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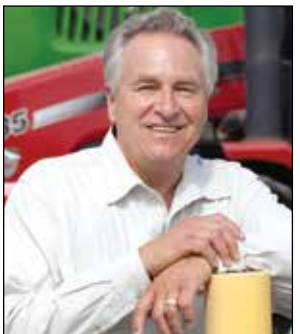
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Fast Food Changes

State passes bill to regulate wages for fast food workers



Fast-food workers and other SEIU members marched to the Capitol to deliver postcards and petitions in support of AB257 to the Governor's Office on May 31, 2022. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

By Jeanne Kuang, CALMatters.org

The California Legislature sent Gov. Gavin Newsom a first-in-the-nation bill Monday creating a council to regulate wages and working conditions in fast food restaurants.

The bill would give labor advocates a long-elusive bargaining foothold in a low-wage industry that employs more than half a million non-unionized workers statewide.

Pushed by the Service Employees International Union and fiercely opposed by business groups, the FAST Recovery Act barely passed the state Senate with the minimum number of votes. The vote was just as narrow in the Assembly hours later. Several Democrats abstained; after it passed six switched their

votes to support it.

If Newsom signs AB 257, a council would be able to set standards across the fast food industry on wages and workplace conditions such as safety measures and even the temperature of a restaurant. Labor advocates say the bill would give workers bargaining power in an industry where union representation is difficult to achieve because of high staff turnover and franchise ownership.

Lawmakers pared back the bill significantly to push it toward final passage after several moderate Democratic Legislators balked at earlier proposals to give the new council sweeping regulatory authority over the industry. Lawmakers added a bevy of amendments last week to address the concerns of business owners.

In one major concession, lawmakers stripped out a provision that would have held fast food corporations jointly responsible for wage and labor violations at franchise locations. The bill's sponsor, Democratic Assemblymember Chris Holden of Pasadena, said that was a "significant piece" in swaying some colleagues.

California in recent years has been extending this kind of labor law liability in other industries — from janitorial and gardening contractors to the building owners and firms that hire them, for example — as part of its efforts to combat wage theft. But fast-food franchise corporations have long avoided that responsibility in federal and state labor law.

Even without that provision, labor leaders were calling the bill a victory.

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WCB Funds Environmental Improvement, Acquisition Project

CDFW News Release

YUBA REGION, CA (MPG) - At its Aug. 25, 2022 quarterly meeting, the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) approved approximately \$15.82 million in grants to help restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat throughout California. Some of the 17 approved projects will benefit fish and wildlife — including some endangered species — while others will provide public access to important natural resources. Several projects will also demonstrate the importance of protecting working landscapes that integrate economic, social and environmental stewardship practices beneficial to the environment, landowners and the local community.

Funding for these projects comes from a combination of sources, including the Habitat Conservation Fund and bond measures approved by voters to help preserve and protect California's natural resources.

Funded projects included a \$1.29 million grant to Bear Yuba Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement over approximately 806 acres of land for the protection of water resources, wetlands, blue oak woodlands, and lacustrine and grassland habitat, located near the Penn Valley community in Nevada County.

The property funded is situated southeast of Spenceville Wildlife Area, several miles east of Beale Air Force Base, which includes 17,000-acres of vital habitat including vernal pools and salmon spawning areas in the nearby/neighborhood Yuba County, and about ten miles south/southwest of the Penn Valley community and State Highway 20.

The land located within the Bear Yuba Land Trust's (Land Trust) is the most critical strategic focus area within CDFW's Spenceville Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP). Additionally, the Property is adjacent to an existing Land Trust conservation easement that covers 560 acres to the north that is contiguous with Spenceville Wildlife Area. Conservation easements within the Land Trust's strategic focus area make up a total of 8,000 acres of protected land with 3,500 acres more in progress.

For more information about the WCB, please visit wcb.ca.gov. ★

Three Agencies Awarded in New Wildfire Safety in Butte and Yuba Counties

PG&E News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - The California Fire Foundation (CFF), with support from the PG&E Corporation Foundation (The Foundation) has awarded \$730,000 in wildfire safety grants to 66 local fire departments, fire agencies and community groups through its Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program (WSPP). The grants will help communities bolster their disaster preparedness and response.

Among the local awardees serving the North State are 17 fire departments and agencies receiving more than \$193,000.

"It will take all of us working together to combat California's growing

wildfire threat," said Joe Wilson, PG&E North Valley & Sierra Regional Vice President. "We're grateful for the opportunity to again support the California Fire Foundation, and the ongoing efforts of local fire departments and agencies in the North State to help make us all better prepared and more resilient against disasters like wildfires."

The grants are one core component of CFF's broader 2022 Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program (WSPP). The Foundation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) support the program with \$1.4 million in charitable funding. The program's objective is to raise awareness about wildfire safety and bring

resources to underserved communities in high fire-threat areas.

Butte County

Northern Valley Catholic Social Service received \$15,000 for education, planning and community outreach programs.

Yuba

Dobbins Oregon House Fire Protection District, \$12,900 for personal protective equipment; Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council, \$10,000 for vegetation mitigation and fuels reduction.

"For the last few years, California has seen almost no relief in wildfire intensity and destruction," said Rick Martinez, Executive Director of the California Fire Foundation. "These precious grant dollars from the can make the difference

for fire departments and local organizations in protecting Californians."

Since 2018, 265 fire departments and fire agencies statewide have received \$3 million in direct funding through the grant program as part of the WSPP, and each year the program receives more applications than the prior year. Funding targets specific communities identified as having extreme or elevated fire risk as identified by the California Public Utilities Commission High Fire-Threat District map.

The WSPP focuses on two key areas to help keep communities safe:

Wildfire Safety Campaign that features fire safety education, *Continued on page 3*

Marysville Runs Over Rio Americano

Story and photos
by Shaun Holkko, sports editor

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Timely turnovers can be costly.

The Rio Americano varsity football team (0-2) learned that lesson Friday night in a 48-27 loss to Marysville (2-0), played at Del Campo High School in Carmichael. The Raiders play their home games at Del Campo.

“We’re a disciplined bunch, we showed up and we got after it from the beginning,” Indians coach Will Claggett told MPG after the win. “We had a point to prove, we wanted to be 2-0 and we came out and we played like it.”

Rio’s first drive of the game was productive, marching down into Marysville territory. However, a costly interception by freshman quarterback Frankie Cervantes ended the Raiders’ first offensive possession.

The Indians capitalized almost immediately, as senior running back Danny Lanini broke away for an 86-yard rush down the left sideline to reach the red zone. Marysville finished off the drive on the ground from four yards out, but missed the PAT, leaving the score 6-0 early.

Another timely turnover concluded Rio’s second drive. Junior running back Charles Hausman fumbled and had it scooped up by Indians senior linebacker Maddox Marino.

“That’s one thing that this group does a really good job of, we’re very opportunistic,” Claggett said about his team capitalizing on the Raiders’ early turnovers. “When we have the chance to score, we usually do it. If we can keep playing like that, we got a chance to be pretty special this year.”

Marysville scored its second touchdown of the night on a six-yard rush from Lanini. The Raiders then responded with their first score of the night, as



Rio Americano junior running back Charles Hausman is tackled and hit by three Marysville players, causing a fumble, during a 48-27 loss to the Indians on Friday, August 26, at Del Campo High School in Carmichael.

Hausman scored the five-yard rushing TD. The junior also successfully converted the extra point attempt with his leg, making the score 13-7 in the second quarter.

That’s where things got rough for Rio, as the Indians scored three unanswered touchdowns to take a 27-point lead early in the second half. The first score came through the air, as senior wide receiver Trishton Henderson made an over-the-shoulder 16-yard catch in the right corner of the end zone.

The next score came via the defense, as senior Kayden Ellyson made an interception and ran it back 34-yards into the end zone. The third and final score came on the ground, as senior running back Joseph Endicott ran it in. The Raiders would not go away quietly though.

Hausman continued to redeem himself from the early fumble, scoring his second rushing TD of the night after dashing 30-yards down the left sideline

in front of the Raiders faithful. Hausman’s extra point kick was blocked, leaving the score 34-13 just over two minutes in the third quarter.

The Indians’ first turnover of the game proved to be un-costly. Marysville fumbled deep in their own territory, but Rio was unable to capitalize, turning the ball over on downs. The third period ended with another Indians rushing TD as Endicott scampered in for another score.

“Endicott got rocked early in the game, was out for about a quarter, and came back and just ran all over the field,” Claggett said. “He just showed a lot of toughness and competed his butt off.”

Raiders freshman wideout Robert Hamel scored a 43-yard touchdown with 9:41 remaining to make the score more respectable. Lanini scored Marysville’s final points of the night with a pick six in the fourth, returning it 53 yards for the TD.

Rio’s final score came on another long TD reception from Hamel, this time from 35 yards out. The Raiders also successfully converted the two-point conversion attempt.

Things got chippy down the stretch, as a Rio player blind-sided Lanini on one play late in the game once the outcome was decided. However, tempers quickly settled, and the Indians prevailed in dominant fashion, winning 48-27.

Lanini and Endicott were a dynamic duo on the ground, running all over the Raiders. Lanini carried the ball eight times for 156 yards (19.5 average) and one TD. Endicott rushed 17 times for 167 yards (9.8 AVG) and two scores.

“Joseph Endicott got hurt very early and it kind of messed me up, I was like, ‘noooo’ (because) he’s one of my boys,” Lanini said. “Seeing him get hurt, (I thought) I gotta ball out for him. And then he came back, and I

was like, ‘Oh we’re both balling out together!’”

Ellyson was perfect under center, completing all three of his pass attempts for 44 yards and a TD. Lanini and Marino each had a strong night defensively, as Marino had a game-high nine tackles and Lanini had eight. Both players also had at least one tackle for loss and a forced turnover.

“I think my performance was pretty good,” Lanini said. “I came out here and balled out. Last week I had a lot of good runs, but they got flagged and stuff, so I was like, ‘Dude, I’m just going to go out here and run the ball as hard as I can and hopefully it’s a good run.’ A lot of my boys got a lot of hit stickers on their helmet and I only had a couple, so I wanted to get some hit stickers, so that was a motivator for me.”

For Rio, Hausman ran the ball 17 times for 67 yards and two scores. Cervantes was 27-of-42 passing for 265 yards, one TD and three interceptions.

“It is interesting. We wanted to see where we were gonna be at after these first two games. So, sitting at 2-0 is a great spot,” Claggett explained. “We have a gauntlet of a schedule these next three to four games. We came out of the first two games relatively unscathed and pretty healthy.”

“These next few weeks are going to do a lot to determine what kind of football team we have and what kind of season we have. These next few weeks it’s on, we have some really good competition. We’re pretty sharp right now, we got areas to improve on and these next few weeks are pivotal for us as a team this year.”

Marysville hosts East Nicolaus on Friday for their home opener. Rio will remain at home and play winless Woodland. ★

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developed by CFF, in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Hmong to promote early evacuation during fires. The WSPP has worked hard to overcome language barriers by developing and distributing in-language fire-safety messaging. This campaign includes advertising on radio, television, and digital ads, and outdoor billboards in high fire-threat areas.

Grant Program administered by the CFF through an application process. The CFF awards grants to recipient fire departments, agencies and community groups in support of projects and programs focusing on wildfire/disaster prevention, preparedness and/or relief and recovery assistance.

How the Grants Help Communities

PG&E's and The Foundation's combined 2022 \$1.4 million contribution continues a five-year collaboration with CFF. PG&E and The Foundation have provided \$6 million in total support for fire safety awareness through the WSPP. The charitable contribution is shareholder-funded, not paid for by PG&E customers.

The CFF, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, aids firefighters, their families and the communities they protect. The CFF's Firefighters on Your Side program, also supported by PG&E, provides multi-lingual, culturally relevant fire safety messaging in both digital and print form, to assist the public in staying safe. ★

Fast Food Changes



If Newsom signs AB 257, a council would be able to set standards across the fast food industry on wages and workplace conditions such as safety measures and even the temperature of a restaurant. Image by David Z from Pixabay

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SEIU president Mary Kay Henry said at a rally outside the Capitol that the bill was a "watershed moment for working people."

Of particular significance: including workers on the council alongside industry representatives, said Columbia University labor law expert Kate Andrias.

The United States and California have used boards for other industries before to set minimum wages, particularly during the first half of the 20th century. But, Andrias said, the fast-food bill is "a more expansive and ambitious variation" of those past efforts by having workers sit directly on the council and covering a wider range of working conditions.

Business and restaurant groups, which spent big on TV advertising opposing the bill, released a statement Monday afternoon urging Gov. Gavin Newsom to veto it. They have said fast food is being unfairly targeted and warned the new regulations would force restaurants to increase prices at a time of record inflation.

The broadcast and digital ads called the bill a "food tax."

"Upending our state's existing lawmaking structure and regulatory platform is no way to help workers," said Jot Condie, California Restaurant Association president, in a statement.

Newsom has not stated a position on the bill, but his Department of Finance opposes it, saying it would create ongoing costs and worsen delays in the state's labor enforcement system.

Supporters said Monday the bill incorporates their discussions with the Newsom administration.

Aside from the removal of labor liability

for fast food chains, the bill's other changes include provisions preventing the council from requiring any new paid leave benefits for workers, or from regulating how fast-food restaurant operators schedule workers' hours. Also, any minimum wage the council sets would be capped at \$22 an hour in 2023 and subject to inflationary increases in future years. The bill also includes a six-year expiration date.

Some food businesses would be exempt from the council's rules, including bakeries, grocery store fast food counters, and chains with fewer than 100 locations nationally – that's up from a prior threshold of 30 locations or less.

It was not immediately clear how many businesses or workers would be excluded by raising that threshold. For franchised brands with locations in California, the number of chains fitting the description fell from 149 to 84, according to the International Franchise Association.

The bill would give workers and their advocates an equal number of seats on the council as business representatives. The rest of the council would include two representatives of the governor's administration – from the Labor & Workforce Development Agency and the Office of Business and Economic Development.

Sen. Dave Min, an Irvine Democrat, said he initially "had some deep concerns" about the legislation but supported the more limited version.

"I feel it's our duty to protect our business centers from overburdensome state regulations, but we also have to balance that against the rights of the workers that serve us," he said. ★

Paving Work Scheduled for State Highways 20/45 in Colusa



The main thoroughfare through Colusa is undergoing roadwork through the month of October. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Caltrans News Release

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Caltrans is alerting motorists and business owners of upcoming paving work on State Highways 20/45 through the downtown Colusa area.

Starting Monday, August 29, construction crews will begin work on a project encompassing Market Street and 10th Street, between Market and Sioc streets. Roadwork is scheduled from approximately 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday,

with possible Saturday operations, through early October.

Motorists should be alert for temporary no parking zones posted at various locations throughout the construction area. In addition, reversing one-way traffic control will be required during paving operations on 10th Street. Crews will maintain access to driveways during roadwork.

The schedule is subject to change due to weather, equipment or material

availability or other unexpected events. Lamson Construction of Yuba City is the contractor on this \$1.3 million paving project.

Caltrans advises motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert." The department will issue construction updates on Twitter @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic, click on Caltrans' QuickMap quickmap.dot.ca.gov/ or download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★

Vehicle Fatality on Willow Glen Road south of Pine Ridge Road

CHP News Release

YUBA-SUTTER REGION, CA (MPG) - On August 24, 2022, at 2 pm, CHP Yuba-Sutter was requested by the Yuba County Sheriff Department to assist with a vehicle collision one of their deputies located. Officers arrived and located a deceased male driver. The vehicle was

not visible from the roadway and was approximately 20 feet below the road surface. The Yuba County Coroner responded to the scene and the male was transported to a local mortuary. The Yuba County Coroner will release the name of the driver after proper identification and notification of next of kin is made. ★

Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Shows to Include Bill Engvall, Blue October, Jeff Beck

Atherton Public Relations News Release

WHEATLAND, CA (MPG) - Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain is announcing several additions to their 2022 Hard Rock Live lineup through December.

Hard Rock Live opened in June with a sold-out opening night show with Maroon 5 and a high energy set by Bret Michaels, a warm-up for his upcoming stadium tour with Poison, Def Leppard and Motley Crue.

Announced shows at later dates: II Divo, Greatest Hits Tour, September 10; Vietnamese Night Mid-Autumn Concert, September 11; Demi Lovato,

September 22; Gloria Trevi, ISLA DIVINA WORLD TOUR, September 24; The Doobie Brothers, 50th Anniversary Tour, September 29; Gary Clark, Jr., October 9; Adam Lambert, October 20; Bill Engvall, October 21; Chris Rock, Ego Death World Tour

2022, October 22; Chelsea Handler, Vaccinated & Horny Tour, October 29; Blue October, November 4; Smokey Robinson, November 5; Jeff Beck, November 10; Amon Amarth, The Great Heathen Tour, December 15.

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Chico Woman Sentenced for Murder in DUI

BC Superior Court News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- A Chico woman was sentenced in Butte County Superior Court on Friday, August 26, 2022, for second-degree murder involving her drunken high-speed collision with another motorist on Highway 70 last year.

On February 4, 2021, at 11:25 p.m., Nicole Schalles, 36, of Chico, was driving her vehicle north on Highway 70 at speeds over 120 mph when she ran into the rear of another northbound vehicle on the road. The collision happened near Lower Honcut Road killing Dollar Vang, 30, of Olivehurst. Vang had been traveling from Olivehurst to work a night shift in Oroville when Schalles' vehicle overtook his as she traveled from Marysville back to Chico. When Schalles hit the rear of Vang's vehicle, it caused Vang's vehicle to spin into the opposite lane of traffic.

Another vehicle traveling in the opposite (south)

direction then hit Vang's vehicle. Vang died from injuries sustained in the crash, and the driver of the other southbound vehicle sustained a broken collarbone.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Schalles had purchased a bottle of vodka earlier that morning and drank most of it throughout the day before she left her home in Chico after 7:30 p.m. Schalles then drove to two bars in Marysville to drink and buy illegal opiates. An analysis of her blood revealed that Schalles' blood alcohol content was more than three times the legal limit and showed the presence of oxycodone in her system.

Ramsey said Schalles was previously convicted of a DUI in 2012 during which time she was ordered into alcohol programs as well as a DUI School. Schalles described herself as being involved in Alcoholics Anonymous for at least 10 years before the collision. However, Ramsey said,

Schalles was involved in a single car collision in 2019 that she later admitted occurred while she was drinking.

Ramsey said the murder charge resulted from Schalles having been previously warned during her prior DUI case and in subsequent DUI classes that should she drive under the influence and cause a death, she could be charged with murder. This subjective knowledge of the dangers of drinking and driving, and the grossly negligent nature of the recent collision with Vang, ultimately resulted in Schalles' murder conviction for the death of Vang.

Ultimately, Schalles was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison and will be eligible for parole in 10 years. Additionally, Ramsey said restitution was awarded to family members of the victims for expenses associated with their participation in the court process, travel expenses and future child support for Vang's two children. ★

Senate Democrats Kill Proposal to Fund Critical Water Storage



Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- Senator Jim Nielsen, R-Red Bluff, issued the following statement in response to Senate Democrats killing his proposal on August 30, to fully fund and build Sites Reservoir:

"Here they go again. Senate Democrats need to get their heads screwed on straight. For the second

time this year, they have killed critical funding to build Sites Reservoir.

"California is in the third year of a devastating drought. The state budget is flush with money. Doesn't it make sense to get large-scale, above-ground water storage funded and built?"

"What's most frustrating is that voters overwhelming approved building water storage via Proposition 1 back in 2014. Not one shovel has been turned. Not one drop of water has been stored.

"That's shamefully irresponsible and shortsighted of our state's leaders. The future of our children and grandchildren depends on a reliable water supply."

Nielsen offered amendments to Assembly Bill 2201, which would have established the Water

Storage and Conveyance Fund to provide:

\$2.6 billion to fully fund Sites Reservoir; and

\$685 million to repair the Friant-Kern/Delta-Mendota Canals and the San Luis Field/San Joaquin Divisions of the California Aqueduct.

To watch Sen. Nielsen's Senate floor speech, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaBTDzi0ACo.

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. Follow him @CASenatorJim. ★



LaMalfa on FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant

From the Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - On August 30, 2022, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) announced a \$4,694,486.25 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award to the Paradise Irrigation District. This grant will fund a water supply hazard mitigation project which will improve the irrigation district's wastewater treatment plant and water distribution system. This will reduce the risk of damage to water distribution infrastructure and damage from loss of service due to natural disasters, such as flooding, storms, or wildfires.

"The devastation of the 2018 Camp Fire clearly showed there is a profound need to improve disaster prevention on critical public utilities. This grant will help make this mission a reality and fund improved infrastructure as the area recovers. I will

continue my efforts in securing disaster recovery and mitigation funding for the North State, and I look forward to assisting the Town of Paradise rebuild," said Congressman LaMalfa.

"The Paradise Irrigation District is dedicated to strengthening its water system for the Paradise community. We are honored to receive this nearly 4.7 million dollars applied for in 2017 to invest in critical infrastructure improvements that make our town's water system more resilient and dependable during wildfire, flood, seismic or storm events," said Paradise Irrigation District Assistant District Manager, Mickey Rich.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou and Tehama Counties. ★

Communication Vital to Helping Ranchers in Wildfires

A California county's new program allowing ranchers to get behind evacuation lines to rescue their cattle from an oncoming wildfire got a big test last month and promptly ran into communication issues. Ranchers and agricultural officials from Mariposa County and elsewhere agreed that making sure everyone involved in wildfire response knows what the Ag Pass is and how it works is key to effective livestock evacuations.

Ancient Technique Shown to Benefit California Watermelon Crop

Using a thousands-year-old practice, a University of California Cooperative Extension farm advisor is helping California watermelon growers increase their yields. The trials involve grafting, which combines a scion (the above-ground part of a plant) with the sturdy rootstock of a related plant. Growers in the trials reported that, on average, their successfully grafted fields produced 15% to 25% more watermelons than non-grafted fields per acre, while using 30% fewer plants and the same amount of water and fertilizer. That has led to a significant increase in the planted acreage of grafted watermelon across California.

New Citrus Virus Prompts Outreach to Stop Spread

To help protect the state's \$3.6 billion citrus industry from a new disease threat, agricultural officials encourage homeowners to sanitize their gardening tools before using them on citrus trees. They are trying to stop spread of the citrus yellow vein clearing virus, first discovered earlier this year in residential citrus trees in the city of Tulare. The virus is new to the U.S. and has not yet been found in commercial groves. Insects such as aphids and whiteflies carrying the virus can infect trees. Contaminated equipment also can transfer the virus.

Imperial Valley Irrigators Urge Others to Conserve Water

Despite holding senior water rights on the severely depleted Colorado River, Imperial Valley farmers, who already cut back their water use, fear they could lose critical irrigation supplies if an accord on 2023 water diversions isn't reached for multiple states and agencies relying on the river. The farmers say emergency water delivery cuts, ordered last week by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, do not go far enough to achieve the agency's goal of conserving water for the river's future sustainability. ★

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Happy Labor Day weekend. On Saturday, the first Saturday of the month, Books & More will be holding our monthly "Event". We are hoping for a big flea market, free booths (donations accepted) and a hamburger lunch. There will be ice cream available, too. As it is a regular day for our writer's group to meet, we will be sharing ideas on writing at Backroom Writer's group. Several local writers will be available to talk to, ask questions, and look at some of the writing we have done. We meet regularly on alternate Saturday afternoons, so come look around, ask some questions or buy a book.

A couple of new ideas are forming at Books & More as we move into our new room. One is a game night on Friday evenings maybe from 3 – 5. Marian wants to play cribbage. We used to play Mexican Train with dominoes a few years ago. There are many card games, chess and checkers, and more. Anyone interested in a Friday evening game time speak up? Also, a genealogy group would be interesting. We might pay for Ancestor.com here at the bookstore. Let know if you are interested.

I wonder about the new youth groups forming after school. I need to do some research on that. Perhaps someone can come by the bookstore and give me some details.

Have you been to a couple of new spots in Brownsville? One is Tony's old Smoke shop. It was bought by a local gal and sounds interesting. In the same parking spot, in our old Books & More, there is a new boutique, with many interesting items. Give it a try. Then Mountains Top Cafe has many interesting things for sale besides coffee. I am interested in finding out what the new bakery has there at the Cafe for sale. Then moving into Video Busters is a print shop specializing in tee-shirts. I think it may have other things in the printing business, too.

Look Back in Time – In 1900 a large fire was burning in Frenchtown and a number of men were out fighting the blaze (I need to know where old Frenchtown was, so next time I am at the museum I will find out).

~ Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.
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This Month In Your Garden

by Jeff Rice

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It is already September and that means we are on the path to fall which usually brings with it some cooling temperatures and definitely shorter days. There are definitely things to be done in the garden. Watering and keeping weeds at bay seems to be ever present by this time of the year, but will begin to slack off. A winter vegetable garden means it is almost time to take out the plants that have been producing all summer. I know that is a tough thing to make yourself do since many plants are still producing. Unless there is another garden plot to be used, clearing the present spot is just about the only choice. Start with the plants that are obviously showing signs of slowing production and go from there – tomatoes are usually what we have to give up last. Where ever the new winter garden is to go, the soil needs to be worked up and readied. The winter veggies will begin to be available soon. They will do better if they are planted in cooler weather than we have been experiencing this summer. We get requests for winter vegetables in the heat of August, but we usually wait until September to offer them.

September is an important month for fertilizing trees and shrubs. They store nutrients within the trunks and limbs to carry them through the winter, and help them leaf out, bloom and set fruit in the coming spring season. This has to be done while there are still healthy green and working leaves on them. There is no specific time for the leaves to start showing the fall color change, but we all know it is in fall. Keep an eye on them and don't miss the opportunity to get the fertilizing done. It will benefit your shrubs and trees. As usual, there are exceptions – any plant that has already set buds for spring bloom, such as rhododendrons and camellias should not be fertilized now, do them soon after they finish their bloom cycle. The reason being, is that they will likely respond to the fertilizer and start putting on new growth which can push the buds off the plant. Just wait until they have finished their bloom cycle to fertilize them. That is when they normally start putting on new growth and the fertilizer is very beneficial for that process.

With fall on the horizon, remember that

fall is the best time for planting trees, shrubs, grass, groundcovers. Ground covers from flats can also be planted and established since it is so much easier to keep the area damp, allowing roots and runners to find their way and multiply. It is a good time to dig up some perennials and divide them to enlarge a bed, create a new bed, or share them with other gardeners. This is routine for many garden clubs at this time of the year. Think about any trees or large shrubs that you might want to plant this fall. Fall is the best time for planting trees and shrubs. They will slowly develop roots during the winter, giving them an advantage over the same thing planted next spring. A fall planted tree will develop roots through the fall and winter and leaf out next spring ready to grow and be well established to grow through the summer without any stress. September and October are the best months for tree planting, so start thinking about the trees you would consider. Pick out your tree or plant, take it home in the container, put it in a place that can't be missed and water it well daily, until you are able to get it planted. Once planted, they should be kept moist. Most newly planted trees need 20 to 25 gallons of water a week during September and 15 gallons per week or so during October. Depending on weather. Water should be given about 3 times a week.

Using pre-emergent now will help to reduce the growth of winter weeds, keeping in mind that it will keep any good seeds you may have planted from sprouting as well, so be careful with it. Remember that all those leaves that will be falling soon make great compost. If you have a compost pile add them. If you don't, you might want to find space to start one – it is great to have it always available, especially in the summer. Enjoy the coming seasonal changes.

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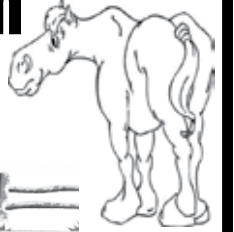
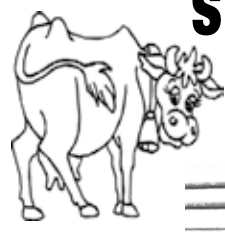
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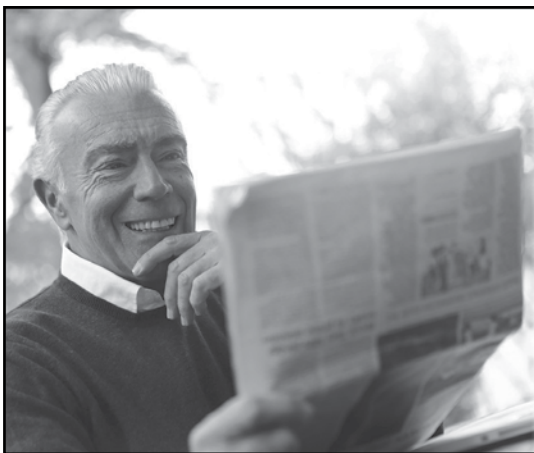
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Saving And Funding Tips To Make College Affordable

Commentary
by Benjamin Koval

Many professions consider a college education to be a vital step toward establishing a career. A survey of 500 professional recruiters showed all of them look for candidates with a college degree.

But while the average graduate with a bachelor's degree earns \$1.2 million more over their lifetime than a person with only a high school diploma, many young people sacrifice this potential income due to the continually rising cost of a college education.

Despite escalating costs, good financial planning helps many families put their children on a solid path to a four-year degree, says Benjamin J. Koval (www.soundpathretirement.com), president and founder of SoundPath Retirement Strategies.

"Planning for college expenses well in advance helps reduce stress, especially when it comes to external factors, such as hikes in tuition or student loan interest rates," Koval says. "But though many families would like to see their kids go to college, many don't have a plan on how to pay for it."

"Largely as a result, many young adults are saddled with enormous college loan debt. Others who would benefit greatly from college but can't afford it don't go, avoiding the debt but missing out on perhaps a life-changing opportunity. The idea of paying for a college education can seem daunting, but there are options to help pay for it. Unfortunately, many people aren't taking advantage of those options."



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Koval offers these tips on saving and funding for college:

Start a Section 529 plan. "These plans are a solid savings option since they are not taxable as long as the money is used for college-related expenses," Koval says. "Ideally you set up a 529 savings plan when your kids are little. It's an investment plan that matures over the lifetime of the plan. Initially, the investments take prudent risks in order to multiply faster, then move to more conservative options as the student nears college age."

Get college credits while in high school. Many U.S.

high schools offer Advanced Placement (AP) and dual-enrollment classes. By taking these higher-level courses while still in high school, students can be awarded college credits early. "AP classes are generally more difficult classes targeting specific areas of study within a subject," Koval says. "Colleges may award credits based on scores that would be evident of the student mastering the material."

"Dual-enrollment classes function as a partnership between high schools and colleges. A dual-enrollment class holds high school students

to the college-level standard and curriculum. Both types of classes can save students and parents valuable time and money in their pursuit of higher education."

Familiarize yourself with the aid process. Koval says students should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which uses their information to determine how much financial aid they might qualify for, including money from grants or state-funded assistance. "It also can determine how much a student could qualify for in loans if they become necessary," Koval says.

There are many types of student aid, and amounts can vary based on many factors. Besides scholarships based on academic or athletic performance, Koval says students can also look into Pell Grants or privately funded scholarships awarded by foundations, religious groups or other organizations based on need or merit.

Consider the community college route. Community colleges are a good option for students who don't receive much aid from family or scholarship opportunities, Koval says. "The average cost per credit hour at a two-year community college is less than half the average cost at a four-year university," he says. "And after two years at a community college, students can usually transfer their credits to a four-year university to finish a four-year degree."

"The shock of paying for college won't be so severe if families begin planning well in advance," Koval says. "When you plan earlier you have less stress and more money to put into education and your child's future."

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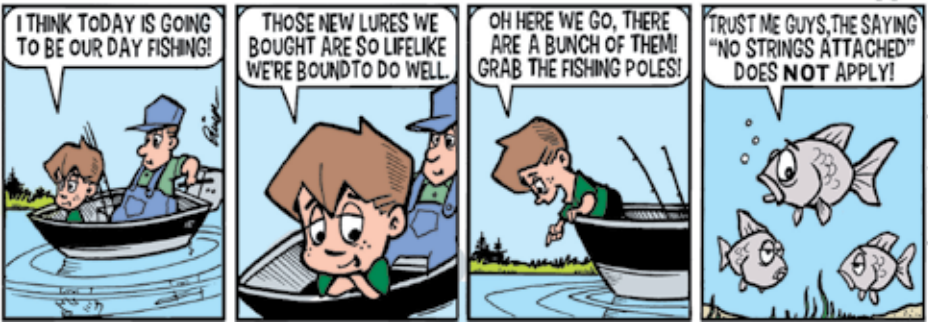


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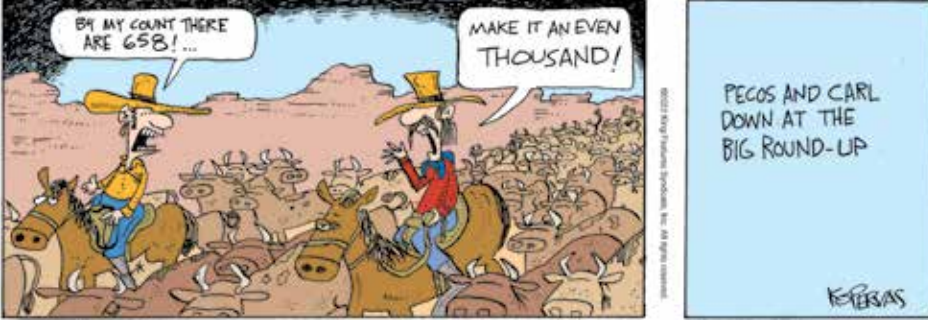
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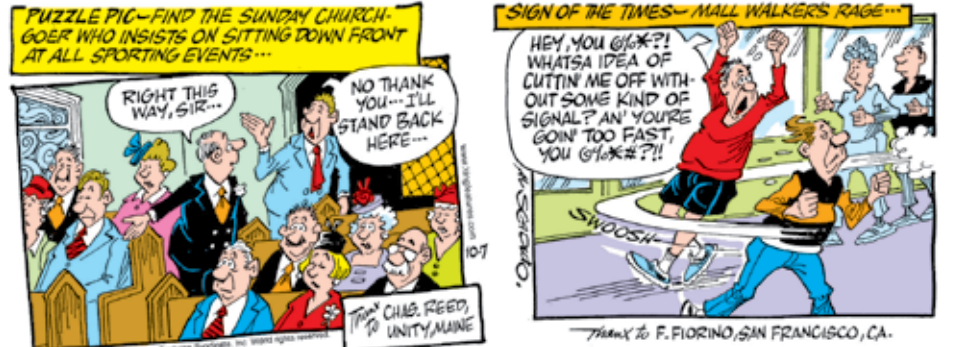
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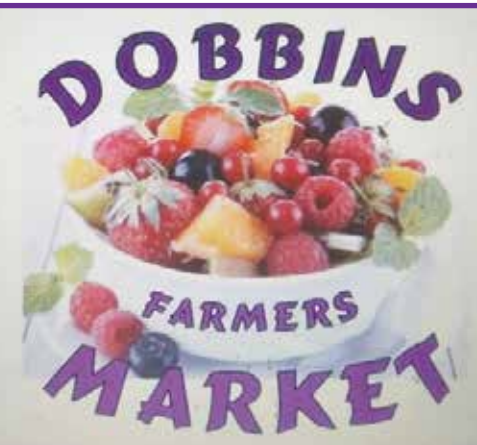
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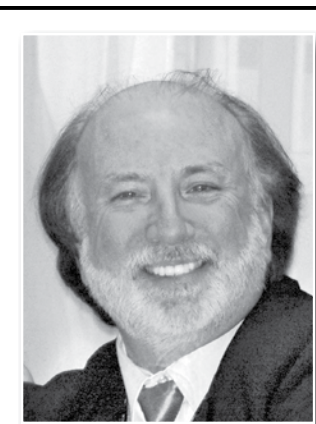
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New ACT Against Hate Alliance to Focus on Hate Crime Epidemic



Responding to the growing hate crime epidemic, Bob and Mei Huff (right of the podium) established the "ACT Against Hate Alliance" to focus on solutions on August 17, 2022. Photo courtesy of AAHA

ACT Against Hate Alliance News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The rise in hate crimes has impacted communities throughout the United States creating mistrust and anger from targeted groups. The tie between these crimes and the Covid pandemic is a clear one, with economic peril resulting in even more of a divide between various ethnic groups.

"We have all expressed horror at what is going on - which has become almost a daily occurrence in this country," stated Bob Huff, former minority leader of the California Senate and the sponsor of multiple pieces of legislation in support of underrepresented communities.

"It is time that we pull together our enormous resources and talent to start identifying solutions. Talk without action

is not advancing change and change is desperately needed," Huff said.

Senator Huff and his wife, Mei Mei Ho Huff, consultants in government affairs, community/media relations, and business development, have established a new initiative called the ACT Against Hate Alliance (AAHA) to identify the roots of hate crimes and then to identify solutions. In 2022-2023, AAHA will provide innovative programming that brings key stakeholders together to discuss the most pressing issues surrounding hate crime and each aspect of the program to focus on solutions. During his time in California government, Bob Huff was known as a coalition builder whose expertise enabled him to get many important pieces of key legislation passed.

"We committed to taking new action when members of our Asian

community reached out to us to ask for help, commenting on the increase in hate crimes—often violent—against Asians in our community and across the nation," said Mei Mei Huff, a well-known leader in California's Asian community for over two decades.

"We see these same problems targeting other groups," said Mei Mei Huff, "and we cannot stand by and relegate the responsibility to someone else hoping they will find solutions. We have the experience and the commitment, and with AAHA, we are focused on finding the solutions we so desperately need."

The inaugural program for ACT Against Hate Alliance was held at the California State Capitol on August 17, 2022, with government leaders speaking on the importance of this new initiative in bringing together leaders from all sectors around a solutions-focused agenda.

Other AAHA programs and events throughout the year will be a mix of remote and in-person activities. All programs will be open to members of government, NGOs, media, academic institutions, and community organizations, as well as to members of the public.

Seed funding for media programming is provided by a grant from the California State Library.

For more information contact: Bill Bird, Communications Director, at billbird@actagainsthate.org ★

Is The REVERSE MORTGAGE Right For YOU?



Home Values have skyrocketed and Stock Market portfolios have been dropping, causing many seniors to take a good look at the Reverse Mortgage.

What is a reverse mortgage?

Reverse mortgages have been in existence for over 60 years, but many seniors are still unclear about how they work and whether, or not, this loan is right for them!

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A Reverse Mortgage is designed for borrowers who are 62 years of age and older. It allows you to have access to your home's equity in the form of a monthly payout, a line of credit to draw on, or immediate cash. It is tax free and can be used as you wish. There is no payment, as long as you live in the home.

Is the reverse mortgage right for me?

When a decision needs to be made about any loan program, it is good to find out the true wants and needs of each borrower and then review the Pros and Cons of each program in light of those goals. The Reverse Mortgage is no different.

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wiggle room for anything extra.

Example 2:

These Seniors had a decent monthly income, but they felt like their retirement portfolio was dwindling and inflation was causing them to worry about running out of money in the future. They were worried that their lifestyle and budget might have to change.

Example 3:

These Seniors had retirement savings that were in good shape, but they felt that it made sense to pull from the equity in their home rather than from their investment accounts.

If a Reverse Mortgage sounds interesting to you, and you would like to talk more about it, feel free to call me. I have been a Mortgage Consultant for over 25 years.

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