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## COVID Money Debacle



Spending spree: Oversight scarce as billions in COVID aid poured into California schools Photo © Liquoricelegs | Dreamstime.com

**By Robert Lewis and  
Joe Hong, CALMatters.org**

When the pandemic closed schools in March 2020 – abruptly ending classes and stranding children and working parents – leaders in Washington and Sacramento scrambled to provide relief.

The result was a series of stimulus measures that allocated \$33.5 billion in state and federal funds to California’s K-12 schools to address the devastation of the pandemic. It was a staggering amount of one-time funding for the state’s cash-strapped schools, equal to a third of all the money they got the year before the pandemic.

Imagine your boss giving you a check equal to four months of your salary and telling you to spend it quickly or risk giving it back. For schools, this was money for things like laptops, air filters and mental health counselors – money to help kids.

But much of the funding has come with limited oversight and little transparency, according to a CalMatters investigation. No centralized state or federal database exists to show how schools have spent this money. And data from the districts’ quarterly spending reports provided to the state are so broad as to be virtually useless in tracking this COVID relief money.

Of the \$5.9 billion local education agencies have spent so far from the largest of the stimulus funds, more than

a quarter went to a category for “other” expenses, according to the state.

CalMatters spent three months examining school COVID relief spending across the state, reviewing thousands of pages of records obtained through more than 45 public records requests. That includes state spending reviews as well as accounting ledgers from two dozen school districts, including many of California’s biggest.

The records reveal pandemic winners – companies that reaped millions as overwhelmed districts, suddenly flush with cash, started writing checks. Some are established firms well-positioned to fill massive orders for goods.

Some districts refused to provide CalMatters records showing where their money is going. That includes San Francisco Unified, which got more than \$186 million in federal stimulus funds.

Taken together, the reporting shows the differing decisions local leaders made trying to keep teachers, kids and their communities safe from a deadly disease while also addressing the learning loss and mental health impacts of prolonged social isolation. Some of those spending decisions were made behind closed doors and with little scrutiny, making it difficult for the public to determine whether districts used the money as effectively as possible or as lawmakers intended.

The stakes of such decisions could not be higher. The pandemic hurt California’s kids. More than half the students who took the statewide standardized test last year scored below grade level for English Language Arts. Nearly two-thirds of those students tested below grade level for math. Attendance is down. And federal data shows the number of students considering suicide is up.

Local educational agencies still have billions of dollars of COVID relief left to spend. If they don’t spend it by various deadlines, they may have to return it.

In a written statement to CalMatters, the state Department of Education said it is “encouraged by the impact that stimulus funding is having on the students and schools of California,” and that overseeing the funds is a top priority.

“The department has a robust monitoring system to ensure that (agencies’) expenditures are in accordance with all applicable federal and state requirements,” according to the statement.

The state auditor’s office criticized oversight in an October report, saying the state is not using the limited data it receives to identify abnormal spending patterns and scrutinize local educational agencies.

“The state Department of Education has not taken a very active role in managing how the money is

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## Marysville 4th of July Celebration



**Sapphire Marketing  
Group News Release**

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Looking for a safe and fun 4th of July fireworks show to attend this year?

Show your patriotic spirit and celebrate America’s Birthday at the 2022 Bi-County 4th of July Spectacular, Monday, July 4, 2022, at Riverfront Park in Marysville!

The gates of Beckworth Riverfront Park and the soccer fields will open at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 4, 2022, for an amazing 4th of July celebration! Bring your own picnic/BBQ space, and feel free to bring family friendly games to play.

NEW for 2022 - Don’t want to pack the ice chest or picnic basket, we have food vendors at the park! Food available include Bacon-Wrapped Hot Dogs, Street Tacos, Burgers, Fries, Kettle Korn and Saltwater Taffy.

The fireworks display will start at approx. 9:20 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in the Marysville Soccer Fields between 5th and 10th street Bridges and will last between 20 and 25 minutes. The display should be visible from both sides of the river, reaching upwards of 500 feet!

Parking will be limited on both sides of the river, so please plan accordingly! There will be a VIP Parking and seating section on the soccer fields – VIP parking pass required. These areas are a first come, first served basis for VIP eligible folks (employees of local agencies and sponsors).

Sponsorships are available until June 24th. Call Sapphire Marketing @ (530) 763-5402 for more information on sponsoring this highly anticipated event!

A few notes to make this year’s 4th of July show fun for all: NO personal fireworks will be allowed; NO drones will be allowed; Please pick up after yourselves, there will be multiple trash cans and dumpsters to use; Restrooms will be available; Please bring a blanket and or chairs to sit on and enjoy the show. ★

## Info-Center Celebrates 2 Years

**By Judy Mann**

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - It’s “First Saturday” in Marysville and The Info-Center is turning two years old. On July 2nd we invite the public to come help us Celebrate!

We are “Proud to be an American”, so we are asking that you show “your spirit” and wear your Red! White! and Blue! You are invited to visit the “Info-Center” for a day of Fun and History! During the hours of 11-4 p.m.

We are proudly celebrating, with Tours! Art! History! Culture & Many Exhibits! Ending with an Old Fashion Ice Cream Social!

1st Tour: Starting at 10:00 a.m., A Walking

Tour through many wonders of the past. Come see three Buildings that still remain on the Historic Register. We call it the “Miracle on Fourth Street” with over “eight wonders” of Marysville’s past that still stand today, and learn of some hidden treasures that still remain and remind us of each day of the “Historic Downtown District” The Walking tour is on Saturday July 2nd at 10 a.m. a \$10 donation is kindly appreciated. we will leave Info-Center promptly at 10:00 we suggest you pre-register, space is limited. To pre-register-visit the Info-Center at 317 4th St in the heart of the Historic District in Marysville! For more details call 530-740-2418.

2nd Tour-A self-Guided Tour starting at 11:00 It’s titled “Proud to be American Art Walk” come by the Info-Center” and get your list of participating businesses. This a free tour visits the many business owners they are artistic and have many of their own art talents and items to share.

### Exhibits!

A very special exhibit, never seen before titled “Paddle Boats and Steams Ships” rare photos of ships that came down our rivers. You will be amazed! Meet “Wild Bill” and hear his stories as he shares his experience at the boat dock. This is a private collection of “Wild Bill” Baldwin, who resides today in the Stephen

Field’s home (The 1st Mayor of Marysville).

A special film clip will also be featured for all to view “Feather River Steamboat” narrative by Ed Hudson, a local musician, the film will be screening throughout the day.

Then come back and join the Info-Center for an old fashion “Ice Cream Social” with many more surprises as we celebrate our 2nd year Anniversary.

The Info-Center wishes to “Thank” the community and so many others, for assisting us through this business venture and now making us part of Marysville’s history. We thank you kindly for the donations we are always “Making Time for You!” ★



# Top Six Pollutants that Degrade California's Water Quality

## Caltrans Press Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - As part of its "Let's Change This to That" public education campaign, Caltrans is sharing the top sources of stormwater pollution and ways to prevent them for contaminating California's waterways. As stormwater travels into storm drains, it captures pollutants from highways, streets, sidewalks and yards that flow into waterways. The top six pollutants have an outsized impact on the water quality of lakes, rivers, streams and the ocean, plus many are preventable through small actions Californians can take.

The following lists the top six pollutants and actions to stop them at the source:

**Trash and litter:** Properly secure items in truck beds and put trash and recycling in the correct bin; **Sediments:** Prevent soil erosion by using mulch in the garden, planting trees and shrubs, and sweeping driveways instead of hosing them off; **Nutrients:** Avoid overfertilizing lawns and plants and limit vegetation waste by keeping fallen leaves out of storm drains; **Bacteria:** Limit pet and RV waste by picking up after your pet and using appropriate RV dumping stations; **Metals:** Regularly check tire pressure, change oil and fluids, and use commercial car washes to prevent metals generated from vehicle, tire, and brake wear from ending up on highways; **Pesticides:** Use organic pesticides and properly dispose of unused portions.

Caltrans is tasked with managing stormwater runoff and mitigating pollution within its 350,000 acres of right of way, which includes more than 15,000 centerline miles of highways. This effort involves picking up roadside litter and clearing out storm drains to preserve roadway safety and drivability during all types of weather conditions.

Unlike water that goes down the sink or toilet in a home, stormwater is untreated and flows directly into lakes, rivers and other waterways. Stopping pollutants at the source is critical Caltrans' efforts to keep stormwater runoff clean.

"Preventing stormwater pollution requires the help and support of every Californian, and it starts with keeping highways and roadways clean," said Steven Keck, Acting Director of Caltrans. "Californians must work together to take necessary steps to prevent pollution at the source and keep our waterways clean."

Summer is the peak season for recreation in and around local waterways. This year, as hot, dry weather is expected to intensify drought conditions throughout the state, Caltrans is amplifying water quality as a top priority.

During a drought, the state's lakes, rivers, and streams have lower water levels, which leads to a higher concentration of pollutants. By preventing a buildup of metals, trash and other pollutants on highways and roadways in dry conditions, Californians can help keep pollutants from traveling into local waterways during rainstorms.

The "Let's Change This to That" stormwater public education campaign is calling on Californians to pledge to do their part to keep stormwater clean. Visit [CleanWaterCA.com](http://CleanWaterCA.com) to take the pledge and learn more about the sources and pathways of stormwater pollution.

*"Let's Change This to That" is a three-year public education campaign led by Caltrans to raise awareness and increase understanding of the sources and pathways of stormwater pollution throughout California. For more information, visit [CleanWaterCA.com](http://CleanWaterCA.com).* ★

# DWR Offers Grants to Protect Communities, Support Fish Populations and Restore Streams

## DWR News Release

### SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) on Wednesday, June 1, released the final Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package for the Riverine Stewardship Program, which provides funding to plan and implement projects that will reduce flooding, improve water quality, and restore streams, creeks, and rivers to enhance the environment for fish, wildlife, and people.

As communities and wildlife alike face challenges posed by climate extremes and California's ongoing drought conditions, the program will award up to \$15 million in competitive grants to implement projects that help reduce flood risk, increase water supply, and enhance and restore fish populations and habitat. The funding will be delivered through the Riverine Stewardship Program and its two subprograms the Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRP) and the San Joaquin Fish Population Enhancement Program.

All three programs will help support watersheds, local wildlife, and aquatic habitat. Eligible projects include habitat restoration, bank stabilization, water

temperature improvements and habitat enhancements to increase water supply reliability to help fish adapt to climate change.

"Climate change is driving multiple threats to California including the severe drought conditions that challenge our communities and fish populations alike," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "This funding supports a local and state partnership to make our communities and their streams more drought resilient for people and fish."

Both the Riverine Stewardship Program and San Joaquin Fish Population Enhancement Program are funded by Proposition 13, while the Urban Streams Restoration Program is funded by Proposition 68, 84, and state budget general funds.

During the 2019 solicitation, DWR awarded \$54.4 million in competitive grants to 20 projects that improve habitat and spawning conditions for fish species, reduce flood risk to property and local communities, and more. The Urban Streams Restoration Program, which has funded projects for 35 years, recently celebrated ribbon cutting ceremonies for previously completed restoration projects located in

Santa Barbara, Berkeley, and Santa Rosa.

Applications will be accepted starting June 1, 2022, and funding is available for Tribes, local public agencies, and certified non-profits as specified in the program guidelines and proposal solicitation package. Other applicant types such as community groups will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For-profit corporations, non-public entities, and individual landowners are not eligible. The released guidelines will also address future funding that may become available to DWR through the 20222023 Budget Act to address drought resilience and aquatic habitat improvements.

The Urban Streams Restoration Program also provides funding and technical assistance for public engagement, outreach, and underrepresented community support. DWR encourages community participation in project design and implementation to promote educational opportunities to community members of all ages and increase understanding of the project's benefits.

For more information about upcoming grant opportunities, visit DWR's Grants and Loans webpage. ★

# Cause of Death and Identity Determined of Dead Body Discovered in Marysville

## Yuba County Sheriff's Department News Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On April 26, 2022, at around 1:52 p.m., Recology discovered a dead body in the Material Recovery

Facility at 3001 N. Levee Road in Marysville.

Based on the deceased's location, it appeared the body was brought in with a cardboard recycling truck sometime during the previous week.

The Sheriff's Investigations

Unit, along with neighboring agencies, conducted an investigation, but the exact location of pickup and date of arrival could not be determined.

The deceased was identified as Ron Lamp of Magalia,

CA. An autopsy revealed physical injuries, however, they were non-life threatening and did not contribute to Mr. Lamp's death. A toxicology analysis showed Lamp was under the influence of a controlled substance. The cause of death was determined

to be "probable asphyxia due to entrapment in a recycling truck."

Anybody with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Yuba County Sheriff's Department at (530) 749-7777. ★

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# The Exchange Club of Marysville Honors 2 Graduates

By David Holycross, club member

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Exchange Club of Marysville recently awarded and honored two graduating seniors as their students of the year. Nicholas Sanchez from Lindhurst High School, who will be attending Fresno State University, was one of the students honored. Malena Childers from Sutter Union High School was the other student receiving an award and she will be attending Texas A&M University. The club's Student of the Year program honors the top students in the Yuba-Sutter area who have gone



Pictured from left to right: Honoree Nicholas Sanchez, Club President Rhonda Howe, honoree Malena Childers and Program Chairman Bernie Rechs. Photo courtesy of the Exchange Club of Marysville

above and beyond in their respective schools and communities. Each student was presented scholarship money and an opportunity to compete in the National Exchange Club competition. ★

# You're Invited to Celebrate the Life of Richard Webb

MPG Staff

GAINESVILLE, FL (MPG) - Richard Everett Webb, 91, longtime Yuba-Sutter resident, passed away January 4, 2022, in Gainesville, Florida, due to a massive stroke. Richard was born on July 7, 1930, to Everett and Louise Webb in Dayton, Washington. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Marie Webb, daughters Patrice (husband Steve) Crabtree and Sherrill (husband Daniel) Fisher, son Gordon (wife Devon) Webb, and grandchildren: Colin and Ben Crabtree, and Abigail, Hannah, Caleb and Esther Fisher. Richard was raised in Pullman, Washington, with sisters Betty and Dorothy, and beloved cousins. His father was a professor at Washington State University. He graduated in 1952 from WSU as a TKE fraternity member with an Agriculture Degree and on a whim took the Air Force pilot qualification test and passed! He joined the Air Force in 1953 and in Enid, Oklahoma, became one of the youngest ever pilot instructors. On Nov 1, 1955, he married his wife of 66 years, Ruby Koehn, a hospital nurse from Enid.

His military career took his family to Texas, California, Maine, North Dakota, and Beale AFB, California, where he retired in 1972. He flew B-47s, B-25s, B-52s, 24-hour missions around the world, was part of the Minute Man Missile program, flew C-47s and bombers for a year in Vietnam, instructed in B-52s, and was part of the Strategic Air Command. He earned a Master's Degrees in Industrial Management and Aerospace Systems. After retiring, he was a financial planner, bus driver, Certified Flight Instructor, and aircraft owner. He was a founding board member of Faith Christian School (serving 25 years), a faithful church leader, Rotarian, Gideon, and a Reclamation District President working with US Army Corps of Engineers. In 1997 Richard and Ruby invited their daughter, Sherrill, and family with new twins to share a home and live intergenerationally, which Richard loved for the next 23 years. Until his late 80's, Richard continued flight instructing and many he taught became good friends. In 2018,



Longtime Yuba-Sutter resident Richard Everett Webb, 91, passed away January 4, 2022, in Gainesville, Florida, due to a massive stroke. Photo courtesy of the Webb family

Richard received the prestigious Wright Brother's Award for pilots with 50+ years of accident-free flight. At the age of 91, he purchased and drove a large RV with Ruby to visit family and friends from Washington to Florida, to once again live with the Fisher family. In Florida, on December 22, he suffered a stroke and joined his Lord Jesus Christ on January 4. Richard loved God and read through the Bible every year. As an active Gideon, he passed out Bibles at High Schools and faithfully gave God's Word to all he encountered. He was a family-oriented, supportive father and grandfather, who dearly loved his three kids and six grandkids, and rarely missed events or games. He valued people, never knew a stranger, was diligent in keeping up with others, and could/would chat with anyone. He never lost his child-like spirit and love for life, had a mild and endearing personality, and loved giving others a "hard time" in fun. Many called him their "second dad," including for 40+ years, Louis M. Luu, a Vietnamese refugee, and Ricky Foster, a foster son. He lived a life faithful to his wife, family, country, and God. All who dearly loved him miss him terribly. His was a life well-lived.

Donations may be sent for Bible distribution to: Gideons International, P.O. Box 1454, Yuba City, CA 95992. His Celebration of Life will be Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Hope Point Nazarene Church, 600 N. George Washington Blvd., Yuba City, CA. His family would be blessed by your presence and invites you to honor his memorable life. (If interested in live-streaming, email sherrillfisher59@tutanota.com). ★

# COVID Money Debacle

Continued from page 1 being spent," said Kris Patel, supervising auditor who led the team behind the October report.

Patel said lack of oversight is particularly concerning as spending deadlines approach.

After the pandemic shut down the world, lawmakers in Washington, D.C, passed six major pieces of stimulus legislation worth more than \$5 trillion. The money was spread across myriad programs including business loans, funds to government agencies and checks directly to citizens.

California got yet another infusion of cash when higher-than-expected tax revenue created a massive budget surplus – more relief for beleaguered local governments.

While much has been written about emergency spending at the state level, including fraud targeting the state's Employment Development Department, less is known about the money that poured into the nation's schools.

The federal stimulus measures created the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund – two large pots of money allocated to schools and state education departments in multiple rounds.

Ultimately, California public schools and charters got almost \$29 billion in federal stimulus money. Billions more came from state programs lawmakers in Sacramento created.

Each program has its own spending requirements and categories – steering money toward things like instructional materials, school breakfast programs, purchasing educational technology and implementing public health protocols.

But some of the spending categories are broad. There's money for principals "to address local needs," and a catchall category described in state records as "other activities

to continue school operations and employment of existing staff."

California has about a thousand public school districts and hundreds of public charter schools that received COVID relief funds.

To get a cross-section of the stimulus spending, CalMatters asked more than 30 school districts for their accounting ledgers. Those districts included the 20 biggest and 10 random agencies across a geographically and demographically diverse swath of the state.

San Juan Unified in the Sacramento region used funds to hire an instructional aide for every classroom in its early grades and a new teacher at every school. Such hiring has been difficult because of a widespread teacher shortage, but the stimulus has also allowed the district to pay hiring bonuses, said Melissa Bassanelli, the district's deputy superintendent of schools and student support.

One common area of spending was technology. Some districts spent heavily on laptops, hot spots and other hardware, as well as computer programs and support in order to make the switch to virtual schooling when buildings shut down.

Districts threw COVID relief money at a menu of technology firms offering services like remote tutoring, online assessments, cybersecurity and virtual lessons.

It wasn't just technology companies that reaped massive paydays from districts flush with stimulus cash. Personal protective equipment vendors and businesses selling indoor air quality products got lots of deals. Firms touting COVID testing-related services also were in high demand.

Most districts and schools will face little scrutiny for their pandemic spending decisions, outside local administrative offices and boardrooms.

Yes, some funds do require a public spending plan. The state also required a special report on how

districts are using their one-time funds.

"But it was a very, very general document," said Victor Leung, director of education equity for the ACLU of Southern California. "It was extremely unclear how those districts spent the money."

Such documents also aren't always easy for parents to find on district websites.

The state Education Department does review a selection of districts annually as part of the Federal Program Monitoring process. During such reviews, state evaluators look to make sure district policies are up to date and scrutinize a sampling of expenditures to make sure they're appropriate.

Last fiscal year, the department reviewed stimulus spending at 15 local educational agencies – less than a percent of the roughly 1,700 agencies that got stimulus funds. This year the department is reviewing 50.

Those reviews turned up numerous red flags. Six of the 15 reviews from last year had so-called "findings" while 19 of the 37 so far this year flagged potential problems. The issues range from poor recordkeeping, to outdated conflict-of-interest policies, to outright misspending.

Some districts were able to resolve findings simply by providing more information to the state.

The state Education Department, for example, last year ordered the Sacramento-based charter school St. HOPE Public School 7 to justify much of its stimulus spending. Among the questioned costs was \$11,000 the school spent on attorneys fees, records show.

In response to the findings, St. HOPE provided the state with accounting ledgers, invoices, written descriptions of spending and other records. The material showed, for example, the attorneys fees were for negotiations with the teachers' union regarding the return to school and therefore justified. ★

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## Quantitative Tightening

Although the markets have halted their brutal day after day erosions on occasion, the brutal sell off on June 9th and 10th seemed to confirm the general direction is still downward.

Obviously there is still plenty to be concerned about. The markets fall has been attributed to the Feds increasing of the overnight interest rates, which also effect borrowing rates economy wide. The rate increases to date and the expected rates to come have had and will continue to add trepidation to investor mindsets. The rate increases are implemented to rein in the worst inflation in 40 years.

The Feds have a two part plan to address inflation. The first part is the aforementioned interest rate increases.

The second part is called Quantitative Tightening (QT). Although the counterpart to QT is Quantitative Easing (QE), which encompasses the Feds buying debt instruments from the banking institutions which floods the banking system and hence the overall economy with cash, QT does the exact opposite. In QT, the Feds dump the debt instruments they have on their books onto the bond markets.

Being larger than the stock market, what happens in the bond market, effects everything else. Bonds are debt from public and private companies, financial institutions, governments and home mortgages to name a few. The bonds the Feds own include government debt and mortgages.

The Feds QT program they will soon implement includes the sale of 95 billion worth of bonds a month until further notice. No small amount to be sure. The Feds have been on the buy side of bonds over the last few decades or more, totaling in the area of a trillion dollars.

Now on the rare sell side of things, the markets have yet to see the effects of what the Feds selling bonds will do in the short, medium and long term.

What we do know is when the Feds were buying, it was in response to a multitude of economic whirlwinds which included the Dot.com crash, 9/11, the 2008/09 crisis and the CoVid-19 virus. As a result of their buying, the markets plowed through these events only to end up much higher soon thereafter. Now having to instead sell debt, going forward it will likely be a huge negative for the

markets and economy in general.

This analyst is of the opinion that the bond sales (QT) will not go over well with the bond and stock markets once the selling begins. After all, the markets and economy are already under stress from supply side issues, labor shortages and inflation. In essence the Fed may be tightening into a weakening economy. A double whammy to be sure.

In the early 80's, the Feds faced a similar situation. High inflation coupled with a stagnating economy. Called Stagflation, the Feds choose to address the inflation part of the equation and left the markets and the economy to twist in the proverbial wind.

Paul Volcker, the Federal Reserve chief back then, raised interest rates 3% in one day. The world did not take it well and it put so much strain on the consumer, they burned him in effigy on the streets of Washington.

There is little argument that an interest rate increase of that magnitude would flatten world markets and the US economy due to the much higher debt levels that exist on all platforms, both in the consumer and business arena alike.

The current economic environment unfortunately reeks once again of the dreaded stagflation which once again reflects inflation amidst a weakening and increasingly stagnant economy.

Although Jerome Powell is the current Fed chief saddled with the unenviable job of putting the pieces back together this time around, I hope he can resurrect the spirit of Houdini to assist him. Otherwise our "problem" might seem more like a predicament.

For those of you that don't know, problems have solutions. Predicaments only have outcomes.

*"Watching the markets so you don't have to"*

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## California's Sham Budget and Unintended Consequences



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters.org

The "law of unintended consequences" is a tenet of classic economics – essentially a warning that an action meant to have a positive effect can often bring a negative outcome.

The political version is an oft-voiced admonition: "What goes around comes around."

The California Legislature's frantic effort this week to approve a 2022-23 budget – or at least its unfinished version of the budget – exemplifies the principle.

For many decades, the state constitution has required the Legislature to pass a budget by June 15 but for many decades the requirement was routinely violated – sometimes for months.

During those decades, the budget required a two-thirds vote in the Legislature, which meant the minority party – usually Republicans – could hold up passage until its demands were met. The syndrome reached a climactic point in 2009 when one Republican state senator, Abel Maldonado, refused to vote for the budget until Democratic leaders agreed to place a measure on the ballot to change California's primary election process to what's called a "top-two" system.

Leaders of both parties despised the proposed new system, but Maldonado, with backing from then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, held out until they agreed to his demand. The top-two proposal, in which all candidates appear on one ballot and the two top finishers face each other in the general election regardless of party, was approved by voters in 2010. Last week's election was its latest employment.

Maldonado's holdout had a consequence that neither he nor Schwarzenegger intended – motivating Democrats to make sure it never happened again. Their labor union allies spent millions of dollars to qualify and pass another measure in 2010, lowering the budget vote to a simple majority.

To make the measure more attractive to voters, its sponsors included a passage that said legislators would lose their pay if a budget was not enacted by June 15.

That proviso, however, had another unintended consequence a year later when Republican Schwarzenegger's successor, Democrat Jerry Brown, and his fellow Democrats in the Legislature deadlocked over details of the state budget.

Brown vetoed the placeholder budget that the Democrats passed by the June 15 deadline, saying it was not balanced, and Controller John Chiang declared that since that left the state without a balanced budget, legislators would have their pay – about \$400 a day – suspended until there was one.

Chiang said the

Democratic budget was, by his reckoning, \$1.85 billion out of balance. "The numbers simply did not add up," said Chiang, drawing the ire of his fellow Democrats, who sued, contending he had overstepped his authority.

Fundamentally, the courts later said, the Legislature is the sole judge of whether it has met the June 15 deadline. Consequently, the penalty for noncompliance that was ballyhooed to voters in 2010 is a fiction.

In subsequent years, the Legislature has always passed a budget by the June 15 deadline, sometimes a real one in agreement with the governor but often merely a placeholder.

The 1,000-page budget being passed this week is another sham, drafted largely in secret with minimal public exposure and many blanks to be filled in later. Democratic leaders and Gov. Gavin Newsom are still at odds on multi-billion-dollar issues, including the size and form of payments to Californians to offset inflation.

There's also a big gap over how much of the state's projected surplus to spend on permanent commitments, with Newsom's Department of Finance warning that overspending could create problems in the future if, as many economists suspect, a recession is on the horizon.

That could be a truly important consequence of budgetary gamesmanship.

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

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### EIGHT DAY ODYSSEY Surf Fishing Series 2 of 7

#3 Albion River Beach; my old abalone dive beach. I collect fish entrails from the cleaning station and use in crab nets.



Staynor Duck Tail

Dungeness limits. (b) Kelp surf perch hang out at the mouth of the Albion River. USE: Staynor Duck Tail fly. (b)

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Entire bay producing limits of Pacific halibut . USE: Anchovy (b) Delta; long day. Windy. Sac River at Antioch and San Joaquin River to Old River. A June Full Moon striper spawn. 10lb-12lb hens with green eggs. All released. USE: Rattle Trap. (a) Delta; Windy. Rio Vista to Sherman Island, find clean water. USE: White 1/2oz Rattle Trap. (g)

### COASTAL WATERS

Fort Bragg; Windy. Limits of small salmon. Party boats and skiffs...USE: Live Anchovy (b) Eureka; Pacific halibut of 35 lbs. Limits. USE: Tray Baits. (b) Blowdega Bay (Bodega) Windy. Awaiting salmon opener June 23rd. Rock fish limits. USE: Tray Baits. (B)

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Antelope Lake; 930 acres with four beautiful islands that big Eagle Lake strain rainbows gather around...USE: six inch Ford Fenders, trailing Hoochie w/ white corn. (b) Fly fish for nice German Brown trout in Indian Creek, below the dam. USE: Mayflies: BWO, PMD, Speckle Wing, Green Drake, or Isonychia. (b) BEST OF ALL...The evening entertaining campfire programs. (bb) Lake Amador; last of the Amador Gold trout plants for the season. USE: Rapala. (b) Shasta Lake; rainbow bite slow. Trolling...2.3-2.6 MPH, 15'- 40' deep. Copepods on all trout. Ugh! USE: Copper back Spoons. (g) Bullards Bar Reservoir; 12"- 13" kokes. Trolling...USE: Hoochie w/ White Corn behind Spinners. (b) Stampede Reservoir; lots of big 13"-16" kokes. Try near boat ramp. USE: Pink Spinner w/ White Corn. (b) Lake Oroville; Potter Ravine. Stayed at the floating camp site, two nights. Caught 6 large mouths and 2 small mouth bass. Ate for dinner. USE: Custom Five Arm Alabama Rig. Arms 1 and 5 Booyah Buzz Baits w/ No Hooks. Arms 2,3 and 4, used: Paddle Tail Swim Baits. (single hooks). (b)

### RIVER FISHING

Lower Yuba River; lots of American shad. Fly fishing...USE: Shad Fly (a) American River; American shad. Fly fishing...USE: Shad Fly (a)

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# US Already Descending Into Recession: Economist

*As credit gets tighter, a lot of ‘dream’ ventures will prove to be unfeasible and fail*

PETR SVAB

The U.S. economy is already in the process of entering a recession, according to an economist who specializes in how sentiment affects markets.

Peter Atwater predicted that a large amount of malinvested capital will be wiped out and areas of the economy that have historically been resistant to crises may not be so this time. His research indicates that the economy is under the influence of “confidence cycles” and when consumer sentiment shifts toward the expectation of a recession, the market will actually enter one.

“I think the cake has been baked from the sentiment perspective where people are now acting on the assumption that a recession is coming. And remember, it’s that action that actually causes a recession to come,” Atwater, a former hedge fund manager who’s now a lecturer at the College of William & Mary in Virginia, said during a recent Wealthion interview.

Atwater says thousands of companies have fudged their earnings with easy cash because of the ultra-low interest rates set by the Federal Reserve.

“With free money, the ability to financially engineer your earnings results is unlimited,” he said.

Now that rates are going up, such companies will start having trouble rolling over their loans. “It’s sucking the air out of the



People shop at a grocery store in New York on June 10, 2022.

I think the cake has been baked from the sentiment perspective where people are now acting on the assumption that a recession is coming.

Peter Atwater,  
economist

room,” he said, anticipating that “thousands” of such companies may go under.

As credit gets tighter, a lot of “dream” ventures will prove to be unfeasible and fail, he predicted, noting that overconfidence in the market has caused investors “to buy promises of even the most ridiculous things.”

“There was so much capital irresponsibly deployed to capture dreams that the volume of equity destruction is going to be massive.”

The financial elite is, so far, failing to appreciate the direness of the situation because their

lifestyle has become extraordinarily insulated from a commoner’s reality, he said, calling it “work from home blindness.”

“The financial elite are spending so much time sequestered away from the real world that I think they’ve lost sight of the fact that the folks who are delivering things to them—who live in the real world—have to buy gas.”

During previous recessions, some parts of the economy were usually spared major losses and could thus serve as safe havens for investors. Those would include government bonds and

## Missouri Attorney General Subpoenas 7 School Districts Amid Worry Over Student Surveying

JULIETTE FAIRLEY

Surveys in Missouri schools that collect information from students and create a perceived need for a so-called social-emotional learning curriculum have drawn the attention of state officials.

We’d like him to obtain information regarding where these surveys are coming from and enforce federal and state privacy laws.

Kimberly Hermann,  
general counsel, Southeastern  
Legal Foundation

Attorney General Eric Schmitt issued subpoenas last week to seven school districts that allegedly employ student surveys—created by education companies Panorama and Project Wayfinder—that gather data about parents’ political beliefs and income levels, as well as racial identity, sexual behaviors, and mental health.

“Those same groups come in and sell that curriculum to the schools,” said Kimberly Hermann, general counsel with Southeastern Legal Foundation, a national nonprofit law firm that defends liberty.

“The contracts with these companies are public record, so they’re supposed to be approved

during school board meetings, but the surveys are happening without parental consent and parental notification.”

In response, Schmitt has opened an investigation into the use of student surveys in Mehlville, Webster Groves, Jefferson City, Lee’s Summit R-7, Park Hill, Springfield, and Neosho schools—with an eye on violations of Missouri’s Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment.

“Subjecting students to personal, invasive surveys created by third-party consultants, potentially without parents’ consent, is ridiculous and does nothing to further our children’s education,” Schmitt said in a statement.

Hermann details in a May 1 letter to Schmitt that Webster Groves requires middle school students to take a survey on “LGBTQIA+ Struggles!” that asks: “What are your preferred pronouns, what struggles have you experienced related to LG-BTQIA+, and what would you like to see in the school in order to be more inclusive?”

“There are federal statutes that they’re not supposed to ask these questions,” said Andy Wells, the Missouri chapter president of No Left Turn in Education, a national education advocacy organization.

“The problem is that school districts, and some of the companies that are being hired by school districts, don’t care. They just ignore it. They do it anyway and if somebody doesn’t like it,



Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt (C) talks to reporters with Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton (2nd L) in Washington on April 26, 2022.

you’ll have to sue them.”

Second-graders were asked, “When is the first time you noticed that people can be different races from you, what did you notice, and do you feel more comfortable around people who look like you?”

“The goal here is to teach these kids that America is a white country of white supremacy and to destroy the nuclear family,” Hermann said. “If bad actors in the progressive left are not stopped, then we’re just going to have a further divide in this country among our kids.”

Neither Panorama nor Project Wayfinder responded by press time to requests by The Epoch Times for comment.

Schools often create partnerships with third-party vendors to secure grant money, according to Jill Carter, a candidate for the Missouri Senate’s 32nd District, and by accepting the grant, they are bound to allow the surveying.

businesses serving high-end clientele, such as luxury goods producers. In recent years, big tech companies have also been treated as safe bets.

All of those, however, may get pummeled this time too, according to Atwater.

“What I don’t think investors quite appreciate is we’re having an unwinding in both fixed income and equity simultaneously here. And there’s not going to be any place to hide in that.”

Businesses serving the rich, meanwhile, may find that their clientele is in worse financial shape than expected.

In recent years, there are indicators that the rich have taken on large amounts of debt, following the mantra of “don’t sell it, borrow against it,” in order to avoid taxes, Atwater said.

“It’s a masterful tax strategy, but it is completely devoid of a connection to reality.”

As a result, he noted, “nobody has contemplated that the biggest potential losses could be among the customers that have heretofore been the safest.”

He has also noticed an unusual phenomenon in which market actors are getting worn down by prolonged market instability without actually hitting a bottom.

“Everybody, they sort of feel like, ‘Are we there yet? Is it done?’ People are tired. It’s not fear, it’s fatigue. And I’ve never seen a market bottom on whining in the sense that we’re just all tired of it.”

ernment and the intervention would be, ‘If we don’t like the way you respond on these surveys, we’re going to recommend intervention,’ and Panorama offers intervention activities and questions,” said Missouri-based Mary Byrne, who holds a doctorate in education from Teacher’s College in Manhattan.

“There’s a menu that you can access for teachers to implement different activities.”

The use of surveys isn’t new, according to Byrne.

“It was done years before, and that’s why the Pupil Privacy Act was put in place,” she said.

The Pupil Privacy Act, also known as the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment of 1978, prohibits children from participating in surveys and other analyses without parental consent and includes a provision for parents to opt their child out of such evaluations.

But there is no cause of action to file a lawsuit for a violation of federal privacy laws.

“The way Congress wrote the law is you can file an administrative complaint, but under the Biden administration, we know that’s not going anywhere,” Hermann said.

The subpoenas delivered by Schmitt demand documents and information to determine the extent of the surveys and whether parents consented to the surveys prior to distribution to students.

“We’d like him to obtain information regarding where these surveys are coming from and enforce federal and state privacy laws,” Hermann said.

“He has numerous different avenues that he could go based on the law and his investigatory power. So we’re going to leave it to his office to make determinations about what they think the best avenue is.”

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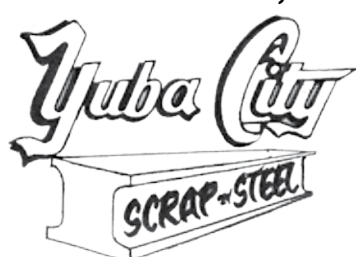


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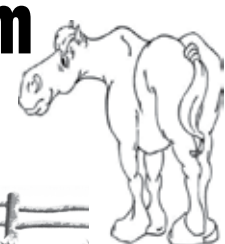
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NELIDA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk  
June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022F-152**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Apples-Personally Yours** 515 D Street, Suite 3 Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
1) Ruth Soto 423 D Street, Apt. 3 Marysville, CA 95901  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2001.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed: **Ruth A. Soto**  
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NELIDA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk  
June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022F-151**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Exquisitos Hot Dogs Salvadoreños** 1603 Cornfield Way Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
Registrant Information: 1) Alexander Miranda Lucero 1603 Cornfield Way Olivehurst, CA 95961  
2) Ruth E. Morales 1603 Cornfield Way Olivehurst, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by a married couple.  
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: **Alexander Miranda Lucero**  
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DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk  
By NELIDA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk  
June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022F-169**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Ryder's** 846 Berryessa Way Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
1) RJJR Investments LLC 846 Berryessa Way Olivehurst, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company..  
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: **Ryan Jones**  
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In accordance with the provisions of Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, this project is subject to the provisions of California's Prevailing Wage Laws and copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the office of Olivehurst Public Utility District, 1970 9th Avenue, Olivehurst, California 95961.

Prospective BIDDERS shall be licensed CONTRACTORS in the State of California and shall be skilled and regularly engaged in the general class or type of WORK called for under the CONTRACT. Each BIDDER submitting a bid shall have California Contractor's license appropriate for this type of work. A mandatory site walk will be scheduled at the districts convenience.

06/24/2022 Swarnjit Boyal, Public Works Engineer (June 24, 2022)

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**Community Events**  
**4TH OF JULY CHILDREN'S PARADE**  
10 am stars atPlumas and Center Sts. and finishes at the Town Square Fountain. Safety Helmets are required. No animals, pets or motorized vehicles will be permitted. Free lunch provided and line assembly starts at 9:30 am.

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Gates of Beckworth Riverfront Park and the soccer fields will open at 4:30 pm July 4th. Bring your own picnic/BBQ space and feel free to bring family friendly games to play. If you don't want to pack the picnic basket food vendors will be available at the park. Fireworks display will start at approx. 9:20 to 9:30 in the Marysville Soccer FFields between 5th and 10th Street Bridges and will last between 20 and 25 minutes.

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# Man Sentenced to Life for Killing His Daughters and Brother-in-Law

Butte County DA News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Sacramento man, who drove his truck into a local canal on Easter 2020, killing his two infant daughters and brother-in-law, was sentenced to a life term on June 16 in Butte County Superior Court.

Judge Corie Caraway sentenced Colby Brookman, 29, to the maximum term of 37 years to life in state prison for felony Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated. Brookman also admitted that this was his fourth “strike”, which resulted in the life sentence.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said on April 12, 2020, Brookman drove his truck into the canal at the end of Grand Avenue in Oroville. Brookman’s wife, J’lynne Stothers, was a passenger in the front seat and their two infants – Arianna, 17 months; Ava, 7 months; and Smothers’ autistic brother, Matthew Stothers, age 32 – were passengers in the rear of the quad cab truck.

Ramsey said Brookman was drinking numerous beers throughout the day and had been told multiple times not to drive. A blood test taken two hours after the crash showed his blood-alcohol level to be 0.12 percent.

California Highway Patrol’s Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) investigated the incident. The MAIT team was able to determine through the truck’s internal “black box” computer that Brookman was driving at over 80 mph just before the road ended at the canal. The truck launched over the canal’s levee into the waters below. The children were strapped in their car seats in the rear seat with Matthew Stothers between them.

Brookman and his wife got out of the truck and swam to shore. Ramsey said Matthew was also able to get out of the truck but struggled to swim. Family members said Matthew did not know how to

swim and was deathly afraid of water. A witness saw Matthew treading water next to Brookman. The witness, who was standing on a levee overlooking the water, told Brookman to help Matthew, but Brookman refused. The witness said he then saw Matthew struggle and sink below the water’s surface. Ramsey said the evidence showed Brookman also never made any attempt to save Arianna or Ava.

Butte County Search and Rescue later recovered the bodies of Matthew, Arianna, and Ava from the canal waters.

Ramsey said the courtroom was filled with family and members of the law enforcement community. Matthew’s sisters, aunts to Arianna and Ava, read victim impact statements in court. They described Matthew as the “type of person that would light up the room.” They shared stories of his goofiness and his love for his family. The family described the innocence of Arianna and Ava and their disappointment that the girls never got a chance at life.

Ramsey said Brookman read a statement to the judge but showed no emotion. After the family spoke, the assigned prosecutor, Ashley Furry, provided a statement to the court outlining Brookman’s lack of remorse. Brookman interrupted her at one point and yelled “were you there, b\*\*\*h!”

Furry continued that “Brookman lacks insight, empathy, and accountability. He cannot be fixed. The only person who has ever mattered to him – is himself. The only way to protect the community and prevent him from committing more atrocious acts is to incapacitate him.”

Before ultimately handing down the sentence, Judge Caraway told Brookman, “I share Ms. Furry and the family’s concern that you don’t have remorse. That is on you.”

Brookman will be housed in the Butte County Jail until he is transported to the California Department of Corrections to begin serving his life sentence. ★



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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**COUNTY OF YUBA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:**  
**Leilani Anne Mussro, PETITIONER**  
**CASE NUMBER: CVPT 22-00368**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
  
HEARING DATE:  
July 11, 2022  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Leilani Anne Mussro filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Leilani Anne Mussro**  
**to: Leilani Anne Crownover**

**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 objection 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 general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 5-10-2022

**Stephen W. Berrier**  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2022F-178**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Dronetec Services**  
933 Abbotsford Court  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
Registrant Information:  
1) Steven Swanson  
933 Abbotsford Court  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
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:  
**Steven Swanson**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 06/15/2022.  
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).  
**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
**BRIDGETTE EVANS**  
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June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File No. 2022F-172**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Wheatland Florist**  
4587 Wheatland Road  
Wheatland, CA 95692  
County of Yuba  
Registrant Information:  
1) Yolanda Cortez  
4587 Wheatland Road  
Wheatland, CA 95692  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/01/2008.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Yolanda Cortez**  
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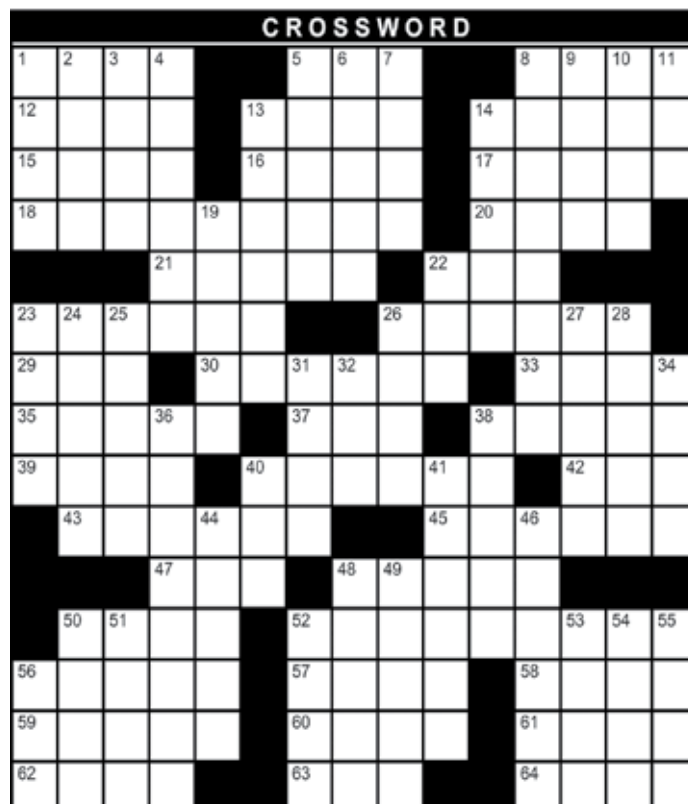
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- "To \_\_\_\_ and to hold"
- Arabian bigwig
- Indian lentil staple
- Wild West grazer
- TV prize
- Between Illinois and Nebraska
- Quick and light on one's feet
- \*Wooden walkway by the beach
- Not this
- Unwritten examinations
- Cherry middle
- Relating to a rib
- \*Beach suit type
- Kanye's genre
- Pool hall mishap
- 52 cards
- \*Sunny Dutch Caribbean vacation destination
- Be unwell
- Eagle's home
- Precedes carotene?
- Twisted or meandered
- Chill, with 'out'
- Seat by day, bed by night
- Modifies
- \*Just out of the water
- Parallel grooves
- Arrival times
- \*Wave rider
- Nitrogen, in the olden days
- In \_\_\_\_ of
- Hipbones
- Parcel of land
- Et alibi
- Auctioneer's exclamation
- A.C.T. section
- Tie the knot
- \*Casual beach tops

#### DOWN

- British Broadcasting Corporation, colloquially
- Shells in a magazine
- Capital of Peru
- Fungus damage (2 words)
- \*Same as sandbar
- Catch for a ratchet's notch, pl.
- Criticism
- \*Water at its highest (2 words)
- The largest continent
- Retired electric Chevy
- Compass dir.
- Hindu Festival of Lights
- Dyed fabric
- Type of TV show
- Eating contest staple
- \*Decapod on a beach
- \*Propelled like a paddle board
- Plural of sputum
- Type of bin in a grocery store
- Bundle of axons
- Slipperier
- \*Building material found at the beach
- Jack Ryan's and Jason Bourne's org.
- Barrels of beer
- \*Hasselhoff's beach TV show
- Improvise
- Exercise group
- Upbraiding
- Annoy
- Lao Tzu follower
- Hotel room option
- Metallica's "Don't \_\_\_\_ On Me"
- Poet Pound
- To perfection (3 words)
- A bunch
- \*End-of-day summertime soother
- Rub the wrong way
- Pops
- Cash dispenser



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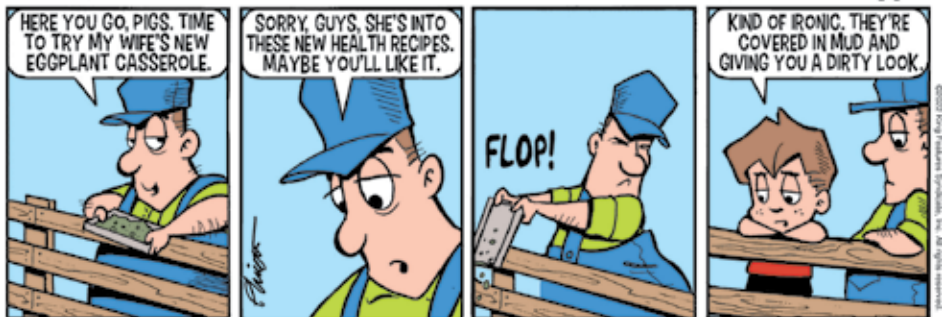
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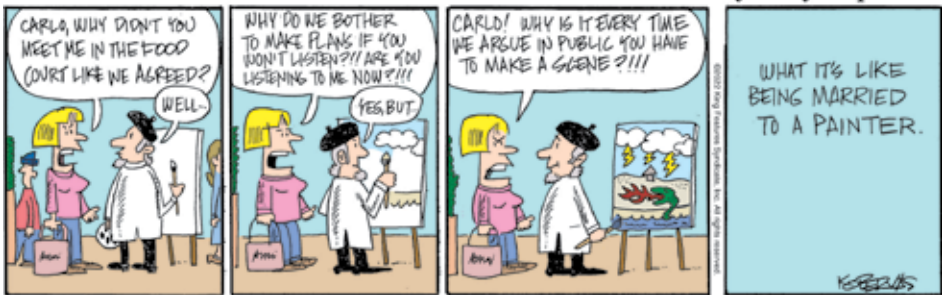
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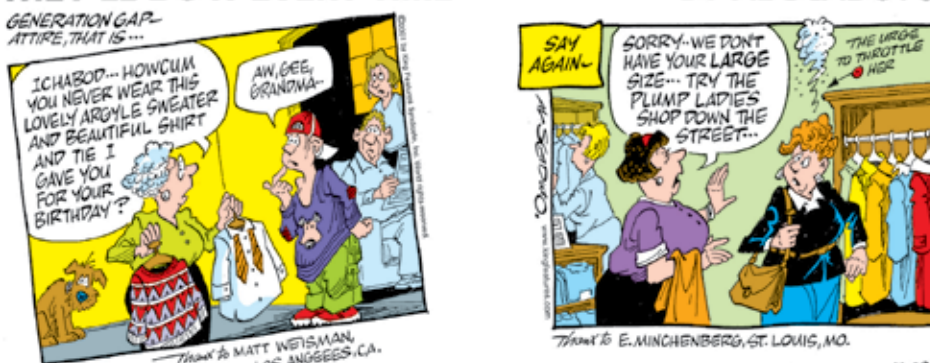
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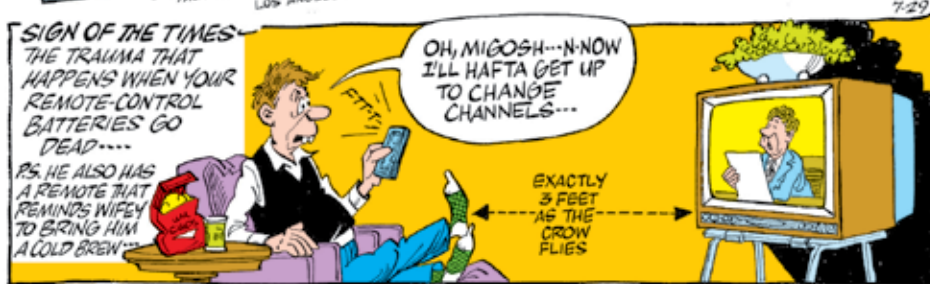
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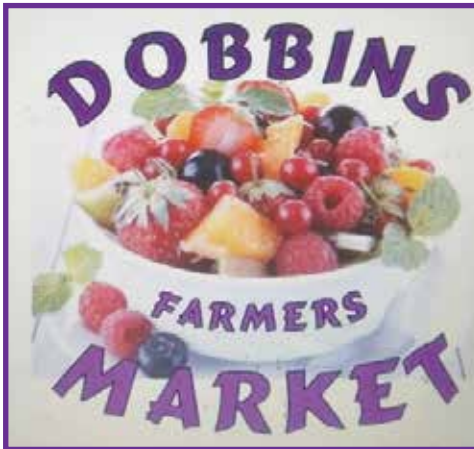
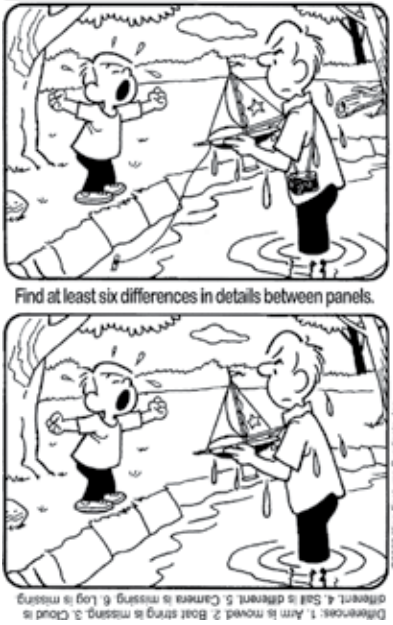
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# Farm Bureau President Praises Signing of Ocean Shipping Reform Act

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson on Thursday, June 16, applauded President Joe Biden for signing the bipartisan Ocean Shipping Reform Act into law.

Passed by the House of Representatives on Monday by a vote of 369-42, the measure seeks to address export backlogs and supply chain disruptions that

have severely impacted agriculture.

“These disruptions have severely impacted the lives and livelihoods of our farmers and ranchers. Last year, port congestion cost California farm producers \$2.1 billion in lost export income between May and September alone, and port problems continue.

“It is the California Farm Bureau’s hope that the enactment of this bipartisan legislation reinstates fair trade practices

for our farm producers. We look forward to quick action in coming weeks that brings greater transparency to fee charges and, in the coming year, redefines what it means for an ocean shipper to decline an agricultural shipment. We urge the Federal Maritime Commission to employ tools under this act to ensure fair practices by ocean carriers and accelerated shipping for California’s vast array of agricultural products. ★

# Plumas National Forest Recreation Conditions Varied This Weekend

Plumas National Forest News Release

QUINCY, CA (MPG) - After a week that included hot weather, widespread rain and thunderstorms, landslides and gusty winds, area residents and visitors planning to recreate on the Plumas National Forest this weekend are encouraged to plan their trip and be prepared for changing conditions.

While last weekend’s storm only produced three lightning strikes on the Plumas National Forest – all near Belden, widespread rain with heavier amounts in some locations caused landslides in some of the recent fire areas. Forest employees are still assessing slide locations and storm impacts this week.

Some areas of the Plumas National Forest were estimated to have received more than an inch of rain in an hour. There has not been any significant damage to Plumas National Forest facilities or infrastructure as a result of the storm, but assessments are continuing. Priority areas being checked include the 6M40 OHV trail to Tobin Ridge, the Ben Lomond Trail, Pacific Crest Trail up Chips and Forest Road 26N26.

The Feather River received significant sediment, logs and debris. Opapee Creek and Murphy’s Creek had true debris flows with a slurry transporting boulders and logs resulting in damage to State Highway 70.

On Sunday, June 12, slides in the Dixie Fire area included Highway 70, closing the highway between the Greenville Wye and Jarbo Gap.

Recreation sites in the Feather River Canyon, including Gansner Bar, Hallsted, North Fork and Queen Lily Campgrounds are still open for those with reservations.

However, the sites can only be accessed heading west on Highway 70, down the canyon from Quincy. Visitors will need to speak with California Highway Patrol or CalTrans representatives at the road closure to travel to the recreation sites.

None of the four campgrounds in the Feather River Canyon were damaged in the storm. Campers should maintain awareness of the forecast and river conditions in case heavy storms trigger additional landslides.

All recreation sites at Little Grass Valley Recreation Area are open for the season.

Lake levels are low at some reservoirs and some boat launches may not

have courtesy docks available for boaters. Boat docks are in the water at Frenchman Boat Launch, Lost Cove Boat Launch at Antelope Lake and Sandy Point Boat Launch at Bucks Lake. Repairs are in progress for boat docks at Gold Lake Boat Launch and Honker Cove Boat Launch at Lake Davis.

Fuel conditions also remain unseasonably dry. While there are not fire restrictions in place yet, care should be taken with anything that can spark a wildfire.

Campfires should never be left unattended and should be dead-out and cold to the touch before leaving. Trailer chains should be secured and not dragging, and spark arresters should be functioning properly on motorized equipment, including off-highway vehicles, generators and chainsaws.

Hot temperatures and widespread gusty winds are forecasted over the Plumas National Forest, particularly at lower elevations and over the eastern side of the forest this Thursday into Saturday. Temperatures are expected to be cooler Saturday with a chance of thunderstorms, before starting to warm up again Sunday.

Those recreating in the forest, whether it is a day hike, fishing trip, camping out, backpack adventure or other activity, are encouraged to be prepared for changing conditions, have the right gear for the trip, and plenty of water and other supplies.

If recreating in an area impacted by wildfire, watch for hazards including trees that can fall with no notice, even when green, unstable soils and potential slides. These hazards increase during and following rainstorms. If in these areas and the weather is changing, move to safer ground and avoid low-lying areas.

Higher elevations still have some snow, and trail and road conditions may still be muddy in some places.

Several forest recreation sites are also seeing an increase in bear activity. Area residents and visitors should ensure that food is secured and that there are not food items or smells that can attract bears to a campsite in search of food.

For more information on the Plumas National Forest, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/plumas](http://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas), follow the forest on Twitter @USFSPlumas or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/USFSPlumas](http://www.facebook.com/USFSPlumas). ★

# Former Church Administrator Arrested in Oklahoma, Charged with Fraud and Identity Theft

United States Attorney’s Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - An indictment was unsealed following the arrest of Chanell Easton, 36, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On May 19, 2022, a federal grand jury in Sacramento returned an indictment, charging Easton with 22 counts of wire fraud and two counts of aggravated identity theft for a scheme to embezzle church funds, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

According to court documents, from June 2013 to February 2018, Easton worked as an administrator at a church in Yuba City. During her employment, Easton stole over \$360,000 from the church, including from its food pantry and youth ministry, during a years-long embezzlement scheme. Without the church’s knowledge

or authorization, Easton opened five business credit card accounts in the church’s name. Easton used these five credit cards, as well as a credit card used by the church’s youth pastor, to make personal purchases—including at a hair salon, retail stores, online retailers, a vacation rental service, and to buy concert tickets—and then paid off the resulting balance with the church’s money. Easton also transferred money directly from the church’s bank accounts to her own personal account, paid down the balance of her own personal credit card, and paid her cellphone provider for her personal bills and for new phones.

According to the indictment, Easton also stole money from the church by writing checks to others for personal expenses and by writing checks to herself, on which she forged the signatures of the church’s

treasurer or the head volunteer of the church’s food pantry.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Elliot C. Wong and Christopher S. Hales are prosecuting the case.

If convicted, Easton faces a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count of wire fraud, and a mandatory two-year sentence on each count of aggravated identity theft. Any sentence, however, would be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables. The charges are only allegations; the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. ★

# Sutter-Yuba Mosquito & Vector Control District



# MOSQUITOES ACCUMULATING IN TOWN AREAS

TOWN SPRAYING SET TO BEGIN

When mosquitoes move into town areas, it is important to reduce their numbers and lower mosquito-borne disease risk. Public health insecticides formulated for application in urban and residential environments undergo rigorous safety testing before they are approved for use. For the 2022 season, the District will be using a permethrin product applied at an ultra low volume rate of 0.29 ounces per acre. All applications are predicated on mosquito abundance, disease activity and favorable weather conditions. Although these materials pose a low risk to human health, some people may prefer to avoid or minimize exposure by staying indoors, keeping their windows closed and turning off their window mounted air conditioners, evaporative coolers and whole house fans when spraying is taking place in the immediate area. You can obtain additional information about spray operations by calling the District office at 674-5456 ext. 0 between the hours of 7 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday thru Friday or by viewing our website at [www.sutter-yubamvcd.org](http://www.sutter-yubamvcd.org). Residents can also sign-up for email spray notifications by visiting the District’s website.

SCHEDULE

Beginning on Thursday, June 30, 2022 and continuing weekly, fogging routes will begin as early as 3:30 AM and continue until 6:30 AM in Olivehurst, Linda, Plumas Lake, Wheatland, East Marysville, Live Oak, Tierra Buena, Yuba City (Hillcrest area) and Sutter. Meridian and Robbins will be fogged on Tuesday evenings. Additional town areas and nights may be added if mosquito-borne disease activity becomes elevated. The program generally ends in mid-September, when mosquito abundance declines.



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