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Supreme Court lifts State Ban on Indoor Church



When can the singing start? As of mid-January 2021, the State of California, and Newsom in particular, have been the target of 64 lawsuits over their response to the coronavirus pandemic. Photo courtesy Pixabay

**By Ben Christopher,
CALMatters.org**

Among the beach-goers denied, the indignant gun shop owners and frustrated parents who want schools reopened, one set of plaintiffs against Gov. Gavin Newsom's pandemic shutdown restrictions have scored a big win: churches.

A 6-3 U.S. Supreme Court ruling issued late Friday sided with housebound pastors and their congregants in their claim Newsom's bans on worship services in an effort to stop the spread of coronavirus unfairly singled out churches, in violation of the First Amendment.

"Since the arrival of COVID-19, California has openly imposed more stringent regulations on religious institutions than on many businesses," wrote Justice Neil M. Gorsuch in one of three concurring opinions. "California worries that worship brings people together

for too much time. Yet, California does not limit its citizens to running in and out of other establishments; no one is barred from lingering in shopping malls, salons, or bus terminals," wrote Justice Neil M. Gorsuch in one of three concurring opinions.

The court said the state could limit worship service capacity to 25% and prohibit singing and chanting.

Several coronavirus outbreaks have been linked to indoor church gatherings.

"Today the court displaces the judgments of experts about how to respond to a raging pandemic," wrote Justice Elena Kagan in a dissent. "The court orders California to weaken its restrictions on public gatherings by making a special exception for worship services."

That still leaves plenty of plaintiffs who have filed other challenges to the state's restrictions, including irked gun store owners, frustrated gym trainers and irate parents who want schools reopened despite the pandemic.

And, not to be forgotten, an extremely disappointed bride-to-be. Among those filing to challenge the state's response to the coronavirus pandemic, Monica Six, an Orange County resident, is suing California's Democratic governor for civil rights violations after his executive order "caused her significant financial hardship as well as ruined her idyllic wedding plans to get married in a special anniversary."

In suing the state, Six is in crowded company. As of mid-January 2021, the State of California, and Newsom in particular, have been the target of 64 lawsuits over their response to the coronavirus pandemic. About 50 remain active. (Find CalMatters' tracker below.)

The courtroom backlash is no surprise. The restrictions imposed on California civic and economic life are without precedent in state history. Partial reopenings in many counties led to coronavirus spikes, which in turn

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County Proclaims Winter Storm State of Emergency

**By Kim Nava,
Sacramento County**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Acting County Executive Ann Edwards signed a Proclamation of Local State of Emergency for Winter Storms. The proclamation is retroactive to Jan. 26, 2021.

In order to clear the way for state and federal reimbursement for expenses relating to the storm damage, the Board of Supervisors must ratify the proclamation within seven days of the proclamation signing. The ratification item is scheduled for its Feb. 9, 2021 Board meeting.

If the Board ratifies the proclamation, there are further steps before local governments and special districts can be reimbursed. The State must proclaim an emergency to provide California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) reimbursement and the federal government must declare an emergency to provide Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement.

Sacramento County experienced an atmospheric river combined with extremely high winds from Jan. 26-29 that resulted in widespread, prolonged power outages, significant storm debris, emergency calls for services and transportation impacts.

Sacramento County's Office of Emergency Services is tasked with collecting damage estimates from County departments, cities within its jurisdiction and special districts (such as SMUD). The initial damage estimate total is \$7.3 million for expenses related to vegetation clearing, power restoration and requests for mutual aid.

Acting County Executive Edwards will return to the Board of Supervisors, at least every sixty days until the emergency is terminated, with a recommendation if there is need to continue the local emergency. ★

Help for the Most Vulnerable

**Sacramento County
Homeless Resources**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County approaches the homeless crisis as an engagement on a multitude of fronts, constantly fortifying and resupplying, and employing an arsenal of proven tactics. But the issues are multilayered and deeply complex, with no "one size fits all" fix.

"Pathways into homelessness are interrelated with issues such as mental health, poverty and the lack of affordable housing," said Cindy Cavanaugh, the County's Director of Homeless Initiatives.

Conversely, escaping homelessness "requires collaborative contributions across government, and private and community partners," she said. It's this network of partnerships that helps "improve our overall system response."

One of the County's partners is Sacramento Steps



Sacramento Steps Forward partners with the community to achieve data-driven outcomes through collaborative planning and coordinating the community's goal to end homelessness.
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Forward (SSF), the federally designated lead agency for Sacramento Continuum of Care. SSF coordinates housing and services for the homeless in Sacramento.

"Sacramento Steps Forward partners with the community to achieve data-driven outcomes through collaborative planning and coordinating the community's goal to end

homelessness," said CEO Lisa Bates. "We help support the work of other agencies that have their boots on the ground. Collaboration requires us to honestly study our performance and build continuous learning, while being as adaptable and nimble as we can."

This approach is to connect those individuals and families to rehousing providers

as quickly as possible, and to "provide additional support to programs and clients on their pathway to permanent housing" said Bates. "We play to our strengths and we're always stronger when we're united."

Collaboration Partners

These community partners team with Sacramento County to help people

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Looming Tax Tsunami Requires Immediate Action to Protect Unemployed

By Jacqui Nguyen,
Senate Republican
Caucus

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Senate Republicans are concerned about the looming tax tsunami facing unsuspecting and unemployed Californians stemming from mismanagement and fraud in the state's Unemployment Insurance program. Senate Republicans delivered a letter to Governor Newsom urging him to take immediate action to help those innocent victims.

Californians will begin receiving 1099-G tax forms summarizing their taxable earnings from unemployment benefits. Not only will the tax bill come as a shock to recipients, there is a distinct possibility many victims of fraud will be left on the hook for taxes on money never received. The Employment Development Department (EDD) has struggled to do even the slightest thing right during the pandemic and to think this agency could straighten this out on its own prior to tax day is unfathomable.

By the end of 2020, EDD had paid out \$10.4 billion in benefits to claimants whose identities were unverified and that figure could climb as high as \$30 billion. This resulted in frozen bank accounts, stalled benefit payments and a variety of other problems each of our offices has been tirelessly working to help these individuals with over the last ten months.

The Auditor's report last week underscored Californians' worst nightmare by pointing out the potential problems with regard to tax liability. Without immediate action by the Governor and our federal representatives, innocent people will be left to fight the IRS over tax liabilities for benefits they never received.

Senate Republicans share the auditor's concerns, and want to ensure the Newsom Administration is taking every action possible to enact the auditor's recommendation to promptly assist victims of identity theft and help them avoid tax liabilities for unreceived benefits. April 15 is just a few months away and Republicans are rightfully concerned the agency will be unable to effectively address this new challenge.

An excerpt of the letter is below. For the full letter visit cssrc.us/sites/default/files/210202_EDD-Fraud-Tax-Liability-Audit.pdf.

... As we enter the tax filing season, many Californians will be surprised to learn that they have tax liabilities for UI benefits that were fraudulently claimed in their name. This is because 1099-G forms will soon be arriving in the mailboxes of taxpayers who were victims of identity fraud. Even more concerning is that there will be victims of identity fraud who will have no idea why they even received one of these forms until after they file taxes. This is because EDD is generally going

to mail the 1099-G to the most recent addresses of record, which are the ones the bad actors used to obtain UI benefits.

The State Auditor shares our concern for the tax liabilities for victims of this identity theft and recommends that EDD should prepare to assist victims of identity theft to ensure that they receive prompt assistance and avoid tax liabilities for benefits they never received. Specifically, the auditor recommends that EDD must prepare to respond to victims of identity theft who receive incorrect tax forms, and should, by mid-February 2021, provide information on its website and set up a separate email box for such individuals to contact EDD and receive prompt resolution. We wholeheartedly agree with this recommendation, but remain skeptical about the agency's ability to do it effectively, if at all. Our offices are currently hearing from the same amount of constituents as we did last spring, who are seeking help from EDD because of problems with identity verification, backlogged claims, and frozen accounts. ...

Last week, Senate Republicans requested legislative leadership for an immediate oversight hearing to discuss ways to implement the State Auditor's recommendations. An oversight hearing was held on Wednesday, February 3 with the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) and the Assembly Insurance Committee. ★

Mystery Brings Unlikely Departments Together

By Ken Casparis,
Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - This past December, a routine storm drain clearing led to an inter-departmental collaboration to identify the remains of a missing local man.

On Dec. 8, 2020, Sacramento County Department of Water Resources (DWR) employees were clearing a storm drain near Gordon Drive in Sacramento. While unclogging their vacuum machine, the crew manually pulled what was thought to be a stick out of the muck that clogged the machine only to find a shoe attached. It turned out to be a human leg bone and foot. DWR crews stopped work and notified the Sheriff's Department.

"Water Resources works regularly with law enforcement. Our staff teams up with deputies throughout the year as we clean up drainage culverts and water pipes because we run into homeless camps. We ask for the deputies' assistance to make sure nobody is harmed by our machines," said Water Resources Director, Michael Peterson. "So when our crews came across human remains, while shaken up by their discovery, they kept their cool and knew to call the Sheriff's Office for assistance."

When Sheriff's Office detectives responded to the scene, they discovered what appeared to be an additional bone in the storm drain. Detectives contacted the Sacramento Coroner's Office to assist with further evaluation of the remains.

Deputies and a Forensic Pathologist from the Coroner's Office responded to the scene. The leg bone and an additional bone found in the storm drain were determined to be human. Coroner personnel also searched a second area of the storm drain and discovered even more bones. The bones were

retrieved by Coroner personnel and were found to be an almost complete human skeleton.

In addition to the skeletal remains, a debit type card with no name printed on it was also recovered. The debit card company was contacted by the Sheriff's Office and it was learned that the card belonged to a male subject that had been reported missing. The male subject was last seen in November of 2018.

After seeing news reports of remains being found in the area of Stockton Blvd and Gordon Drive, the family of the missing male contacted the Sacramento County Coroner's Office to see if the bones found in the storm drain could belong to their missing relative.

The brother and daughter of the missing person provided DNA samples to the Sacramento County Coroner's Office. The Coroner's Office ran the DNA samples provided by the family and a sample from the remains using their ANDE Rapid DNA instrument. The Coroner's office was able to confirm that the remains belong to the missing male subject, and this case came to a close.

"While my team often works with the Sheriff's Office, we don't usually work with Water Resources, so this was a unique experience for us," said Kim Gin, Sacramento County Coroner. "This was a great example of County employees, that don't usually work together, coming together to identify this local man and bring some closure to his family."

The Sacramento County Coroner's Office has 73 active "John Doe" and "Jane Doe" cases dating back to 1975, and they need your help to identify them. If you recognize the description of someone on this site that could lead to an identification, please contact the Coroner's office by calling (916) 874-9320 or email coronerweb@saccounty.net ★




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Gertrude Thomas Celebrates Her 104th Birthday

By John Thomas

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Gertrude was born February 28, 1917, in Round Up, Montana, the second of 4 children. They were all born on a 160 acre Homestead deeded to her father by Woodrow Wilson for \$1.00. She is direct descendant of Edward Doty who was one of the passengers on the Mayflower and who was also one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact. This was on her Mother's side of the family. Gertrude's family moved to Pullman, Washington when she was 11. She attended school there and graduated High School in 1935. She did return for her 50th High School reunion in 1985.

Gertrude went to visit friends in Waterloo, Oregon in 1936 where she met her future husband Floyd Thomas and they were married there in 1937. They had 5 children there, 1 daughter and 4 sons. The family stayed in Oregon until 1957 when they moved to Rio Linda. She was very active in the Rio Linda First Southern Baptist Church, and was a charter member in the Elverta Baptist Church which was spun off of the Rio Linda Church. She became a widow in



Montana native Gertrude Thomas was born in February 28, 1917, and has lived in Rio Linda since 1957. Courtesy photo

1979, and after that she worked several years for the Rio Linda Community Center. Gertrude has 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 7 great, great grandchildren. She also has a younger sister who lives in Indiana and who just turned 100. Lately she takes pleasure, weather permitting, in sitting outside and counting the cars

as they pass by, for every 10 she takes her walker for lap up and down the driveway. The other high point of her day is receiving mail! Her hobbies are gardening and quilting, she takes great pride in her Roses. When she is asked what the secret to her longevity she always says, with a big smile, trust in the Lord and be happy. ★

Help for the Most Vulnerable

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experiencing homelessness:

Mental Health - Adult Outpatient Programming, El Hogar Community Services, Turning Point Community Programs, Hope Cooperative, Consumer Self-Help, Wellness and Recovery Centers, Telecare, Capital Star. Drop-In Center, Respite Services, crisis services and supports - Gender Health Center, TLCS Crisis Respite Center, LGBT Center, The Source 916-Support, Saint John's Program for Real Change, Youth Help Network, Wind Drop-in Crisis Respite, Turning Point Abiding Hope Crisis Respite, Safe Zone Squad, Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic. Children's mental health outpatient programs - Capital Star Community Services, Dignity Health Medical Foundation, La Familia Counseling Center, River Oak Center for Children, Sacramento Children's Home, Stanford Sierra Youth and Families, Heartland, Turning Point Community Programs, UC Davis, Uplift Family Services. Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services - Aegis Treatment Centers, Bi-Valley Medical Clinic, Inc., C.O.R.E Medical Clinic, Inc., Medmark Treatment Centers, Inc., Treatment Associates, Inc., Associated Rehabilitation for Women, Volunteers of America, River City Recovery, WellSpace Health, Sacramento Recovery House, TLCS/Hope Cooperative, Bridges

Professional Treatment Services. Built Permanent Supportive Housing and Mental Health Services Act - Mercy Housing. Mutual Housing of YWCA, Jamboree Housing, TLCS/Hope Cooperative. Department of Child, Family and Adult Services - Volunteers of America
What's Next? Cindy Cavanaugh, Sacramento County's Director of Homeless Initiatives, points out that while the pandemic has brought extraordinary challenges to delivering homeless services, it has resulted in "an unprecedented collaborative response that scaled new interventions in outreach and rehousing services." For instance, the Sacramento COVID-19 Response Team provided services to more than 1,000 individuals, more than half over age 55 and a quarter of whom had never before received services from the homeless system. While the Response Team's first phase "was about saving lives and ensuring safety, we have now shifted the focus from temporary to permanent solutions," Cavanaugh says. That includes housing. Sacramento County and its partners will continue to work with rehousing providers "to resolve barriers, improve connections with property owners, and find new ways to connect people to permanent housing and stabilizing services." FOR HOMELESS RESOURCES, CALL 2-1-1 ★



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Red Shouldered Hawk Photo Wins WCA Contest

Rick Reed Public Relations

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The non-profit provider of regional rehab, recovery and release of injured, orphaned and displaced birds and small animals, Wildlife Care Association (WCA) challenged the community to send their best bird photos and you did! Congratulations to all our photo entry participants! Our 2020 honors go to Jody Reese of Fair Oaks for her sharp picture of the Red Shouldered Hawk, one of many Raptors resident in the Sacramento Valley. The Hawk is an important part of the ecological balance in maintaining the environment, primarily thru rodent control. Reese captured the stunning view many don't see as the birds soar high in the sky seeking prey. The Red Shouldered Hawk is in sharp focus and the picture captures its beauty and power at rest.



Winning photograph snapped of a red shouldered hawk by Jody Reese of Fair Oaks. Photo provided by WCAS

The annual Wildlife Care Photo contest seeks to promote outdoor activity, appreciation for nature and offer a unique view of the avian life in the Sacramento region. Contest entries begin on Oct 1st and continue to December 31st. Photo entries are free to kids under 12 and this year Honorable Mention goes to eleven-year-old Dylan Nguyen of Milpitas who submitted a compelling picture of a bird seen across the region, the Blue Scrub Jay. See all the photo entries

displayed in the WCA Photo Album on Facebook on the Wildlife Care Association. Birds can be found everywhere around us when we take time to look for them as they help balance our environment and maintain our quality of life in the Sacramento region. Prizes included a crystal sculptured Soaring Raptor, a collectible edition of the Reader's Digest "Birds, Their Life, Their Ways, Their World", a copy of Lone Pine's Field Guide "Animal Tracks-Northern

California", a Golden "Guide to Field Identification-Birds of North America", a WCA T-shirt, a set of glass Owl salt and pepper shakers and a personal tour of the Wildlife Care Association rehabilitation facility at McClellan Park. For more information or for help with injured, orphan or wildlife displaced by human activity call the non-profit Wildlife Care Association of Sacramento volunteers at 916-965-WILD. ★



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All Taxpayers Now Eligible for Identity Protection PINS

By Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The Internal Revenue Service expanded the Identity Protection PIN Opt-In Program to all taxpayers who can verify their identities.

The Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) is a six-digit code known only to the taxpayer and to the IRS. It helps prevent identity thieves from filing fraudulent tax returns using a taxpayers' personally identifiable information.

"This is a way to, in essence, lock your tax account, and the IP PIN serves as the key to opening that account," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Electronic returns that do not contain the correct IP PIN will be rejected, and paper returns will go through additional scrutiny for fraud."

The IRS launched the IP PIN program nearly a decade ago to protect confirmed identity theft victims from ongoing tax-related fraud. In recent years, the IRS expanded the program to specific states where taxpayers could voluntarily opt into the IP PIN program. Now, the voluntary program is going nationwide.

About the IP PIN Opt-In Program

Here are a few key things to know about the IP PIN Opt-In program: This is a voluntary program. You must pass a rigorous identity verification process. Spouses and dependents are eligible for an IP PIN if they can verify their identities. An IP PIN is valid for a calendar year. You must obtain a new IP PIN each filing season. The online IP PIN tool is offline between November

and mid-January each year. Correct IP PINs must be entered on electronic and paper tax returns to avoid rejections and delays. Never share your IP PIN with anyone but your trusted tax provider. The IRS will never call, text or email requesting your IP PIN. Beware of scams to steal your IP PIN. There currently is no opt-out option but the IRS is working on one for 2022.

How to get an IP PIN

Taxpayers who want an IP PIN for 2021 should go to IRS.gov/IPPIN and use the Get an IP PIN tool. This online process will require taxpayers to verify their identities using the Secure Access authentication process if they do not already have an IRS account. See IRS.gov/SecureAccess for what information you need to be successful. There is no need to file a Form 14039, an Identity Theft Affidavit, to opt into the program

Once taxpayers have authenticated their identities, their 2021 IP PIN immediately will be revealed to them. Once in the program, this PIN must be used when prompted by electronic tax returns or entered by hand near the signature line on paper tax returns.

All taxpayers are encouraged to first use the online IP PIN tool to obtain their IP PIN. Taxpayers who cannot verify their identities online do have options.

Taxpayers whose adjusted gross income is \$72,000 or less may complete Form 15227, Application for an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number, and mail or fax to the IRS. An IRS customer service representative will contact the taxpayer and verify their identities by phone.

Taxpayers should have their prior year tax return at hand for the verification process.

Taxpayers who verify their identities through this process will have an IP PIN mailed to them the following tax year. This is for security reasons. Once in the program, the IP PIN will be mailed to these taxpayers each year.

Taxpayers who cannot verify their identities online or by phone and who are ineligible for file Form 15227 can contact the IRS and make an appointment at a Taxpayer Assistance Center to verify their identities in person. Taxpayers should bring two forms of identification, including one government-issued picture identification.

Taxpayers who verify their identities through the in-person process will have an IP PIN mailed to them within three weeks. Once in the program, the IP PIN will be mailed to these taxpayers each year.

No change for confirmed identity theft victims

Taxpayers who are confirmed identity theft victims or who have filed an identity theft affidavit because of suspected stolen identity refund fraud will automatically receive an IP PIN via mail once their cases are resolved. Current tax-related identity theft victims who have been receiving IP PINs via mail will experience no change.

See IRS.gov/IPPIN for additional details.

The IRS also encourages tax professionals and employers to share information with taxpayers about the availability of the IP PIN. Tax professionals and employers can print or email Publication 5367 or share IRS social media/e-poster products.

Young Adults Living Alone Report Anxiety, Depression During Pandemic

By U.S. Census Bureau

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - Younger adults living alone were more likely than older adults living alone to report symptoms of both anxiety and depression in recent weeks, according to new U.S. Census Bureau data.

The Household Pulse Survey provides insight into the mental health and well-being of adults living alone during the Coronavirus pandemic. The survey asks two questions related to symptoms of anxiety, and two questions about symptoms of depression.

Phase 3 of the survey collects data over two-week intervals, and this



Younger adults living alone were more likely than older adults living alone to report symptoms of both anxiety and depression. Photo courtesy Andrea Piacquadio Pexels

article relies on publicly available data collected from Oct. 28 through Nov. 9, a time period in which the Census Bureau sent invitations to 1,035,752 households and received a total of 58,729 responses.

Those between ages 18 and 29 and 30 and 44 reported higher rates of anxiety and depression. The age groups were not statistically different from each other on either measure.

Lawmakers Introduce Resolution to 'Let Them Play'



James Gallagher

By Curtis Grima, Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblymembers James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) and Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) announced authoring a new Assembly Concurrent Resolution aimed at resuming youth sporting activities

and competition. The lawmakers are asking every member of the California State Assembly to co-author the Resolution.

Despite this week's announcement ending the statewide stay at home order, youth sports largely remain shut down according to the state's Blueprint system.

"California is the only large state in the nation that is keeping youth sports locked down. It's wrong, and the decision is having a devastating impact on our youth," said Gallagher. "The Legislature needs to weigh in immediately."


Some coaches are reporting that the ban on youth sports has resulted in a sharp rise in gang membership, drug and alcohol

use, school dropouts, and incarceration. They have also reported an alarming social equity disparity, as private schools and exclusive club teams continue to participate in sporting activities.

"Once again the decisions being made in Sacramento have made our state the exception rather than the rule, keeping in place restrictions that hurt the health and well-being of our kids," Kiley said. "It's time to follow the evidence and the rest of the country in bringing back youth sports in California."

Lawmakers are asked to contact Gallagher's office to formally sign on as a co-author of the 'Let Them Play' Resolution.

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Rose Elected SMUD Board Vice President



SMUD Director Brandon Rose was elected Vice President of the SMUD Board of Directors

SMUD Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - SMUD Director Brandon Rose was elected vice president of the SMUD Board of Directors. His term as vice president will run from January through December 2021. Rose was first elected in 2016 to represent Ward 1, which includes portions of Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Orangevale and Folsom.

As chair of the Energy

Resources and Customer Service Committee, Rose guided the development of SMUD's innovative Integrated Resource Plan and setting of the industry leading 2030 zero-carbon goal. Rose gained extensive energy policy experience working in the California Energy Commission's Renewable Energy Office. He focused on the early development and deployment of solar and wind power including work on fire safety and metering standards as well as improving access for affordable housing projects. He led the Pilot Performance-Based Incentive Program, an innovative, economic-based approach to incentivize solar installations, and a precursor to California's Million Solar Roofs Initiative. In his current role with the California Environmental

Protection Agency, Rose focuses on emerging zero and near-zero heavy-duty transportation technologies, and the fuels that power them, such as hydrogen, renewable fuels and electricity. Prior to SMUD, Rose served over eight years as an elected board member on the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District, including two years as chair. He was further elected as the chair and special district representative to the Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee. Rose is active in the non-profit community and currently serves as the immediate past president of the Environmental Council of Sacramento. Rose is a graduate of Bella Vista High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from U.C. Davis in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning. ★

Letter to Governor Regarding Vaccine Distribution to Rural Counties

Dear Governor Newsom,

I write to you today to outline my frustrations with the COVID-19 vaccine distribution in our State.

There is no question that we need COVID-19 vaccines, and we need them quickly. However, we also need them accurately distributed and in a timely manner. Unfortunately, our rural counties seem to once again be forgotten in the process. In the current situation we are in, we cannot afford to let our rural counties suffer any longer.

It is unacceptable that counties must wait an average of six days from the time local health officials order vaccine allocations, to when they actually arrive. Many times, what does arrive is different than what was ordered. Officials must quickly come up with a plan to vaccinate patients with what they received, not what they originally requested. This puts a huge burden on our small, rural counties that have to contact citizens and inform them

that they are unable to administer the vaccine due to the previously mentioned issues.

I am deeply frustrated that many rural counties are unable to receive even an estimation of how many vaccines they are allocated and additionally, how many are left un-administered. These are not questions we can afford to have, given the current circumstances. These logistical problems must be fixed.

Let me be clear – my frustration is bigger than just one hospital or one county. I understand the severity this has on our state as a whole. Please develop a new plan, or make changes to the existing plans and protocols, to address this issue. Respectfully, I ask for your help with this urgent matter that greatly affects our entire state and would appreciate a prompt response.

Respectfully,
Jim Nielsen
Senator, 4th District

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to remain encouraged during challenging times. She also responded to questions posed by students from each participating school. This event was co-sponsored by the Sacramento Federal Judicial Library and Learning Center Foundation (SacJLC) and Federal Bar Association (Sacramento Chapter). The SacJLC provided students with an autographed copy of Justice Sotomayor's middle school book, The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor. The Sacramento County Office of Education also produced curriculum tailored to support teachers with classroom lessons to encourage student dialogue related to the Justice's book. Justice Sotomayor recently swore in Vice President Kamala Harris at the

January 2021 Presidential Inauguration. Justice Sotomayor is the first Latina and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court. She did not let hardships of her background – including growing up in the rough housing projects of New York City's South Bronx, dealing with juvenile diabetes and other family challenges deter her from reaching her fullest potential. Her determination, along with guidance from generous mentors and the unwavering support from her extended Puerto Rican family, propelled her to reach her dreams. Her desire to reach out and talk to our students stems from the Justice's own experiences and commitment to encourage youth to reach for their own dreams. ★

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How Long Will California Economy Languish?



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

As COVID-19 began surging through California a year ago, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency and ordered widespread restrictions on personal and economic activity to curb infection rates.

His actions immediately triggered a severe economic recession. California had been enjoying record-low unemployment just before the shutdown, 3.9% of the labor force, but within weeks the jobless rate quickly shot up to a record-high 16.4% as employers laid off workers.

Initially, there was a fingers-crossed hope that the recession would be what economists call a “V” – a deep plunge followed by an equally rapid recovery. However, as the public health crisis and the recession continued, it became apparent that it would be a “U” – a steep decline that reaches bottom, eventually followed by a gradual recovery.

Employment actually rebounded somewhat during summer and autumn months as Newsom loosened economic controls, although certain sectors such as tourism and travel continued to lag.

However, when infection rates, hospitalizations and deaths shot upward again late in the year – thanks, probably, to too

many holiday gatherings – Newsom clamped down again, businesses closed and joblessness again increased.

The state’s official unemployment rate – the percentage of the labor force not working – edged upward in December to 9% but when those who dropped out of the labor force or were involuntarily working part-time are included, the real rate is more like 15%.

Even without that adjustment, 9% is still very high and, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the third highest of any state. Only tourism-dependent Nevada and Hawaii are higher, with South Dakota and Nebraska at other end of the scale at 3%.

Overall, California has lost 1.5 million jobs in the last year of pandemic and economic turmoil, leaving a salient question hanging in the air: How long will California’s pandemic-induced recession continue?

The answer depends on two unpredictable factors – when and if vaccinations can tame COVID-19 and whether President Joe Biden and Congress pump additional billions, or even trillions, of borrowed dollars into the nation’s economy.

Newsom’s proposed 2021-22 budget projects, “Businesses are expected to continue to operate at limited capacity into 2021. Increased automation and a shift to online retailing will lead to permanent job declines in leisure and hospitality, retail, and other services.”

The budget also implies that the bottom of the “U” will continue for some time, saying, “Nonfarm

employment for California is projected to recover to pre-pandemic levels in 2025.”

The millions of Californians affected by the pandemic’s economic fallout are understandably worried about their futures and their angst is one of the drivers of a petition campaign aimed at recalling Newsom.

Whether from concern for his constituents or worries about a recall, Newsom is proposing “a broad-based recovery package to support businesses, individuals and job creation both during the pandemic and as the state recovers. It totals \$14 billion, including \$3.5 billion in immediate relief for individuals and small businesses disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.”

While Newsom wants fast action from the Legislature, its fiscal advisor, Gabe Petek, wants a more deliberate and skeptical approach, noting that “unlike the federal government – which can run a deficit to pay for fiscal stimulus – the state must balance fiscal stimulus with other one-time and on-going spending priorities.”

In other words, a dollar spent on Newsom’s economic recovery plan is a dollar that can’t be spent on something else – unless, of course, the governor and legislators are also willing to raise taxes. As the pandemic, the recession and the recall campaign evolve, big state stimulus expenditures will be one of the year’s more interesting issues.

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

Many Took to the Woods in 2020

By Peter Tira,
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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With more free time on their hands, a growing interest in securing their own food, coupled with the needs for physical outlets and mental relief as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, more Californians turned to fishing and hunting last year.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued nearly two million sport fishing licenses in 2020, an 11 percent increase from 2019. Of those, 1,201,237 were annual resident sport fishing licenses, a 19 percent increase over 2019. Not since 2008 has CDFW issued as many sport fishing licenses as it did last year.

California hunter numbers also spiked. CDFW issued nearly 300,000 California hunting licenses in 2020, a nine percent increase from the previous year. Of those, 244,040 were annual resident hunting licenses – an 11 percent increase from the previous year.

About 16 percent of the annual resident hunting licenses issued last year – 43,450 – went to first-time license holders. Another 12 percent of those hunting licenses – 31,835 – went to reactivated hunters, meaning residents who didn’t purchase a California hunting license in 2019, but held one in a prior year.

“We recognize it’s important to provide an outlet for recreation, mental and physical health during these difficult times, and we’ve worked hard as a department to keep hunting and fishing opportunities open, available and safe as much as possible,” said CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham. “We’re especially excited to welcome so many new hunters and new anglers of all ages and all backgrounds. A California fishing or hunting license is a passport to outdoor adventure and a gateway to healthy living, environmental stewardship, good times and lifetime learning.”

Hunters and anglers play a crucial role in managing natural resources by regulating wildlife populations to maintain ecological and biological diversity, participating in surveys for scientific data collection and reporting wildlife crimes. Hunters and anglers also help sustain a multibillion-dollar outdoor recreation industry and provide a significant funding source for fish and wildlife conservation in California.

Amid the global pandemic in 2020, CDFW created new virtual learning resources for hunters and anglers while instituting COVID-19 safeguards and precautions on the ground to keep hunting and fishing opportunities open and safe for both staff and participants. Among those efforts:

The Harvest Huddle Hour (R3H3) debuted. Part of CDFW’s R3 initiative to recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters and anglers in California, the virtual seminar series for beginning adult audiences is intended to increase knowledge and confidence around skillsets required to harvest wild food in California. The seminars, archived online at the CDFW website, included “Intro to California Inland Fishing,” “Bag and Possession Limits and Gifting Your Take,” “Intro to Foraging,” “Tackle Box Basics” and “Intro to Turkey Hunting.” More topics in hunting, fishing, foraging and the shooting sports are planned for 2021.

Beginning in May, CDFW’s Hunter Education Program allowed aspiring hunters to complete their hunter education requirements entirely online. Prior to COVID-19, California offered a traditional in-person course or a hybrid online/in-person class with a certified Hunter Education Instructor.

CDFW’s Hunter Education Program also moved its Advanced -Hunter Education Clinics – focused on the how-to of hunting – to an online, webinar format in 2020. The webinars, archived online at the CDFW website, included “Waterfowl Reservation System and Refuge Operations,” “Waterfowl Wednesday,” “Upland Opportunities” and “Band-tailed Pigeons – What They Are and How to Hunt Them.” More topics are planned for 2021.

CDFW’s Fishing in the City Program, which provides angling opportunities for city dwellers and suburban residents, continued with trout and catfish plants in neighborhood park ponds and suburban lakes even though it had to suspend in-person fishing clinics. Fishing in the City created a series of “learn to fish” videos to help newcomers get started in fishing – and help parents get their kids started in fishing.

CDFW instituted COVID-19-related safeguards and operational changes at all state-operated wildlife areas and refuges – popular with hunters, anglers, wildlife watchers, hikers, and others – to keep these areas open and accessible throughout 2020 and into 2021 ★

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CLUES
ACROSS
1. Newton's first name
6. Part of smog
9. Hissy fit
13. Human trunk
14. Form of "to be"
15. Illegal booze
16. Editorial changes
17. Crematorium jar
18. #56 Down, alt. sp.
19. "One of six Presidents named James"
21. "First President previously divorced"
23. Civil War's Johnny
24. Manage without help
25. Military procedures
28. Cone-shaped quarters
30. MLB bench
35. Cowboy's necktie
37. A whole lot
39. "Whig, e.g."
40. Resembling wings
41. Nightly necessity
43. Experience emotion
44. Large ray
46. Glacier's deposit
47. "Watch out!" on a golf course
48. Traditional sock pattern
50. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
52. Knight's title
53. Bypass
55. Foot digit
57. "President Chester ____"
60. "He signed legislation to create Medicare"
64. Fauna, Merryweather and ____, fairy godmothers
65. Expert
67. Convex molding
68. Bumpkins
69. Café alternative
70. Car ways
71. Trans-Siberian Railroad city
72. Piercing part
73. Slightly drunk

DOWN
1. Any thing
2. *Trump had button on desk to order his favorite one
3. Deseritlike
4. Up and about
5. Coddle
6. Half-man, half-goat
7. Legendary NHLer
8. Tragedy, or comedy, or satire
9. Cheap form of payment?
10. Before Scotia
11. Clickable picture
12. Olden day "your"
15. Be in charge, two words
20. Newspaper notices
22. What all of #70 Across do
24. Painting or poetry
25. "He beat McCain and Romney"
26. Kind of cap
27. Colloquialisms
29. "First "dark horse"
31. Gamecock's spur
32. Dessert sandwiches
33. Wombs
34. *#29 Down predecessor
36. Creative
38. 18-wheeler
42. Green pasta sauce
45. Big Island greetings
49. Australian flightless bird
51. Group of people, often in research

54. Extremely angry
56. Concluding stanza in poetry
57. *G. W. Bush to Yale, e.g.
58. Schneider and Lowe, e.g.
59. Major bike maker
60. Audience's rejection
61. Sold in bars
62. Auto pioneer
63. Like a busybody
64. Back, to a pendulum
66. Latin dance three-step move, once

Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 9

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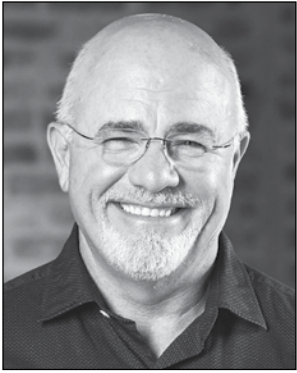
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Dave Ramsey Says

Put a Little More Thought into It

Dear Dave,

I don't like admitting this, but I absolutely hate my job. Last year I almost cashed out part of my 401(k) to start my own business or open a franchise, and doing something like this is still on my mind. Considering how I feel, do you think this would be a good idea?

– Kurt

Dear Kurt,

In your current state of mind, this entire idea is a trap. Don't misunderstand, I love the idea of someone living their dream and owning their own business. But you just mentioned starting your own business in same breath with opening some sort of franchise. That tells me you don't really know what you want to do.

Have you ever heard someone say they're "going all in"? When

you're playing cards, that means you're about to bet everything on a single hand. But here's the deal, it's never smart to go all in when it comes to small business. That's a good way to turn a dream into a nightmare.

I'm urging you to really think about this before you take action. You didn't mention anything about your financial situation, other than you have a 401(k). That's a good thing, but if it's all you have – and you don't have any other savings set aside – you could be in real trouble. If you decided to leave your job, and your idea for your own business doesn't pan out, you've lost a chunk of your retirement savings. It's gone for good. Bankruptcy also becomes a real possibility. Opening a business just because you don't like your current job, or you're angry at "the man," is a bad idea. You need to find something you truly love doing, because to have any chance of success you'll have to live and breathe that business day and night, seven days a week.

Don't make any rash decisions about your current job right now. If you really want to start your own business, begin by doing a lot of research, saving as much money as you can, and thinking about things you could do for a living that would make you smile every day. Once you figure that out, the next step is devising a plan that will allow you to open a business without putting your entire financial world in danger. In other words, how can you start small with the money you have, instead of damaging your retirement funds or taking out a loan?

It's not an either/or proposition, Kurt. You don't have to risk it all to get away from a job you hate and into one you love!

–Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Ask Toni

Medicare Prescription Drug Penalty Confusion!!



Toni King

Hello Toni:

Turned 65 in August 2018, continued to work full-time with an HSA that has a \$3000.00 deductible before any prescriptions or medical claims are paid by the insurance plan. The HR manager of my employer advised me to enroll in Part A when I turned 65. Because I received wrong information, I could not fund my HSA from that time.

I decided to delay Part B until December 1st when I retired and enrolled in a Medicare supplement plan G and a Part D prescription drug plan also with a January 1st start date.

I have received a notice from CMS (Medicare) saying they do not have record of me having prescription drug coverage that "met Medicare's minimum standards from 8/1/2018 to 12/31/2020 and I may receive a Part D late enrollment penalty. What does this mean?

I thought applying for Part B kept me from a penalty. I do not understand any of this! Thank You, Claude from Dallas, TX

Claude:

I hate to inform you, but you have a Medicare problem! Your HSA health plan had a deductible of \$3,000 which is more than the \$445 Medicare Part D deductible for 2021 and you may not have met Medicare's minimum standards.

Claude, the letter you received from the Medicare Part D plan that you enrolled in, explains what you should do to inform Medicare what prescription drug coverage you have had by either calling an 800 number or has a form describing what type of coverage you had which you can mail back to the Medicare Part D plan you enrolled in.

The Medicare & You handbook states: "Creditable" prescription drug coverage could include drug coverage from a current or former employer or union, TRICARE, Indian Health Service, the VA, or health insurance coverage. Your plan must tell you each year if your drug coverage is "creditable coverage". This information may be sent to you in a letter or included in a newsletter from the plan. Keep this information because you may need it when or if you join a Medicare drug plan late."

Claude ... Did you receive such a letter informing you of "creditable coverage"? Creditable drug coverage should "meet or exceed" what Medicare's Part D plan minimums are for that current year.

Your late enrollment period (LEP) does not begin from the day you lose or leave your company health plan, **BUT** from the month that your Medicare Part A started, and your Medicare Part A began when you turned 65.

This LEP (late enrollment period) penalty can be because:

- 1) You waited past 63 days without creditable prescription drug coverage when you are leaving company benefits and you are older than 65 years old and 90 days. Do not wait past 63 days to get Part D when leaving company health plans.
- 2) Your company prescription drug benefits (not health benefits) are not creditable as Medicare declares. Claude, this is your situation.
- 3) You simply never enrolled in Medicare Part D when you were first eligible and want to enroll.

Americans retiring after 65 with employers' benefits and taking the "Request for Employment Information CMS L-564" form to Social Security to avoid the "famous" Medicare Part B penalty need to realize that this form only informs Medicare that you have had employer benefits since turning 65. The form does not inform Medicare that you had "creditable" prescription drug coverage.

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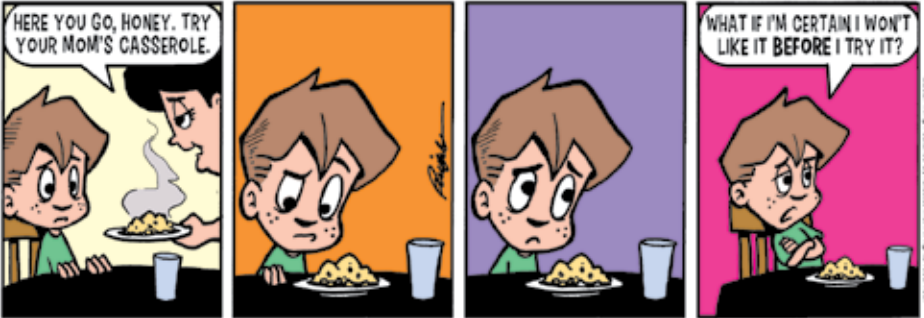
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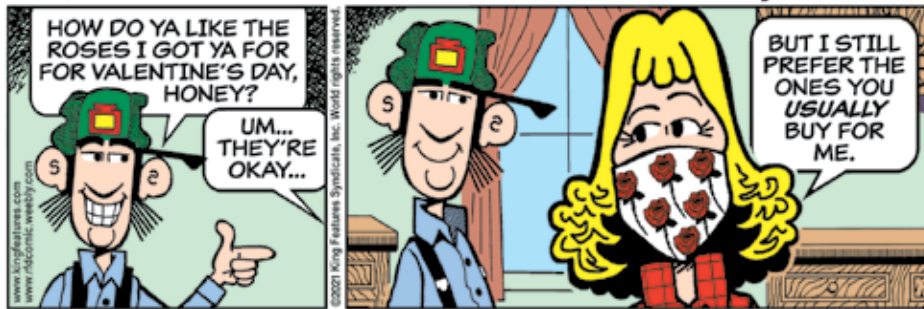
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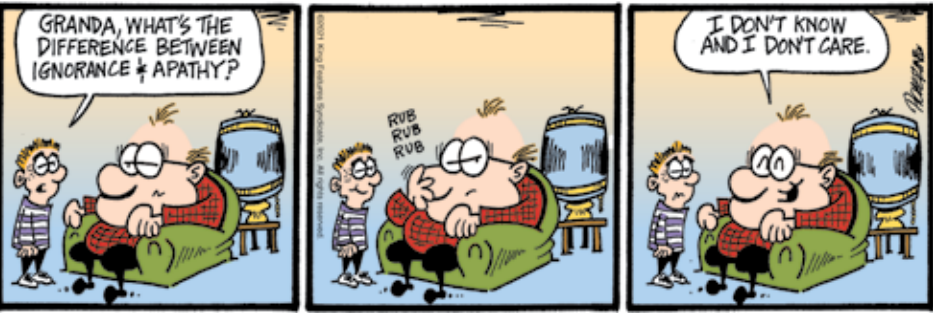
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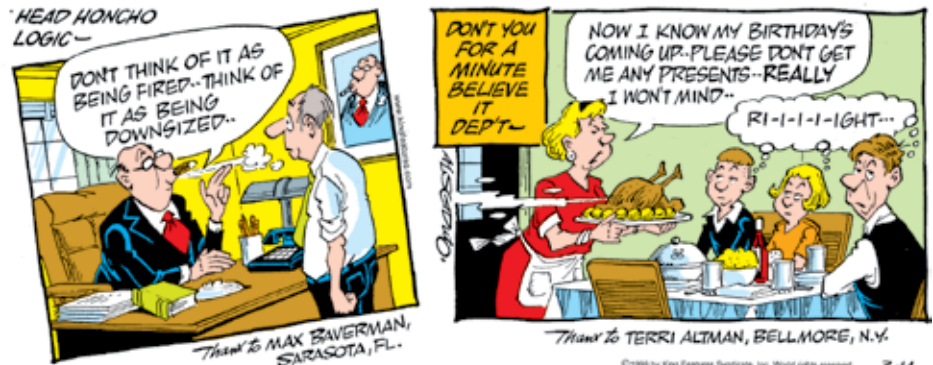
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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You Can't Sing Yet

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prompted some retreat back to restrictions. Many health experts say such drastic measures have been necessary to keep hospitals from being overwhelmed and more Californians from dying.

But drastic measures they are. Beyond shuttered school houses and cancelled weddings, it has spelled financial calamity for households, business owners, nonprofits and city governments across the state. They have also tested the limits of executive power and the negotiability of many constitutional rights.

Many of the lawsuits against Newsom challenge the broad restrictions imposed by the shelter-in-place orders. Others contest the governor's offer of state assistance to undocumented immigrants, his targeted closure of beaches in Orange County, the refusal to list gunshops as essential services and the arrest of two protestors.

Though the state has taken flak from an array of aggrieved Californians – gondoliers, conservative politicians and a Butte County musician reduced to playing his saxophone over Zoom are among the plaintiffs – there is a common denominator for many of these lawsuits: Her name is Harmeet Dhillon.

The San Francisco attorney and Republican Party bigwig is representing plaintiffs in many of the suits.

The governor, Dhillon said, "went from 'let's flatten the curve for two weeks' to 'let's put everyone under house arrest until we find a cure.'"

Roughly 3 million Californians have tested positive for the virus thus far and more than 33,700

have died of COVID-19, the respiratory disease it causes. Dhillon has said she does not make light of that tragedy, but does not believe it justifies shuttering society.

"We do not shut down our highways because people die in car accidents," she said. "We do not ban commerce because people die of lung disease after buying cigarettes. There's a whole range of health issues that we manage with an acceptable level of risk."

Public health experts argue that because the coronavirus is so contagious, unlike car accidents and lung cancer, "managing" the risk of an overwhelmed medical system requires tighter restrictions on social control.

A study published with the National Bureau of Economic Research estimated that the state's shelter-in-place order resulted in 1,661 fewer deaths, which, the authors reasoned, works out to "about 400 job losses per life saved."

Dhillon has long played the role of counter-puncher to the progressive ambitions of state Democrats, who now hold every state constitutional office and a big supermajority in the Legislature. When lawmakers passed a bill requiring President Trump to publish his taxes in order to appear on the ballot, it was Dhillon, the Republican Party's national committeewoman from California, who filed suit on behalf of the California GOP. Last year, she sued Secretary of State Alex Padilla for, she argued, failing to do enough to exclude non-citizens from county voter rolls.

Along the way, Dhillon has cobbled together a

small phalanx of California Republicans to help her wage war against the liberal powers that be. Mark Meuser, who ran for Secretary of State in 2018 on an anti-voter-fraud plank, is on her team. In a handful of the pandemic-era cases, she's joined by Bill Essayli – a young former prosecutor who unsuccessfully ran for Assembly in 2018.

Even when she isn't suing the state, Dhillon's name has a way of popping up whenever a new culture war flashpoint breaks out in California.

Recall when software engineer James Damore sued Google after being fired for circulating a memo asserting that the underrepresentation of women in tech had a biological basis? Or the student groups who took UC Berkeley to court for cancelling a planned talk by conservative firebrand Ann Coulter, citing security concerns? Or the Trump supporters in San Jose who got roughed up by counter protesters then sued the police? Or the Orange County anti-abortion activist who sued a former Planned Parenthood doctor for bad mouthing him during a TEDx talk?

Dhillon is the plaintiffs' lawyer in each of these cases.

Dhillon is in fact a regular on the conservative media circuit. She's a contributor to Fox News and a frequent guest on that network's "Tucker Carlson Tonight," and the "Ingraham Angle," whose host, Laura Ingraham, Dhillon has cited as a "long time mentor." At the Conservative Political Action Conference last year, Dhillon earned what might be the most coveted of all endorsements on the American right: "She's a great lawyer,"

President Donald Trump said to Hayden Williams, a conservative activist who was physically assaulted on UC Berkeley's campus. "Sue the college, the university, and maybe sue the state."

She hasn't. "Not yet," she said.

Born in India, Dhillon grew up in North Carolina before going to Dartmouth where, like many members of the American right's intelligentsia, she edited the Dartmouth Review.

After going to the University of Virginia law school and working at various firms in New York and London, she opened her own office in San Francisco in 2006. Though her views have skewed right all her life, with a practice in the Bay Area, she has not always seamlessly fit in with the rest of her party.

For one, there's the fact that she is a Sikh woman of color in a party dominated by white men.

During the height of the War on Terror, she sat on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union's northern California chapter, to the chagrin of some GOP stalwarts. When she ran for state Senate in San Francisco in 2012, she made an effort to steer clear of incendiary social issues like abortion.

You don't hear much aversion to controversy from her these days.

In fact, more shutdown lawsuits against Newsom may soon be on the way. Dhillon said her office has been inundated with requests from potential clients.

"We have some quality control. We don't just crank these out like sausages, even if it seems that way," she said. "People are getting fed up."

Many of the cases brought

by Dhillon are paid for by a non-profit she founded, the Center for American Liberty. Dhillon said her law office is one of many hired by the Center and that her office in turn works with other clients.

Funding for the center, which pays for her office's legal services, comes from individual donors whose contributions to the nonprofit are tax exempt. Dhillon said that she is probably the top donor and that "more than 50 percent" of the center's money comes from her seed funding and three other major donors, whom she would not name.

Filings with the IRS show that the Center, under its prior name Publius Lex, received less than \$50,000 in contributions in 2018 and was therefore not required to itemize its contributors. The filing for 2019 has not yet been made available.

Since the pandemic began, Dhillon said that the nonprofit has received tens of thousands of dollars in donations, but that the legal bill incurred by repeatedly suing the state "significant exceeds" that figure.

"I haven't been paid a penny for these cases yet," she insisted. "I'm not sure I will be."

Many of the lawsuits filed against California's shelter-in-place order are funded in part by conservative-leaning non-profits. One of the challenges to Gov. Newsom's allocation of state funds to undocumented immigrants is supported by Judicial Watch, Inc, a longtime legal antagonist of Bill and Hillary Clinton, which recently sued the U.S. Department of Justice for information regarding ties between former Vice President Joe Biden and Ukraine.

Other nonprofit backers of the cases filed against California include the National Center for Law & Policy, which made headlines in 2015 when it sued the Encinitas public school district for treating its students as "religious 'guinea pigs'" by subjecting them to yoga classes, and Freedom X, a Los Angeles-based organization that lists combating "intellectual McCarthyism" and "creeping Sharia" as its main campaigns.

As for the lawsuits challenging COVID restrictions, Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the UC Berkeley law school, contends they face long odds.

"Simply put, these lawsuits are very likely to lose, as most of these challenges around the country have failed," he said in an email. "The government has broad powers to take emergency actions to stop the spread of communicable diseases. This includes the power to order quarantine or shelter in place, to order closure of businesses, and to limit assemblies, including for religious purposes. So long as the government's action is reasonably related to stopping the spread of COVID-19, the government is likely to prevail."

Dhillon said she is playing the long game. As judges have slapped down her petitions to put the statewide order on hold – she said their rationales were "fairly lacking in analysis" – she may appeal to a higher court.

In the meantime, she looks to court rulings in Kansas and Illinois, where judges have pushed back against public health decrees.

"One day I hope to find a judge in California who has a similarly broad view of the Constitution," she said. ★

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