

What's Happening

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There will be arts and crafts vendors, music, wine, food—Draft Punk craft beer and kombucha, Green Go Taco Wagon, Judy's hot dish—and kids delightfully chasing each other.

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We're painting the town: please join in!

Political



By Jim Shields

Mendocino County Pot Policy: "We Do Things Our Way"

No pardoning this pun, but there was a watershed development recently dealing with the region's top agriculture endeavor: marijuana cultivation.

As I'm fond of saying, you can't grow weed without water, although our local bureaucrats and elected officials haven't grasped that basic concept yet.

In this space I have repeatedly pointed out that the state's two primary resource agencies in California's cannabis regulatory framework — the State Water Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife — have very tough, stringent water regulations that need to be complied with in order for local growers to become licensed.

When this issue was raised at a meeting late last year, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors' response was, "There's already checks and balances on water." What exactly did that mean? And by the way, what are these checks and balances on water? You'll wait an eternity before they ever answer that inquiry.

Anyway, for the past year I've been warning everybody that Mendocino County's cannabis ordinance is fatally flawed for many reasons but in particular because it doesn't address the cumulative impacts of marijuana cultivation in our watersheds. The bottom line is, you can only grow so much weed in a watershed before you start harming it. It's simple, well-established science and I've said our county needs to accept it as fact and act accordingly before they are sued.

According to water journal *Water Deeply*, "Earlier this month, the environmental nonprofit Friends of the Eel River, which works to protect fisheries and watersheds in the region, filed a lawsuit against Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors. The suit alleges the environmental review prepared for the county's new land-use ordinance permitting commercial cannabis operations fails to adequately address the industry's impacts on watersheds and endangered wildlife."

The report summarizes the extent of the vexing cumulative impact issue thusly,

The county's new land-use ordinance, approved in May, would permit 3,500 commercial cannabis operations, which includes some that were previously permitted under an ordinance regulating

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Susan Shields' High Crimes & Misdemeanors

By Jim Shields & Jayma Shields Spence

Second Highway 101 Shooting Victim Dies

On Tuesday, July 10 the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office coroner's division was notified that Miguel Ramirez, 30 years old from Covelo, had died in a Sonoma County area hospital. Miguel Ramirez was transported to Mendocino County and a forensic autopsy has been scheduled for July 10 in connection with the investigation into the shooting incident detailed below.

During this time, Sheriff's Detectives identified Calixto Ramirez, 51 years old from Covelo, as the deceased adult male at the shooting scene. Calixto Ramirez and Miguel Ramirez have been identified as father and son.

During investigations, which included assistance from the public, the shooting suspect was identified by Sheriff's Detectives as being Ubaldo Ramirez, 23 year-old male from Covelo. Ubaldo Ramirez is the son of Calixto Ramirez (deceased) and the younger brother of Miguel Ramirez (was in critical condition at time of shooting, now deceased).

Thanks to assistance from the public, Ubaldo Ramirez was located on July 3 at approximately 1:30 a.m. in a parking lot in the 77800 block of Highway 162 in Covelo.

Ubaldo Ramirez was taken into custody without incident for the homicide of his father (Calixto Ramirez), and the attempted homicide of his brother (Miguel Ramirez).

Ubaldo Ramirez was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held without bail. Specific details regarding the shooting are not being released at this time due to pending follow-up investigations by Sheriff's Detectives. Any persons with information about this incident, including anyone who might have seen Ubaldo Ramirez between the scene (MPM 35 on North Highway 101 in Willits) on July 2 and Covelo on July 3 are encouraged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Tip-Line by calling 707-234-2100.

K9 Rex's Donated Vest

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office K9 Rex has received body armor Mendocino County Sheriff's Office K9 Rex has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Rex's vest was sponsored by Coburn's Construction & Cabinetry, Inc. of Willits and embroidered with the sentiment "Gifted by Coburn's Construction & Cabinetry".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 2,600 protective vests, in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over 2.1 million dollars. The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate. The donation to provide one protective vest for a

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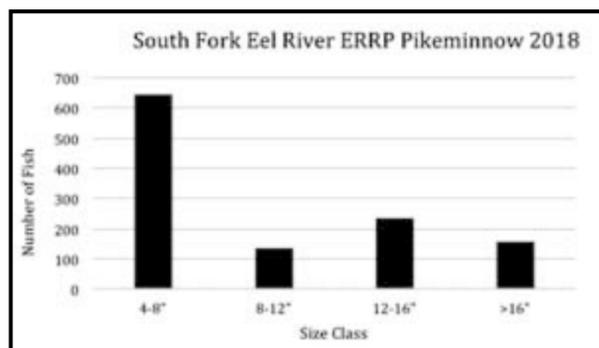
Eel River Recovery Project dive team on first day of Pikeminnow count (l to r): Pat Higgins, Walker Wise, and UC Berkeley volunteers Wes Slaughter, Sage Kurnie, Phil Georgakakos and Taylor Schabel. Photo: ERRP

Eel River Recovery Project Pikeminnow Survey Shows Increase In Largest Predators

By Patrick Higgins
ERRP

The Eel River Recovery Project got major support again in 2018 from the University of California, Berkeley, as four students joined seasoned volunteers and fisheries professionals to count the non-native Sacramento pikeminnow in the South Fork Eel River. This is the third year of the survey, which covers a 12 miles reach extending from Rattlesnake Creek to Standish Hickey State Park. The study is being done because of widespread concern about the impact of pikeminnow on native Eel River fishes, including salmon and steelhead. The goal is to estimate the population of pikeminnow over four inches long, because survival and recruitment of smaller fish into the adult population may be low. Larger fish are of greater interest as the pikeminnow diet switches from insects to small fish at 10 inches long, and fish over 16" are known to consume thousands of native fish per year.

The largest member of the minnow family in North America, pikeminnow get their name from the very large down-turned mouth and their voracious feeding habits. They were released into Lake Pillsbury at the headwaters of the Eel River in 1979, and



Pikeminnow by size class during 2018 South Fork Eel River dive survey.

spread and rose to dominance during the 1986-1994 drought. Recent basin-wide observations suggest that others are limiting the pikeminnow population. However, native fish like sculpin and suckers are not recovering from pikeminnow predation, particularly in South Fork Eel River basin.

ERRP is being advised by Dr. Brett Harvey of the U.S. Forest Service Redwood Science Lab in Arcata, who has studied Eel River pikeminnow extensively. His diet studies substantiated the problem of large

pikeminnow preying upon steelhead juveniles in the upper South Fork Eel River. He recommended that baseline and trend data be collected, with a long-term objective of harvesting the largest fish to suppress their predation and reproduction. The effort needs to extend for a duration equal to the life span of pikeminnow, which is 10 years, in what biologists call a "press-disturbance" that has a good chance of allowing the river to regain its ecological balance with pikeminnow present, but not dominant.

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New Groundwater Woes and Regs In Wine Country

By Water Deeply Staff

California's premier wine-growing region has been targeted for more regulation under the state's new groundwater law, likely resulting in new fees and limits on water extraction for the industry.

The state Department of Water Resources declared in May that 14 groundwater basins across the state are at risk of overdraft, and thus should be reprioritized under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Four of these are in Napa and Sonoma county wine-growing valleys.

The aquifers in question are the Sonoma Lowlands subbasin in Napa and Solano counties, the Alexander Valley basin and Healdsburg area subbasin in Sonoma County and the Wilson Grove Highlands basin in Sonoma and Marin Counties. Each is a vital source of irrigation water for grape growing.

The department proposes to change these basins from "low" to "medium"

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Rearing Monarch Butterflies Presentation Rated High By Attendees

By Susan Bradley
For the Observer

The Friends of the Long Valley Public Library hosted a fascinating presentation titled "Rearing Monarch Butterflies" at the newly decorated Community Room in the old Laytonville high school. The guest speaker, Chris Ineich, is a biology instructor at both Mendocino College and Sonoma State University. Professor Ineich describes himself as a *Pant Ecologist* because he studies the relationships between plants and their environment. He is particularly interested in and concerned about Monarch Butterflies, their role as pollinators, their habitat and the milkweed plants which support them. Assisting Professor Ineich in his well-organized presentation were his wife, Rachel, and his young daughter Annabel. Attendees, an eager group of butterfly enthusiasts and gardeners, two of whom drove from Round Valley, viewed a screen full of Monarch Butterflies and caterpillars while Professor Ineich explained each slide and its significance. The slide show started with a Monarch Butterfly comfortably standing on the head of Annabel Ineich.

The Monarch story begins with milkweed because the Monarch Butterfly depends on it. There are 140 species of milkweed, five of which grow in Mendocino County. Professor Ineich favors a Mendocino County native species, Narrowleaf milkweed for attracting and raising Monarch Butterflies. Interestingly the Monarch Butterflies do not pollinate milkweed even though milkweed is the only source of nourishment for young Monarchs, the white, black and yellow striped caterpillars. Milkweed is also a nectar plant for adult Monarch Butterflies.

Chris Ineich is on a crusade to inform people about the possible loss of the Monarch Butterfly species if we do not decrease the use of pesticides and herbicides and increase the amount of milkweed available to them. Summer Monarch habitat has been reduced due to very large areas of mono-cropped agriculture and winter migration habitat has been decreased due to logging and more.

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North County Community News & Briefs

Major Injuries For Trucker In Hwy. 101-Bell Springs Accident

By Observer Staff

A 77-year-old Fort Bragg truck driver was seriously injured Tuesday, July 10, when his fully loaded rig overturned, rammed the rear of a Mazda sedan, and spilled logs across Highway 101 north of Laytonville.

Around 2:35 p.m. Tuesday, a 2012 Peterbilt tractor driven by Donald Lind, of Fort Bragg, was traveling northbound on Highway 101 just north of Bell Springs Road. Traveling in the same direction, in front of the big rig, was the sedan driven by Victoria Justen, 61, of Grand Ronde, OR.

For reasons still under investigation, the log truck overturned while going through a curve causing the truck cab to collide with the rear of the Mazda. Due to the collision, a load of logs spilled across all lanes of Hwy. 101. The highway was shut down intermittently for approximately 4 hours due to the recovery and clean up of the scene. Mr. Lind was airlifted from the scene with suspected serious injuries and transported to Mercy Medical Center in Redding, CA. This collision remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, Garberville Area.

The following agencies assisted the CHP at the accident scene: Caltrans, Leggett CAL-FIRE, Leggett Volunteer Fire Department, Reach Air Ambulance and Laytonville ambulance as well as the many citizens who stopped at the scene and assisted emergency personnel.

Laytonville County Water District Board Meeting Report

By Observer Staff

At its regular monthly meeting on June 26, the Laytonville County Water District Board (Mike Davis, John McCaffrey, Deber Dodd, Kary Foltz, and Time Henry) approved accepting the required outside, independent audit performed by the agency's federal auditor.

The audit is required by federal regulations due to the District's issuance of two revenue bonds that financed a major water infrastructure improvement project that started in 2004 and was completed in 2008. The \$4 million project was funded mainly by the Rural Utility Services branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The independent audit and report found District finances and operations to be in sound condition.

At the meeting, District Manager Jim Shields reported that additional testing had once again been done for the presence of hexavalent chromium, PCBs, and approximately 20 other pesticides and herbicides. The test results were "non-detect" for all contaminants, as has been the case for years.

A neighborhood group has alleged, without any evidence whatever, that the District's water supply is contaminated by the long-closed Laytonville landfill. These most recent test results once again confirm that the town's water is not and never has been contaminated.

Shields also updated the Board on the status of the proposed wastewater feasibility study.

John Haschak, candidate for 3rd District Supervisor, attended the meeting and spoke briefly with the Board and staff about water district matters discussed at the meeting.

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Letters

To the Editor:

Let's Keep Our Community Clean And Pleasant

This morning (Saturday, July 7) I went to pick up my mail and saw that someone had dumped most of the bin for recyclable paper all over the floor. I was disgusted and almost walked over it and let it lie, but decided that I love and value this community too much to just let it be. So I spent a good deal of time putting it all back in. I realize that probably at least 90% of the people who live in this town are good decent people who would never create such a mess, but it only takes a few a**holes to do things like this. I have been picking up push pins that get pulled out of the outside bulletin boards for years. Papers fluttering, pins to be stepped on. Who on earth gets a kick of doing this sort of thing?

Most likely the people who are responsible for this kind of mindless behavior never read this paper or the letters in it.

I would just like to create an awareness that if people notice stuff like this, they can help by doing some of the cleanup. Even if they are in no way connected to this type of vandalism, we can all do our part to keep our community clean and pleasant.

Sincerely,

Paula Mulligan
Laytonville

To the Editor:

Why 21+ for Dance Party Fundraiser for Skate Park?

There have been some questions about our decision to bill the upcoming Dance Party fundraiser as a 21/older event. As a community organization that is working towards providing a fun and safe facility for kids (young and old), we pride ourselves on throwing awesome fundraisers while keeping the health and safety of the youth & community at the forefront of our decision making process. We also make it a point to be as transparent as possible about our plans and finances, so that the community who have supported this project for so long can be confident that their support and donations are being used appropriately and responsibly.

The Dance Party for the Skate Park on Saturday, July 14 is an event that we feel is designed for adults over the age of 21. The party will have alcohol and goes until midnight, which is not really an appropriate event for minors. Also, we thought it would be nice to have an event, for once, where adults can feel comfortable having a couple of drinks and letting loose on the dance floor, without having to worry about any complications arising from having minors around alcohol.

Additionally, we need to make sure the sheriff continues to issue us alcohol licenses for future fundraisers where we might want to have alcohol.

Some might argue that the party should be inclusive of all ages, since the Skate Park will be primarily for kids, but simply put, we don't feel comfortable allowing minors to attend a late night party with alcohol. It is not unusual for youth oriented organizations to throw 21+ fundraisers every once in a while, since adults typically have more money to spend than children do. For the young folks who would like the opportunity to support the Skate Park by attending one of our fundraisers, we truly appreciate your support and we are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events, like Movie Nights at Harwood Park and other all-ages happenings.

Thank you for understanding our point of view and thank you for your continued support of the Laytonville Skate Park.

Roland Spence
President
Long Valley Skaters' Association

To the Editor:

Lies Just Keep Coming

A few of the things Donald Trump believes:

Climate change is made up; Then why do 90% of the world's climatologists say it is fact, and how can one ignorant president put his will over the good of 320 million Americans?

Trump's Inaugural crowd was the biggest ever.

The GOP is improving health care by trashing the Affordable Care Act. Have you seen anything that is in the Republican health plan yet?

Mainstream news is all fake. No, Donald Trump's lies

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Supes Notes

By Mark Scaramella
Anderson Valley Advertiser

WE NOTED this pointed sentence in the Library Advisory Board's report to the Supes on next week's Board of Supervisors agenda: "Apparently the County was unaware until last year that the Museum had a problem with its director, staff morale and a deteriorating collection."

THE LAB repeats their opposition to combining the Library with the Museum and Parks functions by saying, "In order for the Museum to thrive it needs a fulltime dedicated and experienced director to actively safeguard its collection, plan new exhibits, prepare publicity and supervise staff. The proposed Cultural Services Agency (CSA) with a 10-25% director would abolish the validity of the Museum as a County Department and forfeit its ability to shape itself as a tourist and public entity."

(WITH THE CASUAL cruelty our boorish leadership is famous for, Russ and Sylvia Bartley's request to stay on at the Museum was simply ignored. They brought a knowledge and sophistication to the collection work the County is unlikely to see again.)

THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD also says that "the County has improperly charged the Library for A-87 reimbursement on fully depreciated equipment. The Fort Bragg Branch insurance funded facility and the Willits Branch's grant funded facility are two examples of improper charges to the Library. It took two Grand Jury Reports and two years for the County to refund \$24,000 for building use charges and \$31,000 for equipment charges to the Fort Bragg and Willits branches. Additionally, the County refuses to even consider that the Library Director's salary should be paid by the County as explicitly stated in the Education Code. Prior to the passage of Measure A, the Board of Supervisors considered closing the Willits Branch and the Bookmobile. The Library had no budget for materials. The branches were open only three days per week. Measure A, approved by 75% of the voters, reversed this dire condition."

THE ABOVE CRITICISM of the County's bad management by the Library Advisory Board is what annoyed the Supervisors the last time the combined agency was discussed, with Supervisor McCowen accusing the Library people of spreading disinformation and hurting their own chances of renewing the 2011 Measure A Library sales tax increment which sunsets in a few years.

THE LAB adds, "It is likely that what the CEO means by [the combined agency] will have 'greater access [to] shared resources' is that the Museum and Parks will have the potential to utilize Library funds through ambiguous accounting and unspecified co-mingled costs of admin and A-87 expenditures. The County's opaque accounting practices, past attempts to inaccurately assess A-87 charges and refusal to consider following state law regarding the proper source of the Director's salary are reasons to doubt the intentions of the County in its attempt to combine the Library with the Museum and Parks into an agency."

OH BOY. This is impressively blunt. The Library Advisory Board doesn't trust the CEO or the Board's frequent assertions that the Library won't be affected by the consolidation. These borderline mutinous statements (bureaucratically speaking, of course) clearly won't sit well with the famously vindictive CEO Angelo and her lockstep Board, which is already on record as resenting the Library people's "gripping" and has unanimously (of course) approved the consolidation of the Library with the Museum and Parks functions. Tuesday's discussion of the LAB's report should be very interesting.

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ALSO ON TUESDAY'S BOARD of Supervisors Agenda is what seems to us like a rather obvious conflict of interest, not that anyone in Official Mendo is likely to care. After all, Official Mendo had no problem with a former Ortner employing steering millions of dollars in privatized Mental Health dollars to his old employer in Marysville. Under "recommended appointments" for the Health and Human Services Advisory Board is: "Ms. Camille Schrader" to be appointed to the HHS Board's "Children System of Care" position. OK, she's "qualified" for the position, but her role as Mendo's biggest HHS contractor should disqualify her for any position with influence over the agency which she contracts for (to the tune of over \$25 million a year approved on the consent calendar). Besides that, it looks bad.

ANOTHER ANNOYING APPOINTMENT is Supervisor Dan Hamburg's re-appointment of Third (not Fifth)

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You Can't Make This Up

By Mr. K

Federal Immigration Unaccountability

"When we got to the car," the boy's mother continued, "M. started crying and screaming. He seemed really scared. He continued to cry when we got home and would hold on to my leg and would not let me go." Just as horrifically, the boy was filthy. He had been neglected in government custody. "When I took off his clothes he was full of dirt and lice. It seemed like they had not bathed him the 85 days he was away from us."

The boy's government "caretakers" either did not know the boy had lice, or did not care. There was no other available information about the boy's hygiene while in custody, including whether he even had a bath for almost three months while he was separated from his mother?

Any guesses why the boy was crying, screaming, and clinging to his mother?

Meanwhile, the Trump administration expects immigrant children as young one year old to appear without their family in immigration court?

Then there's this tour de force of bureaucratic bungling.

In hundreds of cases, Customs agents deleted the initial records in which parents and children were listed together as a family with a "family identification number," according to two officials at the Department of Homeland Security, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the process. As a result, the parents and children appeared in federal computers to have no connection to one another. "That was the big problem. We weren't able to see that information," said one of the officials, who is directly involved in the reunification process. (Alternet)

Master Negotiator Needs No Record of What Was Promised

During his historic summit with Kim Jong Un last month, president Trump met for about an hour with the North Korean dictator, joined only by their translators. Upon returning to Washington, the president said, "There is no longer a Nuclear Threat" from Pyongyang." Since no American official was there to document what was said, the American public only has Trump's statement to go by. That's why Secretary of State Pompeo has been back to North Korea to try to clarify the results of the meeting.

In trying to verify North Korea's vague promise to commit to denuclearization, Pompeo was unable to get a declaration of weapons sites, a timeline of deconstruction efforts and likely failed to get a written statement that North Korea's definition of denuclearization matched Mr. Pompeo's.

At Trump's first meeting with Putin, Rex Tillerson was in the room. In a second conversation with Putin, Trump met with Putin accompanied only by Putin's translator. US experts expressed concern there was no official US record of the talk.

In the forthcoming July 16 meeting with Putin, there are no assurances (again) that Trump will not meet one on one with the Russian leader.

Foreign policy experts are worried that Trump may "give away the store" and no one else in government would have a record of it? Again, will we only have Trump's word about what was promised?

Republicans used to laud Ronald Reagan's warning about dealing with Russia, "Trust but verify."

Today, not so much? After all, what's at stake is only the future of global representative democracy?

Congressman Denies Knowledge of Sexual Abuse

Republican firebrand Jim Jordan is accused of doing nothing to address accusations of sexual exploitation of student athletes, when he was an assistant wrestling coach at Ohio State University.

The Congressman denies knowing anything about claims that the team doctor, Dr. Richard Strauss, sexually assaulted team wrestlers and other student athletes during medical exams from the 1970's through the 1990s. Strauss committed suicide in 2005.

Eight former wrestlers have come forward claiming Jordan knew about the sexual assaults, which were "common knowledge" at the time.

One former athlete recalled that he and his teammates had a number of conversations with Jordan about Strauss' behavior and added that "for God's sake, Strauss's locker was right next to Jordan's and Jordan even said he'd kill him if he tried anything with him." Another former athlete says Jordan is a "good friend," but he "is absolutely lying if he says he doesn't know what was going on."

The way I see it, Jordan could have said that he knew about the sexual assaults, but didn't have the courage to speak out at the time, which in hindsight he should have done, and admit that not speaking out was a mistake. Instead, Jordan tries to deny knowledge of the abuse, because he thinks that covering it up will help him in his bid to replace Paul Ryan as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Do I need to point out that killing another man, because he came on to you, is still a standard murder defense in American courts?

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Connecting...The...Dots
By Jon Spitz

The Rise And Fall Of Nancy Pelosi

In the 2006 mid-term elections, the Democrats won back control of the US House of Representatives after twelve straight years of Republican rule. As the newly constituted majority party, they chose Nancy Pelosi of Northern California as the first ever woman Speaker of the House making her second in line of succession to the presidency. Speaker Pelosi had ascended to the most powerful elected position in the US government ever held by a woman.

In the 2008 presidential election, Democrat Barack Obama swept into office and the Democrats increased their House majority from 36 to 75 seats, which further strengthened Pelosi's grip on power.

Then, in the 2010 mid-terms, after only four years in the majority, the roof fell in on House Democrats and in a sweeping reversal, the Republicans regained the majority which they still hold today heading into the 2018 mid-terms. Throughout these eight years of wandering in the political desert, House Democrats have stuck with Pelosi as their Minority Leader despite her record of dismal failure.

Pelosi's weak leadership is not the only reason House Democrats have been relegated to minority status; gerrymandered Congressional districts and voter suppression by Republicans, and President Obama's disinterest in party building all played a role. But even considering these complicating factors, Pelosi still bears much of the blame.

If House Democrats actually stood for progressive policies like single-payer health insurance, free public college tuition, breaking up the big banks and prosecuting white collar criminals, they could attract more than enough votes to overcome Republican dirty tricks and win a large and lasting majority. But alas, Pelosi doesn't just not support a progressive agenda, she actively uses her leadership position to suppress efforts by progressive Democrats to push progressive policies.

The reason Pelosi, (who calls herself a progressive), is so opposed to a truly progressive agenda is not hard to discern: she is the queen of corporate establishment Democrats. Instead of accepting only small individual contributions like Bernie Sanders did in his run for the 2016 Democratic Presidential nomination, corporate establishment Democrats like Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and Nancy Pelosi glom onto big bucks from corporate megadonors at swank parties in the Hollywood Hills or Upper West Side of Manhattan; it is they whom corporate Democrats serve – and they are absolutely opposed to a progressive agenda that threatens their corporate dominance.

After the 2016 presidential debacle in which corporate establishment Democrat Hillary Clinton lost to phony populist Republican Donald Trump, you'd think the Democratic Party leadership – including Nancy Pelosi – would have received a wake up call from the millions of swing voters who chose a serial sexual abuser over their establishment elitist. But no, Pelosi is more interested in maintaining her position of power within the corporate party establishment than she is in actually winning a long lasting majority by steering her party towards a truly progressive agenda.

To this end, Pelosi and the DCCC (the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee that works to elect Democrats to Congress) have been funding corporate candidates and attacking progressive candidates in this year's House Democratic primaries that determine who the party will run in the November general election.

Progressive Senator Bernie Sanders' electrifying run for the 2016 Democratic Presidential nomination supercharged the progressive wing of the Democratic Party and spawned a whole new generation of progressive Democrats to challenge corporate establishment candidates for hundreds of offices around the country. In defiance of party bosses, progressive Democrats are reshaping the party from within.

In the recent New York State primaries, in what can only be described as the most stunning upset so far in the 2018 primary season, a 28 year old self-described Democratic Socialist took down the No. 4 establishment Democrat in the House leadership in a Congressional district that includes parts of the Bronx and Queens boroughs of New York City. Economist, community organizer and native Puerto Rican woman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, thumped 56 year old white male nine term incumbent corporate Democrat Joe Crowley, who didn't see her coming. Outspent 10 to 1 by Crowley, Ocasio-Cortez ran an unapologetically progressive feet-on-the-ground grassroots campaign.

In an interview before the election, Ocasio-Cortez noted: "There are a lot of people who want to defend the status quo out of safety, and say, 'This is how it's been for years and in this administration we can't afford to take risks.' This is a proven strategy of failure. In 10 years we've lost 1,000 Democratic seats. We lost the House. We lost the Senate. We lost the presidency. This is what playing it safe has gotten us."

Known as the "King of Queens", the defeated Crowley is the sitting Democratic Caucus Chair and one of 78 year old Nancy Pelosi's chief lieutenants; needless to say, she was not pleased to see him go down to an upstart progressive challenger. After Crowley's drubbing, Pelosi tried to downplay the significance of Ocasio-Cortez's victory saying, "They made a choice in one district. So let's not get yourself carried away as an expert on demographics and the rest of that."

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- 2) The First Amendment rules.
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Crossing the Digital Divide LAN MAN WAN

By Joseph Feigon
For the Observer

Oh, so many acronyms. Back when I was in the PBX (private branch exchange) business, one of the vertical markets I was responsible for was health care. While working for a major telecommunications company headquartered in the South Bay Area, I worked with almost every hospital and clinic from San Mateo to Gilroy (someone else managed Kaiser). I became good friends with the MIS (management information systems) Director from a four-location health care chain.

Doug and I put on a skit for his staff and several of my coworkers, an all acronym diatribe where health care acronyms were bantering with telecom acronyms. We had a good laugh, the beer and pizza were our reward.

LAN/MAN/WAN – local area network, metropolitan area network, wide area network.

LAN is the computers, cameras, printers and such you might have in your office or home.

A MAN is a private network that connects multiple LAN's together in a private network.

A WAN is how you, your business, or a public agency connects to the Internet, or outside world.

Two of these network options can exist without any connection to the Internet. A WAN connection empowers the LAN or MAN to access computers and/or networks outside the direct control of the LAN/MAN operator.

Bigger enterprises (public or private) often deploy software designed networks to replicate a MAN, e.g., Home Depot maintains some degree of transparency between each store by virtue of an MPLS (multi-protocol-label-switching) network.

Most larger and many smaller organizations will utilize intelligent hardware to maintain a dual-WAN connection. Why? Simple: Internet Service Providers have been known to have problems, some more than others. When properly configured, having a suitable "fail-over" capable router, a business can use two WAN connections, so that, when one provider has a service impacting issue, the other takes over, automatically.

The better Internet service providers are usually setup with multiple Internet (WAN) gateways – they know, regardless of the company name, service interruptions will happen. Preparing for the inevitable, having two connections (from the right providers) essentially doubles or quadruples your connectivity options. Example: when AT&T lost a fiber segment during the fires last year, everyone using their service exclusively was without Internet access. Those businesses (or ISP's) that had multiple agreements (and circuits) with several vendors were able to maintain Internet access for their installed base.

Control those things you can, and keep the surprises to a minimum!

Spitz

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Let's get real Nancy, brilliant young progressives like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez are the future of the Democratic Party and the hope of the American people. Your time to lead the party has come and gone; for the good of the country, it's time now for dinosaurs like you to accept the inevitable and gracefully step aside.

Letters

and views are fake.

The rich and Trump's friends need more money — Give them more tax cuts.

I didn't say 'shithole' countries.

And Donald's lies just keep coming. I hope you are teaching your children not to be like Donald Trump.

Ron Lowe
Nevada City

To the Editor:

Break In On Them For A Change

There's a new poll out that says only 47% of Americans feel like real true Americans. I have an answer for that. If they don't like America the 53% who don't like it can get the hell out and go to Pakistan or Africa or Russia or Iraq or somewhere else.

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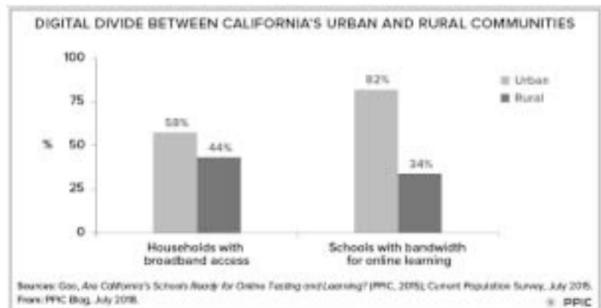
What Does Repeal Of Net Neutrality Mean For California Schools?

By Jujstin Goss
PPIC

As the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) repeal of net neutrality phases in, concerns that Internet service providers (ISPs) could speed up or slow down traffic from certain websites or prioritize certain content loom large. Changes to Internet service, if any, will probably be slow and gradual; however, the repeal has potentially important implications for the digital divide in and outside of California's schools.

K-12 schools rely increasingly on online content and management systems to deliver instruction (e.g., blended learning), administer standardized tests (e.g., Smarter Balanced assessments), and manage educational data (e.g., cloud computing). As online learning becomes ubiquitous, access to high-speed Internet is no longer optional—it's a necessity. Most schools receive discounted Internet services through the federal E-rate program, but if providers decide to introduce tiered pricing based on content, students and educators could lose access to quality education programs. Tiered pricing could also exacerbate the digital divide between urban and rural districts. PPIC research shows that close to 70% of rural districts lack sufficient bandwidth for digital learning, compared to 18% of urban districts. If this gap persists or widens, students in rural areas may be left behind in the digital race.

Another concern is the homework gap. The FCC reports that 70% of teachers assign homework that requires access to broadband, while an estimated



860,000 (22%) households with school-age children in California do not have home Internet service. For many of these households, the cost is too high. Low-income families may get government subsidies (e.g., the Lifeline program) or discounts from ISPs. However, if providers create a fast lane for customers who pay premiums and a slow lane for those who don't, the homework gap may widen. Rural residents may be particularly affected by these changes, because they tend to have more limited Internet access and fewer ISPs.

Federal and state policymakers have placed net neutrality near the top of their agendas. A major legislative effort to restore net neutrality fell short in the US House of Representatives. In California, two Senate bills (SB 822 and SB 460) that would establish a stringent net neutrality regime are being considered in the state legislature. Other states, including Montana, New York, and Oregon, are taking similar legislative or executive action.

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District resident Marilyn Harden of Willits to the Civil Service Commission. Yes, I am choking back black bile.

BACK IN 2010 when Dan Hamburg was first running for Supervisor he assured me that he would appoint me to the Civil Service Commission which was established in the early 60s by my uncle, Supervisor Joe Scaramella, who also wrote Mendocino's first civil service rules to try to ensure fairness in County employment. A few weeks after he was elected Hamburg notified me that he'd changed his mind and was going with Colfax's old appointment, Ms. Harden, who also happened to be the Willits City Clerk and Human Resources Manager (since retired), an insider with a record of rubberstamping everything the County's Human Resources department puts on the agenda.

HARDEN'S current re-appointment notes that the County is waiving the requirement that she live in the Fifth District, which is also interesting because back when I applied for the Civil Service Commission, then-Supervisor John Pinches told me he'd appoint me but was told that he couldn't because I didn't live in the Third District.

I HAVE LONG suspected that the Civil Service Commission not only doesn't question anything Mendocino County HR requests, but they don't follow the Brown Act in their agendas so that it's impossible to tell what kinds of personnel actions are coming to them and impossible for members of the public to participate in any meaningful way. (Go ahead, try to look up their agendas on-line. One we found at random actually says: "The County is committed to making its Commission meetings accessible to all citizens." Hah!)

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priority under the law after reviewing new data on the severity of overdraft and land use in each region. Previously, their low ranking meant these basins got a pass from complying with SGMA. If finalized in November, medium priority will require each basin to form a groundwater sustainability agency within two years, and complete a sustainability plan within five years.

Other groundwater basins in Napa and Sonoma counties are already subject to these requirements. The new additions mean virtually all of California's top wine region now confronts costly groundwater regulations for the first time. Grape growing is the primary consumer of groundwater in each basin.

"Nobody likes to be regulated, particularly when we are already doing our best to economize the use of irrigation water," said Tito Sasaki, a board member of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau and a farmer who grows champagne grapes.

Trevor Joseph, a supervising engineering geologist with the state Department of Water Resources, said the water demands of wine growing were definitely a factor in raising the priority status of the Napa and Sonoma basins.

"We had more recent and refined estimates of groundwater use in these areas," Joseph said. "There is some relevance here to the wine-growing areas. These ones in particular are heavily dependent on groundwater to meet their water demands."

The new groundwater sustainability plans require each basin to reverse groundwater overdraft. This could result in new water conservation rules imposed on farmers. The basins could also be required to develop plans to recharge aquifers, which could mean

buying surface water or recycled water. Groundwater users in each basin will probably be required to pay fees to support all these efforts.

In Sonoma County, three groundwater basins were already ranked as "high" priority under the SGMA requirements. The Sonoma County Water Agency has been working under contract with groundwater users in those basins to organize new sustainability agencies and begin drafting sustainability plans.

Jay Jasperse, director of groundwater management for the county water agency, said doubling the number of groundwater basins subject to the law in Sonoma County will add significant workload and cost.

The expenses are numerous. At its core, the process involves creating a new government agency to regulate groundwater. The costs include selecting and seating a board, organizing meetings, complying with the state's open-meetings law, hiring a part-time attorney and administrator for each basin, and developing all the usual policies and procedures required of any government agency.

In addition, consultants must be hired to study the hydrology of the basin and, in many cases, to conduct a rate study to figure out how much each groundwater user should pay into the program. Other tasks are likely to include installing new groundwater monitoring devices on private wells throughout each basin and possibly even drilling new monitoring wells.

Jasperse said Sonoma County has budgeted \$2.7 million to fund the startup process for each of the three groundwater agencies it is already working on. Each of the three new basins will require a similar investment.

"You're talking about over \$8 million or so in costs, on top of what we're already hit with," he said. "So that is something we're very con-

cerned about. How do you pay for these extra costs? We're already struggling with that with our first three basins."

The county obtained a \$1 million state grant for each of the first three basins. Jasperse hopes the same will be possible for the additional three.

He suspects the change in priority is a result of connections between groundwater and surface water. The Healdsburg groundwater basin, for instance, is connected to surface flow in the Russian River. The Dry Creek basin is connected to Dry Creek.

The Sonoma County Water Agency manages surface flow in both of those streams via its control of upstream reservoirs. This gives it a direct role in the fate of groundwater in those basins.

"Having surface water flows, and how those are managed – that's very critical to the health of the groundwater aquifer," Jasperse said.

Two big questions loom over the future of groundwater in these wine-producing basins.

First, what is the right path to sustainability? Is it through water conservation efforts, groundwater recharge, or some combination? Sasaki prefers to focus on recharge, he said, because wine growers have already done a lot to reduce groundwater pumping, including widespread conversion to drip irrigation.

But that requires finding water to use for recharge, which won't be easy in this already water-scarce region.

Second, who should pay for groundwater management? Besides startup costs, there will be additional costs in perpetuity to monitor groundwater, prepare status reports, fund conservation efforts and plan aquifer recharge programs.

Sasaki said the entire population benefits from sustainable aquifers and their connection to surface-water flows. Therefore, he said, the growers who extract most of the groundwater should not be solely responsible for groundwater management costs.

He acknowledges this is not a popular position, especially since most cities in the region depend on surface water, not groundwater.

"I'm more of the opinion that the groundwater issues are part of the entire water resources optimization challenge," Sasaki said. "Therefore, the costs should be borne by everybody in the entire region – in this case, the entire county. But many people don't agree with that."



The Inglorious Batters

Back row: Jay Augustyniak, Derek Senander, Lily Peterson, Steve Arkelian, Mike McKinnon, Oscar Padilla, Nick Erwin; Front row: Rhiannon Filley, Hailey Finnegan, Abbe Arkelian, Crystal Finnegan; Not pictured: Jenna Crone, Tracey Athey, Crystal Senander, Dawson Carbaugh, Michael Braught, Dustin Medina, Cain Finnegan.
Photo: Bell Springs Photography

Laytonville Co-Ed Softball Report

By Shannon Ford
For the Observer

The featured team of the week is the Inglorious Batters sponsored by Long Valley Market. The Batters are a fourth year team and have been continuously getting stronger each season. They just pulled off a win against last years champs Sho' Nuff on Tuesday and are looking to keep up the momentum next Tuesday

July 17th against the Lofirs. When asked manager Abbe Arkelian said after winning this week the highlights of the season have been the arrival of teammate Mike McKinnon's new baby boy Brody and the marriage of catcher Jenna Crone (formerly Musgrave). Congratulations!

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medicinal cannabis operations. Rough estimates have put the number of existing, unpermitted outdoor operations in the county at a staggering 15,000.

The county's ordinance included an Environmental Impact Report on the effects of the regulations, but Friends of the Eel River says it falls far short in one crucial area: assessing existing impacts from the industry.

"The big thing we are worried about at its core is the county's failure to even figure out what the cumulative effects on the landscape already are and how the permits they are proposing to issue would affect those impacts," says Scott Greacen, conser-

vation director at Friends of the Eel River.

The county still hasn't done its "homework to definitely say what each individual watershed [in the county] can support," adds Stephanie Tidwell, executive director of Friends of the Eel River. "What we're asking the county to do is to knowledgeably permit a sustainable industry rather than come up with some arbitrary numbers for how many permits they'll give out."

Humboldt County officials declined to comment on the lawsuit, but Ryan Sundberg, chair of the board of supervisors, said, "Humboldt County has been diligent in protecting water and our cannabis programs make the environment better. For instance, we have policies that forbear water withdrawal in the summer months and require [water] storage."

Friends of the Eel River say the critical area of concern for them is the cannabis industry's impact on the watersheds and fisheries. Coho salmon and steelhead are both listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act and in some watersheds in Humboldt County are clinging to survival due to a host of issues, including development, dams, timber extraction and now cannabis cultivation. "It becomes a death by a thousand cuts for our salmon," says Tidwell.

I believe the Humboldt lawsuit on its merits presents a very solid case because it reflects what's occurring real-time on the cannabis regulatory front.

In previous columns we've discussed the new rules adopted by the State Water Board establishing strict environmental standards for cannabis cultivation in order to protect water flows and water quality in California's rivers and streams.

The State Water Board's plans include restricting or capping the number of cultivation licenses that can be issued, based on an "environmental impact calculation" of how many grow sites and/or plants are allowable per watershed. According to a Water Board staffer, the plans include limiting the "number of plant identifiers and licenses issued by the various entities, and so those folks that come forward earlier are going to be in a better position than folks that may stand on the sidelines and wait for a while."

That's a great idea that local officials should have taken note of im-

mediately but, of course, they didn't. It's a much-needed regulation and would address the issue of the out-of-control expansion of pot production, especially here in Mendocino County. It also would address the major issue concerning the economic survivability of the small cottage grower who has seen the selling price of marijuana plummet because the market (black, gray or legal) is flooded with surplus pot primarily due to the failure of local governments enforcing natural resource provisions in their own ordinances

For example, Mendocino County has an ordinance that prohibits removing a single tree if the purpose is for growing marijuana. There is little evidence the County is enforcing that strict rule, especially in the view of CALFIRE who last summer admonished the BOS for its failure to do so.

It's the same case with water-related issues. This county doesn't have a clue if cultivators are in compliance with water codes and regulations regarding water sources, diversions, pond building, road construction, etc. It's a safe bet that sooner than later Mendocino County will be sued on the same grounds as Humboldt County. After all, this county's motto is, "Why do things the right way when we can do them our way."

BLM Plan To Remove Millions Of Dead, Dying California Trees

Good move by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) releasing its plan this week to remove dead and dying trees from 35 California counties, including Mendocino.

"Elevated levels of tree mortality statewide have substantially increased the amount of hazardous trees threatening public safety in areas of high public use such as roads, private property, electrical lines recreation areas and trails," said BLM California State Director Jerome E. Perez.

"Removing dead and dying trees and conducting vegetation management within these areas will address tree mortality and reduce tree densities, ultimately creating healthier forests and woodlands for the future."

BLM estimates there are 127 million dead and dying trees in California forests. Agencies working through California's Tree Mortality Task Force have removed 1.2 million since February 2015.

The fuel load created by the liter-

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Just get away from here. Leave America if you don't like it. All these liberals and their liberal Congresspeople and lawmakers who are trying to encourage people to jump on staff members of the Trump administration or even people who are pro-Trump, I have an answer for that too: I love Donald Trump. I think he's one of the best if not the best president we've ever had and I guarantee you, I promise you that if you people want to jump on somebody, jump on me. Okay? Just go for it. See what happens. I might be the only one in the county sticking up for Donald Trump, but I'm sticking up for him. All you SOB's out there who don't like it, do something about it. Okay? We have to get a grip on what's going on around here. We should make it a federal offense for anyone to do anything treacherous or terroristic against anybody who wants to believe in something like that. So take it or leave it. You filthy anti-American liberals have had 24 years to get yourselves

embedded in our society ever since Ronald Reagan. Now you are facing a real president, a real man, and he is going to change the way that things to the way they should be. He will get rid of a lot of you anti-American people and I can't wait to see the end of this current term because he will be elected for another term and then he's going to really fix things!

Liberals are the ones who developed this political correctness. They did that so they can do whatever they want and get away with it and conservative people cannot. That's why all these people who demonstrate and all that stuff never get put in jail. They get a little balling out and that's the end of it. So I recommend to all you conservative people out there, that instead of hiding in the brush and letting these filthy bastards get away with whatever they want, stand up for yourselves and your country and show that 53% who supposedly don't like America what can happen when 47% like it. Okay? I'm sick and tired of hearing about these protests that those filthy antifa pigs break-in on people's demonstrations. I want to see some conservatives break in on them for a change. It's time that we quit running away from them and started running after them.

God bless Donald Trump.
**Jerry Philbrick
Comptche**

**To the Editor:
Misbehaving Kids, Ear-Splitting Music**

I have always looked forward to the summer Concerts in the Park. When they first commenced, I was the only person who danced. During the third year other people began dancing. Such a good time!

On June 10 I noticed that as I approached the Dance Area, the sound was very loud. I put my excellent silicone earplugs in, and was able to dance a little, in spite of the children wildly running through the dancers. This is very disturbing to other people as well as me. They could run elsewhere in the park; not in the area designated for dancing.

I do not understand why the Concert Manager(s) allow for running in the Dance Area. I don't understand why parents cannot allow their children to in that area. Children need guidance from parents, including learning respect for other people and their spaces. Letting children run the show will not help them in the long run.

When the intermission began, there was suddenly an excruciating loud sound that pierced through my earplugs and felt as if it was shattering my ear drums. (I was glad that a friend of mine had left as soon as she got there due to the sound being too loud.) I picked up my chair and myself as quick as I could, to scurry out of the Park. I have excellent hearing and would like to keep it. Some people were alarmed at my sudden departure.

One woman said, "I came to see you dance."

I am disappointed that I probably cannot return to this wonderful music series. Other friends of mine no longer come to the concerts, due to the running children and too loud sound system. What a pity!

**Tara Sufiana
Ukiah**

To the Editor:

Our Precious There-Ness There is no there there. That famous line from literature has no meaning in Ukiah because we are something—an agricultural valley at the "gateway to the redwoods." In order to transform our Ukiah Valley into the nothingness of that saying, we would have to remove our ag and build monotonous 50's style suburban sprawl tract homes.

Surprise, surprise! That is exactly what is being proposed along Lovers Lane—rows of homogeneous houses, cheaply built, sold for top dollar, with a sameness that defies aesthetics and all on top of prime agricultural soil. The Lovers Lane project makes every other development in Ukiah look like good examples of textbook urban design, including Empire Gardens, the housing up by the golf course, and Oak Manor.

Besides ignoring smart urban design, the Lovers Lane proposal ignores traffic issues with over 1,000 vehicle trips a day predicted to pour out from Lovers Lane onto North State Street or Despina Drive. If you think traffic is bad now, just you wait.

The final problem with this project lies in the fact that three new, sizable developments within Ukiah are beginning or on the verge to begin, on E. Gobbi, S. Oak, and N. Main. In addition, the City of Ukiah just approved new legislation concerning second units on residential parcels.

Patience, Mr. Selzer. Do not promote a loss of our precious there-ness. And blessings to Rainbow Ag for expanding their facility. Ag, YES. Suburban sprawl, NO.

**Pinky Kushner
Ukiah**

**To the Editor:
Greens On November Ballot For Congressional Races**

We have exciting news! Laura Wells, Green Party write-in candidate in Congressional District 13, has won 75% of the write-in votes and joins Green candidates Kenneth Mejia of CD 34 and Rodolfo Cortes Barragan of CD 40 on the November ballot!

The California Three are challenging corporate-dominated politics across the state and now, they need all of us to come together and build a statewide Green Wave of support to get them into office.

The Green Party of California announced today that due to a successful write-in campaign it now has three November election candidates to contest U.S. House seats currently held

by Democrats.

Winning over 75% of the write-in vote in the June primary, former Green candidate for Governor Laura Wells will now challenge Democrat Barbara Lee in House District 13 in Alameda County (San Francisco Bay Area). Wells joins Green Party House candidates Kenneth Mejia in District 34, and Rodolfo Cortes Barragan in District 40 (both in Los Angeles County).

The three candidates said that they are running to end a failed Democratic and Republican political party dynasty through which billionaires and their corporations are running the U.S. government.

The Democratic Party is considered "liberal" yet it is actually more conservative than the conservative parties of Europe. Barbara Lee is considered a "progressive" yet she is actually a team player for the Democratic Party. In 2008, Lee voted for a 700 billion dollar bailout of private banks, choosing Wall Street over Main Street. In 2009, Lee backed off the critically important demand for a public option in Obamacare. And in the 2016 presidential primary, while Lee's progressive district constituents supported Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton, Lee sat on the fence and did not endorse him.

The Democrats and Republicans have been in power for decades during a growing, huge wealth division crisis, and have not only failed to do anything about it, they are responsible for it. How many more decades will the Democrats and Republicans block universal health care? How long do we have to wait for the Democrats and Republicans to stop endless skyrocketing health care and housing costs? The Green Party takes no corporate donations, and will never bow to the will of the banking, insurance, medical, real estate and fossil fuel industries that are destroying this planet and its people.

The Weather Report

July	High	Low	Rain	Sky & Conditions
Thu. 5	94	49		sunny
Fri. 6	73	51		mostly sunny
Sat. 7	92	49		sunny
Sun. 8	78	57		mostly sunny
Mon. 9	93	48		mostly sunny
Tue. 10	94	52		sunny
Wed. 11	93	54		sunny

—Weather data recorded by Mendocino County Observer

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All three candidates said that from day one as representatives they would follow the Green Party platform and support full immediate universal health care, through expanding Medicare to all U.S. residents. They also stated their emphatic support of California Proposition 10, the "Local Rent Control Initiative", which will be on the November 6 ballot and will repeal the "Costa Hawkins" loopholes that the real estate industry passed in the 1990s to undermine rent control in California.

**Erik Rydberg
Green Party**

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Want your Meeting or Event listed? Please send us the who, what, when, where and why to the observer@pacific.net and please keep us updated when your meeting or event changes.

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Meetings & Events

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ally deadwood has been a huge factor in recent, record-setting wildfires the past few years in California.

The proposed project area includes BLM-managed public lands within 35 northern and central California counties: Alpine; Amador; Butte; Calaveras; Colusa; El Dorado; Fresno; Glenn; Humboldt; Kern; Lake; Lassen; Madera; Mariposa; Mendocino; Modoc; Napa; Nevada; Placer; Plumas; Sacramento; San Benito; Santa Barbara; Shasta; Sierra; Siskiyou; Solano; Sonoma; Tehama; Trinity; Tulare; Tuolumne; Ventura; Yolo and Yuba.

BLM estimates that between 2,500 and 20,000 acres of "treatment" will occur statewide on an annual basis under its program. The plan proposes treatment within 200 feet of roads, power lines, private property, recreation areas and other types of critical infrastructure.

Lawsuit Targets Ballot Measure Dividing California Into Three States

A reader sent me a post by SoCal political writer RJ Johnson on the latest development in the November ballot initiative that, if approved, would divide California into three separate states:

A new lawsuit filed on Monday is targeting a ballot measure that would divide California into three different states. Opponents say the initiative is far too drastic of a change to state government to allow to go through the normal initiative process.

Proponents of the ballot measure argue that California has become far too large and populous to govern and want to split California into three states, Northern California, California, and Southern California.

Northern California would consist of the Bay Area, Silicon Valley, Sacramento and much of the counties north of the state capital. California would be made up of a strip along the coast stretching from Los Angeles to Monterey. Southern California would run from Fresno and the surrounding farming areas reaching all the way down to San Diego and the Mexican border.

The "Cal 3" Initiative is being funded by Silicon Valley venture capitalist Tim Draper in his latest attempt to divide the state. He has put up more than \$1.7 million in funding to support the measure.

One lawyer working on the lawsuit against the Cal 3 initiative told the AP that the measure is an abuse of the ballot initiative system.

"The dislocation and the disruption that would be caused by something as great as this just can't be understated," he said. "This will not make things better."

The Supreme Court has tossed out similar initiatives in the past after ruling they went too far in changing the structure of state government. In 1990, the court squashed part of a measure that would reform the state's criminal justice system after voters passed it because they found it went too far in changing the state's Constitution beyond what could have been done through an initiative.

Draper last attempt to split California into six states failed to gather enough signatures to make the ballot in 2016.

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You must contact the Mendocino County Clerk's office, in Ukiah, for information regarding filing or registering fictitious business names.

The statement must be filed within 40 days of the commencement of business or before the statement on file expires. Along with the original, the county may require several copies of the statement for filing. The county clerk will certify and return all copies to the registrant, keeping the original. Within 30 days after filing a fictitious business name statement, the registrant must publish the statement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of its principal place of business. The notice must appear once a week for four successive weeks. Within 30 days of the last publishing date, the newspaper will file an affidavit of publication with the county clerk's office.

Note: A Fictitious Business Name statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The Observer charges \$75 to publish a Fictitious Business Name statement and filing the affidavit of publication. Stop by the Observer office (second floor of Laytonville Post Office building, or call (707) 984-6223 for information.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2018-F0177

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

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Laytonville, CA 95454; P.O. Box 48, Laytonville, CA 95454.

This business is registered by a Married Couple, Jeffrey Sloan and Catherine Sloan, 301 Oak Drive, Laytonville, CA 95454.

The registrant (s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 20, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mendocino on March 20, 2018.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/ Catherine D. Sloan

Pub: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2018

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2018-F0374

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

Flying High Farms, 53745 Hwy. 101, Laytonville, CA 95454.

This business is registered by a California corporation, Shessa Inc., 53745 Hwy. 101, Laytonville, CA 95454.

The registrant (s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 23, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mendocino on June 20, 2018.

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/s/Satya Davidson, Chief Financial Officer

Pub: July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

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The County's Cannabis

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2018-F0400

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

From the Ground Up, 1341 Hoiland Road, Laytonville, CA 95454; P.O. Box 1756, Laytonville, CA 95454.

This business is registered by an individual, Jason Augustyniak, 1341 Hoiland Road, Laytonville, CA 95454.

The registrant (s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 2, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mendocino on July 2, 2018.

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division (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/Jason Augustyniak
Pub: July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

SELL on 7/26/2018 At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482 at 10:00 AM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: LOT 9 AS DELINEATED UPON THE MAP ENTITLED "UNIT ONE, BEVERLY TERRACE" IN THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. FILED FOR RECORD MAY 10, 1963 IN MAP CASE 2, DRAWER 2, PAGE 42, MENDOCINO COUNTY RECORDS. Assessor's Parcel Number: 034-280-09-00 The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 24160 East Lane, Covelo, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the undersigned within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of sale is: \$110,491.44. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note(s), fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's

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CDPH Releases Annual End of Life Option Act Report

By Corey Egel
For the Observer

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) this week released the 2017 *End of Life Option Act (Act) Annual Report*. The Act, which became law June 9, 2016, allows qualified individuals diagnosed with a terminal disease to obtain and self-administer aid-in-dying drugs. The Act requires CDPH to provide annual reports, including information on the number of prescriptions written and the number of known individuals who died using aid-in-dying drugs. Additionally, the report includes demographic information on these individuals, including age and underlying illness.

In this report, for the year January 1 – December 31, 2017, 577 individuals received aid-in-dying drugs under the Act, and 374 people died following ingestion of the prescribed drugs. Of the 374 individuals, 90.4 percent were more than 60 years of age, 95.2 percent were insured and 83.4 percent were receiving hospice and/or palliative care.

Data in the report comes from Act-mandated physician reporting forms and California death certificates. This is the first full year of data reported.

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sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: June 26, 2018 REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as said Trustee ATTN: ROBERT CULLEN P.O. BOX 6875 SANTA ROSA, CA 95406-0875 By: ROBERT CULLEN, President NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at

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Annabel Ineich Has Close Encounter With Monarch Butterfly

Monarchs

from front page

Professor Ineich wants everyone to know they can help save Monarch Butterflies by planting milkweed. Visit the Book Room on Fridays; the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library have milkweed seeds and a few narrowleaf plants to give you. Also check with nurseries and/or order seeds and plants online.

People who care about Monarchs often help them survive by picking the caterpillars off of the milkweed plants and take them indoors to a suitable environment filled with milkweed to feed on. In 9 to 14 days a caterpillar will spin a chrysalis from which he or she will emerge as a full-grown butterfly ready to be freed to the outside world. Rearing Monarchs in your home is not only an interesting and fun activity but will help save butterflies from predators.

If you missed the above presentation, there will be other opportunities to attend the same informative talk by Chris Ineich. He will present "Rearing Monarch Butterflies" at the Ukiah Library on September 8 at 1:00. Other presentations will be posted as soon as they are announced. In the meantime you can learn more about Monarch Butterflies and rearing them by going to the following websites:

<http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/>

[CA Inland Monarch Plant List spread.pdf](http://butterfly.usdavis.edu/doc/garden/foothills)

<http://butterfly.usdavis.edu/doc/garden/foothills> (Art Shapiro)

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For more information and to learn how you can adopt a dog or cat of your own, visit The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley (right down the street from the broiler). Operating hours are: Wednesday-Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed Monday and Tuesday. You can reach the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County by telephone at 707-485-0123.

High Crimes

from front page

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ERRP

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The population of pikeminnow larger than four inches was estimated at 1443 fish in 2016. Dive estimates for both 2017 and 2018 arrived at the same population of 1173, however, the age of the size and age of fish changed. In 2016 there were large numbers of smaller fish 4-8 inches and 8-14 inches in length due to preceding dry years, but relatively few larger pikeminnow. The 2017 survey followed an extremely wet winter that reduced survival of small fish and depressed recruitment, and there was significant drop in fish 4-8 inches and 8-14 inches. Fish 14-18" increased, reflecting better over-winter survival of larger pikeminnow and strong recruitment from the 2013-2015 drought years.

The 2018 survey used different size classes, because Columbia River studies has shown that fish greater than 16" are the greatest consumers of salmonid juveniles. Therefore, 2018 data cannot be directly compared to previous years. We observed 645 pikeminnow 4-8" long, 135 fish 8-12", 236 fish 12-16" and 157 larger predators greater than 16 inches. The abundance of small fish indicates a good recruitment year due to low spring flows. There were also tens of thousands of California roach and juvenile pikeminnow less than 4 inches long that would have swelled the population number, if counted. The large 12-16" size indicates continuing high survival of the 2013-2015 broods. As



Photo: Rod Coots

ACS Pet of the Week

Meet Starlight. She is a 1-year-old spayed female mixed breed dog who currently weighs 27 pounds. This little dog is joyous and happy. Starlight likes EVERYONE, and is a fan of playing fetch. In fact, we think she might enjoy doggie training classes, like agility or obedience—she's quick and very athletic. Starlight knows sit, and would be a quick study learning lots more. The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. Many wonderful dogs and cats, await their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of the wonderful adoptable animals, please visit online at www.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter. Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every month for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise! For more information about adoptions please call 707-467-6453.

"Reinventing Power" At Willits Grange

By Willits Grange Staff

"Reinventing Power" is a new documentary produced by Transit Pictures for the Sierra Club. It will be shown on Thursday, July 19th at 7pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School St. in Willits.

Its focus is not to preach about the morality of renewable energy — how it will save the Earth, polar bears, and piping plovers — but how renewables are helping people find new economic opportunities that benefit themselves and their communities. It is a film designed to extinguish the fears about renewables fostered by fossil fuel companies and replace it with an acceptance of the benefits that will flow from a transition to renewable energy.

Discussion after the film will include local solar installers and community members with lower power bills who LOVE their SOLAR!

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At Rusty Shovel

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