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California Legislature passes 21 bills



The massive budget surplus allowed Newsom and legislative Democrats to go big on a progressive agenda they believe will help the state recover from COVID hardships. Photo credit Anne Lowe

By Laurel Rosenhall,
CalMatters.org

The second year of the coronavirus pandemic in California was shaped by two political undercurrents at the state Capitol: a budget awash with cash, thanks to a booming stock market and federal aid, and a looming recall election asking voters to throw Gov. Gavin Newsom out of office.

The massive budget surplus allowed Newsom and legislative Democrats to go big on a progressive agenda they believe will help the

state recover from COVID hardships. They passed a \$262.6 billion budget that includes preschool for all 4-year-olds, health insurance for low-income undocumented immigrants age 50 and older, and \$600 stimulus payments for most Californians – landing in bank accounts just weeks before the Sept. 14 recall election.

Newsom found himself with so many dollars to spend that he gave away \$115 million to encourage Californians to get the COVID-19 vaccine with a series of game-show style lotteries.

But gobs of money and Democrats' supermajority didn't make everything possible. Tensions between moderate and liberal Democrats stymied many proposals. The recall threat also may have doomed some legislation that might have reflected unfavorably upon California and its governor. Bills that stalled included proposals to create single-payer health care, ban corporate donations to political candidates, legalize psychedelic drugs, sanction clinics where addicts can use illegal drugs under medical

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Yolo County Offers Online Access to Historic Collections

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - To increase access to the Yolo County Archives (YCA) and Yolo County Historical Collection (YCHC), the County recently unveiled its new digital asset management system. This platform contains digital reproductions and information about Yolo County's historic records and objects. Individuals are encouraged to start exploring by visiting: <https://yc-ais.axiellhosting.com/>

Using simple, advanced, and expert search options, this platform allows users to search thousands of records from both YCA and YCHC simultaneously or each collection independently. The records include textiles, documents, furniture, ephemera, county records, photographs, maps, blueprints, and more. There are thousands of digitized photographs available to view and new digital content will be added over time.

"We're excited to make our collection accessible online so residents can take the initiative to learn about Yolo County's history and legacy when it fits their needs and schedules," noted Heather Lanctot, the Yolo County Archives and Records Center Coordinator.

The Yolo County Archives is the official repository for Yolo County records. The collection dates from 1850-present and has records from various Yolo County agencies/departments and donations from families, community members, and local businesses. The materials include records, maps, blueprints, photographs, bound volumes, manuscripts, newspapers, yearbooks, and secondary sources in the form of published books and articles.

The Yolo County Historical Collection consists of historic objects from the 1830s -1930s, and illustrates what life was like for early Yolo County residents. The collection includes textiles, agricultural equipment, paintings, ephemera, photographs, archaeological items, tools, ceramics, household items, furniture, and personal items.

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Coming from Nowhere

Honoring the life and times of Barbara Harmon

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On October 31st, 1915, a baby girl was wrapped up in a blanket, nestled in a basket and placed on the steps of the San Francisco Babies Aid, in San Francisco, California. It appeared she had just been born that day. The baby was taken in by the foundling home with no identification and no information about where she came from, so they named her Charlotte Walker.

By December, the home had found a loving couple that wanted to bring the baby girl into their family and love her. Henry James Clement and Evelyn Clement PhD had a two year old son. Evelyn almost



Above: Barbara at the age of 102, triumphantly standing on her brass Graduation Marker located along the entrance walkway to the Los Rios Community College Sacramento City College Campus. Above right: Barbara at 99 years old wearing her paint smock. Photos provided by Barbara Vickery

died in childbirth from lit- longer have children. The tle Robert and she could no Clements had more love

to give and on December 31st, they adopted young Charlotte and changed her name to Barbara Kinney Clement. Henry worked as a postman for the railroad and Evelyn worked as Superintendent of the California State Teacher Accreditation Board. Barbara grew up happy.

In 1934 Barbara graduated from Sacramento High School. She then earned a Degree in Art from Sacramento Junior College. Soon after, she dated and married a young football athlete, David Wright, who was getting an agricultural degree from nearby UC Davis. The couple had three children, Robert Wright (now married to Carol), Barbara Wright Vickery

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Matsui and SCAS Announce Over \$4.5 Million In Grants



Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-06) and the Sacramento County Airport System announced over \$4.5 million in funding to purchase five zero-emissions passenger shuttle buses.

The federal grant funding is provided by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. By reducing the use of conventional fossil fuels, this project will improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions benefitting the health of the region. Sacramento International Airport is continuing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to help achieve regional air quality

standards under the Clean Air Act. In total, the Sacramento County Airport System was awarded \$4,585,637.

“The Sacramento County Airport System and Sacramento International Airport are vital economic drivers for our region and beyond,” said Congresswoman Matsui. “As we fight the effects of climate change and look for innovative new solutions to build a more sustainable future – we must supply the tools that allow for their increased adoption. I am proud that the airport is taking these steps to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and be a partner to our region as we implement the technologies of tomorrow. I thank Cindy Nichol for her leadership and the entire Sacramento County Airport System staff for their dedication to our region.”

“Developing and operating airports that interact responsibly with the environment is

one of our key goals at the Sacramento County Department of Airports,” said Cindy Nichol, Director of Airports for Sacramento County. “The bus fleet conversion project is one more step toward our net zero emissions goal here at SMF, and provides important benefits for our customers and the community as a whole.”

Congresswoman Matsui has been a longtime advocate of tackling the climate crisis and curbing transportation emissions, authoring the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act, a bill to enable the upgrade of millions of diesel engines. In March, she led the effort to urge the Biden Administration to reinstate the Obama-Biden tailpipe emissions and fuel economy standards. Recently, Matsui has led the effort to secure robust funding for electric vehicles in the Build Back Better Act, last month sending a letter to Congressional leadership outlining those priorities. ★

Yolo Habitat Conservancy Seeks Individual to Represent City

Special Release from YHC

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Yolo Habitat Conservancy and City of West Sacramento are recruiting individuals to apply to serve as the City of West Sacramento's representative on the Yolo Habitat Conservancy Implementation Advisory Committee. The Yolo Habitat Conservancy Implementation Advisory Committee advises the Conservancy Board of Directors on the development and management of the reserve system of public and private lands consistent with the biological goals and objectives in Yolo HCP/NCCP Chapter 6, Conservation Strategy and includes one representative from each member agency jurisdiction (County of Yolo, City of Davis, City of West Sacramento, City of

Winters, and City of Woodland) and three representatives from agricultural and wildlife conservation organizations, as well as a representative from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

Individuals interested representing the City of West Sacramento on this advisory body may submit application electronically by completing the City of West Sacramento Application for Appointments to City Boards and Commissions, accessible here, and emailing the completed application to charlie@yolohabitatconservancy.org. Please call (530) 666-8850 with any questions.

For more information related to the Yolo Habitat Conservancy, please visit the Conservancy's website at <https://www.yolohabitatconservancy.org/about> ★

Yolo County Seeks Consulting Services for Agricultural Conservation Planning

Special Yolo County Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - To further the Yolo County 2020-2025 Strategic Plan goal of “Flourishing Agriculture,” Yolo County Staff applied for a planning grant through the California Department of Conservation's Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation (SALC) program to create an agricultural conservation priority plan. The County's project application was awarded funding to develop the agricultural conservation priority plan that will analyze the feasibility of acquiring conservation easements in accordance with Chapter 8-2.404, Agricultural Conservation and Mitigation Program, of the Yolo County Zoning Ordinance, and analyze alternative high value agricultural areas for the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to consider preserving in a mitigation bank, or similar instrument, that

is established by a private landowner and granted to a public agency partner. This analysis will allow the County and the four incorporated cities to continue supporting one another in protecting and preserving agriculture and promoting compact urban development.

The County issued a Request for Qualifications for consulting services to assist with the preparation and development of the agricultural conservation priority plan and will collect responses until October 28 at 3:00pm. A service provider will be selected in mid-November and work is expected to begin in December. To review the complete RFQ details, visit: <https://www.bidsync.com/bidsync-app-web/vendor/links/BidDetail.xhtml?bidid=2083413&roundId=null>

For additional questions, contact Karen Kawelmacher at Karen.Kawelmacher@yolocounty.org or (530) 666-8073. ★

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Safe Trick or Treat Street Halloween Drive-Thru Announced



Story and Image from City of West Sacramento

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Join Parks & Recreation and City of West Sacramento (COWS) mascot Mooie Armstrong for a safe, thrilling, and FREE Halloween experience at Safe Trick or Treat Street! A variety of themed stations and costumed characters will greet and treat families driving through this Halloween course.

Saturday, October 30th at 11am to 1pm

Entrance at the intersection of Linden Road and Raider Lane (Behind Target and the back of the River City High School fields).

This is a FREE event! All ages are welcome!

Be sure to register in advance online to ensure we have enough treats for each vehicle and to help us facilitate traffic.

Registration opens Wednesday, October

14th and includes eligibility for the Decorated Car Contest, original Mooie Halloween coloring pages, and sweet treats.

Registration is only available to West Sacramento Residents.

The Safe Trick or Treat Street course will be about 5-10 minutes, but be sure to allow time to arrive and leave safely with waiting periods.

During the drive-thru all participants will stay inside their vehicles.

This is Halloween! Want to really get into the Drive-thru Halloween experience? Decorate your car and be in our contest! The Decorated Car Contest Winners will receive a Family Game Night Basket and be featured on social media. Traffic Safety laws still apply for participating vehicles of the contest.

For more information, please e-mail samb@cityofwestsacramento.org or call us at (916) 617-5320. ★

Coming from Nowhere



Barbara in 1921, at 6 years old. Photo provided by Barbara Vickery

the Atrium of Carmichael Living Community. She made a lot of new friends and was very happy. In 2019, Barbara needed a little more help so she moved to the Atria of El Camino Gardens Assisted Independent Living Facility. Again, she made a lot of new friends. Barbara remained there for about a year and a half. Her family says that the facility “did a masterful job” with her care.

During Barbara’s life she was an artist, a violinist, an avid walker and an animal lover. She cared for many dogs, cats, birds, and even a tortoise during her life. In August of 2021 she was with her daughter and son-in-law enjoying art together and sketching fluffy Cats. Barbara’s skill for perspective and portraiture in drawing never waned, and they were astounded by her ability to capture proportions with surprising accuracy.

Barbara’s last good photo taken that day shows her seemingly waving goodbye. The next day, Barbara suffered a massive stroke that left her entire left side paralyzed. Because of the increased amount of physical care that was needed, she was moved to Greenhaven Villa. In spite of the wonderful care she received at Greenhaven Villa, she could no longer remain with us. On September 8, 2021 Barbara passed away. She was 105 years, 10 months and 8 days young.

Her family takes peace in what an amazing life she led, what an amazing person she was and that she is now at home with her Lord.

A Celebration of Life event will occur at the Carmichael Elks Lodge B.P.O.E. #2103, 5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95603 at 11:00 am on October 16, 2021. Private internment of Barbara’s earthly vessel will occur at a later date at the historic Masonic Lawn in Sacramento. She will be interred next to her husband Vance and near both of her parents. ★

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(now married to Darby) and Jim Wright (now married to Sharon).

Barbara and David eventually divorced, and Barbara went back to school to become an X-ray technician. She spent her career at Radiological Associates in Sacramento. After Barbara hit the century mark with her age, her family would tease her about using rocks to expose the x-ray film. In 1958, Barbara met and married a U.S. Air Force Master Sargent named Vance Harmon. The two of them settled in North Highlands, where they lived together until his death in 1974.

Barbara saw a lot in her life! At 5 years old (though she wasn’t old enough to understand) bread was 12 cents a loaf. Nineteen presidents held office in the United States during her life. There were 5 major wars (18 wars in total) that the U.S. was involved in as well as 19 invasions, rebellions, conflicts, crises, etc. She saw WWI, WWII, the Holocaust, Hiroshima, and many outrageous world events.

Her childhood was during Prohibition. When she was 18 years old, she saw

minimum wage for the first time. It was 25 cents per hour. When she was 20, the Hoover Dam was built, to the tune of just under \$49 Million dollars. One dollar at that time is equivalent to \$19.97 now. She saw Women’s Rights develop and Segregation end and equal rights.

During her life Barbara also became a grandmother to grandchildren Carmie (now married to Dan) Pennington, Duane (Kimberley) Wright ME, Joel Wright, and Alex (Dr. Emily) Wright. She also has great grandchildren Dr. Ryan Pennington, Trista Pennington PA, Grace Wright, USAF Amn Gabriel Wright currently on deployment, and Adain Wright.

She also is aunt to nephew Vedder Wright MA, (son of Vedder Sr. and Dr. Celeste Wright-the first woman PhD instructor on the UCD campus), niece Roberta (Doy) DeBolt, and niece Karen (David) Morelli, great nephew Robert DeBolt, and great niece Jessica Morelli PE.

In 2010, at the age of 95, Barbara began needing a little more help with everyday tasks and moved into

Mental Health Professionals to Respond to Mental Illness-Related Calls

By Simone Braithwaite, Office of Assemblymember Kevin McCarty

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Office of Assemblymember Kevin McCarty issued the following statement:

“Governor Newsom signed my community policing bill, AB 1443, which will provide a much needed framework to allow members of community mobile crisis teams – instead of law enforcement - to respond to mental illness related calls.

In 2020, the Sacramento Police Department received about 18,000 mental illness and 5150-related calls of service. Despite the availability of municipal staff who are qualified and trained to respond to mental illness-related calls where a police presence is not warranted, under

current law, these professionals need prior approval by the County before they are able to respond. AB 1443 will empower local governments to utilize health professionals, who have experience in mental health-related issues, to provide the proper care and service to assist individuals with mental health needs.

Thank you to the strong coalition of advocates and organizations who supported this bill and helped get this bill to the Governor’s desk.”

Kevin McCarty represents California’s 7th Assembly District, which include the cities of Sacramento, West Sacramento and unincorporated Sacramento County. McCarty serves as Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance. ★

Yolo County Offers Online Access to Historic Collections

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In January 2019, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors awarded the Yolo County Library a Technology Innovation Grant of \$99,900 to purchase a digital asset management system. YCA and YCHC collaborated with the Department of Finance to conduct a competitive solicitation process to select a vendor offering a digital asset management system that was most aligned with the County’s needs. The successful bidder, Axiell, helps institutions share culture and knowledge, and their customers are libraries, museums, archives, schools, publishers

and retailers in 55 countries.

For in-person research assistance, YCA is open by appointment, on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Individuals can schedule appointments by email, archives@yolocounty.org, or by calling (530) 666-8010.

For more information about the Yolo County Library, Archives, or Historical Collection visit www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect with the Library and Archives on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org. ★

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Cecilia Gomez

Cecilia Gomez, age 87, born in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, residing in West Sacramento, Ca passed away Sunday, August 29, 2021. Loving mother, nana and aunt. She loved dancing and singing to her favorite “corridos” and was happiest surrounded by family and friends. She is survived by two brothers, Ramon and Manuel Rojas and one sister, Estella Ronquillo, her children Norberto and Diana Gomez, grandchildren Michi Rosales, Samuel Gomez, Caprice, Gina and Olivia Sanchez, Jessica Salto, Emiliana Gomez and many great grandchildren. Services will be held at St. Mary’s Cemetery, 6700 21st Ave., Sacramento, Ca, Saturday, October 16, 2021. Mass is scheduled for 1:00pm, ceremony will follow at 2:00pm.

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California Experiments with Social Democracy



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

California, as everyone should know by now, has the nation's highest rate of poverty as determined by the Census Bureau when the cost-of-living is included in the calculation.

While family incomes in California are not particularly low vis-à-vis those in other states, our extremely high living costs, especially for housing, mean those incomes do not stretch as far as they would elsewhere.

The Public Policy Institute of California takes the issue a bit further by calculating how many Californians are living in near-poverty, using methodology similar to that of the Census Bureau.

Altogether, more than a third of the state's nearly 40 million residents experience severe economic distress. They are, for the most part, workers in low-pay jobs and their families, and their plight has been exacerbated by the nearly two-year-long COVID-19 pandemic, which has hit them the hardest both medically and economically.

Backed by unions, Gov. Gavin Newsom and his fellow Democrats have vowed to reduce the state's high levels of poverty and income disparity and this year generated a bushel basket of legislation they contend will narrow the gaps.

California is, in effect, testing long-held beliefs of those on the political left that America should move closer to the European model of "social democracy" by expanding supportive public services and empowering workers in their dealings with employers.

The former include increasing eligibility for Medi-Cal, the state's health care system for the poor which already covers more than a third of California's residents, expanding early childhood education to both improve learning outcomes and free more parents to work, and increasing spending on housing for low- and moderate-income families.

The latter is a variety of bills that impose new workplace and compensation standards on industries that employ large numbers of low-paid workers, most notably garment production, agriculture and the ever-increasing distribution centers operated by Amazon and other big corporations.

"We cannot allow corporations to put profit over people," Newsom said as he signed legislation to ease production quotas in Amazon's massive "fulfillment centers."

"The hardworking warehouse employees who have helped sustain us during these unprecedented times should not have to risk injury or face punishment as a result of exploitative quotas that violate basic health and safety," Newsom added.

"California is holding corporations accountable and recognizing the dignity and humanity of our workers, who have helped build the fifth-largest economy in the world," Newsom said later

as he signed a bill banning piecework pay in the Los Angeles-centered garment industry.

Newsom also signed bills to expand protections for household domestic workers, raise minimum pay for disabled workers, increase criminal penalties for "wage theft" by employers, and provide farm workers with protective gear for wildfire smoke.

It has not been, however, a 100% sweep for union-backed legislation. Newsom vetoed a bill to allow mail ballots in elections for union organization of farm workers and another that would have expanded paid family leave.

Expanding government services will, of course, cost the state billions of dollars, which it can afford now as income taxes pour into its treasury, but whether it can be sustained is questionable. California is inordinately dependent on high-income taxpayers, which means its revenues plummet during economic downturns.

New benefits for workers, meanwhile, will increase employers' costs, which could drive some to shift operations and jobs to lower-cost locales. The garment industry is particularly competitive, which is why so much of it has already gone overseas.

Higher public and private costs are the flip side of California's experiment in social democracy. Ultimately, Newsom and the Legislature cannot repeal the laws of economics.

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

Governor Signs SB 639 Prohibiting Work for Less than State Minimum Wage



Gavin Newsom

Office of California
State Senator
María Elena Durazo

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Newsom has signed State Senator María Elena Durazo's (D-Los Angeles) SB 639 into law, which will phase out the use of the federal 14(c) certificate in California, and ultimately prohibit paying workers with disabilities less than the California minimum wage and transition workers with disabilities to competitive, integrated employment. California joins Alaska, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, and Texas, in outlawing paying workers with disabilities a subminimum wage. The bill is sponsored by Disability Rights California, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Legal Aid at Work.

"California is ending the subminimum wage for people with disabilities," said Senator Durazo. "All work should be treated with dignity, and that means that nobody is paid less than the minimum wage. SB 639 develops a phaseout plan to ensure a

path to competitive, integrated employment for these workers. I applaud Governor Newsom for recognizing the injustice that workers with disabilities are facing and remedying this clear violation of their civil rights."

Since 1938, Section 214 (c)(1)(A) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) has given California employers the ability to apply for a certificate that allows them to pay employees with disabilities less than the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour. This FLSA 14(c) certificate was intended to provide opportunities for employment for World War I veterans with disabilities, but instead created segregated workplaces, and the unemployment rate of persons with disabilities is twice as high as other workers.

What has actually materialized under FLSA is a pool of highly exploited labor. Over 5,000 Californians with disabilities are currently working in sheltered workshops and are being paid as little as 2 dollars per hour.

Sheltered workshops were originally developed to provide employment opportunities for disabled World War I veterans returning from service. Since then, sheltered workshops have morphed into full-scale operations to primarily employ persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities in segregated settings. Beyond the FLSA, the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of

1990 made it illegal for employers to discriminate against workers who had disabilities. Yet, sheltered workshops remain in operation and the economic opportunities for people with disabilities continue to erode. SB 639 phases out sheltered workshops, develops a path to integrated employment, and ensures workers with disabilities earn no less than the California minimum wage.

"Today was a great day for Californians with disabilities who want to work in the competitive labor market," said Andy Imparato, executive director of Disability Rights California. "By ending the discriminatory practice of paying people with disabilities less than the federally-protected minimum wage, Governor Newsom has helped California reassert its role as a national leader in disability rights and worker rights."

"About 100 years ago, it was seen as compassionate to pay less to people with disabilities," said Aaron Carruthers, executive director of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. "But times changed, views of what is possible for people with disabilities changed, and options changed. With the Governor's signature, people who were once trapped in sheltered workshops will now be able to design a truly meaningful day. This is the dignity the Governor spoke about when signing the bill." ★

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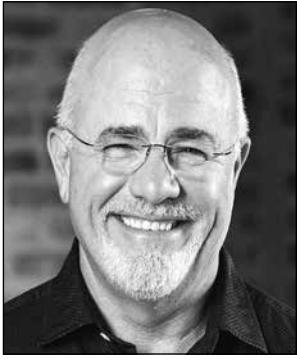
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Dave Ramsey Says Open Your Wallets

Protect Against Inflation?

Dear Dave,

All the talk on the news about inflation is a little scary. Is there any way to protect yourself against it on a day-to-day basis?

— Garret

Dear Garret,

When people start talking about inflation, it seems like there are always some who want to start collecting gold, fill every container they own with gasoline and stick their cash under their mattresses. But listen, you can prepare for inflation and address the results without being panicked.

You are still in control of your money, inflation or not. You'll be able to make sure your money is going toward the right things, while being able to

find places where you can cut spending, if you're living on a written, monthly budget. If you're noticing the prices of things like food and gas rising in your area, you'll need to adjust your budget to account for this. That way, you'll know exactly what you're working with, and it will help you avoid any nasty surprises.

If you're really feeling the pinch and want to save even more, look for specific ways to lower your grocery bill or save money on gas. Maybe it's time you switched to generic brands, or started a carpool into work. If you find great deals on canned food and things you can stock your pantry with — I'm talking about stuff you'll actually use — go ahead and buy a little extra. Just make sure you've budgeted for it before heading to the grocery store. You'll want to already know exactly what you're going to spend, so you don't get swept up into impulse buying.

Like it or not, inflation is a thing. If you plan on

retiring one day, it's pretty much guaranteed that the cost of a loaf of bread, a tank of gas and even a cup of coffee will have gone up by then. The best way to protect yourself against inflation that's bound to happen is to invest your money — and the sooner the better. But remember, if you still have debt other than your mortgage, and don't have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses, you need to take care of those things first!

— Garret

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 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. ★

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supervision, and allow people to turn their bodies into garden compost after death. Progressive legislation to allow more offenders to have their records expunged and overhaul the bail system also stalled amid concerns over California's rising murder rate and an especially brutal killing in Sacramento.

With epic wildfires burning in a state stricken by drought, lawmakers approved \$1 billion for wildfire prevention but rejected a bill that called for reducing greenhouse gas emissions beyond current mandates, which officials have said California is already not on pace to meet. Democratic Senate leader Toni Atkins told reporters after the last night of the session wrapped up that such ambitious legislation may take more time to negotiate, and she expects that to continue next year.

The final night was unusually subdued compared with the chaos of the last two years. At the end of 2020, Republican senators were forced to vote remotely because of a COVID infection while Assemblymembers were required to vote in person, prompting one to make a late-night floor speech cradling her newborn baby. Not to mention the previous year, when the Senate was evacuated and a hazmat crew called in after an anti-vaccine protester tossed a menstrual cup of blood from the overhead gallery, splattering senators.

Amid the relative calm of 2021, lawmakers managed to send the governor hundreds of bills, which he has until Oct. 10 to sign or veto. Even if voters oust him on Sept. 14, the transition period of as long as 38 days means the fate of these bills is in Newsom's hands. ★

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Ready or Not, Here I Quit

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I do not quit easily. When I start a project, I like to work until it's finished. I hate to quit before something is completed.

Such is not the case with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Whatever she takes on and how much she takes on can always be finished on time. How she does it is beyond my understanding.

Last summer, for example, we had the air conditioner guy come to fix our air conditioner. He looked at it and said he knew exactly what was wrong, but he didn't have the right tool to fix it and so he had to go back to his office and get it.

"What tool," my wife said to him, "do you need to fix it?"

He looked at her, laughed, and said, "Ma'am, I'm sure you don't have anything near the kind of tool that I will need."

"Tell me what it is?"

He looked at her, smiled, and then describe the tool that he needed to fix the AC problem.

"Oh," my wife said as she made her way back to the garage. "I think I have that tool in my garage."

He laughed until she came back from the garage with the exact tool he needed to fix the problem. He just stared at her and didn't know what to say.

There is one project that I have been working on for years. Maybe it's about time I quit that project.

The project is, to understand how my wife manages to do all of those things?

I must say she has saved me a lot of money through the years.

One time the back bumper of my truck broke and I didn't quite know how to fix it. I was planning to take it to the garage and get them to fix it when my wife came out and asked what was wrong.

I told her about my rear bumper and she went to look at it.

I had one of those "aha" moments where I thought here was a project she couldn't fix. It needed a professional.

In a few minutes, she went into the house and I thought she had given up. I didn't blame her because I didn't quite know how to fix it myself.

Then she came back outside with one of those large universal paper clips. When

I saw her with it I started to laugh. She just looked at me, grinned and went over to the rear bumper and in a few moments, she had it fixed.

That was four years ago and it's still fixed.

So, I have come to that point in my life where I am ready to quit. Ready to quit trying to figure out how she knows so much of everything associated with tools.

Every man that thinks he understands a woman has never yet been married.

There are so many mysteries in life and I have come to the point where I have quit trying to figure out most of those mysteries.

A verse of Scripture came to my mind, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

Sometimes that agreement is simply a mutual understanding of the differences between each other. The secret to this is not to quit but to keep moving forward.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with his wife in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamesnsnyder2@att.net. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com. ★

Drought-stricken Farmers, Ranchers Have Time to Replace Livestock

IRS Media Relations News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Farmers and ranchers who were forced to sell livestock due to drought may have an additional year to replace the livestock and defer tax on any gains from the forced sales, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

To qualify for relief, farmers or ranchers must have sold livestock on account of drought conditions in an applicable region. This is a county or other jurisdiction designated as eligible for federal assistance plus counties contiguous to it. Notice 2021-55, posted today on IRS.gov, lists applicable regions in 36 states and one U.S. territory.

The relief generally applies to capital gains realized by eligible farmers and ranchers on sales of livestock held for draft, dairy or breeding purposes. Sales of other livestock, such as those raised for slaughter or held for sporting purposes, or poultry, are not eligible.

The sales must be solely due to drought, causing an area to be designated as eligible for federal assistance. Livestock generally must be replaced within a four-year period, instead of the usual two-year period. The IRS is authorized to further extend this replacement period if the drought continues.

The one-year extension, announced in the notice, gives eligible farmers and

ranchers until the end of their first tax year after the first drought-free year to replace the sold livestock. Details, including an example of how this provision works, can be found in Notice 2006-82, available on IRS.gov.

The IRS provides this extension to eligible farmers and ranchers who sold livestock on account of drought conditions in an applicable region that qualified for the four-year replacement period, if the applicable region is listed as suffering exceptional, extreme or severe drought conditions during any week between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021. This determination is made by the National Drought Mitigation Center.

As a result, eligible farmers and ranchers whose drought-sale replacement period was scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 2021, in most cases now have until the end of their next tax year to replace the sold livestock. Because the normal drought-sale replacement period is four years, this extension impacts drought sales that occurred during 2017. The replacement periods for some drought sales before 2017 are also affected due to previous drought-related extensions affecting some of these localities.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2021-1645
Manuel Holguin Corrales has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Manuel Holguin Corrales to Manuel Anthony Corrales. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on November 24, 2021, in Department 9, Room: TBD and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 14, 2021 Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021 CORRALES 1801 10-22-21

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File No. F20210818
The following person(s) is doing business as: Petalish Flowers, 3725 Topaz Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo. Pang Lee, 3725 Topaz Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A /s/ Vinh Le
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2021-1673
Nailya Ravshanovna Palomares has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nailya Ravshanovna Palomares to Nailya Palomares. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on November 4, 2021, in Department 9, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 16, 2021 Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021 PALOM 1801 10-29-21

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File No. F20210722
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2021-1636
Pardeep Kaur Mangat has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Pardeep Kaur Mangat to Pardeep Kaur Gill. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on November 9, 2021, in Department 10, Room: Zoom, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 20, 2021 Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021 MANGAT 1801 10-29-21

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File No. F202107868
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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The following person(s) is doing business as: Boxables, 3220 Bodega Bay Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691-5813, County of Yolo. Boxables LLC, 3220 Bodega Bay Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691-5813. This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/15/2018. /s/ Sajjad Mansuri
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2021-1540
Claire Joann Bellis has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Claire Joann Bellis to Claire Joann Kenyon. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on October 26, 2021, in Department 10, Room: Zoom and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 7, 2021 Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: September 24 & October 1, 8, 15, 2021 BELLIS 1801 10-15-21

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October 21, 2021

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on October 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, members of the West Sacramento Planning Commission and staff will participate in this meeting via a teleconference. To reduce the spread of COVID-19, members of the public are asked to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas/planning-commission>), or via Wave Cable Channel 20 and to submit comments in writing by 5:00 PM on October 21, 2021.

To submit a comment in writing, please email tanyaf@cityofwestsacramento.org and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 5:00 PM will be provided to the Planning Commission and posted on the website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

6:00 p.m. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Public Hearing Regarding Best Western Conditional Use Permit (CUP 15-01) (Allen) The applicant is requesting approval of a conditional use permit for a floor area ratio exception for the construction of a 63 room hotel on a 1.23 acre parcel. Previously approved entitlements have expired. The project is located at 3980 Lake Road (APN 067- 010-037-000) and is zoned CH (Highway Service Commercial). On November 16, 2016, the City Council certified the General Plan 2035 Environmental Impact Report. A technical memorandum has been prepared in order to fully analyze any potential impacts associated with the project. Based on the analysis presented in the technical memorandum, the proposed project is within the scope of the EIR prepared for the General Plan 2035, and no new or substantially more adverse impacts would occur through implementation of the proposed project. As a result, no new environmental document is required, consistent with State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15168 (c)(2). APPLICANT: Arvind S. Iyer, 855 Sansome Street, Ste 100, San Francisco, CA 94111. OWNER: Shree J1 Investment LLC, 1561 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040.

David Willey
David W. Tilley, Secretary
West Sacramento Planning Commission

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 - Kind of learning
 - Capital of Egypt
 - Nest egg acronym
 - Cupid's target
 - Bar, legally
 - Indian restaurant staple
 - Kind of committee, two words
 - "Hedge maze, dull boy, redrum, with The
 - "Pretend girlfriend, surgery, body parts
 - Monkey ____, monkey do
 - Post-it message
 - It makes a guitar louder
 - Royal Indian
 - Perfumes
 - Glorify
 - Freeway exit
 - Like today's cell phones?
 - Keen on
 - Like a confection
 - At any time
 - One of the large keys on the right
 - Greek portico
 - Common workday start
 - Former President of Egypt
 - Ancient eternal life symbol
 - *Bathub, hacksaws, Jigsaw
 - Euphemism for "darn"
 - *Blind violinist, transplant surgery, sees ghosts, with The
 - *Hotel, mother, shower
 - *Count, bite, cross
 - Hot winter drink
 - Aye's opposite
 - Financial benefactor
 - Seize a throne
 - Headquartered in Langley
 - Exclude or omit
 - Done on a Smith Corona
 - Old age, archaic
 - 6666...

- DOWN
- Single pip cards
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 - Actor Jeremy
 - Xerox machine
 - *Videotape, stone well, seven days, with The
 - Paleozoic one
 - Tropical smoothie flavor
 - Make over
 - Hawaiian island
 - Ragtime turkey dance
 - And so on, abbr.
 - Bias crime perpetrators
 - Closes in on
 - Pilot's announcement, acr.
 - ID badge, two words
 - *Sigourney Weaver, outer space
 - Old Testament miracle food
 - Hits while on the green
 - *Beachgoers, police chief, need for bigger boat
 - *Boy, shadows in photographs, three sixes, with The
 - *Transylvania" daughter
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 - Scatter
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 - Low-ranking worker
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 - Porter's head gear

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Riley Reviews

FROM POST-APOCALYPSE TO COOKING WITH A COMEDIAN ON CABLE TV

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

The summer television press tour has come to an end and there are plenty of options on cable networks for new shows this fall. Some programs will be very topical.

Take, for instance, the post-apocalyptic saga spanning multiple timelines of "Station Eleven" on HBO Max. This limited drama series tells the stories of survivors of a devastating flu as they attempt to rebuild and reimagine the world anew.

Based on the bestseller by Emily St. John Mandel, "Station Eleven" feels like a prescient cautionary tale of COVID-19, even though the book was published in 2014 and the first episodes were shot in early 2020 just before the pandemic hit.

During the press tour, executive producer Jessica Rhoades may have been wishful in saying this show "speaks to what, hopefully, the audience is excited to watch and see next." That may true if joy is to be experienced coming out on the other side for the survivors.

Since the passing of Hugh Hefner and lifestyle changes in the sexual revolution, the Playboy empire is not what it used to be. Now along comes the A&E network with the ten-part series "Secrets of Playboy."

Yes, it sounds like an expose, and during the press tour a network executive noted that the Playboy brand was "a beacon of progress for some, but also a gateway to a much darker world," and a "toxic environment that became an unchecked playground for nefarious conduct."

Interesting stories are certain to be held from former playmates. Sondra Theodore was only 19 when she became Hefner's girlfriend, then about three decades his junior. During the time of her relationship with the publisher, Sondra became Playmate of the Month in July 1977.

Another participant in the program is Miss January 1973, Mike Garcia, who later became the director of Playmate Promotions. In the past, Miki testified to sordid details of the Playboy empire that may surface in the series.

During the press conference, Miki claimed that while traveling on a promotion, "something terrible happened to me, and you'll see it in the documentary." Mike tried to monitor the women, but stated that she "couldn't really protect them from Hugh Hefner."

With a premiere date uncertain but a series that should come out near Halloween, AMC's "Ragdoll" is a modern-day Faustian thriller based on the novel by Daniel Cole about six people that have been murdered, dismembered and sewn into the shape of one grotesque body.

Assigned to the case are London detective Nathan Wolf (Henry Lloyd-Hughes

and his best friend and boss Emily Baxter (Thalissa Teixeira), joined by the unit's new recruit Lake Edmunds (Lucy Hale).

The "Ragdoll Killer" taunts the police by sending them a list of his next victims, with Wolf's name among them. And with those victims to protect, the police heroes soon come under intense scrutiny.

The new AMC+ original series "Kin" is about a close-knit Dublin clan that must face the consequences of their choices. It's more a Shakespearean drama than a gangland crime story.

To be sure, this fictional Irish family is embroiled in a gangland war, and executive Dan McDermott boldly claimed that this "series will engage and resonate with viewers, especially those who love 'Gangs of London,'" which remains one of the top titles on AMC+.

While we are on the topic of crime, the History Channel's nonfiction series "Great Escapes with Morgan Freeman" will focus on the most daring convict escapes from some of the most notorious prisons in the world.

Freeman, who famously starred as a wise inmate in "The Shawshank Redemption," hosts the dramatic re-enactments of escapes from infamous prisons like Alcatraz, with dynamic storytelling and cutting-edge visual effects.

During the press tour, answering a question about whether "Shawshank" resonated with him during the program, Freeman said he doesn't "have much trouble separating fact, reality, from movies, things like that."

For a change of pace, Lifetime will launch the movie series "Highway to Heaven," which follows Angela (Jill Scott), an angel sent back to Earth by God to help others in need.

In the premiere movie, Angela assumes the role of a temporary school counselor and finds herself working alongside principal Bruce (Barry Watson) as she intervenes in the lives of a troubled student Cody (Ben Daon) and his father Jeff (Robert Moloney) after a death in the family.

Have you ever seen comedian Sebastian Maniscalco perform one of his stand-up routines on a streaming service? This guy has a hilarious take on everyday life, pop culture and the Italian American ethos. His facial expressions and body language are brilliantly funny.

Maybe it's a stereotype that Italians love food, but that would explain the new Discovery+ series "Well Done with Sebastian Maniscalco," which is about the comedian's obsession with food, but don't dare call him a "foodie."

Sebastian takes a deep dive into the gastronomic world from every angle, blending his curiosity and humor into the mix of a cooking show. His signature social observations and commentary lift "Well Done" into a rarefied space. ★

Young Adult reads to get into the October Season



The Witch Haven
by Sasha Peyton Smith

Frances Hallowell feels as if luck has abandoned her at every turn. First, it's the mysterious death of her brother; then, she finds herself at the cusp of a dark situation when her boss forces himself upon her. Then in the very next moment, he collapses in a pool of his own blood with a pair of sewing scissors plunged in his neck. The thing is, Frances wasn't the one who put them there. Strangely enough, this is the very moment Frances' life takes a turn, opening the door to a new life she never expected. What is disguised as a Sanitarium, Frances quickly learns, is an academy for witches, and Frances's life will never be the same. Now, thrown amid a struggle for magical power, Frances

must quickly decipher her newfound magic, the sacred bonds of sisterhood, a budding romance, and the answers behind her brother's death in order to decide what truly matters most.

Sasha Peyton Smith whisks readers right into the middle of 1911 while delivering a story of magic, witches, sacrifice, and female power. With a cast of strong female characters and wonderful magic, *The Witch Haven* highlights the lengths one will go for answers while weighing the sacrifices one must make along the way.

I Am Margaret Moore
by Hannah Capin

It's the girls of deck five's last summer at Marshall Navel school. The last year they get to emerge from their cocoon of ordinary and become one with the lake, the water, and their nautical traditions. But this year, there is a shroud of secrecy surrounding the death of one boy and the secrets Margaret keeps. As Margaret's friends start to vanish, Margaret must unravel the tangled web of secrets she is keeping about the truth and the boy she loved.

Get pulled in to the story of Margaret

Moore, as the secrets and lies wash over you. Hannah Capin delivers a story that interweaves timelines in a prose-like manner that will keep readers guessing the truth until the very end.

The Splendor
by Breana Shields

Enter the Splendor where all your dreams come true! Juliette and Clare dreamed about staying at the Splendor, a hotel where your fantasies become a reality, but when Clare returns different, Juliette knows she needs to investigate. Then Juliette meets Henri, the illusionist in charge of making her fantasy come true and the one who can unlock the truth. But the truth could prove too much to bear and the cost more valuable than anyone realizes.

A lush, fantastic read, *The Splendor* will tempt its reader with the promise of magic, only to become a warning in the end. Told in dual timelines, *The Splendor* will keep readers intrigued, invested, and entertained, opening their eyes to a world of fantasy and illusion and the price one must pay for a perfect moment, even if it is just an illusion. ★

Social Security Matters

Will My Social Security Be Reduced in the Future?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I started Social Security about 2 years ago and I thought that the monthly benefit amount stated to me by Social Security in their letter was guaranteed. That written amount was what I based my decision on to retire. Now I hear on the news that we may have to take a 24% reduction in the future. That will make me and millions of other seniors homeless. Was the original amount a guarantee of monthly income, and can the government reduce it whenever they want to?
Signed: Anxious Senior

Dear Anxious: The reason you're now hearing about the possibility of a future reduction in Social Security benefits is because the SS Trustees 2021 Report to Congress was just released. This report, usually published in April, recaps the program's financial status at the end of the preceding year and provides Congress with a very detailed analysis of Social Security's (and Medicare's) financial picture. The Trustees report that, beginning in 2021, Social Security income will be less than needed to pay benefits, with the gap to be made up from Trust Fund reserves. Unless Congress makes some changes to the SS program, that trend will eventually result

in the Trust Fund running dry, requiring an across-the-board cut in benefits.

This latest report predicts that the combined Trust Funds, which now hold nearly \$3 trillion in reserves, may be fully depleted by the year 2034 - one year earlier than last year's 2035 prediction. Although the 2034 date is new news this year, the mid-2030s potential depletion date has been reported for years, and it is not a new issue. Indeed, the 2019 report predicted 2034 as the possible depletion date and last year's report predicted an improvement to 2035. One obvious reason for the one-year acceleration in the new report is the economic effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. While it certainly isn't good news, the fact is that the bad news isn't as bad as many pundits predicted. Some were suggesting that the depletion date may be as early as 2029, but the economy rebounded faster than expected. Depending on how you look at things, the depletion date only changing by one year could be viewed as positive considering the economic impact of the pandemic. Rest assured that the matter will receive continued analysis in the months ahead.

But here's the bottom line: It is extremely doubtful that Congress will ever let the Social Security Trust Funds be fully depleted, necessitating a benefit cut to all recipients. To allow that to happen would be political suicide because over 64 million people rely on Social Security. Is your benefit guaranteed? Yes, but only within the boundaries of current law, which says that Social Security is allowed to only pay benefits using its own money

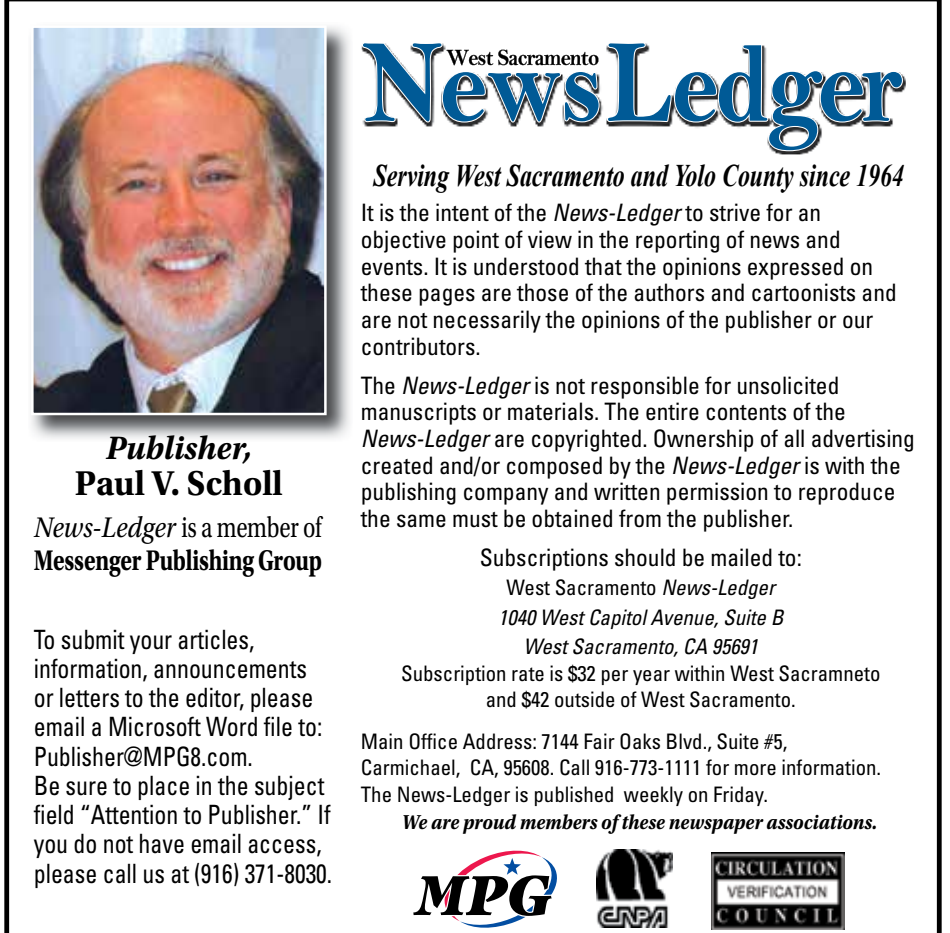
(from payroll tax income, interest income, income tax revenues and Trust Fund reserves). No benefits will be cut for as long as the Trust Fund can make up the difference between income received and benefits paid. But if there are no reserves to make up the difference, then (by law) Social Security can only pay out as much as it brings in.

Congress already knows how to fix this issue and avoid a cut in Social Security benefits. What is missing is the bipartisanship and the political will to accomplish it, because neither side currently appears receptive to solutions offered by the other side. Congress may continue to drag its feet on this issue, as has historically been done, until urgency demands action. But I believe you can rest assured that Congress will eventually find the fortitude to restore Social Security to long-term solvency before any benefit cuts are made. You can help by calling your Congressional Representative and demanding that they adopt a bipartisan attitude toward Social Security reform. A good place for Congress to start would be by adopting the reform proposed by the Association of Mature American Citizens, which can be found at www.amac.us/social-security.

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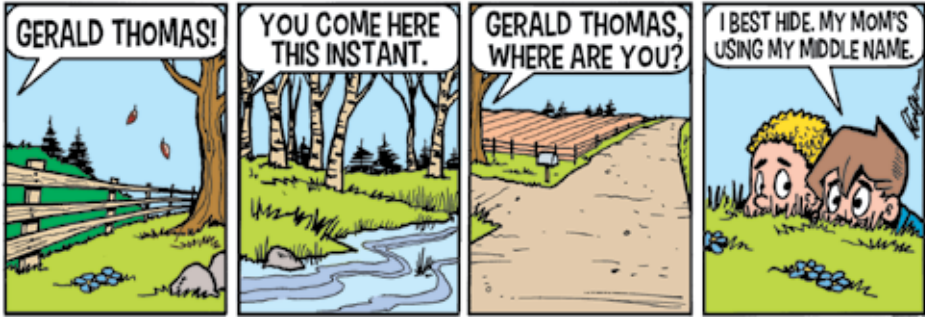
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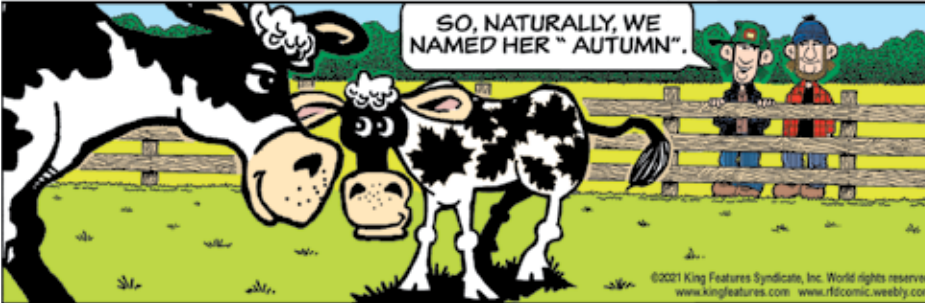
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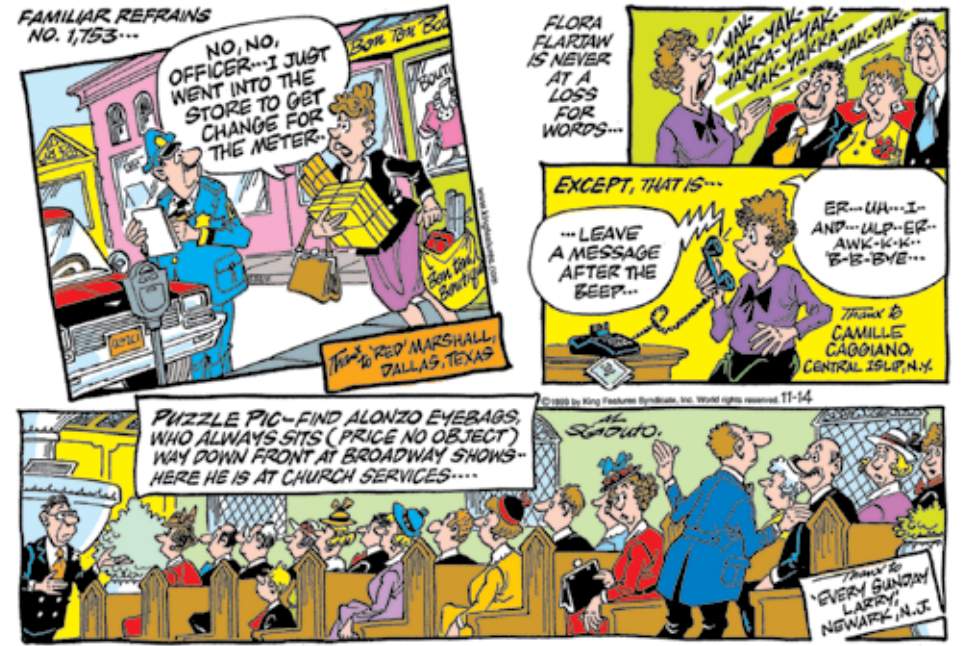


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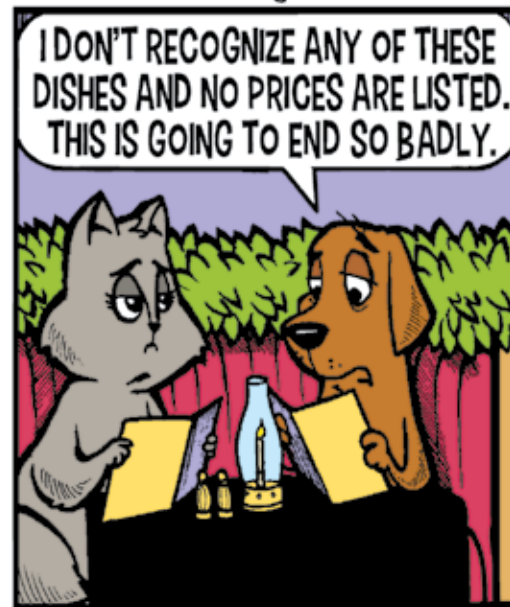
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Who is Using All the Water!

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Californians reduced their water use at home by a meager 1.8% statewide in July compared to last year, even after Gov. Gavin Newsom urged residents to conserve 15% and drought continues to spread across the state.

Officials warned water providers south of the Delta who rely on state water allocations - already slashed to 5% this year - to brace for the possibility of zero supply next year.

The Department of Water Resources also cautioned that next year's cuts in supply could expand to growers and others known as settlement contractors, whose claims to the water predate California's massive systems of reservoirs, aqueducts and canals.

"Californians always have hope, and that's healthy. But we need to be prudent," Karla Nemeth, director of the state Department of Water Resources, said in an interview. "We're doing more conservative planning than we've ever done."

Drought conditions deemed extreme or worse now cover nearly 90% of the state. Hundreds of domestic wells are running dry, and levels in major reservoirs have dropped drastically below historic averages - which bodes ill for supplies next year.

"The challenge is there is no water," Nemeth said.

"We're planning for the worst, but we are hoping for something better," Nemeth added at today's meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board.

In early July, Newsom urged Californians to voluntarily cut domestic water use by 15%, but in the absence of a statewide mandate, a patchwork of restrictions has emerged. The result: Californians used about 191.5 billion acre feet of water in their homes, businesses and other industrial or institutional spaces



As California's drought deepens, water use drops only 1.8%. MPG file photo

in July, only 1.8% less than a year earlier.

"I'm not here to say 1.8 is a good number," said Joaquin Esquivel, chair of the State Water Resources Control Board, at a Monday press briefing. "We're going to have to continue to dig in deeper and look forward to seeing what the numbers show then in August."

When asked when to expect statewide conservation orders, Esquivel said that for now, the board is reflecting on the data. "We need to continue to see that response and decision-making, and the state's here to make sure that if we need to go mandatory, that's where we're going."

The biggest drops in household water use were along the hard-hit North Coast, with a nearly 17% reduction in July 2021 compared with July 2020. The Sonoma County city of Healdsburg led the state by cutting its water use by more than half, and Cloverdale, which reduced its use by 37%. Both

cities enacted mandatory water use restrictions.

Water use in the South Coast region, which includes Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and Ventura counties, was roughly even with last summer, down 0.1%. However, about 40% of water suppliers in the area actually used more water.

San Francisco Bay Area residents cut their water use by 8.4%. Northern and southern San Joaquin Valley residents reduced use by 0.8% and 1.6%, respectively.

Officials warned that major cuts could come for irrigation districts, cities and other water users south of the Delta relying on supplies from the State Water Project, which provides water to 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland.

At this point, Nemeth said there's "a slim likelihood" of supplies for these water systems, which includes the giant Metropolitan Water District, which provides imported water

to 19 million people in Southern California. Worst-case scenario, she said, "we've asked them to plan for no allocation from the State Water Project."

Those suppliers, including in the Bay Area, Southern California, the Central Coast and the San Joaquin Valley, have seen steep cuts before, during the last drought in 2014. But this time is worse: Even a wet year is unlikely to bring relief.

"We're starting with record low (reservoir) storage," Nemeth said. "We would have to have north of 140% of (average) precipitation to generate average runoff into the reservoirs that would begin filling that hole."

State and federal project operators have come under fire from environmental advocates for supplying hundreds of thousands of acre feet to these senior contractors, while failing to meet water quality standards and cutting allocations to more-junior agricultural contractors and cities.

Feather River Contractors,

for instance, were allocated the lowest levels allowed in their contracts, but still were expected to receive nearly 600,000 acre feet of water, according to the Department of Water Resources - enough water to supply 1.8 million Southern California households for a year. That's about three times more water than long-term State Water Project contractors, including the giant Metropolitan Water District, were provided.

California's drought conditions and warming temperatures are threatening salmon and other rare fish.

For endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, "we've modeled the temperature dependent mortality at about 80% this year, meaning only 20% even survive to make it out of the gravel," Barry Thom, West Coast regional administrator for NOAA Fisheries, told the water board.

Doug Obegi, a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council, urged the board on Tuesday to require state and federal water project operators to cut supplies to settlement contractors to protect fish.

If supplies aren't reduced, "you're going to have even worse temperature mortality of salmon next year," Obegi told CalMatters. "You start with less water, and you have less at the end of the year, you're going to have a lot more dead fish. It's grim."

Nemeth said she issued the early warning to prepare growers dependent on senior contracts well in advance of making planting decisions.

Last year, early planting by growers "really limited the amount of decisions we thought we could make without causing real economic damage," Nemeth said. This year, "We want to alert them sooner that it could be worse than they've experienced before." ★



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