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Mandated Masks Again



The first statewide mandate was imposed in 2020 and lifted last June. Photo courtesy Pixabay

By Ana B. Ibarra, CALMatters

Starting Wednesday, (December 15, 2021) Californians will once again be required to wear masks indoors in public places regardless of vaccination status, state health officials announced today.

The renewed masking requirement follows a 47% increase in COVID-19 case rates since the Thanksgiving holiday and the arrival of new variant, said Dr. Mark Ghaly, the state's health secretary.

The mask mandate will run through January 15 and is specific to public settings, not private gatherings.

Nevertheless, health officials recommend people get tested ahead of holiday gatherings and consider better ventilation by opening windows or convening outdoors when possible.

The mandate will mainly affect about 50% of the state population that lives in counties that currently don't have their own mask mandate, Ghaly said. Los Angeles and several Bay Area counties already have mask mandates for public settings in place.

Along with renewed mask rules, the state will also require that attendees at mega events – those of 1,000 people or more – who are unvaccinated show proof of a negative COVID-19 test

taken within one day, if an antigen test, or two days for PCR tests. The state is also recommending that travelers get tested before and after trips.

The first statewide mandate was imposed in 2020 and lifted last June.

After the state's June 15 reopening, vaccinated people were allowed to return to grocery stores, retail and other public settings without a mask – at least under state rules. People who were not vaccinated still had to adhere to indoor masking. Telling the difference, however, was tricky: Ghaly acknowledged today that throughout the pandemic enforcement of these rules has been a challenge. ★

Langley Appointed Yuba City City Manager

City of Yuba City
Press Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - During their December 7th meeting, the Yuba City councilmembers announced the appointment of Diana Langley as the new Yuba City City Manager, effective as of Friday, December 10th. The audience reacted with a standing ovation for Langley.

Last month, Yuba City's current City Manager, Dave Vaughn, announced his resignation from the City and acceptance of a position with a private equity firm.

Langley started in Yuba City's Public Works Department 25 years ago and has served as the Department's Director and the City's Engineer since 2013. In addition, between February 2019 and February 2021, she twice served as the Interim City Manager.

"It was my honor to help the City as Interim Manager before, but the timing was not right for me to take



Diana Langley

the role permanently," said Langley. "Now that my daughter is off to college, and the opportunity has presented itself again, I am truly honored to accept. I am excited to lead this great organization, and I appreciate the confidence the City Council has in me."

Langley is a registered Civil Engineer. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering and a certificate in construction management.

"On behalf of the City Council, we cannot express

enough our gratitude for her willingness to step up and serve," said Yuba City Mayor, Dave Shaw. "Diana has a proven track record of leading complex projects and building positive relationships throughout the organization and the community. The third time was really a charm, and we are blessed that she accepted."

Langley's focus will be on fulfilling the City Council's goals of increasing public safety; creating a business-friendly environment; improving infrastructure; and ensuring fiscal responsibility.

Longtime residents of Yuba City, Diana and Matt Langley have been married for 21 years. They have one daughter, Madison, 19, a freshman at the Colorado School of Mines, a research university focused on science and engineering. When not running the city, Diana enjoys walking their dogs, traveling, doing puzzles and spending time with family. ★

Yuba Water Approves Agreement to Transfer Water to Bay Area

Yuba Water
Press Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) -Yuba Water Agency's board of directors today voted to authorize a water transfer agreement with Contra Costa Water District and East Bay Municipal Utility District, to sell at least 10,000 acre-feet of water, and potentially more, if the conditions allow, during the spring and summer of 2022.

"This is a great opportunity for us to provide water to other communities in need during the drought and bring in additional revenue for Yuba County water projects," said Yuba Water Agency General Manager Willie Whittlesey. "This agreement does not change the way we operate or how much water we release at all. It's just a change in where a relatively small portion of the water we are already releasing goes. We would be releasing this water for fishery benefits in the lower Yuba River, anyway, and this agreement will allow us to bring home even more benefits for Yuba County."

Water transfers are a key element of the 2008 Yuba River Accord, a collaborative, multi-party agreement that ensures a holistic approach to water management on the Yuba River. This landmark agreement benefits lower Yuba River fisheries and ensures water supply reliability for Yuba County's agricultural community and others who purchase water from Yuba Water Agency. It also provides revenue to fund local flood risk reduction and water supply projects and other activities to further Yuba Water's missions. In short, the water that is released in the Yuba River for the benefit of the fish, can then potentially be sold to others in the state who need it, and the revenue from those transfers goes to projects that benefit Yuba County.

"This is a big deal for us," said Yuba Water Agency Director Brent Hastey. "One of our goals has always been to expand our options regarding who we sell water to, so that we have more flexibility and can consistently bring home the benefits of water we are releasing to help Yuba River fisheries."

The water transfer is consistent with Governor Newsom's recent executive orders and proclamation of a drought state of emergency that encourage local agencies to voluntarily

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HJTA v County of Yuba



Commentary
by Lou Binninger

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) November 2021 Court Action Update included a summary of the HJTA v County of Yuba case. The legal battle involved Measure K from the November 2018 ballot in Yuba County.

The measure asked voters to approve a 1% sales tax increase for “public safety / essential services.” “The ordinance listed exclusive special purposes, and followed all the Government Code requirements for a special tax and created no option for defaulting to general services,” says HJTA.

HJTA advised the county that the ordinance was a special tax requiring a two-thirds vote. HJTA says,

“The county ignored our advice, and when Measure K received a 54% vote, the county declared it passed.”

HJTA, along with local residents Charles Mathews and John Mistler filed a complaint to invalidate the tax. The Yuba County Superior Court sided with HJTA, declaring Measure K invalid because according to Judge Berrier it was obviously a special tax disguised as a general tax, states HJTA.

Therefore, lacking a 2/3s vote it did not pass according to Berrier.

The county then appealed the Berrier ruling to the Third District Court of Appeal. This court of appeal reversed the local decision. HJTA writes, “The (Third District) decision invented a new, narrower test for finding a special tax than the one utilized in earlier cases, holding that revenue from the tax must be dedicated to a specific project or program to qualify as a special tax.”

This is the problem throughout California as liberal activist judges are actually making new law by their decisions. Proposition after proposition (Prop 13 – 1978 / Prop 58 – 1986 /

Prop 193 – 1996 / Prop 218 – 1996) have been passed by voters to stop politicians and bureaucrats from stealing their money and their freedom. In general, many lawsuits that affect more than one state are being filed by attorneys elsewhere to avoid California judicial abuse.

The impact of Measure K on local residents and businesses is significant. More than \$16,000 each day is taken from local citizens’ spendable income as people struggle to pay bills. This is particularly egregious since government crushed jobs by forcing businesses to close due to the Covid fraud.

Then Supervisors chose a handful of businesses to give money to rather than compensating all business that were forced to close. The constitution talks of compensating businesses when the government interferes or stops trade. The state and county ignored the constitution.

Lou Binninger can be heard on No Hostages Radio podcast, live on KMYC 1410AM 10-1 Saturdays, read at Live with Lou on Facebook and at Nohostagesradio.com ★

Fly to the Slopes with SMF



Several Tahoe ski resorts opened weeks earlier than planned which could be a sign of an incredible ski season to come! Photo courtesy Pixabay

By Scott Johnston,
Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento region had its first major rain-storm of 2021 in October, which brought huge amounts of snow to the Sierra. So much in fact, several Tahoe ski resorts opened weeks earlier than planned which could be a sign of an incredible ski season to come! Whether you’re heading to Lake Tahoe’s spectacular slopes or to the Rocky Mountains and beyond, Sacramento International Airport (SMF) can get you to the snow quickly. SMF offers direct flights and easy connections to many major ski destinations.

Locally, Lake Tahoe is home to 15 ski resorts, 477 miles of slopes, 146 lifts and views you won’t find anywhere else in the world. Ski racing began in North Lake Tahoe in the 1860s, when gold miners decided to attach boards to their feet and skim down the slopes, and the first resort was built in 1924. Today, there’s a resort for every kind of snow junkie – skiers, snowboarders, beginners and experts. SMF is approximately 100 miles from Tahoe and offers numerous nonstop flights from major U.S. hubs. Making both the north and south shores easily accessible.

For Northern Californians who are venturing outside of the state, flights from SMF can get you to some of the country’s best ski resorts in no time.

The Rocky Mountains stretch from British Columbia south to New Mexico, with dramatic mountain vistas, breathtaking ski terrain and as much as 33-feet of snow per year. SMF has nonstop flights to Denver (DEN) on United Airlines, Southwest Airlines and Frontier Airlines, allowing you easy access to some of the Rockies’ best ski resorts. Echo Mountain and Loveland Ski Area are about an hour away

from DEN, while Breckenridge and Copper Mountain are about a 90-minute drive.

Aspen is a spectacular year-round destination, but it is best known for its winter sports. Not into downhill, but still want to play in the snow? Aspen’s four mountains offer cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and winter hiking trails. Off the slopes, Aspen has a vibrant dining with diverse culinary options both off and on the mountain. A bit further south, the old west vibe of downtown Telluride compliments the glamour of Aspen. The rustic town has been called the #1 Ski Resort in North America. Tucked into a canyon surrounded by 14,000-foot peaks, Telluride was designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1964, preserving the feel of Colorado’s 1870s silver rush-era. The town is also home to a vibrant arts district, with galleries, performance spaces and architecture.

Salt Lake City (SLC) is also a short hop from SMF on both Delta Airlines and Southwest Airlines. Mother Nature delivers an average of 500 inches of snow to Utah’s mountains every year and many of the best resorts are within an hour’s drive from SLC. Park City, home of the Sundance Film Festival in January, has fabulous shopping and dining options as well as snow biking, snowshoeing, tubing, ice skating and sleigh rides nearby.

Western Canada’s renowned Whistler Blackcomb Resort can be accessed via several nonstop flights to Seattle (SEA) on Alaska Airlines, Southwest and Delta. Once you land, drive into beautiful British Columbia to one of the largest ski resorts in North America with a lift that can take you to an elevation of 7,350 feet.

For more information on flights, visit the SMF website. ★

Yuba Water Approves Agreement to Transfer Water to Bay Area

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coordinate their use of available water supplies to protect public health.

The transfer water in this agreement would be diverted at East Bay Municipal Utility

District’s Freeport diversion facility and at Contra Costa Water District’s diversion facilities near Rock Slough. The payments for the transfer water will reflect market rates agreed to by

the parties.

To learn more about the benefits of the Yuba Accord and how water transfers benefit the people of Yuba County, visit the Yuba Water Agency website. ★

Proven to Decrease DUI Crashes, ACCESS Launches Nationwide Program

By Ryan Budmayr,
ACCESS

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Richard A. Vlavianos, in front of the California state capitol and surrounded by other Public Safety and Law Enforcement Officials, announced the launch of a new, nationwide non-profit organization designed to treat high risk and repeat DUI offenders. The new non-profit, ACCESS, launches with a foundation of learnings and track record of saving lives as proven through a pilot that’s been active in California since 2008.

“After nearly 15 years and more than 5,000 participants, we’ve seen firsthand the difference this approach can make in changing behaviors and saving lives,” said Chair of ACCESS and California Superior Court Judge Richard A. Vlavianos. “Each day, roughly 28 people die in drunk driving related car crashes and it’s only fitting we make this announcement today as we kick off National Impaired Driving Prevention Month.”

Current DUI and Drug Courts make an undeniable impact treating a smaller, more targeted population in need of



The new non-profit, ACCESS, launches with a foundation of learnings and track record of saving lives as proven through a pilot that’s been active in California since 2008. Photo courtesy Pixabay

more significant support. ACCESS extends a similar approach to the remaining 70% of repeat DUI offenders that don’t qualify for traditional DUI court. A recent study of the 5,200 participants indicates the concept is significantly changing behaviors with an 80% completion rate and most encouraging, a 19% decrease in DUI crashes. The six-year longitudinal study also found that participants did not revert to the norm upon completion of the program, indicating signs of long-term behavioral change.

“Existing special courts work with high-risk offenders who have high treatment needs, while ACCESS fills the gap by

focusing on offenders who may be high risk, but don’t require the same level of treatment,” said Judge Vlavianos. “To make an impact, we needed to ensure the ACCESS program was scalable and affordable. I’m excited that we can provide monitoring, education and training to repeat DUI offenders at a fraction of the cost of typical treatment programs, at about \$10,000 less per participant.”

Discussions with multiple state law enforcement and judicial officials interested in launching ACCESS are currently underway. Those with questions or interested in learning more are encouraged to visit choosaccess.org. ★

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Surinder Mehta, Managing Director

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) -Yuba Sutter Indo American Business Association gave 12 Reading Scholarships to the Yuba & Sutter Counties kids. This program is run by Yuba & Sutter Counties Libraries. Scholarships include One Trophy, One Association T-shirt & one tablet to each kid.

Yuba Sutter IABA runs another program, Driving Lessons for kids from 15 yrs old to 18 yrs old. The Christmas time

Association gives Bikes to the Foster Kids. This year the Association joined hands with the National Child Safety Council with the help of Sutter County Sheriff's Office in the supervision of Sheriff Mr Brandon Barnes.

Association is in the process of setting up teaching Punjabi Class with Zoom Technology to the kids of Both Counties .One Class be of 10 Students Association is committed to helping kids in the community. ★

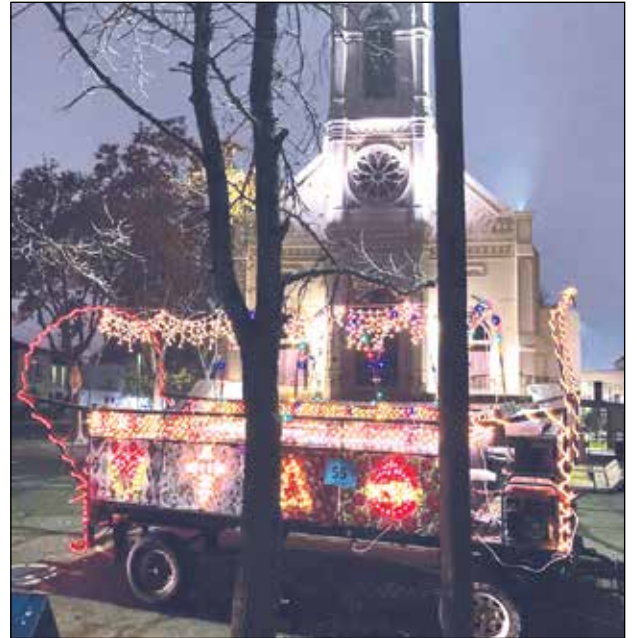
St. Joseph's Invites You for Christmas Caroling

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Press Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Fundraiser for St. Joseph's will be hosted by Stueve Farms for St. Joseph's Catholic Church, located at 702 C Street in Marysville. The horse drawn wagon will go through Downtown Marysville for \$5.00 per ride. Rides will start at St. Joseph's at 6 pm on December 19th, 2021.

All proceeds will be donated to St. Joseph's.

While waiting for your turn, hot chocolate and cookies will be available for \$5.00 per person. ★



Farm Bureau, Immigration Forum Partner on Citizenship Effort

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Farm Bureau and the National Immigration Forum announced a partnership today to support California farmers and ranchers wanting to help their agricultural employees become U.S. citizens.

Under the program, the Farm Bureau will contract with the National Immigration Forum to provide naturalization application services and counseling. The Farm Bureau will pay for immigration services that California farmers and ranchers request on behalf of their employees.

The services will include citizenship eligibility reviews, application preparation and case management. The partnership will also provide referrals for legal reviews of citizenship petitions as well as non-citizenship-related immigration inquiries.

Farm Bureau and the Immigration Forum will create an online portal to encourage eligible immigrants to apply for U.S. citizenship.

According to recent Department of Homeland Security estimates, an estimated 13.9 million green card holders lived in the U.S. with lawful resident status in 2019. As many as 9.2 million were eligible to apply to become naturalized U.S. citizens.

California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson praised the partnership as an important step for farmers, ranchers, and agricultural employees.

"Farm Bureau has long supported measures to improve the lives of California's farm employees, including furnishing opportunities for those who are present in the United States with legal status as they engage in the critical work of producing food for California and the world," Johansson said. "Offering farm employees who are eligible for U.S. citizenship a low-cost means

to access citizenship puts them on a path to fully share in the American bounty they work every day to create."

Since 2013, the National Immigration Forum has worked with some of America's largest employers to help more than 10,000 employees and their family members become citizens.

"We value our relationship with California Farm Bureau, as the largest general membership agricultural organization in California," said Emily Foster, vice president of corporate engagement at the National Immigration Forum. "The mission of the National Immigration Forum and New American Workforce is to assist immigrants who are eligible to access the benefits of full U.S. citizenship, and we are grateful to California Farm Bureau for giving us access to nearly 31,000 Farm Bureau members whose employees can benefit from the services we offer."

The California Farm Bureau is a supporter of the federal Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021, which would reform the agricultural guest worker program and provide a path to legal status for farm employees.

"We have joined with worker advocates like the United Farm Workers calling for this program because we know that workers who are working legally in the U.S. or who have gained citizenship are empowered workers who can make choices for themselves and their families," Johansson said. "Giving California agriculture's employees legal status and citizenship gives them a full stake in the American dream, and that's good for our farms, our communities and for America."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 31,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of nearly 6 million Farm Bureau members. ★

Female Arrested for 2 Counts Attempted Murder

California Highway Patrol Press Release

YUBA-SUTTER REGION, CA (MPG) - On December 6, 2021, at approximately 6:30 pm, Yuba-Sutter CHP was dispatched to a call of a vehicle blocking the westbound lane of Woodruff Lane, east of Armstrong Road.

An Officer arrived and observed the vehicle, a white 2005 Dodge Caravan, was indeed blocking the roadway. While he was checking the vehicle he could hear screaming approximately 100 yards to the west of his location near an irrigation canal. He then observed Green in some weeds adjacent to the canal. Green was acting irrationally and

appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance. As the Officer got closer, he observed Green had a 4-year-old male child face down and smothering him in the muddy embankment. The Officer reached for the child, and Green then completely submerged herself and the child in approximately 5 feet of water. The Officer jumped into the canal and was able to free the child from under the water and away from Green. As the Officer attempted to crawl up the embankment, Green was fighting with the Officer and was trying to pull him and the child back under the water. The Officer fought with Green for several minutes, while holding onto

the child in his other hand. Green then attempted to take the Officer's side arm several times while she continued to violently resist.

A Yuba County Sheriff's Sergeant arrived on scene and the Officer was able to hand the child to him with Green still fighting. Multiple other Deputies from the Sheriff's Office, Officers from the Marysville Police Department and CHP Officers arrived on scene and Green was eventually taken into custody.

Green will be charged with 2 counts of attempted homicide, resisting arrest, attempting to take an Officer's firearm, felony child endangerment, and driving under the influence of drugs. ★

Coroner's Investigation on Suspicious Death

Yuba County Sheriff's Department Press Release

WHEATLAND, CA (MPG) - Yuba County Sheriff Detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of an unidentified man that was found deceased at the bottom of an embankment along the side of Spenceville Rd near the Nevada-Yuba County border on 11/26/2021.

Nevada County Sheriff responded to a caller reporting they discovered a body at

approximately 11:30 a.m. along Spenceville Rd, and they determined that the location was in Yuba County's Jurisdiction. Due to visible injuries on the body, Yuba County Sheriff detectives responded and are investigating the coroner's case as a suspicious death.

Identification of the man and cause of death is pending an autopsy. The unidentified man is described as a White or Hispanic Male, with an estimated age of late 40's to 50's. The investigation remains active and ongoing. ★



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DWR Announces State Water Project Allocation

Department of Water Resources Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Today, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced its initial State Water Project (SWP) allocation for 2022 along with several steps to manage the state’s water supply in anticipation of a third dry year with reservoirs at or near historic lows.

Given the unprecedented drought conditions, the SWP’s initial allocation for December 1 will focus on the health and safety needs for 2022 of the 29 water agencies that contract to receive SWP supplies. DWR has advised these water agencies to expect an initial allocation that prioritizes health and safety water needs and that the SWP will not be planning water deliveries through its typical allocation process until the state has a clearer picture of the hydrologic and reservoir conditions going into the spring.

DWR is focused on prioritizing water supply in four categories: water for health and safety needs and Delta salinity control; water for endangered species; water to reserve in storage; and water for additional supply allocations if the hydrology allows.

“Despite a wet start to the water year, conditions have dried out since that first storm, and we are still planning for a below-average water year. That means we need to prepare now for a dry winter and severe drought conditions to continue through 2022,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “We will be working with our

federal partners and SWP contractors to take a conservative planning approach to balance limited water supplies with the needs of residents, businesses, and the environment.”

In addition to limiting the initial allocation to health and safety needs, DWR is making plans to adjust SWP operations this winter and spring. DWR is capturing and storing water when possible, in Lake Oroville and south of the Delta in San Luis Reservoir to increase available supplies for 2022 and will continue to do so throughout the winter. Health and safety demands for the Bay Area and Central and Southern California will be met with water available from the Delta as well as water stored in San Luis Reservoir. Water in Lake Oroville will be reserved to maintain Delta water quality, protect endangered species, and meet senior water right needs. Beyond minimal exports to meet South Bay health and safety needs, water stored in Lake Oroville will be used for south of Delta deliveries only if hydrology conditions improve. DWR plans to conserve as much storage as possible in Oroville in anticipation of a third dry year, and potentially a dry 2023.

Also, today, DWR along with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, submitted a new Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) to the State Water Resources Control Board. If approved, the petition would allow for the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project to operate under modifications to the water quality and water right permit requirements in the Delta from

February through April 2022, should conditions warrant. These modifications may be needed to conserve water in Lake Oroville to ensure minimum health and safety water supplies are available later in the year if dry conditions persist. If significant precipitation materializes in the next few months, standards may be met through natural means and modifications to SWP and CVP operations may not be necessary.

DWR is also delaying the removal of the Emergency Drought Salinity Barrier in the Delta. The rock barrier across West False River was scheduled to be removed by November 30, however drought conditions have persisted and leaving the barrier in place will enable a more efficient drought response in spring 2022 if needed. DWR plans to create a notch in the barrier in January 2022 to allow for fish passage and boat traffic until April 2022.

“It is going to take a multi-pronged approach to successfully respond to these unprecedented drought conditions,” said Nemeth.

Each year, DWR provides the initial State Water Project allocation by December 1 based on available water storage and projected water supply demands. Allocations are updated monthly as snowpack and runoff information is assessed, with a final allocation typically determined in May or June.

The lowest initial allocations were 5 percent in 2010 and 2014. Last year, the initial SWP allocation was 10 percent, however due to increasing dry conditions, the final allocation was lowered to 5 percent. ★

California’s ‘Tort Wars’ Heating Up Again



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

One of the Capitol’s most enduring conflicts pits personal injury attorneys and their allies in consumer advocacy groups against corporate interests and their insurers.

The two factions clash incessantly over what events are deemed wrongful acts (torts), who can sue over those acts and what monetary damages can be awarded.

Dubbed “tort wars,” the conflict has raged for decades in the Legislature, in the courts and occasionally via ballot measures, each side depicting itself as the good guys and the other as rapaciously evil. Millions of dollars are spent each year on lobbyists, media strategists, political campaign advisors and other tools of the political trade.

The intensity of the war varies from year to year, and 2022 is shaping up as one its hotter periods as the factions propose dueling ballot measures. One would effectively undo a 1975 law that limits damages for “pain and suffering” in medical malpractice cases, while another would place a new limit on the fees that personal injury attorneys can claim.

That 1975 law, entitled the Medical Injury

Compensation Reform Act (MICRA) and signed by Jerry Brown during his first year as governor, limits non-economic damages for malpractice to \$250,000. Its passage was not only a big win for medical providers and their insurers but the opening salvo of the war.

The attorneys not only have tried — very unsuccessfully so far — to repeal or modify MICRA but have sought to expand opportunities to sue and collect damages and fees, such as allowing them to intervene in cases that ordinarily would be handled by local or state legal authorities.

Business groups and insurers, meanwhile, have not only attempted to blunt the attorneys’ expansive ambition but to carry the MICRA model of damage limits into other potential injury cases.

In 1987, 12 years after MICRA was enacted, the speaker of the state Assembly, Willie Brown, mediated extensive negotiations between the warring factions on a truce, culminating in the infamous “napkin deal” worked out in Frank Fat’s restaurant near the Capitol with Brown hopping from table to table.

Quickly ratified by the Legislature, it gave lobbyists for every interest involved something to take back to their clients, including a slight modification of MICRA and new protections for the tobacco industry from lawsuits by smokers for cancer and other illnesses.

The napkin deal truce lasted for a few years, but tort wars resumed in the 1990s and have been waged ever since on specific

issues, including several unsuccessful efforts to change MICRA. One subset of the conflict, involving roughly the same interests, has been perennial jousting over workers’ compensation, the employer-financed, multi-billion-dollar system that covers job-related injuries and illnesses.

A ballot measure that would indirectly but effectively repeal MICRA is already qualified for the 2022 ballot even though the anti-MICRA coalition has failed repeatedly in the past to undo what the Legislature and Jerry Brown wrought 46 years ago.

Meanwhile, the Civil Justice Association of California, an umbrella organization of business and insurance interests, has unveiled its own initiative measure that would limit lawyers’ contingency fees in personal injury cases to 20% of monetary judgments, sharply lower than the traditional one-third or more. The goal, obviously, is to make attorneys less willing to take on cases.

The stage is set, therefore, for the competing factions to spend tens of millions of dollars to persuade voters, which would be a tiny fraction of the many billions of dollars at stake in the outcome. And regardless of what happens next year, the immense stakes mean tort wars will continue to rage indefinitely.

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

CHP Combats Retail Theft

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With the holiday shopping season in full swing, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is collaborating with local law enforcement agencies to aggressively investigate organized retail crimes, make arrests, and recover stolen merchandise from brick-and-mortar and online retail stores throughout the state.

The CHP’s Organized Retail Crime Task Force (ORCTF) assists local law enforcement agencies and pursues leads, identifies suspects, and supports criminal investigations. Immediately following the high-profile burglaries in the Bay Area this weekend, the CHP contacted the local agencies investigating the crimes and offered assistance. As a result, effective immediately, the CHP is increasing patrols on the freeway corridors adjacent to major shopping centers.

Since its creation in 2019, the CHP’s ORCTF, in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies, has participated in 773 investigations, made 240 arrests, and assisted in the recovery of more than \$18.9 million in merchandise.

“The CHP remains steadfast in its efforts to help reduce organized retail theft,” CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray said. “We are collaborating with local law enforcement and district attorneys to apprehend and prosecute the criminals involved in this nefarious activity.”

As California’s state law enforcement agency, the CHP can assist local authorities with complex investigations that extend beyond their jurisdictions or as requested.

The ORCTF provides local law enforcement with logistical support and resources, including personnel and equipment. Every ORCTF team throughout the state shares information between law enforcement agencies and California’s retailers, and has committed CHP detectives to investigate these crimes and enhance the safety of the public as they shop throughout California.

According to the National Retail Federation, organized retail theft accounts for an estimated \$30 billion in economic loss each year nationwide. Organized retail theft typically involves a criminal enterprise with multiple theft rings at numerous retail stores and uses a fencing operation to sell the stolen goods. Retailers carry losses from theft on several levels and ultimately the cost is passed on to consumers through price inflation to offset the economic loss.

If you observe organized theft:

Do not attempt to intervene; Note what the people involved look like; If possible, obtain a license plate and vehicle description; Be cautious — multiple suspects can be involved in these thefts; Report all suspicious activity to the store manager or police when safe to do so; Submit pictures or video of the suspects or criminal activity to law enforcement, if you can do so safely; Report organized retail theft incidents to CHP online at: <https://www.chp.ca.gov/notify-chp/organized-retail-theft-program>.

The ORCTF’s efforts are consistent with the CHP’s mission to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security to the people of California and are in line with the CHP strategic goal to protect life and property. ★

Democrats’ Spending Bill Will Punish Small Businesses

Commentary by Karen Kerrigan

Democratic lawmakers are touting a component of their budget bill that would help small business. And indeed, some entrepreneurs will be happy to learn about the \$25 billion proposal, which would provide small enterprises with new financing, training, and help with federal contracts.

But it’s misleading of legislators to suggest that their massive spending package is small-business-friendly. They are being quiet about other measures that would impact small businesses, such as a provision that would decimate hundreds of biotech startups — cutting their revenues and even forcing some to close their doors.

Democrats are still working to include a provision in the spending bill that would impose price controls on drugs.

This would empower the federal government to dictate what Medicare pays biopharmaceutical companies for their products. This is supposed to save the federal government money, and thereby help finance the many other programs under the spending bill.

But that’s not the full picture. Nearly two decades ago, bipartisan legislation established Medicare’s Part D, through which competing private insurers cover outpatient prescription drugs for seniors. To promote a fair and healthy marketplace, the legislation included a non-interference clause, which barred the government from getting involved in price negotiations.

The legislation would do away with that non-interference clause, suddenly allowing the government to dictate price. The impact on business would be enormous.

As a percentage of revenue, drug makers spend more on research and development than other industries — an average of 23% across the sector. Facing price controls, though, drug companies would be forced to cut spending.

Large pharmaceutical companies might be able to weather the storm, albeit with massive reductions research and development. But many small biotech firms would not survive repeal of the non-interference clause. These younger startups rely on the chance of revenue from future drug sales to attract investment, get off the ground, and stay afloat. According to a new white paper from a coalition of life-science funders, investment into rare diseases and specialty medicines would drop to nearly zero if price-control legislation passed.

On top of this blow to patients, the economic impact would be devastating. According to research from earlier this year, implementing price controls in the United States would stamp out nearly 200,000 jobs in the biopharmaceutical industry, and approximately one million overall.

Democrats may talk the talk on small business, and their proposed fund to help entrepreneurs could help some of these businesses. But if their spending bill also slashes income to a whole industry with government price controls, this could wipe out many of our nation’s most innovative small companies. If that happens, not only will small businesses pay a steep price, but also our nation’s health care consumers.

Karen Kerrigan is president and CEO of the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council. This piece originally ran in Townhall. ★



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We missed having Christmas in the Foothills, officially, this year. Sure glad to have the Peddler's Faire at the community center and there were several other Christmas events, but we weren't able to have our traditional coordinated events. We would have loved to buy a Christmas tree and several other holiday things. If the coffee shop were open, that would have been great and the Art Guild did not have a showing this year. If someone would like to volunteer

to organize the event next year, it would be great. It would take some coordination, maybe a small committee, to organize advertising, signage, then perhaps we could attract shoppers from the valley.

First day of winter comes next week. Sure wish we had some rain. It has been chilly, but dry. Oh well, I guess we take what we get.

Look Back in Time – In 1927 Claude Adams's car went down the road with a large Christmas tree on the running board (running boards sure had a use)

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Christine and Yvonne ★



Farm Bureau President Calls for Climate-Smart Approaches that Protect Farmers

The California Farm Bureau, the Golden State's largest agricultural organization, is holding its 103rd Annual Meeting in Orange County this week. The session opened with President Jamie Johansson calling for policies that support climate-smart agriculture but don't compromise farmers' ability to bring crops to the market. Johansson said farmers must be allowed to undertake conservation efforts without harmful government interference. "It's not a climate solution," he said, "if you make farmers less efficient."

Farm Bureau, Immigration Forum Partner on Citizenship Effort

The California Farm Bureau and the National Immigration Forum announced a partnership to support farmers and ranchers wanting to help their employees become U.S. citizens. The organizations are creating an online portal to encourage eligible workers to apply. The Farm Bureau will pay for immigration services member farmers and ranchers request on behalf of employees. The program applies to farm employees who already have legal status but are seeking citizenship and stability in the workforce.

Christmas Tree Farmers Serving Holiday Rush, While Preserving Evergreens for Future

A steady flow of customers is flocking to California Christmas tree farms. But current supplies of the evergreens are tighter than normal. Tree farmers say they're trying to manage crowds and their Christmas-time crop to ensure there will also be sufficient trees to sell in future years. Supplies have been impacted by California's population and steady demand for trees as some farmers retire and there are few new ones to replace them. The drought is also making growing harder.

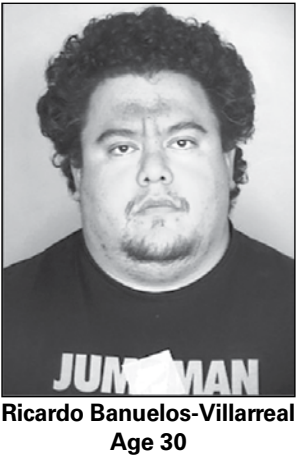
Legal disputes over biological decisions affecting management of Delta

A federal judge is reviewing biological opinions that could affect agricultural water users relying on irrigation supplies from the Central Valley and state water *projects*. U.S. District Judge Dale Drozd in Fresno has received legal briefs from the Biden administration that argue for water management approaches to protect fish and wildlife in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The issue has been bogged down in lawsuits over 2019 biological opinions issued under the Trump administration. ★

BCSO Detectives Arrest Individual for Two Murders in the Gridley Area



Alfredo Banuelos-Villarreal - Age 35



Ricardo Banuelos-Villarreal
Age 30

BCSO Press Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In November of 2021, family members of Ladexter Pelt, age 25, and John Dubose, age 20, contacted the Gridley Police Department and reported Pelt and Dubose missing. On November 13, 2021, the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) was asked to assist the Gridley Police Department with the investigation surrounding the circumstances of Pelt and Dubose's disappearance.

During the subsequent investigation, BCSO detectives determined Pelt and Dubose reside in Alabama. Detectives determined Pelt and Dubose had flown to Sacramento and then traveled to the Butte County area. Pelt and Dubose's family members were concerned

because they lost contact with Pelt and Dubose after they arrived in the Butte County area.

During the investigation, BCSO detectives, Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force detectives, BCSO Special Enforcement Unit detectives, and Designated Area deputies located evidence that gave them cause to believe Pelt and Dubose were murdered at a residence located in the unincorporated area of Gridley. Detectives also located evidence that gave them cause to believe Ricardo Banuelos-Villarreal, age 30 of Gridley, and Alfredo Banuelos-Villarreal, age 35 of Gridley, murdered Pelt and Dubose, and hid their bodies.

Over the past three weeks detectives have interviewed individuals in Gridley, Marysville, Yuba City, Sacramento, the Bay Area, and the Los Angeles area. Detectives have authored and executed numerous search warrants related to this investigation. Detectives have also interviewed numerous friends and family members of Pelt and Dubose. The friends and family members provided additional evidence that all signs of life ended shortly after Pelt and Dubose arrived in Butte County.

Detectives are actively searching for the bodies of Pelt and Dubose. Detectives would like to interview anyone who has interacted or had contact with Ricardo or Alfredo within the past three months. Detectives would also like to interview anyone who observed suspicious activity on their property or farm within the past month.

On November 14, 2021, detectives contacted and arrested Ricardo at a residence in Yuba City. Ricardo has been charged with two counts of murder and is currently in custody at the Butte County Jail. During the investigation, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Alfredo for two counts of murder. Multiple law enforcement agencies are actively searching for Alfredo.

Detectives are actively searching for Alfredo and a 2008 Nissan Altima, California license plate number 6VAR204. If anyone has information about this investigation, the location of Alfredo, or the aforementioned Nissan Altima, they are encouraged to call detectives at 530-538-7671. This investigation is ongoing and additional information will be provided when available. ★



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The Math of Losses and Gains

Most investors and advisors alike may not understand or perhaps even thought about the math of losses and how market crashes and rallies affect both profits and gains.

For example, if ABC company stock is at \$100 bucks a share and there are a million shares, the market value (known as market cap) is 100 million dollars (\$100 x 1,000,000 shares = \$100 million). If the stock drops 10% to \$90 a share, the market cap of the company is now 90 million.

Extrapolating similar math to an investor portfolio and applying it to how it affects profit or gains shows just how rallies and crashes do things to a portfolio that the investor or advisor may not realize.

Using a fictional account worth \$8,000.00, suppose we grow the account to \$10,000.00. That means we now have \$2,000.00 in profit. Now imagine the market drops by 10% and takes the stock down with it by the same 10%. Now the account is valued at \$9,000.00. The profit of \$2,000 is CUT IN HALF. Simply put, a 10% correction in the stock price wiped out 50% of the profit.

What this illustrates is that one's profit is wiped out first in market crashes. Although an investor might look at a 10% market correction and on the surface may be thinking its only 10%, he may fail to realize unless he looks at his statement and also does the math, that this somewhat minor correction took a large chunk of his profits.

A larger correction of say, 20%, could wipe out ALL his profit. Not a pleasant thought, but it is a necessary one.

By doing a bit of simple math and knowing your portfolios net deposits (what you put in), and its net withdrawals (what came out in fees, commissions or personal distributions) and then having an accurate figure on what you have gained, you can be better informed on what a market rally or crash is doing to your account.

Investors who don't perform this simple task and fail to keep a running balance may not have a handle on what the overall market movements are doing to what he has gained or lost in the portfolio. They may look at a month to month statement or even an annual statement, but few might track the total losses or gains over a long period time.

An investor should always remember what may look like a minor market correction or minimal stock price retreat, may actually be making huge dents in the profitability of the account.

Profits are the first to go in a crash and they reflect the entire downward movement of the price correction and more. Profits disappear by a multiple of a market decline, yet may increase only a proportional amount on the way up. This, in my opinion, is why minimizing losses is tantamount before looking to gains.

It is why stock declines can do far more damage than first thought because profits always disappear first in corrections. For this reason, some sort of loss prevention strategy in my opinion should always be considered.

It is said markets always come back, but prolonged and severe market crashes have in the past occasionally taken years to get back to even. Admittedly, most market routs are temporary blips in an ever increasing market, but who's to say the next crash won't take down the market significantly and then keep it down for years or even decades. Because no one knows whether this type of wealth obliterating market crash will occur, when it may occur, and how far it will go. To not consider some type of exit strategy is playing with fire and subsequently your life savings. Most professional traders and money managers use some sort of loss minimizing strategies for their own portfolios and the portfolios of their clients. If you or your advisor have not considered following what the pros do as it pertains to some sort of exit strategy to protect against a severe wipe out of your investments, the question becomes why not?

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Attempted Murder Arrest at Residence on Horman Drive

Yuba County Sheriff's Department

LINDA, CA (MPG) - On Friday the morning of November 26, 2021, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Yuba County Sheriff's Office Deputies arrested 50-year-old Tong Yang of Linda for Attempted Murder, following the shooting of a 59-year-old woman inside a Linda residence. Deputies responded to a 911 call reporting a relative inside a home threatening family members with a gun, in the 2000 block of Horman Drive. Upon deputies' arrival to the home, they heard two shots from inside the residence. Following the gunshots, several people exited the home and advised deputies that another family member inside was holding down the alleged shooter

and that a woman was shot.

Deputies entered the residence to find Tong Yang held on the ground by another man and the injured gunshot victim on the floor. Deputies immediately detained Yang and rendered medical aid to the victim, who was later transported to the hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound to the abdomen.

Over a dozen family members were in the home at the time of the incident, including several children. The victim remains hospitalized with serious injuries, but is stable.

Yang was booked into the Yuba County Jail for Attempted Murder, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, and Threats, with a bail of 1 million dollars. The investigation remains active and ongoing. ★



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FLETCHER – Ronald Fletcher, 37, of Yuba City, passed away December 3, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

KREUTZER – Tamara Kreutzer, 43, of Yuba City, passed away December 3, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

THOMPSON – Brandon Thompson, 24, of Yuba City, passed away December 5, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

JONES, JR. – TL Jones, Jr., 63, of Yuba City, passed away December 5, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

JEFFERS – Lola Jeffers, 89, of Colusa, passed away December 7, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

ARNOLD – Loretta Arnold, 77, of Yuba City, passed away December 8, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

LAUFF – Patricia Lauff, 79, of Colusa, passed away December 8, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

VICKERS – Richard Vickers, 61, of Yuba City, passed away December 9, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

LOMBARDO – Angela Lombardo, 65, of Yuba City, passed away December 9, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

PAULSON – Steven Paulson, 64, of Yuba City, passed away December 11, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

RAPP – Ryan Rapp, 46, of Olivehurst, passed away December 12, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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Yuba County Animal Care Services is located at 5245 Feather River Blvd., Olivehurst. You can also go to www.petharbor.com or www.petfinder.com to see all of our adoptable animals and look for your lost family pets, or check out our Facebook page, Yuba County Animal Care Services@yuba-countyACS. ★



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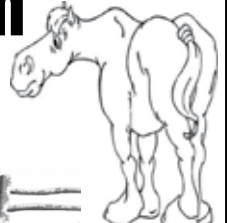
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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

**Office of Secretary of State
Dr. Shirley N. Weber**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Secretary of State Dr. Shirley N. Weber announced that the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures on December 7, 2021.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the

proponent and to the Secretary of State, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Secretary of State then provides a calendar of deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

Limits state and local governments' ability to raise revenues for government services. Initiative constitutional amendment. For new state taxes, requires voter approval (added to current requirement

that Legislature approve by two-thirds vote any taxes it proposes). For new local taxes, local governing body must approve by two-thirds any taxes it proposes, and voters' approval must occur in a general election. Expands definition of "taxes" to include certain regulatory fees, broadening application of approval requirements. Requires Legislature or local governing body to approve all other fees by two-thirds vote. Requires that tax measures specifically limit how revenues may be

spent. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Potentially substantially lower annual state and local revenues, depending on future actions of the Legislature, local governing bodies, voters, and the courts. (21-0026A1.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1920 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 21-0026A1.

The proponent of the measure, Thomas W. Hiltachk, must collect

signatures of 997,139 registered voters (eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2018 general election) in order for the measure to become eligible for the ballot. The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials no later than June 6, 2022. The address for the proponent is 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 600, Sacramento, CA, 95814. The proponent can be reached at (916) 442-7757. ★

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR TENTATIVE
SUBDIVISION TRACT MAP TSTM 2021-0008
(Alberta Ranch) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING BEFORE THE YUBA COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Planning Commission (PC) on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA, to consider the following:

Tentative Subdivision Tract Map TSTM 2021-0008 (Alberta Ranch): The applicant is seeking approval to create 57 residential lots on an 11.28 acre property zoned Single Family Residential "RS". The project site is located at 6142 Alberta Avenue, 850 feet north of North Beale Road and 1,000 feet south of Hammonton Smartsville Road, in the Linda Community (APN 019-291-010).

The Planning Commission will be considering adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The public comment period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration is December 17, 2021 to January 7, 2022.

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) December 17, 2021



**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2021F298**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Richards Regenerative Meats
12206 Rices Crossing Road,
Oregon House, CA 95962
County of Yuba
1) Richards Ranch Meats, Inc.,
1480 Moraga Rd Ste C,
Moraga, CA 94556;
California
This business is conducted by Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
**Thomas Richards,
President**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on November 15, 2021, indicated by file stamp.
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By Bridgette Evans,
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
OF ABANDONMENT
FILE NO. 2020 F-261**

The fictitious business name referred to in this Statement of Abandonment was filed in Yuba County, CA on: 11/06/2020 FNG Filing Number: 2020F-261:
Marysville Clinic
527 E Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba County
1) Jasbir S. Kang, M.D., and Sanjiv Midha, M.D. a Medical Corporation, A Professional Corporation
1215 Plumas Street, Ste. 1900
Yuba City, CA 95991
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Yash Brar
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on November 19 2021, indicated by file stamp.
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**

FILE NO. 2021 F-301
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Beale Storage
1976 Beale Road
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba County
1) Edwin Paul Jinks
1976 Beale Road
Marysville, CA 95901
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Edwin P. Jinks
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on November 5 2021, indicated by file stamp.
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2021 F-302**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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527 E Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba County
1) Jasbir S. Kang, M.D., and Sanjiv Midha, M.D. a Medical Corporation, A Professional Corporation
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This business is conducted by a Corporation.
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Signed:
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Deputy Clerk
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maining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Pamela Faye Milhous Epps, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: NationalDefault Servicing Corporation Recorded 07/19/2018 as Instrument No. 2018-008703 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Yuba County, CA. Date of Sale: 01/06/2022 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Fifth Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 Fifth Street, 215 Fifth Street, Marysville, CA. 95901 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$316,400.44 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 5514 Ravine Ct Marysville, CA 95901 A.P.N.: 019-501-015-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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. The requirements of California Civil Code



Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. CVPT21-01146
Superior Court of California, County of Yuba**

Petition of: Stacia Dawn Crosno and Roger Hayhurst for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioners Stacia Dawn Crosno and Roger Hayhurst filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**From: Jared Robert Hayhurst
To: Isaak Hayhurst**

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: 1/10/2022,
Time: 9:30 AM,
Dept.: 4
The address of the court is
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: 12/06/2021

STEPHEN W. BERRIER
Judge of the Superior Court
Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2021 and January 7, 2022

Community Events

**St. Joseph's Christmas Caroling
Sunday, Dec. 19 at 6 pm
\$5 per ride with all proceeds donated to St. Joseph's
Horse drawn wagon will go through Downtown Marysville.
Hot chocolate and cookies will be available for purchase while waiting your turn.**

**Victorian Christmas in Nevada City
Sunday - Dec. 19 from 1:30 to 6 pm
Wednesdays - Dec. 15 from 5 to 9 pm
Hilltop Gang Breakfast, Second Sunday of the Month at
Brownsville Community Center downstairs on Ponderosa Way.
Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice and peaches.
Choice of ham or sausage. Choice of pancakes, french toast
or biscuits and gravy. Adults \$7, Children under 12 \$3.**

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Yuba County Supervisors Approve New District Lines

Yuba County Press Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The reconfigured borders of the five Yuba County Board of Supervisors districts were finalized by unanimous vote during a special Tuesday afternoon public meeting, concluding the nearly three month redistricting process.

The vote came following several public meetings, during which three map options were developed and then presented to the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 6. Board members selected one of the options to be brought back to the Dec. 14 meeting for final approval.

The final county district map and individual maps for each district are available to be viewed online at www.Yuba.org/redistricting. The site includes interactive maps that allow residents to zoom in to their neighbors, to have a clear understanding of which district they reside in.

“Now that the redistricting process is complete, we encourage residents to visit our website and carefully look at the finalized maps to see whether the necessary changes placed them in a new district with a new Board of Supervisors representative,” said Yuba County Administrator Kevin Mallen. “Most residents will be in the same district they have been in over the past ten years, but some will find their

district changed as of Tuesday.”

The 2020 Census count released in August revealed significant growth in the southern portion of Yuba County, making it necessary to change district boundaries in order to achieve legal requirements to balance populations among all five districts. Between 2010 and 2020 Census counts, Board of Supervisors District 1 and District 4, representing primarily Linda and Plumas Lake respectively, grew significantly, while the other three districts saw only limited growth.

Earlier this year, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors directed county staff to take the lead in establishing workshops with interested members of the public to do the work of adjusting the district lines. Some area residents participated in the public meetings that began Sept. 20, while many others submitted their preferences for the remapping process through emails and social media.

The challenge in this once-a-decade requirement is to redraw district lines in a manner that ensures neighborhoods, cultural groups and other segments of communities are fairly represented before the Board. Each district under the county’s new Census count of 81,575 was adjusted get as close as possible to the district average goal of 16,315 residents. ★

Communism and Christmas

Liberty Counsel Press Release

ORLANDO, FL (MPG) - This Christmas season when the Biden administration is desperately trying to control Americans by denying their religious beliefs and forcing them to inject experimental shots into their bodies, it is important to examine how communism can quickly eradicate the Christian faith in a nation.

Before Ronald Reagan became president in 1981, he gave more than 1,000 daily radio broadcasts from 1975 to 1979, including one in which he shared a story about the history of Christmas in the Ukraine before and after communism.

In an effort to resist Christians, communist leaders secularized a favorite Ukrainian Christmas carol, “Nova Radist Stala” (Joyous News Has Come to Us). The original song began with these words: “The joyous news has come which never was before. Over a cave above a manger a bright star has lit the world, where Jesus was born from a virgin maiden” Communists feared the public outcry that would follow a complete ban on Christmas, so they began to slowly secularize the holiday. The first rewrite of the song began: “The joyous news has come which never was before, a red star with five tails has brightly lit the world.” The second rewrite went further: “The joyous news has come which never was before. Long-awaited star of freedom lit the skies in October [the month of the Revolution]. Where formerly lived the kings and had the roots their nobles, there today with simple folks, Lenin’s glory hovers.”

The former Soviet Union eventually began banning Christmas commemorations. St. Nicholas was replaced with “Did Moroz,” or Grandfather Frost. This Stalinist creation wears a red cap and long white beard of Santa Claus, but he delivers gifts to children on New Year’s Eve. Christmas trees were also banned, but people continued to trim their New Year’s trees. Communism folded all Christmas celebrations into a New Year’s celebration.

Christians in the former Soviet Union exhibited bravery and courage in confronting communism’s anti-Christmas campaign. One person recalled how the young people would go out in the streets and sing Christmas carols, knowing that if police heard them, they would be arrested. In communist Romania, Rev. Geza Palffy, a Roman Catholic priest, delivered a

sermon in 1983 protesting that December 25 had been declared a workday instead of a holiday. The next day he was arrested by secret police, beaten, imprisoned, and died. Inside and outside the Iron Curtain, Ukrainians never stopped singing: “We beg you our Lord, we pray to you today. Grant us freedom, return glory to our Mother Ukraine.” Reagan ended his broadcast: “I guess we all hope their prayer is answered.” Indeed it was.

The secularization of Christmas is nothing new. Christianity Today in 2002 reported that in the Vietnamese province of Dak Lak, children’s choirs were forbidden to sing “Silent Night.” From 1969 to 1997, Christmas was banned in Cuba.

Legal challenges to Christmas and holiday displays have been ongoing for decades. The challenges to Nativity displays expanded to the public schools and even to nursing homes and assisted living centers. In some schools, students were told that Christmas cards, Merry Christmas greetings, singing religious Christmas carols, and even the colors red and green were not permissible. Some senior living centers prohibited residents from placing Christian or religious symbols on Christmas trees or decorating with any religious imagery. Around 2003, the censorship of Christmas entered the retail market. Christmas trees was renamed “Holiday Trees,” Christmas decorations were referred to as “Holiday Decorations” or “Holiday Lights.” In response to this trend, Liberty Counsel launched the annual Friend or Foe Christmas Campaign, which is designed to educate and, if necessary, litigate, to ensure that the religious and Christian viewpoints of Christmas are not censored.

Learn here about some of the numerous Christmas-related issues in which Liberty Counsel has been involved. Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, “The war against Christmas is nothing new and it is certainly evident today in the form of religious discrimination and hostility. Repressive forces have always had the same goal to first secularize and then to eliminate Christmas and Christian symbols, celebrations, and speech. In America, the First Amendment is a guard against censorship and religious hostility. In the retail market, the consumer can decide to patronize stores that recognize Christmas and avoid those that profit from Christmas while pretending it does not exist.” ★

Sacramento Sees 16th Fewest Home Sales Per Capita in U.S.



Part of the reason for this spike in demand has been favorable economic conditions for middle and upper income earners. Photo courtesy Pixabay

Lattice Publishing LLC, Report from Porch

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Unusually high demand in the real estate market has been a consistent fact throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. While real estate sales – like most aspects of the economy – ground to a halt in March and April of 2020, buyers since then have been snapping homes up quickly, often offering to pay above asking prices and make other concessions to land a deal.

Part of the reason for this spike in demand has been favorable economic conditions for middle and upper income earners. While lower-wage workers were at much greater risk of economic instability during the pandemic, most professional class workers were able to keep their jobs by transitioning to remote work, save money from reduced spending in categories like travel, entertainment, and food, and enjoy strong returns in the stock market. Good household financial conditions and low mortgage interest rates put homeownership within reach for many buyers.

The total volume of home sales nationwide shows the extent of this demand. Seasonally-adjusted monthly home sales dropped sharply early at the start of the pandemic to less than 400,000 in May 2020

but rebounded to a peak of more than 650,000 in October 2020. Monthly sales since then have leveled out at a lower level, but still well above pre-pandemic levels. This volume of homes is moving off the market even in spite of the fact that the inventory of homes for sale was at record lows for most of the pandemic.

While demand is unusually high in most markets, some locations are seeing greater competition than others. Notably, Florida and Nevada are far ahead of other states in average monthly home sales at 19.7 and 16.9 home sales per 10,000 residents. Most of the leading states offer a combination of relatively affordable real estate, strong economic opportunities, and temperate climates that make them an appealing alternative to high-cost states like California and New York, which are seeing greater numbers of people moving away. At the metro level, the same trends hold with many so-called “second tier cities” in the South and West experiencing the greatest demand.

The data used in this analysis is from Redfin and the U.S. Census Bureau. To determine the metropolitan areas with the most home sales, researchers at Porch calculated the average monthly home sales per 10,000 residents between January and September

2021. In the event of a tie, the location with the greater average monthly home sales was ranked higher. Researchers also included median days on the market, the percentage of homes that sold above asking, and median sale price. To improve relevance, only locations with at least 100,000 residents and available data from Redfin were included. Additionally, metros were grouped into cohorts based on population size.

The analysis found that the Sacramento metro area averaged 2,862 home sales per month between January and September. Overall, 12.1 homes sold per 10,000 residents. Out of all large U.S. metropolitan areas, Sacramento saw the 16th fewest home sales per capita between January and September of 2021. Here is a summary of the data for the Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom, CA metro area:

Average monthly home sales (per 10k residents): 12.1; **Average monthly home sales (total):** 2,862; **Median days on market:** 8; **Percentage of homes that sold above asking:** 68.3%; **Median sale price:** \$535,494

For more information, a detailed methodology, and complete results, you can find the original report on Porch’s website: <https://porch.com/advice/cities-with-the-most-home-sales-per-capita> ★



LOCAL FISHING

Spenceville WA; six lovely bass and crappie ponds, all within easy walking distance. #1 Horseshoe Pond ; walk 5-yards off Pittman Rd. #2 Pittman Pond; easy 8-steps off Pittman Rd. #3 Little Dry Creek Pond; a ten minute stroll off Spenceville Rd. #4 Wood duck Pond; a 3-minute walk off Spenceville Rd. #5 Spring Plot Pond; same as #4 above. #6 Upper Jones Pond; crawl over the fence off Jones Rd and sashay six feet. (Eureka) Use: Fly rod Mini Poppers. (b) Secret Pond, Oroville WA; take hwy. 70 north to Pacific Heights Rd. Exit on the gravel levee road. Drive 200-yards, pond on the right. Large mouth black bass of 13-pounds caught here in 2019. Use: ? Fisherman’s Comment: Brownie, you sure let the cat out of the bag on this one. Signed: Anonymous Sacramento kids ponds – CDF&W planted special Brook Trout!! Use: Worms, or Power Bait. (b)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

S.F. Bay; no activity reported. Delta, Brannon Island; three 14-inch stripers caught. Use: 6-inch Top Water Plug. (g) Liberty Island; several shaker stripers. Use: Shad Bait. (g)

COASTAL WATERS

Mola Mola...(alexandrine) aka Giant Sun Fish. Found off California coast,



Giant Sun Fish

December 8, 2021. Flesh is considered a delicacy in Japan and Taiwan, including fins and internal organs. Record: 1996 507 pounds, 8’11” long. Photo. Notice the paddle board is 14 ft long. San Francisco coast Dungeness crabs; sportsmen restrictions of rings and snares only. Still working hard for nice limits. Fisherman’s Comment: 5

½ “ crabs of two pounds provides only ½ lbs. of meat. Live crab cost \$9.00 equals \$18.00 per lb. of crab meat. Humbolt Bay Dungeness crab; sportsmen working crab pots. Use: Chicken parts. (b) Marin Coast rock fish; Party Boats and Six-Pacs limiting on rock fish. Use: Herring Cut Bait (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Lake Almanor; Canyon Dam boat ramp open. Slow troll 1.5 MPH at 25-ft depths for 9-pound browns. Use: F-9 Rapala (Pond Smelt imitation) (b) Folsom Lake; still below the 400’ level and 5-MPH limit. Try for bass in coves side creeks, rock piles. Use: Heddon Zaragosa Minnow (a) Pyramid Lake, Nev. High-pressure stirs ups 20lb plus cutts, near shore. Lots of boat traffic. Use: 400gr shooting head line with Tui-Chub imitation (Flesh Fly) or Popcorn Beetle. (b)



Flesh Fly

RIVER FISHING

Sacramento River, Knights Landing; chinook head shaker throws hook, but bright 17lb. and 27 lb. landed. Yes! Typically, the big 30-pounder got away? Use: Kwik-fish w/ butterflied Sardine Wrap. (a) Fisherman’s Comment: “Well!, If the shoe fits, wear it.” “That svelte fish was 0.784 meters long and fought me for two-bells.” Signed: Skipper Bill. Napa River stripers; fish the upper river above Napa, or the lower section near the mouth at San Pablo Bay. Use: live Mud Suckers. (a) American River steelies; none caught. Use: ? (gg) Trinity River; low water raft drifting. Nice 7-8 pound steelhead. Use: Price Nymphs under an indicator.(b)

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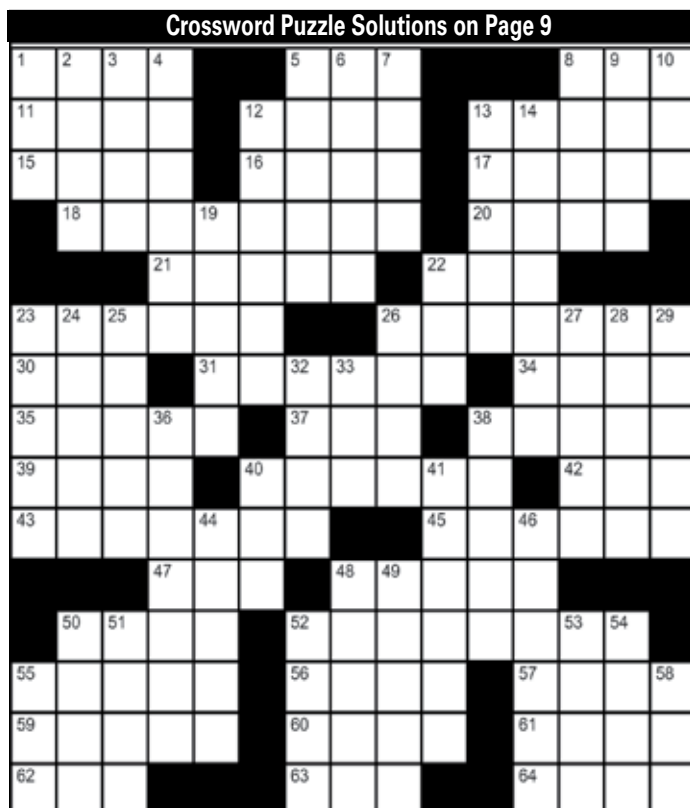
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- ACROSS**
- Coalition of countries
 - King trump-er, sometimes
 - Cuckoo bird
 - weevil
 - Smelting waste
 - Kitchen-wear
 - Coke or Pepsi
 - Check-in via text, email, etc.
 - Settler transport
 - *2021 Super Bowl winner, two words
 - Before long, to Shakespeare
 - Jeopardy
 - Auction action
 - Puts down
 - Coroner's performance
 - Band booking
 - Snicket of "A Series of Unfortunate Events"
 - Stravinsky's "The _____ of Spring"
 - Mine passages
 - *Build Back Better _____
 - Eucharist plate
 - Table hill
 - Good review
 - "Tit for _____"
 - Buck feature, pl.
 - *First female VP
 - Evergreen creeper
 - It goes with gin, according to Snoop Dogg
 - Mongolian desert
 - *COVID-19, e.g.
 - Poison ivy or Poison oak
 - International Civil Aviation Org.
 - Distinctive smell
 - House coat
 - Asian cuisine food thickener
 - Pelvic parts
 - Gallery display
 - Self-proclaimed greatest boxer
 - Count on

DOWN

- "Monty Python" broadcaster
- Rioter's take
- Cantina pot
- Fasteners or holders
- Cover story
- *Suez _____, too tight for Ever Given
- Like custard
- Mythological ship
- "High" time
- Wayside stop
- Thinly spread
- Look forward to
- *_____ Papers, leaked offshore account information
- Banana refuse, pl.
- Exchange for money
- Old World lizard
- *January 20th honoree
- Anti-elderly one
- Those not in favor
- Pita, alt. sp.
- Take without asking
- Gossiper, Yiddish
- *Perseverance landing spot
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- Give the boot
- *"Stronger" by Cindy McCain, e.g.
- Southwestern hut
- Sushi restaurant staple
- _____ gum, food additive
- Leave out
- Home to the Leaning Tower
- Not in use
- One in mattress
- Spot for a facial
- *Actor Liotta, star in "The Many Saints of Newark"



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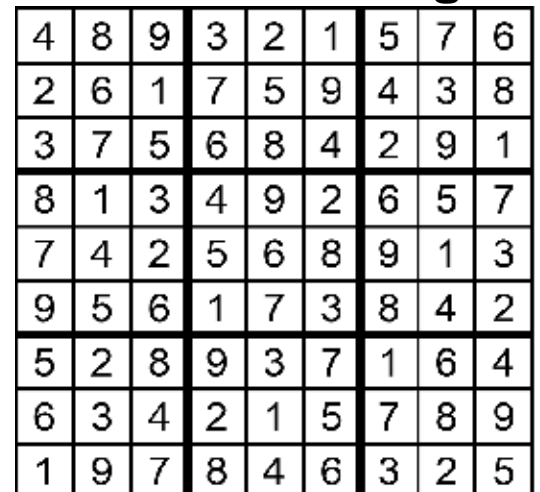
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Are You ‘Aged Out’ of Owning a Business?

Commentary
by **Stuart Robles**

Two drivers behind “The Great Resignation” have been unhappiness and boldness — people thinking they can find a more fulfilling job at a different company, or a new career altogether, and then going for it.

One example is the surge in new entrepreneurs. The pandemic has brought out a record number of them. And a high percentage of those who recently quit their jobs say they’re planning to start their own business.

Yet others who consider being their own boss hesitate, and one reason is age. Are they too old, or too young and inexperienced, to start and run a new business or buy and operate an existing company? These are valid questions, but the current economic climate is favorable for entrepreneurship no matter one’s age, says Stuart Robles (www.briggs-capital.com), co-author of The New World of Entrepreneurship: Insiders’ Guide to Buying and Selling Your Own Business in the Digital Age.

“With the great economic reset from the pandemic working its way through the American economic system, there have been many losers and some big winners along the way,” Robles says. “But the biggest winners will be those individuals who step into the entrepreneurial ring in 2022.

“This includes hard-working Americans in the middle. Now is their time. There are historic opportunities for those poised to start a business or become partners in one. Tremendous amounts of money are available — in venture capital and other investment vehicles. Chaos has created disruption and new niches for businesses. The markets are overheated and returns are unpredictable with interest rates rising next year. So a great place folks can put their money is in private businesses.”

Robles cautions, however, that



The current economic climate is favorable for entrepreneurship no matter one’s age, says Stuart Robles. Photo courtesy Rodnae-Productions Pexels.

historically failure rates for new businesses are high, and learning how to navigate the sometimes rough waters is essential to success. He offers these tips for first-time entrepreneurs:

Bring the bucks to match your boldness. Without sufficient growth capital, promising

plans for start-ups or initiatives for existing companies die on the launching pad. “Many first-time buyers or start-up entrepreneurs do not consider the follow-on cash needed to propel the business,” Robles says. “A start-up needs a long runway to profitability because it has no existing

sales. You must examine your reserves, understand your limitations, and avoid signing up for debt you cannot pay back.”; **Be sly like a fox.** Robles says the best start-up operators are “the slyest foxes in the forest,” attracting executives of influence in the sector and trolling

through their connections. “These are absolutely key undertakings in your quest,” he says. “The experienced players involved in start-ups admire those founders who whittle and cajole others to do their bidding for no apparent up-front compensation.”; **Be ready for long hours.** The pace, demands, and hours required of a business owner necessitate honest self-reflection before taking the leap, Robles says. “You really have to critique yourself physically for the rigors ahead,” he says. “We often recommend a physical exam before an acquisition to fully evaluate your health. Find time to get away and exercise. And having a smooth life on the home front, with no static for your long absences, is a must for longevity.”; **Be a storyteller.** Robles says the message you convey about your business should combine passion and uniqueness, so it connects with people. “Learn to turn your dull widget into a fascinating oracle of the industry,” Robles says. “Show the fire and enthusiasm that will be welcomed by the established players. They can cut years off your learning curve and provide contacts and vendors that you would stumble past in your ignorance.”; **Don’t give away too much too soon on social media.** Announcing to the world your intentions right out of the gate is not a good idea, Robles says, because rivals will intervene. “Better to let them eye you with wary but benign interest and not try to block you before you’ve hardly advanced the ball,” Robles says. “Until your strategy starts impacting the marketplace, keep your plans to yourself and your key players. Social media posts and press releases pushed through paid wire services are most often read by your competitors rather than your customers.”

“Every seven to 10 years, America faces an economic crisis, but these jolts set the stage for innovation and profits for new entrepreneurs,” Robles says. “Now is one of those times.” ★

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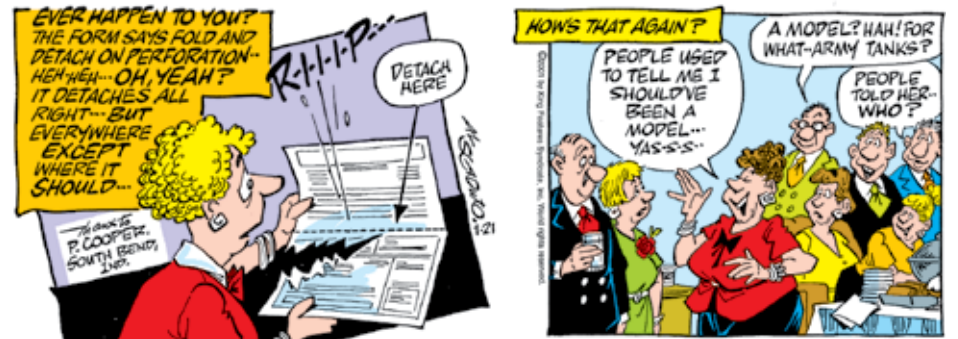
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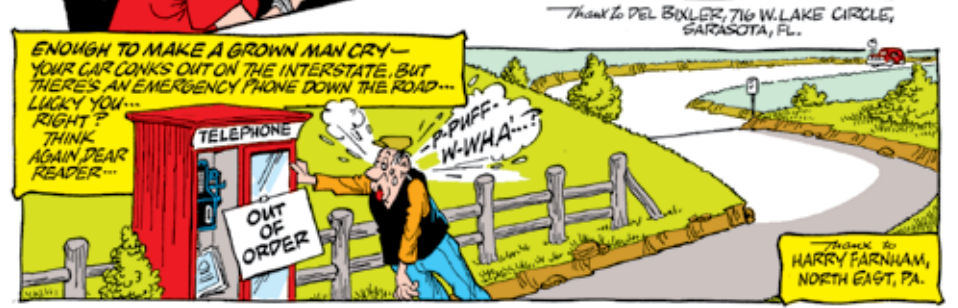
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