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Local Grad Gives Back



Elijah Vernon, a recent graduate from San Juan High School, is a dedicated volunteer at the Sylvan Ranch Community Garden, growing produce for donation to the local food bank and helping elderly gardeners maintain their plots. Photo provided by the Vernon family.

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - You would think a packed schedule of classes would be more than enough for any high school senior. But that wasn't enough for Elijah Vernon, a recent graduate from San Juan High School in Citrus Heights. He was determined to not only succeed in school and sports, but to also find a way to serve his community and those most in need.

Elijah has an exemplary academic record, excelling in his advanced placement classes and participating in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) college-readiness program. As a member of the varsity basketball team and captain of both the varsity baseball team and the

varsity football team, Elijah was busy year-round. But even with all that on his plate, Elijah still committed his time to volunteering at the Sylvan Ranch Community Garden.

Elijah's family first discovered the Sylvan Ranch Community Garden in Citrus Heights in his junior year. A local nonprofit, the community garden rents spaces where people can grow their own produce. Gardeners can also work on community garden plots, cultivating produce for donation at a local food bank, Sunrise Christian Food Ministry. Elijah's family started out growing watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, zucchini, squash, kale, peppers, tomatoes, green onions, and various herbs. Elijah soon found he had a green thumb - the garden flourished.

Later that year, Elijah noticed there were many elderly gardeners who needed help with their plots. Elijah decided to volunteer in the garden to fulfill AVID's community service requirement. But even after meeting his required community service hours, Elijah chose to continue helping in the garden. He volunteers at least a couple days each week, preparing soil, compost, and mulch as well as planting various fruits and vegetables. In his own plots, he grows such an abundance of fresh produce that each week he donates much of it to the food bank to help families in need.

Many people in the community rely on their garden plot to supplement their food supply, a fact that has been

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Board Ratifies Local State of Emergency

By Kim Nava,
Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the ratification of the Local State of Emergency Proclamation for Civil Unrest. The County will review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every 60 days.

With the ratification and letter to the Director of the California Office of Emergency Services, Sacramento County is asking the Governor to Proclaim an Emergency for Sacramento County, along with authorization for California Disaster Assistance Act funding. With the ratification and letter, the County is also asking for a Small Business Administration Declaration to provide loans to support businesses that sustained economic injury due to civil unrest beginning and after May 30, 2020.

The proclamation went into effect retroactively to May 30 because of civil unrest in Sacramento that resulted in damaged storefronts, looting activity and property damage. Preliminary damage estimates indicate a dollar loss of \$10,030,000.

The proclamation does not call for additional National Guard troop deployment to the area beyond those that arrived last week to assist with local law enforcement agencies. Additionally, the County did not enact a curfew with the proclamation. Both items are made clear in the Board of Supervisors' Resolution.

According to First District Supervisor and Chairman of the Board Phil Serna, "It was obvious to all of us that we needed to make expressly clear what our intent is and what it is not. The actions, in fact, are the first steps to assure our access to state resources to help small businesses affected by recent violence, and to also protect our General Fund - a budget that is already severely stressed by the onset of the pandemic

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High School Students Led Two Days of Peaceful Protest

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Two days of peaceful marches and rallies took place in the city of Citrus Heights to protest police brutality following the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25. Unlike many others, these events were planned to help bring attention to the need for all to work together for reform.

The protests took place of June 13 and June 14, 2020 with marches on Greenback Lane from Sunrise Mall to Citrus Heights City Hall where rallies were held.

A flyer advertising the event on social media caught the attention of the



Sympathizers to the struggle of the Black Lives Matter movement showed solidarity at the rallies on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13. Photo by Elise Spleiss

CHPD prior to those dates. San Juan High School student organizers, Jordan

Modkins, 16, and Asia Morris, 17, were con-

tacted and arrangements made to have officers available for traffic control, and

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**Story and photo
by Susan Maxwell
Skinner**

Park districts and Counties are increasingly using herbivore power on hard-to-mow territory. Poison oak and steep slopes are all in a day's rumination for goat gangs that recently trimmed Wilhaggin Retention Basin on American River Drive. Though animals take longer than blades, their chomping doesn't cause sparks and fires. They're also quieter. "We hardly knew they were here," said a resident near Schweitzer Grove. "I came out to watch them every day. Such a peaceful sight."



Goat farm owner Steve Gregory (left) and son Jacob muster stock to journey between Carmichael and Fair Oaks.

For Lincoln goat farmer Steve Gregory, summer is when his goat and sheep are busiest – and happiest. However, coyotes and mountain lions can be a worry in wilderness work areas. Gregory flocks are tended with Biblical devotion by shepherds and

canines who sleep with their charges at night. Hydration is another big concern. "Each animal needs up to two gallons of water per day - more if it gets really hot," confirms the farmer. Though his truck delivers water daily, some neighboring residents volunteer garden hoses. "We're always

grateful for that,” he says. “Our animals’ health is our first concern.” Gregory’s Peruvian herders are legendary in their industry. “These guys grow up around grazing animals,” says their boss. “They seem to know how sheep and goats think. We all put our animals before ourselves. If they’re not healthy, we

can't stay in business." From a landowner's view, goats are often more cost-effective than machines. "They might take more time to do the job," explains Sacramento County engineer Lennard Bravo. "But they're great on steep terrain where human ankles have been turned. They free up staff

Though his livestock has fulfilled many Sacramento County contracts, the passage of Fair Oaks' century-old truss bridge presented a picturesque challenge. "It's a bridge with so many pedestrians and cyclists," explains Gregory. "We don't worry about how the goats will manage - they move well as a herd - our concern is how people react to them. Fortunately, eating's their favorite thing to do. That's what gets them across bridges so smoothly. They're all led by their stomachs." ★

“The death of George Floyd at the hands of police brutality is unconscionable. His death has again brought to the forefront of the American conscience the systemic racism and inequities that

This past week, thousands of Americans of different ages and races have marched across the country – and in our hometown of Sacramento – to demand justice for Mr. Floyd’s death and call for change to a system that for too long has left behind marginalized communities. For many communities of color, especially the African American

As your elected representative in Congress, I will continue to listen, learn, and advocate for policies that address police violence and racial inequities. I look forward

We must continue to have open, honest – and sometimes uncomfortable – conversations about race and inequality in America, and the steps we must take to get to lasting change. Together, we can begin to heal the wounds of racial injustice.” ★

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The City of Citrus Heights Mid-Cycle Budget Update



**A Message from City
Manager Chris Boyd**

*Dear Citrus Heights
Residents,*

Citrus Heights City staff presented a mid-cycle budget update to City Council last night. As part of our commitment to government transparency, staff provides regular updates during our newly adopted two-year budget cycle to Council. The presentation detailed the City’s lean operating budget, stark projections related to the economic effects of COVID-19, and the immediate actions staff have taken to mitigate certain impacts, consistent with our tradition of fiscal prudence.

City staff started the presentation by taking a step back to look at budget projections prior to COVID-19. The previously approved budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 estimated the City’s General Fund would have a shortfall of \$1.4 million. This anticipated deficit has been consistently reported by staff and is primarily due to the property tax agreement required by the County to allow our City

to incorporate and initiate local control in Citrus Heights. Since incorporation, the City has known about this crossover period. The 2019/2020 shortfall required a plan to draw from the City’s existing line of credit, in order to balance the budget while continuing to provide essential services. Knowing this, our staff were already devoted to saving as much as possible and, prior to COVID-19, reduced expenses for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 by \$1 million. This achievement has greatly reduced the amount needed from the City’s line of credit, and has eliminated the need to tap General Fund reserves. Because all departments are so committed to fiscal responsibility, we entered COVID-19 on an already extremely lean City budget.

Budget projections for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 (which begins on July 1) were also updated to reflect serious impacts on both the City’s revenues and expenditures. After analyzing losses from COVID-19 related decreased sales tax revenue (\$1.4 million), and increased expenditures for risk management (about \$450,000), the new projected shortfall to the City’s General Fund for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 is \$3.4 million. While this is not as large a deficit as other cities are facing, it is extremely serious to a community like ours, which prioritizes financial prudence. The amount is double the initially projected shortfall

for 2020/2021.

Despite this newly calculated deficit, City staff are not proposing an increase to the draw on the City’s line of credit. We took immediate action to mitigate the impacts of this major budget shortfall - wherever and whenever possible - and we are committed to not increasing the amount the City had already planned on withdrawing. I am proud of how diligent City leaders have been in evaluating expenditures - deferring services that can be delayed, while prioritizing those that are essential. While other California municipalities have announced larger deficits and associated funding cuts, our City runs on a much leaner budget and does not have peripheral programming to cut. In addition, cities our size have been left out of all three COVID-19 related stimulus packages passed at the Federal level and the State of California has announced a \$54 billion deficit. Citrus Heights cannot count on State or Federal funding to adequately address our significant recovery efforts.

At the outset of the economic shutdown, I directed staff to not fill vacant positions, a majority of which are in public safety. Personnel decisions are one of the only mechanisms to save money as a City, but this is not a sustainable, long-term solution. Holding key positions vacant, and cutting

expenditures wherever possible has major impacts to the crucial quality-of-life services we know our residents deserve, like public safety, road maintenance, economic development services, and more. City officials and staff recognize the need to balance those important concerns with our local recovery efforts. We are focused on prioritizing services that need to continue, and making strategic decisions to ensure we have as much access as possible to outside funding, grants, and resources, including potential options for enhancing local revenue.

I am committed to keeping our community informed of our budget and financial planning. City Hall remains dedicated to our City’s core values of fiscal responsibility and government transparency, while maintaining the services that make Citrus Heights a safe place to live, play, and do business. Our community has come together time and time again to take charge of its own future and I have no doubt we will continue to do so. I am grateful for the opportunity to work for you and alongside you, to continue our shared vision for Citrus Heights: a city of choice for residents and businesses to prosper and thrive, and a model of neighborhood engagement.

Sincerely,

*Chris Boyd
City Manager*

Grad Gives Back



Elijah Vernon works under the direction of experienced garden volunteers at Sylvan Ranch Community Garden: (left to right) Debbie Levon, Elijah Vernon, Chuck Benward, and Jim and Judy Thornton. Photo provided by the Vernon family.

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especially true during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Due to the pandemic, many more families requested plots in the garden, so Elijah helped build new planter boxes to expand the facility and make room for the new families. “I try to do the best of my ability - doing the best for them so they get the best out of it,” said Elijah.

Elijah first realized the significance of community service in the summer of 2018. While visiting friends in Redding, CA, the Carr Fire burned through Shasta and Trinity counties, burning more than 229,000 acres. Elijah and his friends helped transform a church in Redding into a “cool down center” for evacuees. After rushing to unload water and clothes, Elijah stayed for another week helping evacuees on site. “It was chaotic. People were crying,” said Elijah. “It was difficult.” But he said that experience opened his eyes: “When people need it the most, give everything you can to help them. ... No matter how small, every bit helps.”

Elijah is now an integral volunteer at Sylvan Ranch Community Garden, helping people maintain their plots as well as tending to the community plots. He often ends up staying longer than he planned because there is always more to do. When Elijah commits to helping someone, he always follows through: “I’m going to keep my word, and work until it gets done.”

Judy Thornton, a long-time volunteer gardener at Sylvan Ranch Community Garden, said Elijah’s assistance is invaluable to many of the elderly gardeners: “They couldn’t do it without him helping them. ... He’s made it so these people have a garden bed and can enjoy gardening. He’s always willing to help.”

Elijah described his volunteer work as “humbling.” The people he helps are incredibly grateful, and Elijah said, “When it means a lot to them, that means a lot to me.”

“He’s always going above and beyond,” said Fawny Vernon, Elijah’s mother. “I am so proud of him. ... He’s taken it on as his own personal mission.” She admires his determination and his commitment: “The character he’s built, the strength I see in him - he puts others first. He’s amazing.” She said many of his friends and teammates look up to Elijah, so she hopes his work can inspire other students to follow in his footsteps.

Elijah will be attending Sacramento State University in the fall, but with the COVID-19 complications, he will likely be commencing his studies through online courses. He plans to major in business, and he is hoping to play baseball at the college level. ★



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By Noah Howard

I was dressed as a soldier under the command of my target, a cartoonishly evil Moroccan general, whose hunger for power made him almost as dangerous as the elite squad of bodyguards that protected him at all times. I was exploring his base, my outfit ensuring I don't raise suspicions. I stumbled upon two soldiers are talking about the general, insulting his lack of combat experience or honor. Little did they know that their conversation was just a little too close to the microphone of the base's intercom system.

This was my chance. I subtly turned on the intercom system, and the soldiers' slander was suddenly broadcasted to the entire base. It was only a matter of time before the general himself arrived to chastise his undisciplined subordinates. I leaped through a window into a nearby alley and waited, weapon drawn. Within a few minutes the general arrived. Before he could start speaking I landed a single shot and took out my target. I began sprinting down the alleyway, alarms blaring and bodyguards on my tail. There was nowhere to hide. I smashed through a door and slammed it shut behind me as my status changes from "suspicious" to "hunted." Bewildered guards at the entrance to the

Game Plots

In Hitman, be sure not to Miss

base let me run past without confrontation and I faded into the crowded Moroccan market. Out of the corner of my eye I spotted a mechanic ducking into an unobserved kitchen. I followed him, lugged a pool ball at his head (it's mean, but he'll wake up alright in a few hours), and swapped my soldier fatigues for his uniform. I've vanished.

Miniature James Bond novels like the one above are the lifeblood of *Hitman*, a reboot of a long-running series that places you in the shoes of a globe-trotting conspiracy-unraveling assassin. The game drops you into enormous environments with little to no guidance, asking you to take out your target by any means necessary. Silent, creative play is rewarded; kill your target (and only your target) without anyone ever knowing you were there and you maximize your score.

But achieving the envied perfect kill might often appear to be an insurmountable challenge. It was this challenge that drew me to the game in the first place. Though I'm usually drawn to high-octane low-brain-power action games as a way to relax after a hard day of schoolwork, the lack of mental stimulation in quarantine had me searching for something more intellectually substantial. Playing *Hitman* scratches this itch, as the short bursts of adrenaline like the story above are often preceded

by upwards of half an hour of quiet exploration and scheming.

And the game itself encourages these meticulous best-laid-plans. Tantalizing opportunities, like the soldiers talking a bit too close to the intercom mic, appear at every turn. Noticing a winch that allows you to drop a chandelier might spark ideas on how to lure your target underneath one. Knocking out and assuming the identity of a security guard who stepped out to smoke provides a way to infiltrate entire new areas without suspicion. Each of these potential opportunities leads to more opportunities, creating a spiraling network of complexity that comes together in a single, magical moment when a flawless plan is perfectly executed.

Satisfying moments like the ones *Hitman* delivers are why many of us came to games in the first place. My girlfriend, usually uninterested in my violent digital escapades, was cheering along as I sprinted down the alley, all the while pointing out opportunities for escape that I might have missed. Games are best when they don't create memorable moments, but when they allow you to create those moments for yourself. And in this sea of similar games that I trudge through with a brainless grin, *Hitman's* encouragement to introduce my mind and my creativity to the experience makes all the difference. ★

Ask Toni

Why is My Medicare Part B Premium Over \$400 Monthly . . . I Was Laid Off!



Toni King

Dear Toni:

Been reading your articles regarding COVID-19, being laid off and enrolling in Medicare properly. I have not read an article on how to lower the premium if you are not making the income you were before you were laid off.

I received a letter from Social Security stating that I must pay \$462.70 for Part B and \$70.00 for Part D, totaling over \$532.70 monthly.

I was recently told that you understand Medicare rules and I could possibly appeal my Medicare premium because I am not working full-time with an income of \$350,000; instead only receiving a \$2,400 monthly Social Security check.

What do I do to appeal this decision and bring my Medicare premium to a lower, affordable amount?

Thanks
~ Gary from Phoenix, AZ

Gary:

Do you want to wait 2 years for the IRS to inform Medicare that your income has decreased due to being laid off or do you want to let Medicare know that you have lost your job and are no longer making the kind of income you

were making?

During a Toni Says® Medicare consultation, we hear about the Medicare Part B and D premium problems from those on Medicare who have been laid off or have decided to retire. People believe that everyone pays the same amount for their Medicare Parts B and D, but those days are long gone! If your income as an individual is over \$87,000 or married is over \$174,000; your Medicare Parts B and D premiums will be more.

Social Security explains in the letter that is mailed to you, how they arrived at the Part B and D premiums based on your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" (MAGI) from your last filed tax return.

Your MAGI was over \$320,000 and the table used in the letter you received from Social Security shows what the Part B and Part D premium adjustment (nice way of saying it's going to cost you more) will be, whether you are filing single or married.

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- You or your spouse have **stopped working** or have reduced your hours.

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- You or your spouse's benefits from an insured pension plan stopped or went down.

Use form SSA-44 titled "*Medicare Part B Income-Related Premium - Life-Changing Event*" and attach the original documents or certified copies to verify your change in income.

Once Social Security is satisfied with the evidence, it will update its records and correct Part B and Part D premiums to what your current income is.

Don't forget a onetime increase in your income such as property that is sold or cashing in your IRA or even winning the lottery(aren't we wishing for that) can change your monthly adjusted gross income (MAGI) that may cause you to pay a higher Part B or Part D premiums.

****Social Security reviews your income each year and will adjust your Part B and D premiums to your new income level the next year and again you will want to file SSA-44 form until your income finally comes down to the lower amount.**

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Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

06/07/2020 • Time: 9:22 PM • IR Number: 12004547

Crime: **10851(A) VC: Vehide Theft**

Location Type: House (Includes Driveway) • Public Address: 61xx Viceroy Wy

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

06/08/2020 • Time: 2:30 AM • IR Number: 12004558

Crime: **10851(A) VC: Vehide Theft**

Location Type: Street/Highway • Public Address: 76xx Down Wy

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

06/08/2020 • Time: 7:40 PM • IR Number: 12004587

Crime: **459 PC: Burglary - Commercial**

Location Type: Laundromat/Cleaners • Public Address: 76xx Auburn

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

06/09/2020 • Time: 2:35 AM • IR Number: 12004583

Crime: **484(A) PC: Petty Theft**

Location Type: Department Mobile Home • Public Address: 73xx Whyte Av

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

06/10/2020 • Time: 3:35 PM • IR Number: 12004630

Crime: **487(a) PC: Grnd Thft:prop/Etc \$950+**

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Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

06/11/2020 • Time: 2:00 AM • IR Number: 12004706

Crime: **484(A) PC: Petty Theft**

Location Type: Parking Lot • Public Address: 70xx Auburn

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

06/12/2020 • Time: 7:20 PM • IR Number: 12004709

Crime: **496d(a) PC: Possession of Stolen Veh**

Location Type: Street/Highway • Public Address: Sunrise Bl Uplands,

Agency: Citrus Heights Police Department

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Governor Newsom Announces New Policing and Criminal Justice Reforms



Governor Gavin Newsom
Office of Governor Gavin Newsom Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After a week of engagement with civic leaders and law enforcement in the wake of the killing of George Floyd and demonstrations nationwide, Governor Newsom announced his support for new policing and criminal justice reforms. Governor Newsom will work toward a statewide standard for policing peaceful protests and ending the carotid hold. This announcement follows the work California did last year to enact the nation’s strongest standard for police use of deadly force.

“We have a unique and special responsibility here in California to meet this historic moment head-on,” said Governor Newsom. “We will not

sit back passively as a state. I am proud that California has advanced a new conversation about broader criminal justice reform, but we have an extraordinary amount of work left to do to manifest a cultural change and a deeper understanding of what it is that we’re working to advance. We will continue to lead in a direction that does justice to the message heard all across this state and nation.”

Governor Newsom called for the creation of new standards for crowd control and use of force in protests. Governor Newsom committed to working with the Legislature, including the California Legislative Black Caucus, the California Latino Legislative Caucus and other legislative leaders, in consultation with national experts, community leaders, law enforcement and journalists to develop those standards – much like the collaboration that produced AB 392 last year, California’s nation-leading use-of-force bill.

Additionally, he called for the end of the carotid hold and other like techniques in California, directing that the carotid

hold be removed from the state police training program and state training materials. He committed to working with the Legislature on a statewide ban that would apply to all police forces across the state.

Criminal justice reform has been a key priority of Governor Newsom’s first year in office. He placed a moratorium on the death penalty, citing racial and economic disparities in how it was applied. He proposed to close the Division of Juvenile Justice and proposed closing two state prisons. In his May Revision budget, Governor Newsom proposed expanding opportunities for rehabilitation and shortening prison time for offenders participating in treatment programs, in education programs and otherwise engaging in good behavior; as well as increasing access to higher education for young people who are incarcerated.

Governor Newsom acknowledged that more action is needed, and stated that additional reforms around police practices, educational equity, economic justice, health equity and more must be addressed with urgency. ★

Two Days of Peaceful Protest



African-Americans expressed thankfulness to all those attending for being their allies in educating the next generation in civil rights awareness. Photo by Patrick Larenas

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the protection of both marchers and the community.

Asking Modkins where he got the idea for this event in Citrus Heights, he explained ‘protest’ to him means, “peacefully fighting for what you believe in”. “I had the urge to go downtown (Sacramento) but was not allowed to. I thought, what if I brought the protest out here in this type of community where there hasn’t been anything like this, especially when injustices happen. There should be more bringing police and the community together for better communication.” His goal and passion is to bring understanding for where both sides are coming from.

Prior to the start of Saturday’s event, Modkins began with a prayer for God “to bring safety and peace, and justice to this march”. Speaking on a bullhorn to the 100+ participants he reiterated that this was to be a peaceful march. “We’re here to make a change not to bring ourselves down to the level of those against us.

Putting into words the feelings of those who have not felt the sting of discrimination, Kelly Christianson of Fair Oaks held a sign which read, “I understand that I will never understand, but I stand with you.”

At one point, marchers split up, walking on both sides of the street to the exuberant honking and thumbs up of drivers in support of the cause.

At City Hall, participants and speakers knelt and took 8 minutes – the time it took for Floyd to die under the knee of Derek Chauvin - to read the names of other

victims of police brutality.

Organizers made sure there was ample water throughout the day and snacks following the one hour, 4.4-miles hike in over 70-degree temperatures.

Police presence on both days was understated but effective. Following Friday’s protest, Citrus Heights Police Chief Ron Lawrence said in a statement on social media (which also applied to Saturday’s march), “Although we expected the march to be peaceful, we always want to ensure the safety of community members exercising their freedom of free speech and right to peacefully assemble.”

“We were requested by the group to assist as they crossed the street of Sunrise and Greenback. Although the march stayed mostly on the sidewalk, during the march, we maintained traffic safety in the lane adjacent to the side walk to avoid any vehicle and pedestrian conflicts if the protesters stepped off the sidewalk into the roadway.

“The police department is committed to traffic safety and the safety of our community and we appreciate the cooperation and communication with the organizers of the march. The organizers helped ensure that those involved remained peaceful. We want to thank our community for their continued support of their local police department.”

With Modkins, Morris and other youth and their mentors involved in making this weekend a reality, their continued persistence will bring the safety, peace and justice this generation is looking for closer to becoming a reality. ★

Board Ratifies Local State of Emergency

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but that is nonetheless expected to continue funding important programs like the Black Child Legacy Campaign.”

The County will review the need for the continuing local emergency at least every 60 days and will terminate it at the earliest possible date conditions warrant. ★



Black Lives Matters supporters take a knee while San Juan High School student organizer Asia Morris, (17) reads the names of those African-American who died in incidents with police. Photo by Elise Spleiss

Additional Charging Decisions Related to Acts of Looting

Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On June 3, 2020, the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office received thirteen reports relating to looting from law enforcement agencies to review for filing of criminal charges. All events took place in the late evening hours of May 31st to the early morning hours of June 1st. Charges were filed in all of the cases received including:

(1) At midnight, several subjects were located inside the Sunrise Mall. One of the female adult suspects admitted to driving six juveniles to the mall. She also admitted that someone broke glass and she went inside. They went to the Vans store, but then heard police and ran. Several boxes of new shoes were found in her trunk. The second suspect was found in a car parked at the mall just outside of the broken glass point of entry. When police arrived, she fled in her car and took police on a three-mile pursuit. Both were charged with commercial burglary, looting, and receiving stolen property. The second suspect was also charged with reckless evasion of a peace officer.

(2) At 12:00 a.m., a male adult suspect was observed fleeing Walgreens

located at 2201 Arden Way. He was stopped nearby and in possession of stolen items. He was charged with commercial burglary, looting, and receiving stolen property.

(3) At 2:30 a.m., two male defendants were observed trying to break into Paradyme on 1720 Fulton. They were charged with attempted burglary and attempted looting.

(4) At 2:50 a.m., a male adult suspect and a female adult suspect were observed fleeing a Boost Mobile store located at 6176 Auburn Blvd. Their car drove off as officers approached, reached speeds in excess of 100 mph and ran a red light. An infant was located in a child seat in the rear of the car. They were charged with commercial burglary, looting, reckless evasion of a peace officer, child endangerment, and receiving stolen property.

As was stated in previous releases, the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office supports every citizen’s right to lawfully exercise their first amendment right to protest, particularly in these painful times. At the same time, we will also zealously prosecute those who choose violence, looting or lawlessness over peaceful protest thereby creating a threat to public safety and the well-being of our community. ★

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Will There Be Television in Heaven?

By Rev. James L. Snyder

If anybody can ask hard questions, the award has to go to the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She knows how to ask a question and, more importantly, when to ask a particular question.

We were watching the news the other night after supper, and as you know, the news is terrible these days. All they seem to be able to show is the devastating depravity that is going on in our country. At times, I get a little weary of all this dreariness.

During a commercial, I heard my wife clear her throat and then say, “Do you think there will be television in heaven?”

I must confess that that question caught me off guard. I thought for a few moments and did not quite understand precisely the context of her question. I have learned by experience that if I do not understand the question from her point, how in the world can I give the correct answer?

I glanced her way, cleared my throat, and said, “Excuse me, what did you say?”

Looking at me, she simply said, “You heard me. Do you think there will be television in heaven?”

That is a hard question to answer because during the

last few months when we could not go out anywhere, we would stay home and watch a Hallmark Mystery Movie. It is good to watch them and forget about what’s happening out in the real world. They always have a happy ending.

However, my wife’s question was very thought provoking. We are so accustomed to television in our society today that we cannot imagine anywhere without it. I know there are places where you cannot get a television signal, but for the most part, television has really conquered our world.

Also, on the news, we only see the worst side of humanity, for the most part. After watching the news, it is hard to trust anybody.

I then asked my wife, “I’m not sure, what do you think?”

“I’ve been thinking about that,” she said very thoughtfully, “and my conclusion is simply, I hope not.”

There are times in which my wife and I do not always agree, but on this point, I think we agree 100%. That is a rarity, and I want to remember this for quite a while.

If there were television in heaven, what shows would actually be allowed to be shown? And, would there be any celebrities or personalities?

I cannot imagine a television program I would like to watch if I was in heaven. I think there are many other things more satisfying than watching something on television that has no relationship to reality whatsoever.

Finishing our little conversation, I asked my wife, “If there was television in heaven, what program would you want to watch?”

That started a very long and serious conversation, and I began to find out some of her likes and dislikes.

After our conversation, I began to think about what the Bible said along this line. “The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts” (Psalm 10:4).

My conclusion was this; anything that keeps God out of my thoughts is something I need to get out of my life. Heaven will be so full of the thoughts of God that nothing else would ever get in.

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Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

Stand Your Ground

God uses people who are persistent. People who do not know how to quit. Jesus said in Luke 9, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.” The secret to success is to keep on keeping on.

Do you know what a Majestic Oak tree is? Just a little nut that refuse to give its ground. You stay planted. You stay the course. You continue going to church. You continue serving God. You continue believing God and eventually God makes you into a Majestic Oak, a person of beauty and strength.

As you stand your ground, others will criticize you and the devil will tempt you, count on it! Successful people always get criticized. The secret of success is to outlast your critics. You cannot allow others to discourage you. The Bible says resist the discouragement. “... **keep on doing what is right for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't**

get discouraged and give up.” Gal. 6:9 Don't give in without a fight.

Anything worthwhile in life takes effort, energy, and endurance. Nothing worthwhile is easy in life. You've just got to keep on keeping on. Great people are just ordinary people with an extraordinary amount of determination. It's always too soon to quit. Quitters never win and Winners never quit. Don't get tempted sit on the sidelines in your Christian race. The devil wants nothing more for you to quit. Resist temptation and discouragement.

Life is tough, there is no denying it. This is not perfect here on earth. And as you go through life, you get tired and you get discouraged. You begin to doubt yourself and you begin to doubt God and you start thinking things like, “Maybe this serving God isn't what it's all cracked up to be!” You start having doubts. “Maybe if I let off the pedal a little bit and became a lukewarm Christian – I know I'm

going to heaven, but I don't really try to live for God – maybe it would be easier.” Big mistake! What do you do when your mind is filled with doubt and discouragement, when you are tempted, when you feel you're at the quitting point and you want to give up? What do you do?

You resist it. You tell the devil, “No way! I'm not going to fall for that trap!” and then you pray as David prayed, “*Lord, when doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer.*” Ps. 94:19. The renewed hope and cheer comes from spending time with God, meditating God's word. In “His presence” is fullness of joy! “*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*” Ps. 16:11 Stand your ground, hang in there and God will restore your joy!

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Pathway To Victory

By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

What is happening today is not victory but slavery! Victory grants freedom to do right things that honor God as well as others and oneself. It delivers people out of “bondage”.

People need to start honoring the ways of God and “stop listening to words and ideas of His enemy”. The fight we have is not against each other or even any political group, but against Satan and his angels. The fight is not political as some want us to believe ... it is actually against all our Creator/God Almighty stands for. He stands for truth and honesty, right and goodness and against all wrong, and evil. Mankind has a higher calling! God calls us to love and care for one another and respect to one another.

America honors all religions but we now allow a religion that “beheads” people who disagree with them, are allowed into our country. And I remember several years ago it happened in Oklahoma – the woman was a Christian and disagreed with the man who beheaded her. What is next?

In recent years some laws have been written and accepted that are completely totally against the Holy Word of God. Yearly 3,000 babies are murdered! Sure babies are conceived out of wedlock but murdering them is not a solution! I was and I am so glad I had the opportunity to live-out my life! Now recently people of the same sex are allowed to be married! No

babies conceived out of those unions!

It is time for Americans who love our country to WAKE UP and stand for TRUTH!! TRUTH IS AVAILABLE! IT IS TIME TO START LISTENING TO THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND LIVE BY THEM. Too many have been listening to people who want to destroy our country and its original values written in our Constitution. They have been successful much too long. They are trying to destroy all our traditional values that made America the greatest nation in the whole world.

Many of our ancestors came from other countries and we were taught to love and respect our country and honor its laws.

Years ago there was a man on television I never forgot! He loved our country so much and was really upset with evil he saw happening then. He ended his every program with these words “EITHER LOVE AMERICA OR LEAVE IT!” His name was Leo Carrillio.

So, what does it profit any man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life and no man comes to the Father (God) except through Me.” Find your personal “PATHWAY TO VICTORY” with God.

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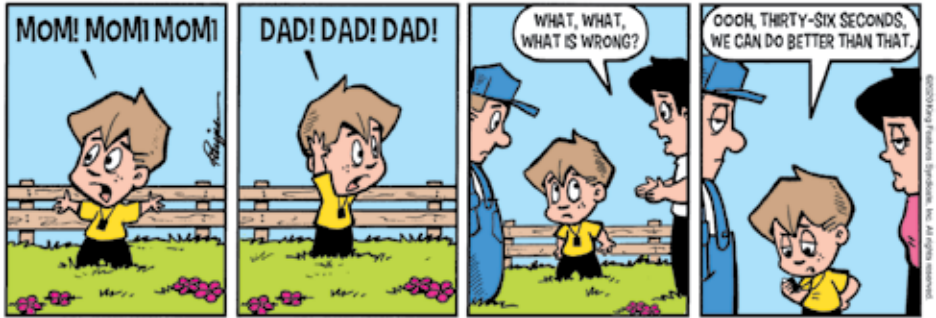
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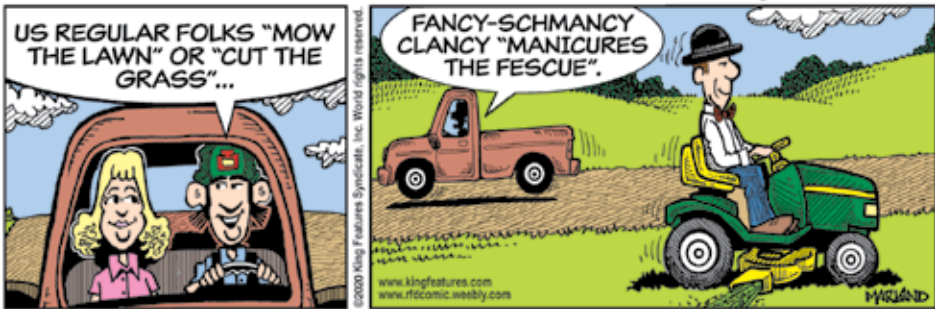
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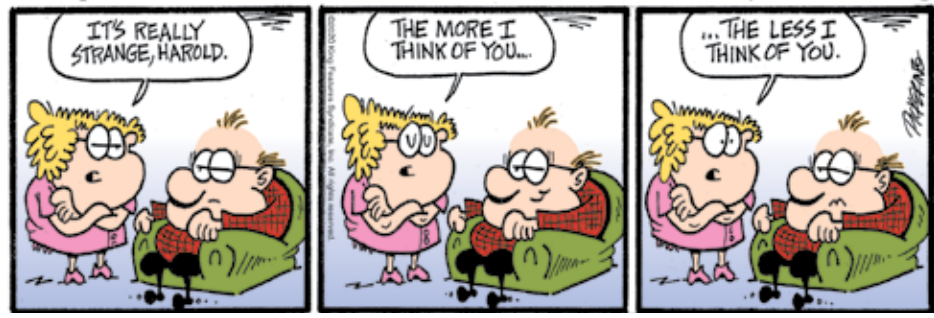
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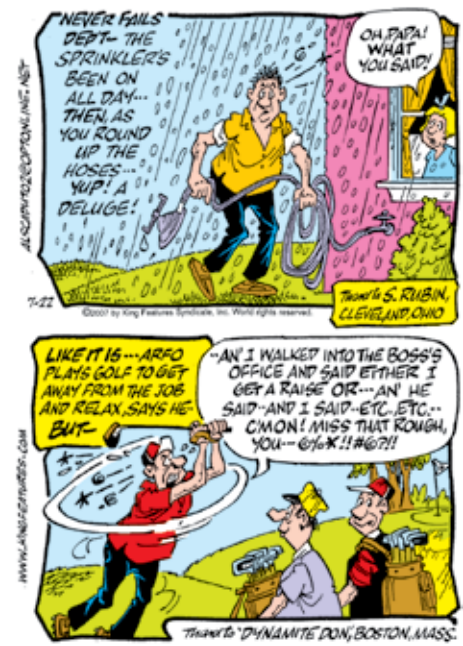
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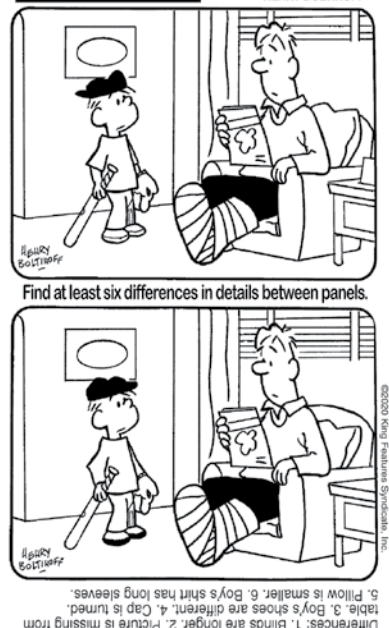
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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Kind of lively dance

6. Greenwich time

9. Pilgrimage to Mecca

13. Belittle

14. A note to follow soh

15. Annie Oakley's show

16. Hipbone-related

17. Chicago to Detroit direction

18. Historical period

19. *Most gifted Father's Day gift?

21. *a.k.a. Father of the Constitution

23. Have a cold, e.g.

24. Bog deposit

25. Styling product

28. Not yet final, in law

30. Squirrels away

35. "Metamorphoses" poet

37. Antioxidants-rich berry

39. Text that precedes the main text

40. Car brand, e.g.

41. *"Full House" father

43. Brazilian indigenous people

44. a.k.a. dropsy

46. Precedes shine

47. Paving stone

48. Early TV manufacturer

50. Bayonet wound

52. "Zip it!"

53. Popular form of communication

55. Part of a match

57. *Christopher Robin's father

61. *Father known as "one-shot" Finch

65. Largest deer

66. *Richard Bobbysey's offspring

68. Precedes desist

69. Cuckoo

70. Friedrich Schiller's "___ to Joy"

71. Personnel person

72. Job for a body shop

73. Parent's order

74. Wrestling's ___ the Giant

DOWN

1. It's equivalent to pain?

2. Sound mind, ___ body

3. Not of the cloth

4. Japanese port

5. Jelly ingredient

6. High school club

7. *Boy's father in "The Road"

8. Recurring melody

9. Shoshonean people

10. Without further ___, pl.

11. 1920s art style

12. *John-John's father

15. Cow's favorite grass?

20. Homer's classic

22. Pleasurable interjection

24. Adrian Brody in 2002 film

25. *Wednesday's father

26. Dodge

27. Compare

29. *Antithesis to Mufasa

31. Liberal pursuits

32. Don Giovanni and such

33. Echo sounder output

34. *a.k.a. the father of modern economics

36. "Indecent Proposal" star Moore

38. Research facil.

42. Used for raising

45. U.K. Prime Minister, 1945-51

49. Lady lobster

51. "You ___!"

54. Xe

56. Make a connection, two words

57. In the thick of

58. Steak condiment

59. Express complaint

60. Antonym of is

61. All over again

62. *Popular Father's Day greeting

63. Olympic cast-out

64. Bone-dry

67. Commotion

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Legislative Democrats Pass Incomplete State Budget with \$9 Billion Tax Increase

By Jacqui Nguyen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield) issued the following statement after legislative Democrats passed a fake budget bill, Senate Bill 74, just to meet state and constitutional deadlines.

“The state is facing a government-induced recession with more than 4.8 million unemployed Californians and a budget deficit of \$54 billion.” Despite this economic crisis, the Democrats’ backroom budget deal has prioritized pet projects and includes a \$9 billion tax increase on our job creators.

“Today’s incomplete and poorly prioritized budget is the result of last-minute discussions that lacked public transparency. Californians deserve better,” said Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove.

As presented, SB 74 is a budget riddled with bad accounting practices and does not prioritize the needs of California families and job creators. The Governor and Legislative Democrats’ Budget include:

- \$22 million to enforce the anti-worker law (AB 5, 2019) forcing more people out of work, even though there are more than

- 4.8 million residents on unemployment now; \$5 million to buy a new state park even though the Governor has prevented people from going outside; \$2.9 billion to continue the high-speed rail project, despite more cost increases, project delays, and a \$54 billion state budget deficit; \$9 billion in new taxes on businesses, even though thousands of businesses are barely staying afloat or being forced to close due to the stay-at-home order; Lastly, the Governor and legislative Democrats are relying on billions of dollars from the federal government-yet the Governor allocated \$6.5 million to sue the federal government.

Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove represents California’s 16th Senate District which encompasses large portions of Kern, Tulare and San Bernardino counties and including the cities of Bakersfield, Barstow, California City, Exeter, Frazier Mountain, Joshua Tree, Mojave, Needles, Ridgecrest, Rosamond, Taft, Tehachapi, Twentynine Palms, Tulare, Visalia, Yucca Valley and portions of the Kern River Valley.

Source: California Senate Republicans ★

California Fairs in Trouble



But by the end of 2020, not every county in our state will have one - a local fairgrounds.

By Suzanne Wright,
El Dorado County Fair and Event Center

PLACERVILLE, CA (MPG) - Every county in our state has one. Every county in our state needs one.

But by the end of 2020, not every county in our state will have one – a local fairgrounds.

Your local Fairgrounds are the go-to place during disasters in your community – such as wildfires, floods, pandemics and other disasters. They are the hub of the community. In El Dorado County, the Sheriff utilized the fairgrounds for a press conference when Jaycee Lee Dugard was found. Domestic animals displaced by fire are housed here. Every year, the local non-profits host their fundraisers, raising millions of dollars to serve our community at our fairgrounds. Hundreds of local residents walk their dogs at our fairgrounds. Local law and fire departments test and train here. The Speedway hosts races throughout the summer months, bringing fans from all over for a little clay track action. And there is our annual County Fair where

local youth learn lessons that will last them a lifetime by raising and showing their livestock. Couples meet and fall in love. Longtime residents listen to the bands of their youth. Thousands of tacos are consumed. All of this could change due to the consequences of COVID-19.

In 2011, then Governor Jerry Brown eliminated ALL funding for California Fairs. For El Dorado County Fairgrounds, that constituted about 25 percent of the annual revenue. For some fairgrounds it was much more. Some fairgrounds have never recovered. El Dorado County Fairgrounds cut spending, created new methods of generating revenue, streamlined interim rentals, run a bar during the Fair and 4th of July, and created other events, such as the popular Crab and Chowder Gala. With the shut-down THESE ALL CEASED. As of this writing, the Fair Association has lost more than \$200,000 in interim rental revenue, and that will likely rise. If the Fair Association is not able to host the annual County Fair, it will be difficult to keep the gates open.

Here are some facts about California Fairs. Statewide, more than \$35 million is generated by non-profits for their community on fairgrounds. Fairgrounds generate more than \$3.5 billion in annual economic impact while contributing over \$200 million in tax revenue to local and state government.

There is a movement within the California Fair Network to request emergency funding.

This is where you come in. The fair industry needs the public to show their support by urging their local politicians to support emergency fair funding. El Dorado County Fair has a sample letter on their website, eldoradocountyfair.org/contact.html or simply write your own, supporting emergency funding for fairgrounds throughout the state.

Please share this with your family and friends throughout the State and urge them to write letters as well.

It is important for ALL fairgrounds in ALL California communities!

Please act today to save your fairgrounds. Thank you. ★

Once Again the Budget Prolongs State's Financial Problems

By Nghia Nguyen,
Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Legislature passed its version of the state budget, a framework that increases taxes and relies on subsidies from the federal government. Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama), Vice Chairman of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, issued the following statement:

“This budget does not solve the state’s financial problems.” It prolongs

the crisis, thereby, delaying and deepening the economic pain for Californians, especially those in need of state services.”

“We need to cut spending now. It is irresponsible to give schools and recipients of state programs false hope that the federal government (i.e. federal taxpayers) will bail out the State of California.

“Employers - especially small businesses - have had to bear the brunt of this pandemic. Businesses are finally re-opening, many at

limited capacity. Under this budget, there is another \$4 billion in taxes heaped upon them for next year. How can they afford to stay open?”

Elected to the State Senate in January 2013, Senator Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba. To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. ★

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