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Cash for VAX!

Newsom offers big bucks for Californians who get their shots



Newsom announced a \$116.5 million "Vax for the Win" program, the largest inoculation lottery program in the country. Photo MPG file

**By Ben Christopher,
CALMatters.org**

For Californians who are insufficiently compelled by civic duty and self-preservation to get vaccinated, Gov. Gavin Newsom is offering another reason to get the jab: cold, hard cash.

This afternoon, Newsom announced a \$116.5 million "Vax for the Win" program, the largest inoculation lottery program in the country. The money will be split among dozens of lucky Californians: \$1.5 million to each of 10 "grand cash prize" winners who will be picked by random draw on June 15, and \$50,000 each to 30 "Fridays for 30" winners to be selected by random draw on June 4 and June 11.

The remaining \$100 million will be divided up in \$50 retail gift cards among the next 2 million Californians to complete their vaccine regime.

"These are real incentives," the governor said at a press conference. "And these are an opportunity to say thank you to those not only seeking to get vaccinated, as we move forward, but also those that have been vaccinated."

According to the most recent state vaccine data, a little more than half of all Californians over age 12 have been fully vaccinated. Another 13% have received one of two shots.

That still leaves more than 12 million Californians unvaccinated.

The percentage vaccinated varies wildly by race and income. Among Californians living in the top quarter

of the healthiest ZIP codes, 76.6% have received at least one dose. In the least healthy quarter in the state's "Healthy Places" Index, the share is only 52.1%.

"Some Californians weren't ready to get their COVID-19 vaccine on day one, and that's okay. This program is designed to encourage those who need extra support to get vaccinated and help keep California safe," Dr. Tomás Aragón, director of the California Department of Public Health, said in a statement.

H.D. Palmer, a spokesperson for the state Department of Finance, said the lottery funding will initially come out of the state's emergency operations account, but will be repaid with the state's multi-billion dollar

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Violent Criminals Get Less Consequences under New Proposal

**By Nghia Nguyen,
Office of Senator
Jim Nielsen**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Democrat majority of the Senate passed a measure requiring the courts to dismiss sentence enhancements, thereby, resulting in shorter jail or prison time for convicted criminals. Senate Bill 81 (Skinner) further removes the discretion of judges and provides them no guidance when evaluating whether an enhancement should be dismissed.

Some of these enhancements like the Three Strikes law have been placed into law by the votes of the people.

"By eliminating the enhancements, the Legislature is sending the message that it is ok to do multiple crimes without consequences," said Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Red Bluff). "The criminals understand this message well."

"This legislation emboldens the criminals and ignores the rights of victims and the rest of society."

According to the San Diego District Attorney, "Senate Bill 81 serves to mandate dismissal of sentencing enhancements imposed by the original sentencing judge for many offenders by creating a new opaque legal concept – a presumption of dismissal unless the prosecution shows by clear and convincing evidence that the dismissal of the enhancement would endanger public safety."

This bill would likely eliminate all property crime enhancements, as such crimes are deemed "non-violent."

For example, embezzling or defrauding a person of \$5,000 or embezzling and defrauding their entire \$500,000 life savings would essentially have the same penalty.

"This is completely unfair and unjust for both the victim and the community at large," said Senator Nielsen.

Senate Bill 81 received 27 yes votes. No Republican voted for this measure. It now moves to the Assembly for additional hearings.

Elected to the State Senate in January 2013, Senator Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba. To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. Follow him @CASenatorJim.

Stephen Frank to Speak at Feather River Tea Party

**By Larry S. Virga,
Feather River Tea Party
Patriots**

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced Stephen Frank will be the Special Guest Speaker at their next meeting, Monday, June 7, 2021.

Stephen Frank is a long-time strategist for political campaigns and public policy issues. Since 1996 he has been the author, editor, and publisher of California Political News and Views, one of the largest online conservative newsletters in the state.

Mr. Frank has a long and accomplished resume starting in 1960 working for Richard Nixon for President, Goldwater for President in 1964, Ronald Reagan for California Governor in 1966, candidate campaigns for sheriffs and legislators, and the 1978 Proposition 13 effort, working with the



Stephen Frank

team of volunteers to get the needed signatures to put it on the ballot.

He is also heard on numerous radio talk shows and writes for other blogs, newsletters, and newspaper opinion pieces.

He gives presentations to many organizations throughout the state; and for several years, he has been leading seminars on organizing for political campaigns and causes and training candidates

and volunteers in the art of winning campaigns.

Steve Frank will be speaking on "The Virtue of Intolerance." How our tolerance of bigger government and totalitarian anti-Constitutional measures have allowed a Fascist State to take over. We have allowed the cancel culture, high taxes, and a pandemic, where government has lied to us without factual scientific data.

Everyone is welcome. There is no membership requirement and no cost to attend. The Monday, June 7, 2021, Feather River Tea Party Patriots' meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Come early to socialize with like-minded patriots, enjoy refreshments, and get a good seat.

For more information contact Larry or Carla at (530) 755-4409. ★

Pretty and Sweet!



Stella Rose, Troop 70170, smiles brilliantly as she displays her sign for local military servicemen! Right: Serviceman Michael lends a helping hand. Photos provided by Toni Torres

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Girl scout cookie season looked a lot different this year and we all know why.

Due to COVID-19, many Girl Scouts were unable to canvas or set up a pop-up tent at a busy location, like supermarkets. Instead, area Girl Scouts got creative, selling online, marketing on Facebook, and using mini-van windows to advertise their coveted cookies for sale.

This year, Service Unit 708, which encompasses Gridley, Biggs, Manzanita and Richvale Girl Scout troops (Troops #70170, #70185), had overachieving sellers, with some girl scouts selling over 800 boxes! The Unit had so many Care-to-Shares (when someone donates money instead of purchasing a box of cookies) that they were able to treat several organizations to something

extremely sweet.

The chief beneficiary of Unit 708's hard-selling efforts was Operation Warm Heart. Heather Rogers, leader for troop 70185, product and cookie manager/cookie cupboard host for Service Unit 708, worked with Operation Warm Heart to facilitate the donation. Rogers says, "The fact that this is getting to happen.... It's awesome." She continues, "especially, because we couldn't sell in person for more than half our season!"

On behalf of Operation Warm Heart, Senior Airman Michael Orzamanski and Airman 1st Class Andrew Ford came to the Biggs cookie cupboard to receive a huge donation of SU 708's care-to-shares. Both airmen were impressed by the number of cookies—literally 792 boxes—and the festive handmade signs created by the Girl Scouts

in thanks for their service. Senior Airman Orzamanski said, "I think this is awesome, honestly. I mean, it's nice to give back to the people I work with and help coordinate this... just help out." And as far as the cookies themselves, A1C Ford says his favorite are "probably the Samoas." Orzamanski agreed.

After the donation to Operation Warm Heart and the soldiers in our area, SU 708 sugared up Gridley Police Department and Gridley Fire CALFIRE Butte County with 84 boxes and our area schools with just a tad more than that. Pretty sweet!

If you are interested in becoming a Girl Scout or would would like to learn more? Visit gsnorcal.org or email info@gsnorcal.org to have local staff contact you. ★

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The New Lomo Crossing

Those travelling State Route 99 between Yuba City and Live Oak soon will find themselves exposed to a much greater risk of Accidental death or injury as a result of the ill-conceived Caltrans' plan to enhance what they peddle as "highway safety" at the Lomo Crossing.

As of May 24, 2021, the Lomo Crossing intersection of Hwy 99 was reconfigured. Vehicles using Live Oak Blvd and/or Encinal Roads will only be able to enter Hwy 99 if they are merging into the flow of traffic in the lane nearest them. Neither crossing nor left hand turns will be allowed from Encinal or Old Live Oak Blvd onto Hwy 99. Nor more left hand turns for southbound travel on Hwy 99 onto Old Hwy 99. Sorry, you'll have to wait and get off Hwy 99 at Eager Road approximately 2 miles south.

Aside from the inconvenience, this Caltrans' plan for Lomo Crossing will result in a much greater risk of serious accidents as it shifts traffic entering Hwy 99 at Lomo Crossing to Clark Road roughly one mile north. Arguably it "may" make the Lomo Crossing/Hwy 99 intersection "safer" but the net effect will be to create a much more dangerous roadway just one mile south.

Hwy 99 at Clark Road is a high speed, heavily travelled two lane north/south

Sate Highway.; there are little or no shoulders on the west or west side of the highway; poor visibility due to lighting and trees along the shoulders of Hwy 99; Union Pacific RR tracks border and are contiguous to the west side of Hwy 99 right-of-way; eastbound vehicles stopped, waiting to enter onto Hwy 99 from Clark Road will be straddling the RR tracks; and finally no merger lanes for traffic departing Clark Road and entering either the north or southbound flow of travel.

Even before this remodel of Lomo Crossing, entering onto or crossing Hwy 99 at Clark Road has been a "suicide exercise". This Caltrans' engineering decision qualifies as what California Law defines as a "dangerous and defective design" and will expose the State of California to legal liability for the inevitable resulting accidents. A "bad idea" by the State and a foolish waste of highway funds (\$100k) that could be put to better use.

Drop a line to our Assemblyman James Gallagher and Senator Jim Nielson and invite them to travel the Clark Road/Hwy 99 intersection at peak hours for a real look at an accident waiting to happen.

Honorable Thomas L. Hill (Ret),
Live Oak, California

Foot Pursuit of Machete Wielding Assault Suspect Ends in Arrest



K9 Ellis and Chase. Photo courtesy YCSO

By Leslie Williams,
Yuba County Sheriff's Department

WEST LINDA, CA (MPG) - On Tuesday 5/25/2021 at approximately 11:00 a.m. Yuba County Sheriff Deputies arrested 36-year-old Parolee William Brooks for resisting arrest, assault on a peace officer, and assault on a police canine. Brooks, a local transient, was wanted after being identified as the suspect in a May 20, 2021 incident in which he ran from deputies and threatened them with a chain after allegedly committing a burglary and brandishing a knife at a Linda hotel. He evaded capture in that incident when pursuing deputies lost sight of him in the river bottoms last week.

At approx. 10:45 a.m. on 5/25/21, Yuba County Deputies on patrol in West Linda spotted Brooks wearing a gas mask and carrying a machete while walking in the middle of the road on Garden Avenue near Cedar Lane. The deputies attempted to stop Brooks but he fled from them and proceeded to run through several residential yards. Deputies concerned that the machete-armed suspect was running toward a nearby elementary school, pursued Brooks. A deputy trying to

detain Brooks as he climbed a fence was physically assaulted by the suspect, who ignored orders to stop and despite being tazed, continued to actively resist and run.

Additional deputies responded to assist and a perimeter was established. Deputies and a Sheriff K9 closed in on Brooks who they found barricaded in an RV in a backyard. Brooks refused orders to come out, and K9 "Chase" was deployed to take him into custody. Brooks continued to resist arrest, hit and threw K9 Chase, then proceeded to run again and jumped another fence into a yard on Poplar Avenue, where additional Deputies were located. Brooks remained combative as Deputies took him into custody at that location.

K9 Chase obtained a laceration over his eye after being struck by Brooks. Chase was treated and released for his injury and is expected to make a full recovery. No other deputies were seriously injured in the incident. Brooks was transported to the hospital and treated for dog bite injuries before being booked into the Yuba County Jail. He is currently being held without bail on a violation of parole in addition to the new charges. ★

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allotment of federal relief funds.
“The cost of not getting vaccinated is exponentially, incalculably higher,” Newsom said.

The governor noted that Californians who have already been inoculated will be entered into both the \$1.5 million and \$50,000 contests. When the state rolled out its MyTurn website as a one-stop-shop for vaccine appointments, most Californians turned elsewhere. But the state also maintains a confidential registry of all vaccine recipients. The names of winners will be kept confidential unless they volunteer to have them released, said Newsom.

Republican Gov. Mike DeWine of Ohio was the first to launch a statewide cash-for-vax lottery program in mid-May. Nearly 3 million Ohioans entered and a 22-year-old recent college grad was the first winner on Wednesday. According to one analysis, vaccinations jumped by 40% in the week after DeWine’s announcement.

Since then other state governors have followed suit. Colorado is offering a total of \$5 million to the newly inoculated. West Virginia has tempted vaccine-hesitant young residents with savings bonds and New York has dangled the possibility of a tuition-free public university education.

But California’s cash giveaway is the biggest yet.

For Newsom, the program represents a political win-win. The governor has vowed to ease most of California’s COVID restrictions by June 15. The more vaccinated Californians, the more likely it is that the reopening process will go off without another surge in cases and hospitalizations. That, in turn, would be good news for the state, but also a governor who is hoping to survive an all-but-certain recall election later this year.

In a Public Policy Institute of California poll released this week, 57% of likely voters said they oppose removing Newsom, while 40% said they supported the recall. In the survey, 61% approved Newsom’s handling of the coronavirus pandemic and 75% gave the state excellent or good marks for vaccine distribution.

Earlier this month, the governor went on a statewide tour announcing various goodies from his latest revenue-rich budget proposal – a convenient mix of policymaking and politics. Handing out even more cash to Californians in the name of public health can’t hurt the governor’s political image either.

Republican John Cox quickly accused Newsom of trying to “buy votes before the recall.”

Based on the nearly 20 million Californians who have received at least one dose now, the odds of winning the

\$1.5 million prize are 1 in 2 million – 100 times better than the chances of winning the Powerball or Mega Millions jackpots, but for far less money.

Newsom said the administration consulted with researchers at UCLA’s COVID-19 Health and Politics project in putting the program together.

According to research conducted by political scientist Lynn Vavreck, lead researcher at the project, about a third of survey respondents said they were “more likely” to get a COVID vaccine if offered a cash prize of \$50 to \$100. That’s compared to other tactics, including pro-vaccine public messaging from celebrities.

“Those types of message treatments did not work, but changing people’s material condition – giving them a little bit of money or telling them they don’t have to wear a mask anymore – made them more likely,” Vavreck told CalMatters.

But for a minority of survey respondents – about 15% – the offer of cash backfired. That’s consistent with some criticisms made of these lottery programs noting that some vaccine skeptics could falsely interpret a cash reward program as an indication that the vaccine presents a risk that has to be compensated.

Peter Chin-Hong, an infectious disease physician at the University of California San Francisco, said that different people remain unvaccinated for very different reasons – a lack of social pressure, inconvenience, concerns about common side effects and more unfounded and outlandish safety concerns – so a single policy isn’t likely to convince them all.

A possible cash incentive “will move the needle for the people on the fence,” he said. “The people who are watching and waiting, who are not necessarily opposed to the vaccine but waiting to see people they know get it...that group will probably be most moved.”

Earlier this month, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that fully vaccinated Americans can largely dispense with mask-wearing and social distancing – providing a powerful incentive for many. Though California has been reluctant to adopt more coercive measures, such as a statewide vaccine passport requirement, the reopening rules allow fully vaccinated people to attend larger events. Also, state and local governments have imposed selective requirements on certain Californians – public university students are likely to be required to have their shots, though prison guards are not.

Ben covers California politics and elections. Prior to that, he was a contributing writer for CalMatters reporting on the state's economy and budget. ★

Learn to Read and Write in the Punjabi Language!



Jaswinder Sandhu
Administrator of Mahal Plaza.
Photo provided by YSIABA

YSIABA Press Release

YUBA-SUTTER REGION, CA (MPG) - Yuba Sutter Indo American Business Association is to begin teaching the Punjabi language to kids in the community. This idea was

brought up by two of our new officers, President Sunny Dhami, owner of Sunset Homes LLC and Vice President Dilwinder Ralh of Gold Rush Energy Solutions. Kids from every nationality in the community wanting to learn are welcome to participate.

This class is to be taught by Jaswinder Sandhu, Administrator of Mahal Plaza. Classroom teaching will be by Zoom technology–like the schools taught kids during the Covid-19 shutdown. Kids will need to have a computer in their own homes without in-person classroom attendance available. If you want to take the class, you can e-mail your

name to Jaswinder Sandhu to join the class by e-mailing jaswsandhu2@gmail.com

You can also e-mail your name for the class to Cindi Mansfield of Blueray Concept at cindi@bluerayconcepts.com or Inderjit Bajwa, owner of Feather River Real Estate at nderjit.realty@gmail.com or Surinder Mehta, owner of Star Employment Agency Bookkeeping & Tax Service Inc at staremploymentag@gmail.com

Classes to be awarded on a first come, first served basis, beginning with the first ten kids who e-mail and attend. Class time and dates to be announced. ★

Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts Recognized for Excellence

By Tim Malone,
Maryville Charter Academy

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond announced that the Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts (MCAA) was one of 33 California schools selected for the California Exemplary Arts Education Award.

These schools engage students in quality arts education that meet California Arts Standards for Public Schools and demonstrate progress on indicators on the California School Dashboard. The awards are designed to celebrate successful efforts to engage students in arts through exposure to a variety of disciplines.

“This year has been especially challenging for our students and schools, but I commend these schools for recognizing that this is a time when the arts are more critical than ever,” State Superintendent Thurmond said. “These schools excelled in providing quality arts education, despite all the obstacles presented by distance learning. It is with great pleasure we honor these schools for their steadfast dedication to arts education that plays a powerful role in supporting wellness, bridging social divides, and expanding creativity and critical thinking in our students.”

In addition to meeting the Arts Standards



An immigrant by Yahdira Sarabia. Photo courtesy MCAA



Loss of Clarity by Hunter Hudson Gessford. Photo courtesy MCAA

and Dashboard eligibility criteria, to apply to be recognized as an Exemplary Arts Awardee, schools must offer sequenced instruction to all students in a minimum of three of the five arts disciplines identified in the Arts Standards: Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts.

MCAA was also recently recognized as a 2021 California Distinguished School by State Superintendent Thurmond. In his press release Thurmond noted, “The Distinguished Schools Program recognizes schools for their excellent work in one of two categories: closing the achievement gap and achieving exceptional student performance.” Referencing the local school specifically, Thurmond said, “Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts in Marysville Joint Unified (Yuba County) improved 15 points or more on the Mathematics indicator for socioeconomically

disadvantaged students, Hispanic students, and all students, according to data on the California Dashboard. After studying their data, school leaders recognized all subgroups needed improvement in math, with Hispanic students furthest from meeting the standard. To help increase math scores, school leaders increased professional learning opportunities, implemented staff mentoring, held staff and student tutoring, and provided professional development in math pedagogy.

MCAA is a free, public, charter school serving students in grades 7-12. The Academy still has openings in most grade levels for the 2021-22 school year. Instruction beginning in August 2021 will be full time and in person with a distance learning option available. Contact the school office at (530) 749-6157 for more information or visit the school website at www.charter.mjusd.com. ★

Feather Falls Recreation Area Closures

Forest Service News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - May 28, 2021
Extensive fire damage to facilities on Plumas National Forest land in the Feather Falls, CA area will take a minimum of several years to repair. Facilities needing to be reconstructed, including the Feather Falls Trail, Campground, and Overlook, will remain closed in the interim as the area is too dangerous to enter. Other locations within the Feather Falls area and throughout the North Complex burn area will take far more time to heal.

“Feather Falls is one of the natural jewels of Butte County and the Plumas National Forest,” said Dave Brillenz, Feather River District Ranger, “it’s been tough to process the extent of the



Feather Falls Overlook destroyed by Fire. Photo credit USDA Forest Service – Plumas national Forest

damage.” The popular Feather Falls Trail has been obliterated in many locations due to uprooted trees & landslides, and because bridges, plus the overlook, were largely destroyed. ★

\$25 Million Grant Program Included for Veterans

By Thora Chaves,
California Department of Veterans Affairs

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Along with historic investments in small businesses, housing, education, infrastructure and climate change, Governor Newsom’s California Comeback Plan includes the establishment of the *Veterans Support for Self Reliance* grant program. Administered by CalVet, this funding will support California’s most vulnerable veteran population, including aging veterans and veterans with disabilities who have experienced chronic homelessness.

The Governor’s plan, if approved, will provide a higher level of on-site supportive services, such as

in-home support to help with habitability; peer specialists to encourage veterans to engage in mental health care; and geriatric social workers to identify behavioral issues related to early onset dementia or similar cognitive issues.

“We are grateful for Governor Newsom’s leadership regarding support for our most vulnerable veterans. This program closes a crucial gap in care for veterans who are in need of supportive services for daily living, yet do not meet the level of skilled nursing or assisted living,” said CalVet Secretary, Dr. Vito Imbasciani.

Steve Peck, President of the California Association of Veterans Service Agencies said that supportive services have always

played a vital role in effectively serving veterans and ensuring housing stability. “The California Association of Veterans Service Agencies applauds Governor Newsom for his investment in supportive services for veterans’ housing,” added Peck. “This is an unprecedented opportunity to provide much-needed additional support.”

The program is proposed as a three-year competitive grant that CalVet will administer to qualified grantees who serve veterans through permanent supportive housing. The program will primarily target those projects supported by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development–VA Supportive Housing, also known as HUD-VASH. ★

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Art Gallery Showing and Art Auction Goes Virtual

25 Artists, 50 Original Works of Art on View Now

By David Read,
Yuba Sutter Arts

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Why wait for art galleries to open up again? Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture has created an online art gallery and auction in support of our local artist community. Who does not like to look at beautiful, innovative, challenging and thought provoking works of art?



Cornfield - Patrick Cosgrove

The online art gallery is open and available for viewing 24/7 at the Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture website, yubasutterarts.org. Like it or not, there are still restrictions in place on public gatherings due to COVID, so this is a way to continue to share artwork with the community



Covid Flower - Randall Crimmel

free of charge.

Photography, sculpture, collage, acrylics, oils, watercolors, and ceramics are all represented in the online gallery. Featured artists include Susan Alvarez, Maria Billings, Sandra Campbell, Jackie Carroll, Kathy



The Old Truck - Mary Chris Hines

Childers, John Christie, Patrick Cosgrove, Randy Crimmel, Danarae Doub-Reed, Karen Fulk, the late Ralph Gaetano, Sue Graue, Mary Chris Hines, Marina Hynes, Shipra Joseph, Nida Kaiser, Jared Konopitski, Will Nakashima, Martha



Lillies - Nida Kaiser

Oaks, Jennifer O'Neill Pickering, Fiona Read, Margo Scrapulla, Katrina Subhkaram, Janet Todd and Karen Walker.

"We are very pleased to be able to offer the commu-



Harvest time in Punjab - Katrina Subhkaram

nity this latest in our series of online art gallery showings and art auctions," said David Read, Executive Director. "The response has been fantastic, and we're pleased to have been

able to help artists sell their work so we'll likely continue this additional approach even after we open again," he added.

Take a minute to enjoy the creative output of these remarkable artists who



Although Spring was Here, Winter Remained - Jared Konopitski

have continued to produce art even in the depths of the pandemic.



Red Hat - Martha Oaks

Yuba Sutter Arts is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide arts programming, education, advocacy, assistance and service to artists, organizations and residents of Yuba and Sutter Counties. The official agency for Yuba and Sutter of the California Arts Council, its programs include the Yuba Sutter Youth Choir, Applause Kids!, Arts in Education, Very Special Arts Festival, Art Crawl, Open Mic Nights, Harvest the Arts, Arts in Corrections, Third Sunday Jazz Jam, Art Everywhere, Solo Sessions, Poetry Square and much, much more! ★

This Month In Your Garden

by Jeff Rice

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June can be a good month for gardening. The days are warm but usually not too hot. Mornings are nice and cool so it's good to get out early for gardening and planting then relax, or do less strenuous tasks in the garden during the warmer part of the day. But get out early and enjoy the cool! Many people now find the time to work on some landscaping projects. Watering is also more important now than earlier in the season where if you missed the watering, the weather is pretty forgiving and no dire consequences. Now that it is getting warmer, the need to keep on the schedule is important. If you are planning a vacation, and you are fortunate enough to have an automatic watering system, you have it made. Be sure it is working well, and you might want to ask someone to check the system occasionally just to be certain it is working properly when you are gone. If you need to have someone do the watering for you, be sure they know exactly what is to be done. Have a good itemized list for them and also make several copies that can be placed around the area they are responsible for, so they can then refer to them if they need to. Then there are few excuses for things not being done the way you want them done. Going through the routine with the care-taker-to-be is safest, especially if they happen to be a youngster. Actually, I think most of those kids are very conscientious or they wouldn't have sought a summer job. If they know what is expected they will probably do it right. Just use your judgement on how detailed you need to be. I only go into this in a bit of detail because of post vacations stories we sometimes hear, or some past experiences of my own.

It is generally recommended that fertilizing should be done 3 times a year, February or March, June and September. March fertilizing helps to get everything off to a good start after the winter dormancy. June is for maintaining growth and energy needed for flowering and/or fruiting. September's feeding is taken up by the plant, some of it used and most of it is stored by the plants through the winter while they are dormant and then used when needed as they awaken for spring. Many people have definite ideas about fertilizing and what should be used. Basically, we have chemical or organic fertilizers to use. You will usually see a faster response by the plants to the chemical fertilizers, but organic fertilizers actually build up the soil so have a much better long term effect. If you have always used the chemical fertilizers and decide to go organic, keep in mind that you will see slower results from the organic fertilizers but they work equally

well, and do it without depleting the soil.

Much of our time during the summer months is spent outside. The summertime pastimes seem a bit more carefree than winter activities – not needing coats or jackets each time we go out and that sort of thing, and the summer days are much longer. Along with more time outside, we enjoy seeing all of the color that is available. If you are looking for colorful plants that are great summer bloomers that really seem to enjoy our heat, look for Crape Myrtles or Rose of Sharon. They both are available in several different colors – shades of red, white, pink. Of course there are many beautiful roses to add color to the landscape. They need regular watering and fertilizer every four to six weeks to keep them looking their best. It is also necessary to dead head them regularly. If the spent flowers are left on the plant they will become red seed pods, called rose hips, and the rose will quit blooming because it has done its job for the year. That is true of many plants since they set seed to carry on their species. If the seed pod – or whatever form they are – is removed, they will bloom again to produce more seeds. Perennials are also a good choice for summer color and they come back year after year. Annuals are available that will provide all summer color. Most gardeners take advantage of their quick growth and varied colors, shapes, and growth habits to add color and interest to their yards.

More calls come during the summer months about wilting and dead plants than any other time of the year. The best thing you can do, especially for a plant that was planted earlier this season is to mulch around the base, keeping the mulch a few inches away from the trunk or main stem, and deep water it twice a week. Deep watering is achieved by creating a slight basin and laying a hose that is running slowly enough so that there is no run off – all of it is soaking into the soil at the base of the plant. Let the water run slowly for several hours or overnight. Roots are better able to get well into the soil, thus the plant is able to better sustain itself through the heat of summer.

Father's Day is June 20th, the first day of Summer is June 21st – enjoy your summer in the garden!

Jeff Rice is the owner of Bald Mountain Nursery on Bald Mountain Road in Browns Valley.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where is my Trophy

Hey, where is my trophy. When my children were young and involved in sports, I noticed the wholesale presentation of trophies, medals, and ribbons to every team member whether they played well or not. Exceptional athletes were rarely singled out for the praise they deserved. Instead of elevating these athletes as examples for teammates to strive or emulate, they were treated as pariahs, so as not to diminish the self-esteem of the less talented. Where is the incentive for a talented player to get off the bench?

Years ago, awards were given for first, second, third, fourth place, recognition for the most valuable athlete, and acclaim for the entire team's success. Today coaches, moms and dads wrongly place self-esteem over the equally important, skill and talent.

Children, these days, are not allowed to feel the sting of failure as a lesson learned. Self-esteem is important, but not to the detriment of preparing children for life. Face it, life hurts.

A parent's job is to prepare children for survival in the cruel world we live in. In the real world there are no trophies, ribbons, or medals for failure. Rewarding children, most of their lives, for mediocrity or failure is NOT good parenting. Some ill-equipped children who fail as adults in their jobs and are fired go ballistic. In the back of their minds, they are trying to figure out why they did not get a trophy for failing. Wondering why there are so many workplace shootings and violence, the answer is in your bathroom mirror.

Frank Hamrah

PG&E and California Fire Foundation Renew Partnership to Tackle Wildfire Risk

By Paul Moreno, P G & E

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

To raise awareness about wildfire safety and bring resources to underserved communities in high fire-threat areas in 2021, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is joining forces again with the California Fire Foundation (CFF), providing \$1.4 million for CFF's Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program (WSPP).

Fire departments and community-based organizations in California can submit applications beginning this week for grant funding to address ongoing wildfire risk. Applications must be submitted by June 18, 2021 at the CFF website. Award notification will begin on July 31, 2021.

Over the past three years, CFF has awarded grants to 145 fire departments and fire agencies statewide with a focus on Northern and Central California. Funding targets specific communities identified as having extreme or elevated fire risk as identified by the California Public Utilities Commission High Fire-Threat District map.

"The Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program is a partnership with PG&E that was created to address the new normal in California of drier and hotter seasons.

There is no end to a wildfire season in our state now, and residents must understand the steps to take to evacuate safely," said Rick Martinez, Executive Director of the CFF. "After 2020 surpassed 2018 in the number of acres burned, it demonstrates an alarming trend that proves programs like WSPP are necessary for Californians to stay ahead and stay alert."

"Keeping our customers and our hometowns safe is our most important responsibility. Our ongoing partnership with the California Fire Foundation and support for this important program brings resources and awareness to underserved residents living in high fire-threat areas. Being a good neighbor means showing up for those in need. We have increased our support this year to reach even more communities with important fire-safety information and further strengthen local fire resilience," said Sumeet Singh, PG&E Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer.

How the Grants Help Communities - PG&E's contribution continues a four-year collaboration with CFF. PG&E has provided \$4.6 million in total support for fire safety awareness through the WSPP. The charitable contribution

is shareholder-funded, not funded by PG&E customers.

Since 2018, WSPP has funded: Specialized fire equipment and personal protective equipment; Defensible space and vegetation management efforts; Fuel/hazard reduction programs; Fire prevention and emergency preparedness education including senior citizen wildfire preparedness programs; Fire safety outreach campaigns including 12,000 brochures targeting underserved communities in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hmong and Vietnamese; Partnerships with community groups in high fire-risk areas to distribute fire-safety information

The WSPP has worked hard to overcome language barriers by developing and distributing in-language fire-safety messaging targeting Spanish, Chinese, Hmong, and Vietnamese communities. These efforts include a comprehensive media campaign consisting of outdoor billboards and in-language television, radio, and digital ads.

The CFF, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, aids firefighters, their families and the communities they protect. The CFF's Firefighters on Your Side program, also supported by PG&E. ★

Fatal Overdoses are Up 35.5% in California, 14th Highest Nationwide

By Emily Lamb, QuoteWizard News

SEATTLE, WA (MPG) - QuoteWizard®, a LendingTree company, and one of the nation's leading online insurance marketplaces, released a new report on a growing number of drug overdose deaths in America.

We found that the number of fatal overdoses has increased by more than 27% since the start of the pandemic. Nationwide, more than 87,000 died of an overdose in 2020, compared to 69,000 in 2019.

A complete breakdown of overdose deaths by state and drug category is available at the link below. The graphics and images included in the report are free to use with a courtesy and study link <https://quotewizard.com/news/posts/drug-overdose-deaths-in-america>

Key findings: Nationwide, 87,203 people died of an overdose in 2020, compared

to 68,757 in 2019. Louisiana, Kentucky and West Virginia have had the highest increases in overdose-related deaths. Pennsylvania, Florida and California had the highest numbers of overdose deaths overall. Combined, opioids account for nearly 70% of overdose deaths.

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Newsom Paints Rosy, but Flawed, Economic Picture



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

There is a seamless connection between what Gavin Newsom is saying and doing as governor and his campaign to survive a recall, encapsulated in the slogan “California Comeback.”

Newsom’s much-revised state budget, unveiled this month, is centered on a “\$100 Billion California Comeback Plan” that would, he says, put the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout in the rearview mirror.

Last week, when new employment data were released by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, Newsom immediately hailed them as proof that under his leadership, the state is booming again.

“California is continuing to lead the nation’s economic recovery, adding 101,800 jobs in April — 38% of all the jobs created throughout the entire country,” Newsom crowed. “Over the past three months, California has created 390,300 jobs. But we’re not letting up; the California Comeback Plan is the biggest economic recovery package in the state’s history and will provide historic investments in small businesses and workers to bring California roaring back.”

A closer examination of the latest employment numbers, however, indicates that — as politicians are wont to do — Newsom is cherry-picking the most favorable economic indicator while ignoring others that are less positive.

One of the latter is the state’s unemployment rate of 8.3% in April, unchanged from the March level despite the supposed surge in new jobs. It’s still markedly higher than the national jobless rate of 6.1% and is the nation’s second highest behind Hawaii’s 8.5%.

California’s unemployment rate had been the nation’s third highest in March, but New York improved enough to displace California in April. Four states were tied for having the nation’s lowest jobless rates of 2.8% in April. Arch-rival Texas was slightly higher than the national rate at 6.7%.

The data point cited by Newsom, that California added 101,800 jobs in April, 38% of the nation’s job gains, is also somewhat iffy.

The California Center for Jobs & the Economy, a business-supported research organization, points out that the jobs number is a “seasonally adjusted” estimate, rather than a hard count, noting that the federal agency “so far has revised their adjustment formula three times in an effort to overlay seasonal factors to data that is overwhelmingly driven instead by the pandemic.”

“The underlying unadjusted numbers instead show California gaining a stronger 151,500 nonfarm jobs, and the U.S. doing far better with a gain of

1,089,000,” the center’s analysis continued. “Using the adjusted data, California had 38% of the national jobs gain. Using the more relevant unadjusted, California had 14%. As of the April numbers, California has regained 48% of the non-farm jobs lost to the state shutdowns. The U.S. in total has regained 63%.”

Newsom’s Employment Development Department (EDD) simultaneously released its version of the federal jobs report, which demonstrated just how much ground California must regain to return to pre-pandemic levels.

EDD said that just 38,600 more Californians were employed in April than in March while 1.6 million remained unemployed — and that doesn’t count those who have dropped out of the state’s workforce.

The employment situation is especially daunting in Southern California. The Los Angeles region had the highest unemployment rate of any major U.S. metropolitan area in April at 11.7%, dragging down the state as a whole.

So, it would seem, California is recovering, bit by bit, the more than three million jobs lost when Newsom, under emergency decrees, closed large segments of the state’s economy a year ago to battle the pandemic. However, we still have a very long way to go before he can legitimately claim a California Comeback.

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

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COVID origin dissent ‘suppressed’ by intelligence community, House GOP report finds | 24 May 2021 | U.S. intelligence failures related to the COVID-19 global pandemic include suppression of dissenting views on the origin of the virus, a recent report by House Republicans on the intelligence oversight panel concluded. “We believe the [intelligence community] failed to properly support policymakers with timely products and analysis. Moreover, evidence shows that [its] failures continued in the pandemic’s aftermath,” the minority’s report stated in the annex to a study that linked China’s Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) to the pandemic’s outbreak. “Specifically, Republican members are aware of allegations that [U.S. intelligence agencies] suppressed dissenting views related to the origins of the pandemic and that the community relied upon ‘outside’ experts with concerning yet undisclosed entanglements,” the report said.

Leaked Documents Show Mystery Disease Outbreak at Wuhan Lab in 2019 - Report | 24 May 2021 | The Wall Street Journal (WSJ), citing an alleged previously undisclosed U.S. intelligence report Sunday, claimed three researchers working for the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) were hospitalized with coronavirus-like symptoms in November 2019. Other anonymous sources in the WSJ report alleged the U.S. has quietly amassed even more evidence that supports the theory of the Chinese coronavirus originating at the Chinese virology lab. The virus began infecting people in Wuhan city in late 2019, multiple studies have concluded; no evidence exists of prior infections by the virus anywhere else before those identified in Wuhan.

9/11 Cover-up Director Appointed to Chair COVID Cover-up Group – Zelikow was the author of the Bush administration’s 2002 National Security Strategy, which laid out the case for pre-emptive war, which was used to invade Iraq. | 25 May 2021 | Deep-state fixer and cover-upper Philip Zelikow, former Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission, will be chairing the COVID Commission Planning Group, according to the University of Virginia, whose Miller Center for Public Affairs will serve as the group’s base to “help America and the world learn from this pandemic and safeguard against future threats.” Zelikow’s “non-partisan” group includes Event 201 participants, the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security at the Bloomberg School of Public Health and it’s being funded by Schmidt Futures, which is Eric Schmidt-Goolag-Alphabet-Bilderberg, the Skoll Foundation, which is the eBay FAANGster insider philanthropy group, the Rockefeller Foundation and Stand Together, which is Charles Koch’s philanthropic organization. Zelikow’s hope is that their work will feed into a future National COVID Commission.

Chinese Propaganda Outlet Paid Millions to American Newspapers and Magazines, Records Show – China Daily pays to place interviews with pro-China Quincy Institute scholar | 25 May 2021 | A news agency controlled by the Chinese Communist Party paid millions of dollars to American newspapers and magazines over the past six months, even as U.S. officials have sounded the alarm on Beijing’s propaganda activities. China Daily paid more than 1.6 million for advertising campaigns in Time magazine, the Los Angeles Times, Financial Times, and Foreign Policy magazine, according to disclosures filed with the Justice Department. The Beijing-controlled news agency paid another 1 million to American newspapers, including the L.A. Times, Chicago Tribune, and Houston Chronicle, to print copies of its own publications.

San Jose shooter was on feds’ radar in 2016, questioned about hatred of his job | 27 May 2021 | The suspected gunman who [allegedly] killed eight people and himself Wednesday at a transit rail yard in San Jose, California, was found to have harbored a hatred for his workplace when he was detained by federal officials several years ago. Upon returning from an August 2016 trip to the Philippines, Samuel Cassidy, 57, was found with books about terrorism and notes about how much he hated the Valley Transportation Authority, according to a Department of Homeland Security memo obtained by the Wall Street Journal. Customs and Border Protection officials reportedly found a black memo book “filled with lots of notes about how he hates the VTA.” His baggage and electronic media were also inspected, the DHS memo said. ★

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Guilty Verdict in Trial of Domestic Violence and Rape Suspect

**By Joe Liebman,
Marysville Police Department**

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - On the morning of June 9th, 2020, Marysville Police Department officers were dispatched to a residence on the 600 block of F Street regarding two female victims, a 38-year-old female adult and her 14-year-old daughter. Both females had fled from a residence on the 500 block of 6th Street and called 911. The mother stated her boyfriend, 36-year-old Marvin Wade Jr. of Marysville, with whom she and her daughter were living, had struck her numerous times, strangled her, and would not allow her to leave the residence. The mother was able to distract Wade during the altercation which allowed her daughter to escape and run to a neighbor's house. The mother also eventually escaped the residence and she had sustained visible injuries to her neck and her chest and she was suffering from head pain. The 14-year-old juvenile victim alleged Wade had sexually assaulted her the previous morning. Both female victims were transported to the hospital and the juvenile underwent a forensic medical examination.

Wade was located and arrested at his residence later in the morning on June 9th, 2020. Wade was booked into the Yuba County Jail for felony domestic violence in violation of 273.5(a) PC, felony

assault likely to produce great bodily injury in violation of 245(a)(4) PC, and felony false imprisonment in violation of 236 PC. The investigation into the sexual assault of the juvenile victim continued while Wade was in custody.

After further investigation, The Yuba County District Attorney's Office filed additional charges on Wade for felony rape of a juvenile 14 years of age or older by means of force in violation of 261(a)(2) PC, felony oral copulation of a juvenile 14 years of age or older by means of force in violation of 287(c)(1)(C) PC, and felony dissuading a victim in violation of 136.1(b)(1) PC.

During the course of the investigation, several search warrants were authored which produced both biological DNA evidence and digital evidence. Testing and analysis conducted by the California Department of Justice-Bureau of Forensic Services confirmed Wade's DNA was discovered during the forensic medical examination of the juvenile victim. This evidence, along with the testimony of numerous witnesses, was presented to a jury in the Yuba County Superior Court over the course of approximately two weeks. On Wednesday, May 19th, 2021, the jury returned guilty verdicts on the charges of 273.5 PC, 236 PC, 261(a)(2) PC, & 287(c)(1)(C) PC.

Wade is scheduled to be sentenced on Monday, June 14th, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. ★

California State Board of Equalization Adopts \$126.8 Billion in Assessed Property Value

**By Peter Kim,
California State Board
of Equalization**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) unanimously adopted the \$126.8 billion in assessed property values of 341 companies within California, which include telephone, gas, and electric companies, independent power producers, regulated railroads, and intercounty pipelines. In the upcoming fiscal year, schools and local communities statewide will receive a total of approximately \$1.99 billion in property tax revenue resulting from the Board exercising one of its core constitutional functions.

"The BOE's critical role protects the tax dollars

schools and local communities depend on every day," said BOE Chairman Antonio Vazquez. "On behalf of the entire Board, I commend BOE staff for their expertise and hard work as today's action translates to funding teachers, public safety officials, parks, and roads across California."

Whereas most property in California is assessed by the 58 County Assessors, the BOE serves as the "59th assessor" by directly assessing certain public utilities, regulated railroads, and intercounty pipelines throughout the state. Also, since these properties are not subject to Proposition 13, the BOE annually determines the market value or the "unitary value" of property that includes improvements, personal property, and land.

The BOE develops the fair market value by considering market conditions, use of and income generated by the property, replacement costs, investments in the property, regulatory climate, depreciation, and other factors as of the January 1 lien date.

For fiscal year 2021-22, there was a 6.7% increase in the total value from last year in the amount of \$7.9 billion which will generate approximately more than \$124 million additional tax dollars. County governments will use the values set by the BOE to levy the local property taxes.

The entire list of assessed property values and more information on the State-Assessed Properties Program is available on the BOE website. ★

Assemblyman Kiley Responds to Newsom's False Claims about Jobs Report

**By Joshua Hoover,
Office of Assemblyman
Kevin Kiley**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) responded to Governor Gavin Newsom's claim that California is leading the nation's economic recovery.

"Does Governor Newsom really look around and think we're creating 40 percent of the nation's jobs?" Assemblyman Kiley asked. "California's economy continues to struggle as much as any state in the country. Yet rather than face this reality and correct course, the Governor is presenting us with a Potemkin village."

The facts outlined in the April jobs report paint a dismal economic picture for California. The state's 8.3 percent unemployment rate is unchanged from March and the second highest in the nation, well above the national rate of 6.3 percent; Florida's rate is 4.8 percent. The overall

number of unemployed Californians went down a mere 3,200. In addition, the labor force participation rate declined in California while increasing nationally.

Despite these sobering facts, Governor Newsom is citing the jobs report as evidence "California is continuing to lead the nation's economic recovery," claiming that California created nearly 40 percent of the nation's new jobs in April. In fact, the "unadjusted" figure is 14 percent.

California's poor economic performance in 2021 is a result of conscious planning by the Governor. His January budget proposal forecast 8.5 percent unemployment for the year and predicted jobs would not return the "prepandemic" levels until 2025.

"As the Legislature debates the budget in the coming weeks, I'll continue to advocate for a fundamental course correction that sets high expectations for a swift

recovery and unleashes California's full economic potential." This includes: Taking a science-based approach to school openings rather than being 50th in the country, so parents can return to work. Taking a science-based approach to business openings rather than being 50th in the country, so businesses can resume operations without fear of further shutdowns. Taking a science-based approach to masking rather than ignoring the CDC's guidance. Structuring unemployment assistance to incentivize a return to work. Forgiving all COVID-related fines, penalties, and license revocations. Providing liability protection for businesses, while reforming PAGA and other litigation traps. Offering meaningful tax relief such as Net Operating Loss carrybacks. Removing arbitrary barriers to work such as Assembly Bill 5. Addressing the "surplus" with durable tax reform rather than arbitrary one-time payments. ★

Murder Suspect Found Legally Insane

**By Michael L. Ramsey,
Butte County District Attorney's Office**

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - A homeless Chico man was found legally insane by a Butte County judge today after that same judge found the defendant guilty of the first-degree murder of a homeless Chico woman in a court trial last week. The murder occurred on the Chico State University campus in 2018.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said as a result of that insanity finding, Samuel Eugene Johnson, 30, was therefore found not guilty by reason of insanity for the murder of Linda Blacksten, 55. Ramsey said Johnson will be committed to the state mental hospital.

Ramsey said Blacksten's battered body was discovered on October 30, 2018 shortly before 5:00 a.m. in a pool of blood in an alcove on the south side of Kendall Hall on the university campus. Witnesses noted Blacksten was homeless and occasionally slept on campus.

The Chico State University Police investigated the homicide and quickly developed information leading to Johnson's arrest. Ramsey said the night of the murder, at 1:18 a.m. a 911 caller reported a male yelling at a female and threatening to kick the female's teeth in. In a later interview, the caller told police he heard the verbal altercation take place at the alcove where Blacksten's body was later discovered. The caller also said he saw Johnson nearby the alcove.

An autopsy revealed Blacksten was killed by blunt force trauma and suffered multiple

broken bones including fractures to her skull, vertebra, pelvis and fractures to most of her ribs. DNA testing revealed Blacksten's blood was on Johnson's pants and shoes.

No motive was discovered for the murder. Ramsey said Johnson then pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. Ramsey explained that when a defendant pleads not guilty by reason of insanity, the defendant's trial is broken into two phases – the guilt phase and the sanity phase. Johnson waived a jury trial and submitted both phases to the judge to try.

On May 19, 2021, during the guilt phase of Johnson's court trial, Butte County Superior Court Judge Jesus Rodriguez found Johnson guilty of 1st degree murder.

During the sanity phase of the court trial, the defense presented evidence of Johnson's extensive history of Schizophrenia. A court-appointed psychologist testified and opined Johnson was in a psychotic state when he killed Blacksten and that Johnson did not understand the difference between right and wrong at the time of the killing. After hearing the evidence, Judge Rodriguez found Johnson not guilty by reason of insanity and set the matter for a placement hearing on June 23, 2021.

Ramsey said due to the violent nature of the offense, Johnson, who has been in custody since the murder, will be placed in the state mental hospital for psychiatric treatment. Such a commitment carries the potential for a life sentence in the state hospital until doctors and a court determine he has regained his sanity and is safe to release. ★

Can Marijuana Ease the Pains of Growing Old? The Jury is Out and Still Deliberating

**By John Grimaldi,
Association of Mature
American Citizens**

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - "More and more states are legalizing the use of cannabis [marijuana] and more and more seniors are using it to deal with the aches and pains of aging. Some have the consent of their physicians while others are tempted simply because 'they hear it works.' But, according to medical professionals, it's use comes with risks," warns Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

Weber cites a report in Medical News Today, that lists those risks, not the least of which is using "unregulated" cannabis that might be available in legalized marijuana shops simply because the "weed," as some call it, can be contaminated. Meanwhile, there is the danger that its use can impair your judgment, affect your immune response, cause

memory loss and even cause testicular cancer, not to mention gum disease.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which is an arm of the National Institutes of Health: "Marijuana is the most commonly used addictive drug after tobacco and alcohol." And, in addition to the dangers listed in the Medical News report, it can make you grouchy, cause sleepless nights, impair your appetite and cause anxiety.

Doctor Marc Agronin, chief medical officer at the MIND Institute at Miami Jewish Health, recently wrote a "special report" on the growing use of marijuana based products among the elderly. And, in conclusion Agronin said "The bottom line is that more rigorous scientific study using randomized controlled trials is needed to substantiate the proposed benefits of cannabis and more fully understand the range and impact of

common adverse effects."

While he noted that since the legalization of marijuana started spreading across the country, merchants and distributors have sought to increase sales by hyping its benefits. But he says, for example, some of the claims that are made may have some basis in fact. He cites a study that found the use of a THC and CBD oral spray for peripheral nerve pain "was well tolerated [by users] and showed a trend toward improvement in pain and sleep." [THC and CBD are two of the principal components of marijuana.]

But the fact finding is underway to see if marijuana's benefits outweigh its risks, and a new report published by the Gerontological Society of America agrees with Mr. Agronin that the jury is out and still deliberating.

"It comes down to this," says AMAC's Weber, "if you are thinking about trying marijuana, whatever its form, ask your physician if it is a good idea." ★

Convicted Child Molester Faces Life Sentence

**By Michael Ramsey,
Butte County District Attorney's Office**

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - A Chico man was convicted by jury in Butte County Superior Court of multiple counts of forcible child molest against a young girl in his custody when she was between the ages of 12 to 17.

Jurors sat through two weeks of evidence and deliberated for two hours Thursday afternoon before finding William David Lawson, Jr., 45, guilty on all 15 counts and seven special allegations of which he was charged. The trial judge later found true a special allegation that Lawson had previously suffered a previous "strike" conviction for a residential burglary he committed in 2000, which serves to double his potential sentence in this case.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey praised the jurors and alternate jurors for doing their civic duty in listening to two weeks of emotional and often difficult evidence related to the ongoing sexual abuse of the young girl.

The trial prosecutor Leah Sears said the now 20-year-old victim was "resilient

and courageous, taking the stand to testify against her abuser on three separate days during the two-week trial." Sears also noted that cell phone data forensically downloaded from Lawson's phone corroborated the girl's testimony about the areas in Chico where she was molested. Sears applauded the Chico Police Department and the work of Detective Sophia Parsons, noting that "the extensive and meticulous investigation conducted in this case allowed the jury to deliver justice for the victim today."

Lawson remains in custody with no bail. He will appear on June 16, 2021 for sentencing. He faces a maximum exposure of 150 years to life in prison, plus an additional 214 years.

Ramsey however noted that legislation passed last year by the state legislature would qualify Lawson to seek parole after only twenty years of custody. "The state's new 'Elder Parole program' allows prisoners sentenced to life, regardless of the statutory minimum of that life sentence, to seek parole after only twenty years of custody once they reach 50 years of age." Ramsey said. ★



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T.S. No. 20-00832-NS-CA Title No. DS7300-20002606 A.P.N. 044-300-025-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/11/2007. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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 Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021 F-128

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Deco When It Dazzles** 4329 Olivehurst Avenue Olivehurst, CA 95961
1) Sylvie Chantal Christian 4329 Olivehurst Avenue Olivehurst, CA 95961 Yuba County
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed: **S. Chantal Christian**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on May 11, 2021, indicated by file stamp.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
TERRY A. HANSEN,
County Clerk
By Bridgette Evans, Deputy Clerk
6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021 F-129

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MoonShine Creek Alchemy** 15482 Rosedale Way, Camptonville, CA 95922
1) Moonshine Creek Ranch LLC, 15482 Rosedale Way, Camptonville, CA 95922; California
This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed: **Rebecca Gregg, Managing Member**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on May 12, 2021, indicated by file stamp.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
TERRY A. HANSEN,
County Clerk
By Bridgette Evans, Deputy Clerk
5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18/21
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-108

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOVEYENERGY & BLESSINGS** 10762 Forbestown Rd. PO Box 214 Challenge, CA 95925 Yuba County
1) Maria Pugnalin 10762 Forbestown Rd. Challenge, CA 95925
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3-15-2016.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed: **Maria Pugnalin.**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on April 22, 2021, indicated by file stamp.
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TERRY A. HANSEN,
Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk
May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2021.

property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining 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: Janice A. Brauneisen, an unmarried woman as her separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 06/15/2007 as Instrument No. 2007R-010262 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Yuba County, CA. **Date of Sale: 06/10/2021 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Front Entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th Street, Marysville, CA. 95901** Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$292,403.09 Street Address or other common designation of real property: **11439 Township Road Browns Valley, CA 95918 A.P.N.: 044-300-025-000** 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 auc-

tion. 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 the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 20-00832-NS-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 05/05/2021 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative 05/21/2021, 05/28/2021 06/04/2021. CPP351079

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

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

The auction will be conducted online at www.bid13.com, starting Monday, June 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and ending Monday, June 14, 2021 at 10:00 am. If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, personal items, furniture, etc. belonging to the following:

Name
Howard B. Wheatley
Timothy Martinez
Laura L. Goodwin
Junior Hubbard
Susan K. Hudgens
Axel Guadiana
Randall Sanderson
Antoinette Alcorcha
William Hubbard Jr.

All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be paid for and removed within 72 hours of the end of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. 530-634-9781 (5/28/21 & 6/4/21)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: Angel E. Walker Hendrickson, PETITIONER CASE NUMBER: CVPT 21-00467. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
July 12, 2021
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Angel E. Walker Hendrickson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

- 1) from: **Sebastien Matthew Croteau** to: **Sebastien Matthew Walker**
- 2) from: **Ethan Christopher Croteau** to: **Ethan Christopher Walker**

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

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

DATE: May 12, 2021

Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.
May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2021.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST TITLE ORDER NUMBER: P-472688 LOAN: FERRY/REDELL FILE: PFI-211541 A.P.N.: 048-170-006-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/26/2018. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by: HUGH HARRIS, A SINGLE MAN AND PAUL KELLY, A SINGLE MAN Recorded 07/11/2018 as Instrument No. 2018-008284 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YUBA County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 2/19/2021 in Book, Page, as Instrument No. 2021-002829 of said **Official Records, WILL SELL on 06/24/2021 At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marysville, CA 95901 at 01:30PM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH** (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **13715 YUBA NEVADA RD, DOBBINS, CA 95935** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$302,724.66 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, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. **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. 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If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 05/21/2021 PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., as said Trustee 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411 By: SHANNON WINFORD, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0374090 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-137

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Tiny Babes Studio** 1460 Beford Street Olivehurst, CA 95961 Yuba County
1) Jessica Basting 1460 Beford St. Olivehurst, CA 95961
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/01/2020.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed: **Jessica Basting.**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on May 17, 2021, indicated by file stamp.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
TERRY A. HANSEN,
Clerk
By SARAH MULL, Deputy Clerk
May 21, 28, June 4, June 11, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-151

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **The Black Wolf Company** 1026 Broken Spur Way Plumas Lake, CA 95961 Yuba County
1) Tiffany Mallow 1026 Broken Spur Way Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/19/21.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed: **Tiffany Mallow.**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on May 26, 2021, indicated by file stamp.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
TERRY A. HANSEN,
Clerk
By SARAH MULL, Deputy Clerk
June 4, June 11, 18, 25, 2021.

eral credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. **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 the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case PFI-211541 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 05/21/2021 PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., as said Trustee 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411 By: SHANNON WINFORD, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0374090 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Extra Self Storage Linda
Pursuant to the California self-storage facility act: (B&P code 21770 et.sec.)
The undersigned will sell contents of:
Name: Zachary Bernardis
Brief description of items being sold: Furniture, Boxes
Name: Casey Gilbert
Brief description of items being sold: Boxes, Misc
Name: Michael McLaughlin
Brief description of items being sold: Tools, Boxes
Name: Tammy Stanley
Brief description of items being sold: Furniture, Boxes
TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON: June 10, 2021 ENDING AT 3:00 PM
All purchases are sold as is and must be removed within 72 hours of the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation up to the time of sale. Company reserves the right to refuse any online bids.
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by Don Rae

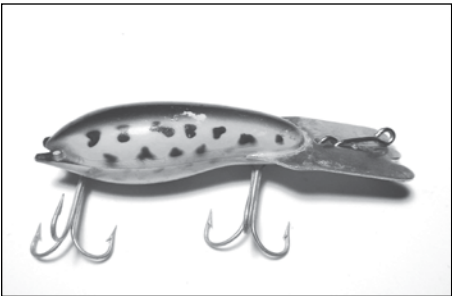


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Fishing rating scale: (b) Excellent • (a) Good • (g) Poor (bad)

LOCAL FISHING

Rancho Seco/Smud; abandoned nuclear power plant, no motor craft. Hungry Florida bass. Use: Fred Arbogast 3 ½” Mud Bug. (b) Putah Creek/Lake Solano; {Putah in French means !damn!} Day use area open. Fly fish Putah Creek trout. Use: Stimulator. (a) Lake Solano; crappie. Use: Crappie Jigs. (b)



Fred Arbogast Mud Bug

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

California halibut still being hooked in the bay; Use: Cut Bait (Anchovy). (a) Delta; all’s quite in the Delta? Fisherman’s Comment: The Moons elliptical orbit around the Earth and gravitational forces forms the tides. {check your Tide Tables}.

COASTAL WATERS

San Francisco coast rock fishing is excellent, if the winds cooperate. Use: Anchovy cut bait. (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Lake Mendocino; boat-in-sites are good places for striped bass. Use: Swimbaits. (a) Lake Oroville; low water. Houseboat owners ordered to remove houseboats to their own property, or pay State of California to store them in the parking lot!!! Rollins Reservoir; brown bullhead catfish nebulous up to 4.4 lbs. (careful of poison spines). Use: Berkeley Catfish Bait. (b) Kids love the colorful Pumpkin Seed Sunfish, up to 450 grains? Use: Crappie Jigs. (a) Scotts Flat Reservoir; Massachusetts Brown trout. (fins are yellow, spots on tail, cluster of dark



Winged Termite #10

spots on body) Use: Winged Termites #10. (a)

“One man’s meat is another man’s poison.” ~ *Brownie*



Drought Hits Hard on North Coast Farms, Ranches

Along the North Coast, farmers face what one calls a “bleak” situation, with low water levels in the Russian River watershed. With supplies from the river likely to be curtailed, some farmers have tried to diversify by acquiring recycled water from the city of Ukiah. Others will have to fallow land or grow crops without irrigation. Livestock owners must haul water to cattle and sheep after springs and reservoirs dried.

Larger Cherry Crop Reaches Height of Harvest

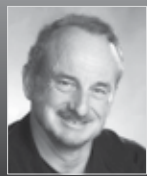
They expect a larger crop, but cherry growers say heat and wind early in their season will likely prevent a near-record harvest. With the harvest now peaking, farmers say the dry, sunny spring allowed cherry trees to set plenty of fruit. Bing cherries remain the top variety grown in California, but farmers have been planting more of a type called Coral Champagne, which matures earlier. Peak cherry harvest will continue through the first week of June.

Research Aims to Grow Tomatoes in Unusual Environments

Small-stature tomato plants being developed by the University of California could benefit indoor urban agriculture, and could perhaps be grown on long-duration space flights. Researchers at UC Riverside have been studying different types of small tomatoes. One type has been engineered for use in urban “vertical farms.” Other, similar tomatoes will ultimately be grown in micro-gravity on the International Space Station.

Survey Traces Food Trends During Pandemic

Some pandemic-related changes in eating habits have begun to ease, and others appear to have endured, according to a new survey. The International Food Information Council says its annual survey shows a decrease from last year in the proportion of Americans cooking at home more than usual. But a trend toward increased online food shopping appears to have continued, especially among younger shoppers, African Americans and parents



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Crypto Currencies is a Hot Topic

With the explosion both in investor interest and price action, crypto currencies is a hot topic. Originally conceived as an alternative currency, Bitcoin was the first digital money to make its debut in 2009. Since then, over 4000 different cyber coins have hit the market. The allure is that it reportedly cannot be manipulated or eliminated by any one person, entity or government. Created and stored in cyber space, the argument appeared to be a valid one.

Since their creation, stories of overnight millionaires abound, and I am hearing more of these rags to riches stories everyday. And it’s not just about making a few bucks. If what I am told is to be believed, ungodly sums of money has been made for more than a few acquaintances.

I have to admit, I can’t say I understand fully how crypto works. I would guess neither do many of its investors.

What I can say is this has all the trappings of a mania. From the buzz, to the quick profits by the inexperienced, to the price charts and right down to the “this time it’s different” story, it reeks of a mania. And now perhaps the sad late chapters of manias: they fall down, and usually hard.

I have issues with crypto. I own a small amount through a Wall Street vehicle and not on any phone app. Stories of investors losing passwords or hacked apps resulting in absconded funds abound. One investor profiled in a Wall Street article was locked out of 100 million and only had two chances left to remember his 132-character password before losing this fortune into the black hole of cyberspace.

And no, there is no one you can call. Once it’s locked, it’s essentially gone forever.

Besides the “too good to be true” aspects of all the stories and overnight zillionaires, cyber coin will never, at least in its current form, function as a valid currency.

Currencies must possess a variety of characteristics, among which one of the most important is “store of value”. This means if you take a currency for something real, you must be sure the currency you received maintains the value it had when you took it. Think Mexican Peso.

No problem you say? It will eventually, if not overnight, skyrocket in price?

A skyrocketing price is not a store of value. Store of value must be in both directions. Which means both the buyer and the seller must not lose value over time in the transaction. Simply put, for every winner in cyber coin, there is a loser. Which is why currencies must be STABLE, and not fluctuate in value and what it can buy.

- 35 “Republicans” voted for a “9/11 Type Commission” to reveal what really happened at the Capital on January 6. Idiots is the most instructive word to describe these damn fools.
- Reimagining math is the newest insanity by the left. Math is not guess-work. High achievers should be allowed to move forward without some insane
- How much more must we take? Biden kills our allies and rewards our enemies.
- Bernie Sanders and AOC are our quint-essential racists. They scream racism not understanding that they are the racists. “Critical Race Theory” and “Equity” and all the other pejoratives they us, points out who the proponents of racism are.
- Brian Williams of NBC criticizes Senator Cruz as a Russian propagandist. Williams is simply a talking head who knows next to nothing.
- Perhaps a more direct question would be “is Biden the actual Manchurian Candidate”?
- Can the lefties and their political allies ruin California even more? Why move the homeless to the beaches. Imagine your child frolicking in the waves dodging needles, condoms and who knows what else? And support “cannabis equity” but ban menthol and other flavored cigarettes. In other words, direct your kids to smoke pot instead. Halleluah to the spaced out state.
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- As the homeless population continues to surge in Los Angeles County, these folks account for 54 percent of fires in the first quarter of 2021. Fox News in Los Angeles reported on the fires in homeless encampments. Mayor Garcetti has spent billions on the homeless and achieved the end result many fires. ★

It’s a hard concept to digest, with most investors thinking they will gladly take a cyber-coin for payment. Ah, but would you pay one out to buy something?

A currency must remain at relatively the same value over time to be a valid receipt of products or services, as that is what a currency is, a receipt of a consistent value.

Cyber-coin is anything but price stable. Just look at its run up, and most recently, its “run down”, and I can’t say I am surprised in the least bit.

Besides it roller coaster action, a few other things bother me about sinking thousands into cyber-coin.

Elon Musk, the maverick founder of Tesla, appeared on Saturday Night live and then two days later tweeted Tesla would no longer accept bitcoin in the foreseeable future. That hammered bitcoin down 12%.

I don’t know about you, but I don’t want oodles of my hard-earned money susceptible to obliteration when a single tweet or statement can crash it. The last two weeks has crashed it in half.

No thanks.

As for being an indestructible cyber space currency no one government can manipulate, governments don’t have be able to “get at it” to eliminate it.

All they have to do is outlaw its use, and/or remove the apps that trade it. Bitcoin crashed 4% when the country of Turkey outlawed its use as payment. They are not the only ones.

The following countries have in some form or another banned, restricted or warned against cyber coin usage: : Kyrgyzstan, Bolivia, Bangladesh, Iran, Nepal, Thailand, India, Denmark and Ecuador.

This list is bound to grow larger as sovereign currencies, the checkbook of governments, are threatened by the use of cyber coin. Just think what would happen to the price if the U.S. or another major super power took similar steps?

Again, no thanks.

Someday cyber-coin may find its rightful place among monetary instruments, but for now, it scares the hell out of me.

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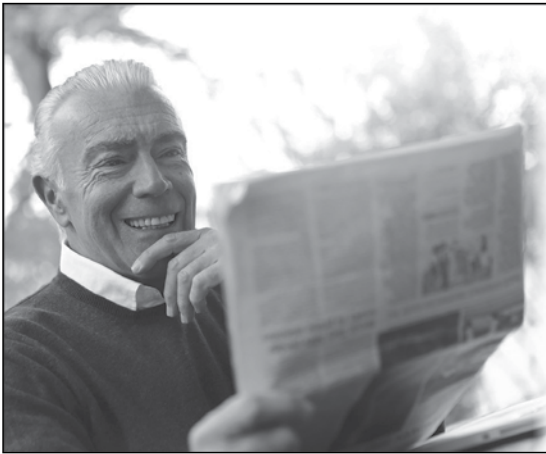
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- ACROSS**
- *Carole King: "But you're _____ away"
 - "I Thee _____"
 - Ring practice
 - Hacienda brick
 - *Billy Joel: "I love you just the way you _____"
 - What speakers do
 - Leg of lamb
 - Styling goo
 - Spooky
 - *Rod Stewart: "Oh, Maggie, I couldn't have tried _____"
 - *Stevie Wonder: "Very superstitious, writing's on _____"
 - Type of constrictor
 - Can of worms
 - *"_____ Cola, what a beautiful drink"
 - Capital of Peru
 - *Carly Simon: "I had some dreams, they were _____ in my coffee"
 - Bad luck precursor
 - Swing seat, possibly
 - Macaroni shape
 - Capital on the Baltic Sea
 - Figure with vertex and rays
 - Venetian magistrate
 - Not fitting
 - Sealed with a handshake
 - Wise man
 - Annotator and commentator
 - Facts and figures
 - Bambino
 - Chinese monetary unit
 - International Labor Organization
 - *The Knack: "M M M My _____"
 - *Sister Sledge: "We are family, get up everybody _____"
 - Last European colony in China
 - Pastrami's partner
 - Sheik's bevy
 - Movie premiere, e.g.
 - Gunk
 - Ancient assembly area
 - Used to be wild?
 - Attila, e.g.
 - Part of mortise joint
- DOWN**
- Long story
 - War god in Norse mythology
 - Same as fogey
 - J. Robert Oppenheimer's project
 - Reorganize or modify
 - \$7.25/hour, e.g.
 - Old fashioned 'before'
 - Nile's mouth
 - Boatload
 - What paralegal and parachute have in common
 - Seed covering
 - Angler's spool
 - Punch buggy car
 - Indian cuisine yogurt staple
 - Drunkard's sound?
 - Enter uninvited (2 words)
 - *Bruce Springsteen: "Tramps like us, baby we were born _____"
 - _____ acid
 - *"And Seth.... _____ Enos"
 - *Eric Clapton: "Darling, won't

- you ease my worried _____"
- Oldsmobile founder
 - Lusitania's destroyer
 - Grown-up pupper, in social media
 - *ABBA: "Dancing queen, young and _____, only seventeen"
 - Back of the neck
 - Dashing style
 - Spritelike
 - Test (2 words)
 - *Terry Jacks: "We had seasons in the _____"
 - One tritely familiar
 - Frustration, in print
 - Missouri River tributary
 - Old World duck
 - *Creedence Clearwater Revival: "_____ you ever seen the rain?"
 - They're hidden up a sleeve?
 - Goes with rave
 - Eon, alt. sp.
 - *Black Sabbath: "I am _____ man"
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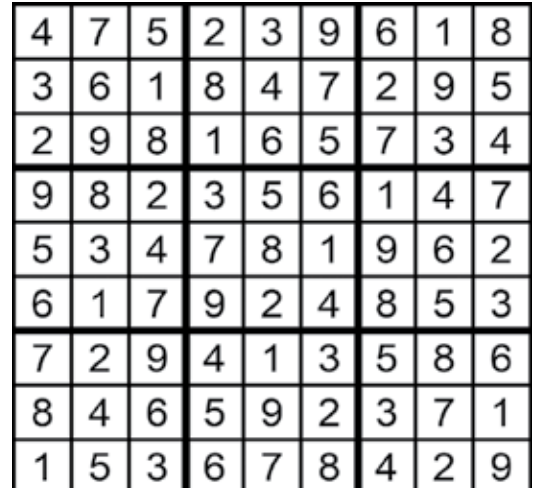
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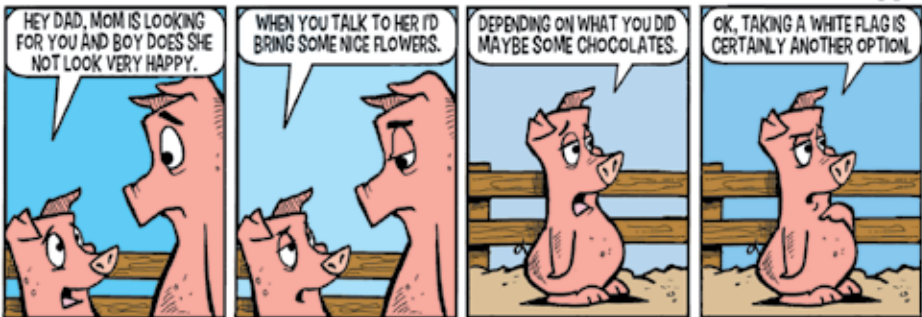
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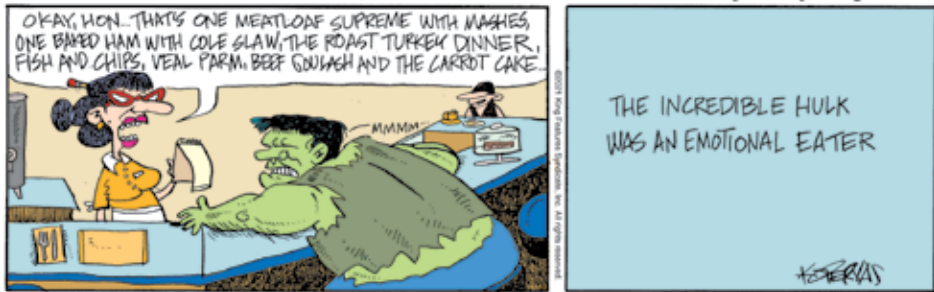
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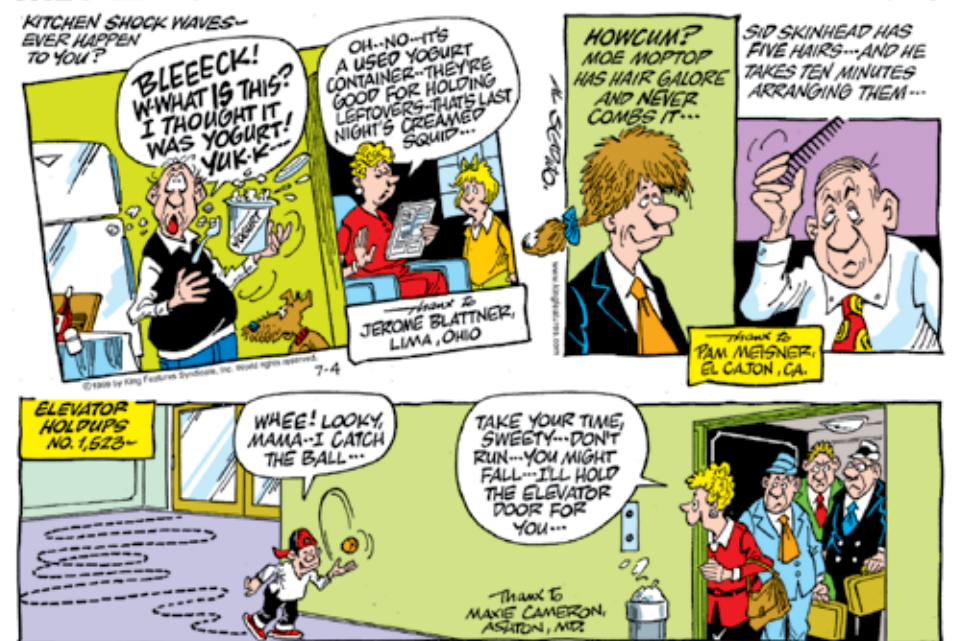
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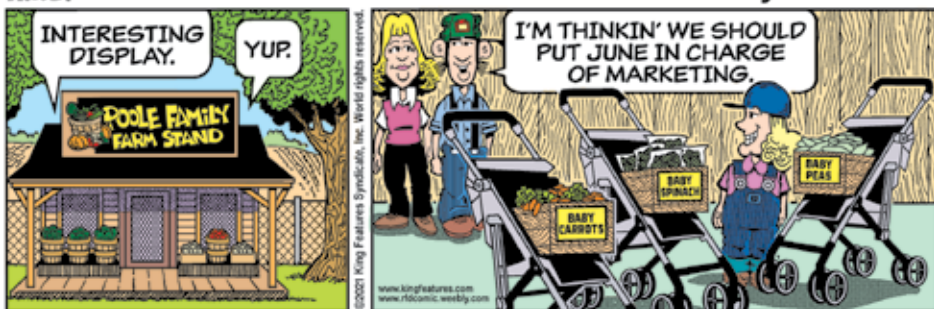
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Warning to Remote Workers: Out of Sight Could Mean Out of Job

Commentary
by Rod Robertson

Although debate continues about whether the business world will return to normal even after most people have the COVID-19 vaccine, the expectation is that many companies will soon call employees back to the office.

Some workers may still get to work part-time from home, and some businesses will make remote work permanent. But tension between owners and workers is building as it becomes evident many employees are resistant to giving up working from home. In a survey, 65% said they want to work remotely full-time after the pandemic. And in a poll conducted by LiveCareer, 29% of working professionals said they would quit if they couldn't continue working remotely.

But those who push back against ownership's preference to return to the office might paint themselves into a corner, especially if they aren't in a position to quit, says Rod Robertson, Managing Partner of Briggs Capital (www.briggscapital.com), international entrepreneur, and author of *Winning at Entrepreneurship: Insider's Tips on Buying, Building, and Selling Your Own Business*.

"The expected stimulus money will dissipate by the third quarter and as companies continue to struggle, the cuts will begin," Robertson says. "Once we reach herd immunity, companies will be deciding whether it makes sense to keep expensive office space.

"Corporate gravity will begin to pull key workers back to the office, and there will be resistance from employees. And those companies that do choose to go remote at least part of the time may still downsize. The bottom line for workers is, if they want to work remotely, they



The bottom line for workers is, if they want to work remotely, they would be wise to take the extra steps to ensure they stand out. Photo courtesy Anastasia Shuraeva Pexels

would be wise to take the extra steps to ensure they stand out."

Robertson says employees who continue to work mostly from home should do these things to keep their performance and communication levels high:

Show up. Even if a company allows employees to work from home permanently, Robertson says they would be wise to go to the office at least one day each week. "Out of sight might also mean out of mind, or out of job, when it's time to trim the roster," he says. "Working from

a distance all the time is going to lower your skill level, your engagement, and your productivity. Employees need to make the time to have facetime in the office and stay in the groove with ownership and management. You can't do that as well at home relying on technology."

Show the human touch. "When we achieve herd immunity, face-to-face meetings with co-workers, managers and clients should be 20 to 25% of someone's portfolio of time," Robertson says. "Zoom meetings are a pain because you

have to set them up. Remote employees should prioritize live voice communication with colleagues, managers, and clients in order to stay in the game. Picking up the phone to talk with someone keeps the relationship alive and brings more clarity than constantly texting or emailing."

Push your boss to measure you quantitatively. "Woe to the remote employees who believe they are not under increasing scrutiny – downsizing is on the way," Robertson says. "The good employees working at home will

have more reporting mechanisms in place. Show your boss your genuine enthusiasm by being proactive and coming up with more measurables for your performance."

Do extracurricular work. "The question is, how can you be front-and-center with the boss?" Robertson says. "One way is to do extracurricular work by bringing relevant and helpful articles to ownership. Develop a thesis for those articles to show that you're a thought leader. Executives and managers are flooded with emails, so the smart employees send a synthesis of an article that's to the point.

"Businesses can't afford slip-page," Robertson says. "Once there is herd immunity, the remote work issue shouldn't be just about where employees feel they are most comfortable, but how they can be the most valuable and effective."

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