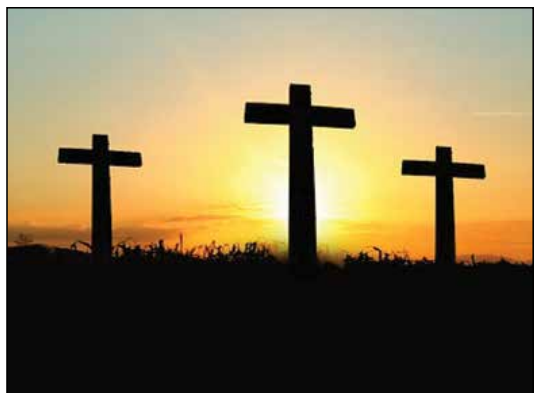


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## The Impact of Empty Desks



Students in an AP English Literature + Composition class at Nevada Union High School in Grass Valley on March 1, 2022. Statewide, California public school enrollment is declining. Photo by Salgu Wissmath for CalMatters

By Joe Hong, CALMatters.org

For the first time since the start of the century, California has fewer than 6 million students attending public schools.

According to new data released by the California Department of Education, enrollment in public schools continues to drop more quickly than it did before the pandemic, stirring fears of more budget cuts and long-term financial instability for schools.

Among key takeaways from the newly released data: Statewide enrollment has dropped by more than 110,000 students to 5,892,240 during the current school year, a 1.8% dip from last year but less steep than the 2.6% decline during the first year of the pandemic; Charter school enrollment also is down for the first time since at least 2014; Kindergarten enrollment is up, though nowhere near pre-pandemic levels; And 9,000 more students are enrolled in private schools, a 1.7% increase, but that doesn't explain much of the exodus from public schools.

For the better part of a decade, public school enrollment was in steady decline in California mostly due to a lack of affordable housing, education officials across the state said. When the pandemic reached California,

early job losses collided with that trend, making the decline worse.

In the years before the pandemic, enrollment in traditional, non-charter public schools fell by about 1% a year. The first year of the pandemic, however, enrollment dropped by more than 3%, or about 175,000 students.

Even charter school enrollment slid, losing 12,600 students this year, a major reversal of historical trends. Since 2015, charter schools have seen only increases each year of at least 10,000 students.

Officials at the California Department of Education did not have a clear explanation for this sudden drop.

The California Charter Schools Association President Myrna Castrejón said this decline illustrates how charter schools "are facing the same statewide challenges as non-charter public schools." She called for equitable funding for charters.

For non-charter schools, much of the enrollment drop during the first year of the pandemic was due to tens of thousands of parents opting not to enroll their children in kindergarten. Most school campuses were closed at the time and children were learning online.

This year, with school buildings

open, kindergarten enrollment went up by more than 7,000 students, recovering slightly from last year's 60,000-student plunge.

Enrollment numbers for first graders, however, dropped by 18,000 students this year — one of the steepest drops for a single grade level — suggesting that many students who were of kindergarten age in 2020 did not return to public schools for first grade.

California Department of Education officials would not comment on where those students went. Some school district officials said they also are looking for answers.

"It's a problem across all grade levels," said Barrett Snider of Capitol Advisors, a lobbying firm for school districts. "We just aren't sure where they've gone."

Because most of California's public schools are funded based on a combination of enrollment and attendance, small school districts are especially feeling the pain. Just a few students leaving can mean large chunks of money gone from their budgets.

Brett McFadden, superintendent of the Nevada Joint Union High School District, said a large portion of the residents in his rural community work in the service industry and

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## District Attorneys Announce Settlement with PG&E

North State District Attorneys Press Release

QUINCY, CA (MPG) - On April 11th, 2022, the District Attorneys of Plumas, Lassen, Tehama, Shasta and Butte Counties announced they have reached a settlement with PG&E over that company's responsibility for the 2021 Dixie Fire.

The civil prosecution settlement obligates PG&E to make rapid payments by this summer to those who lost their homes in the Dixie Fire; to continue to make extensive improvements in the safety and reliability of PG&E infrastructure in the North State and the affected counties; to be subject to oversight by the District Attorneys through an independent safety monitor; to pay nearly \$30 million to recompense local charities and organizations involved in mitigating the effects of the fire; and to pay penalties and costs of the investigation to the DA offices (none of which can be recoverable in customer rates).

The consortium of District Attorneys, labeled the "North State DAs" in the settlement, filed a civil rather than criminal complaint in Plumas County Superior Court accusing PG&E of unlawful business practices. After negotiations with PG&E, a stipulated Final Judgment was filed resolving the case. The DAs noted the civil Judgment allowed more flexibility in demanding changes in PG&E's safety practices, and to obtain rapid restitution to those who lost homes and property in the Dixie Fire, while putting the company on essentially a five-year probation.

The North State DAs said the settlement was part of a larger settlement involving the Sonoma County District Attorney's settlement of the 2019 Kincadee Fire that also occurred in the Sonoma County Superior Court. The local DAs expressed appreciation for the technical and legal help by the Sonoma County District Attorney Jill Ravitch and her consumer/environmental protection staff in crafting the Dixie Fire civil complaint.

The DAs stated it was decided to pursue the Dixie Fire as a civil prosecution rather than a criminal prosecution to maximize the return to the fire victims rather than to seek criminal

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## Yuba-Sutter Food Bank Partners with Yubakami for Produce Delivery to Seniors

Yuba Sutter Foodbank Press Release

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba-Sutter Food Bank has partnered with Yubakami to provide fresh produce grown by local farmers to Yuba County seniors participating in the Senior Delivery Program, formerly known as the Homebound Delivery Program.

"This partnership increases the access to locally grown produce by getting healthier foods to

low-income seniors and, in addition, contributes to improving the local food system," said Food Bank CEO, Michelle Downing. "I am happy we can utilize grant funding to provide nutritious food and support our local farmers."

Yubakami is made up of local farmers in the Yuba County foothills who grow nutritionally rich, healthy, primarily organic, fruits and vegetables. Yubakami will deliver seasonally fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables,

approximately 12 to 15 pounds, and ½ dozen eggs, to Yuba County seniors who participate in the program. Delivery started on Monday, April 4, and continues through October 31, 2022, with a goal to deliver 160 bags of produce weekly.

"The partnership between the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank and Yubakami gives impetus to small local farmers to expand their plantings: to levels that make them profitable. And it helps meet a core

mission we share: to make delicious, nutrient-dense produce available to everyone in our community," said Yubakami owner, Steven Dambeck.

The Yuba-Sutter Food Bank Homebound Delivery Program was initiated during COVID-19 to make sure vulnerable, at-risk seniors in Yuba and Sutter counties had access to nutritious food. It has continued to serve seniors in the region through the Senior Food Delivery Program. ★



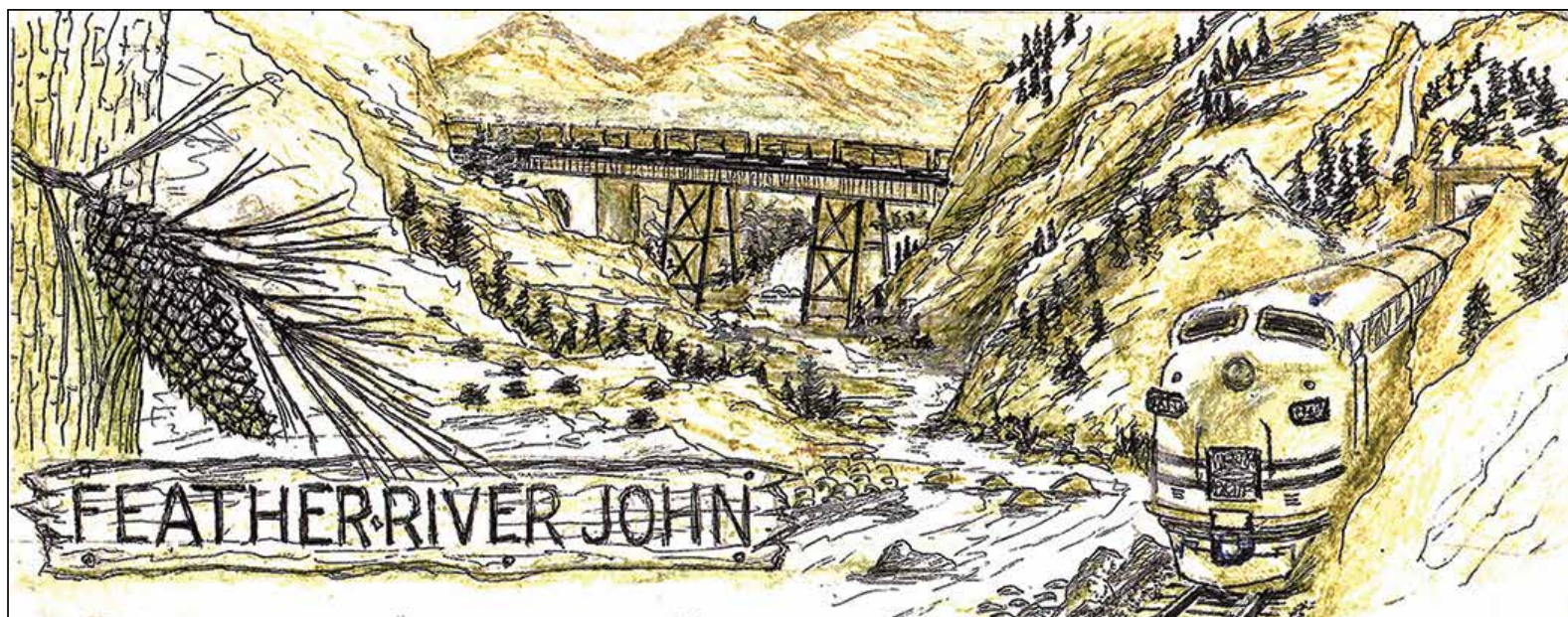
# Feather River John

**Commentary**  
by Dick Marquette

They called him “Feather River John”. It was not his real name, but one given to him by his traveling companions, “The Knights of the Road”. Otherwise known as the great American Hobo. That “Free Soul” that had been riding the rails since 1869 when the Union Pacific and Central Pacific tied the country together at Promontory Point, Utah. Loved by a few, despised by many and misunderstood by all. They were not a tramp nor a bum, but a Hobo. In the end he was written about, filmed in movies, romanticized in song, and envied. His passing had brought color to many otherwise lifeless, nondescript towns, dying of skillful neglect.

“Feather River John” was known for his love of the Feather River Canyon and the Western Pacific that traversed the rock-bound wilderness. His friends were the “Hot Shot Timer” and “Hood River Blackie” to name a few, and sooner or later all passed through Marysville. You could see them down on 2nd Street where they usually checked their rolls at Allens Exchange. Al had a Second hand Store and they could find tool or some clothing or maybe they had something to sell. I met a lot of them there and we swapped a few yarns and as I look back now, I can appreciate folks that had something to say. A new town everyday, a new state every week. The townies (town folk) were fairly decent, but they did nothing new, one day the same as the next, kinda like a pack of Blue Tick hounds running around marking territory. 10 miles from town nobody ever heard of them.

But not so with the ‘lost generation’. Hood River Black was best known for his literary talent, probably the best one this town had known. He quit the road in ‘72 and helped establish the ‘Hobo Foundation’



“Feather River John” was known for his love of the Feather River Canyon and the Western Pacific that traversed the rockbound wilderness. Rendering by Dick Marquette

out of Vermont. He wrote for “Frontier Timer” and “human events”. His work appears in “Psychology Today” and was asked to write for “Readers Digest”

In 1974 Blackie worked on “Rainbow on Rails,” the ABC TV Documentary he helped promote the movie “Emperor of the North” with Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine as well as “Boxcar Bertha” who also hit Marysville now and then. He gave a poor rating to both movies – not authentic. Blackie worked until 1980 as historian for the California Parks and Recreation Department. He was consultant for the Hobo section of the rail museum at Sacramento. Most of the things in that exhibit were his at one time. Blackie was a great storyteller and was careful to distinguish Hobo’s from Bums. Hobos work and would do an honest days work. Bums ask for hand outs. Blackie once said “some people exist and nobody pays any attention they’re gone.” Blackie died at age 57, it must have been in the early 80’s. Blackie came by his moniker since he worked the apples at Hood River. And had jet black hair and mustache.

The “Hot Shot Timer” has more or less fallen from grace in the Hobo World and is now a prominent Attorney nearby. Hot Shot got nailed by the bulls

in Oroville, but he and Feather River John put on a “concert” with guitar and banjo for their freedom.

Marysville was A-1 in the Hobo World, they had the best Christmas dinner at the jail here and most of the cops were good fellows. Those days you could always find work in the fruit around here. Sometimes the work didn’t pay off, like the “Corona Episodes”. They floored a couple, they may have sent some to the “Big Rock Candy Mountain” on that deal.

But what about Feather River John? Little did we know that “Hobo” we glanced at with disgust, sympathy and wonderment would be more famous than anyone in Marysville!

In 1963 Feather River John had a bedroll and pack. In 1968 he was elected to the Vermont State Legislature serving honorably. Then when Ronald Reagan became president, Feather River John whose real name was John McClaughry became one of the five senior policy advisors in the White House. The ex-hobo served as the White House liaison with the Dept of Labor, Agriculture and Transportation as well as Defense and the Action Agency. He was executive secretary to President Reagan’s sub-cabinet on food and agriculture. He worked on the staff of

Vermont Senator Winston Prouty and Illinois Senator Charles Percy. He was named by Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter to serve on presidential commissions and in 1968 as a consultant on Nixon’s election campaign. Before going to Washington Feather River John had written a couple dozen scripts for Ronald Reagan’s Nationwide radio broadcasts and in the end, that fellow you saw with the bedroll and pack, that you told “Get a job you bum” got a JOB.

I guess Hobos have taken part in nearly every aspect of American life (Black-Jack) General Pershing said hobos make the best soldiers, they know how to live off the land and sleep out. When Grand Coulee Dam was built in Washington, the government hired Hobo Woody Guthrie to write songs about it.

They used to jungle up in Marysville over by the

ice plant in the 30’s and behind the CPC cannery in Yuba City. Later they were found in the Feather River Bottoms where the hole is now. There was a camp under the Western Pacific trestle out by the old cemetery north of town. You could find them in Hiberleins Bar over on C. Street or the Silver Front Saloon around the corner. Later on, when Marysville tore down, there was Joe’s No. 2 up on C Street - once a gold rush lively stable, is now gone.

Had started a 72,000 word book on the “Passing of the Hobo” and has diaries, tapes and notes. They are at the History Department of Columbia and New York Universities. He felt bad that the people he knew were all gone. Now it was like chasing dead men, truly a lost generation.

I remember not too far back some of the Roseville businessmen would pretend they were hobos and hook

a freight over to Nevada. (Do they have a smoking section in the boxcar now?) There is a hobo convention at Britt, Iowa each year and they published a newspaper “The Hobo News”. Now even Emmett Kelley, the legendary circus hobo is gone. His father worked on the railroad. The TV series “The Little Hobo” is gone. The times they are a “chargin’”. I thought you might like a bit of Marysville history that is overlooked.

As a child, growing up, I lived on the prairie in the Great Depression with Grandma on her farm. She was a true Christian. She never turned a hobo down. They were fed good food (not cold cuts) and she saw to it that they had a warm coat and shoes for the road. If she thought they had an interesting story she would invite them to supper. That was my only contact with the outside world, told by one who was there. ★



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# Mother Arrested After Infant and Toddler are Found Dead

**Yuba County Sheriff's Department Press Release**

**LINDA, CA (MPG)** - Yuba County Sheriff Detectives arrested a 26-year-old mother, identified as Courtney Williams, for the alleged homicide of her two young children at their Linda home just before noon on April 7, 2022.

The Yuba County Sheriff dispatch center received a 911 call from the father of the children at approximately 11:45 a.m. reporting possible drownings at their home in the 6100 block of Sunshine Avenue in Linda. The call was transferred from Beale Air Force Base due to cell tower routing but did not involve the base or USAF personnel. Deputies responded to the home and discovered the unresponsive infant and toddler in the bathroom. Deputies immediately began CPR, but despite attempts at life saving measures, both of the children

were declared dead at the scene.

Investigators initially learned that the father of the children returned home from work just before noon for lunch, when his wife, Courtney, allegedly told him that she had hurt the children. When he searched the home, he found the two young boys, ages five months and two-and-a-half-years old, unresponsive in the bathtub full of water. At this time, detectives believe the apparent drowning of the boys was intentional. The investigation is still in the very early stages and continues to be active and ongoing at this time.

“The tragic loss of five-month-old Holden and his two-and-a-half-year old brother Ronin reverberates throughout our department and into the community,” said Yuba County Sheriff Wendell Anderson. “There are no words to adequately describe the sadness we feel for the family at this time.” ★

# Nielsen Factors ‘Early Release Policy’ in K Street Shootings



Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Red Bluff), who served

as chair of the California Board of Parole Hearings for nine years, issued the following statement in reaction to a news report that the second person arrested in the deadly K Street shooting should still be in prison.

“The alleged gunman should still be serving a 10-year prison sentence.

“The state’s negligent early release policies, I believe, may be a factor in the deadly K Street

shooting, as it has been in similar circumstances across the country.

“This tragic loss of life once again demonstrates that California is failing miserably on all fronts of the criminal justice system.

“Gun control is not the answer. Getting guns out of the hands of the people prohibited from having them and keeping violent felons in prison should be the focus.” ★

# 2022 Stonyford Rodeo is Dedicated to Phil and Jacque Ray



Phil and Jacque pose for a picture.

**Story and photo by Roy Stewart**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Phil and Jacque made their home in Stonyford and were warmly welcomed into the Community.

Phil had an exuberant personality and Jacque his calm loving partner. Phil passed away in July 2021; Jacque still lives in Stonyford on the ranch that Phil had purchased in 1975.

Phil had many jobs growing up in Northern California: He was a bicycle messenger on the streets of San Francisco, held bread and milk routes, worked as a fire fighter for the California Division of Forestry,

owned the bar & restaurant in Stonyford, and was a service writer for a Toyota dealership. While work was important to him, his passion was riding motorcycles. He was an ardent hobbyist. He built, repaired, and rode motorcycles for many years around the nation and the world. He was known by his racing name “Fildirt” and his number, “4Q.”

In 1983 Phil turned his hobby into a business when he purchased the Honda motorcycle dealership in Modesto. This dealership—Honda-Kawasaki-KTM of Modesto – was his passion. He operated it for thirty-three years.

Jacque grew up in Hawaii and California, where she first met Phil in the early 1970s. Jacque later moved to Minnesota and worked at Schwan’s Sales Enterprises as an accountant. She moved back to California, where she reconnected with Phil in the 1990s. They married in 2003 and Jacque then worked at the Honda-Kawasaki-KTM shop.

In 2005-2007, Phil and Jacque built their dream home on the 4Q ranch property in Stonyford.

They were both active in local affairs, especially the Stony Creek Horsemen’s Association. Phil worked as part of the arena ground crew for many years; his last rodeo was 2021. Jacque is an active member. She paints lettering on fence signs and works where needed on rodeo days. She is also very active with the Stonyford Museum and the Community Church.

They have no children together, but both have families from other marriages. Jacque has five children and five grandchildren all living in the Midwest. Her daughter Lorna Langr and her granddaughter, Gabrielle DeSmet, will be riding with her in the Grand Marshal Surrey during the parade and the rodeo dedication. Phil has a daughter, Barbara, son-in-law, Anthony, and two grandsons living in Denair, California. His son, Billy, passed away in 2007. ★

# \$34.7 Million Awarded for Local Transportation Projects

**Caltrans News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Caltrans announced it is awarding \$34.7 million in state and federal funds to cities, counties, tribes and transit agencies throughout California – including \$25 million funded by Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 – to plan sustainable transportation projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve the state highway system, enhance access to safe walkways and bike paths, and increase natural disaster preparedness.

“These grants are funding the planning for sustainable and more resilient transportation projects that will prepare the state for rising sea levels, wildfires and other climate related impacts,” said Caltrans Interim Director Steven Keck. “By collaborating with local communities, we are working together to achieve both our climate goals and an equitable transportation infrastructure for people who rely on transit and intercity bus service.”

In total, Caltrans will allocate: \$18.4 million in Sustainable Communities Competitive and Technical Grants to 57 local, regional, tribal and transit agencies for climate change adaptation, transportation and land use planning, and natural disaster preparedness. This includes more than \$4.5 million to fund planning for 14 projects that improve safety and access for

people who walk and bike;

\$3.8 million in federally funded Strategic Partnership Grants to 10 projects that will plan for zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, sustainable goods movement, wildlife connectivity, intercity bus systems and other sustainability initiatives;

\$12.5 million – all from SB 1 – in Sustainable Communities Formula Grants to metropolitan planning organizations to further regional transportation plans and sustainable community strategies. This grant will be awarded later this spring.

Caltrans awards transportation planning grants each year through a competitive process to encourage local and regional projects. Applications are evaluated on how they further state transportation goals by identifying and addressing statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the highway system.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually split between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1.

For more information about transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit RebuildingCA.ca.gov.

For a complete list of planning grant project awardees, Caltrans at dot.ca.gov/ ★

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# COVID-T Variant Looks Deadly to California Freedom



**Commentary**  
by Ted Gaines

A dangerous strain of COVID is ripping through the California legislature. This new variant, COVID-T, for Totalitarian, threatens to sacrifice every, last, tiny shred of medical freedom in California on the altar of utopian “safetyism” and make the California U-Haul shortages of the past seem like quaint memories.

COVID is no longer a crisis. This is good news! Nearly 75-percent of eligible Californians are fully vaccinated, a number that doesn’t include those partially vaccinated or who have natural immunity acquired through infection. Deaths are, mercifully, at a trickle. We should be celebrating the manageable threat that now confronts us.

But the COVID-T proves that the panic and fear that characterized the early, unchecked era of the pandemic are still surging in the legislature.

Even as the futility of masking and shutdowns become evident in reflection, California legislators have introduced a number of hyper-controlling, uber-safety bills aimed at forcing left-wing vaccine orthodoxy onto everyone.

- Here’s a sampling:
- **Assembly Bill (AB) 1993 (Wicks)** - Employers must get proof of vaccine before hiring a new employee or face a fine;
  - **AB 1797 (Weber)** - Creates a vaccine registry, which could be used

to deny services to the unvaccinated;

- **Senate Bill (SB) 866 (Wiener)** - Lets 12-year-old children consent to vaccines even against the wishes of their parents;
- **SB 871 (Pan)** - Lets schools ban students who are not COVID vaccinated;
- **AB 2098 (Low)** - Disciplines doctors for spreading COVID “misinformation.” Think of all the official announcements and guidance that have since proven wrong! This is an astonishing assault on free speech.
- **SB 1464 (Pan)** - Mandates Sheriffs enforce state vaccine orders and withholds state funds from counties that don’t enforce.

There are others. These bills aim to deny livelihoods, education, and shut down debate surrounding COVID treatment and policy. Here’s hoping they don’t try to cut off banking and travel to the unvaccinated but this collection of bills shows an unlimited appetite for punishing people into compliance.

I’m sure the bills’ authors would scream “I follow the science!” The problem is, science isn’t policy. It is an input to policy. Policies are an expression of values, not equations. I’m sure science would show that high-speed impacts are deadlier than low-speed impacts, but that doesn’t tell us the speed limit.

Like COVID, car accidents are “transmissible” to other people. But, even with “the science” and the risk to others, we don’t have turtle crawls on our highways. Why? Because all policies involve tradeoffs and there are competing values in the world. Freedom and choice, to name just two, are often ignored in Sacramento but they should be balanced against other needs and desires in crafting laws and regulations.

This is a point lost on legislators who want to cut off the world to those who don’t line up for the vaccine, even if they have natural immunity to COVID from prior infection. The 100% safety COVID Puritans who imagine zero-COVID fueled by unquestioning obedience forget the experiences of the past two years. They forget the millions of closed businesses, the lonely elderly who died without the comfort of their families, or the masked and isolated children whose educations and mental health were sacrificed to zero COVID.

A legislature that facilitates heroin use and lets mentally ill homeless terrorize innocents on the streets seems a little selective in the dangers they want to police. COVID has been granted its own risk category, superior to all others. It makes no sense.

California is turning into the least hospitable place to live in the country. People are fleeing this state in such numbers that U-Haul actually ran out of trucks to service the exodus earlier this year. But that outmigration will be tiny compared to the people flocking to freer states to avoid the life-controlling COVID-T.

You should control your medical decisions, not legislators who might be wearing masks alone in their cars but not at sporting events or restaurants. Don’t ever let them take your freedom.

*Senator Ted Gaines (Ret.) was elected to represent the Board of Equalization’s First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly ten million constituents in 30 counties of northern, eastern, and southern California. For more information, visit [www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines](http://www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines).* ★



## The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

Yvonne and Joyce are back from Alaska with lots of good memories. Come by Books & More and ask them about their trip. Now grandson, Daniel, is happily married and back at work.

Looking at the local beauty parlors around, we realize there are several to choose from. In Forbestown we have Jackie Berg’s Hen House, Mountain Aire Hair Care with Tangerine iand Lorraine n Brownsville and a new person at Brownsville Mercantile, Hair By Lena and One By One with Janice Hall in Oregon House. We may have even missed one or

two. Perhaps it’s time for a spiffy new look for spring.

We hope all of your taxes are done, either paid or received. Now we can enjoy spring. We love all of the daffodils blooming, but it is not time to put tomatoes in the ground yet. Lilacs should be opening soon.

Look Back in Time – In 1909 The Honcut girls baseball team played the girls from Rackerby. This was followed by a dinner at the Honcut Hotel, then ice cream and entertainment (sure miss our local ball games).

~ Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.  
Christine and Yvonne ★



### Rice Farmers Could be Paid to Fallow Land Under Habitat Restoration Plan

State and federal officials and some major California water districts have agreed to a tentative \$2.6 billion plan to improve water quality for salmon and native fish in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. State and federal agencies would fund much of the plan, with water districts contributing more than \$660 million. Funding would include payments to rice farmers who fallow land to save water. Modesto and Turlock irrigation districts are expressing concerns over the plan.

### Judge Temporarily Halts Groundwater Curtailment Order in Siskiyou County

A judge in Siskiyou County has temporarily blocked a state order that would have prevented area farmers from tapping into percolating groundwater supplies they have relied on for decades. The State Water Resources Control Board sought to stop groundwater pumping there as part of a drought emergency curtailment order for the Shasta and Scott rivers. But irrigators argue the state’s curtailment authority doesn’t extend to groundwater. A hearing on the matter will be held May 5.

### Cattle Movement Beginning Early Due to Drought, Feed Costs

The annual movement of cattle to summer grazing pastures is starting earlier than usual this year as California’s unrelenting drought dries up winter forage lands. It’s part of costly challenges facing ranchers. Faced with diminishing grazing lands, they are paying a premium to buy and deliver hay. With spiking fuel costs and mounting time pressures, their costs are also soaring for lining up cattle trucks to transport livestock to still-serviceable summer pasture areas.

### Bill on School Meals Seeks to Protect Domestic Farmers

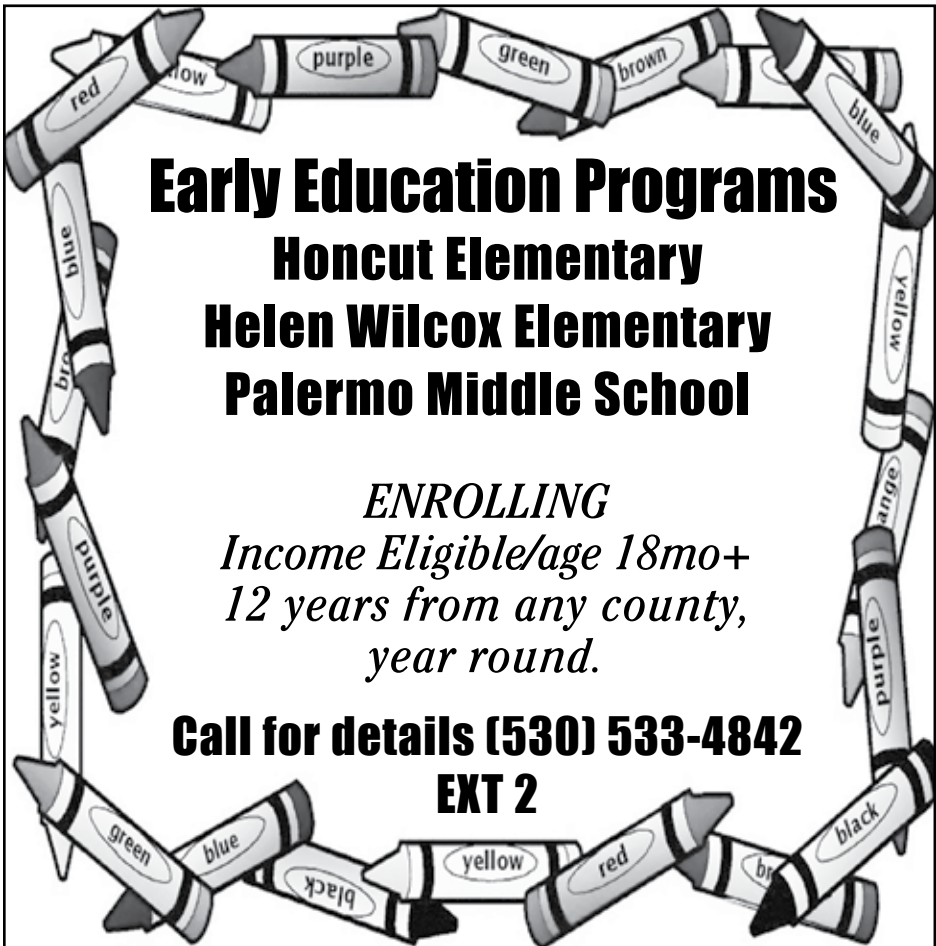
A California lawmaker wants to ensure that food served in public schools and universities is grown in the U.S. A bill by Sen. Anna Caballero of Salinas would require schools to serve American produce unless the cost of foreign foods is 25% less or a specific commodity – such as bananas – isn’t produced in abundance in the U.S. The bill is described as an effort to level the playing field for domestic farmers who adhere to higher environmental standards than foreign competitors. ★

### Directors Condone Manager's Deceptive Behavior

With barely 24 hour notice, on Tuesday, March 29, the North Yuba Water District sent out a Special Meeting notice for the next day to consider canceling irrigation. In his zeal to confuse people and limit online attendance, General Manager Maupin then sent out a number of meeting updates with conflicting information.

An attorney was notified, who then notified the District’s Legal Counsel Michael Vergara that holding this meeting would violate the law. Vergara agreed and instructed the District to cancel the meeting. Thus, the meeting to cancel irrigation was itself canceled.

But it is his board, Gary Hawthorne, Doug Neilson, Donnie Ferguson (who is also on the Alcouffe Community Center board), and Ginger Hughes, who are truly responsible for their General Manager’s improper behavior.  
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# California's Gun Restrictions are a Failure



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters.org

Inevitably, last weekend's horrendous fusillade of bullets on a downtown Sacramento street that left six people dead and at least a dozen wounded generated demands for new gun controls in state that already has the nation's most restrictive firearms laws.

However, if anything, what happened just two blocks from the state Capitol underscores the folly of believing that "gun violence" can be meaningfully reduced by trying to choke off the supply of firearms – any more than the prohibition of liquor or the war on drugs succeeded.

The state's gun laws have hassled law-abiding hunters and gun hobbyists and some are in danger of being declared unconstitutional. However, Californians already own more than 20 million rifles, shotguns and handguns and are buying hundreds of thousands more each year.

Nor have these laws prevented the lawless from obtaining weapons via theft, smuggling from other states or the illicit manufacture of untraceable "ghost guns." Indeed, state restrictions have made the black market even more lucrative, mirroring the

side effects of Prohibition and the decades-long drug war.

Initial evidence indicates that those who fired more than 100 rounds in a street crowded with bar and nightclub patrons probably were violating one or more gun laws. The two brothers that police arrested and are suspected of involvement in the mass shooting were charged with illegal possession of weapons – one for possession of an illegal fully automatic firearm.

So why, if California's much-vaunted gun control laws have failed to choke off the supply of legal and illegal weapons, do politicians continue to claim that enacting even more will have an effect?

Some may believe it, the evidence notwithstanding, while others want to appear to be doing something about a problem because they don't have any other answers. And those who propose and enact new gun laws are often woefully ignorant about guns or even existing laws.

In the aftermath of the shooting, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg lamented to a radio interviewer about California's difficulty in reducing the number of guns, saying, "You just have to go to a gun show in Reno to buy an assault weapon without a background check and come right back to California."

Advocates of more laws often cite a "gun show loophole" but it's a myth. Under federal law, one must be a resident of Nevada and undergo a federal background check to legally buy a gun in Reno.

Moreover, while California professes to have banned "assault weapons," the state's definition of them involves cosmetic features, rather than their lethality. Perfectly legal semi-automatic rifles that lack those features are available for sale everywhere in the state.

The newest effort at gun control in California, backed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, would authorize personal lawsuits against the manufacturers and sellers of illegal assault rifles or ghost guns, mirroring a new Texas law allowing suits against those who perform abortions.

The legislation, Senate Bill 1327, is just a stunt – one of Newsom's periodic jabs at a rival state. Those who could be sued under the bill are already committing criminal acts in California and a federal law prohibits suits against manufacturers of legal firearms, including the "assault weapons" that California and a few other states purport – but fail – to outlaw.

The bottom line is this: Actor Alec Baldwin's claims notwithstanding, guns don't fire on their own. Someone must accidentally or purposely pull the trigger and that should be the focus of efforts to reduce violence – such as more vigorous enforcement of laws banning gun possession by felons and those under court order.

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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## Inflation About to Get Worse

The latest inflation figures recently released confirm what most of us already know. Inflation is bad and getting worse. In fact, it's the worst in 40 years.

There are many factors causing it.

Supply side shortages range from the lack of available workers to staff manufacturing and shipping facilities, soaring energy prices making shipping costs escalate, skyrocketing commodity prices driving input costs higher, the Russian crisis which is taking other commodity offline, and trade restrictions on still other materials coming out of the eastern block area.

Most egregiously is the monetary driven inflation, which is a rise in prices due to government spending to fund the various CoVid relief programs in the last two years. Those programs range from massive unemployment payments to the CARE programs, the Paycheck Protection Programs as well as infrastructure spending, and other various bailout and assistance programs.

Seemingly, deficit spending considerations, once a main talking point of the GOP, is seldom discussed anymore in the ivory halls of Washington. To even mention a pullback in relief spending means the trap door to any politician that brings it up.

Although Washington acknowledges, and correctly so, the many current causes of inflation, it misses entirely the monetary cause, which is likely causing a majority of the price increases the American consumer and indeed global consumers are witnessing. Simply put, after printing up over five trillion dollars in spending in the last three years or so, the amount is so off the charts, it's a wonder inflation is not in the double digits already, although it is fast approaching that.

To put a bullet point on the entire blindness of Washington when it comes to monetary caused inflation, more spending programs are being bantered about by both parties.

With the standard of living indexes plummeting the fastest in decades as price increases leapfrog past wage increases, Washington is now talking payments to consumers to help pay for higher gas prices, with the option of repeating such payments should higher gas prices go higher still or persist for longer than deemed tolerable. Amounts discussed range from \$300 to \$1,100.00 per household, with

little more detail given at this juncture.

No doubt, payments to deal with higher food costs and what have you will soon follow.

Not to be outdone, our neighbor to the north, Canada, seems just as oblivious to printing press inflation as we are and announced yet another stimulus check (five hundred this time) will soon be in the mail to everyone making \$100,000.00 or less.

No doubt with mid-term elections fast approaching, elected officials everywhere will lean into the public checkbook to shower would-be voters with cash in return for their support at the ballot box.

All this free money sounds enticing, but the question becomes, if much of the inflation is caused by government spending on a plethora of past programs, will more programs help the situation or make it worse?

The proverbial observational paraphrase comes to mind where one asks "is the cure worse than the disease?"

Or in this case, is the cure the cause of the disease, or even the disease itself?

Concluding, many an analyst fear that because of the copious amounts of cash now being rained down upon the global inhabitants of the world by world governments, a monetary catastrophe is in the making. It will materialize in the form of, you guessed it, even worse inflation.

No doubt, when that occurs, the Washington's of the world will still fail to see the cause, and put the pedal to the metal once again on their monetary printing presses, and round and round we will go, until the paper the money is printed on, will be worth more than the number stamped on the bill.

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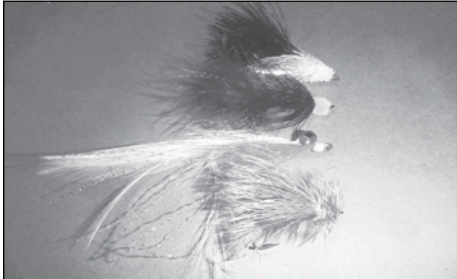


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USE: Woolly Buggers, Marabou Muddler, Clousers and Stimulators. (b) Bullards Bar Reservoir; kokes up the Yuba Arm. 10-fish limits of 10"-11" fish. USE: Pink and Orange Hoochies. (b) Englebright Reservoir; rainbows of 18" found above the 5-MPH buoy, Yuba River Arm. USE: Rapala, or Speedy Shiner. (b) Shad starting upriver, stay tuned for future reports.

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

San Pablo Bay to Berkeley Flats. All boats limiting on halibuts. USE: Tray Baits (b) Monterey Bay; sport salmon scattered. Mooching...USE: Tray Baits. (g) Delta,



Drifting Halibut Rig

Pittsburg/Antioch; sturgeon active. USE: Salmon Roe. (a) Stripers at West Bank to Rio Vista. A huge barge scattered the strippers. USE: Rattletrap. (g) Delta Striper Derby; Broad Slough, West Bank to Rio Vista. All small 20"/6lb fish. Caught on out-going tide. USE: Silver/Blue Back ¾" Rattletrap. (g)

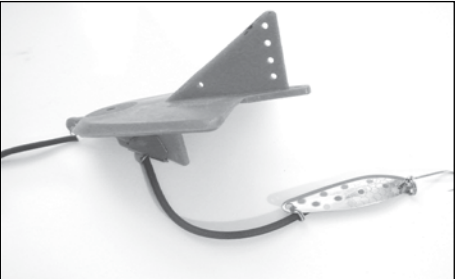
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### LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Camanche Lake; rainbows hooking up. Planers boards, 2.7 MPH at 5'-50' deep. USE: Speedy Shiner. (b) Lake Berryessa; King salmon of 6-7lbs. Troll



Planer Board w/ Speedy Shiner

40"-110' deep. USE: Dodger w/ Cut Bait . (g) Whiskeytown Lake. Culling limits to average of 15" Kokes. Slow troll 1.5 MPH. USE: Hoochies. (b) West Valley Reservoir; a high desert reservoir at 4770'. Contains Sacramento perch, Eagle lake strain rainbows, and Lots and Lots of Catfish. But the main attraction is the "West Valley Hot Springs". After a hard day of catfishing!

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# Candidate Forum Held for Sutter County and Yuba County Supervisors

## Feather River Tea Party Patriots

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced the second in a series of Candidate Forums. All candidates for Sutter County and Yuba County Supervisor have been invited to share their positions on the key issues facing the Yuba-Sutter area at the April 18, 2022, meeting.

The following candidates have been invited to participate:

Yuba County Supervisor Candidates, **District 1:** Andy Vasquez (I), Kristopher Kramer, Eric Mallow; Yuba County Supervisor Candidates, **District 5:** Zachary Cross, Bob Bagley, Jon Messick; Sutter County Supervisor Candidates, **District 2:** Dan Flores (I) and Courtney Ortega; Sutter County Supervisor Candidate, **District 3:** Mike Ziegenmeyer (I) Unopposed.

The moderator, Larry Virga, Feather River Tea Party Patriots Founder and CEO, will introduce the participants and allow time for them to review their qualifications and respective campaigns. There will then be questions from a panel of community representatives and attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions, followed by closing remarks by each of the participants.

The Feather River Tea Party Patriots meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 at the Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City.

Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no membership requirement and no cost to attend. Doors open at 6:00 pm; come early to meet the candidates, socialize with like-minded neighbors, and get a good seat. For more information contact Larry Virga at (530) 755-4409. ★

# LaMalfa Visits Southern Border

*By Alexandra Lavy,  
Office of Congressman  
Doug LaMalfa*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - On March 10, 2022, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R – Richvale) joined a group of Republican Members of Congress on an official trip to view the southern border in Arizona. During this trip, Members received an operational briefing from the U.S. Border Patrol Station in Yuma and toured their Centralized Processing Center. They also went on field tours to see the halted construction of the border wall and a staging site used by cartels to smuggle children across the border.

According to the Customs and Border

Patrol (CBP) there were 153,941 illegal immigrant encounters at our southern border in January 2022, a 96% increase from the year prior. These increases coincide with the spike of illegal drugs, such as fentanyl, coming into our southern border. The CBP seized 11,201 pounds of fentanyl in FY2021, an 134% increase from the year prior; this amount is enough to kill every American seven times over. Fentanyl poisoning deaths doubled in 30 states between 2019 and 2021, and fentanyl overdoses are now reported to be the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18-45.

“The state of our border is truly horrific. When President Biden halted construction of the border wall, he left giant strips of

land wide open for cartels to smuggle illegal drugs, dangerous weapons, and even human trafficking victims into our country. I was appalled to learn how the cartel ‘recycles’ child victims; taking them from their parents who owe the cartel and smuggling them into our country. Then, once the CBP finds the children and return them back to their families, the cartel takes them all over again. The human rights abuses and national security crisis needs to stop. The Biden Administration knows what’s going on, yet refuses to do anything about it,” said Congressman LaMalfa.

*Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California’s First Congressional District.* ★

# To Stupidity and Beyond

*Commentary  
by Dr. Richard D. Kocur*

“To infinity and beyond!” In November of 1995, the first of four blockbuster animated films in the *Toy Story* franchise was released by Walt Disney Pictures to both audience and critical acclaim. With *Toy Story*, astute businesspeople at the Walt Disney Company created a cash-cow franchise capable of producing revenue for years to come by creating and delivering a product that appealed to their target audience of parents and children. Unfortunately, the Walt Disney Company’s leap from a business focused on producing broadly appealing content to a business exemplifying the latest version of woke corporate activism, redefining the nature and use of a company’s products, has taken the company to the height of stupidity and beyond.

Disney is a long-time part of the landscape, literally and figuratively, in the state of Florida. The company’s 2020 annual report indicates that of Disney’s 203,000 global employees, nearly 40% are in the state of Florida; and a small but vocal minority of those Florida cast-members are not happy.

On March 28, 2022, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill (HB) 1557, Parental Rights in Education. According to the governor’s website, the bill, “reenforces parents’ fundamental rights to make decisions regarding the upbringing of their children.” The bill also, “prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in kindergarten through 3rd grade and prohibits instruction that is not age appropriate for students.” The Walt Disney Company disagrees.

Let that sink in.

Disney, a company whose legacy was built on producing entertainment for parents and their children, disagrees. After a small group of employees threw a tantrum normally akin to an exhausted six-year-old waiting in line for a turn to ride Dumbo the Flying Elephant, Disney’s CEO Bob Chapek surrendered. The company issued a statement on Twitter stating, “Our goal as a company is for this law to be repealed by the legislature or struck down in the courts.”

While the drift of companies towards activism in social causes is not new, Disney’s stated goal for this piece of

legislation not only runs counter to what should be the goal of any publicly traded business – i.e., to create value for its shareholders – but crosses a line into territory that runs counter to rational business thought.

Organizations like Coca-Cola, Delta Airlines, Meta, and Major League Baseball have all taken public stances on social issues. These stances have alienated wide segments of their customers based solely on differences in political viewpoint. Through it all, the products or services of these companies remained neutral. The ingredients of Coca-Cola were not altered in an effort to promote the company’s social agenda. In Disney’s case, however, its stance on the Florida bill has the potential to alienate many of the organization’s core customers (parents) precisely because the product will no longer be neutral. Vocal Disney employees indicated in leaked internal meeting videos that the portrayal of Disney characters in television and film will be a vehicle for the promotion of LGBTQ+ lifestyles and identities. In other words, Disney’s products will no longer be neutral but will be directed to serve a social agenda.

Disney’s activism is a bridge too far even in the current day of woke corporations. Making donations to activist groups or voicing support for social justice or climate change is one thing, but using platforms designed to provide entertainment for children – *children* – to promote alternative lifestyles is a new layer of the woke stratosphere.

What are the potential consequences? Maybe nothing. But maybe a substantial number of parents will see Disney’s actions for what they are, an attempt to supplant parental control over what values are taught to their children and by whom. Maybe the forces of the free market will spring into action and new entertainment options will emerge to fill the market void left by Disney. And maybe, like Buzz Lightyear who mistakenly believed his wings would carry him to infinity and beyond, Disney will realize that forcing extremist values and ideals upon its customers simply will not fly.

*Dr. Richard D. Kocur is an assistant professor of business at Grove City College. He specializes in marketing and business strategy and has over 25 years of experience in the healthcare industry.* ★

# What is the California Climate Credit?

*California Public Utilities  
Commission  
News Release*

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Deputy Clerk  
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 2022F-078

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

**River City  
Landscape Services**  
3777 Arcano Avenue  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
1) Craig David Chapman  
3777 Arcano Avenue  
Olivehurst, 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:  
**Craig D. Chapman**  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Yuba  
on March 21, 2022, indicated  
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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
By **NELY WILLIAMS,**  
Deputy Clerk  
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 2022F-099

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

**Norcal Physicians  
Billing Services**  
1556 Hickory Ln.  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
1) Rachel Munday  
1556 Hickory Ln.  
Olivehurst, 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:  
**Rachel Munday**  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Yuba  
on April 7, 2022, indicated  
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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
By **NELY WILLIAMS,**  
Deputy Clerk  
April 15, 22, 29, May 6,  
2022

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)  
CASE NUMBER: 22CV00163  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(Aviso al Demandado): CALIFORNIA SECURITY SERVICES,  
INC., dba ELITE UNIVERSAL SECURITY, KYLE MASON  
STONE, MONTY D. HECKER, and DOES 1-10.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:  
(Lo esta Demandando el Demandante):  
**EMILY WILKIE, DAVID GARNER.**

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against  
you without your being heard unless you respond within 30  
days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal  
papers are served on you to file a written response at this court  
and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call  
will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper  
legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may  
be a court form that you can use for your response. You can  
find these forms and more information at the California Courts  
Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your  
county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot  
pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If  
you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case  
by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken  
without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call  
an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you  
may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot  
afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services  
from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these  
nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site  
(www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self -  
Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting  
your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has  
a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement  
or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The  
court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO: Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de  
30 dias. la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su  
version. Lea le informacion a continuacion.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le en-  
treguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una  
respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue  
una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefon-  
ica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar  
en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en  
la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda  
usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de  
la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes  
de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la bibiloteca de leyes  
de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no  
puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la  
corte que le de un formulario de exen- cion de pago de cuotas.  
Si no presenta su resuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por  
incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y  
bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame  
a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abagado,  
puede llamar a un servicio de remision e abogados. Si no  
puede pagar a un abogado es posible que cumpla con los re-  
quisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un pro-  
grama de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encon-  
trar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de Cali-  
fornia Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de  
Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.su- corte.ca.gov) o  
poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados  
locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las  
cuotas y los costos extentos por im- poner un gravamen sobre  
cualquier recuperacion de

\$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o  
una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene  
que papar al gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda  
desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direc-  
cion de la corte es):

**BUTTE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**  
North Butte County Courthouse  
1775 Concord Avenue  
Chico, CA 95928

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's  
at- torney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la  
direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demand-  
ante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

**Adam Sorrells, Law Office of Adam Sorrells**  
60 Independence Circle, Suite 100  
Chico, CA 95973  
(530) 893-9900

DATE (Fecha): 1/27/2022  
Sharif Elmallah, Clerk (Secretario),  
by A. Snow, Deputy (Adjunto)  
(TD) April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES

(Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)

To: **Kyle Mason Stone**

Plaintiff: **David Garner**

seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:

1. General damages	Amount
Pain, suffering, and inconvenience	\$ 500,000.00
Loss of consortium	\$ 300,000.00
2. Special damages	
Medical expenses (to date)	\$ 3,653.88
Future medical expenses (present value)	\$ According to Proof
Loss of earnings (to date)	\$ 2,231.20
Loss of future earning capacity (present value)	\$ According to Proof

To: **Kyle Mason Stone**

Plaintiff: **Emily Wilkie**

seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:

1. General damages	Amount
Pain, suffering, and inconvenience	\$ 5,000,000.00
Loss of consortium	\$ 300,000.00
2. Special damages	
Medical expenses (to date)	\$ 45,804.75
Future medical expenses (present value)	\$ According to Proof
Loss of earnings (to date)	\$ 5,071.65
of future earning capacity (present value)	\$ According to Proof

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 2022F-088

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

**Munchy Dogs**  
2005 Ahern Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
1) Marcos Gil de Lamadrid  
2005 Ahern Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
2) Sofia Gil de Lamadrid  
2005 Ahern Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
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 informa-  
tion in this statement is true  
and correct).

Signed:  
**Sofia Gil de Lamadrid**  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Yuba  
on March 10, 2022, indicated  
by file stamp.

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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
By **NELY WILLIAMS**  
Deputy Clerk  
April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 2022F-077

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

**BOBKAT MEDIA  
PRODUCTIONS**  
5300 Aspen Way  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
1) Robert B. Kelley  
5300 Aspen Way  
Olivehurst, 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:  
**Robert B. Kelley**  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Yuba  
on March 18, 2022, indicated  
by file stamp.

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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
By **SARAH MULL,**  
Deputy Clerk  
Mar. 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
OF ABANDONMENT  
FILE NO. 2022 F-081

The fictitious business name  
referred to in this  
Statement of Abandonment  
was filed in Yuba County, CA  
on: 03-22-2022 FBN Filing  
Number: 2022F-081:

**AE Land Management**  
9500 Buena Vista Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901  
Yuba County

1) Adam James Ekberg  
9500 Buena Vista Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901  
This business is conducted  
by an individual.

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

Signed:  
**Adam Ekberg**  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Yuba  
on April 6, 2022, indicated  
by file stamp.

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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
By **NELY WILLIAMS**  
Deputy Clerk  
April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 2022F-063

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

**Grace & Thistle**  
9775 Evans Way  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
County of Yuba  
1) Holly Tholcke  
9775 Evans Way  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
2) Brittney Timmons  
1305 Capell Valley Road,  
Unit A  
Napa, CA 94558

This business is conduct-  
ed by a general partnership.

The registrant com-  
menced to transact business  
under the fictitious business  
name or names listed above  
on 3/1/2022.

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

Signed:  
**Robert Myers**  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Yuba  
on March 3, 2022, indicated  
by file stamp.

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**DONNA HILLEGASS,**  
County Clerk  
By **MANDY LUIS,**  
Deputy Clerk  
Mar. 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2022

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# District Attorneys Announce Settlement with PG&E

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penalties. The DAs noted that the maximum criminal fines possible in the Dixie Fire, where thankfully no one died, was only \$329,417. The civil contributions, penalties and payouts established for PG&E in the settlement judgment will instead be in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

The DAs also expressed appreciation for PG&E’s good-faith cooperation in the settlement process noting the company’s behavior and safety practices seem to be improving under its new leadership. Additionally, the DAs felt the required five-year independent DA safety monitor will give assurances to the public that PG&E will live up to its promises.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey noted that although Butte County lost no structures in the Dixie Fire, he was pleased that PG&E suggested and agreed to the “Direct Payments for Community Recovery Framework” portion of the stipulated Judgment, which will allow for rapid payments to “our neighbors to the east” who lost their homes. Ramsey said the North State DAs were concerned that protracted litigation could prolong and delay payments – a situation many Camp Fire victims are still enduring due to the PG&E bankruptcy. “This settlement avoids both a bankruptcy and inordinate delay for the Dixie Fire homeowners and renters

– particularly those without insurance.”

Ramsey said although he agreed that PG&E has made significant progress in safety efforts, the settlement will accelerate and cement those efforts. (Such as making detailed inspections of transmission towers mandatory every year rather than the pre-Camp Fire practice of approximately every five years.)

Ramsey said he was particularly adamant that PG&E agree to an independent safety monitor that would check on PG&E’s safety practices and promises with “experts in the various fields.” This independent safety monitor reports directly to the District Attorneys, Ramsey said. The engineering firm

selected to be the DA safety monitor already has extensive experience with monitoring PG&E through the federal monitor program recently ended. Ramsey said the selected engineering firm is also working with the CPUC in a separate monitoring program of PG&E. The DA safety monitor contract, paid for by PG&E, is much more extensive than the CPUC program. The DA safety monitor will have actual “boots on the ground” monitoring. Ramsey said, quoting Ronald Reagan, that the required independent safety monitor is important to the DAs promise to their communities to “trust, but verify” PG&E’s ongoing commitment to safety. ★

# Women’s Boating Clinic to be held April 23

## Yuba County Press Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Can you tell your starboard from your transom?

A clinic for area women interested in learning basic boating skills will be hosted by the Yuba County Sheriff’s Department Marine Enforcement Division on Saturday, April 23. Participants will learn about boat launching, operating, and recovery from the water.

The free training will cover a variety of topics including water safety, boating nomenclature, knot tying, required boating equipment, techniques for backing up a boat and

trailer, laws and boating rules, and common boating do’s and don’ts.

The April 23 clinic will be held at the Yuba County Sheriff’s Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sheriff’s Department conference room, located at 720 Yuba Street in Marysville. A truck and two boats will be available in the parking area for trailering practice. Cone patterns will be set up to simulate boat ramp backing and parking.

Women interested in participating should register by contacting the Yuba County Sheriff’s Department Marine Enforcement Division at 749-7737 or by emailing: dharris@co.yuba.ca.us ★

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## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: Linda Ann Gonzales, PETITIONER CASE NUMBER: CVPT 22-00196. AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:  
May 16, 2022  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Linda Ann Gonzales filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Linda Ann Gonzales  
to: Tiffanie Ann Russell

**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: March 30, 2022

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2022.

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NATHAN EMANUEL BOYD, JR. aka NATHAN E. BOYD, JR. Case NO. PRPB22-00048

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **NATHAN EMANUEL BOYD, JR. aka NATHAN E. BOYD, JR..**

**A Petition for Probate has** been filed by: BENJAMIN D. BOYD in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): BENJAMIN D. BOYD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.**

**If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

**If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either **(1) four** months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate code, or **(2) 60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

**Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.**

**You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for Petitioner:** ALBERT K. MARTIN, ESQ.  
P.O. Box 30, San Mateo, CA 94401  
**Phone No.:** 650-342-6315  
**PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH:**  
**April 15, 22, 29, 2022**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Beale Mini Storage 5987 Redburn Ave, Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the “California Self Service Storage Facilities Act”, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. on the premises where said property has been in storage at North Beale Mini Storage 5987 Redburn Ave, Marysville, CA 95901. All bidders must sign in at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901. If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, personal items, furniture, etc. belonging to the following:

Name  
Robert Scott

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH only. All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be paid for and removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. 530-634-9781 (4/8/22 & 4/15/22)

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022F-060

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

**A&E Cleaning and Hauling Services**  
1745 Cattail Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
1) Edwin D. Baker  
1745 Cattail Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901  
2) Addison Vaughn  
750 Sereno Drive  
Vallejo, CA 94589

This business is conducted by co-partners.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/28/2022.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:  
**Edwin Baker**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on March 10, 2022, indicated by file stamp.  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Mar. 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2022

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022F-074

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

**SAMAR SMOKE SHOP**  
402 E Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
1) Abdullah Sharif  
498 Ramos Avenue  
Hayward, CA 94544

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:  
**Abdullah Sharif**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on April 4, 2022, indicated by file stamp.  
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).  
DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2022

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022F-074

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

**Back to Balance Wellness**  
9230 Marysville Road  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
County of Yuba  
1) Back to Balance Wellness

9230 Marysville Road  
Oregon House, CA 95962  
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:  
**Karin U. Day**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on March 15, 2022, indicated by file stamp.  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Mar. 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2022

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022F-061

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

**JAH Just Aim High Fashions**  
1745 Cattail Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of Yuba  
1) LaTara Baker  
1745 Cattail Drive  
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 02/01/2021.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:  
**LaTara Baker**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on March 10, 2022, indicated by file stamp.  
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DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Mar. 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2022

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave, Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the “California Self Service Storage Facilities Act”, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been in storage at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901, telephone 530-634-9781. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, personal items, furniture, etc. belonging to the following:

Name  
Joseph Mendoza  
Neal Hoffman  
Mandy Baggs  
Dwayne Tilson  
Joseph Bright  
Cory Butler

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH only. All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Auctioneer Joan Hilbers, Bond# W150153447 (4/8/22 & 4/15/22)

# Community Events

**OLIVEHURST VFW POST 4095  
BINGO 6 pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
4965 Powerline Road, Olivehurst. Info: 530-777-9057**

**Hilltop Gang Breakfast, Second Sunday of the Month at Brownsville Community Center downstairs on Ponderosa Way. Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice and peaches. Choice of ham or sausage. Choice of pancakes, french toast or biscuits and gravy. Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$4, 3 & under Free.**

**RETROSPECTIVE OF STAN GELLING’S WORK • MAY 7 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Center of the Arts, 624 E Street, Marysville. Sponsored by Yuba County Historical Resources Commission and Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture. Refreshments will be served. People are encouraged to bring their own Stan Gelling memorabilia to share.**

**DOBBINS FARMERS MARKET  
9761 Marysville Road, Dobbins  
open every Saturday 10 am to 2 pm. Come hungry always a lunch special**

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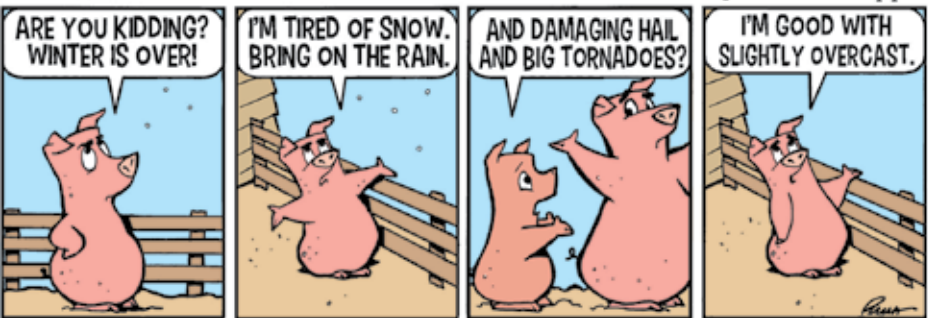




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by Dave T. Phipps



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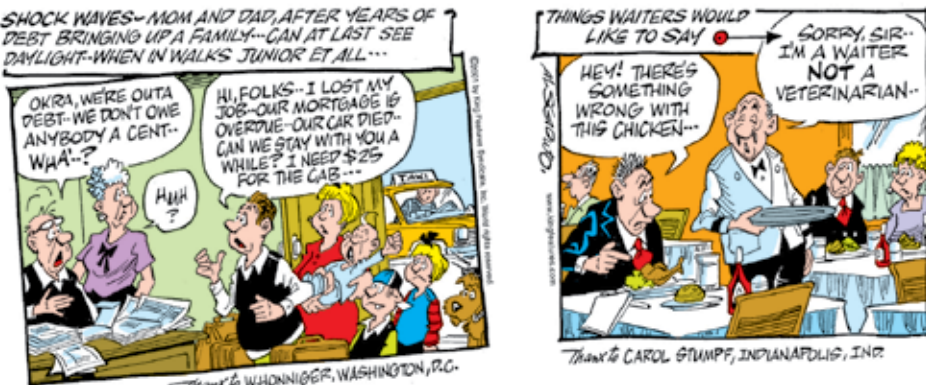
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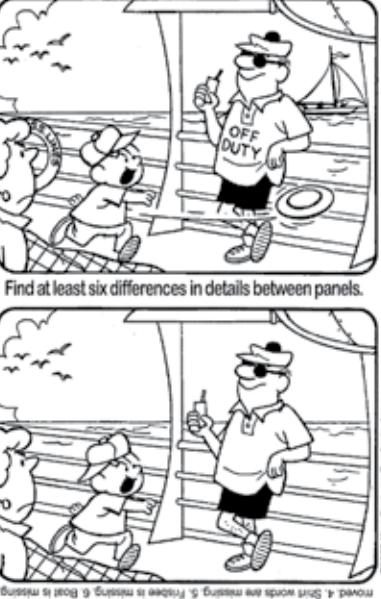
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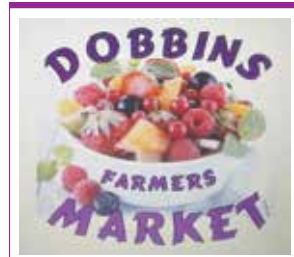


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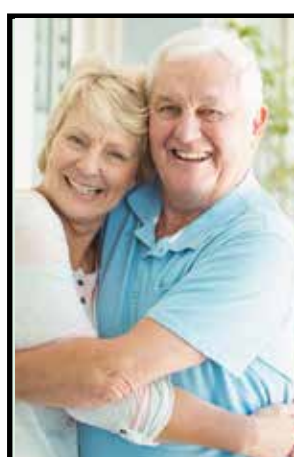
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# The Impact of Empty Desks

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had to seek other jobs when businesses closed during the pandemic. Others left more recently, as the state began enforcing masking rules and issuing vaccine mandates.

“It’s tough to do exit interviews, but our takeaway is that people left because of jobs,” McFadden said. “Or they left because private schools weren’t enforcing mask mandates.”

According to state data, Nevada Joint Union High’s enrollment was stable before the pandemic at around 2,800 students. As of Friday, McFadden said, enrollment is at 2,605. He said he lost 197 students since the school year started, which translates to more than \$2 million in lost funding.

“Declining enrollment cannot be fixed,” he said. “I think we have to recognize that declining enrollment is part of broader demographic trends that are happening in our state.”

State leaders are floating measures to lessen the pain of declining enrollment.

In his proposed budget, Gov. Gavin Newsom said he would allow school districts to use a three-year average attendance rate to calculate next year’s funding. This could be a substantial help, especially because attendance at most schools plummeted during this year’s omicron surge.

State Sen. Anthony Portantino, a Democrat from Glendale, authored Senate Bill 830, which would pay districts based on enrollment rather than attendance.

While the policy debate over enrollment versus attendance-based funding has been ongoing for years, Portantino said this is the right time to make the change because of the state’s surplus and the acute crisis of plummeting attendance and enrollment. “School districts have to budget based on enrollment,” Portantino said. “It makes no sense to penalize them if you have absences throughout the year.”

Under his proposal, districts would still be funded based on attendance but could apply for additional money based on enrollment. The bill would require that districts use 30% of the additional funding to address chronic absenteeism.

While these proposals might ease the fiscal effects of ebbing enrollments, district leaders still don’t have a clear picture of why so many students are leaving. And they feel powerless to reverse the trend.

“Schools have been reacting to a public health crisis and trying to keep their lights on, so when kids disappear there’s not a lot of capacity to chase them down and see what happened,” said Snider, the lobbyist. “But I think that’s going to be a big focus as we climb out of this.”

# Tea Party Patriots Hosts Town Hall for Sheriffs



Yuba County Sheriff Wendell Anderson (left) and Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes (right), flank Larry Virga (Center) of the Feather River Tea Party Patriots. Photo by Brenna Bontrager

By Brenna Bontrager

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - On Monday, April 4th, the Feather River Tea Party Patriots hosted a town hall meeting at the Crossroads Community Church in Yuba City. Sheriff Brandon Barnes of Sutter County and Sheriff Wendell Anderson of Yuba County met with Tea Party members and local citizens to discuss various community safety issues, ranging from disaster preparedness to staffing at the local jails.

Both Sheriffs have local roots and were elected in 2015. Since then, the two have had the shared goal of maintaining safety while at the same time protecting their constituents’ constitutional rights. A priority that The Feather River Tea Party Patriots believe in firmly. This was especially crucial at the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic. The two communicated daily and did their best to follow safety precautions without creating undue burdens. “We had to step up and we had to, probably more than we expected, work hard to protect, you know, everyone’s rights and honor the oath that we took.” Said Barnes

Many of the locals present shared their concerns regarding crime, homelessness, and drug use. The Sheriffs are in the process of filling multiple positions in the law enforcement and corrections departments, and Sutter County has recently added a motorcycle officer to its police force. Yuba County has made it a priority to monitor homeless encampments and deal with the issue of homelessness. “The push has been in the river bottoms and move some homeless people to where we think they should be...” explained Anderson.

During the evening, individuals had the chance to share concerns and ask questions of Barnes and Anderson. Most questions were regarding public safety, although some participants had questions about COVID restrictions, such as the legalities of requiring masks in public spaces in 55 plus communities. Both Anderson and Barnes expressed their commitment to working with their communities to make them safe and financially stable.

For more information on the Feather River Tea Party Patriots please visit their website [www.featherriverteapartypatriots.ning.com](http://www.featherriverteapartypatriots.ning.com)

# Large Amount of Methamphetamine and Firearm Located after Vehicle Collision

California Highway Patrol Press Release

YUBA-SUTTER AREA, CA (MPG) - On March 27, 2022 at approximately 8:09 am, Valdez was involved in a solo vehicle collision on Forty Mile Road north of Plumas Arboga Road. A witness told the responding officer that the driver (Valdez) left the scene and walked to the Rocktane gas station at the Hard Rock Casino. The officer located Valdez, who was injured, at the Rocktane. Valdez was in possession of a backpack which he hurriedly tried to give to a female. The officer seized the backpack. Inside the backpack was a loaded 9mm polymer pistol with no external markings on it. This firearm meets the California

definition of a “ghost gun”. Valdez had approximately 50 grams of methamphetamine and various burglary tools in the backpack. Numerous hypodermic needles, plastic baggies, a scale, four cell phones, glass pipes for smoking methamphetamine, and two bottles of prescription pills he was not prescribed to have were also seized.

Valdez was arrested for the following charges; 25850(a) PC - Carrying loaded firearm, 29800(a)(1) PC - Addict with firearm, 11350 HS - Possess controlled substance, 11351 HS - Possess controlled substance for sale, 11378 HS - Possess methamphetamine for sale, 11364(a) HS - Possess drug paraphernalia, 466 PC - Possess burglary tools, and 20002(a) VC - Hit-and run collision.

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