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## Seniors Missing Out



Some seniors and disabled people will miss out on new California state payments. Californians who don't file taxes — because they don't earn enough to owe any — won't receive the new round of state payments. That includes some seniors and disabled people, as well as some of the lowest-income adults. Photo courtesy iStock LSOphoto

By Grace Gedye,  
CALMatters.org

Some 23 million Californians' bank accounts will get a boost of \$200 to \$1,050, thanks to a new round of payments approved by state lawmakers.

But the payments, aimed at mitigating higher prices for gas and other goods, will leave out lots of low-income Californians. Among those passed over are some seniors, many living on disability benefits, and some of the lowest-income adults.

That's because the direct deposits and debit cards — expected to begin arriving in late October and conclude

in January 2023 — will be sent out based on tax returns.

About 3 million Californians are in families that earn little enough that they aren't required to file taxes, according to research by Public Policy Institute of California for its 2019 California Poverty Measure. The poverty rate among people who live in families that don't need to file taxes is 60%, the institute estimates. Neither the state Department of Finance nor the Franchise Tax Board, which is responsible for collecting state personal income tax in California, knew exactly how many Californians will be left out of the rebate.

The Legislature wanted to create

a program to send payments to people who don't file taxes and aren't enrolled in safety net programs that received a boost in the budget. But after negotiations with the Newsom administration, that proposal didn't make it into the final budget.

H.D. Palmer, spokesperson for the Department of Finance, said that he couldn't offer specifics on why the proposal didn't make it into the final budget, but that proposals from both sides didn't make it into the compromise.

Representatives for Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon

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## Adventist Health and Rideout Recognized for Care

Adventist Health  
News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Adventist Health and Rideout has received two American Heart Association Get With The Guidelines and Mission: Lifeline achievement awards for demonstrating a commitment to following up-to-date, research-based guidelines for the treatment of heart disease and stroke, ultimately leading to more lives saved, shorter recovery times and fewer readmissions to the hospital.

Every 40 seconds, someone in the U.S. has a stroke or heart attack. Heart disease and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 5 causes of death in the United States, respectively. Studies show patients can recover better when providers consistently follow treatment guidelines.

Get With The Guidelines and Mission: Lifeline programs put the expertise of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest evidence- and research-based guidelines. As a participant in these programs, Adventist Health and Rideout qualified for the awards by demonstrating its commitment to improving quality care.

"Adventist Health and Rideout adheres to the latest treatment guidelines and streamlines processes to ensure timely and proper care for heart attacks and strokes," said Adventist Health and Rideout President Chris Champlin. "Get With The Guidelines and The Mission: Lifeline programs make it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which helps us ensure more people in our community experience longer, healthier lives."

This year, Adventist Health and Rideout received these achievement awards:

Get With The Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus, Target Stroke Elite, Target Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll Awards; Mission: Lifeline STEMI Receiving Bronze Award

"We are pleased to recognize Adventist Health and Rideout for its commitment to caring for those in their community who need cardiovascular care," said John Warner, M.D., FAHA, past president of the American

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## Playing the Blame Game

By Emily Hoeven,  
CALMatters.org

As the largest wildfire of the year rages across California, Gov. Gavin Newsom is doubling down on an aggressive strategy to combat climate change — one that also appears to involve boosting his national profile.

Newsom on Saturday (July 23, 2022) proclaimed a state of emergency in Mariposa County due to the Oak Fire near Yosemite National Park, which since igniting on Friday has burned through more than 15,600 acres of bone-dry fuel and was 0% contained as of Sunday night, according to Cal Fire.

California has secured federal support to help defray the costs of battling the blaze, which as of Sunday was being attacked by nearly 2,100 firefighters. More than 6,000 people were under evacuation orders, nearly 3,000 PG&E customers were facing power outages and

15 structures had been destroyed or damaged with thousands more threatened.

The Oak Fire marks the end of California's rela-

shouldn't get complacent. If this was a baseball game, we are in the middle innings. There are still a lot of dry months to come."



Newsom calls for more aggressive climate action, blames others. MPG file photo

tively calm start to the fire season. Fewer than 34,000 acres burned statewide from Jan. 1 to July 19, the lowest total during that time period since 2009, according to a Mercury News analysis.

Isaac Sanchez, a Cal Fire battalion chief said "People

Newsom alluded to complacency at the national level in a Saturday letter to President Joe Biden, in which he slammed "uncooperative Republicans and a lone Democrat from a coal-producing state" (West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin) for holding

"hostage" parts of Biden's climate agenda.

Newsom added: "We want to reiterate our commitment to ... finding new ways to work around those Senators who chose to keep their head in the sand instead of confronting the crisis we are all facing together. Partnering with California and other leading states and cities is now essential."

As a proof point of what Newsom described as California's world-leading action on climate, he cited a blueprint — released just the day before — to make the state's ambitious climate plans even more aggressive.

In a Friday letter to Liane Randolph, who leads the powerful California Air Resources Board, Newsom outlined goals he said would add teeth to the state's sweeping climate strategy, which regulators are set to consider formally adopting this fall. In so doing, he appeared to agree

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# Funding Secured for Projects in the North State

California State Assembly and Senate News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On July 14, Republican Senator Jim Nielsen (Red Bluff) and Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) announced helping secure millions of dollars in the state budget to help fund one-time projects for the North State.

“Sometimes the Legislature gets it right when there is bipartisan cooperation. This funding is critical to help rebuild and heal the Paradise community,” said Senator Nielsen.

“Every year we push for the budget to prioritize vital infrastructure needs. Though I wish the main budget bill spent your dollars more wisely, I am proud that we were able to obtain this funding for much needed projects in our region,” said Assemblyman Gallagher.

A total of \$9.3 million was secured by the lawmakers for the Town of Paradise to help operate and maintain public roads. This funding will replace lost gas tax revenue caused by population losses and allow the Town to repair roads over the next eight years as it continues to grow and recover.

“With gas tax allocated by population, we knew we were in trouble after the Camp Fire. We need to be able to fix potholes, and we need our gas tax funds to pay for it” said Paradise Mayor Steve Crowder. “We are lucky to have great state legislators that really came through for us.”

Additionally, Nielsen and Gallagher successfully advocated for a \$1 million allocation that will help protect residents, businesses, and prime farmland from

flooding in Sutter County. The funding will help Reclamation District No. 1001 construct an important flood control facility that is critical for public safety.

James Hudson, Board of Trustees President of the Reclamation District offered the following comments, “Thank you Senator Nielsen and Assembly Republican Leader Gallagher for your advocacy and leadership in securing the necessary funds to help mitigate unanticipated increases in Reclamation District 1001’s local cost share requirements for an auxiliary pump station that provides critical flood control functions. Reclamation District 1001 is responsible for operation and maintenance of the levees and pump facilities which provide flood protection to the residents, businesses, and farmland in Nicolaus, Verona and Rio Oso, CA. The allocated funding will allow us to move forward with the construction of the pump station, which is vital for public safety and to protect the residents, businesses, and prime agriculture in Sutter County.”

Lastly, the Senator and Assemblyman worked with Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue to obtain \$300,000 in state funding that will be used to upgrade facilities at the Butte County Fairgrounds in Gridley.

“This has been one of my priority projects since taking office and I appreciate the partnership with our legislators in helping secure state resources to help make it happen,” said County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue. “The residents of Butte County will certainly benefit from these improvements at the fairgrounds and it shows that great things can happen when all levels of government are working together for a common goal.” ★

# LaMalfa Leads Ag Committee Discussion on the Farm Bill: Forestry Title



From the Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Wednesday, July 13, Ranking Member Doug LaMalfa (R – Richvale) led the House Agriculture Subcommittee of Conservation and Forestry in a hearing titled, “A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Forestry.” This hearing comes at the beginning of

the heart of the 2022 fire season, with already over five million acres burned across the country with nearly 80 large fires currently burning.

“Our public lands are facing a crisis, and we must act now. The Forest Service needs to cut trees, thin, overgrown vegetation, restore our forests, and coordinate with private industry to add value to the timber and slash to be removed from our public forests. The Forestry Title of the farm bill must be used to increase the pace and scale of forest management - tens of millions of acres are at risk of catastrophic fire. We must continue the progress made in the 2018 farm bill by expanding partnerships and authorities that allow for

increased landscape-scale treatments. We are seeing landscape-scale fires – the Dixie Fire in my district was nearly a million acres – so we need forest management that matches that scale,” said Congressman LaMalfa. “As we begin the process of writing the next farm bill, it’s vital to address what authorities need to be added or expanded to combat the catastrophic fires that are threatening the West. I look forward to leading this discussion today.”

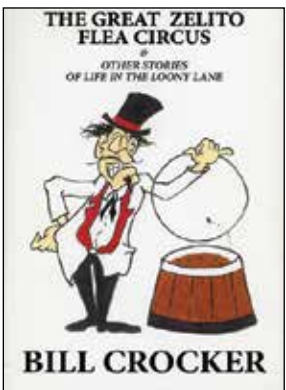
Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California’s First Congressional District, including Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou and Tehama Counties. ★

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## Stories from The Great Zelito Flea Circus by Bill Crocker

A collection of humorous essays about the funny side of life



A flea circus was a sideshow attraction in which real fleas were “trained” to perform circus acts. It was popular in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries when the only other entertainment for the less affluent was tying a tin can to the family dog’s tail or lighting off firecrackers in the chicken coop.

These tiny bugs were trained to pull little wagons, lift major weight, and do all sorts of other stuff. Unfortunately, they neither volunteered for this career nor were recruited with promised compensation packages. They were enslaved! Yes, I know with our modern outlook on the treatment of animals, we shudder at this information. But you must understand in the heyday of flea circuses we were unaware of the trauma involved. We now realize that fleas have a right to reside on the dog, eating (or sucking), pooping, and proliferating undisturbed.

If any flea circuses still exist, I am certain the owners live in fear of being shut down. I can just imagine the circus owner being brought up on charges of cruelty to bugs.

“The court will come to order. The Honorable Judge Abraham Finkelbink presiding. All rise,” commands the bailiff.

Judge Finkelbink enters the courtroom, adjusts his “noggin rug,” and sits. The members of the jury and

visitors follow.

“Counselors, are you ready to proceed?” asks the judge.

“We are, Your Honor,” is the reply. “Very well. Let’s get started. Mr. Rosaritos, please present your opening statement.”

“Your Honor, we have before us the owner of a flea circus. I intend to prove that The Great Zelito Flea Circus performers are routinely torn from their families, placed in bondage, only to be released by death. Their training involves the permanent placement of harnesses around their necks, the use of camphor, which is very uncomfortable, and sometimes being glued to various objects. Alphonzo Zelito is a barbarian. Flea circuses are an abomination that lost favor with the public several decades ago. We must find the defendant guilty of gross cruelty to our fellow creatures.”

“Thank you, Mr. Rosaritos Ms. Cunneaux? Your statement, please.”

“Thank you, Your Honor. Mr. Zelito sits before this court accused of all

manner of horrendous activities when, in fact, he is nothing more than a fourth generation impresario, providing, at a reasonable price, entertainment that has been enjoyed by citizens of all ages for these many decades. His performers have lives only dreamed of by their fellow fleas. They are provided with all their needs and only asked to work a few hours each day. Mr. Rosaritos may call this slavery, but the fact is, it’s a darned good life.”

The trial continues with both sides presenting good cases. The jury retires to deliberate. After several hours of discussion, the jury returns and finds Alphonzo guilty as charged. Sometime later, he is sentenced to five to seven years in the big house.

The slaves are freed, which probably would be considered a good thing. But, since they have never had to fend for themselves, they are left without any means of support.

Ever the entrepreneur, Alphonzo finds a source of income within the confines of his confinement. The local rat colony is home to a population of fleas. Soon, he has trained a new crop of performers and is putting on shows for his cellblock buddies. The money earned is quickly transferred to a beetle browed Neanderthal named Warthog, who has decided that Alphonzo is not only his new best girlfriend but a money train that needs protection. ★

# Playing the Blame Game

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with activists who said the plan doesn’t go far or quickly enough in transitioning California away from fossil fuels. However, some of the strategies Newsom proposed, such as carbon capture, are unlikely to be embraced by many environmentalists.

In the letter, Newsom directs state agencies to develop energy transition plans that don’t involve new natural gas plants, adopt a goal for the aviation industry to use more clean fuel, and plans to accelerate the development of offshore wind, among other things.

The push comes soon after Newsom signed into law a controversial bill that clears the way for the state to use more fossil fuels in the short term while accelerating the long-term development of clean energy projects. To help the state maintain reliable energy, California is also considering extending the life of its last nuclear power plant.

Meanwhile: On Sunday, Newsom and the California Teachers Association broke with the California Democratic Party in announcing their opposition to Proposition 30, a

November ballot initiative funded largely by Lyft that would tax people earning more than \$2 million to fund a collection of climate programs, including incentives for people to buy zero-emission vehicles. (Incidentally, state law requires Lyft and Uber drivers to log 90% of California miles in electric vehicles by 2030.)

Newsom: “Prop. 30 is a special interest carve-out – a cynical scheme devised by a single corporation to funnel state income tax revenue to their company. ... Californians should know that just this year our state committed \$10 billion for electric vehicles and their infrastructure.”

California Environmental Voters, one of the measure’s proponents, tweeted at Newsom: “CA needs a leader who is going to stand up for middle and low-income communities grappling with the climate crisis instead of protecting billionaires, the CA Republican Party, and the Howard Jarvis Tax Payers Association.”

For the record: The mention of aviation fuels was updated to make clear that they are directly regulated by the federal government. ★

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# Seniors Missing Out Gallagher: State Moving Closer Toward Early Prisoner Release Expansion

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said nobody could figure out how to administer such payments.

“Ultimately, the configuration of the rebate was subject to three-party negotiations as part of the final budget, and there were concerns that there wasn’t an efficient and secure way of accomplishing a grant program to non-tax filers,” said a statement from the office of Atkins, a San Diego Democrat.

The Legislature “really wanted to get help to these people, but ... we were not able to do it logistically,” said a spokesperson for Rendon, a South Gate Democrat.

The payments will go out to Californians who filed 2020 tax returns by October 2021, according to the Franchise Tax Board, which has a tool for calculating how much you are eligible to receive based on how much you earn and other factors.

But in California, people earning less than \$19,310 who don’t have a child or someone else depending on them – one of many different gross income thresholds – aren’t required to file income taxes. The state also doesn’t count Social Security retirement or disability benefits as taxable income, meaning people who receive those benefits aren’t required to pay taxes, so long as they have minimal other income.

Lawmakers tried to aid some low-earners who may not file taxes by increasing payments for people receiving CalWorks benefits, a program for needy families. They also increased benefits for people who receive Supplemental Security Income – a state-supplemented version of social security benefits for senior or disabled people who would otherwise not qualify for, or have extremely small social security payments.

The boosts for people in those two programs are good, said Trinh Phan, a senior staff attorney focused on economic security at Justice in Aging, which advocates for low-income older adults. But, she said, the budget package still leaves out some people who are very low-income.

For example, someone getting by just on Social Security Disability Insurance could miss out on this rebate and the boosts to CalWorks and Supplemental Security Income: They might earn little enough that they don’t have to file taxes, but if they don’t have kids they likely won’t qualify for CalWorks. And, if their disability benefits pay more than \$1060.21 per month, they wouldn’t qualify for Supplemental Security Income either, said Phan.

About a quarter of Americans over 65 live in households where 90% of the family income is Social Security, according to the Social Security Administration. The average retired worker benefit in California is about \$1,500 per month, or \$18,000 per year. The average SSDI benefit is about \$1,300 per month, or \$15,600 per year.

Some low-income Californians won’t receive the rebate, Department of Finance spokesperson H.D. Palmer said. But he pointed out that many people who aren’t required to file taxes still choose to do so, sometimes to receive other benefits distributed through the system. In 2020, an additional 500,000 low-income tax returns were filed in California, Palmer said in a statement, “presumably to qualify for a Golden State Stimulus payment or perhaps even a federal relief payment.” Palmer also pointed to other forms of financial assistance in the budget, such as \$1.4 billion in aid for people with unpaid utility bills.

People who don’t pay taxes and aren’t in a benefits program run by California are hard for the state to reach quickly with aid. Social security benefits are administered by the federal government, and the state doesn’t have data on recipients, said Jesse Rothenstein, a professor of public policy and economics at University of California, Berkeley, and faculty director of the California Policy Lab.

“It’s obviously not great that we’re missing people, and many of them are some of the most vulnerable people in the economy,” said Rothenstein. But, he said, “It’s not as if there’s a mechanism available that reaches everybody.” Given a set of imperfect options, using the tax system was the best choice, Rothenstein said.

It’s also the choice lawmakers made when distributing two rounds of Golden State Stimulus payments in 2021. After that move, they faced criticism from disability advocates, and seniors who were left out.

“To see that they have done it again this year is just further proof that nobody’s paying attention to people who need the most help,” said Charis Hill, a disability advocate who lives in Sacramento.

California’s government doesn’t know much about the people who don’t file taxes. The Franchise Tax Board doesn’t track the number of residents who aren’t required to file taxes, or what share of those people live in poverty, according to statements in response to CalMatters’ questions. A spokesperson for the board said that no state agencies appear to track that information.

The difficulty of reaching people with this payment exposes a weakness in the state’s system “that needs to be addressed on a longer-term basis,” said Chris Hoene, executive director of the California Budget and Policy Center, which advocates for targeting aid to lower-income people. Part of the solution would be better data sharing between the federal government and the states, he said.

But, given the options policymakers were considering – including giving money to car owners, as Gov. Newsom proposed, and cutting the gas tax – he thinks the payments based on income are a good outcome. ★

## Assembly Republicans News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On July 13, Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) reacted to a new report that the Newsom Administration is moving closer towards a permanent expansion of the state’s failed early prison release program:

“We were all hoping that the gang shootout blocks away from the State Capitol would serve as a crime wakeup call for the Governor and Capitol Democrats,” said Gallagher. “Unfortunately, we were wrong. The Newsom administration is quietly pushing forward with their plan to further slash prison sentences for violent, unrehabilitated felons. Every Californian should be infuriated by this, especially those who have been victimized as a result of this state’s failed early release experiment.”

CalMatters reported this morning that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation quietly submitted the

permanent regulations to the Office of Administrative Law late last month. The pending regulations will triple the amount of time some inmates are able to earn off their sentences and result in violent felons being released after serving less than half their original sentences.

In April, Republican lawmakers sent a letter to Governor Newsom urging him to direct the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to withdraw the dangerous early release regulations and allow the emergency pandemic rules to expire. Despite repeated requests, not a single Democrat lawmaker signed the letter opposing this early release expansion.

The letter highlighted spiking crime throughout California, as well as the case of Smiley Martin, who was released from prison in February after serving less than half a 10-year sentence for brutally assaulting his girlfriend. Barely a month after his release, Martin was arrested as a suspect in the Sacramento gang shootout that left six people dead just a block from the State Capitol. ★

# Juvenile Admits Attempted Murder Charge at Chico High Track

## Butte County DA News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The 14-year-old male juvenile who attacked a 71-year-old woman who was walking on the Chico High School track in June admitted on July 13, 2022, to an Attempted First-Degree Murder Charge in Butte County Juvenile Court. The male juvenile’s name remains confidential pursuant to California law.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the victim, who is still recovering from brain and other injuries, is not being identified to protect her privacy. Family members have taken the woman, who lived in the Chico High School neighborhood, to live with them in the eastern U.S. to assist with her expected long-term recovery.

Ramsey said the victim was walking on the Chico High School track around 11:00 p.m. after the Chico High School graduation ceremony that took place on June 2, 2022. The victim reportedly regularly exercised on the track in the evening.

On this evening, the teenager snuck up

on the lone woman from behind and struck her in the upper body with a fence T-post causing serious injuries and a brain bleed. The evidence indicated she was dragged to a corner of the field where she was strangled and left unconscious. The juvenile then leisurely left the area.

Ramsey said the victim at some point regained consciousness and dragged herself into a bathroom on the field where she was found by high school custodians about 6:30 a.m. the next morning.

Ramsey noted recent legislative changes to California law prohibit juveniles under the age of 16 from being tried as adults. In addition to the Attempted Murder count, Ramsey said the juvenile also admitted an enhancement for using a weapon (the T-post) and another enhancement for causing great bodily injury to an elder.

Ramsey said under juvenile law, the teenager faces the possibility of being sentenced to remain in Butte County Juvenile Hall until age 25. Sentencing is scheduled for August 17, 2022. He is being held without bail pending his sentencing hearing. ★

# Temporary Closure of North Arbol Ave at Hwy 162

## Caltrans News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Caltrans is alerting motorists about a five-day closure of North Arbol Avenue at State Highway 162 in Oroville for roadwork.

Crews began the closure at approximately 10 p.m. on

Wednesday, July 27 and will reopen the roadway by 11:59 p.m. Monday, August 1. Motorists should use alternate routes during this time.

The around-the-clock closure will allow crews to rehabilitate the pavement section of North Arbol at Highway 162.

Next week’s work is part of a \$22 million project, which aims to improve safety by widening the shoulders, enhancing drainage systems, constructing a two-way left turn lane and creating a roadside recovery area in the event an errant vehicle departs from the roadway. DeSilva Gates Construction of

Dublin, Alameda County, is the contractor for the project, which is expected to finish in 2023. Weather, availability of supplies or other unexpected events may prolong construction activities.

Caltrans reminds motorists to “Be Work Zone Alert” and slow in construction zones for the

safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements. 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/](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/) or download the QuickMap ★

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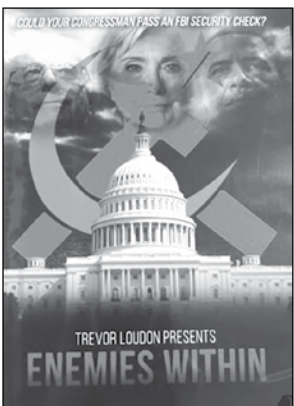


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# Documentary ‘Enemies Within’ at Tea Party Meeting



**Enemies Within** the documentary film written by Trevor Louden. Photo courtesy Of FRTPP

**FRTPP News Release**

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Feather River Tea Party Patriots has announced they will show “Enemies Within,” a documentary film written by Trevor Louden, at their next meeting, on Monday, August 1, 2022. “Enemies Within” zooms in on the best-kept secret of modern politics. Almost no one is aware of the fact that fewer than 20,000 U.S. communists, socialists and

extreme “progressives” are able to influence the politicians and even write the laws that control the lives of over 320 million Americans. First, they infiltrated the unions, gaining full control in 1995. Next, they used their bought-and-paid-for-lackeys in the House of Representatives and the Senate to ram through a radical communist/union agenda. Purported Democrat policies such as ‘green jobs,’ the insane New START Treaty with our so-called ‘partner’ Russia, socialization of student loans, the massive easing of voting qualifications and consequent vote fraud bonanza, mass educational indoctrination, and the gutting of the U.S. military are destroying our republic. While these enemies of America, the Democratic Party, are wrecking both the U.S. military and the economic prosperity needed to sustain it, every

Democrat Party candidate running for president in 2020 raised their hand when asked who supported Socialism. If America loses its strength, what will happen to our peace? How many more Americans will needlessly die because the “Enemies Within” that were elected have betrayed them. Prior to the documentary, Dr. Laverne Denyer will present another episode of her “Constitutional Moments.” Everyone is welcome. There is no membership requirement and no cost to attend. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City. Doors open at 6 p.m. Come early to socialize with like-minded patriots, enjoy the refreshments, and get a good seat. See our website frtpp.org and Facebook. For more information, contact Larry or Carla at (530) 755-4409. ★



**Farm Bureau president: State farmers face challenges to ‘manage scarcity’**

California farmers are facing a challenging era of shortages. The severe drought is drying up water supplies for irrigation. Inflation and supply-chain challenges are making fertilizer and other farm inputs costly and hard to obtain. Those were concerns aired at the recent Food & Ag Issues Summit West in Sacramento. Addressing the conference from Washington, D.C., California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson said, “What we are being asked to do as farmers is really manage scarcity.”

**Insurance commissioner: Problems remain for wildfire insurance safety net**

California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara says the state’s insurer of last resort is failing to meet its mission to provide wildfire coverage “for those Californians who need it.” Lara’s criticism of the California FAIR Plan came during a July 13 hearing in Oakland. The California Farm Bureau backed Senate Bill 11, which allowed farmers and ranchers denied wildfire insurance policies to obtain coverage through the FAIR Plan. But many insurance brokers remain unfamiliar with those coverage options.

**Pear growers producing more per acre, and fruit buyers are abundant**

California’s pear production is slightly down from last year. But that’s not necessarily bad news. That’s because pear farmers are producing more on reduced acreage. And after years of removing trees due to shrinking markets, growers say they are encountering few problems in finding buyers for their fruit this year. California’s most widely grown pear, Bartlett, accounts for 90% of the state’s crop. Last year, 63% of California’s pears went to canning and other processing.

**Winegrape assessment increased to fight deadly plant disease**

California winegrape growers will pay a higher assessment this year to combat a deadly crop disease and the insect that carries it. The California Department of Food and Agriculture has approved a decision by the Pierce’s Disease and Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Board to assess winegrowers \$1.25 per \$1,000 of value for their 2022 harvest. The fee had been set at \$1 per \$1,000 for the past three years. Pierce’s Disease, spread by the sharpshooter pest, kills grapevines by clogging their water-conducting vessels. ★



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# Adventist Health and Rideout Recognized for Care

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# PG&E Turns on Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings

**PG&E News Release**

**OAKLAND, CA (MPG)** - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) said that its Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS) now protect approximately 3 million people, or more than 1 million customers, who live in high fire-risk areas within the company’s service area.

The safety settings turn off power within one-tenth of a second when a fault, such as a tree limb coming into contact with a powerline, is detected. Last year, on 170 circuits with safety settings enabled, there was an 80% reduction in CPUC-reportable ignitions in High Fire Threat Districts that could result in a wildfire, compared to the prior three-year average.

Based on EPSS’s success in 2021 as a proven wildfire prevention technology, PG&E has expanded the program to more than 1,000 circuits encompassing more than 25,000 distribution line miles in high fire-risk areas this year as well as approximately 18,000-line miles in adjacent portions of the system.

In the North State, Butte County has 42 EPSS-enabled circuits; Colusa, 7; Glenn, 6; Lassen, 5; Plumas, 12; Shasta 50; Tehama, 30; and Yuba 23. These circuits are generally in foothill areas, and all are in high-fire threat areas. None of Sutter County falls within the California Public Utilities Commission’s high-fire threat map.

Through June 1, the positive results in 2022 mirror those in 2021, as there has been an 82% reduction in CPUC-reportable ignitions that could result in a wildfire compared to the three-year average (2018-2020).

PG&E expects that the safety settings will remain enabled on 700 to 800 of those circuits between now and the end of the wildfire season. For customers on the other approximately 200 circuits, the technology will be enabled on days when there is a Red Flag Warning and disabled when weather conditions, such as heavy coastal fog, are favorable.

Although these enhanced safety settings help keep our customers safe and prevent wildfires, they can also result in outages. Recognizing how difficult it is to be without power, PG&E is taking steps to reduce the burden of outages on customers and communities.

“When we stop ignitions, we stop wildfires,” said Mark Quinlan, the company’s vice president of transmission & distribution

operations. “Rest assured that we work every day to prevent outages and to expedite restoration if they do happen.”

Some of the steps PG&E is taking to reduce outages include:

- Conducting reliability and operational improvements to minimize customer impacts from outages on safety setting-enabled lines
- Pruning and removing vegetation in targeted locations to improve reliability

PG&E offers a new tool on its website, where customers can input their address and see if the safety settings are currently enabled on the circuit serving their home or business. It’s available at [www.pge.com/outages](http://www.pge.com/outages).

When an outage occurs on an EPSS-enabled circuit, PG&E crews patrol the lines to check for damage or hazards. Patrols are done by helicopter, truck or on foot during daylight hours. In some instances, nighttime patrols are possible. So far this year, circuits enabled with EPSS have experienced 205 outages, with the average restoration time being about 3.5 hours, a nearly 50% improvement in outage duration compared to last year.

For customers who are served by EPSS-enabled circuits, PG&E has resources available to help prepare for outages and stay safe, including the:

- Generator Rebate Program for customers who rely on well water, customers in our Medical Baseline Program and certain small businesses. For 2022, we have expanded funding and eligibility.
- Portable Battery Program for eligible customers in our Medical Baseline Program who live in high fire-threat areas or have experienced two or more Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) outages since 2020. For 2022, we have removed the low-income requirement.

- Expansion of the Backup Power Transfer Meter offering to all customers on EPSS-capable circuits, making it easier and safer for customers to connect a generator.

The enhanced safety settings are just one component of PG&E’s comprehensive Community Wildfire Safety Program, which includes putting 10,000 miles of powerlines underground, creating microgrids to keep key community facilities energized during outages and an ever-growing number of situational awareness tools such as weather stations and high-definition cameras. Information can be found at [www.pge.com/wildfiresafety](http://www.pge.com/wildfiresafety) ★

# More on Cyber Coins

In response to my article a few weeks back covering the recent Crypto currency (Bitcoin and similar tokens) blow up, a reader reached out offering to better explain the workings of Bitcoin.

My article detailed the bankruptcies and liquidity issues of a handful of bitcoin exchanges. Specifically the blow ups included but were not limited to the firms of Celsius, Voyager and Three Arrows. The news was alight with stories of people losing their life savings or a portion thereof and firms halted withdrawals, closed down. Already, malfeasance seems to be rampant as Ameer and Raees Cajee, the founders of Africrypt have gone AWOL and can’t be found after abandoning their firm. They are not the only ones. The founder of a popular crypto exchange in Turkey has disappeared, with media reports indicating that he has fled the country with \$2 billion as roughly 300,000 frustrated users have suddenly lost access to their accounts. The physical whereabouts of Zhu Su and Kyle Davies, who started Three Arrows in 2012, are also currently unknown.

The detractors of my previous article may be right on one point. I fully don’t understand the workings and wherewithal of Crypto. But that was the point. I don’t understand all of it, and I am certain most that play in the cyber coin universe don’t.

But I don’t need to fully understand it, the cyber coin asset to give the opinions expressed in my last article (can be found here: <https://moneymanagementradio.com/>).

What I do understand however and what the detractors of the article don’t is the technical and human price action and buying habits we have seen and continue to see in Bitcoin like cyber coins resembles every other mania in history, only in the case of Cyber coins, the actions blows previous mania metrics all to hell.

Simply put, the extremely volatile price movements absolutely prevent Bitcoin, at least now, from becoming a valid procurement currency. Currencies must maintain their purchasing power. When I say “maintain” I don’t mean always go up. That certainly is not maintaining stability. To better grasp that, think of an air traffic controller telling an airplane to “maintain” its altitude. Obviously that doesn’t mean go up or down. It essence it means stay still. The same holds true for any potential currency. It must remain relatively price stable. It is anything but price stable.

When a Tulip bulb in Holland skyrocketed in price to a high of ten years annual salary in the 17th century, or property in Tokyo went as high as \$139,000.00 a square foot in the 80’s, I also didn’t fully understand all the ins and outs of these asset markets, but I don’t have to. I know a bubble when I see one and they have occurred over and over in man’s history and date back to the Roman times and beyond.

Back to my article reader who contacted me offering to educate my on bitcoin. I politely said no. Like I said, I don’t need to understand bitcoin to draw a historical and monetary conclusion for it, but perhaps my reader should bone up on the symptoms signs and causes of an asset mania. If he did, he might find that perhaps many people that bought Tulip bulbs in Holland way back when, or Japanese real estate in the 80s’, or Dot.Com stocks in the 90s’ or even real state in the mid-2000s’ fully understood those things. But they all lost their shirts when the mania collapsed in the end.

No my dear reader, I don’t need a class on bitcoin to know it looks an awful lot like the other manias that ended badly, complete with cons, thieves and wiped bank accounts.

And now, we see disappearing CEO’s, collapsing firms and frozen withdrawals, but to name a few of the early possible signs it may all be coming to an unfortunate but familiar end.

Like I said, I don’t fully understand bitcoin, and I doubt many do. But they will fully “get it” if their life savings evaporate one morning into the cyber universe, never to be seen again.

And then, like the iconic movie “Ghost Busters”, who ya gonna call?

No one can forecast markets or any cyber coins at any time so take this with the proverbial grain of salt.

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# Zombie Build Back Better Would be an Apocalypse for Taxpayers



Commentary by Sally C. Pipes

The Democrats' Build Back Better bill has risen from the dead. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., who killed the massive spending package last year, is back in conversation with his party's leaders about advancing a slimmed-down version of the measure.

Taxpayers would be better off if Build Back Better died again. The legislation, if passed, would make permanent the wasteful Obamacare subsidies that went into effect in March 2021 under the American Rescue Plan, and that are

scheduled to expire at the end of the year.

The legislation made Obamacare tax credits more generous for those making less than 400% of the federal poverty level, or about \$111,000 for a family of four. In addition, it extended subsidies to people making more than four times poverty by capping what they'd have to pay in premiums at 8.5% of income.

The cost of these subsidies has far exceeded early estimates. Though the expansion is only scheduled to last until the end of 2022, the Congressional Budget Office originally predicted it would cost \$34.2 billion over the agency's 10-year budget window.

But a recent CBO report reveals the expansion will cost \$30 billion this year alone — 50% higher than original projections, per former Trump administration economic advisor Brian Blase.

Many of those taxpayer dollars will be funneled to disproportionately wealthy

Americans. As Blase has pointed out, couples making \$500,000 in some parts of the country are newly eligible for more than \$7,000 in exchange subsidies. It's no wonder more than 1 million Americans making over four times the poverty level have enrolled in Obamacare this year.

Forcing taxpayers to continue picking up their health insurance tab will come at an enormous cost. The CBO pegs the cost of a permanent subsidy expansion at \$220 billion.

That's senseless. Cementing these ill-targeted subsidies in place would create an apocalypse for taxpayers.

*Sally C. Pipes is president, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is False Promise, False Promise: The Disastrous Reality of Medicare for All (Encounter 2020). Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes. ★*

# Troubled Bullet Train Project Given a Reprieve



By Dan Walters CALMatters.org

In 2019, just weeks after being inaugurated as California's governor, Gavin Newsom issued what many took as a death knell for the state's troubled bullet train project.

"But let's be real," Newsom told legislators in his first State of the State address. "The current project, as planned, would cost too much and respectfully take too long. There's been too little oversight and not enough transparency."

"Right now, there simply isn't a path to get from Sacramento to San Diego, let alone from San Francisco to L.A.," Newsom said. "I wish there were. However, we do have the capacity to complete a high-speed rail link between Merced and Bakersfield."

It seemed as though Newsom wanted to finish the initial phase in the San Joaquin Valley and then give up on a statewide link between the San Francisco Bay Area (and perhaps Sacramento) and Southern California.

The reaction from project supporters, particularly construction unions, was swift and sharply negative and Newsom claimed that reporters misinterpreted his intentions.

"I just think people in

the media should pause before they run headlines and actually consider the facts and maybe even ask the person that's stating things before they run with things," Newsom said. "That's the deep lesson I learned in this."

He insisted that he wasn't abandoning a statewide system, but wanted to concentrate first on completing a working portion in the San Joaquin Valley. That limited goal, however, also has vexed the governor as costs continued to rise and work slowed to a crawl.

Seizing on Newsom's words, President Donald Trump's administration tried to claw back a nearly \$1 billion federal grant for the project that predecessor Barack Obama had awarded. When Joe Biden became president, the grant was restored.

Last year, Newsom asked the Legislature to appropriate the \$4.2 billion remainder of a \$9.95 billion bond issue that voters approved in 2008 to build the system, but legislative leaders balked, saying, in essence, that it would be money down a rathole and would be better spent on local and regional transit projects.

The stalemate over the bond money lasted for a year but in June, Newsom bought off legislative naysayers by providing \$3.65 billion from the state's huge budget surplus for the local projects in return for freeing the bond money.

However, the compromise also included an inspector general's position to oversee the High Speed Rail Authority,

which outside critics have faulted for delays and cost overruns.

"They know that with the inspector general that they're going to be watched," Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, one of the sharpest critics, said. "They're going to be held accountable."

There has been some construction, including a bridge over the San Joaquin River near Fresno, but having tracks that will carry trains is years away and heavy expenses loom for electrification and rolling stock. Newsom has also expanded the San Joaquin section on both ends to Merced in the north and Bakersfield in the south, which carries its own price tag.

It could be a decade, or more, before trains actually begin carrying passengers between the two cities, but without connecting Bakersfield to Los Angeles and Merced to San Francisco, the segment would be little more than an amusement park ride.

As it stands — and as Newsom said in that 2019 speech — there are no plans to finance multi-billion-dollar extensions to make the bullet train a real transportation alternative. He seems to be content to provide enough money to maintain construction for the remainder of his governorship and leave it to his successor — or successors — to decide what to do after that.

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

# Shots fired by Esperanza Ave. and Palermo

## BCSO News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On July 8, 2022, at approximately 8:09 P.M. the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) began receiving multiple phone calls about shots being fired in the area of Esperanza Avenue, Palermo.

BCSO deputies immediately responded to the area. Upon arrival, deputies located two individuals who had been shot. Deputies also located evidence a shooting had occurred.

Deputies and medical personnel moved the individuals who had been shot to a safe location and immediately

began providing medical treatment. Both individuals were transported to local hospitals. One of the shooting victims died as a result of his injuries. The other shooting victim is in stable condition.

Deputies are currently on scene and are actively investigating this incident. During the preliminary investigation, deputies located evidence that gave them cause to believe the shooting was related to a marijuana transaction that was occurring at a residence in the 1900 block of Esperanza Avenue.

BCSO will provide updated information when it becomes available. ★

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## LOCAL FISHING

Feather River, Thermalito Afterbay Outlet. Crowded. July 19th water temp. 65 degrees cool. CDF&W Creel Census. [Five Kings landed] One King 16.3 lbs. USE: Kwikfish (a) July 23rd. water temp. 69 degrees warm. Bite slows down. Kings moved to cooler Low-Flo. Sacramento River; at mouth of American River, Kings of 14-24 lbs. USE: Kwikfish. (a)

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#8 Elk. NO vehicle access, a long steep hike to the beach. Fly fish...Calico Sur Perch love to eat...USE: Corbina fly (b)



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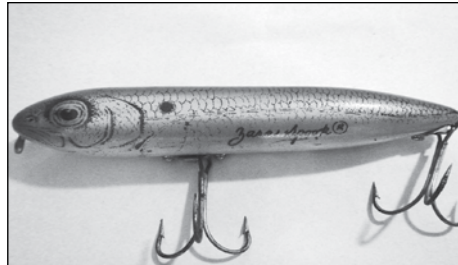
Alcatraz Island; Two Pacific halibut per rod. USE: Tray Baits. (b) Delta, Rio Vista Bridge. Striped bass of 12-14 lbs. 77 degree water temp. 45 ft deep, windy, change of tide...deep divers... USE: Rattletrap (b) Delta, Discovery Bay. Large mouth bass are biting. Punching top water...USE: Senko, or Frog. (b)

## COASTAL WATERS

Marin Coast. Potluck boats limits of coast halibut. USE: Live Anchovy. (b) North Side to Bodega Bay. Chinook limits. USE: Live Anchovy. (b) South Coast to Pacifica, 15-20 lb. Kings. USE: Live Anchovy. (b) Bodega Head chinooks; 50-140 ft deep. USE: Live Anchovy (b) Note: Releasing all Silver (Coho) salmon in the water.

## LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

**Fisherman's Comment:** Brownie, I fish San Luis Reservoir only twice a year. I launch and camp at Basalt. Striped bass 1992 record 67 ½ lbs. 2008 record 71.5 lbs. My catch averages about 24 lbs. I always use my old favorite, the Wooden



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## RIVER FISHING

Lower Klamath River Estuary; fish the outgoing tide. Trolling...USE: Anchovy with a Spinner. (b) American River stripers; flow was 5200CFS. USED: Clouser Minnow. (a) Note: flow reduced to 4200CFS. Stripers left.

*"Don't beat a dead horse."* ~ **Brownie**



## This Month In Your Garden by Jeff Rice

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We are going into August which usually is still a hot month, though it is the month that will usher in our fall season and will typically bring temporary, but welcome, breaks in the steady heat that our summers bring. Early signs of fall become noticeable as deciduous trees prepare to lose their leaves and subtle fall colors begin to be noticed. Though hot, August is a month showing a change in the weather.

For many people August becomes a time for upkeep. Deep watering still is needed, especially for trees and larger shrubs that have been planted this season. They still have lots of new foliage that needs the moisture and are depending on a newly developing root systems to supply that moisture. This should be done one or two times a week during the dry season until the tree is about three years old, and gradually taper off the frequency of watering. A vegetable garden requires a quite a bit of attention considering that the ripening fruit needs to be harvested routinely to keep new veggies to keep coming on. Watching carefully for unwanted insects is needed. Pumpkins growing in the garden can be fun for the kids, but be sure to prop them up so that they don't sit in a small puddle of water causing that spot to rot. It can make it un-worthy of becoming a Jack-o-lantern!

Do you have any citrus trees? This period as we approach fall is a good opportunity to ready any citrus for the winter, since they are not very "cold hardy". They should have dark green leaves, If the leaves are pale or yellow with darker veins in them they need to be fertilized with citrus food and some extra iron.' This will help insure that they will more easily go safely through the winter months as long as they have protection around them, as well. Since the fruit on them ripens in late fall to early winter, keeping them from exposure to the very cold nights protects the fruit, too.

-This is the proper time for the last feeding of rhododendrons, camellias and azaleas. They will set buds from this feeding to bloom beautifully in the spring, after which they should be fertilized every 30 days for three times. Be sure you use an acid fertilizer specifically for

rhododendrons, azaleas, and camellias, otherwise referred to as RAC fertilizer.

Crape myrtle bushes and trees are very vibrant blooming bushes, or grown as trees. They thrive on the hot weather. They are available in several different colors. The flowers, in their fluffy bunches, can sometimes be encouraged to bloom again by cutting off the spent flowers rather than letting it form a bunch of small round seeds. The first set of flowers will be the the most lovely, as is the case in many plants. Rose of Sharon are much like the crape myrtles in that they they don't seem to mind the heat and bloom during the hottest part of the year.

Perennials can be planted now, not necessarily for the flowers that they might produce now, but for those you will be able to enjoy next spring. Perennials are very rewarding – you plant them and enjoy summer bloom, they die back during the winter months and emerge again in the spring, frequently multiplying their numbers. Just don't mistake them for weeds in the spring and spray them or dig them up until you know what they are. A marker of some kind can be used to prevent that happening. It is nice to have some colorful things that will come back by themselves, not requiring lots of care and then will provide some color. Some suggestions could include Lavender, Gaillardia, Coreopsis, Achillea, and Rudbeckia and more. You will find many others with a visit to the nursery.

As the heat of August reminds us that summer is still in charge, Just start looking for those subtle signs of fall. Cooler nights and with the days getting shorter, the warm part of the day becomes shorter too.

It seems a bit distant with some of the heat we have had this summer. But it won't be long before we are enjoying the waning summer as it takes us into the fall. And remember, fall is the best time for planting so maybe start some planning and can even get an early start. Just be sure to water well anything you plant this month.

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On August 6 another Happening will be held at Books & More. We are asking people to show up to sell their unwanted items: a community flea market. We will have Super Nachos for lunch and the Bake Sale will feature cookies. The money gathered for cookies will help buy a second tire for the Next Step van. We hope it is a great day.

I am not sure when school will start for this year. Maybe someone knows and can give me a call (675-3275) or drop into the bookstore. It is sure earlier than when we went to school, but the state determines how many school days there are and then each district plans their year. I imagine it will be in two or three weeks. So have fun at the lake while you can.

Mountain Transit's van is fixed, Marshall did a great job. Now to get it insured. We have money for two new tires. Any donations will go toward another two tires. Now to get a route going. The plan is to have regular routes to town to grocery shop, then to Brownsville to Stone Soup and the Thrift

Shop and more, Friday we will take riders to the Farmer's Market and the Coffee Shop. The number of riders will determine the cost of the trip. We will just divide the cost of the trip by the number of riders. It will pay to keep it full. Any donations will help.

The ones heading up the hill to have fun, hauling trailers, ATVs, and more, sure "fly" by. I know they want to get to their destination in a hurry so they can have fun, but I would be hesitant to cross the road. Our 35 MPH really doesn't mean a thing.

It looks like we may have a couple of new businesses in Brownsville. In the old Video Busters I think a sign shop is going in. Not sure what he will carry, but watch for movement. In the building where Books & More was a couple of years ago, a new shop is moving in. Watch for them to open.

Look Back in Time – In 1878 the stage was robbed at American House (a pretty empty road at that time, dangerous).

~ *Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.*  
Yvonne ★



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**GARLAND** – Yusef Garland, 47, of Yuba City, passed away July 13, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**BLACK** – Gary Black, 77, of Victorville, CA (formerly Yuba City), passed away July 16, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**SOKOLOWSKI JR.** – George Sokolowski Jr., 58, of Nicolaus, passed away July 18, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**ELLIS** – Roy Ellis, 66, of Olivehurst, passed away July 18, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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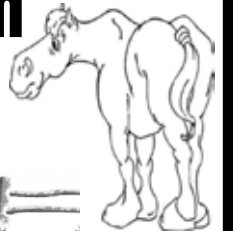
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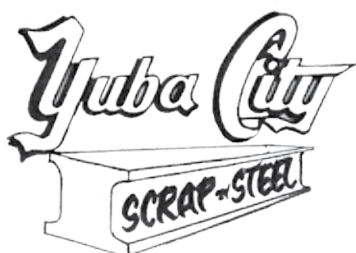
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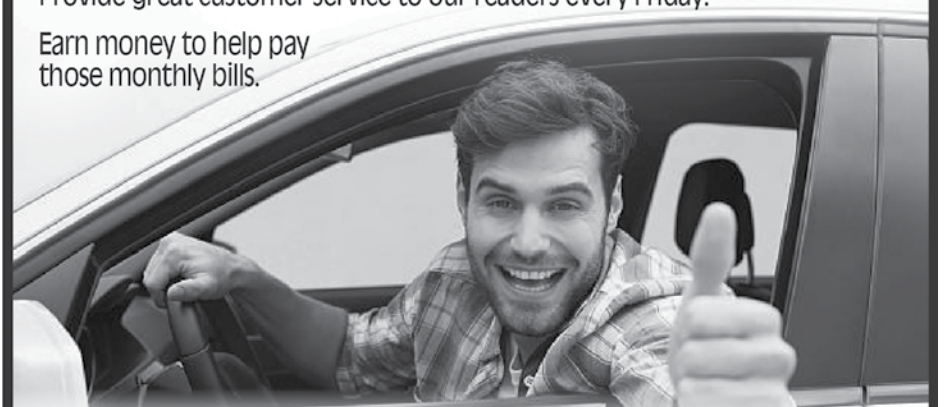
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2022F-192  
The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:  
NOFEL PHARMACY,  
4941 Olivehurst Avenue,  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
Mailing Address:  
935 Market Street, Yuba City,  
CA 95991  
1) Ampla Health,  
935 Market Street,  
Yuba City, CA 95991;  
California

This business is conducted  
by Corporation.

The registrant commenced  
to transact business under  
the fictitious business name  
or names listed above on N/A.  
(I declare that all information  
in this statement is true and  
correct).

Signed:  
**Benjamin H. Flores,**  
CEO & President

This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Yuba  
on July 5, 2022, indicated by  
file stamp.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By, NELIDA WILLIAMS,  
Deputy Clerk  
7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12/22  
CNS-3600918#  
TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022F-201  
The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:

**Cap & Cork**  
937 N. Beale Rd, Suite B2  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
1) Lakhvinder Dulai  
2593 Sierra Vista Ct.  
San Jose, CA 95116

This business is conduct-  
ed by an Individual

The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name or names listed above  
on N/A.

(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true  
and correct).

Signed:

**Lakhvinder Dulai**  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Yuba  
County on 07/18/2022.

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Marysville, CA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022F-197  
The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:

**The Key Pedaler  
Mobile Locksmith**  
11764 Smith Road  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba

1) Nicholas James Schaeffer  
11764 Smith Road  
Marysville, CA 95901  
This business is conduct-  
ed by an Individual

The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name or names listed above  
on 03/15/2016.

(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true  
and correct).

Signed:

**Nicholas Schaeffer**  
This statement was filed  
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County on 07/07/2022.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
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BRIDGETTE EVANS  
Deputy Clerk  
July 15, 22, 29, August 5,  
2022

RE-NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE  
PERMIT CUP 2021-0005 (Sharp) AND  
RE-NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE  
YUBA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Planning Commission on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter. In compliance with California Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), members of the Planning Commission and members of the public will participate in the meeting by teleconference via Zoom.**

Join Zoom Meeting  
**Web Meeting:** https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82989154831  
**Mobile:** United States +1(408)-638-0968  
**Meeting ID:** 829 8915 4831

The Yuba County **Planning Commission** will consider the fol-  
lowing:

**Conditional Use Permit CUP2021-0005 (Sharp):** The appli-  
cant is requesting to operate an outdoor event venue for up  
to thirty-two (32) events annually and 150 guests maximum  
at the Frenchtown Inn. The number of events held on week-  
ends (Saturday & Sunday) shall not surpass two (2) per month.  
The project site is located at 9858 Frenchtown-Dobbins Road,  
in the community of Oregon House (APN 060-230-024). The  
2030 General Plan designates the land use as Rural Community  
and the zoning of the property is Rural Residential, with a 5  
acre minimum (RR-5).

The Planning Commission will be considering adoption of the  
Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California En-  
vironmental Quality Act. The public comment period for the  
Mitigated Negative Declarations was October 15, 2021 to No-  
vember 04, 2021.

Any person wishing to testify on the above projects may attend  
the **Planning Commission** meeting by teleconference via **Zoom**  
at the prescribed time, or may submit written comments or ob-  
jections to the Community Development and Services Agency  
at 915 8th Street, Suite 123, Marysville, CA 95901, prior to the  
hearing. Copies of the staff recommendations are available for  
inspection at the same address. If you have any questions, you  
may contact Ciara Fisher at (530) 749-5470.

The **Planning Commission's** action on the project may be ap-  
pealed by any interested person to the Board of Supervisors  
by filing a written appeal with the Planning Department within  
10 days following the **Planning Commission's** final action on  
the project. If the Board of Supervisors is the final Approving  
Authority, or if the project is appealed to the Board, the Board's  
action is final.

If you challenge the action of the Planning Commission on this  
matter in court, pursuant to Government Code section 65009  
you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone  
else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in  
written correspondence delivered to the Planning Department  
at, or prior to the hearing. (TD) July 29, 2022

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE  
NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY  
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Pursuant to the California self-storage facility act:  
(B&P code 21770 et.sec.)

The undersigned will sell contents of:	
Name:Kayla Madrid-Steele	Brief description of items being sold:Books, Misc
Name:Kylie Douglas	Brief description of items being sold:Mattresses, Misc
Name:Geanne Berry	Brief description of items being sold:Shelves, Misc
Name:Joshua Mounts	Brief description of items being sold:Dressers, Misc
Name:Cory Allred	Brief description of items being sold:Tools, Misc
Name:Leatha Waldron	Brief description of items being sold:TV, Misc
Name:Tena Raffety	Brief description of items being sold:Mattress, Misc
Name:Dorlisa Crawford	Brief description of items being sold:Carseat, Misc
Name:Heather Montalvo	Brief description of items being sold:Clothes, Misc
Name:Tena Raffety	Brief description of items being sold:Table, Misc
Name:Cory Allred	Brief description of items being sold:Trailer, Misc

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF YUBA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:  
**Robbi June Megazzi, PETITIONER**  
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 22-00653  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:  
9/12/2022  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Robbi June Megazzi filed a petition with this court  
for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Robbi June Megazzi**  
**to: Robbi June Brockett**

**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter  
appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show  
cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be  
granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described  
above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for  
the objection at least two court days before the matter is  
scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show  
cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written ob-  
jection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without  
a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least  
once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set  
for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of gen-  
eral circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 7/22/2022  
**Stephen W. Berrier**  
**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.**  
July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2022.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
Foreclosure No. 6813635  
APN# 050-140-051 On Au-  
gust 4, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.,  
Mid Valley Title and Escrow  
Company, Trustee, or Suc-  
cessor Trustee or Substituted  
Trustee of that certain Deed of  
Trust executed by Yoanky De  
La Osa and Mirel Perez hus-  
band and wife as Joint Ten-  
ants, and recorded August 24,  
2020 as Instrument No. 2020-  
013212, of Official Records  
of Yuba County, California,  
and pursuant to that certain  
Notice of Default thereunder  
recorded March 31, 2022 as  
Instrument No. 2022-005274,  
of Official Records of said  
County, will under and pursu-  
ant to said Deed of Trust sell  
at public auction for cash,  
lawful money of the United  
States of America, a cashier's  
check payable to said Trustee  
drawn on a state or national  
bank, a check drawn by a state  
or federal credit union, or  
a check drawn by a state  
or federal savings and loan  
association, or savings bank  
specified in Section 5102 of  
the Financial Code and au-  
thorized to do business in this  
state, at the front entrance to  
the County Courthouse, 215  
5th St., Marysville, CA 95901,  
all that right, title and interest  
conveyed to and now held by  
it under said Deed of Trust in  
the property situated in said  
County and State described  
as: shown on said deed of  
trust (X) The street address  
or other common designa-  
tion of said property: 10075  
La Porte Rd., Challenge, CA  
95925 (X) Name and address  
of the beneficiary at whose  
request the sale is being con-  
ducted: Bamford Trust, 2015  
Challenger Suite D, Oroville,  
CA 95965 Directions to the  
above property may be ob-  
tained by requesting same in  
writing from the beneficiary  
within 10 days from the first  
publication of this notice. Said  
sale will be made without cov-  
enant or warranty, express or  
implied, as to title, possession  
or encumbrances to satisfy  
the unpaid balance due on the  
note or notes secured by said  
Deed of Trust, plus estimated  
costs, expenses and advanc-  
es at the time of the initial  
publication of this Notice of  
Sale: \$68,097.45 NOTICE TO  
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UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO  
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PLANATION OF THE NATURE  
OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST  
YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT  
A LAWYER. DATED: June 30,  
2022 The undersigned mort-  
gagee, beneficiary or autho-  
rized agent for the mortgagee  
or beneficiary declares that  
the mortgagee or beneficiary  
has satisfied the require-  
ments of California Civil Code  
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dress: 601 Main Street Chico,  
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the property itself. Placing the  
highest bid at a trustee auc-  
tion does not automatically  
entitle you to free and clear  
ownership of the property. You

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2022F-186

The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:  
**Independent Solar Electric**  
8856 Double A Ranch Road  
Brownsville, CA 95919  
County of Yuba

1) Aaron Schroeder  
8856 Double A Ranch Road  
Brownsville, CA 95919

This business is conduct-  
ed by an Individual

The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name or names listed above  
on 7-21-2017.

(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true  
and correct).

Signed:

**Aaron Schroeder**  
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be a junior lien. If you are the  
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off, before you can receive  
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are encouraged to investigate  
the existence, priority, and  
size of outstanding liens that  
may exist on this property by  
contacting the county record-  
er's office or a title insurance  
company, either of which may  
charge you a fee for this in-  
formation. If you consult ei-  
ther of these resources, you  
should be aware that the  
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of trust on the property. NO-  
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fornia Civil Code. The law re-  
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be made available to you and  
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rescheduled time and date  
for the sale of this property,  
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0772 or visit this internet  
website: http://www.nation-  
wideposting.com address for  
information regarding the  
sale of this property, using  
the file number assigned to  
this case 6813635. Informa-  
tion about postponements  
that are very short in duration  
or that occur close in time to  
the scheduled sale may not  
immediately be reflected in  
the telephone information or

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2022F-184

The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:

**Naturalis**  
13420 Tehama Way  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
County of Yuba  
Registrant Information:  
1) Naturalis Organics LLC  
13420 Tehama Way  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
This business is con-  
ducted by a Limited Liability  
Company.

The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name or names listed above  
on N/A.

(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true  
and correct).

Signed:

**Caroline Patterson**  
This statement was filed  
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MANDY LUIS  
Deputy Clerk  
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NOTICE TO TENANT: You may  
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chase the property if you  
match the last and highest  
bid placed at the trustee auc-  
tion. If you are an "eligible  
bidder," you may be able to  
purchase the property if you  
exceed the last and highest  
bid placed at the trustee auc-  
tion. There are three steps to  
exercising this right of pur-  
chase. First, 48 hours after  
the date of the trustee sale,  
you can call 1-916-939-  
0772, or visit this internet  
website http://www.nation-  
wideposting.com, using the  
file number assigned to this  
case 6813635 to find the  
date on which the trustee's  
sale was held, the amount of  
the last and highest bid, and  
the address of the trustee.  
Second, you must send a  
written notice of intent to  
place a bid so that the trustee  
receives it no more than 15  
days after the trustee's sale.  
Third, you must submit a bid  
so that the trustee receives it  
no more than 45 days after  
the trustee's sale. If you think  
you may qualify as an "eligi-  
ble tenant buyer" or "eligible  
bidder," you should consider  
contacting an attorney or ap-  
propriate real estate profes-  
sional immediately for advice  
regarding this potential right  
to purchase. NPP0413463  
To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH  
07/15/2022, 07/22/2022,  
07/29/2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2022F-193

The following person(s) is  
(are) doing business as:

**Best Asian Massage**  
900 B Street, Suite B  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
1) Yong Hu Jin  
1149 Lost Trail Drive  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
This business is conduct-  
ed by an Individual

The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name or names listed above  
on N/A.

(I declare that all informa-  
tion in this statement is true  
and correct).

Signed:

**Yong Hu Jin**  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Yuba  
County on 07/05/2022.

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# Weapons Arrest of Felon on Probation with Narcotics

SCSO News Release

**SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On July 25, 2022, the Sutter County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the area of the 1200 block of O'Banion Road, Yuba City for a suspicious vehicle.

Upon arrival, Sutter County Sheriff's Deputy contacted a male subject, who was later identified as 23-year-old Feliciano Morales-Mondragon out of Sacramento. The SCSO deputy observed what appeared to be a methamphetamine smoking device in plain view as well as confirmed that Morales-Mondragon was on probation out of Sacramento. After further



Sheriff's image of a revolver along with the methamphetamine and smoking device seized on O'Banion Road on July 25. Photo courtesy of Sutter County Sheriff's Office

investigation and a probation search, the SCSO deputy located a loaded firearm and further narcotics.

Morales-Mondragon was booked into the Sutter

County Jail for numerous charges, including felon in possession of firearms. Morales-Mondragon is currently at the Sutter County Jail on a \$50,000 bail. ★

# Biden's Rationing of Alzheimer's Treatments Is Just the Beginning

Commentary by Saul Anuzis

The Biden administration just barred most seniors from accessing new treatments for Alzheimer's Disease.

The decision doesn't merely cut off a potential lifeline for the roughly one in 10 Medicare enrollees afflicted with this deadly dementia. It also sets a precedent that should terrify tens of millions of seniors and their loved ones battling other diseases, from cancer to diabetes.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services decided to only cover the new Alzheimer's treatment, aducanumab, which is approved by the FDA for patients enrolled in its own clinical trials.

This move is unprecedented. The FDA is staffed with scientists and other medical experts who spend months reviewing reams of clinical data to determine whether experimental medicines are safe and effective enough to warrant approval. New medicines are backed by some of the strongest research in health care. If FDA scientists and clinicians conclude that a treatment's benefits outweigh its risks and should be available to American patients, then it should be, full stop.

CMS officials are tasked with administering the federal government's largest insurance programs. The agency's staffers are not qualified to evaluate a drug's efficacy and safety, that's the FDA's job.

But this time, CMS decided to second-guess the experts at the FDA.

Bureaucrats responsible for administering the \$400 billion Medicare program supposedly took issue with the FDA's rationale for approving the drug on an "accelerated" basis, and claim they want more evidence of its effectiveness before covering it for up to 1.5 million Medicare enrollees with early-stage Alzheimer's who would otherwise qualify to take it, based on the drug label that the FDA

approved. By the time CMS is done, none of those enrollees will still be in the "early-stage" category.

This sets a dangerous precedent. If CMS realizes it can use this type of procedure to unilaterally ration treatments, its unlikely to stop at Alzheimer's drugs. It could use the same excuses to restrict seniors' access to all sorts of breakthrough medicines for cancer, multiple sclerosis, and dozens of other common, hard-to-treat diseases.

This rationing isn't merely cold-hearted. It's also financially short-sighted.

In 2020, Medicare and Medicaid's direct expenditures on Alzheimer's care totaled \$206 billion. Those costs will exceed \$750 billion by 2050, unless scientists develop treatments that can significantly slow the disease. New treatments that delay the progression of Alzheimer's could save \$220 billion over 5 years, with 60% of those savings going towards Medicare and Medicaid.

Yet research companies will be reluctant to invest in such treatments if CMS refuses to cover the medicines.

Every new treatment is an investment in our future. New medicines drive down long-term costs for our healthcare system and patients. And beyond the financial savings, new treatments could cut the number of people suffering from Alzheimer's by 42% by 2050. Investing and approving groundbreaking medical treatment now will mean money and lives saved down the line.

None of these potential victories against Alzheimer's, cancer, ALS, multiple sclerosis, or any other hard to treat diseases will come to fruition if CMS continues to veer well outside its lane, and second guesses the authority and expertise of the FDA. Seniors and taxpayers alike will be harmed by CMS's short-sighted rationing.

Saul Anuzis is president of 60 Plus, the American Association of Senior Citizens ★

# Butte County Awarded Federal Drug Grant Designation

BINTF News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Butte County through the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force has been designated the newest county in the nation to be considered a Federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) today announced the addition of six counties to the ONDCP-funded High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program. Butte County will join with 12 existing counties in Central Valley California HIDTA.

Butte County District Attorney and BINTF Board Chairperson Mike Ramsey said the designation will provide Butte County new federal resources to disrupt

and dismantle drug trafficking locally and regionally. "We are very grateful for this designation, and it will greatly assist in our efforts to blunt the effects of the deadly drugs we see in our community."

This was a competitive grant designation in which Butte County and only five other counties nationwide (all east of the Mississippi River) were chosen out of approximately 50 other counties who had applied for the grant this year.

Ramsey said, "It is a testament to the quality of the agents at BINTF and local law enforcement's commitment to stop the scourge of drugs in our community." As noted in previous BINTF press releases to the community, BINTF has documented the increasing death rate over the past few years from methamphetamine and fentanyl overdoses. ★

# Our Healthcare Finance System Is Our Leading Cause of Death

Commentary by Gary Puckrein

Every year, a silent killer threatens more American lives than cigarette smoking and opioid addiction combined. It lurks behind premature deaths attributed to cardiovascular disease, cancer, Covid-19, and obesity.

The Grim Reaper here is a healthcare finance system perversely designed to limit access to quality care.

This finance regime outright denies and rations medical interventions on the basis of poverty, race, ethnicity, and gender then covers its tracks by offering no accounting of the health impact of its rules and procedures. At its core, our system is a machine dedicated to mitigating financial risk rather than patient risk of debilitating illness and premature death. It's long past time to correct this misbegotten set of priorities and biases.

When Americans visit the doctor or the emergency room, they probably do so in the expectation that our healthcare system is designed to help them enjoy high-quality long lives. That's wrong. Much of the system is designed to elevate their risk of dying young.

Consider that in order for Congress to vote on a change in healthcare law, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) must "score" it for its hit on the federal Treasury. CBO is blithely indifferent to whether the change might lead to longer and better lives.

But CBO isn't the villain here. It's simply doing the job Congress assigned it. Nor is it unique. Myriad federal agencies evaluate healthcare regulations and programs in areas from prescription drug coverage to performance-based hospital payments. In all cases, they do essentially the same thing: they manage financial risk

by elevating patient risk.

These healthcare financing policies mean that 14,000 people die of hepatitis C every year because we won't pay to cure them, which we know how to do. The average life expectancy for a sickle cell patient is 42-47 years because we have failed to invest in treatments. We're on the verge of introducing early-detection screening that can check for fifty types of cancer with one blood draw. Yet it will take an act of Congress and a maze of regulations before it becomes available to the American public.

Meanwhile, the FDA has approved a treatment that could slow or even halt the progress of Alzheimer's in millions of Americans and Medicare has decided they can't have it because it would cost the government too much money.

Something tells me they won't be able to keep it away from people with the coin to pay the \$28,000 a year it costs.

This inequity neatly summarizes the deliberate discard of the lives of black, brown, and poor people as a result of our approach to healthcare financing. This problem has persisted for decades in the form of disproportionate infant and maternal mortalities, diabetes amputation, poor cancer survival, and the failure to ensure that minority Medicare beneficiaries have access to flu and pneumococcal vaccines.

We have reached an inflection point. We are mastering the science that will take us to the limits of human longevity. But we can't get there without a healthcare finance system in which high-quality and long life is the top priority.

Gary A. Puckrein is president and chief executive officer of the National Minority Quality Forum. This piece originally ran in InsideSources. ★

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
YUBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Yuba County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday August 9th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter will be heard, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 915 8th Street, Marysville, California, in order to discuss the possible application(s) in response to the April 19, 2022 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), and to solicit citizen input.

Eligible activities under the above allocations in the 2022 NOFA consists of: Housing, Public Facilities, Public Services, Planning and Technical Assistance, and Economic Development. Eligible activities paid for with state CDBG funds must meet one or the three National Objectives listed in CDBG federal statutes as follows: Benefit to low-moderate income households or persons; elimination of slum and blight; or meeting urgent community development need (with prior department approval).

The Community Development and Services Agency on behalf of the County of Yuba, anticipates submitting an application(s) to the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The County is eligible to submit up to three Community Development and Housing applications for a maximum of \$1,500,000. The County of Yuba has or anticipates receiving approximately \$270,000 in CDBG Program Income, and may be included as additional funding to the following eligible activities:

**Activity 1:**  
**Public Service Activity – up to \$500,000** – Neighborhood Cleanup Program  
The purpose of the Public Service activity is a targeted effort to remove junk, trash, debris, and graffiti from public spaces and neighborhoods within the community of Linda.

**Activity 2:**  
**Public Service Activity – up to \$500,000** – Vulnerable Population Meal Delivery Program  
The purpose of the Public Service activity is a County-Community partnership with Yuba Sutter Gleaners Food Bank to expand the existing program, created using funding under the CDBG COVID Round 1 and Round 2-3 grants, which currently includes the delivery of two (2) pre-made meals weekly. Beneficiaries include low-income high-risk seniors, low-income physically disadvantaged, and the low-income health compromised population.

**Activity 3:**  
**Public Service Activity – up to \$ 500,000** – At-Risk Housing Weatherization Program  
The purpose of the Public Service activity is to provide the At-Risk low-income senior and physically disadvantaged households with home weatherization, in an effort to reduce energy costs by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes.

**Activity 4:**  
Program Income Reuse funds in the amount up to \$270,000, plus future program income receipts, may be utilized as part of one (1) or more of the above proposed public service activities, as a means to increase the activity funding and provide program administration.  
The purpose of the public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known of the proposed activities/application. If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Karma Ferguson at (530) 749-5452.

Written comments are invited and should be received no later than the date of the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the attention of Mike Lee, Director of Yuba County Community Development and Services Agency, 915 8th Street, Suite 123, Marysville, CA 95901.

In addition, information is available for review at the address below. You may call or visit the Community Development and Services Agency between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday or at the address below:

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to: Community Development and Services Agency

915 8th Street, Suite 123  
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All members of the community are encouraged to attend and comment on the plan uses and purposes, especially low-income residents who benefit from the CDBG program. The County of Yuba promotes fair housing and employment opportunities and makes all its programs available to low and moderate income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preferences, marital status or disabilities.

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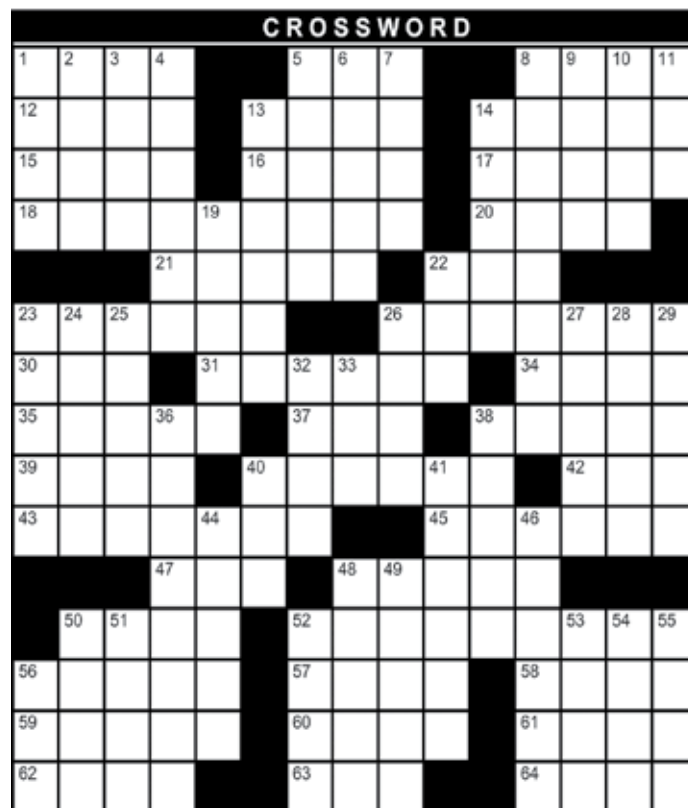
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- \* \_\_\_\_ -a-Soup, launched in 1972
- Hefty volume
- Maui party
- Detective's assignment
- One that insists
- Seed covering
- Dull pain
- Waltz, in France
- \*Francis Ford Coppola's "The \_\_\_\_"
- Part of an eye
- H. pylori consequence
- Labor org.
- \*"Feathered" 1970s icon
- One who delivers coal
- \*1978's "Night Fever" spent 8 weeks in this Billboard slot
- Fire-breathing monster, Greek mythology
- Type of list
- Open-mouthed
- Acorn producer
- Glossy fabric
- Denim innovator
- Enlist or talk into (2 words)
- Golf accessory
- Gracefully thin
- Meat and vegetable stew
- Stumblebum
- One way to prepare an egg
- Chicken pox mark
- \*Type of 1970s shoes
- Top dog
- Laughing on the inside, in a text
- Bye, to Sophia Lauren
- \*1971's "Sooner or \_\_\_\_" by the Grass Roots
- \*"Beneath the Planet of the \_\_\_\_"
- Very light brown
- Research facil.
- \*Progressive rock band of "Roundabout" fame
- Fishing pole pool

#### DOWN

- Capture the \_\_\_\_
- Continental capital
- Aforementioned
- Substance with rotten egg smell
- Secret stash
- Theater employee
- Jury member
- \*Olivia Newton-John's 1978 co-star
- Eye amorously
- Table hill
- Before, to a bard
- Can't-get-it-off-one's-mind kind
- Throat dangler
- Winged
- Charge carrier
- Young horses
- \*One of three 1970s TV crime-fighting women
- Plunder
- \*"I'd like to buy the world a \_\_\_\_"
- "Semper Fidelis" to U.S. Marines, e.g.
- Bye, to Edith Piaf
- Group of nine singers
- \*"Rich Man, \_\_\_\_ Man" miniseries
- As opposed to mishap
- \*Salvador Allende successor
- Chow down
- Game official, for short
- Inflammation of iris
- Capital of Senegal
- Footstuffs merchant
- North face, e.g.
- Intensely dislikes
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- \*Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys," e.g.
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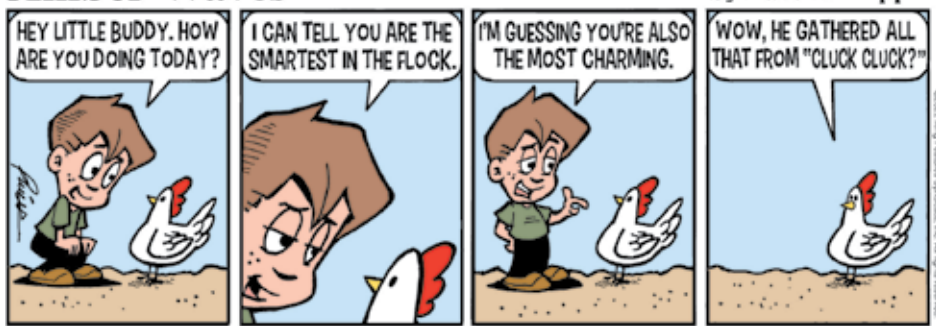
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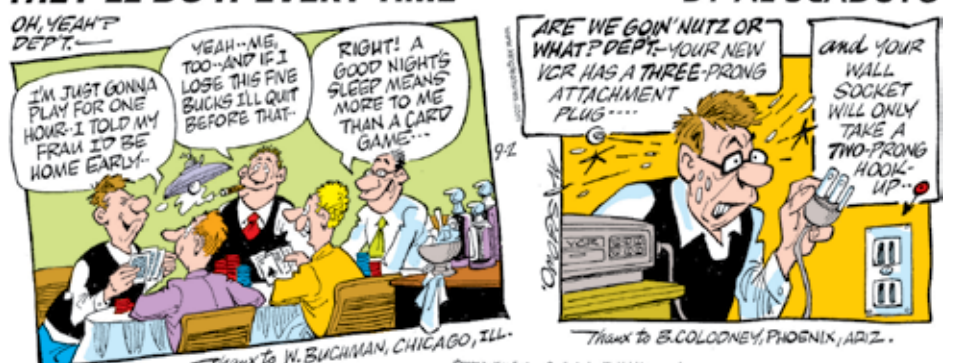
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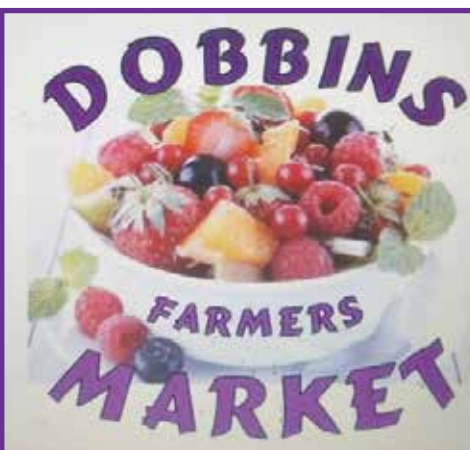
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The popular Monster Jam Pit Party fan experience will return to Sacramento on both Saturday and Sunday, where fans can see the massive trucks up close, meet their favorite drivers and crews, take pictures and enjoy other family-friendly fun. This unique experience is the only place that allows people to get up close access to the Monster Jam teams and get an insider's look at how these trucks are built to stand up to the competition. Pit Passes are priced at \$20 each for this VIP experience.

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