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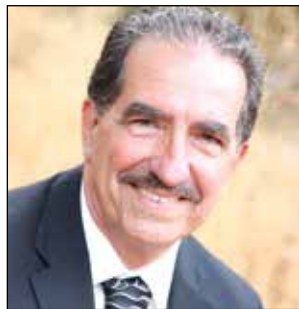
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EDD Unemployment Scandal

State paid inmates \$1B in fraudulent claims



In a sharply worded letter, the district attorneys asked Gov. Gavin Newsom to get personally involved and immediately implement changes at the state unemployment department. Courtesy EDD

By Emily Hoeven,
CALMatters.org

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California may have paid up to \$1 billion in fraudulent unemployment claims filed on behalf of prison and jail inmates in what prosecutors are calling “the most significant fraud on taxpayer funds in California history.”

The state paid more than 35,000 claims under state prisoners’ names, with one inmate collecting nearly \$49,000, a group of district attorneys and a federal prosecutor said at a Tuesday press conference. California also paid more than \$421,000 to 133 Death Row inmates – including Scott Peterson, a San Quentin prisoner convicted of killing his wife and unborn child. Some of the claimants used pseudonyms like “Poopy Britches”

or “John Doe,” and most targeted federal benefits distributed by the state.

In a sharply worded letter, the district attorneys asked Gov. Gavin Newsom to get personally involved and immediately implement changes at the state unemployment department – including a system to cross-check prison and jail rosters against unemployment claimants. California is one of 15 states that doesn’t have such a system, according to the letter.

Anne Marie Schubert, Sacramento County district attorney stated “We are paying hundreds of millions of dollars in the name of serial killers, rapists and child molesters. We need to turn the spigot off.”

Governor Gavin Newsom claimed “I have directed the Office of Emergency Services to stand up a task force to coordinate state efforts

and support investigations by local district attorneys.”

It’s just the latest task force Newsom has launched in response to persistent problems at the Employment Development Department, where 590,000 claims remain backlogged. A task force in September shut down EDD for two weeks in order to implement a tool to speed up processing times and mitigate fraud. But in October, the agency froze around 358,000 debit cards amid investigations into widespread fraud – and a state report released last week found EDD continues to leave millions at risk of identity fraud.

EDD’s director is retiring Dec. 31, leaving Newsom to appoint her successor at a critical moment for the agency and hundreds of thousands of Californians awaiting benefits. ★

Sutter County to Swear in First Elected Sikh-American

By Kary Hauck,
Sapphire Marketing
Group

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Sutter County voters made history during the Presidential General Election held on November 3, 2020 by electing the first Sikh-American to a County Board of Supervisors in the United States of America.

Bains, handily won the fourth District Supervisor seat and credits his victory to the outpouring of support he received from Sutter County residents and the greater Sacramento region. “I wouldn’t be here today if it weren’t for the support of some remarkable people and organizations,” said Supervisor-elect Bains. “There was a profound amount of teamwork that went into this campaign and I am honored and grateful for the support that was bestowed upon me throughout this race,” said Bains.



First Sikh-American Supervisor Calls It an Honor and Privilege to Continue Serving his Community. Photo courtesy of Kary Hauck, Sapphire Marketing Group

Karm Bains is the son of well-known Sikh leader Didar Singh Bains and Santi Bains both of Yuba City, CA. Following in his parent’s footsteps, being active in the community is a priority for Supervisor-elect Bains who served on a variety of important community organizations

including: founding member of the Yuba City Economic Development Commission, Yuba City Planning Commission, California Ag Leadership Foundation, Fremont Rideout Hospital Foundation, California Canning Peach Association, Governor-appointed

Director for the 13th District Agricultural Association and Sutter County Board of Education (elected) Trustee.

“Karm’s deep community roots and his years of experience serving on local boards and commissions, make him one of the most prepared Supervisor-elects Sutter County has ever produced,” said Yuba City Mayor Shon Harris.

Bains ran on a platform of supporting public safety to ensure a safer community, tackling the homeless crisis and economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic. “I feel the immense weight of this responsibility and the importance behind each decision I will make on behalf of the Sutter County residents,” said Bains. “I will listen to the residents, seek out opinions, provide solutions and lead with integrity, kindness and humility,” said Bains.

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Feather River Tea Party Patriots Host Sutter County Sheriff Barnes

By Larry S. Virga,
Feather River Tea
Party Patriots

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced Sutter County Sheriff-Coroner Brandon Barnes will be Guest Speaker for their Monday, December 7, 2020, meeting.

A few of the topics of concern to local citizens may be:

What is the sheriff’s policy for Concealed Carry Weapon permits (CCW)?

Governor Newsom has issued many mandates through his executive orders. Several mandates are related to COVID-19 which are clear violations of citizens’ U.S. Constitutional First Amendment rights. Where does our sheriff stand on enforcing these mandates which conflict with their oath to defend the U.S. Constitution?

The California legislature is on a crusade to destroy the Second Amendment. Governor Newsom has recently signed several unconstitutional anti-gun and ammo bills that create a new class of criminal from law-abiding citizens. What is the impact on the average law-abiding citizen?

Yuba-Sutter has been overrun with the homeless who are destroying the riverbanks and the habitat and are a threat to public safety. What are the plans to correct the situation? What will the policies be for handling illegal aliens and the interaction with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency?

Our regular feature In The News with Paul Preston, nationally syndicated talk show host and President of the New California State movement, will follow our Special Guest Speaker. Paul will be discussing national and local events of the day and sharing updates on our 51st state progress.

There is no membership requirement to attend and everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 pm; meeting begins promptly at 6:30 pm. Come early to register, socialize with like-minded patriots, enjoy the refreshments, and get a good seat.

The Town Hall Meeting will be Monday, December 7, 2020, at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City, CA 95991. Contact Larry or Carla at (530) 755-4409. ★

Goats on the Ridge: *Reducing Fuel with Grazing*



Goats can reduce flashy fuels like grasslands over large landscapes in just a few hours. Photo provided by BCFSC

Butte County Fire Safe Council

PARADISE, CA (MPG) - When the days are hot and dry, running power equipment is a potential disaster waiting to happen. So when there is grass and low-to-ground vegetation, other options may be explored. Under a grant from CAL FIRE, local goat herders are able to bring their animals onto land impacted by the Camp Fire to reduce vegetation in key community areas.

Aside from their nimble-ness, goats are a preferred fuels reduction method since they mimic natural grazers and return some of the ecosystem processes back to the land.

“We just saw how successful they were being used in Bidwell Park down in Chico, and we saw lots of potential for their use here in the Camp Fire foot-print,” says Calli-Jane DeAnda, Executive Director of the Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC).

The goats are moved through the treatment areas by herd dogs. “We are really happy with how the goats are able to navigate the post fire environment. With all of the regrowth we have seen in the last two years and invasion of non-native species, the goats are a crucial tool” says Jeff Gould, Program Manager with the BCFSC.

If you are interested in joining the effort or for grazing on your property contact jgould@buttefiresafe.net to learn more. ★

Salon and Spa COVID Update

Salon and Spa Press Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - As most of you know, beginning November 17, 2020 our county has moved back to the most restrictive purple tier as cases of COVID in our community have increased. In this tier, salons and barbershops are allowed to remain open but with modifications. We continue to follow guidelines and are open with normal business hours.

All previous safety measures are in place; guests and service providers will be required to wear a mask and we are limiting the number of guests in the salon/spa. So that we can provide a contactless check in and check out, guests will be required reserve their appointment with a credit card. This will allow us to check you out for your services and/or retail purchases without stopping

at the front desk. If you already have an appointment scheduled, we will be reaching out to you so that we can add a credit card to your profile.

Please arrive for your appointment alone and text or call us when you arrive (530)674-7571 to ensure your provider is ready for you. We will not be allowing guests to wait in the waiting area. We are also doing a temperature check for employees and guests. Please make sure you have completed your digital COVID release form that is emailed to you prior to your service. And of course, if you are experiencing any symptoms or have been around anyone who has tested positive, we ask that you please reschedule your appointment.

We appreciate your cooperation as we do our very best to keep you and our entire staff safe and remain open! ★

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This Month In Your Garden

by Cecilia M. Rice
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December is here and the 21 st of December is the first day of winter. We never know what kind of weather it will bring. But whatever the weather, it is usually a busy month for nursery workers. Many different things become available at nurseries because it is the dormant season for so many trees and plants making them easier to ship without causing them damage.

December is a month that doesn't require too much effort in the yard, though there are some things that are needed. The most important of those is the second spraying of dormant spray to keep the fungal infections at bay, and that should be done in late December. As mentioned in November, curl leaf on peaches and nectarines is the main target, and it is useful on a host of other things which can be found on the directions for use. December usually brings cold enough weather that we need to be alert for the possibility of frosty and/or freezing cold nights. All citrus trees are quite vulnerable to the cold weather because they are evergreen and sub-tropical. A light frost will likely damage the leaves of the plant, whereas a hard freeze will cause much leaf damage and fruit damage as well – best to be ready for it. An old blanket can be placed over a plant as long as it isn't apt to rain causing it to get wet and heavy. A blanket would be best used by putting them on at night and taking them off daily in order to be exposed to the sunlight. I've seen large cardboard boxes sheltering plants. Frost cloth is not expensive, works well, can be held in place by tucking it under a few of the pots so wind can't displace it, and it can be saved and re-used – just fold or roll it up and put it with other gardening supplies. It also has the advantage of being permeable enough to water plants with it in place. Adequate sunlight also reaches the plants. Plastic should not be used directly on a plant. It has no insulation quality, in fact it can direct the freezing temperature directly to the leaves. Make a temporary frame work with a few stakes several inches from the foliage of a plant and put the plastic over it as a covering, tee-pee style. Or, three to four stakes can be driven a little way into the ground to create an enclosure over which to put the plastic covering. The dead air space within has insulating quality. Time was that a light bulb could be hung in the enclosure and provide warmth, but the newer,

more efficient bulbs do not emit much heat. If you have any of the older bulbs, or any strings of the old Christmas decoration lights, they can be used to keep plants warm when the weather forecasts suggest that it will be especially cold. For containerized plants, be sure that they have been very well watered when especially cold weather has been forecasted. A dry plant will freeze more quickly than a wet one. The moisture in a potted plant will freeze at 32 degrees and roots won't get colder than that because of their insulating blanket of ice. Dry cold can be much colder and damaging. Of course, any delicate foliage on the plant will need to be covered.

Are you interested in bare root fruit trees? Bundles of them will start coming in soon. It takes a bit of time to get them all organized once they arrive, but we are usually ready to offer them for sale by late December. Roses will also be here soon. If you are interested, we have availability lists to help you make choices. Oregon stock with live Christmas trees and dogwoods and other Oregon stock usually comes in late November, so should be here and ready for sale. You can see that there are lots of possibilities for the gardeners. Many of them are also good Christmas gift possibilities as well.

Lilacs do well in our area and don't require lots of care, but they are especially happy in very cold climates. The flowers they produce are generally larger clusters than those grown in our more temperate climates. To compensate for the lack of very cold weather, try putting ice cubes around the base of the plants several times during the winter to keep the roots colder, as they would be in snowy climates. Poinsettias are a frequent gift at this time of the year. They seem to bloom and fit right into the season with the festive red flowers. If you are given one or buy one, and the pot has a lovely foil wrapping on it, before you water it cut out a circle of the wrap on the bottom of the container, then place the plant on a saucer with a layer of pebbles to hold it out of any standing water – then water when needed. The wrap won't become a reservoir to waterlog the plant and you will enjoy its beauty longer. We wish everyone a Joyful Holiday Season.

Cecilia Rice is co-owner at Bald Mountain Nursery on Bald Mountain Road in Browns Valley.

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Public Education - Natural Gas Furnace Safety Tips

City of Marysville

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Here are a few safety tips you can follow to prevent fires due to gas furnace heating.

Have your furnace inspected by a professional before the heating season begins? Fall is the perfect time to schedule a professional furnace tune-up.

Leave furnace repairs to the professionals. When your HVAC technician inspects your furnace, they will check the flue, vent connections, physical condition of heating components, gas pressure, flame color, burner combustion, dirt and cracks, fuel input, airflow, thermostat, electrical connections, and more.

Make sure you know how to turn off the gas at the main valve, near your gas meter.

Check for gas leaks in your furnace

If you smell gas, turn off the gas at the main valve, don't ignite anything (including turning on or off lights and electrical devices), and leave the area immediately. Call the fire department or local gas company from a cell phone or neighbor's house.

Check the walls and ceiling around your furnace. If there is soot or discoloration, call a

professional to inspect your ventilation.

Inspect your flue pipes and seams. Are they in place? Soot can indicate that you have a dirty, inefficient furnace and/or a faulty ventilation system.

Check the area around your furnace. Many furnace fires are the result of flammable objects and substances near the furnace. Keep paper, trash, paint, and other flammable material far away from your furnace

Regularly clean and vacuum the area around your furnace.

Maintain a child-free zone around your furnace.

Check your furnace filter every 30 days and wait no longer than 90 days to clean or replace it. This will also improve your airflow and furnace efficiency.

Check your furnace flame and make sure it is blue. If it is any other color, it needs to be inspected by a professional. Keep operational fire extinguishers handy.

Plan and memorize a fire escape plan. Make sure everyone knows the safe meeting place.

Finally, make sure you have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms installed throughout your home. ★

Newsom Appoints Corie J. Caraway as Judge of Butte County Superior Court

**By Kimberly Flener,
Butte County Superior
Court**

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On November 13, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Corie J. Caraway as Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Barbara L. Roberts. Hon. Corie J. Caraway will be sworn in as a Superior Court Judge on Friday, November 20, 2020.

Judge Caraway earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Western State University College of Law, Fullerton and a Bachelor of Arts degree

in Political Science from California State University, Chico.

She began her legal career as a Law Clerk for Bollington, Roberts, Hunkins & McDonald in Long Beach and then at the Law Office of Jeffery Boykin in Santa Monica, California. Shortly thereafter, she became an attorney in private practice at Schumann, Rallo & Rosenberg, LLP in Costa Mesa, California.

Judge Caraway returned home and served as a Deputy District Attorney for Butte County from 2004 to 2012, before opening her own practice; the Caraway Law Firm in Chico, California. Ms. Caraway also served as

a public defender for Butte County from 2013 to 2018.

On November 5, 2018, she began her career at the Court after taking the oath of office as Court Commissioner. Her assignments over the last two years include presiding over all Butte County Department of Child Support Services matters; Penal Code § 270 and §166.4 matters related to child support; small claims matters; and criminal misdemeanors, traffic, family law, unlawful detainer, civil harassment and other matters as assigned.

The Butte County Superior Court currently has 11 judgeship positions and 2 commissioner positions. ★

Yuba Water Invests \$1M to Reduce Flood Risk, Improve Water Quality

By Alex Boesch, Yuba Water Agency

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) -Yuba Water Agency’s board of directors today approved approximately \$1 million in grants for flood risk reduction, water quality improvements and emergency response equipment.

\$910,000 - Yuba County water quality projects

A \$910,000 grant was approved for Yuba County for three capital improvement projects, including a waterway cleanup project, Olivehurst storm drainage improvements and a new wash rack for county vehicles.

\$250,000 will be used to help clean up and remove homeless debris, abandoned cars and hazardous waste from area waterways.

“It’s an ongoing struggle to keep the waterways clean,” said Yuba County Community Development and Services Agency Director Mike Lee. “We want to get as much of it cleaned up as possible before the high-water flows begin and create hazardous conditions.”

Yuba County also plans to coordinate with the City of Marysville on these efforts.

\$500,000 will be put toward storm drain improvements on 11th Ave. in Olivehurst, between Olivehurst Ave. and Powerline Rd.

The county received funding to improve this stretch of road through a state program focusing on safe routes to schools, and underground storm drain improvements are required as part of that. The drainage components add up to about a third of the total project cost, so having Yuba Water cover the costs of the storm drainage, the county is able to meet the local match for the grant.

The remaining \$160,000 will allow Yuba County to purchase a wash rack for large trucks and equipment at their relocated corporation yard.

This will be a designated area where they can hose down and clean up the equipment, and will capture the runoff to prevent hazardous materials and contaminants from getting into the drainage system.

\$50,000 - Marysville Ring Levee

cultural resources studies

Continuing to advance Yuba Water’s mission to reduce flood risk in Yuba County, the board approved a \$50,000 grant to the Marysville Levee Commission for cultural resources studies that are required for the relocation of existing PG&E utility poles as part of the next phases of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Marysville Ring Levee project.

The utilities include distribution and transmission lines for both gas and electric, as well as associated support structures.

Yuba Water’s grant provides the necessary funds for the Marysville Levee Commission to contract with Pacific Legacy, Inc. to complete the studies prior to removal of the existing utilities and installation of the brand new equipment.

The 7.5-mile-long Marysville Ring Levee surrounds and protects the City of Marysville. Once the project is complete, the newly strengthened levee will provide a 300-year level of protection, meaning there is a 1-in-300 chance in any given year that a storm could come along that is bigger than the levees were designed to handle. That is one of the highest levels of flood protection for a city in central California.

\$20,000 - First responder equipment

The board also approved Bill Shaw Rescue Equipment and Training grants for two foothill fire departments to assist in their emergency response efforts.

The Foothill Fire Protection District received up to \$10,000 for the purchase of 20 new pagers that will be used by fire and emergency response personnel.

Another grant, worth up to \$10,000, was approved for the Dobbins Oregon House Fire Protection District to help the department purchase a gear dryer and extractor washer, which are designed to remove hazardous materials from personal protective fire gear.

Named after Yuba Water employee Bill Shaw, these grants cover the one-time costs of up to \$10,000 per applicant annually to support the purchase of rescue equipment or specialized personnel training by first responders in Yuba County.

Learn more at yubawater.org.

Unions Pay for Recount



Commentary by Lou Binninger

Mark Mulliner, Business Manager for Local Union #228 (Plumbers-Pipefitters-Welders-HVAC and Refrigeration) announced last week that a consortium of unions will pay for a recount of Marysville’s tight Mayoral race. The “daily recount fee” is \$889.05 and “Examination of Relevant Materials” costs \$164.30 per hour.

Retired businessman Chris Branscum was certified by Yuba County Clerk Terry Hansen as the winner with a 4-vote lead over City Councilmember Stephanie McKenzie (1645 to 1641) and a 618 vote advantage over current Mayor Ricky Samayoa (1027).

Unions, California Water Service and Recology / Yuba-Sutter had funded Samayoa’s campaign with more than \$10,000 in contributions.

Once it was clear that Samayoa was out of the running Mulliner said McKenzie had been his second choice and Local 228 was asked to contribute to the recount. Most candidates would want a recount on a very close

outcome but what’s in it for the unions?

Branscum, a corporate accountant and attorney, with over 30-years of business expertise, seemed positioned to help Marysville recover from a multi-decade economic skid. He essentially financed his own campaign. His success as mayor could potentially benefit union members as an economic ‘rising tide lifts all boats.’

Union agent Mulliner’s reason for funding a recount for McKenzie was that though he liked Branscum he was not Mulliner’s choice since the businessman had only returned to the community two years ago. Mulliner said as an elected Business Manager he does not need to poll his members as to their wishes. Union member dues will pay for the recount.

Often union members disagree with the political stance of the leadership but they are afraid to sound-off knowing that they can be black-balled from work opportunities.

An example of Local Union #228 tactics was the Stop Magnolia Ranch campaign in 2015-2017 when Yuba County citizens opposed a 1,000 acre residential development. Project owners had contributed to all 5 County Supervisors. Opponents started a petition drive to put a referendum on the ballot to stop the project.

Mulliner then paid union members to distribute pro-Magnolia literature where

Stop Magnolia volunteers worked petition signing tables. Volunteers said union workers interfered with their signature gathering. At Walmart in Linda the Yuba County Sheriff’s Department was called to separate the union people and Stop Magnolia effort. Union members at the incident told Stop Magnolia proponents that workers were paid to be there and didn’t care about the proposed subdivision.

Since neither Samayoa nor McKenzie have experience starting or turning-around businesses maybe this is about controlling the next mayor and has less to do with seeing the city positioned for a business rebound.

Both McKenzie and Samayoa voted to raise sewer rates by 32%, dump hundreds of thousands of dollars into a failed ‘wild-hair’ restoration experiment at Ellis Lake, and Samayoa led the way to raise sales taxes by 1%. Marysville water rates are 3-times higher than neighboring jurisdictions and crickets to the council. Recent councils have made no major regulatory changes to attract business to Marysville.

County elections rules say that if the vote is overturned and McKenzie prevails then the recount costs will be refunded. That would be a win-win for union influence in the city.

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UCCE Presents a Sacramento Valley Pest Management Webinar

By Rene McCrory, UCCE Sutter-Yuba-Colusa

YUBA-SUTTER REGION, CA (MPG) - University of California Cooperative Extension Sutter-Yuba-Colusa is holding a 3-hour pest management webinar on Wednesday, December 9th, 2020 to provide pest management information and research updates on some of the major annual crops in the Sacramento Valley. The presentations are relevant to growers throughout California and are primarily focused on pest management of rice, field crops and processing tomatoes with a portion of the webinar devoted to updates on laws and regulation.

The December 9th webinar will feature an hour of rice presentations given by Luis Espino, Rice Farming Systems Advisor in Butte County and Whitney Brim-DeForest, Rice and Wild Rice Advisor in Sutter-Yuba counties. Espino states, “This was a year with severe rice blast in the northern Sacramento Valley; the presentation will cover blast biology and management information. I will also review arthropod issues such as tadpole shrimp and armyworms.” Brim-DeForest says, “The webinar cover the latest weed research in rice, including weedy rice, watergrass species, and the 2019 weed survey”.

Amber Vinchesi-Vahl, Vegetable Crops Advisor in Colusa and Sutter-Yuba counties, will provide information on pest management of processing tomatoes, the dominant vegetable crop in the Sacramento Valley. She states, “I will be providing information on important pest issues in commercial processing



The webinar will provide pest management information and research updates on some of the major annual crops in the Sacramento Valley.

tomatoes and the latest research updates on disease and weed management.”

Sarah Light, Agronomy Advisor for Colusa and Sutter-Yuba counties will present information on area field crops. Light says, “My presentation will cover relevant pest management updates related to field crop production in the region.”

The webinar will also include a regulatory update for Sutter County by Scott Bowden, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer. This portion of the program will include information on permitting and updates on chlorpyrifos and paraquat.

Enrollment is limited, so register early. The cost is \$25 for the 3-hour webinar. For more details or to register, visit <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=32431>. DPR CE and CCA credits are pending (2 “other” hours and 0.5 Laws & Regs hours).

If you have questions, contact Sarah Light (selight@ucanr.edu or call the UCCE Sutter-Yuba office at (530) 822-7515).

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Well, we missed Hometown Christmas at the museum this year. We are missing so much this year. Hopefully 2021 will look better.

On Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6, Brownsville will present the first annual “A Brownsville Christmas”. The following businesses/groups will be offering Christmas specials and treats. Open Saturday Only: Foothill Fire Department Thrift Shop,

16822 Willow Glen Rd.; Books and More, 16852 Willow Glen Rd. Open Saturday & Sunday: Brownsville Mercantile, 16838 Willow Glen Rd.; Tony’s Smoke Shop, 16850 Willow Glen Rd.; Mountains Top Coffee Shop and Foothill Art Society, 16911 Willow Glen Rd.; Mountain Christmas Peddler’s Fair and YFCS Potato Bar, 17103 Ponderosa Way; Brownsville Station Cafe, 8570 La Porte Rd. A great opportunity to shop and dine local! An event not to be missed.

Look Back in Time – In 1899 New York Flat School closed for the season. The roads are nearly impossible because of the deep mud (did they get more rain back then)?

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



Pandemic Changes Demand for Holiday Foods

Throughout the California food business, farmers and marketers have been trying to gauge changing demand for holiday-related items. The head of the California Poultry Federation says people have been buying more turkey breasts and fewer large turkeys, as they downsize holiday gatherings. If more people cook at home, demand for dairy products and other foods could change. Wine marketers say they expect a strong fourth quarter, as usual.

Sweet Potato Consumption Increases

They’re a staple of holiday meals, and sweet potatoes have also achieved more year-round popularity. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports the nation’s per-person consumption of sweet potatoes has nearly doubled in the past 20 years. The average retail price for sweet potatoes is lower than a year ago, according to the annual American Farm Bureau survey of Thanksgiving foods. The total cost for the Farm Bureau food basket declined 4%.

Robots May Help with Irrigation Tests

To help farmers optimize water use, University of California researchers will test robots to collect leaf samples in fields. The leaf samples help farmers determine when to irrigate their crops, but UC says the process can be time-consuming. Researchers received a grant to automate the sampling, which could provide farmers with more and faster information on crop water needs. The project team hopes to have its first prototypes built by next spring.

Products Aim to Enhance Wildfire Safety

California companies have earned grants to explore aspects of wildfire prevention and safety. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the grants. A company in Torrance will test small, automated fire weather observation sensors. A Riverside company will produce synthetic insect pheromones to protect trees from beetles. A firm in Newark is working on small, low-cost gas sensors intended to help protect wildland firefighters. ★

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What I Learned from Running for a Public Office

In my late sixties now and was looking for some local civic volunteer work to contribute my time and experience towards the benefit of the community. Initial inquiries were met with apologies and inaction on my offer due to COVID restrictions. One day I received a phone call from a friend asking me to consider running for an elected position at the North Yuba Water District [NYWD], division 2, the division where I have lived for the last fifteen years. He told me if I was interested, there would be a lot of work to do to clean up some professional misconduct, and that my education and experience would be a big plus in that effort. Also, I needed to file the papers within the next three days before the deadline closed.

I looked up the NYWD website to get a feel for the organization, what it said about itself, listened to a few recorded meetings (being held via Zoom recently), and spoke to a couple of friends that were closer than me to the concerns about the current operation. Seeing that some of the issues and decision points were areas that I had some professional experience, and additionally fueled by my desire to volunteer in the community once again – as an elder this time --- I called up the Yuba County elections office and asked what I needed to do to get on the ballot. The county staffers there were exceptionally pleasant and informed. I was clearly told what I needed to do, sent an email with further help, and completed my registrations on the last day, but all in time.

My plan was not to promote myself with yard signs or a social media presence, or make campaign cold calls or to go out into the public to speak, all of which I had done twelve years before when starting up a public charter school in the area of Dobbins and Oregon House. That work was exhausting, costly, and involved a lot of time. No, I would let my good name and experience speak for itself on the ballot. Surely voters would want me...why do I need to campaign for the basically volunteer board seat on the water district? Boy was I naïve.

A vociferous and dedicated support group that wanted real change in the way the NYWD was treating the regularly mistreating public, ignoring their comments, not disclosing financial matters that are public (requiring a public records act to get some info), and making poor decisions on water management that would last for many years to come contacted me to offer their assistance with promoting myself as a candidate. I explained that I really did not want to make a big deal out of it and thanked them for their offer.

Several of these supporters took the time to explain that I did need to have yard signs, make calls, and create a Facebook Candidate page if I was at all serious about this elected position.

I figured it was worth the experience to accept their help, and it was then that I understood running for an elected position cannot be taken lightly; effort, dedication, purpose, stamina and more is required, especially because the stakes were high and so many were counting on me to be the change they desperately wanted to see for this community. What I did not know at that time was that once you become a candidate you also become a ‘public figure’ and anything goes. Turns out that my opponent sent direct mailers to all the registered voters in my division stuffed with four pages of complete lies about me and my family. None of the claims they made were true: that I lived and worked full-time in Sacramento, that I had been fired from a job I had ten years ago, that my religion would impede my ability to serve the public interest, that I had a proclivity for lawsuits. All made up and baseless.

I have no resources to defend myself with a counter mailer. I asked my longtime friend, a very successful attorney, if I had any basis for defamation of character and when I received his reply is when I began to understand why the politics of today has become so ugly and full of mudslinging:

“The ‘Public Figure’ jurisprudence in defamation actions began with the U.S. Supreme Court in cases where newspapers were sued for libel by politicians. Tension between the need for a robust 1st amendment and politicians suing opponents and newspapers at a drop of a hat created the public figure exception. The Supreme Court did not want threats of litigation chilling the exercise of free speech.”

In other words, not much that I could do. Now I understand why some friends and family, when they heard that I was a candidate in a public election, all said to me, without exception, “You are brave and good luck.” Although the slings and arrows hurt, particularly those flung with malice and contrived in deceit, I do not regret my honest efforts to contribute as I can to my community. I hold my head up with integrity and a clear conscience, and an appreciation that I lived in times once full of grace, respect, and a humanity that arched upwards to what could be our better selves.

BRUCE HELFT is a longtime resident of Dobbins in the Yuba foothills that is within division 2 of the North Yuba Water District.

Yuba-Sutter Specialty Crop Technical Assistance Hub Grant

By Jennifer Wallace Sanders, Sutter County

The grant project seeks to expand and strengthen the California Farm Demonstration Network, a project partnership that includes California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, the California Department of Food and Agriculture; Natural Resources Conservation Service; University of California at Davis; University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources; and the California Farm Bureau Federation.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) is pleased to announce the award of four Specialty Crop Technical Assistance Hubs grants. Four organizations will receive \$35,000 each to create or expand hubs, and provide stipends to partner farmers. These will consist of agricultural technical assistance providers developing a series of farmer-to-farmer demonstration events showcasing the most locally relevant conservation practices. Demonstration events will be structured in a farmer-to-farmer style for knowledge and experience sharing, keeping the farmers’ expertise at the forefront in order to provide trusted and applicable information and peer support to farmers. While small, the grants will have real impact, helping specialty crop farmers weather challenges of

COVID-19 and strengthen the resilience of their farms to an unpredictable future climate.

The Yuba-Sutter Specialty Crop Technical Assistance Hub will be based in Yuba and Sutter Counties, providing services to the entire Northern region. Specialty crop growers in the region will have access to technical assistance for a variety of climate resilience strategies, with special focus for Punjabi speaking growers, a traditionally underserved socially disadvantaged group. Services will also be available in Spanish and English. Specialty crops highlighted will include peaches, prunes, walnuts, almonds, commercial nursery, vegetable seed, processing tomato, and dry beans, among others. Demonstrations will cover compost application, water efficiency, cover crop plantings, hedgerow installation, and whole orchard recycling. Partners in the hub include Sutter County Resource Conservation District, Yuba County Resource Conservation District, and Evans Agricultural Consulting.

Sutter County RCD is looking for specialty crop growers interested in hosting a demonstration event. Host growers will receive a \$1000 stipend for participating. For more information, please send an email to scrcdoffice@gmail.com.

The three additional Grantees include the Farmer Veteran Coalition, the Tulare County Farm Bureau, and the Community Alliance with Family Farmers. Counties that are involved in these hubs include: Solano, Yolo,

Sacramento, Colusa, Yuba, Sutter, Tulare, Kings, Madera, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

“CARCD is proud to expand the California Farm Demonstration Network with this grant targeting our state’s specialty crop farmers,” said Karen Buhr, executive director of CARCD. “We were thrilled with the response we got when we requested proposals from across the spectrum of agricultural technical assistance providers in the state, not just resource conservation districts. Each proposal demonstrated the commitment to serve farmers in a way that is creative and farmer-led. It is the farmer-led aspect of these projects that is a priority of the Network and we are happy to facilitate that peer discovery through this funding opportunity.”

The projects are getting underway, and will be completed by the spring of 2022.

Sutter County Resource Conservation District is a special district formed under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code. We work closely with farmers, ranchers, partners, and the community to get conservation on the ground in the Yuba-Sutter area. We are governed by a 5 member board of local landowners who understand the agricultural and environmental concerns facing the Yuba-Sutter area. Our staff is all involved in the agricultural world and cares deeply for the community they live and work in. We do on the ground projects, educational programs, provide technical workshops, coordinate workgroups, and much more. ★

Thanksgiving is a Special Time of Year

Thanksgiving is a special time of year. It is a time for gratitude and appreciating what we have.

Unarguably, 2020 has been a frightful year. Few on the planet would debate such a claim. But in the midst of tremendous calamity, we can take a moment and, if anything, admit to ourselves it could have been worse.

No doubt, economically, the year 2020 has devastated world economies and comparably, without precedent. And although I have not traveled overseas since CoVid, I can comfortably say the damage here in the U.S. is similar to almost all other industrialized nations that make up our world.

In the midst of this, however, my recent trip to a large strip mall encouraged my outlook. Simply put, it was packed. It was as if nothing had happened. Crowds were large and lines were long. Had patrons not been wearing masks and had stores not been throttling patrons due to CoVid, I would not have known the world was in one of the worst economic downturns in modern history.

I suppose we should be grateful for the stimulus programs that have allowed this. Although many businesses have gone away for good, and they will be followed by many more, the consumer, at least some of them, are seemingly in the shopping mood and lining up to spend money.

Speaking of programs, food bank lines are longer than they have been in recent memory. As cars and people trail around the block for assistance, we can give thanks to those amazing individuals that staff and donate to such worthwhile endeavors. I can only say “bless their hearts”, each and every one of them.

The polarization of America due to political differences has only added to the toxicity of the year. Indeed, even the subject of facemasks has added more fuel to the fires of bitterness. Racial tensions amplified yet again the anger. It seemed as if the nation was splitting in two.

Yet with conclusion of the election, it appeared perhaps everyone was tiring of the conflicts. No matter what side of the various arguments we found ourselves on, it’s almost as if an audible sigh of

relief was collectively felt by all, or least hopefully felt by many. No matter who was your candidate, I am sure there are those on both sides that are glad “it” is over. Perhaps we are just tired, or fed up, or maybe even a little embarrassed. All of these emotions are understandable, and probably well justified.

Whatever we are feeling, we can be grateful we, as a nation of brothers and sisters, are still together, if not completely healed and bonded as before. I can only hope friendships and families can be rebuilt, words and actions can be forgiven, and a renewed appreciation can sprout up where there once was anger and discontent.

In this moment, I will be thankful for my family, my friends, my ability to work, my health and my spirituality. I will be thankful our economy is still functioning, that racial tensions seem to be easing, and that the reality of exhaustion, usually regarded as a negative, can be looked upon instead as a reason to put down our proverbial pitchforks, put away our differences, and once again call everyone, as in *everyone*, our brothers and sisters. For we are just that, brothers and sisters.

America, it is time to forgive, it is time to accept, it is time to heal. We will beat this. All of this. Our economy will go on. Damaged and bruised certainly. But it will survive. And hopefully, we, all of us, have learned just a little more about others and learned a little more about ourselves. We can do better and I am extremely thankful to know we will.

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Death Notices

HOPKINS – Kathy Hopkins, 77, of Williams passed away November 20, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

HOUSLEY – Carl Housley, 85, of Newcastle passed away November 23, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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Oroville Resident Arrested for Assaulting Disabled Victim


By Butte County Sheriff's Department

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On the morning of November 14, 2020, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies and detectives responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of Black Bart Road, Oroville. Upon arrival deputies contacted a female victim who reported she and her boyfriend were assaulted at a nearby residence. The female victim was interviewed and transported to a local hospital. Deputies immediately responded to a residence located in the 200 block of Black Bart Road, to check the welfare of the female victim's boyfriend. Upon arrival at the residence deputies contacted a male victim. The male victim had multiple injuries and was immediately transported to Oroville Hospital. Based on the significance of the male victim's injuries, the male victim was later transported to another hospital. While at the residence, deputies contacted George McKinnon, age 67, of Oroville. Detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence where the assault occurred, and conducted a follow-up investigation. During

the service of the search warrant and subsequent follow-up investigation, detectives determined McKinnon had invited the female and male victim to stay at his residence. Detectives located evidence McKinnon became upset with the male victim, and McKinnon proceeded to hit the female and male victim with an object. During the follow-up investigation, detectives determined the male victim suffered from a disability which confined him to a wheelchair. Detectives located evidence McKinnon knew the male victim suffered from disabilities, and McKinnon intentionally struck the male victim with an object multiple times. The male victim sustained serious injuries and is currently in stable condition. On November 14, McKinnon was booked into the Butte County Jail for felony battery, and for two felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon. McKinnon is scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on Tuesday, November 17, at 3 PM. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact Detective Phil Wysocki at 530-538-7671. ★

YUBA COUNTY PET OF THE WEEK

Cujo
“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas!” Oh, hi there! I am Cujo I am a 3 year old Brindle German Shepherd mix (ID#182862), I am looking for a home during this holiday season. I am a big old lap dog, I know basic commands and I love to love everyone. I do have to say I am not good around small fast animals; cats, rabbits, ferrets, anything small and quick. All I want to do is chase and play, but I unfortunately do not know my own strength. Other than that I am a good boy and I miss having someone to snuggle up to on these cold winter nights. I feel like if I believe in the magic of Christmas hard enough I will find my forever home. So give Yuba County Animal Care Services a call and make an appointment to come see me! I promise you won’t regret it!
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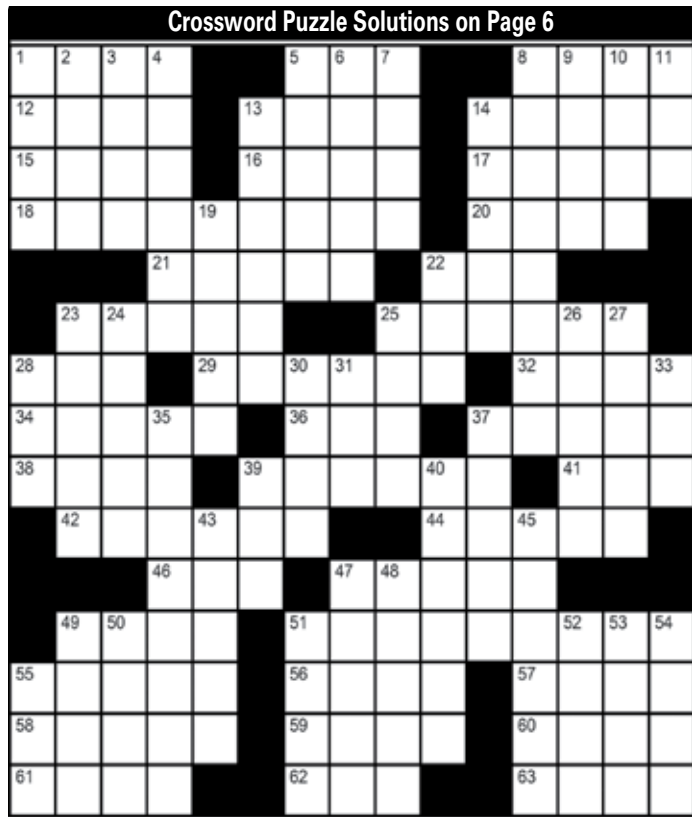
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- Octagonal sign
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 - Pico de gallo
 - WWII side
 - Like word of mouth
 - Church song
 - *Victoria in Zimbabwe or Horseshoe in Canada
 - *Home to Rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle
 - Massachusetts university
 - "____ Be Home For Christmas"
 - Olympic torch, e.g.
 - On the move
 - Menu words
 - *Golden Gate or Mackinac
 - Goodbye, to bambino
 - Ruling in Islamic law
 - Variable, abbr.
 - Can, with thou
 - South American monkey
 - *Versailles or Buckingham
 - Thus far
 - Yoko's John
 - Collectively
 - Party bowlful
 - Memory failure
 - Goals
 - *St. Basil's or Canterbury
 - Independent, slang
 - Initial stake
 - Field of Dreams state
 - More than one stylus
 - Barnes and Noble or Barnum and Bailey
 - Jaunty rhythm in music
 - Don Quixote's enemy
 - Urge Spot to attack
 - Besides

- DOWN**
- BBQ side
 - Taxon, pl.
 - Fail to mention
 - Bygone Spanish money
 - Jeweler's unit
 - Egg-like curves
 - *The Western one in Israel or the Great one in China
 - *La Sagrada Familia or St. Peter's
 - Having wings
 - ____ of Man
 - Scottish cap
 - Ceiling panel in the Pantheon
 - Type of wheat
 - Cuban dance
 - Glacier matter
 - Medieval knight's spiky weapon
 - Coffee shop order
 - *Home to Taj Mahal
 - Phonograph record
 - Artist's support
 - Back, at sea
 - Director Reitman
 - Indian restaurant staple
 - Giant Hall-of-Famer
 - *Moulin Rouge or Netherland's landmark
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- Agitate
- Hole punchers
- Like the White Rabbit
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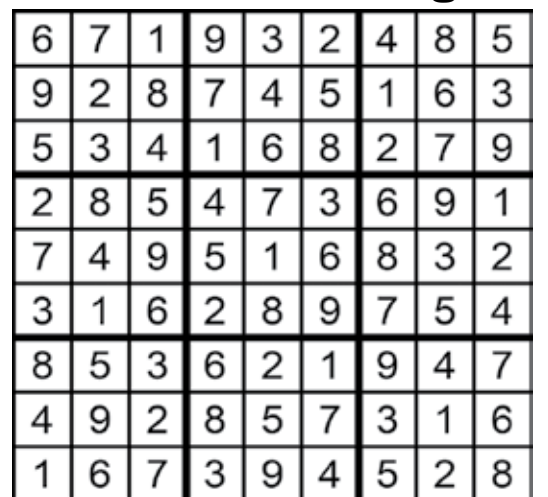
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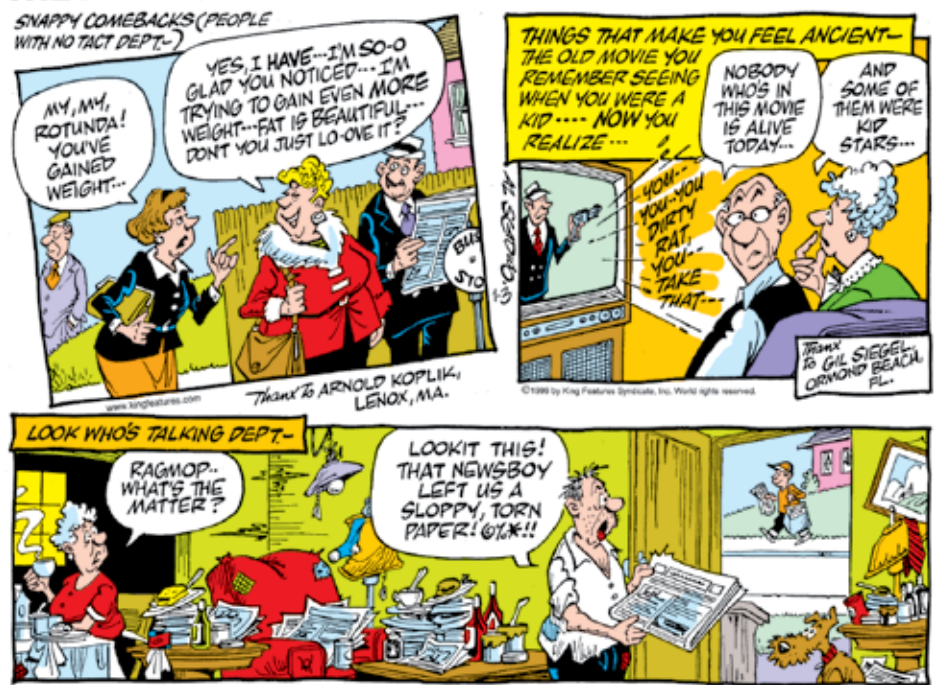
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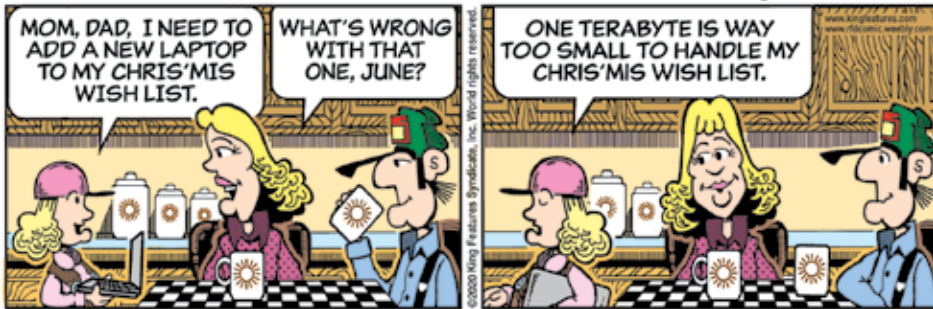
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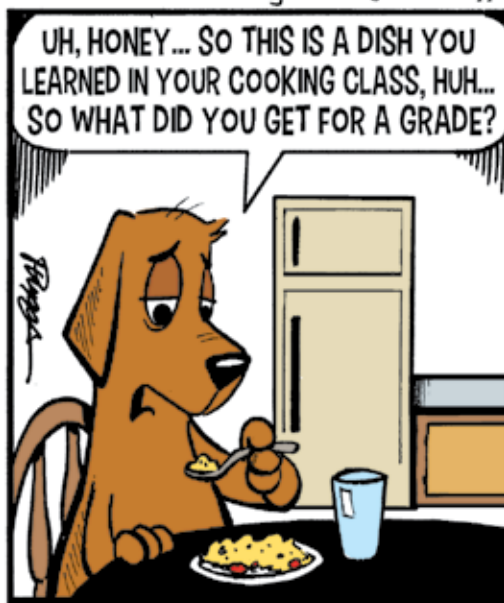
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School Closures May be Killing our Kids



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Throughout California, academic grades for children forced into makeshift learn-at-home arrangements rather than receiving classroom instruction have plummeted – and that’s among kids who are actually signing on via computer.

Too many public school students still lack the necessary equipment and internet access, but even when they have them, they may be left on their own as parents, unable to work from home, go to their service jobs. Thus, what used to be called truancy, just not participating, is also rampant.

What’s been happening, or not happening, in the huge Los Angeles Unified School District typifies a statewide syndrome.

“The drop in grades, which also is affecting other school systems, was disclosed Monday when LA Unified released a chart based on 10-week interim assessments,” the Los Angeles Times reported. “Poor grades surged in the district’s lower-income communities, which also is where student attendance rates are lower and where the COVID-19 pandemic has hit especially hard.”

“The attendance figures and interim assessments don’t reflect the desire or capability of students,”

District Superintendent Austin Beutner said in broadcast remarks. “They’re eager to learn and every bit as capable as they were before school facilities closed. But the struggle to cope with COVID-19 and online learning for children and their families is very real.”

As the Los Angeles experience underscores, this catastrophe mostly affects children in low-income families, just as COVID-19 has a disproportionately heavy health impact on those same families. And even before the pandemic struck, those children were already, as a group, falling behind their more privileged peers – a syndrome dubbed the “achievement gap.”

The long-term effects of truncated educations are obvious. The achievement gap, already yawning, will widen even further, dooming more children to lives of economic struggle, and the state will be deprived of the well-educated workforce it needs for 21st century prosperity.

It may be even worse. An academic team examined the potential effects of interrupting classroom learning and reported last week that it will mean a greater loss of life in the long run.

The study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, estimates that 24.2 million children aged 5 to 11 each lost a median of 54 days in school last spring. That, the researchers said, translates into 5.53 million fewer years of life due to lower educational achievement, nearly four times the estimated 1.47 million years of life that would be lost had

schools remained open. “In this ... model of years of life potentially lost under differing conditions of school closure, the analysis favored schools remaining open,” the study concluded. “Future decisions regarding school closures during the pandemic should consider the association between educational disruption and decreased expected lifespan and give greater weight to the potential outcomes of school closure on children’s health.”

Most schools remain closed because local education officials and their unions are at odds on the conditions of reopening. The latter are seeking virtually impossible guarantees of protection before returning to the classroom.

It’s nothing short of educational apartheid, not fundamentally different from the separate-but-unequal segregation in the South during the pre-civil rights era.

Gov. Gavin Newsom has been unwilling to intervene – apparently not wanting to confront school unions. However, he’s insisted that his management of the COVID-19 pandemic is driven by science and equity, not politics, and in this case, now we have a scientific conclusion that continuing to keep children out of school could shorten their lives.

Newsom and other decision-making adults must get all kids back in the classroom ASAP. It’s a matter of life-and-death.

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

Local Author Simplifies Bible



By Stephen Souza

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Inquirer’s Bible is a simple and easy to read retelling of the Bible designed for the youth or adult who just doesn’t know how to tackle that big, complicated, intimidating book we call The Bible.

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minutes, I decided it was way beyond me. I put it away and didn’t crack a Bible again for years. Decades later, after several of my adult students had asked me how to read the Bible, I remembered just how difficult it was to actually start reading the Bible. I decided to do something about it...”

Mr. Souza earned his Catechist certification from the Catholic Diocese of San Jose in 1986. Since then he has served as a seminar speaker and teacher of Christian doctrine to thousands of youths and adults. He is a published religion columnist for a general circulation newspaper and has authored numerous articles and papers on Christian subjects.

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Sutter County to Swear in First Elected Sikh-American

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“I’m eager for Karm to begin his term on the Sutter County Board of Supervisors, said Sutter County Supervisor Dan Flores. “Karm’s agricultural roots, planning experience and business acumen will be an indispensable asset as we work together, along with our constituents, to shape Sutter County’s

future,” finished Supervisor Flores.

Bains is a graduate of Sutter Union High School, attended Yuba Community College and Fresno State University and is an alumni of the prestigious California Ag Leadership Program. Karm is married to Harpreet Bains and together they have four children: a son, Barron Bains and daughters Meaghan, Jaya and Devika. ★

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Judge Blocks, Then Unblocks Georgia From Wiping or Resetting Election Machines | 29 Nov 2020 | A federal judge presiding over a major election lawsuit in Georgia on Nov. 29 issued and then reversed an order directing the state to cease and desist wiping or resetting election machines. “Defendants are ordered to maintain the status quo & are temporarily enjoined from wiping or resetting any voting machines in the State of Georgia until further order of the court,” U.S. District Judge Timothy Batten, Sr., wrote in an emergency order issued Nov. 29. The judge reversed the order not long after, explaining that the defendants aren’t in possession of the machines.

Poll Watcher Describes Pennsylvania Election Irregularities, Including 47 Missing USB Cards | 26 Nov 2020 | A Republican poll observer from Pennsylvania’s Delaware County, told a Senate GOP Policy Committee hearing in Gettysburg on Wednesday, that he witnessed a range of Election Day irregularities, including 47 USB cards that went missing. Greg Stenstrom, who, besides being a poll watcher, said he is an expert in security fraud, told the hearing that he witnessed a number of chain-of-custody violations, including around mail-in ballots, the balance of votes from drop boxes, and the handling of USB card flash drives—all of which he said broke rules defined by the Delaware County Board of Elections and the election process review. “They didn’t follow one,” Stenstrom said. “It shocked me that this could happen,” he added.

GOP Poll Observer: Hundreds of Thousands of Votes Counted With No ‘Oversight’ in Pennsylvania | 26 Nov 2020 | Several witnesses who spoke during a Republican state Senate-held event in Pennsylvania said that hundreds of thousands of votes were allegedly counted with no “civilian oversight.” Justin C. Kweder, a certified canvass observer and lawyer, said he served as an observer at the Philadelphia Convention Center. GOP observers, he said Wednesday, were kept between 10 and 200 feet away from the vote-tabulating process. Because of the distance, “it was impossible for me or any observer to see what the workers were doing with any type of specificity.” “The observers were not able to challenge any decision or determination being made about the processing of these mail-in ballots,” Kweder also said.

Judge Blocks Certification of Pennsylvania Election Results | 25 Nov 2020 | A Pennsylvania judge on Nov. 25 ordered state officials to not certify the results of the 2020 election until her court holds a hearing on an election contest on Nov. 27. Commonwealth Judge Patricia McCullough ordered the state to not take any further steps to complete the certification of the presidential race, which the state announced on Nov. 24. She also blocked the certification of all the other election results. “To the extent that there remains any further action to perfect the certification of the results of the 2020 General Election for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States of America, respondents are preliminarily enjoined from doing so, pending an evidentiary hearing to be held on Friday,” the judge wrote in her order.

Ballot Count Upload Error in Arizona - Over 6,000 False Biden Votes Discovered | 24 Nov 2020 | Joe Biden’s lead in Arizona dropped from 10,377 votes to 4,202 after a machine error was discovered on Tuesday. The error was from a faulty upload from Greenlee County, which showed 22,110 votes – but should have been 3,723. State officials say that it was temporary and has now been corrected. Biden’s lead is now back to being listed as 10,377.

‘One kind of fraud’: Biden won thousands of illegal votes by non-citizens, study shows | 22-Nov 2020 | A new study estimates that presumptive President-elect Joseph R. Biden benefited from thousands of illegal votes by non-citizens, providing President Trump’s backers with another potential argument for a fraud-tainted election. The study comes from the non-profit research institute Just Facts, and its president, James D. Agresti, who looked at election returns from seven battleground states: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. He compared U.S. Census numbers on noncitizens (a total of 21.7 million) with each battleground state’s demographics and election results. He then applied previous election polling of non-citizens.

Group files emergency petition in Wisconsin after finding 150,000 potentially fraudulent ballots | 24 Nov 2020 | The national conservative group Amistad Project filed an emergency petition Tuesday with the Wisconsin Supreme Court challenging the state’s unofficial results in the 2020 presidential election, saying it has identified over 150,000 potentially fraudulent ballots. Results from the Nov. 3 balloting in the state show Democratic candidate Joe Biden defeated President Trump by a roughly 20,000-vote margin. Phill Kline, director of the Amistad Project of the Thomas More Society, said the number of potentially fraudulent ballots identified are “more than enough to call into question the validity of the state’s reported election results.” “Moreover, these discrepancies were a direct result of Wisconsin election officials’ willful violation of state law,” he also said. ★



YOUR ONE MINUTE NEWS DIGEST
by Don Rae



- Rockefeller the Owl. How’s he (or she) doing? Thought for sure Cuomo would arrest the bird for not wearing a mask.
- If the Trump legal team’s press conference tells the truth, America is under serious attack. But the mainstream media, in all its forms, will refuse to cover the story. Why? Because the Democrats have not conceded the 2016 election and are continuing their viscous and unconscionable third-world dictatorial behavior. Why are we accepting it?
- After days of contemplation following the Trump legal team press conference it appears things are ripe and ready for a major explosion. The “let them eat cake” crows may be on the verge of a virtual guillotine.
- The Portsmouth Virginia police chief, a black woman, was fired for pressing charges against vandals shown on film. The world is upside down and needs correction now.
- Keep your eyes on China. They cannot be trusted. They nod their heads but you never know where they really stand. Danger.
- The “War on Poverty” worked, except that its success was the total opposite of its intended goal. The war assured that poverty not only continued, but increased dramatically. And such became a permanent part of American life. Congratulations politicians and academics. You succeeded well.
- America is horrible and so is everyone who lives here. Got it? The elites, snowflakes and anarchists are the only good guys. The rest of us cannot be allowed our opinions or live our lives as we wish. How do you feel about the new America? How long are you going to put up with it?
- Happened to watch CNN which brought me to beg the question as to what planet those folks live on. Falsehoods are the norm. Fiction is king. And they avoid broadcasting any news which doesn’t fir their weird agenda. No wonder the public is uninformed, or even worse, misinformed.
- Science. Think DDT. After Rachel Carson’s book “Silent Spring” came out, the world jumped on her bandwagon to ban the use of DDT. Although there was a bad effect on birds, some millions of lives in malaria-infested areas of the world died as a result of not being able to use the product. Sometimes the cure is worse than the disease.
- The election is over and the Democrats continue to preach the dogma that there was no voter fraud. Well, let’s try

this one for size and consider that this behavior and thousands more did occur whether the mainstream media likes it or not. The California Secretary of State refuses to audit the voting rolls and refuses to obey a court order to purge the rolls of 3,000,000 illegal voters. Got it, folks? 3 million illegal voters in California alone. 440,000 absentee ballots were sent to dead people and folks who have moved out of State. In one California city, Hawthorne in Los Angeles County, a candidate for mayor has been charged and arraigned on 18 felony counts of voter fraud, 11 felony counts of procuring a false or forged instrument, two felony counts of perjury and one felony count of conspiracy to commit voter fraud, along with nine misdemeanor counts of interference with a prompt transfer of a completed affidavit, according to the District Attorney’s Office. This creative Democrat allegedly submitted more than 8,000 fraudulent voter registration applications between July and October, as well as allegedly falsifying names, addresses and signatures on nomination papers under penalty of perjury to run for mayor in Hawthorne. Uh, huh. No voter fraud, nothing to see here, nothing to report here. Democrats and the mainstream media are as honest as the day is long. Right?

- It does seem like we are beating a dead horse but there is ample evidence (regardless of what the mainstream media and Democrats claim) that the voting machines switched votes in the past election. Folks, we are in deep serious trouble. Our freedoms are being taken away. Our lives are being ruined. Our country is in agony. The socialists are on the rise and soon will be acting just as the Nazis did. Revolt. Take America back. Now.
- Still not convinced? Stalin said something along the lines, it doesn’t matter the number of votes but who counts them.
- There’s been too much on the election. But the consequences for the nation are so severe, considerable attention is needed to contemplate the future. Don’t let it fall from your view. America is the best the world has ever seen, even with all its ups and downs and faults. Think about it.
- What did you expect with Biden/Harris? Virtual gun confiscation. Such is a violation of the Constitution’s second amendment. If they succeed, what defense will you have of your person or property? ★

Top Med People Expose Covid Hoax



**Commentary
by Lou Binner**

Highly-respected pathologist Dr. Roger Hodkinson told government officials at a conference in Alberta, Canada that the coronavirus crisis is “the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting public.”

His audio presentation can be had on YouTube or if censored there then via BitChute. An expert in virology, Hodkinson pointed out that his role as CEO of a biotech company that manufactures COVID tests means, “I might know a little bit about all this.”

“There is utterly unfounded public hysteria driven by the media and politicians, it’s outrageous, this is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting public,” said Hodkinson.

The virologist said that nothing could be done to stop the spread of the virus besides protecting older vulnerable people and that the whole situation represented “politics playing medicine, and that’s a very dangerous game.”

Hodkinson explains that “social distancing is useless because COVID is spread by aerosols which travel 30 meters (98.42 feet) or so before landing.” He called for re-opening society immediately to prevent the debilitating damage being caused by lockdowns.

Hodkinson also slammed mandatory mask mandates as completely pointless. “Masks are utterly useless. There is no evidence

base for their effectiveness whatsoever,” he said.

“Paper masks and fabric masks are simply virtue signaling. They’re not even worn effectively most of the time. It’s utterly ridiculous. Seeing these unfortunate, uneducated people – I’m not saying that in a pejorative sense – seeing these people walking around like lemmings obeying without any knowledge base to put the mask on their face.”

The doctor also exposed the unreliability of PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests, noting that “positive test results do not, underlined in neon, mean a clinical infection,” and that all testing should stop because the false numbers are “driving public hysteria.”

Hodkinson explained that the risk of death in the province of Alberta for people under the age of 65 was “one in three hundred thousand,” and that it was simply “outrageous” to shut down society for what the doctor said “was just another bad flu.”

“I’m absolutely outraged that this has reached this level, it should all stop tomorrow,” a frustrated Dr. Hodkinson said.

Jay Bhattacharya, Professor of Medicine at Stanford University, Dr. Sunetra Gupta of Oxford University and Dr. Martin Kulldorff of Harvard University met recently to write and issue the Great Barrington Declaration expressing alarm at the medical dictatorship created by politicians. Nearly 40,000 medical people and citizens have signed the document. It can be viewed along with videos and answers to frequently asked questions at www.gbdeclaration.org.

The government and media have played a statistics shell game creating

chaos and instilling fear in the public by confusing those testing positive (had Covid at one time but is not alive in them) with the number of currently ill people and the fatality numbers. Additionally, the government/medical complex has deceived people by saying those killed in accidents of all types, from cancer and all other fatalities were Covid deaths if they had Covid anti-bodies in their system. This is fraudulent, sinister and evil.

Illinois Director of Health Dr. Ngozi Ezike said that the actual percentage of all deaths in the state caused by Covid alone maybe as low as 6%. Jay Bhattacharya says that the national Covid fatality rate is around .2%, less than the annual flu.

Bhattacharya says using widespread lockdowns are unprecedented as a means of disease control and that US hospitals were never in danger of being overwhelmed. The professor and others say that placing people on ventilators in hospitals and returning elderly people sick with the virus to care homes killed thousands due essentially to medical/political malpractice.

Millions have neglected going to the doctor for cancer screening and treatment as well as for diabetes monitoring. Doctors predict a spike in deaths from these causes because people feared Covid more than these dreaded ailments.

In June, a CDC survey found that one in four young adults (18-24) had seriously recently considered suicide. Humans are not designed to thrive in isolation. They were created to interact, touch and be un-muzzled in order to be both physically and mentally healthy.

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Adventist Health and Rideout Offers Updated Visiting Guidelines

**By Linda Plummer,
Adventist Health & Rideout**

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Specifically, no visitors will be allowed for any patients except for OB patients and those who are at the end of life. In such cases, visitors will be limited to only ONE visitor on a 24-hour basis. This no visiting restriction extends to the Cancer Center, the Emergency Room, and our senior living facilities - The Fountains, The Courtyards and The Gardens.

For OB patients and for those who are at the end of life, visiting will be limited to those persons 18 or older who pass all

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Patients are encouraged to use FaceTime, Skype, WhatsApp or their preferred telephone or video chat application.

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The scholarship applications are now open and students can apply by visiting www.grangecoop.com/scholarship-program/.

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requiring children and young people to bear the burden of controlling a disease from which they face little to no risk. The so-called “cure” is killing well people and making others mentally ill. It is diabolical.

What is keeping it all going at the local level? Politicians are getting paid very well to comply and pretend that what we once knew as an annual ailment is now the Black Plague. They stand-by watching thousands of families lose

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Enjoy Your Stay at the Holbrooke Hotel

A Historic Icon for More than 150 Years Reopens

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GRASS VALLEY, CA (MPG)

- Located in the heart of California's historic Gold Rush Country, the Holbrooke Hotel has stood as a landmark along Grass Valley's Main Street since 1862, serving as a reminder of the city's colorful origins as a gold mining boom town. Set to reopen in November following a painstaking renovation led by a team of local designers, craftsmen, and builders, the Holbrooke is being transformed into a true icon of California history and hospitality. Upon reopening, the 28-room Holbrooke will bring an elevated and timeless guest experience to the Sierra Nevada region, which is famous for its charming small towns, beautiful scenery and abundant outdoor adventures.

Throughout its history, the Holbrooke has seen it all: gambling and gun fights, fortunes made and lost, five U.S. presidents, and maybe even a haunting or two. In keeping with its status as one of California's oldest hotels, every effort has been made to honor the original spirit of the hotel, which has hosted the likes of Mark Twain, Ulysses S Grant, and Lola Montez.

"I am so proud of the passion and dedication our team has put into restoring the Holbrooke. I believe that the finished product will be a source of great pride for the local community while welcoming a new generation of visitors to experience the beauty of Nevada County," said Sherry Villanueva, Managing Partner of Acme Hospitality, which has spearheaded the renovation and will operate the hotel.

During the transformation of the Holbrooke, which has been more than two years in the making, the project team, helmed by lead designer Anne L'Esperance, uncovered and restored countless details that had been neglected during the hotel's long history, including vintage lighting fixtures and underground tunnels used for transporting gold through town. The entire first floor – including the lobby, bar and restaurant space – now flows seamlessly together, accentuated by refinished stone and brickwork, hardwood flooring, and a fresh white paint palette on the walls. The original bar has been restored while maintaining its original character and the restaurant will open onto a fully redone outdoor patio featuring an outdoor fire pit. A lobby-adjacent event space, perfect



Holbrooke Hotel staff from left to right: Devin Lewis, Zachary Ahrenholtz, Kieran Jochims, Eric James, Andrea Good, Erin Lewis, Elaina Kirshman, Anne L'Esperance, Nikiya Schwarz, Sherry Villanueva, Michael Barber. Photo by Kat Alves



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for hosting wedding banquets and corporate meetings, boasts a bright and airy new feel thanks to the use of white-washed brick and a neutral color scheme.

On the second floor, home to the main hotel's 17 guest-rooms, guests are greeted by a captivating hand-painted mural created by local artists Sarah Coleman and Brianna French featuring native flora. The guest rooms have been completely redone from top to bottom and feature a masculine yet inviting design theme consisting of white walls, rich wood furnishings, and top-of-the-line

new bedding including pillow-top mattresses and premium linens. Many of the bathrooms feature restored claw-foot tubs that were original to the property, while others offer new white-tiled walk-in showers accented with period-appropriate brass plumbing fixtures. The adjacent 11-room Purcell House, which sits on a corner of the property, is also being restored and will offer an ideal experience for groups wishing to stay together under one roof.

The same team working on the restoration of the Holbrooke is also

renovating the nearby National Exchange Hotel, another historic gem located in nearby Nevada City, California. The National Exchange is expected to reopen in late 2020.

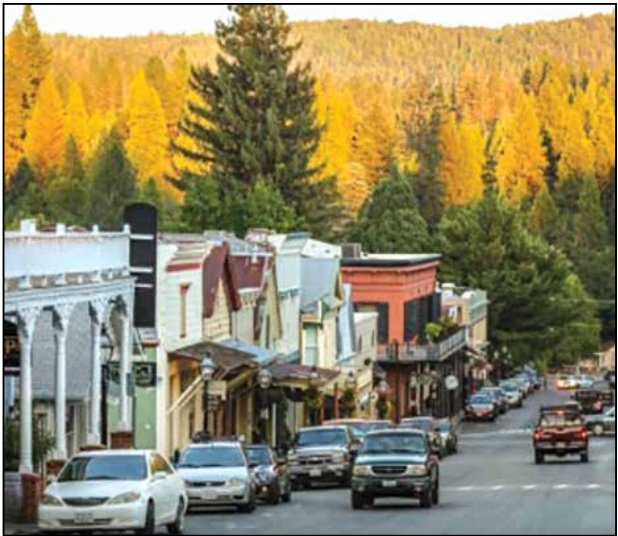
"I am thrilled to be a part of the reopening of this grand hotel in beautiful Old Town Grass Valley," said Michael Barber, General Manager of the Holbrooke Hotel. "This historic landmark has been a central part of the Grass Valley community for more than a century and half, and we cannot wait to welcome guests with a new, elevated experience throughout the hotel."

The Holbrooke is home to the Golden Gate Saloon, originally constructed in 1852 and the longest continually running watering hole west of the Mississippi. Now helmed by Chef Zachary Ahrenholtz, the Golden Gate will reopen offering a new look and a new menu inspired by the early days of California, with an emphasis on smoked meats and Mexican-style accompaniments. A speakeasy called the Iron Door will open in the basement of the hotel and offer custom-crafted cocktails.

The Holbrooke will serve as an ideal setting for social gatherings, weddings and events. The hotel's primary event space, the North Star Room, can accommodate up to 90 guests. The space features original exposed brick and lots of natural light. The outdoor patio can accommodate gatherings of up to 100 people.

Located about a two-hour drive from the San Francisco Bay Area and just an hour from Sacramento, Grass Valley offers a timeless taste of the Gold Rush era, with a wealth of visitor attractions that include a vibrant arts scene, a dynamic range of dining options and world-class outdoor adventures. Grass Valley's charming and walkable downtown features boutiques, galleries, restaurants and live music/events spaces that host a year-round slate of festivals celebrating film, music, cars and more. Just an hour from Lake Tahoe and situated along the Yuba River, Grass Valley is in close proximity to some of California's most spectacular scenery and outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, rafting and skiing. Visitor information is available at gonevadacounty.com and grassvalleychamber.com .

For more information on the Holbrooke and the National Exchange, please visit www.holbrooke.com and www.thenationalexchangehotel.com. ★



Grass Valley's charming and walkable downtown features boutiques, galleries, restaurants and live music/events spaces. Photos by Kat Alves

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