see, a spouse doesn't always get half of the higher earning spouse's Social Security benefit. Your wife's benefit will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit if she took any SS benefit before reaching her full retirement age. And it will also be less than half of the benefit you are now receiving if you delayed past your own FRA to claim a higher benefit for yourself.

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Man Shoots at Police Following Neighborhood Disturbance

By Lt. Chad Morris, CHPD

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On October 26, 2020, at approximately 1:30 PM, the Citrus Heights Police Department responded to the 8100 block of Twin Oaks Avenue for the report of a male causing a neighborhood disturbance. Shortly after arriving on scene, the officers encountered a 64-year-old white male adult who pointed a firearm at them. A responding officer, seeing the firearm pointed at him, fired his service weapon at the suspect. The suspect then fled inside his home, where he barricaded himself.

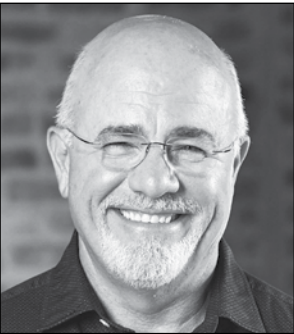
Officers quickly surrounded the home, and crisis negotiation officers attempted to contact the suspect to de-escalate the situation. Believing the suspect may be in possession of additional firearms, the Citrus Heights Police SWAT team responded to the scene. Neighbors in close proximity to the suspect's residence were evacuated or asked to shelter in place out of an abundance of caution. The responding officers facilitated announcements over a loudspeaker, asking the suspect to come outside in order to bring a peaceful resolution to this incident.

At approximately 5:20 PM, the suspect went outside into the backyard of his residence, pointed a firearm directly at one of

the police officers who was on-scene, and the suspect discharged his firearm at the officer in an obvious attempt to shoot him. Fortunately, the suspect's bullet missed the police officer. The officer, whom the suspect shot at, simultaneously returned fire, which struck the suspect. Officers took the suspect into custody and immediately began rendering medical aid. The suspect ultimately succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

There are no outstanding suspects or threats to the public resulting from this incident. The Officer-Involved Shooting is being investigated by the Citrus Heights Police Department Special Services Division, the CHPD Professional Standards Unit, and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office.

"Any loss of life is tragic, and our thoughts go out to the loved ones, family and friends of the deceased in this situation. The Citrus Heights Police Department works closely with our community to bring incidents such as this to a peaceful resolution whenever possible, and we thank our community for their support by evacuating or sheltering-in-place when we recommend." – Ronald Lawrence, Citrus Heights Chief of Police. ★



Try to Help Him, but Move Slowly

Dear Dave,
My boyfriend lives in a different state, and I'm planning to move there when we get married. I know I love him, but sometimes he is not what I consider to be responsible with money. There have been times in the past when he has taken out small loans or paid bills late in order to buy something he wanted. How can I talk to him about this?

– Heather

Dear Heather,

If it were me, I think I'd make sure things move a little more slowly in the relationship until he gets his spending under control. Sometimes when things like this happen it's just a situation where a person needs to learn the benefits of budgeting and handling money in a mature, responsible way. You can't do something if you haven't been taught how to do it, and hopefully this is the case with your boyfriend.

Dave Ramsey Says

You mentioned marriage, so that tells me you're both taking this relationship seriously – that you're in the process of making sure you want to spend the rest of your lives with each other. Bring it up gently, and tell him why you're concerned. Share your hopes and dreams for the future with him. You might even offer to help him make out a monthly budget. That way, once he understands the process and value of spending money on paper before the month begins, it will be easier for him to stick to it.

Good luck, Heather!

– Dave

Idea Behind the Legacy Drawer

Dear Dave,

A friend recently told me about you and your teachings about money. While we were talking, she mentioned something called a "legacy drawer" for important papers. Can you explain more about this?

– Anna

Dear Anna,


Simply put, a legacy drawer is a collection of your essential documents in a safe place where your family and loved ones can find them when you die, or if you're sick or disabled.

It doesn't have to be a drawer, specifically, just a safe, secure place where you keep all the pieces of your financial life – your will, living will, estate plan, investment statements, insurance policies, and property deeds. You should also include stuff like power of attorney documents, bank and lock box access information, and any other instructions for and information about your last wishes and what you leave behind.

The stress and grief when someone becomes seriously ill or dies is bad enough. Don't make it any harder than it has to be by leaving your finances and other essentials in a mess!

– Dave

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



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New Patron for Comfort Critters



Octogenarian Nancy Fellers (right) recently passed the torch for her Comfort Critters mission to Donna Owens. The soft toys are repurposed to help Sheriff’s Department outreach among children. Endorsing the benefactors’ efforts is Deputy Robert Magee.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Veteran toy-doctor Nancy Fellers (87) has bequeathed her mission aiding children and police officers to a successor. Fellow Carmichaelite Donna Owens is now rallying gently-used soft toys to continue the decades-old campaign.

For Sacramento Sheriff’s officers, the ladies and their legions of fluffy teddies and puppies are important humanitarian allies. In crisis situations, cops are often challenged to win trust from traumatized kids. “Offering something cuddly softens our outreach,” explains Sheriff’s Toy Project Officer Robert Magee. “We can be at a domestic crime scene or at a fire, where a family might have lost everything. We see sad little faces light up when we bring out a toy. They’re soothed by having something soft to cuddle.”

With that in mind Nancy (whose daughter and son-in-law were law officers), began a Comfort Critter crusade 22 years ago. “Deputies used to pay for toys from their own pockets,” says the former school teacher and travel agent. “I don’t see why they should. Teddies can be part of necessary police equipment.” Soft toys came her way via thrift shops and from Kiwanis Club member donations. Nancy laundered discarded duckies. She restuffed down-at-heel dinosaurs. Then she bagged each individually and took the

menage to the Sheriff’s Toy Project in Rancho Cordova. “The deputies were always glad to see me,” says Nancy. “I was delivering something that helped them with their work.”

When Nancy and her husband Bill relocated to Carmichael’s Atria El Camino Gardens last year, she sought a successor for the project. “It was getting harder for me to go out and find toys,” she explains. “Then COVID brought restrictions for senior homes. I didn’t want my project to end; I was delighted to find a fellow Kiwanian who wanted to carry it on.”

A grandma and great-grandma herself, Donna Owens took little persuading. “What Nancy had started was a perfect fit for me,” says the Retired Cal Transit engineer/technician. “Making children happy and helping the police seemed like a great goal.” Donna scours thrift stores and puts stuffed animals through a meticulous wash-and-drying process. “Before I bag them, I tie on a fresh bow and trim the fuzz from around their eyes,” she says. “A pair of clear, shining eyes seems so friendly to a child. I see these once-loved toys on store shelves and I want to take them all home – they can offer so much more love, and assist the police in their work. I feel good that with very little effort and expense, I can do something so worthwhile.”

The Comfort Critters Project welcomes donations of gently-used soft toys. Contact Donna Owens at (530) 788 2085. ★

How Has the Decline in Physical Activities Affected California Residents

By Elli Carrillo, QuoteWizard

SEATTLE, WA (MPG) - The lack of physical activity is found to be directly linked to mental health along with many health conditions deemed high-risk for serious COVID-19 illness. Physical activity during stay-at-home orders found 43% of people experiencing a significant decline, which came with an increase in stress.

Our team at QuoteWizard

analyzed CDC data and found, 79.2% of California residents were found to be physically active ranking among the most active states in the country –making those in California at lower risk of serious illness from COVID-19, but susceptible to adverse mental health. If you would like to learn more about physical activity and its effect on health during the pandemic, visit our full data report here: <https://>

quotewizard.com/news/posts/most-physically-active-states

Key Findings:

In 2019 there were 64.2 million US gym memberships, with an average attendance of 104 days a year per gym goer; On average 76% of American’s have participated in physical activities in the last month; Nearly 88% of workers reported experiencing moderate to extreme stress over the first six weeks of the COVID-19 outbreak. ★

Dates Set for In-Person Learning



Parents, activists and politicians demonstrated outside the San Juan Unified School District Administration Building in Carmichael, wanting children with mild special education needs to join those with moderate to severe special education needs and not delay till the January 5 reopening for the larger student population. Photo by Patrick Larenas

San Juan Unified School District

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As health conditions continue to improve, San Juan Unified has announced that families will have the option to return to modified in-person learning starting Jan. 5. Special education students with moderate to severe needs who are served in self-contained classrooms will have the opportunity to return to modified in-person instruction beginning Nov. 2.

Superintendent Kent Kern shared with members of the board of education that the district’s plans for a return to classrooms have continued to grow and be modified based on changing conditions, updated health guidance from state and local officials and close observation of other schools and districts in surrounding communities as they have returned. Many of those other schools and districts have opened with hybrid systems like the one called for in San Juan Unified’s July plan. In reviewing the implementation of these models, staff found that in many cases there was less instructional time with teachers and significant classroom reassignments were necessary.

Given the challenges observed in other districts, the revised guidance from health officials and changing circumstances, an agreement has not yet been reached with the district’s employee groups on what the final instructional model might look like. Focused

and collaborative conversations are ongoing with the intent to finalize details of a model so that it can be shared with students, families and teachers as soon as possible and no later than Dec. 1.

The current conversations would see students placed in groups A, B or C. Groups A and B would attend in-person classes at alternating times. Group C would remain in distance learning full time.

Why Jan. 5?

San Juan Unified has committed to offering families the option to remain in a distance learning format if they feel that is the best option for their circumstances. Returning middle school and high school students to classrooms mid-semester while still offering a distance learning option is not possible as it would require rescheduling students into new classes before completing their current courses.

Given the need to review revised health guidance to ensure compliance, safety and the complexities of transportation and scheduling involved, the earliest elementary grades could have potentially returned is likely the first of December. Returning right at the height of the holiday season presents challenges from both a safety perspective as families and groups are likely to gather and from a disruption perspective as it is typically an unusually busy and stressful time of year already. Ultimately, staff determined that a smoother and better

supported transition that can ensure safety and minimize the need for classroom reassignments can be made after the winter break.

Next Steps

School and district staff will continue to work with employee groups, families, students and community toward the following tasks and objectives:

The previously planned and announced survey of families to select their preference between in-person or distance learning options has been delayed but will be deployed by the end of this month. Feedback from parent groups regarding the survey was clear that it will be most useful if an accurate picture is provided of the instructional model so that families can make informed decisions;

Health and safety staff are reviewing revised county guidance on school reopenings to incorporate the latest recommendations into plans supporting in-person learning and response to COVID-19 exposures and infections;

A public dashboard will be deployed listing COVID-19 exposures and confirmed cases impacting San Juan Unified schools;

Conversations will continue to finalize modified in-person learning instructional model options that protect student, staff and community safety while maximizing teaching and learning opportunities to the greatest degree possible. Details will be shared with families, students and staff no later than Dec. 1. ★



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All in Due Time, So She Says

By Rev. James L. Snyder

For several weeks, or has it been years, I’ve been waiting for an important package to come through the mail. I don’t know why they call it snail mail because I have seen snails crawl faster.

I’ve been going to the mailbox every day for several weeks, and I find junk mail, but I don’t find the mail I’m looking for. They promised it would arrive between seven and ten days. Of course, they didn’t mention what days they would come, nor did they say those days would be consecutive.

The interesting thing was that I checked my bank account and saw the day I ordered that package, the money came out of my account immediately. They had my money, but I didn’t have their package.

In the last few days, I’ve been getting a little jumpy, more than normal. I stand at the window, watching for the mailman, and he never comes on a regular schedule.

Then the mailman shows up, I jump up, run out the door, get to the mailbox, and much to my disappointment, the package is not in the mail. I have mail from everybody and everything but not the mail that I really want. How aggravating is that?

I stomped back into the house, grumbling under my breath, careful not to vocalize what is chopping in my head.

Walking into the house, all I did was say grrrrrrrrrrrr. And then I let it spill, “When will that package arrive?” I didn’t know somebody in the house was listening.

“Are you still worrying about that package?”

She knew I was, so I just looked at her, smiled, nodded my head, and went to my office area.

Looking at me, trying to encourage me, I think, she said, “All in due time.” And then she smiled in my direction.

I didn’t know what she meant by “due time.” Did she mean, “dew time?” Or did she mean, “do time?” As it was, I was “doing time,” and not too happy with it.

“There’s always a reason,” she explained, “for everything. There certainly is a reason why this package is late.”

When I called the customer service, they assured me they sent the package out at the correct time, and according to their records, it was delivered within the proper time.

Hanging up the phone, I sat there, grumbling about my misfortune. Then the

doorbell rang.

I got up and opened the door, and a man said, “I got this package several weeks ago, but it’s not anything I ordered. Is this something you ordered?”

I looked at the package. It had my name on it, but it did not have my address on it. I cheerfully thanked the guy, shook his hand, and wished him a good day.

I went back to my chair, opened up the package and there was what I had ordered – all in due time.

I thought of a special verse, “To every thing, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2).

Everything has a time element to it that has been established by God, and when I surrender to God’s time, I will plant seeds of happiness in my life.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

God’s power is unlimited. God can do anything He wants to. His power is amazing! But let me tell you something more amazing – the Bible says God wants to make His power available to YOU. That’s good news because there are so many people in our society who are powerless. Powerless to change their lives. Powerless to become the person they want to be. Powerless to rise above their present situation or circumstance.

So many people live all their life beneath their God given potential. And they go all through life with the feelings of inferiority, feeling defeated, hopeless, with no dreams, no goals, no purpose, no ambition and that’s sad.

You may feel this way, you think, “I’ll never be the person that I want to be... I’ll never be what I could have been... My circumstances will never change.” If you’ve ever felt that way,

Pastor Ray’s Encouraging Words

Tap into God’s Power

I have good news for you. God says “I want to help you get there... I’m going to help you be the person I created you to be... I’m going to help you rise above your present self-imposed limitations.” So, how do you get God’s power in your life?

Admit that you need His power. You stop acting like superman or superwoman. You stop relying on your own strength and power and admit that you need His help. Paul said in 2 Cor. 2, “*I have cheerfully made up my mind to be proud of my weaknesses, because they mean a deeper experience of Christ’s power. . . For my very weakness makes me strong in Him!*”

Believe He will help you. Faith is the key that unlocks the door to God’s power in your life. “*Everything is possible for him who believes.*” Mark 9:23. One of my favorite verses is Matthew 9:29 “According to your faith it will be done unto you.” God says, you get to choose what I do in your life. You get to choose how much

power God pours into your life.

Start acting in faith. You put feet to your faith. You start acting as though it’s already so. You thank God for the answer in advance. If you wait until you receive the answer to thank God is that faith? No. That’s gratitude. Faith thanks God in advance and acts as if it’s already so.

The Bible tells us that power is wrapped up in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. You don’t get the power without getting the person. So, the key to having God’s power in your life is to have God’s Son in your life, Jesus Christ. When you say, “Jesus Christ, put Your Spirit in me, the Spirit of power, love, hope and peace,” you have God’s power. If you’ve never invited Christ into your life, open yourself up and say, “Christ come into my life, give me your power. I want to live your way.” That’s how you do it! Plug in to God’s power today.

Pastor Ray
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By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

You say: I am a full grown human being, now you make the statement that I must be born-again! What does that mean and “How can I be born-again? The Holy Bible puts it this way: “*Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give thee the desires of your heart.*” (Psalm 37:4)

“Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.” (John 3:6) It happens when someone desires to be connected to God. He decides to follow all His teachings with complete surrender and commitment accepting Jesus as his Savior and Lord. God then resides in the empty place He created in each one of us. **One day He knocked on the door of all our hearts, we must make a decision to invite him inside to reside forever.**

You Must Be ‘Born Again’

We should not be surprised at God saying “we must be born again”. He desires to be a part of every individual life in a intimate personal way. God desires for every one of us to really “know Him and to love Him”. His love is so much more than we can ever really understand and He loves all of us to the uttermost.

This is why God did send his only perfect Beloved Son (He is called a Lamb of God) in the likeness of man to become a sin offering in order that the righteous requirements of His atonement the law of God might be fully met. Therefore because of Yeshua/Jesus death, we are not to live according to our sinful nature. But according to the Holy Spirit’s desires who lives within, once we are “born again.”

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what human nature desires, **not** God. The mind of a sinful man brings eventual death – but the mind controlled

by the God’s Holy Spirit is life and peace. (Romans 8:2-6) **Warning: All doubt and confusion comes from the enemy of God (Satan) since the beginning of time.** He is the one who wants to be worshipped and honored as a god and that is why our Creator/God cast him out of heaven to earth. Earth is his domain. Is it any wonder the troubles and confusion we see everywhere are a part of his evil ways today?

One who is born of the Spirit moves WITH God forever demonstrating His love to the world around them. Jesus perfect life is our example of how we are to live our lives. Our learning process takes a lifetime and God understands and knows that too!

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be limited and, just like previously with coronavirus diagnostic testing, people who are considered high risk would be first in line.

In one projection, Newsom said that about 45 million doses could be ready for national distribution by the end of this year. California would only get a percentage of these, and each person will likely need two doses. Health workers and first responders would be prioritized, followed by people with high risk of becoming

severely ill if infected, according to the state’s vaccination plan.

To the rest of Californians: Don’t anticipate getting a vaccine at your local pharmacy anytime this year, Newsom said.

Newsom also acknowledged that the state will need to work through some logistical hurdles. Some of the prospective vaccines will need to be stored in cold or “ultra cold” spaces, and their administration would require additional supplies of needles, alcohol pads, bandages and



more face masks as doses become available.

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Orangevale Community Groups Distribute 72,000 Pounds of Fresh Food



The office of Senator Brian Dahle, in partnership with Badfish Coffee & Tea, K-LOVE, and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office got together for distributing 2000 boxes of food. Photo: Office of Senator Brian Dahle

By Joseph Encinas,
Office of Senator Dahle

ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG) - The office of Senator Brian Dahle, in partnership with Badfish Coffee & Tea, K-LOVE Air 1 Christian Radio, and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, hosted a drive-thru food distribution event Friday morning for local faith-based groups and people serving nonprofits in the Sacramento Area.

The event utilized food boxes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers to Families Food Box program to distribute over 2,000 boxes of food. Each box weighed approximately 35 pounds and was filled with fruit, vegetables, dairy, and a protein. Badfish Coffee & Tea owners Mark Eister and Pearl Spencer, alongside property owner Cliff Wylie, opened up their parking lot for use by big rigs, forklifts, pallet jacks, and volunteers to pass out over 75,000 pounds of food. All of the equipment used was provided by Cliff Wylie, CEO of Ware House Interiors.

"We are handing out food to people in need," said Cliff in a video posted to Orangevale Live's Facebook page. "That's how Orangevale rolls. We step up to the plate."

Badfish is a local, family-owned business that opened in 2018 with a passion for family, community, and coffee. Badfish owners Mark and Pearl look to influence the development and progress of the business community of Orangevale by actively engaging meaningfully with every person that comes in the door.

Senator Dahle noted: "The USDA has this resource, but when you need to get the

food distributed to the places in the community that really has needs we call on faith groups, small churches, and service organizations, they always know better than the Government where people are who may be falling through the cracks. I want to thank these small businesses and other volunteer groups for doing this good deed."

Boxes of food were secured by North State Relief 501c3. They were distributed by numerous volunteer groups including Orangevale Food Bank, St. John's Women's Shelter, Grace House - The Way Ministries, Mooretown Rancheria, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Citrus Heights, Community for Peace, Citrus Heights Veteran's Homeless Center, Citrus Heights Veteran's Homeless Shelter.

Volunteers from K-LOVE Air 1 Radio and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office were on scene early in the morning, staging 48 pallets of food and handing out boxes to families as they drove in. K-LOVE Air 1 helped spread the word and get the community engaged while keeping morale high by playing music throughout the entirety of the event.

The Farmers to Families Food Box initiative was created through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program to provide relief to farmers and distributors who saw a decline in the demand for their food products as COVID-19 took hold over California. Ultimately, both the farmers and distributors and local communities are reaping the benefits of such a program. All of the food came from Daylight Foods, a Bay Area food distribution company in Union City, California. ★

FBI Reminds Public about Election Security and Foreign Influences during Elections

Federal Bureau of Investigation

SACRAMENTO - The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Sacramento Field Office is reminding the public about election security information resources and how to report alleged election crimes ahead of the November 3, 2020, general election. The FBI is continually coordinating national messaging about election security on [fbi.gov/elections](https://www.fbi.gov/elections) and across its social media platforms. The FBI's goal is to increase public awareness and to inform Americans how they can help ensure a safe and secure election.

For decades, the FBI has served as the primary law enforcement agency investigating federal election crimes. This includes investigating allegations of voter and ballot fraud, campaign finance crimes, civil rights violations, unique cyber threats targeting the election process, and threats posed by foreign governments and actors. The FBI is also the lead federal agency for identifying and combating malign foreign influence operations targeting our democratic institutions through the FBI's Foreign Influence Task Force (FITF). The FITF brings together all FBI authorities and capabilities from multiple divisions to include counterintelligence, cyber, criminal, and counterterrorism assets to coordinate and work together to combat the threat.

"Every American should be free to vote without interference or discrimination and

have their vote count," said Special Agent in Charge Sean Ragan, who leads the FBI Sacramento Field Office. "The FBI is committed to ensuring safe, secure elections and thwarting the actions of any foreign actors who may attempt to influence our elections for their own political or national interests. Our office continues to engage with law enforcement partners and election security officials to ensure the security of our national elections and preservation of this important civic right."

Each state has primary responsibility for conducting free and fair elections within its borders. The FBI Sacramento Field Office serves communities located in 34 of California's 58 counties and is in continuous contact with election partners including the California Secretary of State, Justice Department, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and other agencies. Together, we stand ready to investigate federal election crimes, identifying and assessing potential threats, and to protecting the public's constitutional right to vote.

If you have information about allegations of federal election crimes, voter fraud, or vote suppression, please contact the FBI by calling the FBI Sacramento Field Office by dialing 916-746-7000 or making an electronic report at tips.fbi.gov.

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Commentary
by Harold Pease, Ph.D.

At least a dozen medical doctors from all over America assembled in front of the Supreme Court July 27 to counter the only message going forward allowed the American people with respect to the coronavirus. Many had already experienced the removal of their messages on Google, which owns 70% of most American media outside Fox News, including FaceBook, and YouTube (Tucker Carlson Tonight, June 16, 2020).

Outside their COVID expertise they had one thing in common that made their contribution superior to those of Anthony Fauci (a vaccineologist), the CDC and WHO, they are the actual physicians of those with COVID-19. They also each had come independently to the conclusion that the 65-year-old drug hydroxychloroquine used so successfully in COVID-1 previously, also worked extremely well with its cousin COVID-19 “it’s 78% similar to the prior version the COVID-1. Not surprisingly, it works.”

These frontline doctors were seasoned physicians in the trenches with the virus. All knew that consequences against their speaking out would likely follow. All knew that what they had to share would be nuked by every media piping the approved media message – be afraid, stay afraid. All knew that what they would tell the American public would be opposite what most Americans were getting on establishment networks, but all were committed to tell the truth. All probably also knew that if they did not speak out now freedom of the press might be gone. If the medical profession could be silenced all other interests challenging the left side of the political spectrum could never survive. Doctors are among the most revered and least political part of our society.

They reasoned that with their combined story they might get through the wall of censorship already in place. They were wrong!! Google,

Facebook, YouTube and Twitter de-platformed them within hours the same day but fortunately not before 17 million heard what they had to say. The establishment print press went after them immediately. It was difficult to find any press, outside Fox News, that did not undermine everything they said, our media is so controlled. It remains that none of the journalists, or fact checkers in these countering pieces were themselves physicians. They know nothing in comparison.

Here are some of the messages Google, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter refused to allow Americans to hear. This is every bit as big a censoring as burning books in the Middle Ages.

Dr. Simone Gold spoke of two phases of the virus, early and late, both treatable with present drugs. But physicians are confronted with a generated “spider web of fear...all around us and it’s constricting us” and “draining the lifeblood of the American people,” society and economy that “does not make sense.” The virus is “treatable” now. “That’s what we’re here to tell you.” “But we implore you to hear this, because this message has been silenced.” “There are many thousands of physicians who have been silenced from telling the American people ... that we can manage the virus.” Why? Because “it’s 78% similar to the prior version the COVID-1” successfully treated with hydroxychloroquine. “Not surprisingly, it works.”

Dr Bob Hamilton, a pediatrician from Santa Monica, California practicing for 36 years, told reporters that kids are almost entirely asymptomatic and can go back to school now, implying without social distancing or masking. “The mortality rates of children is about one fifth of 1%.” Kids are “not passing it on to their parents or not passing it on to their teachers.” He quoted a pediatric infectious disease specialist and epidemiologists from Scotland, Dr. Mark who said, “There has not been one documented case of COVID being transferred from a student to a teacher in the world, in the world.” Dr. Hamilton continued, “We need to act out of science,” not out of a generated fear. A fear respecting opening up the schools is driven mostly by the wants of teachers’ unions not the needs of the kids.

Dr Stella Emanuel, who

works especially with compromised COVID patients as old as 92 with serious medical conditions: diabetes, high blood pressure and asthma told reporters, that “patients do not need to die.” None of hers has and she has treated over 350 back to health. “I put them on hydroxychloroquine, zinc and Zithromax,” she told reporters, and I’ve “not lost one.” She also placed herself and staff on hydroxychloroquine as a prophylaxis as “we see patients, 10 to 15 patients every day...we only wear surgical masks, none of us has gotten sick. It works.” Adding, “Nobody needs to die.” Implicit in this comment and voiced by other physicians is that most of those who died could have been spared if treated with hydroxychloroquine in phase one as a prophylactic, and in phase two with the other two drugs.

And why does hydroxychloroquine work so well? Dr. Cole explained, “It concentrates in the lungs 200 to 700 times higher” than the bloodstream. The invading virus heads for the lungs but is blocked by the drug chloroquine from getting in. That is why the drug is so effective as a prophylactic. Should it get in it seeks to replicate. The addition of “Zinc will mess up the copy machine called RdRP.”

Dr Stella Emanuel summed up why the frontline doctors were there. “I came here to Washington DC, to tell America. Nobody needs to get sick. This virus has a cure. It is called hydroxychloroquine, zinc, and Zithromax... You don’t need masks, or shutdowns, there is a cure.” Then adding, “It is time for the grassroots to wake up and say no, we’re not going to take this any longer. We’re not going to die.” “When people are dying, it’s unethical.” We know how to treat this virus. We do it every day.

Dr. Harold Pease is a syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He taught history and political science from this perspective for over 30 years at Taft College. Newspapers have permission to publish this column. To read more of his weekly articles, please visit www.LibertyUnderFire.org. ★



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Assembly Bill 1864 didn’t get much media or public attention as it zipped through both houses of the Legislature on the last day of the 2020 session.

Superficially, it appeared merely to reconfigure the state’s financial regulatory agencies into a new entity called the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation.

However, those in California’s vast financial industry were paying lots of attention because the bill creates an entirely new regulatory regime with broad powers, including fines of up to \$1 million a day, to police financial players that hitherto have had little oversight.

The official rationale for the legislation is that President Donald Trump’s administration neutered the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, so the state must step in with an equivalent to guard against predatory financial practices that harm consumers.

The new California Consumer Financial Protection Law gives the reconstituted agency authority to go after “abusive practices” whose definition in the law is fairly vague. Thus, the agency itself will

define the term as it also decides which businesses will face its scrutiny.

It appears that the new law will affect firms involved in debt settlement, credit repair, check cashing, rent-to-own contracts, payday lending, student loan servicing and financing for retail sales. However, its primary target seems to be financial services offered by non-banks, particularly what are called “fintech companies” that offer bank-like services via the Internet without maintaining physical offices.

Fintechs, many of them based in the San Francisco Bay Area, have blossomed in recent years as part of the digital economy, competing with traditional brick-and-mortar banks. Their disruptive nature is not unlike the challenge that technology-based ride services such as Uber and Lyft pose to taxicabs and buses.

Late-blooming changes in AB 1864 exempted traditional financial firms that are already regulated, such as banks and credit unions, from the new consumer protection law, leading some analysts to conclude that its unstated aim is to help them stave off competition from new kids on the financial block.

The vagueness of the new law was encapsulated in what Gov. Gavin Newsom said during a signing ceremony. The new law and the new department, he said, will “create conditions for innovation to flourish in a way where we can steward that and we can just work against its excesses. So we support risk-taking, not recklessness.”

Newsom also signed two other financial protection measures, one that requires debt collectors to be licensed beginning in 2022 and the other creating a Student Loan Borrower Bill of Rights.

Although the new state law is said to mirror the Dodd-Frank law, it contains at least one significant difference. When federal regulators levy fines for what they consider to be bad conduct, the money goes into the federal treasury. When state regulators impose their fines of up to \$1 million a day, the money will be retained by the new agency to finance more activity.

Will that give the new agency a financial incentive to skip over minor consumer issues and go after big companies? It’s a question that only time will answer.

Significantly too, the new investigative and regulatory mechanism contained in AB 1864 specifically does not usurp the authority of the attorney general to also target companies under the state’s equally vague “unfair competition” law.

From its inception a decade ago, Dodd-Frank has attracted criticism from business executives for regulatory overkill. Will California’s new version be less controversial? We won’t know until the new agency puts some definitional meat on its bones.

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

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Trump has list of top intelligence officials he'll fire if he wins reelection - report | 25 Oct 2020 | President Trump plans to fire several top [deep-state] officials in the national security sphere should he win reelection in November, Axios reported Sunday. The president plans to fire Defense Secretary Mark Esper, CIA Director Gina Haspel and FBI Director Christopher Wray, two people familiar with his decision-making told the news outlet. White House officials declined to comment on personnel matters... News of Trump's latest possible targets for firing comes just days after The Washington Post reported that the president had recently discussed firing Wray in conversations with White House advisers.

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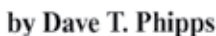
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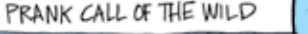
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by Gary Kopervas



by Mike Marland



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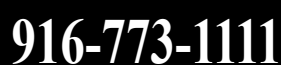
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California Mailed “Massive” Number of Ballots in Error and Risks Voter Fraud

CHP to Focus on Reducing Teen Distracted Driving

By Jordan Gurnett, Reform California

SAN DIEGO, CA (MPG) - Reform California releases a bombshell research study providing proof that Californians are being inundated with “bad election ballots” that have been sent by state election officials in error. This report includes results of a survey of voters revealing nearly one-out-of-ten California households have received some kind of “bad ballot” in the mail.

To provide concrete proof of the problems surfaced in the survey, Reform California also provides actual pictures of “bad ballots” and testimonials from voters who say they received duplicate or triplicate ballots for themselves or received ballots for dead people, illegal immigrants, or people who do not even live at their house.

“The evidence in this report is irrefutable proof that California’s voter rolls are a complete mess and the risk of voter fraud in California’s election has never been greater,” said Carl DeMaio, Chairman of Reform California. “When almost one-out-of-ten households in an election in a state are receiving some form of bad ballots that is a massive problem that could impact races that are decided by fractions of a percent in vote totals,” DeMaio warned.

The following are the results from a survey Reform California conducted between October 10-13 using online and text screens of 1251 registered voters (4.4% MOE) in California asking them if their household received any erroneous ballots in the mail:*

HH Received Multiple Ballots for Same Person-9 at .7%; HH Received Ballots for Wrong Person-98 at 7.8%; HH Received Ballots for Dead Person-8 at .6%; Total Error Rate Per Household-115 at 9.2%**

**Note:106 responses (8.5%) indicated no ballot had been received yet.*
***Numbers off due to rounding.*

Duplicate Ballots Mailed to Individual Voters

Reform California compiled examples of multiple ballots individual voters received with the exact same name on the ballot but a different voter identification number. While California election officials check to see if a ballot is cast twice using the same voter identification number, systems are not in place to properly review for an individual to vote twice or three times using multiple voter identification numbers. As reflected in the attached examples of bad ballots, “Peggy Smith” in San Diego, CA received one ballot using her familiar name and also received a second ballot for her legal name of “Margaret Smith.”

Receiving Ballots at Wrong Household

The most common problem identified by Reform California relates to the state mailing ballots to addresses that the individual does not live at. In some cases these erroneously mailed ballots were sent to an individual who no longer lives at the address in question – having moved away long ago. In other cases the ballots were mailed to homes where the current long-time residents had no idea who the individuals were. One individual in Jamul, CA reported and provided proof of receiving 11 extra ballots at their address for individuals who do not live there.

Ballots for Dead People

Reform California received several reports of deceased individuals receiving ballots – some having died long ago.

Ballots for Illegal Immigrants

Reform California even captured several examples of illegal immigrants receiving ballots. Detecting this problem is difficult as it requires someone to admit they are not a citizen and not eligible to vote, but several individuals

courageously reported these bad ballots to the study.

Reasons for California’s Election Problems

Reform California outlines three main reasons why California’s voting system is a mess:

- (1) Flawed Motor Voter Program: The State of California implemented a motor voter program in 2017 that automatically enrolled any individual who got a new driver’s license as a voter. A separate bill passed the same session allowed illegal immigrants to receive new driver’s licenses. California’s motor voter program has been plagued by problems from the outset and state election officials have failed to properly review eligibility requirements for voters that are registered through this program;
- (2) Failure to Maintain Voter Rolls: County election officials do not conduct proper audits or reviews of their voter rolls. A analysis of the voter rolls in California’s 50th Congressional District in December 2019 found an 11% variance between the voter rolls for that district and the National Change of Address (NCOA) database used by the postal service to track individuals who move away from their previous address;
- (3) Failure to Check for Duplicates: A simple way to check for duplicates would be to search every address on the voter rolls and examine any voters at that address who share an exact birth date. In some cases the voters may be twins or triplets, but in most cases this simple search would surface individuals who are registered more than once.

For more information visit <https://reformcalifornia.org/initiatives/voter-verification-petition/> ★



Ten percent of all drivers ages 15 to 19 who were involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. Photo courtesy pexels

By Jaime Coffee, California Highway Patrol

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

Nearly six teen drivers are involved in a fatal car crash every day in the United States. Inexperience combined with driver distraction increases the risk for error, making motor vehicle crashes the leading cause of death for young drivers in the nation. To reduce teen distracted driving, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has partnered with Impact Teen Drivers (ITD) to teach positive habits and behaviors to our most vulnerable drivers through education and enforcement.

Ten percent of all drivers ages 15 to 19 who were involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash, and 100 percent of those crashes were preventable. Based on miles driven, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety discovered that teens are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. To combat this alarming trend, the message of the ITD program is simple: keep both hands on the wheel, eyes on the road, and mind focused on driving.

“Teen drivers are the most at risk of driving distracted. They are more likely than any other demographic to be involved in traffic crashes where distracted driving is a factor,” said CHP

Commissioner Warren Stanley. “Sadly, many of these crashes will result in injuries and deaths. We hope to help eliminate these preventable deadly crashes.”

The CHP and ITD will conduct virtual classes at schools and community events throughout California during the pandemic to help change the behavior of teen drivers. The yearlong Teen Distracted Drivers Education and Enforcement X grant provides for an education component as well as enforcement operations to be conducted statewide through September 30, 2021.

“In California we lose the equivalent of eight, large school buses filled with teens each year to car crashes. Impact Teen Drivers, CHP, and the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) partner to offer free in-person and online training for parents and teens – together, we can stop the #1 killer of teens,” said Dr. Kelly Browning, Executive Director of ITD.

For free safe driving resources in English or Spanish, please visit www.ImpactTeenDrivers.org.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from OTS through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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BONUS COUPON
FRISKIES BUFFET CANNED CAT FOOD 5.5 Oz All Varieties Limit 1 Case With Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family **ON SALE Everyday**
Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 10/28/20 - 11/3/20 CHM PLU 367

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WHISKAS TEMPTATIONS CAT TREATS •Selected Varieties - 3 Oz Limit 2 Pkgs with Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon **\$13.99**
Effective 10/28/20 - 11/3/20 CHM PLU 369

BONUS COUPON
JONNY CAT CAT LINERS Jumbo Drawstring - 5 Ct Limit 1 Box with Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon **\$2.09**
Effective 10/28/20 - 11/3/20 CHM PLU 449