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## Weighing Job Risks



Roxanna Torres prepares a to-go order at Baker & Commons in Berkeley on Jan. 19, 2022. Experts recommend wearing N95 masks in indoor work settings. Photo by Martin do Nascimento/CALMatters

By Ana B. Ibarra,  
CALMatters.org

Look no further than your favorite restaurant, your kid's school or your local hospital to see the effect of California's latest bout of infections.

Cases have skyrocketed since the holidays, reaching nearly 7 million people infected since the pandemic began. That means so many workers are calling in sick that many businesses and offices are left understaffed and fellow workers are stretched thin.

Health officials are walking a fine line between keeping essential services and the economy afloat and controlling the spread of the virus. But a labor shortage has noticeably influenced national and state COVID-19 policies — even temporarily allowing for health care employees to continue working despite a positive test as long as they

feel no symptoms and wear an N95 respirator. These guidelines have prompted questions about safety and whether public health is being jeopardized.

Since the start of the pandemic, California's top officials have been adamant that the state's COVID-19 response is based on science. But these policies also have to be flexible, Gov. Gavin Newsom recently told reporters. "It's called dealing with reality," the governor said in defense of recent health workplace guidelines during his Jan. 10 budget briefing. "The pragmatism — not what you want, but what you need to do at a time of challenge."

Experts note that the virus and the pandemic environment are fast-changing, and policies in response have to adjust quickly. But labor needs and politics aside, when it comes to returning safely to work, what are experts and research

telling us about omicron? When is it safe for an infected employee to return to work and how dangerous is it to shorten that period? What if you have no symptoms? And what should your employer be doing to keep you and your coworkers safe? Here's what you need to know.

A red flag with omicron is that early research suggests that the incubation period — the time between when one becomes infected and when one starts to show symptoms — is shorter with this variant — about three days, compared to the four to five days of earlier strains. Usually, the day before symptoms start and the day symptoms appear are when people are the most infectious, said Sanghyuk Shin, director of UC Irvine's infectious disease science initiative.

That means people can become

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## Utilities Join to Support Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Network

California Utilities  
Press Release

SACRAMENTO CA (MPG)

- During a virtual event with Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, the California Electric Transportation Coalition and California utilities announced a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support a California Regional Charging Network. The MOU encourages cooperation and leadership amongst the California utilities to build out a regional network of chargers in support of California's ambitious goals to electrify the transportation sectors in California.

The MOU was signed by the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP), Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and Southern California Edison (SCE), with additional utilities planning to join soon.

The MOU encourages cooperation and leadership in support of electric cars and trucks traveling along key corridors in California and beyond to reduce pollution, protect public health, advance equity, and support access to electric cars and trucks for all Californians.

"We're proud to support a partnership that aims to maximize EV infrastructure throughout the state," said Paul Lau, CEO, and general manager of SMUD. "We recognize that achieving the state's emission reduction goals will take a collective effort and we're happy to be aligned with utilities and municipalities that support that effort. Creating clean travel corridors throughout the state benefits everyone, especially our disadvantaged residents who disproportionately live near these corridors. We hope that this MOU will support the purchase and use of EVs while bolstering the confidence of drivers who move about our state."

"Providing the infrastructure needed to support widespread electric vehicle adoption is critical to breaking down one of the biggest barriers to EV adoption," said Pedro J. Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International,

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## Bob Bagley to Run for Yuba County Fifth District Supervisor

Bagley for Yuba  
County Supervisor

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Thirty-three-year Loma Rica resident, Bob Bagley, will run for Yuba County Supervisor, District 5. The incumbent, Randy Fletcher, has announced he will not be seeking a third term, and is endorsing Bagley for the seat.

"Our District is truly blessed that a person with Bob's integrity and background is willing to step up and lead," said Fletcher. "He is passionate about fire risk reduction, broadband expansion, flood prevention and so many other vital issues to our residents. Bob will be a phenomenal supervisor."

Now retired, Bob has over 40 years of retail management experience including 10 years running Target stores, and 12 years running Michael's Arts & Crafts stores,



Bob Bagley, candidate for Yuba County Supervisor, District 5. Courtesy photo

throughout California and Nevada. Highlights of his career include opening the Michael's store in Yuba City, being named Michael's California stores "Manager of the Year," and fulfilling a special assignment as

District Manager overseeing 10 stores.

"I've successfully managed large business operations for decades, and I am excited to apply my private industry experience to running the County," said

Bagley. "I will be focused on leadership and management training, creating a culture of customer service, and controlling payroll and operational expenses."

Locally, Bob served on the Yuba-Sutter United Way board for two years and the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce board for three years.

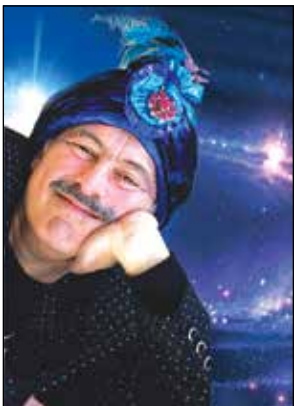
"We have all worked hard to be able to live in this part of Yuba County, and I will work hard to represent the people of the 5th District, protect our property rights, improve our quality of life, and keep the country," said Bagley.

Bob, and his wife Marcy, will celebrate their 50-year wedding anniversary in August. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and a dog named Bali.

Bob can be reached at (530) 443-3043, bob@bagleys.us, and facebook.com/bagley4supervisor. ★



# Swami Beyondananda Returns to the Historic Nevada Theatre



The uplifting Swami Beyondananda returns to the historic Nevada Theatre in Nevada City, California for an evening of cosmic comedy on Saturday, February 12. Photo provided by Paul Emery Music

## Paul Emery Music Press Release

**NEVADA CITY, CA (MPG)** - In these serious times – where there’s definitely something funny going on – laughter keeps us sane. This heart-opening, mind-expanding, funny and insightful comedy to be performed on Saturday, February 12th will help you wake up laughing – and provide plenty of “aha’s” in the wake of the ha-ha’s.

For more than 35 years, Steve Bhaerman in the guise of Swami Beyondananda has been a fount of comedy disguised

as wisdom – or is it wisdom disguised as comedy? Noted author Marianne Williamson has called him “the Mark Twain of our times” because the comedy isn’t just hilariously funny, but also offers sharp social commentary and spiritual perspective.

“It is true that the unexamined life is not worth living and equally true that the unlive life is not worth examining.” – Swami Beyondananda

Billed as “one of the biggest names in comedy” (“Beyondananda” alone has 12 letters), Swami keeps the audience in hysterics with his mixture of word play, seriously funny political and spiritual commentary, and playful silliness.

Having spent two years in the material world since his last appearance in Nevada City, the Swami has plenty of new material – including a few musical surprises.

Oh, and he’s the only guru to channel both Elvis AND Bullwinkle – and at the same time yet! And ... unlike so many spiritual teachers who expect to be followed without questioning, the Swami

invites questions from the audience. If you have an answerable question for the Swami, he will have a questionable answer for you!

And then, in part two of the program, you’ll have a chance to meet Swami’s alter ego Steve Bhaerman. In addition to being a funny guy in his own right, Steve has also authored a “serious” book with cellular biologist Bruce Lipton. Spontaneous Evolution: Our Positive Future and a Way to Get There From Here, has been translated into 26 languages, and has been called “world-changing” by both Deepak Chopra and political commentator Thom Hartmann. If you’re curious about how one becomes a cosmic comic swami, or the ins and outs of transformational comedy, you’ll have a chance to sit down with Steve and ask him questions as well. You’ll laugh ... you’ll learn ... you’ll laugh again.

“A little peace here, a little peace there, and pretty soon all the little peaces will fit together to make one big peace everywhere.” – Swami Beyondananda ★

# Paul Emery’s Nevada City LIVE! Presents Mariee Sioux and Aaron Ross

## Paul Emery Music Press Release

**NEVADA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Nevada County songwriters Mariee Sioux Sobonya and Aaron Ross bring solo sets to the refurbished Nevada Theatre.

Mariee Sioux Sobonya was born on the Humboldt coast in Arcata, California. When she was 2 her family moved to the Sierra Nevada foothills in the Yuba River watershed in Northern California, to pursue their dream of farming and living off the land. She was raised on their small farm whose surrounding lands were formerly occupied by the Nisenan people before the cultural and environmental decimation that occurred at the hands of expansionist migrants and settlers during the gold rush and has come to be known as Nevada City.

Mariee grew up surrounded and deeply touched by music – often going to bluegrass festivals and listening to her father’s bluegrass band – but held no particular personal musical ambitions. However, she taught herself to play the guitar at 18 while volunteering at a school for Mapuche children in Patagonia, Argentina, and wrote her first songs here while taking refuge from the Patagonia winds indoors. She continued finger picking and writing songs and made two home-recorded albums purely at the urging of friends. In 2007 she released her first studio album, Faces in the Rocks, on which she collaborated with Native American flautist Gentle Thunder and which achieved a dedicated cult following that would propel her career to this day. She began touring Europe as well as North America and has continued ever since.

Mariee Sioux has learned to more consciously embrace her role in the old and new tradition of healer-singers who have always helped hold the human social fabric together. Through music she attempts



Nevada County songwriters Mariee Sioux Sobonya and Aaron Ross bring solo sets to the refurbished Nevada Theatre on Friday, February 11 as part of Paul Emery’s Nevada City LIVE! concert series. Photo: Paul Emery Music

to fill a cultural void left by severed connections to her mixed Polish, Hungarian, and Native American heritages and to thereby address the broader cultural voids felt by Americans today. She does this “with hopes of enticing the sacred work of grief back into our lives from the exile American society has placed it in” – and this is evident in her most recent album Grief in Exile.

The songs continue to come to Mariee Sioux, and her approach as a singer continues to mature. The flowing melodies and quivering vibrato of her voice, as well as the poetry itself, continue to locate themselves and their work with a more solidly grounded precision as to just what that work is. Her most recent songs most deeply reflect this clarity of vision and acceptance of both her role as an artist and the endless need for that role in this changing world. Mariee Sioux brings us back to the child and the grandmother in ourselves, in a time in which it has never been more needed – and she intends to keep it up as long as she has a voice.

Aaron Ross has been a force for eclecticism since his time with math rock band Hella (with Zach Hill of Deathgrips and Spencer Seim of sBACH and The Advantage), and his solo trajectory has reflected a constant drive for innovation since his first release, The Hallelujah Side in 2003. His musical path is almost schizophrenic in its complexity, uncompromising

innovation, and drive to involve more nuance, layers and mystery with each successive release. But the man himself has eschewed the spotlight to some extent. Impose Magazine calls him ‘bugged out in a backwoods way...’ and indeed his catalog vacillates in and out of the deeply organic blues-folk of the Sierra Foothills, and the very synthetic, playful and even absurd, here reminiscent of Mick Jagger, there warbling esoteric in the vein of fellow Nevada City native Joanna Newsom.

Each track is a contemplative journey complete with a beginning, climax and finale. Ross’ tenor voice, always unwavering, leads the way as tumultuous drums juxtapose with spry cello melodies on the opening track “Pass the Peace Pipe.” On “Looking Glass Mass”, a folk romp that could easily be passed down from one generation to the next provides a lighthearted undercurrent to powerful words on the simplicity of life: “You can laugh and you can cry but everybody still must die.” Charged words of freedom and spirituality take the spotlight on “Mississippi Burnin”, as a guitar lullaby summons the listener closer before culminating into an all-out jam. The album’s finale, “Speak the Truth”, showcases Ross’ remarkable vocal agility and leaves the listener with a resounding message on humanity.

For more information visit [www.aaronross.bandcamp.com](http://www.aaronross.bandcamp.com) or [www.marieesioux.bandcamp.com](http://www.marieesioux.bandcamp.com) ★

# Tea Party Patriots to Host Guest Speaker Lt. Scott Bennett

## Feather River Tea Party Patriots News Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced Lt. Scott Bennett, former U.S. Army Special Operations Officer and Psychological Warfare Analyst, will be the Guest Speaker at their next meeting, Monday, February 7, 2022.

In 2011, Lt. Scott Bennett, former U.S. Army Special Operations Officer and Psychological Warfare Analyst, worked in the highest levels of counterterrorism, intelligence, and politics in Washington DC. After filing intelligence analysis reports exposing illegal terrorist finance corruption and money-laundering operations involving the Clinton Foundation, the law firm Covington and Burling, the Department of Justice (Eric Holder, Lanny Breuer, Loretta Lynch, Kevin Downing), Saudi Arabia-Qatar and the Muslim Brotherhood, US Central Command, and the international defense contractor, Booz Allen Hamilton, Lt. Bennett was threatened and imprisoned on trumped-up charges by the Obama administration.

Lt. Bennett exposed “domestic enemies” who had subverted the U.S. Constitution and betrayed the American people. It was in the traumatic silence of jail and agony of isolation that he was able to synthesize his past work, contacts, experience, and intelligence research to discover the real story behind Booz Allen Hamilton, the Carlyle Group, and the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and give the American people the truth they always suspected.

The compilation of reports and letters to Congress and intelligence materials (unclassified) is told in his book “SHELL GAME.”

Autographed copies of his book will be available at the meeting. Contact info available at: [www.shellgamewhistleblower.com](http://www.shellgamewhistleblower.com).

Lt. Bennett has been a frequent visitor to the White House and various trips to the Middle East, including Iran. He worked with General Michael Flynn’s team and others in Washington DC examining the evidence and affidavits from technical experts who provided proof of not only election fraud, but of treason, espionage, and cyber warfare attacks. The materials provided by military personnel, cryptologists, attorneys, and analysts prove beyond any doubt the November 3, 2020, election was a corrupt fraud and act of high treason. He sat down with experts over several weeks and saw amazing things, documents, videos, and other materials that both enraged and nauseated him. So damaging were the materials they were analyzing, the CIA hacked into their phones and computers, planted microphones, set up “honey traps,” and broke into their hotel rooms searching for their evidence. As a result, they were moved around to different hotels every few days surrounded by Navy SEALs, U.S. Marshalls, and Special Forces soldiers. Lt. Bennett will discuss world geopolitical, economic, military, and intelligence operations and events. There is no membership requirement to attend, and everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 pm; meeting begins promptly at 6:30 pm. Come early to register, socialize with like-minded patriots, and get a good seat.

The meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2022, at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City, CA.

Contact Larry or Carla at (530) 755-4409. ★

# Let Me Call You Sweetheart



We are celebrating grandparents in a special way this Valentine’s Day with some fun musical activities and a little extra love. Join us for a FREE virtual sing-along, dance-along, play-along Valentine Music Party especially for grandparents and grandchildren ages 6 months – 7 years. Please go to <https://agentcarla.com/events> for more information and to register for the event or call the hostess: Carla Shryock, 530-566-5085. A Zoom link will be sent once registration is received.

Event: Let Me Call You Sweetheart  
Date: February 17, 2022  
Time: 10:00-11:00 AM



# Sutter County One Stop Announces Construction and Union Job Fair

## Sutter County Superintendent of Schools

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Sutter County One Stop is excited to announce we will be hosting a Construction & Union Job Fair. This will be an in-person hiring event, held on February, 9 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please keep an eye out for announcements regarding which employers will be in attendance.

The event will be held at Boyd Hall located at 1895 Lassen Blvd.,

Yuba City, CA 95993.

“This is a great opportunity for people to see who is hiring in one of the fastest growing industries,” says Jennie McCullough, Business Workforce Specialist at the Sutter County One Stop. “Local unions will also be in attendance so people can learn how to obtain the skills and training needed for these occupations.”

Attendees must have a CalJOBS account prior to attending the event. Create an account at CalJOBS If assistance is needed creating the account, please

stop by the Sutter County One Stop located at 950 Sharp Road #1000, Yuba City, CA 95993 or call (530) 822-5120 ext. 3068.

Sign up today so you can meet with the local recruiters and decision makers who are hiring right now! Please register to attend the event at Construction & Union Job Fair

*The Sutter County One Stop provides unlimited employment opportunities and services to job seekers to build a quality workforce. Learn more at [www.sutteronestop.com](http://www.sutteronestop.com)* ★

# Sheriff Seeks Known Felon for Possession of Firearms



Victor Alvarez

## Sutter County Sheriff’s Department

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - On January 15, 2022, Sutter County Sheriff’s Deputies

and Detectives served a search warrant in the 3000 block of Nuestro Road, Live Oak after SCSO deputies obtained information regarding possible firearms in a residence with a known felon. During the search an AR15 rifle was located with no serial numbers, a handgun with no serial numbers, and 30 round magazines.

The search warrant was for 31-year-old, Live Oak resident Victor Alvarez and his residence, who was not present during the

search warrant. Alvarez was contacted by Sutter County Sheriff’s Deputies, via phone. Alvarez advised he wanted to speak to a lawyer before turning himself in. A bail bonds company called and advised Alvarez was going to turn himself in, but that never occurred.

SCSO deputies have field for an arrest warrant with the Sutter County District Attorney’s Office on Alvarez for numerous charges including felon in possession of a firearm. ★



# State to Receive \$850 Million in Initial Funding for Bridges

## Caltrans Press Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Following the Federal Highway Administration's news on the largest federal investment ever made to upgrade bridges, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California will receive nearly \$850 million in initial funding for the five-year bridge repair program.

"With more than 26,000 bridges in California – including some of the busiest and most iconic in the nation – we thank the Biden-Harris Administration for this historic investment to make our bridges more resilient and create thousands of good-paying, middle class jobs for Californians," said Governor Newsom.

California will receive \$849.4 million this fiscal year – more than double the amount of any other state – and an estimated total of \$4.2 billion over five years, to address highway bridge needs. Caltrans and local transportation agencies will target the funds to improve the nearly 1,500 bridges rated in "poor" condition in the state.

Caltrans inspects every bridge in California at least every two years, and these inspectors rate bridges "good," "fair," or "poor" based on issues such as cracks, concrete loss, and the need to repaint. Bridges are prioritized for maintenance based on their condition. A poor rating – while not an indication that the bridge is unsound – signals the need to prioritize the bridge's maintenance.

The bridge formula program announced today represents the largest federal investment ever made in fixing bridges – dedicating \$26.5 billion to states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico over the five years of the law and \$825 million for Tribal transportation facilities. Nationwide, the program is expected to help repair approximately 15,000 bridges. In addition to providing funds to state highway bridges, the bridge formula program includes dedicated funding for Tribal transportation facility bridges and "off-system" bridges owned by a county, city, or other local agency.

On Monday, January 14, 2022, Governor Newsom unveiled his 2022-2023 budget – The California Blueprint – which includes major investments in transportation and infrastructure. The Blueprint proposes a nearly \$15 billion investment in California's transportation and infrastructure, funding programs and projects that will create thousands of new jobs, advance our climate and public health goals, and competitively position the state to pursue significant federal investment through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and other federal funding programs. The Blueprint also proposes billions to address supply chain congestion and accelerate the transition to zero-emission vehicles. With these investments, the state aims to significantly reduce pollution while supporting climate resiliency projects and accelerating the transition to cleaner transportation, including zero-emission vehicles. Additionally, it initiates projects to improve rail and transit services, connect more communities, and enhance safety for multiple modes of transportation.

The federal bridge funding announced today will further the progress California has made with Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, which provides approximately \$5 billion in transportation funding annually split between the state and local agencies through 2027. Caltrans has advanced repairs and upgrades to California's transportation system, including to the state's bridges. With the funding from SB 1, the department repairs an average of 221 bridges annually—an 85 percent increase compared to pre-SB 1 levels. By 2027, Caltrans will have repaired at least 500 more bridges than it would have without SB 1 funding.

More information on what the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will mean for California is available on a fact sheet from the U.S. Department of Transportation at [www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2021-11/Bipartisan\\_Infrastructure\\_Law\\_California.pdf](http://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2021-11/Bipartisan_Infrastructure_Law_California.pdf). ★

# Surviving the Pandemic

## From the Info-Center

Well, another year working through the pandemic. We are all working hard on putting 2021 behind... and focusing on 2022. Praying that soon some sort of normalcy will come our way.

The "Info-Center" opened its doors the 4th of July right in the beginnings of this COVID surge. The "Info-Center" for those who still aren't familiar with its concept. It's your One-Stop-Reference and Referral Center. Inside the venue is information on services being offered throughout the area.

The "Info-Center" features for your enjoyment a bit of History, Art, and Cultural. We act on helping you and servicing you, where we strive on "Making Time for You" with a positive outlook, and finally our

goal, that we direct you in the right direction.

We continue to stay open assisting individuals during the pandemic. A Special thanks to Yuba County and their Y.E.S. team, we house and supply the mask and sterilization lotion for the businesses and merchants during this period.

To all that might be reading this, and as we try to move forward, let's take some time out to shop and eat local, visit and chat with many of the businesses, that are hanging on, they need your support.

Get out and enjoy our community. Volunteer, join a club or organization, give back to your community. Attend a meeting "Focus on Marysville" and "Marysville Business Alliance" are trying hard to move forward. Our local City Council and County Supervisors meet

monthly remember they work for us. Attend a meeting see what they are doing. Your voice can maybe make a difference.

Don't let COVID hold you hostage yes, it's simple if you are sick, stay home. Let's be healthy, safe, respect each other, and most of all be kind...

Wishing all Happy New Year!

Welcoming you to come visit the "Info-Center". Where some of your answers await you. Come learn about "First Saturday's" with Tours and Talks being offered. The hours of operation Tuesday-Sunday 11:00-4:00, the location 317 4th Street, right in the heart of the Historic District of Marysville. The contact number 530-740-2418.

Judy Mann  
Marysville

# Legislation to Help Fire Victims Rebuild Approved by Committee

## Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Legislation co-authored by Assemblyman Gallagher (R-Yuba City) was approved by the Assembly Natural Resources committee with unanimous support. Assembly Bill 1078 provides additional flexibility to victims of disaster by expanding a law that provides relief from costly solar panel requirements.

"Solar panels add \$10,000 to \$30,000 to the cost of a home, at a time when building costs are already extremely high. AB 1078 will provide additional financial relief for individuals and families that have lost their home due to a disaster," said Gallagher.

Previous legislation allowed victims of pre-2020 fires to rebuild using the photovoltaic requirements that were in effect at the time of the build, rather than the

requirements in effect at the time of the rebuild. The law applied to any rebuilds done before January 1, 2023. AB 1078 extends this relief to any pre-2021 fires and provides an additional year for rebuilding, until January 1, 2024.

This would give Camp Fire victims additional time to rebuild without being subject the solar panel requirement while also extending relief to victims of some of the largest fires in state history including the August Complex, SCU Lightning Complex, LNU Lightning Complex as well as the Glass, Zogg, and Creek fires.

For more information on Assemblyman Gallagher, and to track legislation visit [www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher)

Assemblyman James Gallagher represents the 3rd Assembly District, which encompasses all of Glenn, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties as well. ★

# Kiley Introduces Legislation to Suspend the State Gas Tax



## From the Office of Kevin Kiley Press Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) introduced Assembly Bill 1638, an urgency measure that would

immediately suspend the entire state excise tax on gasoline for a period of six months. This would save Californians over 50 cents per gallon at the pump.

"This bill puts money back into the pockets of families at a time when they need it most," Assemblyman Kiley said. "Inflation and record gas prices are making our state even less affordable. Californians need relief."

AB 1638 would provide immediate relief to Californians who are paying the nation's highest gas prices. By comparison, a proposal brought

forward by the Newsom Administration earlier this week would only pause a small increase (\$0.03) on the gas tax set to take effect in July but would do nothing to reduce the current cost of a gallon of gas.

Assemblyman Kevin Kiley represents the 6th Assembly District, which includes the Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado County communities of Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Loomis, Orangevale, Penryn, Rocklin, Roseville, and Sheridan. ★

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# TAX ALERT!

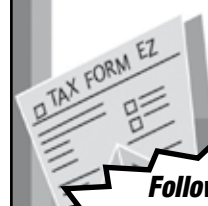
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## The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

We are listening to some budding artists having fun in the meeting room with David Giles. He leads an art group on alternate Saturdays from 10:30 until noon. He has a variety of projects and plans to present. On the Saturdays that David is not here, an art project is offered by Jani Beckwith, same place, same time. It is open to anyone wanting to improve their art skills or just have fun with art.

How do you like the sign in front of Books & More? It kept being blown down when it was attached to the big old oak tree. So a neighbor, Ocean, put in a couple of very sturdy posts and attached the sign that David Kanipe made. We think it looks good and will stay up awhile.

Have you been to Mountains Top Coffee Shop yet? They are settling down to a regular schedule. We are

not sure just what that is yet, but they will try to be regular once this Covid thing settles down. They are offering a wide variety of choices besides coffee; baked goodies from Bangor Bakery, milk shakes and more. Please drive up sometime and check them out.

One of the volunteers at Books & More is making it her job to organize the cards. We have some cards from the publisher, Leaning Tree as well as various cards from other carriers. Sometimes we need a special card and just don't get to town. Come on by and check them out.

Look Back in Time – In 1913 the first mail in 10 days was delivered by Eveline Bustillos, age 16. She carried it in on snowshoes (one tough gal).

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



**Truckloads Of Honeybees Head to California for Pollination Season**

Bees are arriving at California farms, by the truckloads. It is pollination time for California almond growers, and beekeepers are moving some 2.5 million honeybee colonies into California orchards to pollinate 1.3 million acres of almond trees. About 2 million of the honeybee colonies are trucked in from out of state, and 500,000 come from California beekeepers. The California Department of Food and Agriculture has a pre-inspection program for out-of-state bees.

**Feed Costs, Pandemic, Drought Impact Dairy Farmers**

California dairy farmers may be earning a higher market price for their milk these days, but they're paying more to produce it. Water restrictions have caused the price of local feed to spike, as more growers reduce plantings of crops such as alfalfa hay and silage. Dairies around the nation also face challenges with rising production costs and market uncertainties due to the pandemic, which have led to a slowing of milk production in the U.S.

**Winter Vegetable Season Looks Promising in Imperial Valley**

The winter growing season is looking promising in California's Imperial Valley, which produces two-thirds of vegetables consumed in the U.S. during the winter months. Growers in the region say demand for winter vegetables tends to rise when winters are mild in cold-weather states. That seems to be the case this year, with consumers in the warmer-than-normal East Coast in the mood for California winter lettuce, spinach, cauliflower and broccoli, growers say.

**Rice Farmers Strategically Time Flooding to Help Bird Populations**

California rice farmers are strategically flooding fields in applications that are timed to enhance habitat for migratory birds. The farmers are joining with the California Rice Commission, the Nature Conservancy and others in nourishing nesting grounds for more than 100 million birds representing 400 bird species that descend on the Central Valley every year. The initiative is organized by the Central Valley Joint Venture, a coalition of 19 public and private entities. ★

# Utilities Join to Support Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Network

*Continued from page 1*

parent company of Southern California Edison. "Edison is committed to doing our part to ensure electrification of the transportation sector is truly equitable."

The California utilities will be working together to identify key locations for charging infrastructure in support of regional travel across the state, identify those locations that minimize grid impacts and customer costs, and define charging infrastructure characteristics that lead to more user-friendly car and truck charging.

"No single utility on its own can create a regional charging network to eliminate range anxiety," said SDG&E CEO Caroline Winn. "But by working together within a framework of shared values, we can make a bigger collective impact to benefit all Californians and advance our state's global leadership in clean transportation."

This MOU and

collaboration grew from the ongoing commitment in California to zero-emission mobility and goods movement, recently highlighted by Governor Newsom in Executive Order N-79-20. Under the order, 100 percent of sales of new cars and drayage trucks are to be zero-emission by 2035 and all on-road cars and trucks are to be zero-emissions by 2045. Although California has built out its charging infrastructure at a commendable rate, much more is needed to meet the state's zero-emission car and truck goals, and ensure that all Californians have access to safe, clean, and affordable electricity fuel.

"At LADWP, we recognize the tremendous benefits to transitioning California's vehicle fleet to electricity fuel, and we are committed to doing our part to ensure this transition is truly equitable. The opportunities to benefit from this transition apply to all Californians whether or not they own

or operate an electric vehicle, these kinds of collaborations help improve and ensure those benefits," said Reiko Kerr, LADWP senior assistant general manager, Power System Engineering and Technical Services.

The MOU specifically calls out the need to support and engage with local and diverse communities along the regional corridors. The MOU emphasizes equity and community inclusion, as part of the participating utilities core values.

"The California utilities have led the nation on clean, renewable, electricity and support for electrification. I look forward to this collaborative effort and to seeing it expand with partnerships and collaboration across the United States that benefit all EV drivers by ensuring they can travel freely within and outside the state," said Eileen Tutt, executive director, California Electric Transportation Coalition. ★

# Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Lose Millions in School Grants



**Commentary by Lou Binninger**

Yuba, Sutter and Colusa schools lost millions of dollars for career technical training courses due to the negative findings of an audit of grants in 2021. Four grants in-progress were cancelled on April 1, 2021 jeopardizing future funding, as well.

The External Auditor recommended that Tri-County (Yuba/Sutter/Colusa) Regional Occupational Programs (TCROP) "remit the balance of \$1,168,495 to Fiscal Agent, Butte-Glenn Community College District (BGCCD), pertaining to K-12 Strong Workforce Program funds." The original grant award was \$2,053,869.

The loss of the grant-funding affects 3,500 students and wastes thousands of tax dollars used to write the applications and collaborate with 71 partners.

School funding is complex from the taxpayer's perspective. Education monies flow down to local school programs through a myriad of bureaucratic channels. Some monies are offered through grants that are audited to insure compliance. Compliance looks at the government rules, objectives of the funding, controls in place to prevent errors or fraud, and makes sure records are accurate, complete and done in a timely manner.

The current schools trouble resulted from Audit Findings of Certified Public Accountant Sheena Tran. The Findings involve two grant agreements between BGCCD on behalf of its Career and Technical Educational Department, and Sutter County Superintendent of Schools

(SCSOS), Tri-County Regional Occupations Program (TCROP), and Local Education Agencies (LEA).

SCSOS Tom Reusser sent a six page response to Dr. Samia Yaqub, Superintendent and President of Butte College. His letter dated October 11, 2021 questioned Auditor Tran's findings and asked that Tran's "Final Audit Report be disregarded." Reusser asked that more time be given to address the issues and understand the actual reason Butte College terminated the funding.

Reusser concludes, "Ms. Tran's report contains numerous inaccuracies and appears to be an after-the-fact effort to justify a decision that was already made by Butte College – to cancel four grants." Reusser did not explain other reasons why Butte College would want to stop the grants midway and prior to the released contrary Audit Findings.

Tran's summary of Findings or problems were: 1) Partners were not aware of being included in the grants; 2) Falsified documentation; 3) Timesheets showing different signatures; 4) Guidelines for match requirements not met; 5) Funds were comingled and expenses were not being tracked separately for each grant; 6) Funds were not being reported correctly on NOVA; 7) Interim surveys not done; 8) Expenditures not being aligned with the objectives of the grant.

Reusser questions not having an opportunity to review and respond to the Findings prior to the cancelling of the grants and the Final Audit Report. He suggests that it was procedurally abnormal and unethical.

The Superintendent agrees on only one point with Auditor Tran saying that "a former employee did, in some cases, list community partners in grant applications without their written approval and, in two cases possibly without their knowledge."

However, Reusser argues one person's mistake should not cause thousands of students to suffer.

The now terminated employee also signed participation documents in place of partner representatives. Tran talked with grant partners that responded to her inquiries and found that some knew nothing about the grants and their noted involvement. Reusser says that Tran talked to the wrong leaders at the schools / agencies / businesses and they were unaware of the grants.

Reusser points to a new online financial reporting system (NOVA) that gave the impression that figures did not balance. He says contrary to Auditor Tran that the district's numbers are correct.

Though Superintendent Reusser uses the students' well-being as leverage in his argument to keep the money, the plea has a hollow ring. Today, to be fair, students benefit from the chump change of education dollars left from bloated payrolls. A slew of bureaucrats at Sutter County Office of Education make \$170,000 – 215,000 annually.

If Auditor Sheena Tran is close to accurate, the "brightest" and best paid people in town can't meet the mundane requirements of multi-million dollar grants.

Some suggest the SCSOS is guilty of fraud. Is it fraud, incompetence, unprofessionalism or did Auditor Tran misinterpret what she saw and heard? Auditors are the taxpayers' eyes on government. It's the people's money. Reusser blames the External Auditor, BGCCD and the North Far North Regional Consortium.

Whatever the final outcome, it is another expensive loss for hard-working taxpayers.

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# Gallagher Endorses Tamika Hamilton for Sixth Congressional District



**Tamika Hamilton**  
**Tamika Hamilton for Congress Press Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Air Force Sergeant Tamika Hamilton announced that she has received the endorsement of State Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City).

"As an Air Force Sergeant and working mother of five, no one is more suited

than Tamika to handle the challenges we're faced with at the federal level," said Gallagher. "She is a fighter who will be a great champion in Washington for the compassionate conservative values that will restore our communities and bring people together."

Gallagher has represented California's third assembly district in the California Legislature since 2014, where he serves as Vice Chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee as well as a member of Assembly Committee on Budget. Prior to serving in the legislature, Gallagher served on the Sutter County Board of Supervisors for six years and is an advocate for small business and the agricultural community.

"Assemblyman Gallagher has been on the front lines of the conservative movement for many years, and I admire his steadfast commitment to holding our governor accountable," said Hamilton. "I'm grateful for his endorsement and his support."

Tamika Hamilton continues to gain local support for her race in the sixth congressional district. For more information about Tamika Hamilton, contact Jaivon Grant at jaivon@alexipr.com or 323-327-5260. ★

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# Newsom Backs Away from Single-Payer Health Care Pledge



By Dan Walters  
**CALMatters**

When he unveiled a new state budget last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom crowed about California becoming the nation’s first state to embrace universal health care coverage.

His budget would accomplish that goal by extending state Medi-Cal coverage to undocumented immigrants of all ages, beginning in 2024.

“I campaigned on universal health care,” Newsom said a day later. “We’re delivering that.”

Not quite.

While running for governor in 2018, Newsom pledged to create a single-payer system for California, making the state the sole supplier of coverage.

“I’m tired of politicians saying they support single-payer but that it’s too soon, too expensive or someone else’s problem,” Newsom said during the campaign.

That pledge won Newsom the support of single-payer advocates. The California Nurses Association decked out a bus that toured the state with a picture of Newsom’s face and the words: “Nurses Trust Newsom. He shares our values and fights for our patients.”

However, once elected, Newsom did virtually

nothing to implement the promise. Instead, as the state’s finances allowed, he extended Medi-Cal coverage incrementally to undocumented immigrants and others lacking private or public coverage.

Along with mandates and subsidies from Obamacare, state actions eventually raised health coverage to 94% of Californians and Newsom’s latest extension to undocumented adults would make it, at least on paper, 100%.

Newsom gets a bit testy when reporters ask him about his 2018 pledge. As he was introducing his budget this month, the state Assembly was beginning to move a single-payer bill for what’s called CalCare, and asked about it, Newsom replied, “I have not had the opportunity to review that plan, and no one has presented it to me.”

“I think that the ideal system is a single-payer system,” Newsom said. “I’ve been consistent with that for well over a decade. ... The difference here is when you are in a position of responsibility, you’ve gotta apply, you’ve gotta manifest, the ideal. This is hard work. It’s one thing to say, it’s another to do. And with respect, there are many different pathways to achieve the goal.”

The nurses’ union and other single-payer advocates aren’t satisfied. The San Francisco Chronicle reported union organizer Alyssa Kang told single-payer advocates on a conference call, “So we want to be absolutely clear: This is a flip-flop from a governor who said ... ‘I’m tired of politicians saying they support single payer but that it’s too

soon, too expensive or someone else’s problem.’ This is absolutely unacceptable, and he cannot be allowed to have it both ways.”

The differences between universal coverage and single-payer are more than semantic. The former includes a wide variety of public and private health insurance plans, many of which have coverage limits and patient co-pays, while the latter would provide unlimited benefits free of out-of-pocket costs, much like Great Britain’s National Health Service.

Providing universal coverage, as Newsom defines it, is doable by spending a few additional billion dollars in the state budget. Single-payer, on the other hand, would require the federal government to give the state the \$200-plus billion is now spends on Californians’ health care and the state to raise taxes more than \$150 billion a year.

The legislation now pending in the Assembly would create a framework but the taxes are contained in a companion constitutional amendment that would require two-thirds votes in the Legislature and voter approval.

With massive opposition from employers and much of the medical industry, chances for complete approval of the package are iffy at best and it doesn’t appear that Newsom will lift a finger to help it. He’s clearly content to settle for universal coverage.

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## Major Indexes

Many investors wonder why their investment portfolios don’t keep up with the major indexes they see on the evening news. Specifically there is the Dow 30, NASDAQ, S&P 500, the Russell and a plethora of other perhaps not so well known indexes whose coverages span the globe.

Indexes measure a basket of stocks that are in that particular index.

For example, the Dow encompasses 30 stocks thought to represent a broad base of industries in the United States. One cannot invest in the index per se, as it is only a measuring stick for the stocks in it.

Like many other indexes, their make-up is adjusted according to whatever metric the measuring method stipulates. One can buy the stocks measured by the index, but because adjustments are made to that index from time to time, it would be difficult to mirror the index exactly.

There are funds that attempt to replicate the measuring metric of an underlying index, but the key word here is attempt. Most of these funds, however, do a pretty good job of at least coming very close to replicating in its movements the index underneath the fund.

Because these funds do mirror the subject index, if an investor holds one of these index proxy type funds, their portfolios will more or less follow the performance of the index.

Now to the question at hand: why does my portfolio not move with the indexes I see on the evening news? In other words, if I see the Dow moved up 12% for the year, why did my

portfolio move up only 4%?

The question is a good one because understanding the answer will also give an investor a better understanding as to how his portfolio is constructed. In other words, what does he hold and why does he hold it.

It is common for advisors and astute investors to adhere to at least some if not all of the Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT), which gives a matrix on what to hold in the portfolio and what percentages of each might be considered.

Not everyone might agree with MPT and their allocation percentages might differ, but MPT basically uses good common sense in its makeup of recommendations. Quite simply, MPT recommends holding a basket of different stocks and industries, known as diversification, and adding to that a percentage of fixed income securities.

Fixed income are securities that offer a fixed or somewhat fixed rate of return, with more emphasis on a fixed rate of return (hence the name fixed income) in lieu of price movement (known as growth).

The thinking is fixed income can move opposite of stocks in price, and offer a set rate of return so the investor can rely on some sort of what I call “rent” money instead of relying on a stock going up in order to make money.

Fixed income is usually debt instruments such as bonds, notes or other type of debt, but also would include preferred stocks and certain funds and baskets that encompass similar securities. Fixed income, although has the word “fixed” in it, does not mean the price cannot

move and therefore does not mean it cannot go down in price. Fixed income holdings can move up and down. It is thought and historically so, that more often than not, fixed income can be more stable than traditional stocks.

Fixed income also has a tendency to move in the opposite direction of stocks, as investors gravitate from taking more risk in an up market and selling off their fixed income holdings to go for higher returns in stocks. When nervous however, investors may sell stocks and buy more fixed income for the perceived safer holding that fixed income historically has demonstrated. Hence their inverse relationships.

Because of the opposite movements of fixed income and traditional stocks, their price movements may often offset each other, and therefore handcuff the portfolio’s return when compared to the indexes in general and as a result, portfolio performance often lags the gains or losses of the major indexes.

Fixed income may lose money, and may at time moves in concert with stocks and do not guarantee against losses. Returns may not be guaranteed and MPT does not guarantee performance nor prevent losses. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investing involves risk. You can lose money. Not a recommendation to buy or sell any securities and does not represent the opinion of any bank, RIA or brokerage firm.

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### LOCAL FISHING

Yuba Goldfields; five ponds full of black bass and rainbow trout. All five ponds accessible by 4X4, or walk in. Trout... USE: Worms under bobber. (a) Bass... USE: Plastic Worms. (a) Spenceville WA. Upper Jones Pond, off Long Ravine Rd. Climb over the gate, walk 50-yards to the crappie hideout. USE: Crappie Jigs. (a) Sutter Bypass; fishing access for white crappie: Franklin Rd., O’Banion Rd., Oswald Rd., Hughes Rd., Pass Rd., Wards Landing. USE: Crappie Jigs. (a) Gray Lodge WA. Avis fishing access (833 canal) is open to fishing for...bass, crappie, blue gill, and catfish. USE: Your choice. (a) Big carp...USE: Moistened bread balls. (b)

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA**

San Pablo Bay, South Estuary. Naval Base to wildlife area. Fish from shore: speckled sanddabs, green sunfish, striped bass, halibut, English sole and starry flounder. USE: Herring, Sardine, Anchovy Cut Baits. (a) Delta; Suisun Slough produces stripers. USE: Anchovy cut bait. (g)

### COASTAL WATERS

Bodega Bay; sanddab and crab combo trips. Limits. One petrale sole. USE: Kripple Anchovy Bait Head w/ anchovy cut bait. (b) Fisherman’s Comment: when releasing fish subject to barotrauma, the use of a descending device is recommended. Reason... decompression sickness; fish bodies expand, thus cutting off breathing. Anchor Bay AKA Fish Rock Landing, Doghole Town. Great camaraderie, all persons share what they caught. Dungeness crab, abalone, barred surf perch, sanddabs. In May, the Gray whale cows with their calves enter the bay. WOW! USE: Bloodworms, Lugworms, or Berkeley Gulp Worms. (b)

### LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS



Rebel Spoonbill

Clear Lake; schooling crappie biting. USE: Crappie Jigs. (b) Black bass looking at...USE: Rebel Spoonbill. (a)

Lake Camanche; Dec 2021 Derby. Winners. Rainbow 9.21 lbs. Bass 5/28 lbs. Winter kokaness, Whiskeytown Lake; 11”-13” fat kokes. Troll with 100-ft set-back. Shallow 8’-10’ deep. 5-fish limits. USE: Hoochie w/ Tear Drop Dodger. (a) Lake Clementine, Eldorado Co; Walleye (S.vitreus) to 24-pounds. Great shore lunch, sweet subtle flavor. USE: Walleye Jigging Baits. (a) Clifton Forebay Reservoir; hybrid striped bass, AKA Wiper, or white rock bass. Cross between the female striped bass egg, and the white bass male sperm. Produced in Texas, more aggressive than the striped bass and smaller, but stockier. Cannot reproduce. USE: Carolina Rig w/ Grass Shrimp, or Texas Rig w/ Robo Worm. (a) Hamilton Branch/Lake Almanor; brown trout happy to see you. USE: Silver Fish. (b).



Silver Fish

### RIVER FISHING

Smith River; limits of two steelhead each. Lots of boats. Best in years. USE: Fresh Salmon Roe. (b) American River winter steelhead; upper river to Paradise Beach. Flows 2500CFS dropping. USE: Alvin Fly (g) Sacramento River sturgeon progress; Knights Landing. A few marked, none broaching. Water 50.5 degrees. USE: Ghost Shrimp. (gg) degrees...need temp. at 52 degrees plus for sturgeons to bite. No fish caught. USE: Ghost Shrimp, or Eel if available. (g) **Fisherman’s Comment:** Nothing hard and fast about 52 degree water temperature. Signed. Sturgeon Guy.

“He landed that fish by the skin of his teeth.”  
~ Brownie

## Driver of Stolen Parks and Recreation Vehicle Apprehended with Canine Aid

### Yuba City Police Department

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - On January 24, 2022 at 9:56 am, the Yuba City Police Dispatch center received a call of stolen City of Yuba City Parks and Recreation vehicle from the area of Lloyd Park (Bridge St., and Hughes St.) in Yuba City. A Yuba City Police Sergeant was in the area of Bridge St., when the call was received and located the stolen vehicle traveling east on Bridge St., near Shasta St. The Sergeant attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, however the vehicle failed to yield and a pursuit was initiated. The initial speeds of the pursuit were within the actual speed limits of the city streets, between 25 and 40 mph. Towards the end of the pursuit, the speeds did reach 53 mph.

The pursuit reached the area of the Yuba City Boat Dock on Second St., where

the stolen vehicle went into the river bottom area and proceeded to go in circles and attempted to ram two Yuba City Police vehicles. The stolen vehicle eventually came to rest against the levee embankment where officers were able to block the vehicle in. The suspect refused to cooperate with commands from officers and would not exit the vehicle. A Yuba City Police canine was used to apprehend the suspect. He was taken into custody without any further incident.

The suspect is identified as Christian Cervantes (21 years of age) of Yuba City. Mr. Cervantes was treated at the hospital for a canine bite to his arm and was then booked into the Sutter County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon, theft of a vehicle, resisting arrest, and evading officers in a vehicle pursuit.

In a separate incident involving this pursuit, two Yuba City Police Officers

who were in the same vehicle together were responding to assist the Sergeant at the start of the pursuit on Bridge St. The officers started the initial response with lights and sirens activated from Bridge St., and Oji Wy. The officers were traveling east on Bridge St., and entered the intersection of Bridge St., and State Route 99. As officers were passing through the intersection, a vehicle traveling north on State Route 99 also entered the intersection and struck the front portion of the patrol car. The driver of this vehicle was transported by Ambulance to Adventist Rideout Hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries. The two officers also received minor injuries as a result of the collision and were scene at a local medical facility and released. As is procedure in these types of collisions, the California Highway Patrol is conducting the traffic collision investigation. ★



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# Unbuilt Border Wall Worth Millions Could Now Be Sold for ‘A Penny on the Dollar’ as Scrap Metal

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

COCHISE COUNTY, Ariz.—Millions of dollars of unfinished border wall materials have lain in the deserts of Arizona since January 2021, after President Joe Biden halted all construction on the wall on the day he took office.

“It shall be the policy of my administration that no more American taxpayer dollars be diverted to construct a border wall,” Biden’s Jan. 20, 2021, executive order reads. “I am also directing a careful review of all resources appropriated or redirected to construct a southern border wall.”

Construction companies downed tools and left job sites the next day, and stacks of materials have languished since. Now, they’re looking to sell it all for scrap, according to the Cochise County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO).

“They’re probably going to get a penny on the dollar for it,” CCSO Sgt. Tim Williams said.

The steel bollards on fence panels are filled with concrete. Concrete culverts are sitting abandoned, filling with mud, instead of being used for the flood-prone portions of the roadway next to the fence.

But the unfinished lighting, ground sensors, and cameras are one of the biggest issues, according to Williams.

“Without the fiber optics and the lighting system, they’ll just climb the fence and get over. It was supposed to be a four-tier approach,” he said.

Border Patrol agents could be nearby, but without the cameras and sensors, they won’t know that a breach is occurring. Under the cover of night, people on the Mexican side of the fence take to cutting a footer out, just wide enough for people to squeeze through. Each day, agents patch the holes and replace the concrete.

But with lighting and sensors



Border wall panels sit untouched in Cochise County, Ariz., on Dec. 6, 2021, after President Joe Biden halted all border wall construction in January 2021.

it wouldn’t happen, according to Williams.

“The big problem is that the fiber optics are in the ground already, and if they don’t turn it on in the next two months, the fiber optics will go dormant and we won’t get them back,” he said. “So all those billions of dollars of fiber optics in the ground because there was only 24 months shelf life they can be dormant and we’re at 22 months right now—we’re talking about losing billions of dollars because they didn’t turn the system on.”

A Customs and Border Protection official told The Epoch Times that he expects it to “take a while” to resolve what will happen with the unused border materials. On Dec. 4, 2021, the agency put out a request for comment “on proposed border barrier construction remediation actions,” which expires on Feb. 3.

A report by Senate Republicans issued in July 2021 states that the construction stoppage is costing taxpayers \$3 million per day.

The senators who produced

the report estimated that the administration has spent between \$618 million and \$708 million to contractors between Jan. 20, 2021, and July 15, 2021, and will ultimately spend up to \$1.2 billion more to exit the border wall projects.

Former President Donald Trump’s administration prioritized border wall construction, building 453 miles of fencing along the U.S.–Mexico border. Approximately 211 miles of fencing were under construction as of Jan. 8, 2021, just before Biden took office.

Trump allocated roughly \$16.4 billion to border wall construction and maintenance, with \$10 billion coming from the Pentagon.

## ‘It’s Embarrassing’

Most of the 83-mile border that Cochise County shares with Mexico has some type of fencing, but the sections that were left unbuilt are vehicle barriers or barbed wire fencing, which is easy to cross.

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON/THE EPOCH TIMES

“It’s embarrassing,” CCSO Detective Jake Kartchner said, referring to the waist-high barrier on Coronado Peak that was meant to be 30-foot tall steel fencing with all the accouterments of roading, lighting, cameras, and sensors.

The illegal aliens coming into Cochise County aren’t turning themselves in to Border Patrol and seeking asylum. They’re young, single males dressed head-to-toe in camouflage clothing and doing everything possible to avoid law enforcement.

They’re mostly from Mexico or one of the Central American countries of Guatemala, Honduras, or El Salvador, according to Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels.

“The federal government isn’t doing anything. So we’re watching people commit crimes in our communities every day,” Dannels said. “Two weeks ago, on just one night, there were 50 of these people running around the neighborhoods. I mean, we’re

out there all night chasing them. That’s all you can do. Next morning, they’re still out there chasing them. It’s a bad deal. They’re all camouflaged up.”

Between Border Patrol and the sheriff’s office, about 16,000 illegal aliens are detected in the county each month right now, a huge upswing that started in early 2021.

Once across the border, illegal aliens coordinate with the cartel to be picked up by a smuggler and transported to Phoenix, according to Dannels.

“It’s like the cartel Uber. And there’s no other way to put it. They just stage in public places all along the roadways waiting to get called up to go pick them up. It’s crazy,” he said.

Dannels said 80 to 90 percent of the drivers are armed, “which is totally new to us.”

Border Patrol agents apprehended 353,000 illegal aliens coming into the state of Arizona in the first 11 months of 2021—a jump of 350 percent over the same period in 2020.

## Legal Action

Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich filed an injunction in July 2021 in an attempt to void Biden’s halt to border wall construction.

In April 2021, Brnovich filed a lawsuit against Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials, alleging that the halt of border wall construction violated the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires federal agencies such as DHS to weigh environmental considerations before taking any significant federal action.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality “estimates that each border-crosser leaves an average of six to eight pounds of trash behind,” according to the complaint.

*Zachary Stieber and Harry Lee contributed to this article.*

## Federal Government Mum on Non-COVID Mortality Spike in Americans Aged 18 to 49

PETR SVAB

Federal authorities have yet to respond to an Epoch Times analysis that shows a dramatic increase in deaths of 18- to 49-year-olds in the United States in the past year. The majority of those deaths weren’t associated with the COVID-19 disease.

Deaths in this age group rose more than 40 percent in the 12 months ending October 2021 compared to the same period in 2018–2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the analysis of death certificate data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

About 42 percent of the excess deaths had COVID-19 marked on the death certificate as the cause or a contributing factor, the data showed. The agency doesn’t yet have full 2021 figures, as death certificate data has a lag of up to eight weeks or more.

The Epoch Times repeatedly inquired with both the White House and the CDC about any steps they’re taking to examine the issue. They have yet to respond.

Meanwhile, public health authorities in several states that recorded particularly sharp increases have told The Epoch Times that they’re looking into the matter.

The highest increases occurred in Nevada (up 65 percent, of which 36 percent was attributed to COVID), Texas (up 61 percent, 58 percent attributed to COVID-19), Arizona (up 57 percent, 37 percent COVID-19), Tennessee (up 57 percent, 33 percent COVID-19), and California (up 55 percent, 42 percent COVID-19).

Texas, Florida, and Nevada indicated that they’re taking some steps to evaluate the issue.

Officials in Arizona and Tennessee said they don’t yet have their data finalized.



The Emergency Operations Center at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta on March 19, 2021.

“When the 2021 data is finalized in the fall of 2022, we will have a better understanding of the data and a more detailed analysis,” Sarah Tanksley, communications director for the Tennessee Department of Health, said via email.

“However, we do know that fatal drug overdoses continue to increase. For example, fatal overdoses in 2020 were around 3,000 compared to approximately 2,000 in 2019. We also know that the suicide rate has remained relatively stable.”

Drug overdoses could likely explain at least a part of the surge, as they increased to more than 101,000 in the 12 months ending June 2021 from about 72,000 in 2019, the CDC estimated. About two-thirds of

those deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl that are often smuggled to the United States from China via Mexico.

The mortality surge appeared to be milder in the northeast. New Hampshire saw no increase, Massachusetts had a 13 percent spike (24 percent of it attributed to COVID-19), and New York was up 29 percent (30 percent attributed to COVID-19).

The CDC’s detailed cause of death data isn’t yet available for 2021, aside from those involving COVID-19, pneumonia, and influenza. There were close to 6,000 excess pneumonia deaths that didn’t involve COVID-19 in the 18-to-49 age group in the 12 months ending October 2021. Influenza was only involved in 50 deaths in this age group,

down from 550 in the same period pre-pandemic. The flu death count didn’t exclude those that also involved COVID-19 or pneumonia, the CDC noted.

For those aged 50 to 84, mortality increased more than 27 percent, with about 77 percent of the deaths involving COVID-19.

For those 85 or older, mortality increased about 12 percent, with more than 100,000 excess deaths. There were more than 130,000 COVID-related deaths in this group, indicating these seniors were less likely to die of a non-COVID-related cause from November 2020 to October 2021 than during the same period of 2018–2019.

Comparing 2020 to 2019, mortality increased some 24 percent for those aged 18 to 49, with less than a third of those excess deaths involving COVID-19. In the 50-to-84 age group, mortality increased less than 20 percent, with over 70 percent of that involving COVID-19. In those older yet, mortality increased about 16 percent, with nearly 90 percent of it involving COVID-19.

For those under 18, mortality decreased about 0.4 percent in 2020 compared to 2019. In the 12 months ending October 2021, it fell some 3.3 percent compared to the same period in 2018–2019.

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# Pentagon Misses Deadline to Produce Report on Billions in Weapons Left Behind in Afghanistan

KEN SILVA

The Department of Defense (DOD) has missed a deadline to produce a report on the estimated \$85 billion in U.S. weaponry left in Afghanistan, prompting a letter from 27 House Republicans demanding answers.

Congress approved legislation in September that required DOD officials to report on the property, equipment, and supplies that were destroyed, taken out of Afghanistan, or that remain in Afghanistan in connection with the August U.S. military withdrawal from the country.

The DOD had 90 days to submit that report to Congress. After the Dec. 29, 2021, deadline came and went with no word from the Pentagon, Rep. Andy Barr (R-Ky.) and 26 other Republicans demanded answers from Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin.

“The DOD is over [two weeks] late on its reporting deadline, totally disregarding Congressional accounting of taxpayer funded equipment abandoned by this Administration and left in possession of the Taliban,” the Jan. 14 letter reads. “This lack of information prevents Congress from being able to accurately and effectively conduct oversight over the tens of billions of dollars of equipment invested in Afghanistan over the past 20 years and creates vulnerabilities in our national security.”

The lawmakers cited concerns from Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who told Congress on Sept. 29, 2021, that the conditions in Afghanistan could yield the reemergence of al-Qaeda or ISIS in the region in 36 months or less. The lawmakers said it’s of the “gravest concern” that they don’t have a full account of the weapons



A general view of Taliban military parade in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Nov. 14, 2021.



House Financial Services Committee member Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington on July 20, 2021.

available in a potential hotbed for terrorism.

According to a Jan. 13 report from Radio Liberty affiliate Radio Mashaal in Pakistan, at least some of the arms are winding up in the hands of the Pakistani Taliban, Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Citing an unnamed source with knowledge of TTP affairs, Radio Mashaal said Pakistani Taliban fighters have obtained

U.S.-made M16 machine guns and M4 assault rifles fitted with night vision.

According to the report, the influx of arms has coincided with an increase in attacks by the TTP on Pakistani government forces.

“Observers say the weapons are likely from the stockpiles amassed by the Afghan Taliban, which seized millions of dollars in American-made

weapons and equipment from Afghan security forces,” the report stated.

Along with posing a risk to U.S. national security and regional stability in Central Asia, the abandoned U.S. military equipment in Afghanistan may also threaten the safety of America’s Afghan allies. That’s because the equipment left behind included U.S. surveillance tools that observers say could be used to track down those who worked with the United States during its 20-year occupation of the country.

New York-based group Human Rights First announced on Aug. 16 that Taliban fighters had captured devices known as Handheld Interagency Identity Detection Equipment, which were used by soldiers to scan the biometrics of Afghans to match fingerprints on improvised explosive devices, as well as for other such forensic investigations.

“We understand that the Tal-

iban is now likely to have access to various biometric databases and equipment in Afghanistan, including some left behind by coalition military forces,” the human rights group said in a statement. “This technology is likely to include access to a database with fingerprints and iris scans, and include facial recognition technology.”

Former U.S. Army prosecutor John Maher told The Epoch Times in August that the Taliban probably doesn’t have the technical skills to utilize those devices, but said they could be aided by more sophisticated governments, such as China or Iran.

The 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), signed into law in December 2021, also calls for Pentagon audits on the equipment and weapons left in Afghanistan, including abandoned or destroyed biometric equipment or tools. The NDAA also calls for an assessment of whether the Taliban breached the DOD’s Automatic Biometric Identification System (ABIS)—the central database that stores the biometrics that soldiers capture in the field—as well as an explanation of the current efforts to ensure the security of all of DOD biometric databases.

The DOD has until March to complete these reports, but the Republican lawmakers said in their letter that they shouldn’t have to wait until then.

“That is why Congress required your Department to comply by December 29, 2021,” they wrote to Austin. “We urge that you work with your Service Secretaries and General [Frank] McKenzie to produce the required information for Congress immediately.”

The Pentagon didn’t respond to email queries about the matter by press time.

# Noncitizen Voting Push Is Part of Agenda to Rid America of Citizenship: Election Expert

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

The recent New York City law to allow at least 800,000 non-citizens to vote in municipal elections is unconstitutional and likely to be overturned in court, said Hans von Spakovsky, manager of the Heritage Foundation’s election law reform initiative and former member of the Federal Election Commission.

“It’s actually pretty clear that it violates the New York State Constitution—it has a provision that specifically says that you have to be a citizen to vote in all elections in the state of New York, and that includes local elections,” Spakovsky told The Epoch Times on Jan. 19.

“I also think it is bad from a policy point of view, because it basically cheapens and diminishes the concept of citizenship.

“It ought to be something that makes American citizens mad, particularly because of the potential number of aliens that’s involved.”

New York City Mayor Eric Adams allowed the measure to become law on Jan. 9, which includes the provision that voting noncitizens must

be in the city for 30 days or more and have authorization to work.

“I believe that New Yorkers should have a say in their government, which is why I have and will continue to support this important legislation,” Adams said in a statement. “I believe allowing the legislation to be enacted is by far the best choice, and look forward to bringing millions more into the democratic process.”

The following day, the Republican National Committee filed a suit in the New York Supreme Court along with City Council Minority Leader Joseph Borrelli, Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-N.Y.), and other Republicans.

The law applies to legal aliens, but Spakovsky said New York City’s sanctuary policies that shield illegal aliens would open the floodgates.

“Does anybody really believe that the election department is going to investigate the lawful status of any alien who registers to vote?” he said.

“And so that means, of course, that lots and lots of illegal aliens will also get registered to vote.”

Although he doesn’t think any states will try to change



Poll workers help voters inside a polling location in Austin, Texas, Oct. 13, 2020.

their election laws to include voting rights for noncitizens, Spakovsky said there’s a push from the progressive left to change the concept or definition of “citizen.”

“The whole point of the open borders crowd is to do two things: one, extinguish the line between legal and illegal aliens in this country. And second, to frankly, get rid of the whole concept of citizenship,” he said.

New York City Councilwoman Margaret Chin, a Democrat, told colleagues before the recent vote that many noncitizens struggle to become

citizens but should still be able to vote in the meanwhile because they pay taxes and live and work in the city.

“They want to be citizens, they want to be able to vote for the president, but at least we have the opportunity to allow them to vote for the elected officials that are representing them in the city,” said Chin.

However, Spakovsky said paying tax doesn’t make someone a citizen.

“My response to that is that first of all, the vast majority of illegal aliens do not pay taxes. In fact, they get free rides from many jurisdictions,” he said.

“This is being pushed by the progressive left today because they believe that aliens will vote for them ... and keep them in power.”

Spakovsky said the inability for the Trump administration to get a question placed on the 2020 Census about citizenship status was a major win for the progressive left to blur the lines between citizen and noncitizen.

“One of the main reasons they wanted that done is for apportionment purposes, they did not want congressional seats apportioned based on citizen population—if they did, places like California would lose congressional seats,” he said.

“That’s why California probably has four or five more congressional seats than they should have, because of the huge population of illegal aliens in the state.”

The Biden administration supports the creation of a citizenship pathway for millions of illegal immigrants in the United States. A decade-old estimate puts the number of illegal aliens at 11 million, and since then, millions more have crossed the southern border.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 2022F-012

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
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County of Yuba  
1) Joanne Linda Gatrell  
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FILE NO. 2022F-003

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
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County of Yuba  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 2022F-004

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MELINDA L. JONES  
Case NO. PRPB22-00001

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **Melinda L. Jones**.

**A Petition for Probate has** been filed by: WILLIE LEE JONES in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): Willie Lee Jones be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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: March 28, 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.  
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**Attorney for Petitioner:** Kellie M.T. Chrisman  
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Signed:  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. 2022F-001

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**GARDNER** – Andrew Gardner, 60, of Yuba City, passed away January 12, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**FONTENOT** – Heather Fontenot, 27, of Yuba City, passed away January 15, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**BATY** – Larry Baty, 59, of Live Oak, passed away January 16, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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**HAWKINS** – Michael Hawkins, 67, of Yuba City, passed away January 21, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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TO No: 1252366 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 28, 2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 7, 2022 at 09:00 AM, The Fifth Street Entrance, Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on October 10, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017-012938, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by KYLE CLARK, MARRIED MAN, SOLE & SEPARATE, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3559 VEL-VET LEAF ST, PLUMAS LAKE, CA 95961 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$310,579.85 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorse as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bid-

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Case No. CVPT22-00015  
Superior Court of California, County of Yuba

Petition of: Allyson Joyce Coxo and Ryan Alexander Coxo for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Allyson Joyce Coxo and Ryan Alexander Coxo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

From: Owen Ryan Coxo  
To: Owen Ryan Reece

From: Allyson Joyce Coxo  
To: Allyson Joyce Reece

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.

Notice of Hearing:  
Date: 2/22/2022,  
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215 Fifth Street, Marysville, CA 95901  
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: 1/11/2022  
STEPHEN W. BERRIER  
Judge of the Superior Court

January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2022

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Case No. CVPT22-00003  
Superior Court of California, County of Yuba

Petition of: Toreka Siatunu'u for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Toreka Siatunu'u filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

From: Toreka Siatunu'u  
To: Toreka Vitaliano

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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR VARIANCE  
VAR 2021-0001 (Edge Water Plaza Sign)  
BEFORE THE YUBA COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Planning Commission (PC) on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA. In compliance with California Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), members of the Planning Commission and members of the public can also participate in the meeting by teleconference via Zoom.

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**Variance VAR 2021-0001 (Edge Water Plaza Sign):** The applicant is seeking approval of a Variance to install a 60 foot tall double faced illuminated pole sign with 400 square feet of signage on each face. The property is located approximately 0.1 miles east of Highway 70 and 0.1 miles west of Edge Water Circle directly north of Erle Road, in the Linda Community at Assessor's Parcel Number: 019-230-120. A determination has been made that the above referenced project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15303(c) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

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

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

If you challenge the action of the **Planning Commission** on this matter in court, pursuant to Government Code section 65009 you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Department at, or prior to the hearing. (TD) January 28, 2022

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF CHARLES STEVEN MESSICK  
Case NO. PRPB22-00009

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **Charles Steven Messick**.

**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by: Jon Messick in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

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

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: February 22, 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:** Sheldon C. Hadley 103188  
230 Fifth Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
**Phone No.:** (530) 743-4455  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF ARLETTE MORTENSEN  
Case NO. PRPB00172

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **Arlette Mortensen**.

**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by: Stacy Lopez in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

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

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.

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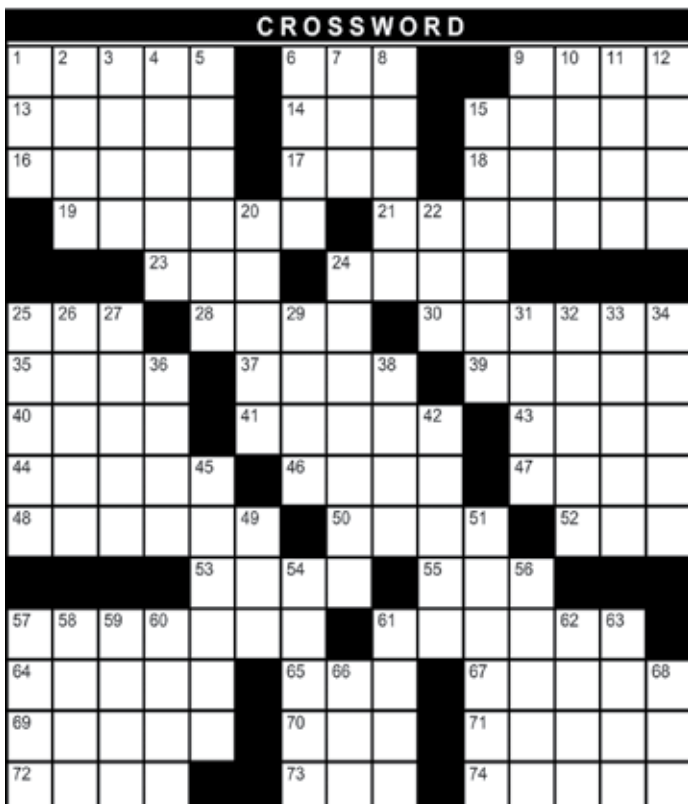
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# Weighing Job Risks

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highly infectious faster with omicron than with the previous variants. For example, if person A is infectious and A infects B, person B can then infect person C quicker with omicron than they may have with delta.

“This creates epidemic dynamics that are really hard to get in front of,” said Andrew Noymer, epidemiologist and professor of public health at UC Irvine. “Because it’s so rapid.”

Here is how fast omicron is moving: It was first identified in late November; in the week ending on Dec. 18, the omicron variant was responsible for about 38% of the cases in the U.S., according to the CDC’s variant monitoring system. By the week ending on Jan. 15, omicron made up 99.5% of cases.

In late December, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shortened the recommended isolation period for a person who tests positive but no longer has symptoms from 10 days to five. Those who were exposed but haven’t tested positive should also quarantine for five days, the agency said.

The CDC said the change was motivated by growing data showing that much of the transmission was occurring earlier “generally in the one to two days prior to onset of symptoms and the two to three days after.”

But this move came with quite a bit of pushback and criticism from some in the public health and medical communities who deemed it too lax, especially because the federal rules don’t require a negative test to leave isolation. California updated its guidance to align with the CDC’s, but the state does ask that people remain isolated until they receive a negative test.

Some research has shown that people can still be contagious after five days of testing positive. A small study from Harvard, for example, took a look at infected NBA players and found that 25% of players infected with omicron were still infectious on day six after their first positive test and 13% were still contagious on day seven. The study has yet to be peer-reviewed.

“Having people who might still be infectious return to work, could of course lead to more people getting infected and additional workers being forced to isolate,” Shin said.

While recommendations about isolation and quarantine can be hard to keep up with, the bottom line is that people should test negative before returning to work and gathering with others, regardless of symptoms, Noymer said.

Asymptomatic transmission does occur and it’s a big reason why the pandemic has been so difficult to control.

“We can tell everyone who feels sick to stay home, but not everyone feels sick,” said Shin.

Experts say the best public health practice is for anyone who tests positive to isolate, regardless of how they feel.

Studies — albeit, many conducted pre-omicron — have shown that a large percentage of COVID-positive people show no symptoms. Research published in December reviewed 95 studies consisting of about 30 million people worldwide. Of those who tested positive, 40% had no symptoms at the time of testing. “The high percentage of asymptomatic infections highlights the potential transmission risk of asymptomatic infections in communities,” the research authors concluded.

Meanwhile, separate studies show that the viral loads of asymptomatic patients were comparable to those who had symptoms.

Trying to calculate the odds that you’ll contract COVID at work is not really possible because there are so many factors to consider, experts say.

Research has shown that wearing masks indoors can substantially cut transmission, and

with omicron, a high-quality mask is more important than ever. N95 masks are the gold standard, especially with a variant as contagious as omicron, Noymer said. Cloth masks are much less effective unless they have multiple layers and a nose wire. And it’s essential for masks to fit snugly around the mouth, nose and chin.

“A well-fitting N95 mask should do a pretty good job. But nothing is guaranteed,” he said. “Surgical masks do something, but they’re not great... and some masks are just pure theater.”

N95 masks can filter about 95% of particles in the air, according to the CDC. Experts at UC Davis say it is OK to reuse an N95 mask, but they recommend waiting one to two days between uses so that viral particles can die off.

How crowded a room is also plays a big role. If you’re in a busy kitchen or warehouse without many windows, the risk will be greater, Shin said.

A molecular PCR test is the most sensitive and most likely to capture an infection, but rapid antigen tests are effective tools too, experts say.

Antigen tests are often used for routine screening of people who are not sick. If being used as a precaution for an in-person gathering, for example, Shin says a repeat test could help rule out a false negative — a test the day before and a test the day of an event.

However, given the shortage of rapid tests, this could seem like a luxury. People with symptoms looking to confirm whether they’re infected or not, ideally would seek a PCR test, Shin said. But with a backlog in testing, results are sometimes taking more than three days.

Because of the heightened demand for testing, some California counties have come out with new recommendations. Some have urged residents to only get tested if they have symptoms and others have asked people to first seek tests from their health care provider rather than county-ran testing sites because they are overwhelmed.

In an ideal world with no supply shortages, workers who come in contact with large numbers of people, such as those who work in customer service or in grocery stores, would be able to access testing easily and test repeatedly and routinely, experts say.

That said, routine testing of essential workers should go hand-in-hand with adequate paid sick leave, Shin said. “I’ve definitely known people who have said they don’t want to get tested because they don’t know what to do if they test positive. They can’t not go to work, they need to pay rent.”

California’s COVID sick leave expired in September and legislators and labor unions are negotiating how to reinstate it.

Shin said there is room for more education of workers on how the virus spreads. For example, if someone is in an office space alone, they might think it is safe to take their mask off, but if that same space is occupied by others throughout the day, then people should keep their masks on because COVID-19 is airborne and infectious respiratory particles can remain in the air for up to three hours.

Improving ventilation helps, too. “Opening windows seems like a no-brainer, but opening windows reduces risk,” Shin said.

Workplaces should also consider investing in high grade filtration systems or high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters, experts say. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, filters need to be able to remove small air particles in the size range of 0.1 to 1 microns to help remove viruses.

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# CLG NEWS UPDATES

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**Calif. Bill Would Allow Children 12 and Older to Be Vaccinated Without Parental Consent or Knowledge** | 20 Jan 2022 | California Senate Bill 866, introduced by Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), would permit children 12 and older to be vaccinated, including against COVID-19, without a parent’s consent or knowledge. The bill is the first to be proposed this year by a group of Democratic lawmakers that has pledged to strengthen vaccination laws and target misinformation amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccine consent laws vary across the country, with Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia allowing children 11 and older to be inoculated without parental approval. If SB 866 is passed by the Legislature and signed by Newsom, the bill would go into effect Jan. 1, 2023.

**US to close borders to unvaccinated Canadian, Mexican truckers on Saturday** – Mandate moving ahead as planned despite pushback from industry | 20 Jan 2022 | The U.S. will close its borders to unvaccinated and partially vaccinated Canadian and Mexican truck drivers on Saturday, the Department of Homeland Security said on Thursday. “These updated travel requirements reflect the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to protecting public health while safely facilitating the cross-border trade and travel that is critical to our economy,” Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said in a statement. The border COVID-19 vaccine mandates are coming into force despite pushback from the truck industry. The impact will be felt most acutely for the U.S.-Canada freight market, where around 160,000 truckers regularly cross the border – 75% of whom are Canadian. Already capacity has tightened significantly, with huge price increases in the spot market. **Since millions of (untested, unvaccinated) immigrants are allowed to enter the US illegally every year, it’s obvious that the DHS cares not a whit about public health. Not to mention the fact that Biden’s TSA allows illegal immigrants to use their arrest warrants as an acceptable form of ID.**

**University finds novel 1984 ‘offensive and upsetting’** – Students are being warned of ‘explicit material’ awaiting them in a novel that ironically describes the dangers of censorship. | 23 Jan 2022 | The University of Northampton has issued a harsh warning over potentially “offensive and upsetting” material contained in the famous dystopia by George Orwell, 1984. The novel, which describes the dangers of totalitarian rule and censorship, is now red-flagged, as it addresses “challenging issues related to violence, gender, sexuality, class, race, abuses, sexual abuse, political ideas and offensive language.” The warning, issued to students taking a module called “Identity Under Construction,” became public following a Freedom of Information request by The Mail on Sunday.

**‘The Final Variant Is Tyranny’: Thousands of anti-vaccine mandate protesters flaunt mask rules to descend on D.C.** – A crowd of up to 20,000 gathered in Washington DC Saturday to protest ongoing vaccine mandates, including those in the Capitol. “Americans want democracy back, and this rally is a demand to get their democracy back,” keynote speaker Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., said. | 23 Jan 2022 | Thousands gathered in Washington D.C. - a city that mandates vaccines - for a “Defeat the Mandates” protest, with protesters blaring ballads by Meat Loaf... Robert F. Kennedy and Informed Consent Action Network founder Del Bigtree were among big names who addressed the rally Sunday morning. Around 20,000 people were expected to attend the demonstration. “Americans want democracy back, and this rally is a demand by Americans to get their democracy back,” Kennedy said of the rally, according to WUSA9. Kennedy compared the plight of the vaccine-adverse to that of Anne Frank on Sunday, saying, **“Even in Hitler’s Germany, you could hide in the attic like Anne Frank did.”**

**Deloitte funded group that wants to keep homeless on subways** | 22 Jan 2022 | The corporate employer of tragic subway shoving victim Michelle Go, who was allegedly killed by an unhinged vagrant, helped fund a progressive non-profit that sued to keep the homeless from being ousted from the NYC transit system. Go, 40, a senior manager at consulting conglomerate Deloitte, was killed Jan. 15 when Simon Martial, 61, allegedly **pushed her** in front of an oncoming train at the Times Square station. He told reporters he did it “because of God.” Deloitte Financial Advisory Services donated between 25,000 and 50,000 in 2021 to the Urban Justice Center, according to the group’s annual report. ★

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# Gallagher Calls for Independent Analysis of Democrats’ Health Care

**Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City), along with his Assembly Republican colleagues, called for an independent analysis of the cost and potential impacts of Democrats’ proposed takeover of California’s health care system.

In a letter to Assembly Rules Committee Chair Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova), Gallagher and others called for the Legislative Analyst Office to conduct a Citizen Cost Impact Analysis of AB 1400 to determine the true expense of the proposal and the impact it will have on California’s budget, workers, health care delivery system and patients.

“A proposal of this magnitude should not even be considered for vote without an independent cost impact analysis. Lawmakers cannot spend hundreds of billions of dollars, raise taxes, and uproot the lives of every Californian without making the public fully aware of the impacts. We need answers,” said Gallagher.

Costs for previous single-payer proposals were estimated at \$400 billion per year (significantly more than the entire state budget), however there has been no impartial analysis of AB 1400’s price tag. A companion measure, ACA 11, is projected to increase taxes by more than \$160 billion per year. It also allows the Legislature to raise taxes further with a simple majority vote, eliminating Prop. 13’s two-thirds vote requirement and calling into question Democrats’ ability to pay for their proposal. Additionally, ACA 11 skirts education funding requirements that were approved by voters in Prop. 98.

The full letter requesting the cost analysis is available at: [www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher)

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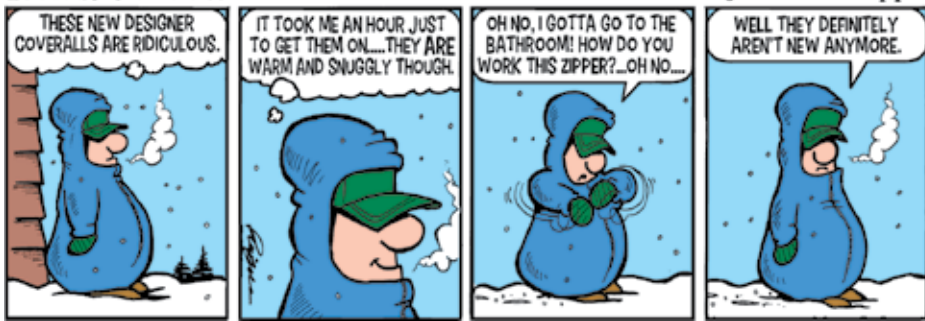
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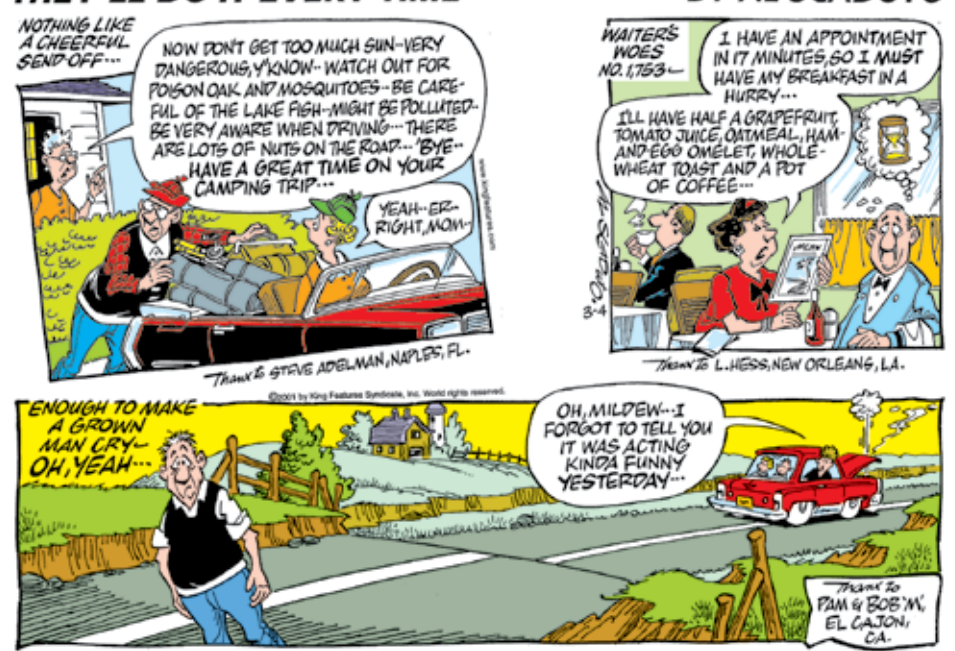
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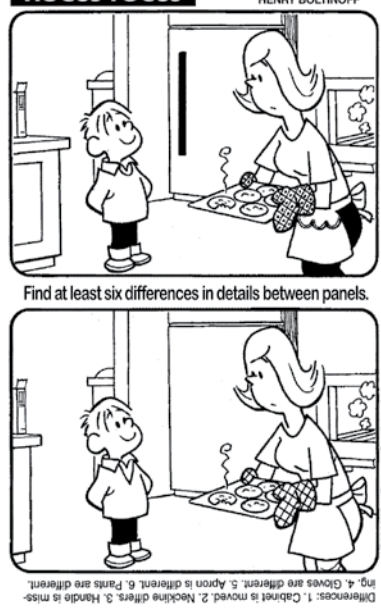
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