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Wildfires Threaten Rural Towns with Tainted Water



Homes destroyed by the LNU Lightning Complex Fire are interspersed with untouched homes above Lake Berryessa, a resort area and water supply reservoir, on Sept. 21, 2020. After the fire in August, residents were advised not to drink or boil the tap water because of concerns about benzene and other contaminants. Photo by Anne Wernikoff for CalMatters

By Rachel Becker, CALMatters

When wildfires spread across California, they leave a cascade of water problems in their wake: Some communities have their drinking water poisoned by toxic substances. Others wrestle with ash and debris washed into reservoirs and lakes. And many living in remote stretches of the state struggle with accessing enough water to fight fires.

Drinking water has been

also are grappling with advice to give residents in fire-ravaged areas, who are confused by warnings that seem to continuously change about whether their water is safe.

In a state plagued by water shortages, rural California has suffered a cascade of water woes in the wake of wildfires that is likely to happen again and again.

The problems now encountered in California are far beyond the scope of reg-

through more than 4 million acres of California, killing 31 people and destroying more than 8,400 structures.

“It’s safe to bet that with this year’s fire season the way it is, winds picking up and the magnitude of fire that we’ve got, we’re going to see more (water) systems like this,” said Daniel Newton, assistant deputy director of the state water board’s Division of Drinking Water. “The number of fire impacts I am starting to hear throughout the state is stag-

“From a water perspective, this is just when the problems are all about to begin – when we put the fire out,” said Kevin Bladon, associate professor of forest ecohydrology and watershed science at Oregon State University. “We can see effects (on water) persist for decades.”

The first clues that fires could contaminate pipes with chemicals came in the fall of 2017 in Santa Rosa, where the Tubbs Fire had destroyed roughly 3,000 homes and commercial buildings.

Testing revealed contaminants, including benzene as high as 40,000 times the state’s limits, according to a recent study led by Andrew Whelton, an associate professor of civil, environmental and ecological engineering at Purdue University.

Long-term exposure to benzene, a component of crude oil and gasoline, is a well-proven cause of leukemia, and immediate, high exposure can cause dizziness and stomach ailments.

Drinking water in Paradise also was contaminated with chemicals including dangerous levels of benzene – at least 2,200 times the state limit in one sample, Whelton’s study reports – when the Camp Fire killed 85 people and destroyed nearly 19,000 buildings in Butte County in 2018. Nearly two years later, the town’s utility warns that water connections to unoccupied houses and empty lots may still be contaminated.

The tab for combating Paradise’s contamination has hit an estimated \$50 million, plus \$80 to \$100 million for additional repairs, Mickey Rich, information systems

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Yuba County Moves into Red Tier Status

By Russ Brown, Yuba County Press Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Evolving state processes and guidelines for addressing the COVID-19 threat prompted Yuba-Sutter Bi-County Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu to set aside a previous local health order and replace it with one that aligns with the state. Dr. Luu said the change is necessary to ensure residents have a clear understanding of what they need to do to progress further into less-restrictive tiers.

“My previous May 4 Health Order was written to reflect guidelines and terminology used at that time by state public health officials, but they have greatly revamped their approach since then,” Dr. Luu said. “I want our residents to see a very clear path to reopening, so my new order aligns us with state requirements.”

Although the main Health Order is now revoked by Dr. Luu’s newest order, a Health Emergency ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 10 – issued as COVID-19 was beginning to spread through California – remains in place. That emergency declaration is necessary to gain access to important state and federal resources to support local response to the virus.

A separate May 4 Health Order requiring residents to wear facial coverings when in public is still in effect.

Both Yuba and Sutter counties will qualify to enter the state’s Red Tier – Yuba County this week and Sutter County the following week. Dr. Luu and other county officials caution that the easing of restrictions makes daily precautions to guard against COVID-19 more important than ever.

“These past several weeks we have seen most of our residents step up and take extra precautions to protect themselves and others against the virus, and those precautions become even more important as we move through the various colored tiers,” Dr. Luu said. “We can’t lose sight of the fact that we are still seeing new COVID-19 cases every day and people are still being admitted to our local hospital.”

The new Yuba-Sutter Health Order still focuses on the basic tenets needed to protect residents from COVID-19 but points to California’s “Blueprint for a Safer Economy” as the guide for how businesses and organizations can reopen.

“As we move through the reopening stages over the

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A sign warning residents not to drink the water is posted along Steele Canyon Road at the entrance to Berryessa Highlands on Sept. 21, 2020. Photo by Anne Wernikoff for CalMatters

contaminated with hazardous chemicals after at least three California wildfires in recent years: in Santa Rosa after the Tubbs Fire in 2017, in Paradise after the Camp Fire in 2018 and now in parts of the San Lorenzo Valley burned by the CZU Lightning Complex Fires that began in August.

The cost of fixing the damage to water systems: up to \$150 million in just one small town.

Towns and water agencies

ulations protecting drinking water, said Darrin Polhemus, deputy director of the State Water Resources Control Board’s Division of Drinking Water.

“The Safe Drinking Water Act doesn’t have a clause like, ‘This is what you do in a fire when a community is completely burned to the ground,’” he said.

There are 23 major wildfires burning in a record-breaking season that has torn

gering,” he added.

The threat to water in the West doesn’t stop when the flames go out. Roughly two-thirds of its water supply flows from forests that can burn. And uncontrolled conflagrations can increase erosion and pollutants that rush into the lakes and reservoirs supplying Californians with water. Researchers project that fire could more than double the sediment clogging a third of Western watersheds by 2050.

News Outlook



By Josh F.W. Cook

With all of the campaign promises flying around, I'm looking for the person who's going to promise to get us electricity from the Yuba County Water Agency and all the dams that belong to the people. Lower cost energy would be a tremendous economic driver for the Yuba Sutter area. It will take more than just the water agency to make this happen, both counties and all the cities and special districts would need to get on board. But getting lower-cost energy to process food, light homes, and energize the everyday activities would make it a lot easier to keep people living here;

and not moving to Idaho. Read this from The California Center for Jobs and the Economy: For the 12 months ended July 2020, California's higher electricity prices translated into Commercial & Industrial ratepayers paying \$11.6 billion more than ratepayers elsewhere in the US using the same amount of energy. California's energy policies now cost the state's households and employers more than \$44 billion a year compared to the average prices paid by the rest of the US. And this amount is far larger when compared to the ability of the state to provide reliable and less costly energy in the past. These growing cost gaps are generally the outcome of the state's climate change regulations, but they are not the price of addressing the challenges of climate change. They are the result of the way the state has chosen to do so, relying on a constantly expanding range of

regulations regardless of the cost to Californians and to California jobs. The state has achieved climate change emission reductions through its regulatory approach, but at a pace that differs little from the rest of the nation and that in some cases even lags what other states have been able to achieve at a far lower cost. In the most recent data from the US Energy Information Administration, California ranked only 12th in the share of in-state electricity generation coming from non-CO2 sources. That year was an improvement from 14th in 2018, but passing Tennessee and Iowa in the rankings was made possible only by a nearly 6 percentage point increase in the share coming from conventional hydro-electric generation – the result of favorable weather not the state's regulation. *** Josh F.W. Cook is a Public Administrator and Educator. ★

Gallagher Bill to Increase Elections Transparency is Signed into Law

By Curtis Grima, Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) successfully moved the State towards more transparent local elections by passing Assembly Bill 2151. Assembly Bill 2151 will improve campaign finance transparency by requiring local election officials to post campaign finance documents on the Internet within 72 hours of reporting these documents to the State's campaign watchdog, the Fair Political Practices Commission. Assembly Bill 2151 passed out of both houses with strong bi-partisan support and was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2020. Current law requires candidates running for local office to submit campaign finance documents outlining information about who is contributing to their political campaigns. These documents are required to be available for public review. However, many local agencies only make these documents available for in-person review, at the local elections office building, during normal business hours Mon-Fri. In more rural areas, individuals seeking to review this information are required to travel great

distances. In more urban areas, lack of parking or parking costs may also be an issue. These restraints discourage the public from accessing important information regarding who is funding local candidates. Simply put, the current system does not allow for the greatest public access and transparency. Upon receiving confirmation of the Governor's signature, Gallagher stated, "Transparency in political campaigns at all levels of government is vital to the success of our democracy. I am proud that Assembly Bill 2151 will allow greater access of local campaign finance information to the public." Already, the public can access campaign finance documents online for candidates running for State or Federal office. Under Assembly Bill 2151, local campaign finance documents will also be easily accessible on local government websites. For more information on Assemblyman Gallagher, and to track legislation visit www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher Assemblyman James Gallagher represents the 3rd Assembly District, which encompasses all of Glenn, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties as well as portions of Butte and Colusa counties. ★

Yuba County Moves into Red Tier Status

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coming weeks, we have a team dedicated to helping businesses, churches, and other non-profit organizations navigate the various state tier colors," said Yuba County CAO Kevin Mallen. "The YES Team in Yuba County, like its counterpart the SCORE Team in Sutter County, can connect all of these with the resources they need until that time when we can fully reopen."

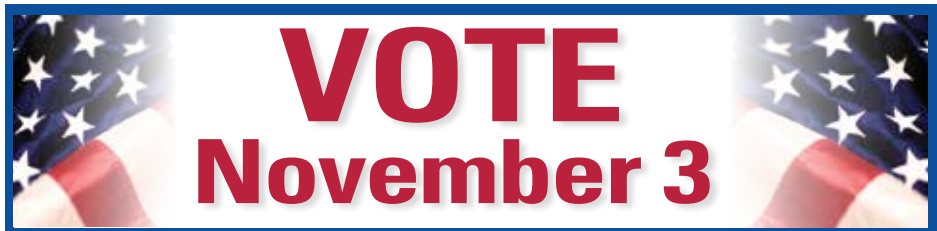
Dr. Luu said the pace at which the two counties move from tier to tier depends largely on how well residents continue to practice the tenets of hand hygiene, social distancing, staying home when sick and wearing a facial covering. "It's still a highly-contagious disease, and cases can go up just as quickly as they came down if we do not take this seriously," Dr. Luu said. ★

Ramp Closures for Highway 70

By Gilbert Mohtes-Chan, Caltrans

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Motorists should prepare for a series of nighttime on- and off-ramp closures and lane restrictions over the next two weeks on southbound State Highway 70 in the Plumas Lake area. Construction crews are scheduled to perform pavement grinding and paving work on southbound Highway 70 between the State Highway 65 junctions and the Feather River Boulevard interchange in southern Yuba County. The work will require lane restrictions and ramp closures from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. on southbound Highway 65. Here are the

scheduled ramp closures: **Sunday, October 11:** McGowan Parkway on- and off-ramps. **Monday, October 12:** Plumas Lake Boulevard on- and off-ramps. Motorists are advised to follow the signs directing them to the detour route. Weather or unexpected events may delay or prolong the work. Caltrans advises motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert." The department will issue construction updates on Twitter @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic, click on Caltrans' QuickMap quickmap.dot.ca.gov/ or download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★



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Candace Owens to Speak on New California State



Candace Owens, host of the "Candace Owens Show." Photo: New California State

New California State Press Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Its Official ... New California State will be featuring one of the nation’s top speakers Candace Owens on October 12, 2020 in the Sutter County, California area at 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Owens will

present her arguments on saving the United States. All proceeds for these events go toward the New California State movement a 501 (c) 4 non-profit. Candace Owens is the founder of the BLEXIT foundation, an organization dedicated to driving conservative principles into urban communities. She is also a published author, speaker, and host of the weekly “Candace Owens Show.” Owens exploded onto the scene in the summer of 2017, gaining notoriety through her political vlog series on YouTube. She has since spoken at over 60 American Universities, challenging the leftist status quo and insisting that students think beyond the confines of liberal

orthodoxy. With over 250 Fox News appearances, Owens has substantiated herself as a leader among the growing youth conservative movement. Prior to her entrepreneurial pursuits, Owens worked at a private equity firm in Manhattan, serving as the Vice President to their administration. She attended the University of Rhode Island and took executive training courses at the NYU Stern School of Business. Candace views it as her life's mission to help minority groups escape the left's victim narrative. For more information visit www.newcalifornia-state.com/ **Time & Location** Oct 12, 6:30 – 9:30 PM Sutter County, CA, USA

Unsafe to Drink



American Canyon CERT members Michael Tadewald, left, and Mary Tabbert unload cases of water at Berryessa Highlands’ fire department on Sept. 21, 2020. Thousands of gallons of water have been distributed to residents since early September. Photo by Anne Wernikoff for CalMatters

Continued from page 1 manager with the Paradise Irrigation District, told CalMatters. The district is seeking federal and state emergency funding, and has tapped into insurance to help pay for the repairs.

“Our goal is to get everything paid for by emergency funds that we can. We don’t feel like our customers should have to pay for any of this damage,” Rich said.

Stefan Cajina, north coastal section chief of the water board’s drinking water division, said that drinking water officials usually reserve issuing stricter guidance around showering and bathing for when they know for certain the water is contaminated.

Now the state is considering reversing that approach to recommend water systems start with more stringent cautions, and scale them back as test results show the water is safe.

As California heads into the rainy season, the threats to drinking water will be amplified. Rains may extinguish wildfires, but they can also wash contaminants into water sources.

Fires kill plants, increasing runoff and accelerating snowmelt. Burning soil can also change its structure, trigger erosion and leave behind layers of ash and debris that flow into streams and lakes.

After the 2007 Zaca Fire, the organic material clouding Cachuma Lake jumped by 165%. And it still hasn’t returned to historic lows. Near Redding, water from Whiskeytown Lake grew roughly 20 times dirtier after the Carr Fire.

All that material can challenge

downstream treatment plants to cope with the added mud and altered water chemistry, and it may fuel algal blooms. But adding chlorine to treat the water can kick off chemical reactions with all the additional organic matter to form disinfection byproducts linked to health problems, including bladder cancer.

More of the ingredients that form these disinfection byproducts were found in Northern California creeks after the Rocky and Wragg fires burned through the region in 2015, according to a recent study.

“It’s very common that in rural parts of California that water is difficult for us,” said Daniel Berlant, an assistant deputy director with CalFire, the state’s firefighting agency. “I’ve been on a number of fires, where communities – even communities you would think are more urban – that just because of the amount of water being used, the water supply and the pressure goes down.”

It’s why CalFire sends water tenders that can carry water to wildfires, engines are equipped with pumps to pull from lakes and pools and helicopters can swoop in.

Paradise is leading the way to fireproof its water. “You hope no city ever has to go through this. The good that I see is we got a lot of the research done and we have a lot of the answers now,” Rich said.

The state, too, is working on developing its playbook for water systems to ensure they’re prepared to immediately flush pipes, isolate burned neighborhoods and test for contaminants

Rachel Becker is a reporter with a background in scientific research. ★

Farm Bureau Releases Voter Guide

By Dave Kranz, California Farm Bureau Federation

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Reiterating its strong opposition to a ballot initiative that would establish a split-roll property tax, the California Farm Bureau Federation has announced positions on the other statewide measures to be decided this fall. The CFBF Board of Directors released a Voter Guide for the Nov. 3 general election.

Farm Bureau was among the first organizations to oppose Proposition 15, which would create a split-roll property tax to reassess and raise taxes on commercial and industrial property. Although its proponents claim agriculture would be exempt, the measure would allow reassessment of agricultural facilities and improvements such as barns, dairies, orchards, vineyards and processing plants.

“In the middle of a pandemic that has severely disrupted our food-production system, Proposition 15 would impose a new tax burden on family farms and ranches,” CFBF President Jamie Johansson said. “Ultimately, those higher costs to the food system would lead to higher food prices. Make no mistake: A tax on farms is a tax on everyone.”

Among its other ballot positions, Farm Bureau emphasized public safety by supporting Proposition 20, which would increase penalties for certain theft-related crimes, and opposing Proposition 25, which would abolish the state’s cash-bail system.

Theft, vandalism, trespassing and other crimes remain chronic and growing problems in rural California,” Johansson said. “By passing Proposition 20 and rejecting Proposition 25, voters have an opportunity to reinforce protection for rural and urban communities alike.”

Here Is The Full List Of CFBF Ballot Recommendations:

Proposition 14 – Stem Cell Research Bonds	Neutral
Proposition 15 – Split-Roll Property Tax	NO
Proposition 16 – Affirmative Action	Neutral
Proposition 17 – Voting by Paroled Felons	NO
Proposition 18 – Voting Age	NO
Proposition 19 – Taxes on Homes, Inherited Property	Neutral
Proposition 20 – Criminal Penalties	YES
Proposition 21 – Rent Control	NO
Proposition 22 – App-Based Drivers	YES
Proposition 23 – Kidney Dialysis Clinics	Neutral
Proposition 24 – Consumer Privacy	Neutral
Proposition 25 – Cash Bail	NO

The full Voter Guide may be downloaded from the CFBF website at www.cfbf.com/voterguide.

The California Farm Bureau Federation

works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 34,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of nearly 5.6 million Farm Bureau members. ★

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Passing the Covid Buck



Lou Binninger

Commentary
by Lou Binninger

The current impasse on opening our counties by throwing-off nonsensical Covid restrictions has nothing to do with health and everything to do with the lack of political will. Supervisors and councilmembers blame their inaction on the complexity of government.

Health Officer Phuong Luu has become ruler of the counties, taking orders directly from a Governor acting as dictator. When local leaders don't lead that void is filled by something or someone.

Supervisors and councilmembers are looking more complicit daily and may be held personally liable. They have tremendous authority and the Sheriff can tell both state and federal authorities to stand-down.

Local leaders bought into the Big Hoax that this normal illness would destroy the nation. They embraced the lie that a mask would stop a virus while not obstructing proper breathing. They promoted 6-foot socialist distancing used as a means to torment POWs and was never proven to prevent the spread of disease. They yielded to violating healthy people's Constitutional rights by holding them hostage in their homes.

Our leaders are a part of the plan to destroy our community, they are ignorant, or they know it's wrong and have no courage to stop it. Did you realize that Yuba-Sutter

clinics and private medical practices are forbidden to treat Covid patients that are experiencing symptoms? Patients are sent away with no medication. If the symptoms increase then they go to the hospital ICU. This is contrary to Texas and other states where doctors treat Covid patients pre-emptively in their offices and stop the ailment immediately.

Does this feel like malpractice? Did you know that nearly half of Covid deaths occurred in nursing homes? And, that once diagnosed, elderly patients were returned there to infect others and die? Did you know that doctors in California were blocked from ordering hydroxychloroquine for patients?

This is a political agenda to take a common ailment and create a national disaster to cripple the nation. It is a hoax and our local leaders are participating.

Though Health Officer Phuong Luu is not revealing the numbers of deaths by suicide and overdose along with the relapses and increased bouts of depression, it is a national tragedy and disgrace. While well-paid themselves politicians have told thousands here that they cannot work, officials closed AA/NA Recovery meetings, made it nearly impossible to access county health insurance and therefore medical care and drug / alcohol rehabs.

Supervisors, city council people and Officer Phuong Luu may be thinking that as government officials they are personally exempt from lawsuits and liability from the declared Covid 'emergency.' Not so fast. They may be held accountable for the suffering and deaths of those noted above due to malfeasance in government in a non-emergency hoax.

Lawsuits have been filed and more are coming. Supervisors may have

violated 18 U.S. Code § 1038 - False Information and Hoaxes. "Whoever engages in any conduct with intent to convey false or misleading information under circumstances where such information may reasonably be believed and where such information indicates that an activity has taken, is taking, or will take place that would constitute a violation...."

Politicians may also have violated 18 U.S. Code § 1040 - Fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency benefits. This involves perpetrating or complying with a hoax to gain disaster benefits. Codes also address how the gained funds are used.

California Health & Safety Code § 101080 says that "whenever a local health emergency is declared by a local health officer, the local health emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the board of supervisors, or city council, whichever is applicable to the jurisdiction. And they shall proclaim the termination of the local health emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant the termination."

Politicians are also forbidden from calling for a local emergency when there isn't one (Gov. Code §§ 8630 – 8634 - California). If the emergency cannot be proven and justified in court along with the extreme response, local officials may be in serious trouble.

Politicians are not above the law. Twelve former California officials have been incarcerated in the last year for misbehavior in office along with the former Sheriff of Los Angeles County Lee Baca.

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YOUR ONE MINUTE NEWS DIGEST

by Don Rae



- The first "Presidential Debate". What a waste of our time. Biden spouted lies, Trump interrupted continually, and the moderator was totally ineffective. Perhaps the public will be spared and the remaining debates will be cancelled.
- Cows are racist. They only produce white milk. So goes the logic of the left.
- If the following were the theme of a novel, the publisher would return it as unbelievable: The Minneapolis DA is telling store owners they are not allowed to protect themselves from looters and criminals by using shutters and other techniques to make it more difficult to destroy a business. In justifying the rule change, Minneapolis officials argued that external shutters "cause visual blight" and create the impression that an area is "unsafe" and "troublesome." One store owner saw looters bashing through his floor-to-ceiling windows and stealing \$1 million worth of booze. He wanted to protect his business investment by putting up shutters. No, no say the politicians. You can't protect yourself or your business. The looters have rights. So pass out your inventory.
- A quote from Ulysses S. Grant is so prophetic today. "Lying is the foundation of all crimes and follies." Take heed Democrats and mainstream media.
- Are you paying attention to the so-called neutrality of the mainstream media? Even the pictures of candidates are chosen to make one look like a goon and the other as an angel. Recall the halos around Obama's head in the recent past? The media keeps saying it is neutral. No. Not by a long shot. Keep this in mind as you work on your ballot.
- And the beat goes on. Newsom blithely blames climate change for the continuing fires. The reality, other than lightening, are the destructive policies of the environmentalists and the land use decisions by government allowing folks to build in the middle of a potential disaster area. Climate change is being blamed for everything because politicians can't let themselves be seen as causing anything bad.
- Do we want chaos, violence, anarchy and destruction? That is the result when Sacramento's Democrat Mayor tells the cops to stand down. The City of Sacramento is now a dangerous town due to the mayor telling the police to stand down. What was the result of this stupid order? The Sheriff's offices and District Attorney's office were vandalized by Antifa, and the DA's office set on fire. Unless these vicious vandals are held accountable for their actions, more destruction will occur.
- There are 240 tax increases and bonds on your November ballot. Very little of the suggested cash will go for streets, cops or libraries. The cash will be paying for pensions for the government employees – the union members. Higher taxes on businesses will mean that businesses would have to raise prices, relocate, close down, or cut the payroll. Higher taxes are a job-killer. Vote yes and give your money to government.

- Vote no and keep your money.
- The Brionna Taylor matter is chaotic at best and a pack of lies at worse. The incident started with the police knocking on her door and identifying themselves, according to the grand jury. It was not a "no-knock" approach. When they entered the apartment, Taylor's boy friend opened fire on the police, hitting one. In self defense, the police returned fire and the terrible result was Taylor was hit. Horrible. But for BLM to continue broadcast a lie is also horrible and creating looting, terror, arson and every other manner of bad behavior is unacceptable. And perhaps even worse is the encouragement of such behavior by the heads of corporations and news media. These folks know the truth but have decided to ignore it. Shame on all who propagate a false narrative.
- Our illustrious governor has unilaterally pronounced that only electric cars can be sold in California in the not too distant future. Really/ No gas? How will those of us who depend on gas continue to get along? Will the military be affected? How about airlines? What will happen to infrastructure and the millions of jobs dependent on fuel? Too many questions. Too few answers.
- Henry Gates Jr. hosts a series on civilizations that makes no secret of the fact that slavery has been around starting with the earliest civilizations. In the Congo, blacks enslaved blacks in the 1500s. The earliest Europeans who engaged in the trade were the Portuguese. Now our Governor is talking about Reparations? California wasn't even a slave state. How would that be implemented? Don't we have enough controversy swirling around us already without coming up with this?
- The weapon confiscation and indictment of the couple defending their home and property brings up a truism. If you are not free to defend yourself you are not free. Period.
- Just what did you expect? BLM is much like a group of spoiled children. If you let them behave badly without discipline, they will continue to press the limits until their bad behavior is corrected. Put the brakes on and the behavior will stop.
- Back a while, our addle-brained Governor decreed that all Cal State students take an indoctrination course on "Ethnic Studies" or they can't graduate. Useless waste of time, but a boon to the leftie professors. If this course was of any value, it would not have to be mandatory.
- How does your fire insurance bill grab you? That is if you can buy insurance at all. When they talk about the new normal, huge bills for all sorts of products seems likely.
- San Francisco idiot politicians want 16-year-olds to vote in municipal elections. Why not 10-year olds? Of course this cohort can't buy cigarettes, liquor, guns or even drive. But according to the Democrat politicians, they are mature enough to decide who should run the city. Poor San Francisco. Down the tubes. On the other hand look how well the mature adults have been doing? Maybe a totally immature group might do better. ★

Taxpayer Funded Campaign Outreach Contract Tied with Democrat Candidates

By Nghia Nguyen, California State Senate

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Without legal authority and bypassing the state's open bid contracting procedures, the California Secretary of State entered a \$35 million agreement with a partisan public relations firm to conduct "voter outreach." These state funds were intended to help with the administration of local county elections.

"We write to you to express significant concerns with the Secretary of State's (SOS) recently reported contract to spend \$35 million, ostensibly to provide voter outreach, through a firm widely known for its partisan history," said Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel), the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama), the Vice Chair

of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, in their letter to decision makers. "This creates an obvious conflict of interest in the administration of these public funds, no matter the protestations from the SOS and the contracting firm that the money would be used in a non-partisan manner."

In a September 29 article from the Sacramento Bee, the Secretary of State's office asserts that he is spending money "on the counties' behalf."

The letter from Senators Bates and Nielsen continues, "This explanation raises significant legal questions as to how the SOS can unilaterally decide it will spend money on behalf of all 58 counties. Thus far, we have seen no indication from counties that any of them in fact did ask the SOS to engage in the contract on their behalf."

To read the letter in its entirety, please see cssrc.us/sites/default/files/200929_SOS-Contract-Funding-Concern-Letter.pdf.

Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel) represents the 36th Senate District in the California Legislature, which covers South Orange County, North San Diego County, and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Follow her on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Elected to the State Senate in January 2013, Senator Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba. To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916.651.4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. Follow him @CASenatorJim ★

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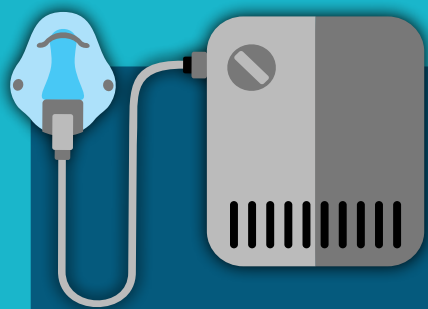
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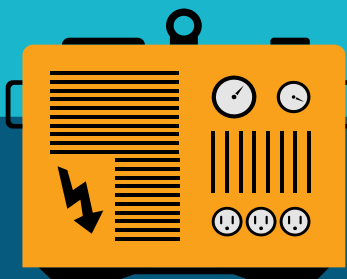
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CORBETT – Katherine Corbett, 96, of Yuba City passed away September 24, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

RAMOS – Marisela Ramos, 53, of Yuba City passed away September 24, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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He may not be a chipmunk, but he is definitely the cutest pumpkin in our patch! This week's featured pet is Alvin, an approximately 2 year old, 75 pound, male pit bull, ID# A185629. He has been at the Yuba County Animal Shelter since September 14th , and is ready to get out and spend fall with his forever family! Alvin is looking for a quiet, laid back home where he can snuggle and eat doggie biscuits. In his free time, Alvin LOVES to fetch the ball and play with rubber squeaky toys. Alvin knows how to sit, but needs some practice learning his other commands. Alvin would thrive as a single pumpkin in your home. If you are interested in bringing Alvin home before the leaves change colors and the chilly breeze comes through, give us a call at 530-741-6478 to make an appointment to see him! You can view Alvin and other adoptable pets at our shelter on petharbor.com.

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located at 5245 Feather River Blvd., Olivehurst. The phone number is 530-741-6478. 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@yubacountyACS. ★

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The Ups and Downs in the Markets to Keep Investors Guessing

The ups and downs in the markets continue to keep investors guessing. With 2020 only three quarters of the way through, there is little doubt in anyone's mind that this year is one of the strangest ones on record. It has also been an unfortunate series of events that have roiled markets, shut down economies, caused untold economic damage and personal misery, and has arguably pitted half the country's inhabitants against the other half.

The result in the world of investing has been record breaking crashes followed by breathtaking recoveries, only to have the cycle seemingly repeat over and over as the latest headlines hits the wires.

Sector rotation has been exhibited in spades in 2020, meaning one day one sector will rise like technology, and the very next day tech reverses and industrial sectors skyrocket.

No doubt in the repeated rinse cycles of these rotations, the amateur day trader has been made rich one day only to be taken out to the woodshed the next. Mr. Newbie Day Trader, enticed by headlines of daily doubles in certain stocks and with lots of time on his hands sequestered in his home, entered the markets through quick trading platforms like Robinhood and E Trade. He bought high flyers like Nikola and Zoom and played the riskiest sectors like cruise ships and airlines.

But Mr. Market usually punishes beginners mercilessly, but only after having lured him in by giving him an initial quick profit or two to complete the "set up". Unlike the dot.com rally that continually lifted all boats in the internet arena, the CoVid-19 trading has been as bipolar as it gets, hoodwinking even the most experienced traders.

The take away on this whole market has been unpredictability. I have always said the market will reflect reality eventually, but its day to day movements are only the sum of the conceptions of the billions of players in it at any one time.

What we can be certain from the stunning wild swings in both indexes and sectors is that nothing IS certain.

Unlike one-off events like 9/11, Y2K or a major bank imploding, where the event has a beginning and an end, CoVid-19 is different. Its outcome is unknown, its timing uncertain. It could end tomorrow

with a vaccine announcement, or go on for months or even years.

The decisions on how to address it have been difficult and controversial. The radical idea of shutdown has devastated economies worldwide. Businesses have folded and will continue to do so causing untold human suffering. CoVid itself has sickened millions and killed hundreds of thousands. Adding market insult to injury is an election which is arguably the most contentious in history. Wildfires in the west only adds to the suffering and heaps on mounds of more uncertainty.

Navigating these markets has been difficult if not impossible for many. In times like these, the fewer things investors do to try and second guess the next turn in direction the better. Investors might consider lightening up holdings and going to more cash. Cash smooths out bumps and grinds and reduces volatility. Short term U.S. treasuries can provide safe harbor as well as increasing more in fixed income holdings but the investor must even choose these with care.

Professional management is available for those throwing up their hands in despair, but as in all things, take your time in selecting those that might steward your retirement funds and interview many. For those attempting to go it yourself, education is the cornerstone of progress and the more you learn about what makes markets tick, the better your odds of successfully navigating the current economic environment, which at some point will eventually settle down. When that happens however is anyone's guess.

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Cal Water: \$5,000 to Marysville Mayor



Lou Binninger

Commentary by Lou Binninger

The latest Fair Political Practices Commission finance reports reveal that California Water Service (CWS), a private for-profit water company serving Marysville contributed \$5,000 to Mayor Ricky Samayoa's re-election effort. This is a sore subject for rate-payers feeling exploited by the utility.

In 2012, residents began to realize that they paid 2-3 times more for water than friends in Linda, Olivehurst and Yuba City. Those communities were all served by municipal utilities where voters have a say in the rate-setting.

At that time, residents learned that since 2003, CWS had bumped rates nearly every year for a net cumulative 121.80% over ten years -- an average 12% annually. Additional increases were proposed -- 18.4% in 2014, 20.1% in 2015 and 9.4% in 2016 or another 47.9 % over 36 months.

A citizens' complaint was filed with the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) highlighting rate-setting abuse. However, the residents were naïve to the fact that the CPUC was corrupt, with the complaint

process rigged in favor of the utilities. The action was rejected by a utility judge.

During the complaint process the residents sought support from the Marysville City Council and the Yuba County Supervisors. The council where Samayoa was a member was not interested in challenging CWS.

CWS touts its nearly 90 years of service to Marysville. However, something occurred along the way causing water rates to far surpass neighboring municipal utilities. Residents and even the city quit watering. It was just too expensive.

Mayoral Candidate Chris Branscum remembers the city when he was raised in Marysville in the 1950s-60s. Every lawn was green and mowed, shrubs and trees alive, parks watered. Branscum left for a stint in the Navy and then a career in business in Texas. When he returned to retire in Marysville where he has family and property he noticed what many call 'Brown Town' and the general deterioration.

CWS is an incredibly successful corporation operating in multiple states, wonderful for stockholders, but punishing for rate-payers. Cal Water's gift to insure that Samayoa remains mayor comes at the expense of ratepayers. Cal Water and the mayor win while the residents lose.

In 2016, the city council denied a medical marijuana sales permit to River City Phoenix (RCP) since one of its board members failed a background check. RCP appealed, removed

its board member and gave Samayoa \$5,000. Then, an acquaintance of RCP contributed another \$5,000. The appeal was granted. Now RCP has a dispensary business in Marysville.

In 2015, Samayoa voted to refinance the bond used to purchase "the B Street Property," (bonds first issued Oct 2010) thereby increasing the debt to taxpayers on 5 acres of property to between \$15-17 million. Samayoa said the property could be sold in 3 years. The property remains unsold today.

In 2016, Samayoa was a major advocate of Measure C the first ever local sales tax passed in Marysville changing rates from 7.50% to 8.50% the highest in the region. Sales taxes, particularly those on transportation (fuel / auto maintenance) have the biggest negative impact on the poor.

On Samayoa's watch 'Brown Town' deteriorated. It is one of the roughest local jurisdictions in which to live and the most expensive (water and taxes). Few city and county employees live or shop in the city. It's a job not a place to live. Families travel outside the city to use parks.

With no enforcing of vagrancy infractions or laws governing unruly behavior, businesses have resorted to hiring private security while residents fend for themselves. Downtown has become a toilet.

(Get Lou's podcast at "No Hostages Radio" and his articles at nohostagesradio.com) ★

Three Measures Test Attitudes on Crime



By Dan Walters CALMatters

Gov. Gavin Newsom said earlier this year that as the state's prison population continued to decline, he wanted to start closing down prisons.

He made good on that intention last week when the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation announced plans to shutter Deuel Vocational Institution near Tracy, which had been constructed in the 1950s as a place where young felons could be transformed into solid citizens.

"Given the need to achieve savings and the decline in the prison population since 2007, the state budget called for the closure of a prison. (Deuel Vocational Institution) was chosen for closure based on cost to operate, impact of closure on the workforce, and population housing needs, and prioritization of public safety and rehabilitation," Secretary Ralph Diaz said in a statement.

The announcement is the latest manifestation of the immense change in California's approach to criminal justice, from the lock-'em-up policies of the 1980s and 1990s -- which increased the prison inmate populations eight-fold -- to the "reforms" of the past

decade that have reduced those populations by more than a third.

Some of that reduction stemmed from federal court orders to decrease the severe overcrowding that developed despite construction of dozens of new prisons. However, it mostly reflected a leftward shift in the state's political atmosphere and former Gov. Jerry Brown's desire, during his second governorship, to reverse the tough sentencing policies he had embraced during his first tour of duty four decades earlier.

Brown encouraged the Legislature's dominant Democrats to modify the state's tough sentencing laws, symbolized by the "three strikes and you're out" doctrine approved by voters in the early 1990s, and personally sponsored one of several ballot measures to go easier on those convicted of crimes.

In effect, Brown and others in the criminal justice reform movement have sought a return to the penal philosophy that California had adopted during the post-World War II era -- that counseling, education, drug treatment and vocational training could convert offenders into productive members of society. It was the philosophy that led to construction of Deuel Vocational Institution in the early 1950s.

The new reformist approach, however, is not without its critics who contend that crime will increase with fewer offenders behind bars, although there's no statistical support for that, at least so far. The debate over

whether reform is working has also found its way, as do many contentious California issues, onto the ballot via three propositions. In numerical order:

– Proposition 17, placed on the ballot by a reform-minded Legislature, would allow felons who have completed their sentences, but are still on parole, to vote. It's a mostly symbolic gesture but draws ire from criminal justice hardliners who say it would dishonor victims.

– Proposition 20 is the hardliners' response to the recent spate of laws that lighten punishment, including Brown's Proposition 57, a 2016 measure that made parole easier for "nonviolent" inmates. If passed, Proposition 20 would make fewer felons eligible for parole, particularly those convicted of sex crimes, by changing the definition of "nonviolent."

– Proposition 25 is a referendum to repeal one of the Legislature's landmark criminal justice changes, a 2018 law that eliminates cash bail for criminal defendants on the assertion that bail discriminates against the poor. The bail bond industry, facing extinction, sponsored the referendum and is seeking a "no" vote to repeal the law, arguing that it allows dangerous defendants to roam freely and commit new crimes.

Together, these three measures test whether California voters endorse the criminal justice reform movement or believe that it's gone too far.

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

Grants for Arts and Culture Organizations Serving the Socially Vulnerable



Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture Press Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is now able to offer grant funding to Yuba and Sutter county-based arts and culture organizations serving socially vulnerable populations including communities of color. The California Arts Council received funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) program which it is distributing through its network of local county-based arts organizations. Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is the designated arts agency for both Yuba and Sutter counties, the only two county agency in the state. It was chosen to receive this funding totaling \$31,000 based on an adjudicated application process.

The purpose of the grant program is to support under-resourced small arts and culture groups. The relief program is to help alleviate some of the extreme pressures being felt by local organizations which may not have access to the emergency support they need. This is also a means to recognize and acknowledge arts and culture workers in our area who serve our communities of color including Native American, African American, Latino, Asian American and others.

Applicant organizations must have a record of serving the community in a meaningful way. The application process is simple, and the guidelines and application form can be found at yubasutterarts.org. Interested organizations may also contact Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture directly to request the application. Grant awards will be made in amounts from \$500 to \$10,000. Applying organizations must show a history of service to socially vulnerable populations. Newer organizations must be able to demonstrate a plan to provide arts and culture programming within the grant guidelines.

"Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is following the lead of the California Arts Council to ensure that all of our policies reflect democratic principles of equity and justice," said David Read, YSAC Executive Director. "The whole point of this regranting program is to begin to eliminate discrimination and barriers to access in our local arts and culture ecosystem, and to avoid disproportionately high and adverse effects on communities of color," he added.

The deadline for applying is Monday, November 9, 2020. Grant award announcements will be made on November 23.

Call the office, 742-ARTS (2787), or email abbie@yubasutterarts.org for more information.

Yuba Sutter Arts is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide arts programming, education, advocacy, assistance and service to artists, organizations and residents of Yuba and Sutter Counties. The official agency for Yuba and Sutter of the California Arts Council, its programs include Artist's Alchemy, Art Radio Today, the Yuba Sutter Youth Choir, the Women's Creative Circle, Shakespeare Readers' Theatre, Arts in Education, Very Special Arts Festival, Art Crawl, "Stand as 1" Open Mic Nights, Harvest the Arts, Arts in Corrections, Third Sunday Jazz Jam, Art Everywhere and much, much more! ★



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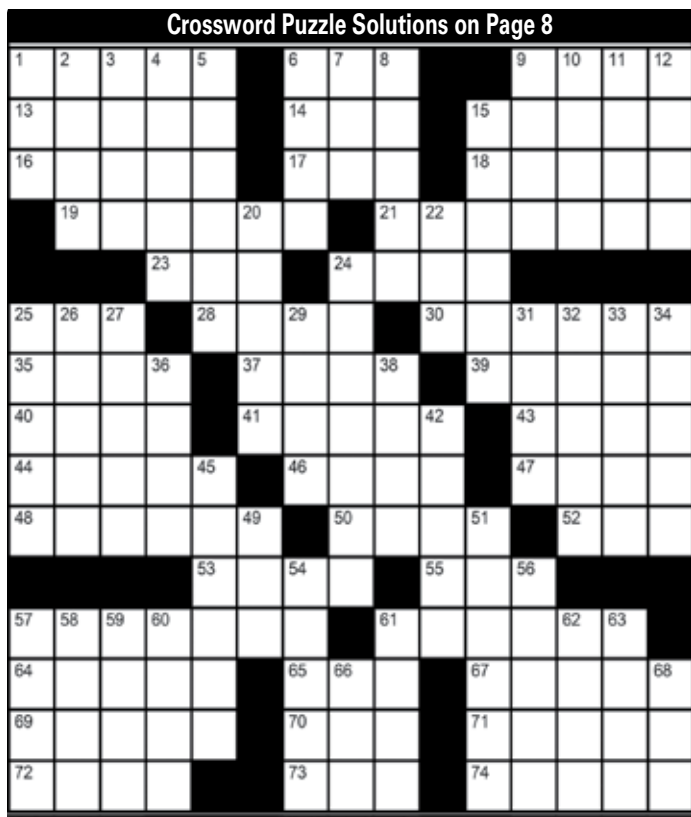
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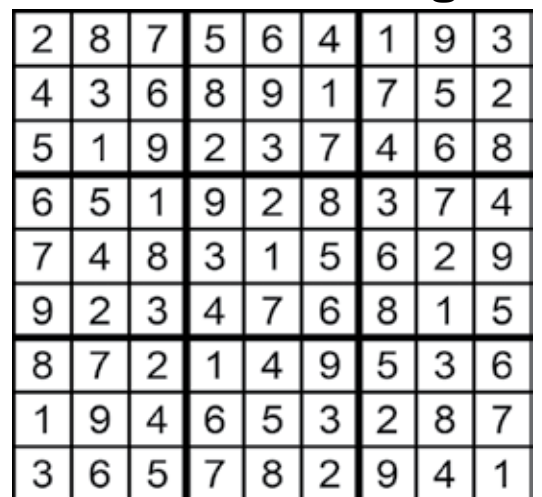
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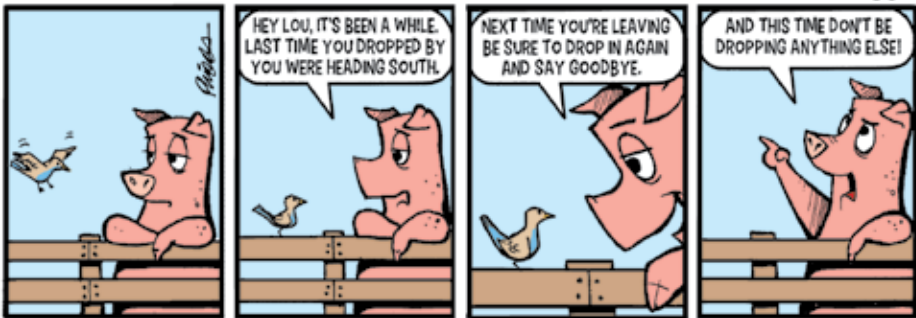
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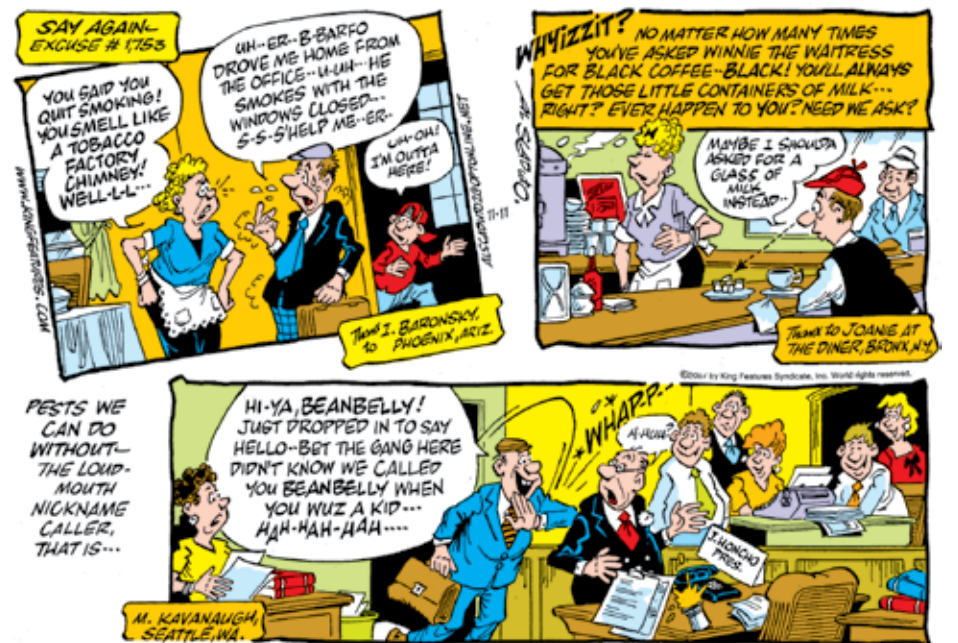
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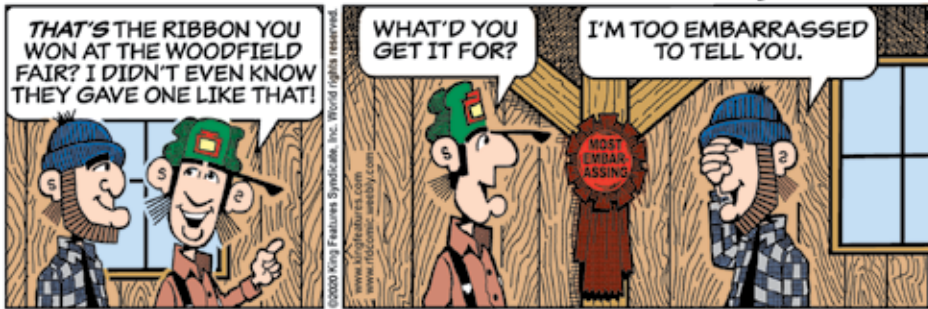
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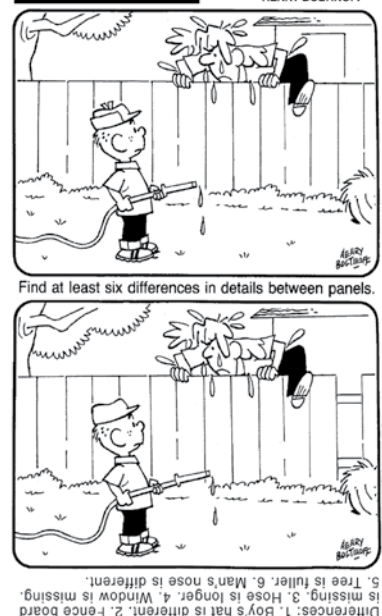
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Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's Office to have Free Personal Protective Equipment Drive Thru

By Russ Brown, Sutter County

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - As part of an inter-agency effort to support the agricultural industry, the Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's Office is assisting the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, and the California Office of Emergency Services in distribution of surgical masks, N95 respirators, cloth masks, Nitrile gloves and hand sanitizer to assist with the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfire smoke. This Person Protective Equipment (PPE) is to help provide protection to farmworkers and other agricultural operations only.

The surgical type and cloth masks are for protection in circumstances where appropriate social distancing cannot be achieved. These masks are not a substitute

for activities where a N95 Respirator is required and are not NIOSH approved. A limited number of N95 Respirators will be given away if strict state issued criteria are met.

The Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's Office will be hosting a drive-up PPE distribution event free of charge at the Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's Office 142 Garden Hwy, Yuba City on Friday, 10/9/20 from 7:30 am until 12:00 pm. Please pull into the main front parking lot where you will be directed to the distribution area.

Agricultural business can contact their local Agricultural Commissioner or the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau for PPE or more information:

Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's Office 530-822-7500
Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau 530-673-6550 ★

Plumas National Forest Camping and Fire Restrictions Extended

By Lee Anne Schramel, U.S. Forest Service

QUINCY, CA (MPG) - Fire Restrictions on the Plumas National Forest (PNF) are continuing due to unprecedented and historic fire conditions throughout the state. A ban on all campfires, outdoor BBQ's, and smoking is in place. Portable lanterns and camp stoves using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel may be now be used in four open, developed campgrounds on the PNF.

Areas near active and recent fires (North Complex (Bear/Claremont and Sheep) and Walker) remain closed. The entire Feather River Ranger District (west side of the PNF), including all national forest system land, roads, trails, campgrounds, lakes, etc., remains closed. No activities, including hunting and woodcutting, are allowed on the Feather River Ranger District currently. The Bucks Lake area is under continuing evacuation orders per the Plumas County Sheriff.

Camping is available on a first-come/first-serve basis at specific developed campgrounds; dispersed camping is not allowed.

Frenchman Lake: Boat launches include Frenchman (wet launch) and

Lunker Point (dry launch). All campgrounds are now closed for the season.

Lakes Basin: Gold Lake and Lakes Basin Family Campgrounds are open until October 15, 2020 and then closed for the season. Goose and Haven closed for the season on September 30.

Lake Davis: Grasshopper Flat and Lightning Tree Campgrounds will be open until October 31, 2020 and then closed for the season. Dry boat launch is available at Lightning Tree while wet boat launch opportunities include Camp Five, Honker Cove and Mallard Cove. All other campgrounds are closed for the season. Antelope Lake: The Lost Cove Boat Launch is open at Antelope Lake (wet launch) with no fees and services. All campgrounds are closed for the season.

Woodcutting is allowed with a permit in open areas and if daily fire restrictions allow (1-800-847-7766).

Note: The free personal woodcutting permit program has been extended through December 31, 2020 and current permits slated to expire September 30 will be honored until December 31, 2020.

Additional Forest information is available at www.Facebook.com/usfsplumas and <http://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas>. ★



The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

We wonder how other counties handle the spoiled food issue after evacuation. So many areas have had to deal with this and yet our counties did not do anything without a great deal of pushing. It seems like a plan should be started the day evacuation begins so something can be in place when it is lifted. Between power outages and fires, spoiled food is certainly a problem. Perhaps the problem is who is in charge? Should Recology make a plan or a county agency? Poor Forbestown residents are part of two counties and no one wanted to help. Let's hope we don't have to deal with it again, but a plan in place would be a good thing.

Yuba Feather Next Step is beginning to look "alive" again. We have not had our monthly meetings because of Covid, but we need to get together sometime to begin to make plans. We have been asked about how to apply for a GED and found out there is a great deal of information on line. In fact one can do the whole process on line. We are helping a couple of people take their Next Step by offering help with various issues. If you know someone

needing a boost up their "ladder", stop by and get an information booklet.

The end of October is the tentative "soft" opening for the new Dollar General in Brownsville with the grand opening sometime in early November. If you are interested in a job, they are hiring and you can fill out an application or get more info at www.dollargeneral.com.

Books and More is offering a 10% discount on all purses for the month of October. They have a wide selection. Stop in and stock up on books and check out the consignment area where you can find many wonderful treasures. Books and More is located on Willow Glen Rd. in Brownsville. Also, did you know that Books and More is the only brick and mortar bookstore in Yuba County? And we have it right here in our own backyard.

Look Back in Time – In 1925 Challenge students had transportation to attend Dobbins High School (still a problem of transportation).

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

BCSO Identifies 15th Victim of North Complex West Zone/Bear Fire

Butte County Sheriff's Office

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- On September 10, two deceased individuals were located in the roadway on Handkirk Lane; one was in the roadway approximately 10-feet from an ATV and the other was inside a vehicle.

Ande DNA was used to identify one of the decedents as Paul Winer, age 68, of Berry Creek. This name was previously released.

The second decedent was identified as Linda Longenbach, age 71, of Berry Creek. During the investigation detectives determined Paul and Linda

spoke with a relative in the afternoon on September 8, and said they were aware of the fire and chose not to immediately evacuate at that time.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Linda Longenbach and the families of all the victims in this devastating fire. ★



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE YUBA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the YUBA Local Agency Formation Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 915 8th Street – Marysville, California or **via teleconference or other electronic means**, regarding the following on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM on the following proposal:

- Revised Fee Deposit Schedule** Pursuant to Government Code 56383 and 66016 adoption of an updated fee deposit schedule and hourly charge rates for project related work performed by LAFCO. This schedule ensures fees collected will not exceed the cost of miscellaneous expenses of work performed attributable to specific projects. All costs will be documented. If work does not exceed the deposit amount, that portion of the deposit will be returned to the applicant.
- REQUEST from the North Yuba Water District (Lafco File 2020-0003)** to annex 80.48 acres more consisting of 33 assessor's parcels more or less to provide safe and reliable domestic water service on property known as the Aero Pines Subdivision located east of La Porte Road. This annexation is due to wells having failing water quality and quantity to serve the subdivision.

All interested parties have the right to appear and be heard at this time. For further information and review of the files, please contact the Yuba Local Agency Formation Commission, 915 8th St. Ste. 130, Marysville, CA, telephone (530) 749.5467 or by email at phensley@co.yuba.ca.us during regular business hours or visit the LAFCo webpage at www.yubalafco.org to review the Executive Officer's report, which will be available 5 days prior to the hearing.

Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, this public hearing may be conducted entirely by teleconference or other electronic means due to the COVID-19 shelter in place orders. No physical location will be available. Members of the public who wish to attend and provide public comment may do so via teleconference and should consult the agenda for this meeting to be posted 72 hours before the scheduled start time and on LAFCO's webpage at www.yubalafco.org for the call-in number.

The Commission will consider oral and written testimony by any interested person or affected agency as well as the report of the Executive Officer. At the hearing, the Commission may approve or disapprove a proposal with or without amendment, wholly, partially, or conditionally, may include or exclude territory in this change of organization or may continue its consideration with or without amendment, as a whole, in part, or upon such conditions as the Commission may determine

Persons may attend and be heard at the time and place of the hearing. If you challenge the action of the Commission on the above item in court, it may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Yuba Local Agency Formation Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
John Benoit, Executive Officer
(530) 749-5467

October 9, 2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020F-2121

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

CVS/pharmacy #9691

906 E St.,

Marysville, CA 95901,

County of Yuba

Mailing Address:

One CVS Drive,

Woonsocket, RI 02895

1. Longs Drug Stores

California, L.L.C.,

One CVS Drive,

Woonsocket, RI 02895;

California

This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/10/2010.

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

Signed:

Melanie K. Luker,

Secretary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on September 25, 2020, indicated by file stamp.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

TERRY A. HANSEN,

County Clerk

By Bridgette Evans,

Deputy Clerk

10/9, 10/16, 10/23,

10/30/20

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Jasimine Gross, PETITIONER
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 20-00689.**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:

November 16, 2020

DEPT: 4

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

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

**1) from: Alanna Victoria Garvin-Hernandez
to: Alanna Victoria Gross**

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

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

DATE: September 23, 2020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT
FILE NO. 2020F-004

The fictitious business name referred to in this statement of abandonment was filed in Yuba County, CA on 5-23-19:

CRS Therapy
5193 Fruitland Road
Marysville, CA 95901
1) Daisy Wymore
5193 Fruitland Road
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by an individual.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Daisi Wymore.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on September 22, 2020, indicated by file stamp.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
TERRY A. HANSEN,
Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2020F-222

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Western Equine Wellness
5193 Fruitland Road
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba County
1) Daisy Wymore
5193 Fruitland Road
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 N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Daisi Wymore.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on September 25, 2020, indicated by file stamp.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
TERRY A. HANSEN,
Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF BOBBIE EDWARD PRUITT SR.
Case NO. CVPB 19-59

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **BOBBIE EDWARD PRUITT SR.**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LORENE L. VALDEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either **(1) four** months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate code, or **(2) 60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: LORENE L. VALDEZ
1933 Fernwood Dr., Marysville, CA 95901
Phone No.: 210-854-6267
PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH:
September 25, October 2, 9, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

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

The auction will be conducted online at www.bid13.com, starting Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and ending Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 10:00 am. If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, personal items, furniture, etc. belonging to the following:

Name
James R. Stacy
Alan D. Noell (2 units)
Joshua M. Tapp
Marcine Blackwell
April R. Mahurin
Timothy Martinez
David R. Pyle
Richard M. Townsend
Philip Inthavong
Stephanie Donaldson
Kalani R. Moore

All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be paid for and removed within 72 hours of the end of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. 530-634-9781 (10/2/2020 & 10/9/2020)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Beale Mini Storage 5987 Redburn Ave, Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the "California Self Service Storage Facilities Act", Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

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Name
David R. Pyle

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Delfano Vega Elvira Vega, PETITIONERS
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 20-00686.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
November 2, 2020
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Delfino Vega, Elvira Vega filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

1) from: Delfino Francisco Guadalupe Vega to: Rocco Delfino Vega

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

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

DATE: September 23, 2020, 2020

Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
In accordance with Sec.106 of the Programmatic Agreement, T-Mobile West, LLC plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility at 1970 9th Avenue Olivehurst, CA 95961. Please direct comments to Gavin L. at 818-898-4866 regarding site SC06179A.
10/2, 10/9/20
CNS-3401337#
TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2020F-219**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Extra Mile Chevron
5416 Lindhurst Avenue
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba County
1) Highway 70 Chevron
8858 Latigo Ct.
Roseville, CA 95747
This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/8/20.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Parminder Kaur.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on September 22, 2020, indicated by file stamp.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
TERRY A. HANSEN,
Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020.

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Case No. CVPT20-00563
AMENDED
Superior Court of California, County of Yuba Petition of: Marc Daniel Miller for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Marc Daniel Miller filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Marc Daniel Miller to
Marc Daniel Roman
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 10/19/2020,
Time: 9:30 a.m.,
Dept.: 4
The address of the court is 215 5th Street, Marysville, CA 95901 Civil Division
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch
Date: September 4, 2020
Stephen W. Berrier
Judge of the
Superior Court
9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9/20
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Thanks to all of our ...
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2020F-225**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Mike's Welding & Fabrication
1990 Coffee Creek Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
Yuba County
1) Michael Anthony Rodriguez
1990 Coffee Creek Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Michael Rodriguez.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on September 25, 2020, indicated by file stamp.
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TERRY A. HANSEN,
Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2020F-214**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
5th & Finds
523 5th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba County
1) Amber Marie Magana
924 Bridge Street
Yuba City, CA 95991
2) Daniel Magana
924 Bridge Street
Yuba City, CA 95991
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 information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Amber Magana.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on September 15, 2020, indicated by file stamp.
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TERRY A. HANSEN,
Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2020F-212

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
**Elegant Arts
Tattoo Parlor**
718 10th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba County
1) Laura Morgan
718 10th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
2) Rodney Morgan
718 10th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
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 information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Laura Morgan.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on September 09, 2020, indicated by file stamp.
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TERRY A. HANSEN,
Clerk
By MANDY LUIS,
Deputy Clerk
September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2020.

Upcoming Events

**BROWNSVILLE
CERTIFIED
FARMERS MARKET
Saturdays, 9-1
Thru Oct. 31**
Brownsville Fire Station
16822 Willow Glen Rd.
530-933-9501

**DOBBINS FARMERS
MARKET JUNE
thru OCTOBER**
9765 Marysville
Road, Dobbins
Live Music Every Sat.
Questions Call Stacey at
530-218-2685

**Hallwood Women's
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Craft Fair &
BREAKFAST TO GO
October 10, 2020
8 am-1 pm
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