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State Sets Date to Reopen

June 15 is now the target date for full reopening



With the State now setting June 15 as the target date for reopening, will they change the date again when it gets closer, just to pull the rug out from under families and businesses before the July 4 holiday? MPG file photo

**By Ana B. Ibarra and
Barbara Feder Ostrov,
CAL Matters.org**

As the pace of vaccination picks up, California state officials today announced the date they plan to fully reopen the state's economy: June 15.

Reopening by then will largely depend on two criteria: Vaccine

supply must be sufficient for anyone 16 and older who wants a shot and hospitalization rates must remain low and stable. The mask mandate would remain in place, however.

"It is incumbent upon all of us not to state mission accomplished, not to put down our guard, but to continue with vigilance that got us to where we are today," Gov. Gavin Newsom said

today from San Francisco.

The move would eliminate the complex web of county-by-county tiers and replace it with a statewide reopening of businesses.

Businesses would open up to full capacity, although individual counties can still opt to have more restrictions depending on their circumstances.

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Yuba River Endowment Funds Animal Evacuation Center

**By Crystal Martin,
Yuba Sutter Smart
Marketing**

BROWNS VALLEY, CA (MPG) - In their largest single donation to date, the Yuba River Endowment donated \$44,443.40 to fund an Animal Evacuation Center at the Yuba County Sheriff's Posse Arena in Browns Valley. The funds will be used to purchase 300 horse panels, 60 hog panels, stall identification tags, water tubs, build a concrete stem wall and build a hay storage area.

"During the North Complex Fire we sheltered over 120 horses and farm animals at the Posse Arena, all with volunteer time and supplies," said Yuba County Search & Rescue Captain, Terri Ayers. "As wildfires and mass evacuations become more frequent, we need the infrastructure and supplies to maintain a true animal evacuation center."

When disaster strikes, calls for help evacuating animals start streaming in to the Yuba County Sheriff's Animal Care Services, who then partners with the Yuba County Search & Rescue Posse members to get the

animals. During the North Complex Fire, the all-volunteer Yuba County Sheriff's Men's & Women's Posse members (who have recently joined to form a single Posse) physically removed the animals from many residences, gathered donated supplies to set-up the evacuation area, and coordinated services to shelter the animals at the Posse Arena.

"Many residents had no way to move their animals, but they would not evacuate until they knew their animals were safe,"

said Yuba County Animal Control Manager, Heather Nall. "We had horses, pigs, goats, sheep, even chickens, and many animals stayed at the Posse Arena for almost three weeks during the last incident."

"Whether it's evacuating animals from fires in the foothills, or from floods in the valley, the Posse Arena's location is ideal to be Yuba County's central evacuation center," said Yuba River Endowment Board Member, Mike Filice. "The Posse volunteers are truly the unsung heroes of Yuba

A Reprieve from FEMA

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After months of it looking like the end was near for the FEMA Direct Housing Program, another extension has been granted past the May 2021 deadline.

Originally, the temporary housing facility established for Camp Fire Survivors at the Gridley Industrial Park, was supposed to be available for fire evacuees until June of 2020, with the potential to extend until 2021. Ideally, both Cal OES and FEMA had hoped to utilize the park for less than that time and return it to the City of Gridley.

Last year in March, a year extension was granted to those living in the FEMA parks, with the stipulation that those remaining would be required to pay rent. Rent would be based on current housing market values based on bedrooms/baths in the unit. Certain applicants could qualify for reduced rent or appeal the charges altogether.

With the hard deadline of May 2021 approaching rapidly, FEMA reps and FEMA residents nervously considered the few options for those still at the site, which wasn't much. Concerned volunteers with the Gridley Relief Group worried that residents would be put out on the streets.

Then, Camp Fire survivors still at the site got some great news: FEMA has agreed to sell the modular housing units to the survivors and has extended the deadline.

At the most recent Gridley Relief Group meeting, Bruce Yerman, Voluntary Liaison for FEMA outlined what that would look like. Only residents in good standing would qualify for potential MHU purchases. Yerman shares that letters of intent were sent to residents living at the FEMA park last week, notifying survivors of the opportunity to purchase the units they are currently living in. Residents have 15 days to respond to FEMA whether they are interested in purchasing their unit. If so, FEMA will calculate an offer for the unit based on the National Automobile Dealers Association pricing guide. Because each unit is different (age, bedrooms, condition) FEMA is hesitant to share pricing information due to the varying costs. Those purchasing the units will be fully responsible for utilities, transportation costs, insurance, liability, etc. FEMA will not provide any financial assistance in purchasing these units. FEMA estimates about 90 qualifying residences between the

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(From left to right) Yuba County Sheriff's Sergeant, Susan Jenson, Yuba County Animal Control Manager, Heather Nall, Yuba County Search & Rescue Captain, Terri Ayers, Yuba River Endowment Board Member, Michael Filice, and Yuba County Court Comfort Dog, Tuscany Blue. Photo courtesy of YSSM

Spring Registration is Open for Youth Arts Education at The Center

**By Melissa Clark,
The Center for the Arts**

GRASS VALLEY, CA (MPG) - Registration is open for youth art classes at The Center for the Arts. Spring sessions start the first week in April. Students ages 8 to 14 can take part in Artmaking, Hip Hop Dance, Theater Dance, and Aerial Arts. Classes meet ten students or less meet twice a week at The Center located in downtown Grass Valley. Full and partial scholarships are available.

Participation in the arts engages children in learning, teaches collaboration, builds creative thinking and problem-solving skills, and boosts self-esteem. With school closures and distance learning, it is more important than ever for organizations like The Center to provide supplemental arts education for our youth. During the pandemic, The Center has offered many programs to support working families and children in the community. They continue to adapt and expand our Youth Arts Education programs to enrich the lives of students of all ages. The spring session includes new daytime classes to help fill the gap for students with alternating schedules.

New for spring is an Artmaking class with Lynlee Lyckberg, happening on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the dance studio upstairs at The Center. Students will explore line, color, form, value and perspective through a sequential series of classes that introduce fundamental concepts in the practice of artmaking. Each class combines the lesson with a brief history of some of the artists and movements that best illustrate the principles being taught.

The Aerial class is taught by AirAligned Aerial Dance Group. Joe Simms and Sophie Wingard teach tricks



Youth Arts Education at The Center for the Arts. Now enrolling for Spring classes. Courtesy photo The Center for the Arts.

and skills on aerial bungees, aerial silks, and aerial hoops. Fly, climb, and swing! Over the course of two months, students will learn the entertaining components of the aerial arts. Learning aerial skills is a fun way for kids to gain confidence, poise, and strength. Developed for students ages 8–14, beginner and intermediate classes meet twice a week from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and are taught on the Main Stage at The Center for the Arts. The intermediate class requires prior enrollment in an aerial class with AirAligned.

The Theater Dance class has been modified to meet current COVID-19 regulations. Students will focus on learning Broadway choreography. Theater Dance meets in the Off-Center Stage on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The class is taught by Dinah Smith, a local director, choreographer, actor, coach and certified teacher.

Also new for spring and new to The Center is a Wednesday afternoon Hip Hop dance class with Chanthou Lam where students will explore ‘Conscious Hip-Hop’. The class meets on the Main Stage from 1:00 pm. To 2:30 p.m. It is a cultural study that will focus on a combination of three main elements in Hip Hop dancing - popping, locking, and basic break dancing, while fusing it with Dancehall and Funk. The class will explore

themes surrounding social engagement and in social justice activism. Class begins with a warm-up, progresses through isolations, and ends with a combination that ties it all together. Students will learn to translate the rhythmic qualities of music into movement and learn to “follow the leader” through a variety of techniques. For Chanthou, it’s all about helping dancers find their comfort zone while encouraging individuality and confidence in movement.

The Center’s Youth Arts Education programs directly support the local school district, stepping in to provide a creative curriculum through the school year to support families struggling with reduced school schedules. The Center has always believed that the arts should be accessible for all, and remains dedicated to removing financial barriers and making programs available to 7,500 youth annually. Thanks to generous donors, they are able to offer \$5,000 in scholarships.

Registration is open for classes starting in April. Classes are capped at ten students to allow for physical distancing. For more information on classes, scholarships, or to register, please visit thecenterforthearts.org or call 530-274-8384. The box office is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ★

Overdose Deaths Increased During the Pandemic

Commentary by M. K. Leach

The pandemic and excessive intervention by state government contributed to a worsening overdose crisis within the United States. In 2018, drug overdose deaths fell for the first time in 25 years yet began to rise again in 2019. Since 2019, the country's number of drug overdose deaths continued to climb and were made worse by government lockdowns. According to the CDC, the provisional drug overdose count shows a steady increase between January 2019 and January 2020.

According to the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program, after March 19, 2020, 61.84% of participating counties experienced an increase in overdose submissions. In addition, there was a 17.59% increase in suspected overdose submissions when comparing the weeks before and following the commencement of state-mandated stay-at-home orders. Overall, the number of overdoses increased nationally. Non-fatal and fatal overdose involving stimulants, with and without opioids, continue to increase. Some research has found associations between unemployment and or non-labor participation and the risk of a drug overdose.

The CDC released a press release in 2020, and over 81,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States in the 12 months ending in May 2020. Up to that date, that is the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period, according to the CDC. Overdose deaths were already increasing preceding the pandemic—synthetic opioids appeared to be the primary driver of the increase in overdose deaths, increasing 38.4% within the 12 months leading up to June 2019. Also, 37 of the 38 U.S. jurisdictions reported an increase in synthetic opioid-involved overdose

deaths. Approximately 18 of these jurisdictions reported increases greater than 50%, and ten western states reported over a 98% increase.

Some experts believe the spike in overdose deaths was caused by the pandemic driven by increased substance use due to anxiety, social isolation, and depression. When the government began ordering people to stay at home, not go to work, and forcing millions of Americans out of work, many people turned to drugs or alcohol to cope. The pandemic made it difficult for recovering addicts to access support, opiate addicts to receive treatment, and everyone in between that may have been struggling with addiction. There are numerous underlying factors, but the pandemic response caused a cascade effect impacting the most vulnerable when America was forced to shutter.

People became more isolated, depressed, anxious, and worrisome. Young people like students began to struggle as schools were closed and students were forced to stay home. The CDC's Director said at a Buck Institute webinar that suicides and drug overdoses had surpassed the death rate for COVID-19 among highs school students. Lockdowns and the lack of public schooling constituted a disproportionately negative impact on young people and adults' mental health. The data for suicides and overdose deaths will not be verified for two more years. Still, it is apparent the excessive lockdowns, government intervention, and restrictions on life and liberty were far worse than the coronavirus disease COVID-19.

Michael Leach has spent most of his career as a health care professional specializing in Substance Use Disorder and addiction recovery. He is a regular contributor to the healthcare website Addicted.org and a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant. ★

New Stonyford Rodeo Queen Competition Dates

By Roy Stewart, SCHA

COLUSA COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- In 2021, the annual Stonyford Rodeo will be a three-day event: Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2. The initial interviews will be on Friday, April 30, at 9 a.m., in Stonyford, at the Brother Moore Arena. The interview and horsemanship competition will both be on Friday. The Queen, Runner-up, and Miss Congeniality will be announced that day during the PRCA rodeo, starting at 5 p.m. The contest is open to girls living in surrounding counties from ages 14 to 25. Entries close on April 23rd, 2021. The Queen must participate in several rodeos and parades throughout 2021 & 2222 (see entry form). Entry forms for the Queen competition are available for download at www.stonycreekhorsemen.org/index.php/Queen_Contest. Rodeo tickets are



Caylie Gardner is the reigning 2019/2020 Stonyford Rodeo Queen. She will pass on her crown to the new queen at Friday's rodeo, April 30, 2021. Caylie is 16 and lives in Elk Creek. She attends Willows High School and is involved in Rodeos and FFA. She loves to rope and work cattle and is a true cowgirl. She carries a 4.0 GPA and plans to become a nurse. Photo courtesy SCHA

available at our website: www.stonycreekhorsemen.org. Or, you will be able get them at any of these area locations: Stonyford General Store, Stonyford; Carl's Feed, Willows; Boot Barn, Chico, Yuba City; Bucke's Feed & Grain, Orland; Marie's Lakeshore Feed, Clearlake; Rainbow Ag, Lakeport; and Ace Hardware, Arbuckle.

Discounted pre-sale rodeo tickets for Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, 2020, are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 7-12 years — children 6 years and under are free. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$15 and \$7. Tickets for Sunday will only be available at the gate; for fans aged 13+ \$5. Children aged 12 and under are free. ★

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Endowment was established by a select group of Yuba County farmers who have a right to water that flows on the Yuba River. In a truly win-win situation, the farmers’ water is used to provide the required flow levels to protect endangered fishes on the Yuba River,

then once past this critical point, the water can be sold to drought-stricken areas of the state. Proceeds from these transfers provide the funding for the Yuba River Endowment.

To donate, or learn more about volunteering for the Yuba County Search & Rescue, visit www.yubacountysar.com ★

A Reprieve from FEMA

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Gridley and Hegan sites.

In addition to the potential sales of the units, FEMA has announced

the End of Program Date has now been extended to September 12, 2021. Residents are in the process of being notified of

the extension and that rent for units will be enforced beginning May 13, 2021, with the first payments due June 1st. ★



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State Sets Date to ReOpen

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Schools would be allowed to reopen to all in-person learning; however, the school districts will maintain control.

“I want kids back in school safely, and on June 15 we anticipate there will be no barriers to getting kids back in person, not just K-12...(also) including institutions of higher education,” Newsom said.

Dr. Mark Ghaly, the state’s health secretary, said he feels comfortable allowing businesses to operate at full capacity in mid-June because the state will continue to track local conditions.

“What we could see is fully occupied settings, but yet still with masks,” Ghaly said today.

Until at least Oct. 1, events at large settings like convention centers will only be allowed if organizers can show that attendees are either vaccinated or are tested. There is still no plan, however, for large, multi-day events like music festivals to take place, Ghaly said.

As of Monday, the state had administered more than 20 million vaccines – more than entire countries. That includes 4 million doses in the state’s hardest-hit, disadvantaged communities. This progress allows the state to move forward, and leave behind its colored blueprint that has been determining reopenings by county.

State officials chose the June 15 date because it is eight weeks after April 15, when everyone 16 and older becomes

eligible for vaccinations. That gives people three weeks to find an appointment, another three weeks in between their first and second dose and two more weeks after their second dose, which allows them to acquire full protection.

“It makes sense to me,” said Dr. George Rutherford, an epidemiologist at UC San Francisco. “On the one hand, vaccination is going gangbusters, I think that will give us the out, but we also have to see what happens with the variants, and if people who are vaccinated are getting infected.”

Infections are skyrocketing in some other parts of the country, with some of the outbreaks linked to new variants of the virus. But California has been able to keep its positivity rate under 2% for several weeks now.

“What we’re asking is for people to hunker down for another two months and when we get there, then it’s Miller time,” Rutherford said.

Nearly all of California currently is in the orange and red tiers, which allowed businesses to reopen with limited capacity. Only Merced and Inyo counties remain in the most-restricted purple tier after failing today to meet the health metrics required to move to red.

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Plumas National Forest Recreation Season

**Lee Anne Schramel,
Forest Service**

QUINCY, CA. (MPG) - More campsites across the Plumas National Forest within the Feather River Canyon, Bucks Lake, Lake Davis, and Lakes Basin recreation areas, will be available by reservation this year, according to Forest Supervisor Chris Carlton.

“With so many more people looking to visit the Plumas National Forest (PNF), providing better maintained facilities & creating more certainty in recreation planning are real priorities for us,” said Carlton.

According to Carlton, the Forest Service recreation budget is not enough to operate and maintain all PNF developed recreation facilities. Rather than close facilities, via a competitive process, the Forest Service permitted a concessionaire (Outdoors in Plumas) to operate and maintain 68 of the Forest’s 150 developed recreation sites in 2020. This strategy has enabled the Forest to keep facilities open and maintained to a high

standard.

Visitors can expect to pay modest fees at additional recreation sites managed by Outdoors in Plumas this year. The fees will take effect beginning April/May 2021 and will be used to offset operations costs including facility upkeep (including hazard tree removal and water/septic system repair), cleaning restrooms and trash pick-up.

Fees were charged by OiP at 46 sites in 2020 while issues related to the Covid pandemic and fire season precluded charging at the remaining sites. Those 21 sites are coming on-line with fees this year.

The Plumas National Forest will continue to operate 71 recreation sites at no cost to the public, including 10 campgrounds/camp areas.

Dispersed camping & day-use opportunities are available in general forest areas where visitors may camp or enjoy day-use activities without a fee, although there may be no restrooms or services such as piped water and trash removal. If National Forest system land is not specifically closed to

camping or other activities, it is open, without a fee, for public enjoyment.

Visitors are reminded to distance themselves and mask-up as necessary to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Outdoors in Plumas recreation site and fee information, and additional reservation opportunities available in 2021, may be found at <https://www.outdoorsinplumas.com/> and www.recreation.gov.

Questions or comments about the new fee sites or concession operations may be directed to Erika Brenzovich at (530) 283-7798 or to SM.FS.PNFRec@usda.gov.

Questions about free camping & day use alternatives may be directed to the: Beckwourth Ranger District at (530) 836-2575; Mt. Hough Ranger District at (530) 283-0555; or Feather River Ranger District at (530) 534-6500.

More information about recreation opportunities on the Plumas National Forest can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/plumas/recreation. ★

Water Users Urged to Reduce and Conserve During Dry Conditions

State Water Resources Board

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As dry conditions persist throughout California, the State Water Resources Control Board mailed early warning notices to approximately 40,000 water right holders, urging them to plan for potential shortages by reducing water use and adopting practical conservation measures.

Reservoir and groundwater levels are significantly below average, and despite recent storms, snowpack is only 58% of average as of March 10. After two years of below average precipitation, officials don’t expect the April 1 snow survey to reveal significant improvement in the

water supply outlook this year. April 1 is typically the peak of California’s snowpack, which in an average year provides 30% of the state’s water supply.

“Planting crops and other decisions that are dictated by water supply are made early in the year, so early warnings are vital,” said Erik Ekdahl, deputy director for the Water Board’s Division of Water Rights. “These letters give water users time to prepare and help minimize the impacts of reduced supplies on businesses, farms and homes.”

Agricultural water users can implement practical actions now to improve their drought resilience, including reducing irrigated acreage, managing

herd size, using innovative irrigation and diversifying water supply portfolios. Urban water users can conserve by putting in drought-resistant landscape, reducing outdoor irrigation and replacing older house fixtures and appliances with more efficient ones.

Additionally, all diverters are legally required to report their annual water use to the State Water Board. Accurate and timely reporting of information is crucial to managing the state’s water resources.

In preparing for potential droughts, the State Water Board partners with multiple state, local and federal agencies, including California Department of

Water Resources, Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Tribal governments and water management organizations. Staff will continue to coordinate as it monitors the situation and engage more frequently with water users if conditions continue or worsen.

Current drought conditions can be found on the National Integrated Drought Information System website.

The State Water Board’s mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California’s water resources and ensure proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations. ★

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Is California Driving Business Away?



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Is California killing the golden goose with taxes and regulations that drive businesses and their jobs to more hospitable states?

That question has been debated for years without a definitive answer, flaring up whenever there's a high-profile move out of the state.

With the recent relocation of several well-known firms to Texas, along with one famous billionaire, Tesla's Elon Musk, the question once again reverberates in political circles.

Musk first threatened to shift locales last year after his manufacturing facility in the Bay Area was hit with a pandemic shutdown order.

"Frankly, this is the final straw," he tweeted last May. "Tesla will now move its HQ and future programs to Texas/Nevada immediately."

"F*ck Elon Musk," Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, tweeted in response. Gonzalez, a San Diego Democrat and the Legislature's most outspoken proponent of unionization, later added, "California has highly subsidized a company that has always disregarded worker safety & well-being, has engaged in union busting & bullies public servants. I

probably could've expressed my frustration in a less aggressive way. Of course, no one would've cared if I tweeted that."

In December, Musk announced his personal move to Texas and his plans to expand activities in that state.

Last week, the Center for Jobs and the Economy, an arm of the California Business Roundtable, offered new grist for the debate by launching "CaliFormers," a running list of companies that have relocated from California or expanded operations elsewhere.

"California policies have created the highest in the nation cost-of-living and strictest in the nation regulatory costs which have caused jobs in key sectors such as manufacturing to start-up, scale or relocate in other lower-cost states, sometimes just across the border from California," the CaliFormers announcement declared.

"As we look to the future of our post-pandemic economy," it added, "the shift of the tech industry and the movement of its executives and investors will significantly impact the stability and solvency of our general fund since the state's progressive tax structure relies heavily on taxes paid by California's highest earners."

CaliFormers arrives on the scene not only as the perpetual debate heats up again but as the Legislature considers a new spate of bills that would impose additional costs on business and/or levy new taxes on business or wealthy individuals such as Musk.

CaliFormers gives the perpetual debate a factual underpinning, but it also falls short of a much-needed comprehensive analysis of the issue. Jerry Nickelsburg, who runs the Anderson Forecast, an economic research organization at UCLA, quickly criticized it for lacking context.

"The list does not sort by year or normalize by u-rate or employment," Nickelsburg tweeted. "It does not track moves to CA. (e.g if a company adds 200 jobs in CA and moves 100 to TX it appears on the table as a move of jobs to TX). So, a nice graphic, but not very useful as an analysis."

Nickelsburg makes a valid point. Obviously the issue is an important one. California depends on a vigorous private sector to provide jobs and indirectly provide revenues for the services that Gonzalez and other politicians want to expand. In fact, those one-percenters at the very top of the income ladder, such as Musk, are paying half of the state's income taxes.

It's so important that it deserves far more serious analysis. Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature have immense research capabilities at their command and should order up a comprehensive and independent examination of whether California is becoming toxic to vital business activity. It's time to settle the argument once and for all.

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

COVID Crisis Triggers Increase in Elder Abuse and Prejudice Aimed at Seniors

By John Grimaldi,
Assoc. of Mature American Citizens

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - There's been a worrisome increase in cases of elder abuse since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The senior advocacy organization's CEO, Rebecca Weber, says the surge is mainly due to self-isolation and other preventative measures that are in place to combat the spread of the virus.

According to the Website, PubMed.Gov, "Before the COVID-19 pandemic, elder abuse affected one in 10 American older adults annually. It has been assumed that the pandemic has brought with it a surge in elder abuse due to individuals ordered to stay at home combined with increased interpersonal stressors."

The measures in place to deal with the pandemic can limit in-person visits by caregivers, friends and family, making it difficult for the elderly living on their own to cope with physical and mental needs, leaving them vulnerable to abuse, Weber explains. "And then there are those unpaid family caregivers who have been left with reduced incomes or no incomes at all as a result of the COVID crisis. The stress they are under can readily result in abuse."

Nursing homes get most of the blame for elder abuse. But in too many cases, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse, the perpetrators are family members.

"Elder abuse is a widespread problem in America where 10,000 men and women celebrate their 65th birthdays each day; and where each year more people live longer than

ever before. It is no longer unusual for us to live to be as old as 80, 90 and 100 years or more these days thanks to healthier lifestyles and the miracle of modern medicine. But, with age come new vulnerabilities that can make any of us susceptible to the crimes of angry and greedy predators. And that's why it is up to younger friends and family who truly care to keep a watchful eye open for anomalies that indicate older loved ones may be victims," says Weber.

The Website sixtyandme reports that the most common type of abuse experienced by older Americans is neglect and that when senior citizens self-report abuse, statistics show that they are most likely to report financial abuse. "It is far more socially acceptable, at least in some people's minds, to report that they have been scammed than to state that somebody sexually abused them."

Meanwhile, a wave of "downright shameful intimidation" may be in store for the elderly as a result of COVID-19. The virus appears to have triggered a wave of prejudice directed at our older population, says AMAC's Weber. Younger generations appear to be blatantly revealing ageist tendencies on social media with messages referring to the coronavirus with insulting epithets such as "boomer remover" and "coffin dodger."

According to the medical journal, Psychiatric Times, "A Twitter analysis of 18,128 tweets between March 12 and March 21, 2020, showed that about one-quarter of all tweets [about 4,500] could be considered ageist, either because they included jokes or ridicule aimed at older adults or because their content downplayed the relevance of COVID-19 and/or implied their lives were less valuable." ★



The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

The regular monthly meeting for Yuba Feather Community Services will be held April 13 at the community center on Ponderosa Way at 7pm. Summer is approaching and some of the activities to be discussed, making plans, are Farmer's Market, possible Mountain Fair and use of the ball fields. Come and get involved.

Brownsville Peddler's Fair, held at the Brownsville Mercantile on Willow Glen Rd., will be held each first Saturday of the month. The next one will be Saturday, May

1st. Booth space is free and all you need to do is bring your stuff, set up and sell. Drop on by between 9 am and 4 pm to check out the abundant treasures for sale. See you there!

Look Back in Time – In 1940 ten census takers were working in Yuba County, hoping to reach all residents. Phone 6 if you haven't been counted (some things change and some don't).

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



LOCAL FISHING

Close to home – Spenceville WA; Lots of bass. Try walk-in: Horseshoe, Pittman, Wood Duck, Spring Plot and Upper Jones Ponds. Use: Woolly Buggers. (b) Yuba-Goldfields; five ponds containing big bass, catfish and some trout. Use: Earth Worms under Bobbers. (a) Butte Creek; boat launch at Mawson Bridge, or walk up creek for evening catfish. Use: Stink baits. {Beef Brains and Limburger Cheese, wrapped in cheese cloth} (a)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

South Bay; party boats, one halibut per rod. Use: Drifting Halibut rigs with Anchovy (g) San Joaquin Delta; a few striper bites at the bottom of the tide. (g) Franks Tract; pre-spawn bass building beds, near weed lines. Use: Crank Baits, or Sinkos. (g)



Drifting Halibut Lure

COASTAL WATERS

Farallon Islands; yellow tail rock fish limits. Use: jigging Solid Body Tubes. (b) Note: Contemplated commercial salmon season limited to 10-15 day season.

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Lake Oroville; unusual 10-pound King salmon caught at 50-feet deep. Use: Speedy-Shiner. (a) Lake Pardee; Trophy German brown venue. Troll at 15-feet deep. Use: Speedy-Shiners. (a) Lake Almanor; German browns averaging 4 ½-6 ½ pounds. One nine pounder landed, slow trolling 15'-35' deep. Use: Mepps #5 Anglia. (a) Clear Lake; Crappie on their beds, 7'-9' deep. Use: slip bobbers with Wiggle Tail Jigs. (a) San Joaquin River/Delta; pre-spawn stripers. Use: Large Minnows. (g) Sacramento River/Delta; striper reports of 17" shakers moving from the Brickyard to Grimes. Use: Large Minnows. (g)



Mepps #5 Anglia

WINTER ICE FISHING Weekly Report

Davis Lake; three quarters of the ice is gone. Twelve inches of snow still in Honker Cove parking lot. No boats. Shore fishing for rainbows. Use: Trout Power Bait, or Nightcrawlers. (a)

"Rome was not built in a day" ~ Brownie

YUBA WATER AGENCY and SLATE CREEK

The **NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT** has permits for water in Slate Creek. Presently, Slate Creek is flowing into North Yuba River, then into Bullards Bar for the benefit of the **YUBA WATER AGENCY**.

Supervisor and **YUBA WATER AGENCY** Director Randy Fletcher has been a strong supporter of Manager Maupin's Forbestown Ditch piping project. Why? Because piping the ditch means the Slate Creek water will never be available to the customers of the **NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT** and the **YUBA WATER AGENCY** gets to keep this water forever.

Randy Fletcher has instructed his personal friends and Directors at the **NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT**, Gary Hawthorne, Doug Neilson, and Fred Mitchell to, under no circumstances, work with South Feather. Why? Because should the Forbestown Ditch be improved, at one-sixth the cost of a \$15+ million dollar pipe, the Slate Creek water could then be diverted through the Slate Creek Power Tunnel to the loss of the **YUBA WATER AGENCY**.

How much water are we talking about? 20,000 acre feet currently worth \$15 million on the California commodities market (NQH2O). Do Fletcher and the **YUBA WATER AGENCY** know this? Absolutely, the Agency is in the business of selling water. Mr. Fletcher has said the **YUBA WATER AGENCY** does not have any interest in a mere 20,000 acre feet. Mr. Fletcher has not been asked the question, does the **YUBA WATER AGENCY** have an interest in \$15 million dollars?

At the bottom of this county-wide cover up is a simple theft of water. The perpetrators being Randy Fletcher, **NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT** General Manager Jeff Maupin, and Directors Gary Hawthorne, Doug Neilson (voted out of office then reappointed), Eric Hansard, Fred Mitchell, Terry Brown (has fled to Florida), and Donnie Ferguson (voted out of office). Such is the tale of *The Great Water District Robbery of Yuba County*.

Dear Reader, thank you for taking the time to read this. That is all for this episode, but please stay tuned for the next edition of the sad saga of the Wayward Water District in the Foothills of Yuba County.

More information can be found at: yubafoothillswater.net

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BURKE – Joseph Burke, 79, of Corning, passed away March 29, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

JAMES – Katherine James, 86, of Live Oak, passed away March 29, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

WALLS – Donna Walls, 83, of Colusa, passed away March 29, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

PAQUETTE – Gene Paquette, 85, of Marysville, passed away April 1, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

MONTANO – Peggy Montano, 69, of Marysville, passed away April 3, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

DIAZ – Jesus Mondo Diaz, 79, of Yuba City, passed away April 3, 2021. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.



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YUBA COUNTY PET OF THE WEEK

Chex

This week we have Chex! A very sweet, two year old, Black Mouth Cur. Chex is such a super star! He has been at the shelter since March 11th, but he doesn't let that get his spirits down! He is full of energy and lots of love. He wants to run around outside with you, and then be lazy and cuddle when you are done. He is such a sweet boy and can't wait to find his forever family! He is seemingly good with other dogs, and definitely loves his people. If you are interested in meeting Chex, please call Yuba County ACS as 530-741-6478 to make an appointment to see him!



Chex is such a sweet boy and can't wait to find his forever family!

Yuba County Animal Care Services is located at 5245 Feather River Blvd., Olivehurst. You can also go to www.petharbor.com or www.petfinder.com

to see all of our adoptable animals and look for your lost family pets, or check out our Facebook page, Yuba County Animal Care Services@yuba-countyACS. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-074

The following person(s) is
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1096 Zanes Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
Yuba County

1) Cedric M. Williams
1096 Zanes Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
2) Jordan M. Williams
1096 Zanes Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted
by Co-Partners.

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all informa-
tion in this statement is true
and correct).

Signed:

Cedric Williams.

This statement was filed
with the County Clerk of Yuba
on March 19, 2021, indicated
by file stamp.

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TERRY A. HANSEN,
Clerk
By SARAH MULL,
Deputy Clerk

Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16,
2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-073

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

Sweet Magnolia Love

9166 Citron Way
Oregon House, CA 95962
Yuba County

1) Liah Ferdeliz De Jesus
Tanjuaquio
9166 Citron Way
Oregon House, CA 95962
2) Edwin Robert Serrano
Tanjuaquio
9166 Citron Way
Oregon House, CA 95962
This business is conducted
by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all informa-
tion in this statement is true
and correct).

Signed:

Edwin Tanjuaquio.

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TERRY A. HANSEN,
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By MANDY LUIS,
Deputy Clerk

Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-068

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

Clark Pacific,

710 Riverpoint Court, Suite 100,
West Sacramento, CA 95605

County of Yolo
Mailing Address:

710 Riverpoint Court, Suite 100,
West Sacramento, CA 95605

1) Clark Pacific Precast, LLC,
710 Riverpoint Court, Suite 100,
West Sacramento, CA 95605;
California

Donald G. Clark Corporation,
710 Riverpoint Court, Suite 100,
West Sacramento, CA 95605; California

Robert Clark Corporation,

710 Riverpoint Court, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605;
California

This business is conducted by General Partner.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the
fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/1963.

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

Signed:

Donald G. Clark, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on
March 15, 2021, indicated by file stamp.

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TERRY A. HANSEN,
County Clerk

By Bridgette Evans,
Deputy Clerk

4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 2021

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TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: MATTER OF MILLHOUSE, PETITIONER CASE NUMBER: CVPT 21-00299. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:

May 3, 2021

DEPT: 4

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Angelique Millhouse filed a petition with this court
for a decree changing names as follows:

**1) from: A'MARAH FEATHERSTONE
to: A'MARAH CHILES**

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 ob-
jection 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 gen-
eral circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: March 23, 2021

**Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.**

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-043

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

Lurox Masonry Staining

11293 Shadow Lane
Browns Valley, CA 95918
Yuba County

1) Steven Nick Elrod
11293 Shadow Lane
Browns Valley, CA 95918
This business is conducted
by an individual.

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on
12/1/2020.

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

Signed:

Steven Elrod.

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TERRY A. HANSEN,
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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
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April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-044

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

Anything's Possible Events

11293 Shadow Lane
Browns Valley, CA 95918
Yuba County

1) Raegen Elrod
11293 Shadow Lane
Browns Valley, CA 95918
This business is conducted
by an individual.

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on
12/01/2020.

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

Signed:

Raegen Elrod.

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April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-077

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

BR1 MOTORSPORTS

1668 Ibus Ct.
Arboga, CA 95961
Yuba County

1) Samantha L. Klagenberg
1668 Ibus Ct.
Arboga, 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
01/21/2021.

(I declare that all informa-
tion in this statement is true
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Signed:

Samantha Klagenberg.

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TERRY A. HANSEN,
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Deputy Clerk

Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-087

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

LEAD THE WAY PET CARE

4440 Ardmore Avenue
Olivehurst, CA 95961
Yuba County

1) David McKee
2805 Cummings Lane
Medford, OR 97501

2) Misty Granger

4440 Ardmore Avenue
Olivehurst, CA 95961

This business is conducted
by Co-Partners.

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on N/A.

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

Signed:

David McKee.

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Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-062

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

Royal Oak Pharmacy

812 5th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba County

State of California
1) MARYSVILLE SCRIPTS

1502 Franklin Road

Yuba City, CA 95993

This business is conducted
by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all informa-
tion in this statement is true
and correct).

Signed:

Jindjeet S. Hansi.

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By MANDY LUIS,
Deputy Clerk

Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-069

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

GreenOp Farms

1109 F Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba County

1) Paul Yartz
1109 F Street
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted
by an individual.

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on
3/16/2016.

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

Signed:

Paul Yartz.

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March 26, April 2, 9, 16,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-046

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

Mom's Diner

5915 Lindhurst Ave
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba County

1) Stephanie Katzen Johnson
1820 Fernwood Drive
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted
by an individual.

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on
2/05/2016.

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

Signed:

Stephanie Katzen

Johnson.

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March 19, 26, April 2, 9,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2019F-273

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

Custom Laser Worx

7053 Crescent Way
Smartsville, CA 95977
Yuba County

1) Michael Burgan
7053 Crescent Way
Smartsville, CA 95977

This business is conducted
by an individual.

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on Oc-
tober 15, 2019.

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

Signed:

Michael Burgan.

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Deputy Clerk

March 19, 26, April 2, 9,
2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021F-060

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

Custom Laser Worx

7053 Crescent Way
Smartsville, CA 95977
Yuba County

1) Anthony Burgan
7053 Crescent Way
Smartsville, CA 95977

This business is conducted
by an individual.

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on 3-5-
21.

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

Signed:

Anthony Burgan.

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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk

March 19, 26, April 2, 9,
2021.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: JACKIE LEE RICE, PETITIONER CASE NUMBER: CVPT 21-00294. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:

May 3, 2021

DEPT: 4

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Jackie Lee Rice filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing names as follows:

**1) from: Jackie Lee Rice
to: Jack Lee Rice**

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 ob-
jection 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 gen-
eral circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: March 22, 2021

**Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.**

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lind-
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The auction will be conducted online at www.bid13.com, start-
ing **Monday, April 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and ending Mon-
day, April 19, 2021 at 10:00 am.** If there are no bidders, the
property will be donated or disposed of accordingly. Property to
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Name
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Capitalism is the Allocation of Goods and Services

Capitalism is the allocation of goods and services. It is argued capitalism is the best method to accomplish earthly allocation assuming the two premises:

1. There is limited amount of resources on the planet
2. All things considered, human wants have an unlimited and insatiable appetite for consumption

Explaining the first premise is easy and should be obvious. There is not enough of everything to give everything to everyone. Whether it be chickens in every pot, lobsters on a plate, fancy cars or houses, there is simply not enough raw material and labor in the world to fulfill everyone’s needs and desires.

Although some may debate separating out “needs” from “desires”, the argument is subjective, and as a result, can only be argued. That being said, the economic term used for this premise is called “scarcity”.

“Scarcity refers to the basic economic problem, the gap between limited – that is, scarce – resources and theoretically limitless wants. This situation requires people to make decisions about how to allocate resources efficiently, in order to satisfy basic needs and as many additional wants as possible”-. Wikipedia.

I couldn’t have said it better myself. The above definition also nicely addresses premise two, that human wants are unlimited.

This is valid whatever the combination of needs versus wants is debated. The sum of the two are insatiable due to our human nature.

When a finite amount of “stuff” meets an unlimited amount of “desire”, the problem of allocation arises.

Capitalism is the method by which this allocation is managed. Some would argue the earth contains enough for everyone, but the reality is that location, seasonal availability or other limiting factors may still make the condition of limited supply valid.

In any case, the study of economics does accept the principal of scarcity, which is a limited amount of goods and services meeting an unlimited desire for them.

Although many economic systems have attempted to allocate such limited goods fairly, the “fairly” part is always subject to human weaknesses. Basically, the thought is “*who is the one making the decision as to what is equal and fair distribution?*”

There is always disagreement among those being allocated and those doing the allocating. Hence, the problem, and it is an ancient one.

Enter capitalism. Its system, unmolested,

accomplishes the allocation problem quite succinctly, as those trying other systems instead quickly discover.

Capitalism is, in its simplest form, someone buying something from somebody else, both of whom are in agreement as to the terms of the transaction. Everything else is an offshoot of this basic transaction.

There is always two parts of a transaction where each party must perform for the other.

Swapping an apple for an orange is a trade, also known as a barter. If the terms are not agreeable to both, the transactions is not possible. In barter, a direct swap is agreeable to both parties.

If barter is not possible for whatever reason, a reasonable facsimile is used. Currency is this facsimile.

Provide an apple for this much currency, and one person walks away with what they want (the apple) while the other walks away with the means to acquire what they want at a later date, using the currency to acquire it.

The basic concept of supply versus demand is therefore illustrated. Barter is a balance of supply and demand. A single transactional swap. A currency is used when a swap is not possible and there exists an imbalance of supply and demand for whatever reason.

Capitalism, using the tool of currency, addresses supply and demand through sheer possession. Much like a swap, where a person with an orange swaps with a person with an apple, currency just replaces the apple with a means to an end that will accomplish the swap at a later date.

Although capitalism is often maligned to persons with excess amounts of currency (the rich), no one ever seems to chastise the successful farmer with a lot of apples, although the two things are the same.

The old saying goes “no one is poor because someone else is rich”. The same could be said of two men with a differing amount of apples.

Why does one have more apples than the other?

I will leave that to your imagination.

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- There is a really important and significant case in the Supreme Court which should be viewed with vital concern for your future expectation of privacy. Should union organizers or any other group be allowed to trespass, harass and threaten private citizens? The case is Cedar Point Nursery v. Hassid, which considers California’s “access rule,” which allows union organizers to come into worksites for three hours per day to discuss unionization. If unions win this case, private property has ended. “Organizers” of any ilk could have access to your property whether you liked it or not. As Stephen Frank reports: “This is as important a case as the Court has ever heard.”
- If there is hate spreading across the nation, it is clear that by their edicts, the Democrats are spreading it.
- And, on top of it, Biden is complicit in human trafficking by his border – or no border- policies.
- Our local Congress member Garamendi recently sent a fawning message exclaiming: “as a senior member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I led the discussion at the meeting on the need to advance ‘Buy American’ policies in any forthcoming infrastructure bill. I have championed Buy American legislation through my ‘Make it in America’ agenda in Congress over the past 10 years. I emphasized the importance of modernizing our nation’s outdated infrastructure and advancing the Biden Administration’s ‘Build Back Better’ plan with American products made by American workers.” So far, every action taken by the Administration has had the entire opposite effect of Garamendi’s hoopla. We’ll believe it when we see it
- Two Democratic Senators have publicly declared that they will not vote confirmation for any white person placed before the Senate. Isn’t that racism? Isn’t that illegal under our current laws? Why isn’t the remainder of the Senate moving to remove these racists from office? Expel them now.
- There are 350 million people residing in America. One insane, ignorant, ex-alien

shoots up a super market and all the rest of us have to disarm. Ridiculous thinking.

- Why are Democrats trying to hurt girls by wiping out girls’ sports? What evil has possessed them?
- Under a bill slithering through the demented hall of the California legislature (California Law Enforcement Accountability Reform Act) claims eliminate the infiltration of extremists in law enforcement and would require a background check for officers who have “exchanged racist and homophobic messages.” If you are a police officer who goes to church, you could be targeted.
- PG&E customers pay about 80% more per kilowatt-hour than the national average. That’s only a small example of what Cap and Trade has done to Californians.
- Trying to do research to discover why there have been warming cycles, like those in the Roman and Medieval Warm Periods probably won’t be considered for government funded research. Therefore researchers will take the easier route and overstate the need to prevent the ‘current’ warming cycle and claim it is a potential threat to humanity. Almost all climate-change research is funded by government and the bureaucrats must protect their jobs by toeing the line on climate change, says Stephen Frank.
- Unless there is a change in the political winds, Biden and Pelosi believe Cuomo. Remember how they demanded that we all believe the women in the Kavanaugh hearings? Vile hypocrites.
- Snowflakes! If America is such a racist country, then why are all the minorities breaking down our southern border to get in.? Do they relish living in a systemic racist country? Democrats are brain dead.
- And what are Mexico and the Central American countries going to do for population when all of their youngsters are in the United States? Empty land. How shall it be filled up?
- The Grammys were selling perversion. Why? ★

COVID -19 One Year Later: Americans Step Up to Address Families’ Urgent Needs

By Stephen Walsh,
American Red Cross

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - One year since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, people have stepped up to address the emotional needs of families reeling from the coronavirus and 2020’s record-breaking disasters.

Throughout our region and across the country, trained American Red Cross disaster mental health and spiritual care volunteers have had more than 53,000 conversations to provide emotional support to people in 2020 – which had the greatest number of billion-dollar disasters in a single year. In addition, trained volunteers have provided free crisis counseling through the Red Cross Virtual Family Assistance Center for grieving families during COVID-19.

“The past year has been overwhelming for many in our community, and yet through it all, people are caring for one another,” said Regional Chief Executive Gary Strong. “When help can’t wait, they provide families with the support they need during emergencies. During Red Cross Month in March, we honor this humanitarian spirit and ask you to join us by donating, giving blood, volunteering or taking a class to learn lifesaving skills.”

What Is Red Cross Month: For nearly 80 years, U.S. presidents have proclaimed March as Red Cross Month to recognize people giving back through its lifesaving mission –which is powered by more than 90% volunteers.

A Growing Desire to Give Back: A 2020 study on a rise in volunteer experiences

added to LinkedIn profiles shows that more people want to help others during this unprecedented time. Last year, more than 70,000 people across the country became new Red Cross volunteers largely to support urgent disaster and essential blood donation needs. In addition, thousands of COVID-19 survivors – many new to blood donation – rolled up a sleeve to give convalescent plasma and help patients battling COVID-19.

How to Help: You can help ensure that families don’t face emergencies alone – especially during a pandemic:

Donate: Support our Disaster Relief efforts at redcross.org/GivingDay. A gift of any size makes a difference to provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance. Your donation will be part of our annual Giving Day on March 24 to aid families in need across the country.

Volunteer: Visit redcross.org/VolunteerToday for most-needed positions and local opportunities.

Give Blood: If you’re healthy and feeling well, make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org. Your donation can make a lifesaving difference for a patient in need. As a thank you, those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma on March 15-26 will receive a Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Learn Lifesaving Skills: Take a class in skills like CPR and first aid to help in an emergency at redcross.org/TakeAClass. Online options include our Psychological First Aid for COVID-19 course, which covers how to manage stress and support yourself and others. ★

California Business Roundtable Responds to Wealth Tax Proposal by California Legislature

By Brooke Armour,
California Business Roundtable

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Business Roundtable President Rob Lapsley issued the following statement in response to the Legislature’s introduction of yet another tax increase proposal,

despite the state’s revenue projections:

“This wealth tax proposal sends a strong message to the individuals who are already paying the highest state income taxes in the country that politicians are coming for more. No other state has a wealth tax, which will ensure that individual taxpayers will relocate to a friendlier state.

Most importantly, General Fund revenues through January are already running \$10.5 billion ahead of the January forecasts that already showed a \$22 billion surplus. Compared to 2019-20, revenues are \$34 billion higher than in the pre-COVID months. Plus, we have more than \$100 billion from the federal recovery packages.

“If the wealth tax is meant to address income inequality, then a better policy solution would be to stop and reverse the expensive mandates that have driven up the cost of living and driven more families into poverty. We agree with Governor Gavin Newsom that now is not the time to raise taxes.” ★

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Yuba County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday April 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter will be heard, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 915 8th Street, Marysville, California, in order to discuss possible application(s) in response to the January 2021 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), and to solicit citizen input on possible competitive and over the counter activities to be included in the application.

Eligible activities under the above allocations in the 2021 NOFA consists of: Homeownership Assistance and Housing Rehabilitation programs; Public Facility and Public Improvements projects (including Public Improvements in support of new housing construction); Public Service programs, Planning Studies, Economic Development Business assistance and Microenterprise activities. Eligible activities paid for with state CDBG funds must meet one or the three National Objectives listed in CDBG federal statutes as follows: Benefit to low-moderate income households or persons; elimination of slum and blight; or meeting urgent community development need (with prior department approval).

The County of Yuba anticipates submitting an application under the NOFA published during the next program year. The County of Yuba has or anticipates receiving approximately \$22,000.00 in CDBG Program Income that must be expended prior to expending awarded grant funds. The Community Development and Economic Development allocations of the State CDBG program will be published in a combined "Notice of Funding Availability" (NOFA) each program year. Eligible cities and counties may submit Community Development and Housing applications for CDBG funds under the 2021 NOFA for a maximum, per jurisdiction, applications request of \$1,500,000.00.

The Community Development and Services Agency on behalf of the County of Yuba anticipates submitting an application(s) to the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The County of Yuba has or anticipates receiving approximately \$22,000.00 in CDBG Program Income that must be expended prior to expending awarded grant funds. It is estimated that the funding of the State 2021 CDBG program allocation is up to \$750,000, for the following eligible activities:

Activity 1:

\$250,000 – Planning Study in support of a Homeless Emergency Shelter

The purpose of this planning activity will be to analyze the County's Homeless population and the underlined need for an Emergency Homeless Shelter. This activity will utilize funds to collect and evaluate data to determine the County's degree of homelessness, the scope and budget required to secure an Emergency Shelter, and the operational level and capacity suitable to address the matter as a whole. A comprehensive plan will expedite the application process, when funding becomes available.

Activity 2:

\$250,000 – Planning Study in support of Economic Development

The purpose of this planning activity will be in support and growth of Economic Development within the County. Utilizing funds to update the County's comprehensive list of businesses, demographics and financial data, is vital to the CDBG program; as periodic funding is available to provide funds to businesses whom hire or retain 51%, or more, of low-to moderate-income employees. This activity will provide a view into the current economic environment and a foundation for future economic growth.

Activity 3:

\$ 250,000 – Planning Study in support of a Public Improvement Project

The purpose of this planning activity will be for the design of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters along Eighth Avenue in Olivehurst, between Western Avenue and Olivehurst Avenue; extending the active transportation grid by connecting to Olivehurst Avenue, which has existing bicycle lanes and sidewalks. Utilizing funds for the design process is in preparation of a project that will provide community walkability and public safety.

The purpose of the public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known of the proposed activities/application. If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Karma Ferguson at (530) 749-5452.

Written comments are invited and should be received no later than the date of the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the attention of Mike Lee, Director of Yuba County Community Development and Services Agency, 915 8th Street, Suite 123, Marysville, CA 95901.

In addition, information is available for review at the address below. You may call or visit the Community Development and Services Agency between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday or at the address below:

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to:
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All members of the community are encouraged to attend and comment on the plan uses and purposes, especially low-income residents who benefit from the CDBG program. The County of Yuba promotes fair housing and employment opportunities and makes all its programs available to low and moderate income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preferences, marital status or disabilities.

If adopted by the Board of Supervisors, following an opportunity for public comment and participation, the application will be submitted and on file at the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Acquisition for Rehabilitation: Real Estate Services Notice to Prospective Proposers

You are invited to review and respond to this Request for Proposal (RFP), entitled 901515 - Acquisition for Rehabilitation: Real Estate Services. In submitting your proposal, you must comply with these instructions.

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Brief Project Description:

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In the opinion of the Yuba County Community Development and Services Agency, this RFP is complete and without need of explanation. However, if you have questions, or should you need any clarifying information, the contact person for this RFP is:

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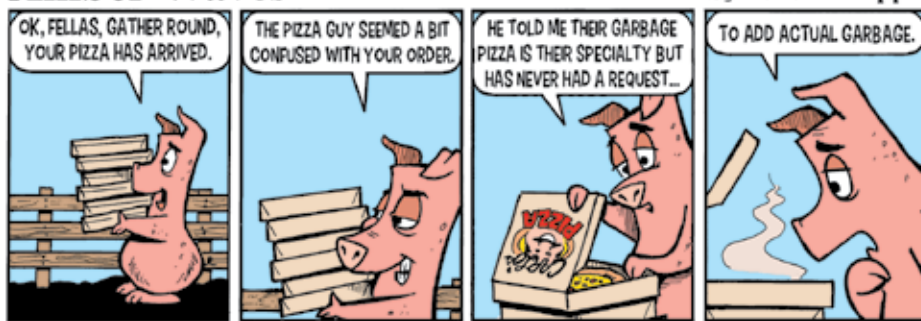
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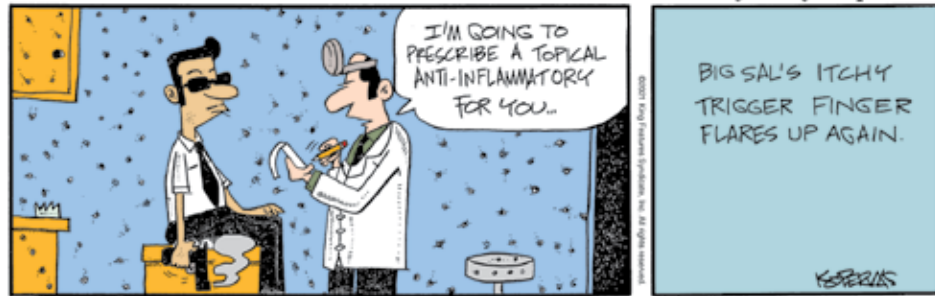
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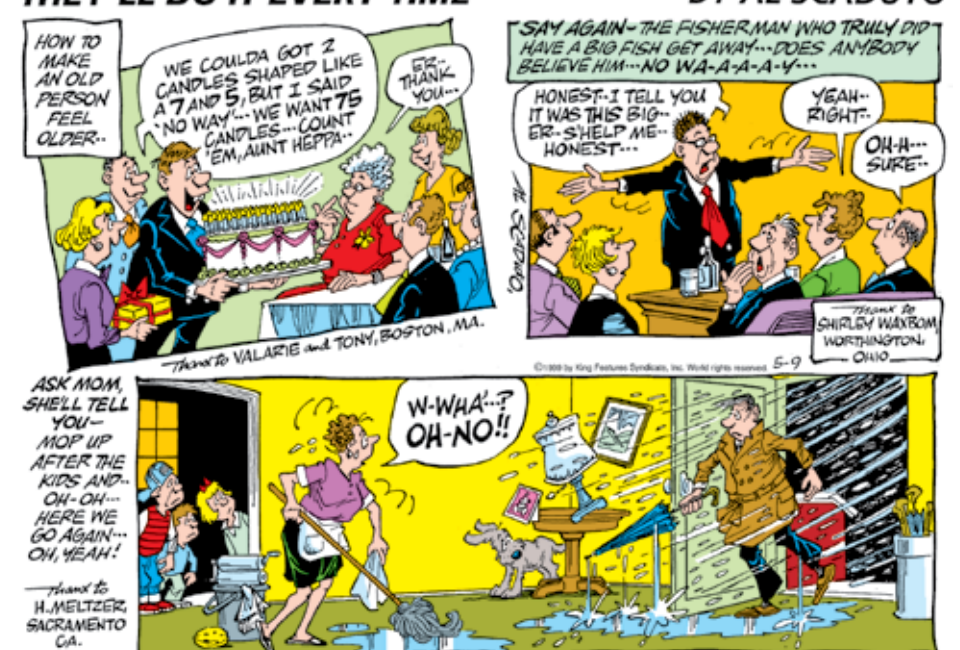
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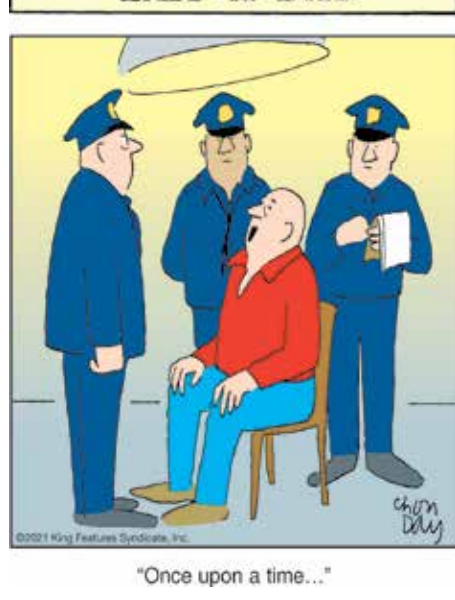
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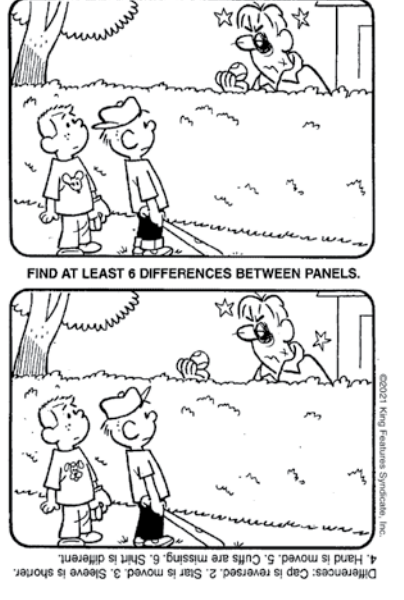
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