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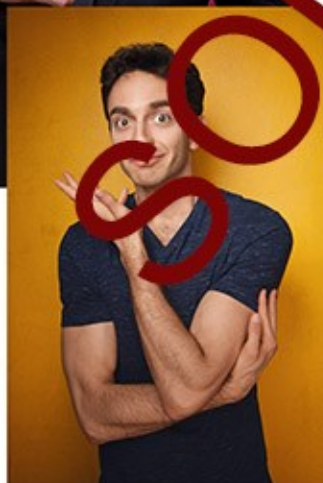
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Are The Treatments As Dangerous As The Virus?

By Andy Caldwell

Every person needs to do their own risk analysis to determine whether or not to get the experimental technology mRNA (don't call it a vaccine!) injection authorized under emergency use. Hence, the need for fully informed consent as it pertains to vaccines, masks, and lockdowns. Legitimate covid concerns notwithstanding, because society is pressuring people into getting the shot, I won't reiterate their incongruent statements about the same, but I do have some questions for you.

What if you knew that Nobel Prize winning Virologist Luc Montagnier has posited that mass vaccinations against the virus is creating the variants? This is similar to what happens when doctors over-prescribe antibiotics serving to create superbugs that are resistant to antibiotics. Moreover, we just sued the bejesus out of the drug companies for lying about the dangers associated with opioids, but now we trust them with an experimental technology because they are "scientists"?

What if you knew that the inventor of the mRNA technology, Dr. Roger Malone, now warns against its use for covid because the gene-editing technology therein can cause your immune system to go haywire?

What if you knew that professor of medicine and research, Dr. Joel Hirschhorn, is reporting extremely damaging blood clots, arising from both the vaccine and the virus, that present an entirely new phenomenon never seen before?

What if you knew that the primary test used to determine whether or not somebody had covid, the PCR test, has been proven to be inconclusive upwards of 90% of the time? Furthermore, the test cannot distinguish between covid and the flu. That explains how and why the flu allegedly disappeared during the last 18 months!

What if you knew that masks can lead to two related conditions, the first being low oxygen levels in the blood stream (hypoxemia- which also facilitates the growth of cancer cells), and the second being increased carbon dioxide in the blood (hypercapnia)? That is, wearing masks restrict inhaling fresh air while capturing exhaled carbon dioxide, not to mention associated social and psychological impairments. Moreover, dozens of studies prove masks are of negligible value against the spread of viruses.



What if you knew that some doctors believe the mRNA tech doesn't work against the Delta variant because the variant has a different spike protein than the original "novel" covid-19 virus, thereby rendering the "vaccine" obsolete?

What if you knew that the government couldn't legally authorize the emergency use of the experimental technology mRNA, if suitable safe alternatives were available, and that explains the real reason they banned HCQ and Ivermectin!

What if you knew that the federal government has established a vaccine injury reporting system that a Harvard study has determined is under-reporting vaccine injuries and deaths by a factor of ten to one hundred percent?

What if you knew that researchers have determined that the numbers of deaths from all causes worldwide have scarcely spiked as a result of covid? This is an indication that people didn't die from covid, they merely died with covid via a highly dubious positive PCR test.

What if you knew that Dr. Fauci and his associates were researching covid-type viruses with gain of function in America, but that the federal government shut them down because it was too dangerous? Consequently, they moved the research and the money to Wuhan, China in 2014!

If you knew these things, you would likely agree with Senator Rand Paul, M.D. : "It's time for us to resist: they can't arrest all of us. We don't have to accept the mandates, lockdowns, and harmful policies of the petty tyrants and bureaucrats. We can simply say no, not again."

Sacramento's Homeless Street Vagrants Live Under Separate Set Of Laws

By Katy Grimes

SacPD has a lot of support in the city... just not at the City Council

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg recently announced that he wants to open homeless shelters, tiny homes and tent encampments in 20 residential neighborhoods and locations around the city. Because eradicating the drug-addicted homeless from areas where families live, children play, youth athletes play, and neighbors walk, run, exercise and recreate is not on the table – and never has been.

Mayor Steinberg has also spent millions of dollars on hotel and motel renovations and apartments. Who knew his job was spending taxpayer money to make the meth-addicted homeless comfortable in tiny homes, recovered motel rooms and apartments? If only diagnosis and treatment was prioritized ahead of housing.

Remember, the Mayor's project to provide tiny apartments in a renovated old downtown Sacramento hotel cost more than \$445,000 per unit for about 250 square feet of living space, as the Globe reported. This project only benefitted the union contractors.

Residents of the City of Sacramento are up in arms about Steinberg's plan. He has ignored every common sense option for dealing with the homeless, allowing the street vagrant population of meth heads, heroin addicts and the mentally ill to explode.

Sacramento's homeless street vagrants also appear to live under a separate set of laws. They are everywhere now – living out in the open on sidewalks in front of homes, living on every freeway offramp, openly living in city parks, under freeways, along frontage roads, behind golf courses, in parking lots, and every open crevice one can imagine. But not in Mayor Steinberg's neighborhood.

And many of them are violent. Crime is spiking in Sacramento, but not in Mayor Steinberg's neighborhood. And his list of 20 residential neighborhoods and locations around the city does not include his.

In my older Sacramento neighborhood, our city councilwoman Katie Valenzuela "volunteered" several private properties and privately owned businesses as locations to house the homeless in tents. That didn't go over well and she was forced to withdraw the rec-

ommendations.

The 160 acre park I live near is the largest regional park in the city. And the homeless live in it – in cars, under trees and bushes, along the 9-hole golf course, near the duck ponds, and by the baseball diamonds and soccer fields. This park is home to the Sacramento Zoo, Fairytale Town, Funderland Amusement Park, pony rides and the golf course.

My German Shepherd Hans and I were walking in Wm. Land Park Thursday, as we do every morning and noticed two homeless persons' cars parked parallel along one street. We saw a large Pit Bull mix running loose ahead of us, but did not see its owner. We tried to dodge the loose dog a couple of times by criss-crossing the grass. As we neared the SUVs, the loose dog ran up behind us and aggressively jumped

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The Gross Misuse Of Taxpayer Money Draws Needed Attention

By Jon Coupal

As Governor Newsom stares down the barrel of the pending recall, we wonder if he has given any thought to what he might have done to forestall or, at least, lessen the odds of being bounced.

Probably he has not. To all appearances, the governor seems genuinely to believe that the recall is a “Trump inspired” assault on what he calls “California values.” Judging from his record, the values he holds dear are high taxes, a high cost of living, a high poverty rate, a high unemployment rate, water shortages severe enough to require mandatory rationing, and regular power outages on hot or windy days.

The reality is that anger is running deep in California and not just among the roughly 6 million state residents who voted for Donald Trump. A recent poll found that 54% of Hispanic voters were in favor of the recall.

That must have shocked the governor and thrown his campaign team’s “get out the vote” strategy into chaos. “What if,” they must have been thinking, “we turn out the vote and it turns us out?”

5 terrifying books Stephen Graham Jones recommends for Halloween reading

Among the long list of taxpayer frustrations with this governor and, indeed, the state in general, are the huge lost opportunities of what could have been done during the year of the pandemic but was not. For example, the governor claimed credit for what was, in his calculation, a \$70 billion budget surplus. (The Legislative Analyst’s Office checked his math and pointed out that the surplus was only \$35 billion, but that’s still a big number). Regrettably, those tens of billions of dollars have been frittered away.

Newsom played Santa Claus, or maybe Chicago ward boss, by showering new \$600 stimulus checks on much of the population. We’re generally in favor of returning excess tax funds to the taxpayers, but these weren’t tax refunds. They were one-time payouts to income-eligible people that, coincidentally, were timed to be mailed very close to the date that ballots in the recall election would be mailed. That bit of political stimulus soaked up \$8 billion.

And speaking of soaked, that’s what taxpayers have been when it comes to water storage projects. In

2014, California voters approved Proposition 1, a \$7.5 billion bond that preauthorized \$2.7 billion for water storage projects that have still not been built. The California Water Commission determined funding eligibility for seven projects back in July 2018, and paperwork is ongoing. The first facility is scheduled to be

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Biden Is The “I” Of The Storm

By Andy Caldwell

Perhaps the most prescient warning of a Biden administration came from Barack Obama, who said, “Don’t underestimate Joe Biden’s ability to “expletive deleted” things up! Well, it didn’t take long for that truism to become evident to the entire world. Here is an abbreviated list of Biden- the “I” of the storm.

The most profound “I”? The newly created Islamic State of Afghanistan. This watershed event will be considered one of the worst foreign policy disasters in the history of our country and that is saying something. Obviously, Biden had no coherent exit strategy. As late as last month, he said it was highly unlikely the Taliban would return to power in Afghanistan. Analysts are rightly framing this as Biden’s Saigon/ Tehran moment.

Biden took the phrase “no person left behind” to a whole new level. Americans have been left behind to an uncertain fate as Biden will make no assurances to rescue them. Our Afghan allies, left behind, will suffer the certain fate of death as we fail to expatriate them. Billions of dollars in military equipment left behind will certainly be used against us, our friends, and allies. Moreover, China will consider they have a green light to attack Taiwan because all the world knows for certain that Biden is an empty suit commander-in-chief.

Biden’s next “I”? Inflation. According to Americans for Tax Reform in the past twelve months the following commodities have increased this much in price: gasoline 45.1 percent, energy 24.5 percent, bacon 8.4 percent, fresh fish and seafood 6.4 percent, fresh whole milk 7.5 percent, fresh fruits 8.4 percent, major appliances 13.7 percent, furniture and bedding 8.6 percent, footwear 6.5 percent, airfares 24.6 percent, and various other commodities which have collectively increased 9 percent.

Speaking of inflation, let’s discuss Biden’s next “I”- insolvency via debt and deficits. Biden, Pelosi et. al want to add another \$5 trillion in debt and deficits which will result in a debt load nearly impossible to recover from. When a country owes more than it produces, as measured by its debt to gross domestic production ratio, its days are numbered. This is akin to you owing so much more on credit cards, than you make in a year, you can’t even afford the minimum monthly payments! The combination of inflation and insolvency makes us weak with regard to our ability to



meet our domestic obligations, and upgrade our military assets which sends another signal to our enemies.

Part and parcel of that debt is Biden’s next “I”- infrastructure. The proposed infrastructure legislation will cost over \$1trillion but it includes less than 12% of what would normally be described as infrastructure projects. It is a boondoggle.

Biden’s next “I” of the storm? Invasion! Do not call it immigration while some 200,000 people per month pour across our Southern Border! How are we going to house, educate, and accommodate an extra 2 million people this year or any year for that matter?

Biden’s next “I” is an incoherent energy policy. Biden shut down various domestic oil operations and exploration in addition to the Canadian/American Keystone Pipeline simply to virtue signal how green he is. But, then, he gives the green light for Putin to build a pipeline in Europe, and he called on OPEC to ramp up production to meet America’s need for more oil?

Biden’s final “I” of the storm? Incumbency! Incumbents like Gavin Newsom, whom he wants to help survive the recall with no regard to the destruction this tyrant has done to our state, and incumbents like Congressman Salud Carbajal, who continue to show fealty to a president who is clearly unfit to serve as he creates a whirlwind of destruction and failure here and abroad.

What Was In Your Wallet?

By Andy Caldwell

What was in your wallet? More money! That is, until a tsunami of progressive policies overwhelmed our nation's economy. Or, have you not noticed what has been happening to the price of gas, food, energy, and housing lately? It is called inflation, my friends, and we haven't seen anything this bad in decades. Meanwhile, democrats in Washington and here in California are continuing to spend us into oblivion while suppressing economic output.

That is, our economy broke down via a lockdown and now the Dems are doubling down. This includes measures that are driving up the cost of fuel by way of canceling critical infrastructure projects such as fuel pipelines. This drives up the cost of everything because everything you use gets delivered somewhere along the way by a diesel truck!

Our local district attorney, Joyce Dudley, has a consumer protection division in her department. Instead of focusing on the private sector, maybe Dudley should do right and take a gander at the price-gouging practices of local government?

Take, for instance, Santa Barbara City's ban on natural gas hookups for new construction, along with Santa Barbara County's resource recovery facility and its proposed project-labor agreement for construction projects, along with Exxon's proposal to truck oil to the north county until the Plains pipeline gets fixed. How about some forthright disclosures to taxpayers and ratepayers concerning the same?

With respect to natural gas, it is the cleanest burning fuel we have out there. It is abundant, affordable, and safe for the environment. The goal of becoming greenhouse gas free in the light of current electricity shortages is bad enough, but unnecessarily creating even more demand on the grid by the forced conversion of home appliances from natural gas is simply virtual signaling stuck on stupid. Electricity prices are going up while reliable electricity production becomes scarce.

Regarding the county's newfangled waste to energy plant, where do I begin? First of all, the county is misleading consumers. This plant didn't cost \$130 million. It cost \$230 million with interest and you are paying every penny of that through increased trash rates. There were plenty of affordable alternatives, but the Dems just had to go green to the point of ab-

surdity. My prediction? The county will choke on the stream of compost and other recyclables they will generate from this project because the markets for the same will become inundated and crash even more than they have already. That is, currently in many communities, so-called recyclables are being buried at landfills because no one will buy them!

Concerning the upcoming project-labor agreement the county wants to sign with organized labor, how do you spell patronage? This item has to do with excluding upwards of 85% of the local construction workforce from bidding on county construction jobs because that percentage of our local workforce are not members of unions. Fewer companies bidding on contracts mean higher bid prices, which means taxpayer construction costs will go up even higher. I am all for hiring locals, union and otherwise, at the lowest responsible bidder price.

Finally, let's come full circle to the cost and reliability of our energy supply. I recently upbraided the county for hypocritically purchasing diesel engines as a back up to their futile attempts to wean their operations from fossil fuels. So, while local gas prices are approaching \$5.00 per gallon, Exxon is trudging through a process to gain permission to truck oil to the north county until the pipeline gets fixed. The permit should be approved because California doesn't use less fossil fuels by curtailing local production, we just import more oil from the Middle East.

None of this makes sense, fiscal or otherwise.



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Can We Still Save California?

By Steven Greenhut

One of my best memories of encountering California came in 1998, as I was moving from a small industrial city in Ohio. I crossed the Colorado River, in a packed car with a panting dog and disgruntled cat, and pulled over at a rest stop outside of Needles, where the temperature topped 110 degrees. The scorching Mojave Desert is a long way from naturalist John Muir's vision of the verdant valley and Sierra Nevada, but I still recall my sense of wonder and thinking, "I'm already in love with this state."

A few weeks earlier, I accepted a plum job as an editorial writer at the Orange County Register. I had been working as an opinion writer at one of the newspaper group's smaller dailies, the Lima News, and having a great time tormenting local officials. But I had spent my three years there plotting my escape to Southern California.

My colleagues thought I was nuts. Even 25 years ago, much of the luster had worn off the Golden State. "You would seriously move to California?" they'd ask in near disbelief. Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction* had recently been released, and my Ohio friends really thought that its story of Los Angeles' seedy underbelly — with drug overdoses, assorted sleazebags, rampant violence, and dilapidated strip malls — was all that the state had to offer.

My family rented a 1940s bungalow in Fullerton, in north Orange County. When we looked for houses in the area — which cost at least three times what they cost in northwest Ohio — my wife broke down in tears. The stucco tract houses, freeways, and office towers seemed so alien. Within weeks, she adapted. It wasn't love at first sight for her, but she grew to love the place, too.

I've never lost my sense of wonder at all that is California. As environmentalist author Edward Abbey once wrote, "There is science, logic, reason; there is thought verified by experience. And then there is California." A lot of what makes California what it is — and what it had always been, in perception or reality — defies logic and reason.

I've spent most of my career documenting the disastrous public-policy choices made by California's elected officials. That sometimes causes readers to lump me in with the vocal group of mostly non-Californian conservatives who seem to disdain the state. "(A)s



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they portray it, the Golden State is a Banana Republic," wrote Max Taves, in the *Sacramento Bee*. "It's a violent, poverty-stricken homeless infernal dystopia ... misled by incompetent criminal-coddling politicians."

In my Orange County Register rebuttal, I argue that many of us — in fact, most of the California critics of the state's more recent political tilt whom I know — love California and want to save it from a new breed of politicians that views it mainly as a laboratory for progressive experiments. We don't expect California to be governed as if it's Alabama or North Dakota, but believe that current officials misunderstand what has always drawn people here.

Sure, California's politics will never mirror mine — at least not in my lifetime. Progressivism is to some degree baked into our DNA. One need only think about Gov. Hiram Johnson (father of the initiative, recall, and referendum) and Upton Sinclair (author and socialist governor candidate) to understand that. But California has also always been a land of opportunity, even if the grandiose Gold Rush and post-war dreams of effortless wealth have been

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Government Is Here To Serve?

By Andy Caldwell

Did you see the latest photo op when county supervisors stood next to an oil spill of some 600 gallons in a creek bed that killed dozens of animals? Actually, for the first time ever, there was no photo-op featuring the typical sanctimonious hand-wringing because the source of the spill is a site maintained by government in Toro Canyon. If an oil company had been responsible, they would have been excoriated and prosecuted. Apparently, not all oil spills are created equally.

Speaking of oil spills or the potential thereof, Exxon wants to truck crude oil from Gaviota to Santa Maria and/or Kern County. This project, slated to operate for seven years, has become the subject of an environmental impact report. The dopey analysts who prepared the report somehow determined that the tanker trucks posed a risk of a spill of five gallons or more once every 52 years for trucks heading to Santa Maria. For trucks heading to Kern County, the risk of a spill was calculated once every 17 years. Hmm, do the math, 7 years vs 52 and 17? Of course, tanker trucks, hauling all sorts of stuff (including rocket fuel to Vandenberg!), go up and down our freeways every single day, including trucks carrying gasoline through our city streets on a daily basis.

Speaking of trucks, just about everything we use travels by truck- 90% of all consumer goods and industrial materials to be exact. Our stores and factories would be empty were it not for the trucking industry. Yet, for some very nebulous and nefarious reasons, environmentalists continue to attack this vital industry. First there was a corrupt study which resulted in the very expensive California diesel engine rule that hurt truckers in addition to the farming and construction industry, all of whom rely on heavy-duty diesel engines. Subsequently, they were forced to sell perfectly good equipment in order to buy new engines in an attempt to negligibly reduce emissions.

Next came AB5, which affected owner-operator truck drivers, as AB5 sought to eliminate contractors in the state of CA. Thankfully, the imposition of AB5 on our truckers has been stalled in the courts or we would be subject to shortages of every kind, including food and fuel. This has to do with the nature of trucking. Many owner-operators haul a variety of loads for different companies on an as-needed basis. Regardless, our state legislature tried to force them into an employ-



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ment situation that does not fit the work they do.

Now, we have the Biden administration attempting to create fuel-efficiency standards that will constitute another hit on our nation's truckers. The only asset these truckers have is their rig and most truckers can't afford a new engine. As a result of all of the above, plus covid payouts to anyone who would rather stay home, we are currently experiencing a shortage of truck drivers.

Soon, we will have another government-created shortage, this time having to do with construction workers for county projects. That is, county supervisors, along with the Santa Barbara City Council, are fixing to exclude 85% of local construction workers who constitute a non-union workforce. Specifically, these union lackeys seek to exclude non-union contractors from being able to bid on government construction projects. This will surely drive up the cost of these projects but the increase has nothing to do with how much the workers are paid. That is, all workers get paid the same prevailing wages when they do government construction projects. The increased cost to taxpayers will arise from the fact that only 15% of our local construction companies will be eligible to bid on the work. Fewer bidders always mean higher costs for taxpayers. So, what else is new?

Worry About The Intellectual Climate, Not Climate Change

Steven Milloy

As a work of science, the new "Code Red" climate report from the United Nations is a complete and utter fraud.

The report's alarmist message is that we are running out of time to control emissions. And if we don't get serious about cutting them, we will fail to meet the Paris climate accord's goal, keeping the increase in average global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius to 2 degrees Celsius, 10 years earlier than previously predicted.

So let's start there.

Neither temperature goal is based on any sort of scientific analysis. If you don't believe me, maybe you'll believe the 2009 "Climategate" emails in which University of East Anglia climate scientists Phil Jones admitted the targets were "plucked out of thin air."

The inspiration for the 2-degree target seems to stretch back to a 1975 paper by prominent Yale University economist William Nordhaus, who not only is not any sort of scientist but whose economics are also suspect. As late as 1989, two years before the fall of the Soviet Union, Nordhaus's university economics textbook maintained, "The Soviet economy is proof that, contrary to what many skeptics had earlier believed, a socialist command economy can function and even thrive."

So much for any intersection between the U.N.'s temperature targets and science.

The Washington Post editorialized in a screed titled, "Climate doubters lose one of their last remaining arguments," that the U.N. report has now ruled out the possibility of benign warming. The newspaper decided this was so because the U.N. report narrowed the range of warming caused by a doubling in atmospheric carbon dioxide, from preindustrial levels, from the previous range of 1.5-4.5 degrees Celsius to a range of 2.5-4 degrees Celsius.

But as with the aforementioned temperature targets, the change was entirely arbitrary.

The climate models on which these temperature predictions rely are not any sort of "settled science" and are well known to run hot and to overestimate increases in average global temperature, another invented metric that occurs nowhere on Earth.

In fact, shortly before the U.N. report was released, the climate alarmist Science magazine ran an article acknowledging, "Many of the world's leading models are now projecting warming rates that most scientists, including the modelmakers themselves, believe are implausibly fast."

NASA satellite data reported that the Earth has steadily warmed at a rate of 0.14 degrees Celsius per decade since 1979. If that trend continues, the average global temperature won't hit the arbitrary 1.5 mark until about 2050 or the 2-degree target until about 2090 or so. The U.N. report supposedly moves these targets up by 10 years.

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Reading About Your Travel Destination Has Been Taken Over By Wokeness

By Rachel Alexander

A big problem with political correctness, wokeness — whatever the left's latest censorship is being called — is that it doesn't just apply to politics, these busybodies want to control every aspect of our lives. You can't escape them anymore. The latest area they are making inroads into is travel and vacations. Now, articles you read about places you want to visit explore how positive the experience is based on what opportunities are available for the nonbinary, how well Critical Race Theory has been implemented in the area, and whether there are very many right wing laws.

The Society of American Travel Writers bragged to its members about holding two training sessions on "implicit bias" this month. Switzerland Tourism sponsored it. They brought in an expert on the subject, a PhD named Robert T. Marks who leads the "National Training Institute on Race and Equity" at Morehouse College and served twice in the Barack Obama administration. The SATW pushed it on its members in an email entitled, "The Society of American Travel Writers (SATW) Leads Travel Industry with Outstanding Bias Training by Morehouse College." They declared, "Many Americans show a positive implicit bias toward White Americans vs. African Americans."

While membership in the SATW isn't mandatory for travel writers — who include photographers, bloggers, video producers, hospitality representatives and others — considering it is "the nation's premier professional travel media organization comprising 1,000 of the travel industry's most experienced" professionals, it's not something anyone in the industry can easily ignore. Its guidelines warn, "All members must meet and maintain the industry's highest standards of productivity, ethics and conduct, and support SATW's mission of 'Inspiring Travel through Responsible Journalism.'" You know what "responsible" means.

Travel journalists who don't buy into the wokeness can forget about ever getting an award from them. For example, "The Phoenix Awards recognize and honor destinations that showcase responsible, sustainable tourism, including conservation; preservation; beautification and anti-pollution efforts as they relate to travel."



The SATW Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion Committee put together a list of woke words for travel writers to use, not much different than the AP's notorious Stylebook. There's cisgender, a relatively new derogatory term for heterosexuals. "Homeless" is no longer acceptable, instead phrases like "people without housing" or "people without homes" are supposed to be used. "Jew" is unacceptable because it "has been used as a slur and can be offensive." "LatinX" is encouraged, which is a new woke term for Hispanics because it eliminates gender, but the style guide admits it is "not used widely by the people who the terms describe, who largely prefer Hispanic at this time."

There is an extensive discussion of why using BIPOC, or Black, Indigenous, People of Color, may be offensive instead of just using POC, because "it can be considered lazy to lump all these groups together as if they face the same challenges." What's wrong with just minorities? Oh there's a reason for that too, "Minority can be synonymous with inferiority, emphasizes quantity over quality, and creates and perpetuates negative stereotypes."

Writers are no longer allowed to default to a generic male reference, as has been done for thousands of years. "Do not presume maleness in constructing a

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Stopping The Tyranny Of Medical Mandates

By Dr. Marilyn Singleton MD JD

In Patrick Henry's June 4, 1788 speech, "A Wrong Step Now and the Republic Will Be Lost Forever" he pleaded for less power to the federal government and the preservation of states' and individual rights as a condition for ratification of the Constitution. We got our Bill of Rights, including freedom of religion, speech, assembly and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. We also have the right to be secure in our "persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures." And we cannot be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.

Despite the Constitution's admonitions, fear and anxiety have led to an increase in federal powers. The Great Depression gave birth to some 70 new agencies and programs. The mother of all programs was the Social Security Act, constitutionally justified under the Congress' Constitutional taxing power. We have been so irrational as to deem it constitutional to place American citizens in internment camps with no due process.

COVID-19 is the latest justification for government overreach in the name of public health. There is little reason for confidence given the CDC's faulty COVID-19 tests, the conflicting information on the usefulness of wearing masks, and censoring of effective treatments that were not on the infallible Dr. Fauci's personal favorite list. (Note: the World Health Organization recommended against the use of his favored drug, remdesivir). Adding to the erosion of trust is the change in definition of a COVID-19 "case." Prior to the vaccination rollout, any positive COVID-19 test—with or without symptoms—was a "case." Now, a positive test in a vaccinated person is only considered a "case" if the patient was hospitalized or died.

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The federal health bureaucracy is encouraging businesses and local governments to mandate vaccines, despite the growing list of adverse effects, their modest effectiveness against the predominant Delta variant, and the imminent need for booster shots. According to data gathered from the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, as of August 23, 2021, there have been 13,068 deaths, 154,142 hospitalizations, 5,617 cases of anaphylaxis, 4,681 cases of Bell's Palsy, 1,607 miscarriages, 4,861 cases of myocarditis/pericarditis, 13,812 life-threatening reactions, and 17,228 permanently disabled, among other issues. On one hand, it is arguable that this is a pittance given that 360,634,287 doses of Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson/Janssen (J&J) vaccines have been given. On the other hand, a 2011 Harvard study concluded that only 1 per cent of adverse events are reported to the government system.

Other drugs have been removed for less. The 1976 H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine was rapidly developed over fears that the flu would overtake the nation as did the 1918 Spanish Flu. The vaccinations were halted after 45 million doses and 450 cases of Guillain Barré Syndrome (ascending paralysis). As it turned out, millions did not die.

We all remember the limb deformities at birth caused by the 1956 over-the-counter anti-nausea drug, thalidomide. It took four years to make the connection. Another hidden dragon was diethylstilbesterol (DES). Believed to reduce miscarriages, DES was given to

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Worry About The Intellectual Climate, Not Climate Change *Cont.*

But recall that these temperature targets are arbitrary in the first place. So what if we hit 1.5 in 2040, 2050, or whenever? Would either be catastrophic? Your guess is as good as Al Gore's because there are no facts or science showing that warming is necessarily bad, much less necessarily catastrophic.

Warming and carbon dioxide emissions since the Industrial Revolution have helped add almost 7 billion people to the planet, all of whom are fed by record agricultural production. Whose crystal ball says that will not continue?

In addition to the nonscientific assumption of planetary disaster caused by warming, it's also an assumption that most of the warming is driven by atmospheric carbon dioxide. Of course, carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas and, all things being equal, will have some warming effect. But no one knows how much in the actual climate.

Virtually disregarded by the U.N. report, for example, is something called the urban heat island effect. This is warming that occurs in urban areas due to all the asphalt, concrete, and human activity. Climate scientist Roy Spencer has analyzed the urban heat island effect and says that almost all of the observed warming might be explained by this effect.

What about all the extreme weather this summer? The U.N. report admits that extreme weather observed today is not unprecedented in human history going back hundreds and thousands of years. All this summer's weather has an explanation — it's weather.



The new U.N. report is little more than assumption piled upon assumption about targets “plucked out of thin air.” Yeah, I’m worried about the climate — the intellectual climate, that is.

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Stopping The Tyranny Of Medical Mandates *Cont.*

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pregnant women for 30 years. In 1971, after it was discovered that DES could cause genital abnormalities and vaginal cancer, the FDA withdrew approval for pregnant women. It took 5 years to discover that the anti-inflammatory drug Vioxx may cause heart disease. One report estimated that some 140,000 people suffered from coronary artery disease because of Vioxx.

We do not know all the risks of the current COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States. Yet the vaccines are given in drive-through parking lots with little to no discussion.

Moderna's, Pfizer's, and J & J's fact sheets warn that the "vaccine may not protect all recipients." The Moderna and Pfizer fact sheets give special mention to myocarditis and pericarditis reported "during mass vaccination outside of clinical trials." J&J specifically notes the large vein blood clots. Additionally, all the fact sheets note that "additional adverse reactions, some of which may be serious, may become apparent with more widespread use of the Moderna [Pfizer, J&J] COVID-19 Vaccine." It appears that we are nonconsenting participants in the final phase of the vaccine trials.

Given that no one knows the risks, how can physicians (much less the "provider" in the drive-through window) give the patients the information needed to decide whether the potential benefit of taking the drug is worth the risk?

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Take heart. The spirit of Patrick Henry is alive. A professor—using the science—won a medical exemption from vaccination because his antibodies from a prior COVID-19 infection are longer lasting than those of a vaccine. Airline pilots are suing for a restraining order against mandates until "the science/medicine is more fully developed and better understood." Teachers, health care workers, first responders are demanding choice.

Since the establishment of our republic, we have taken some very wrong steps. Let's not let the COVID-19 response become another one.

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Reading About Your Travel Destination Has Been Taken Over By Wokeness *cont.*

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sentence by defaulting to he/his/him, as it's preferable to reword the sentence to avoid gender."

There is a lengthy list of words that can be construed as racist, sexist etc. It sounds straight out of George Orwell's 1984. The list includes "aggressive," "brown," "caucasian," "crazy," "derelict," "discover," "eenie meenie miney mo," "Eskimo," "exotic," "fuzzy-wuzzy," "ghetto," "globalism," "grandfathered in," "half-" (as in half-some race), "hysterical," "Indian," "long time, no see," "looter," "loud," "minority," "mixed-race," "moron," "nasty," "no can do," "Orient," "peanut gallery," "pushy," "Third World," "thug," "uppity," "urban," and "vagrant."

Other words the style guide explains in a positive way as new language that should be embraced include "agender," "cisgender," "gender expression," "gender identity," "intersex," "nonbinary" and "racialized people." "Black" should now be capitalized although white is not.

While the MSM isn't going to make the general public aware of how extreme this organization has become, some of it is left in plain sight. There is a statement about "Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion" on SATW's website. Their DEAI committee holds weekly Zoom meetings for travel writers that include the president and board.

Strangely, the Alabama Department of Tourism is sponsoring leftist SATW's 2021 convention in Wisconsin. The department is run by Lee Sentell, a political appointee of Republican Gov. Kay Ivey. Why is Alabama, perhaps the deepest red of red states, sponsoring this CRT propaganda? This is the same Sentell who said that Alabama electing Democrat Doug Jones to the U.S. Senate was a good thing. There is already a real problem with some red states hiring leftist PR companies. Travel Texas and Visit Florida, Florida's tourism office, funded leftist PR company MMGY's woke study examining the "intersectionality" of "LatinX" tourism.

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Average Americans have no problem with diversity, the U.S. is one of the most diverse and peaceful nations in the world. They simply want everyone treated equally and fairly. They don't want everything viewed in terms of Critical Race Theory, where every issue in our lives is analyzed in terms of what race we belong to. So many Americans are mixed race nowadays or married to someone of another race that it is really absurd to obsessively focus on a them vs. us mentality.

While SATW may not be a mandatory organization for writers in the travel industry, its high level of influence makes it difficult to work around. Consequently, tourists are no longer seeing an accurate portrayal of places they research; instead, they're being told to visit the most woke areas. Expect to hear a lot of positive portrayals of San Francisco, Portland, Boulder, etc. Red states will get negative portrayals, hurting their tourism and consequently how much revenue they bring in. And don't expect conservative journalists to stick around the industry much longer; just another profession forcing them out.

Update: Visit Florida denies MMGY's initial statements that it was a sponsor and says it does not do "meaningful business" with MMGY or SATW. It would not comment on whether Visit Florida has ever used MMGY or paid SATW to participate as a sponsor or exhibitor or conferences.

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The Gross Misuse Of Taxpayer Money Draws Needed Attention *Cont.*

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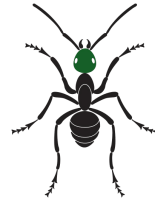
operational in 2027.

Instead of making use of the budget surplus and his executive powers to expedite water storage projects, Gov. Newsom has announced that mandatory water restrictions will be coming soon.

Gov. Newsom also put \$12 billion into extending his homelessness policy, which he has called a success, but which many Californians consider a disaster. A recent poll found that 60 percent of state voters disapprove of the governor's handling of the homelessness issue.

As reported in this newspaper, a recent study reveals that the two biggest reasons why people are moving out-of-state are the tax burden and regulations. There is also the general perception that California doesn't make efficient use of the tax money that is generated. That perception is accurate.

An analysis published by WalletHub in March reveals something that won't surprise many Californians. Specifically, California ranks 49th out of 50 states in ROI (return on investment) for the taxes that citizens pay. It would be one thing if we were receiving value for our tax dollars but, put bluntly, we are not. The Golden State has the highest income tax rate in America as well as the highest state sales tax rate and gas tax. And yet with all this revenue, the state's policies on homelessness, water infrastructure, transportation, and crime have been worthless at best and counter-productive at worst.



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Many local governments, especially large cities, are equally negligent in providing good services at a fair price.

While they frequently plead poverty, claiming that the pandemic has severely reduced revenue, the California State Auditor shattered that contention in a report released just last week. The title is very revealing: "Fiscal Drought? Actually, Revenues are Pouring In."

The report shows explosive growth in local government revenue from hotel taxes, business license taxes and sales taxes. And property taxes? Even with Prop. 13, the Auditor notes that "Property tax revenues also increased across the State. Economic forecasts indicate that California cities will receive over \$2.3 billion in additional property taxes between fiscal years 2019–20 and 2021–22."

The one bright spot is that the gross misuse of tax dollars and mismanagement are bringing much needed attention from media and government oversight agencies. Thanks to the recall election, voters may get there first.

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Can We Still Save California? *cont.*

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mostly fantasy.

During the Gold Rush, California's population exploded by 310 percent in 10 years. When I moved to California in 1998, the population was just shy of 33 million. It has since grown to nearly 40 million — but it can't quite get there. The Department of Finance reported this year an actual loss in population for the first time in its history.

In 1998, I covered the story of a business that was moving out of state from its location in an industrial park south of downtown Los Angeles. Business owners eagerly compared notes about the best states to move. That saddened me. Even then, my acquaintances often talked about where they'd be going. A friend from Fullerton now runs a bustling real-estate business in Texas, where she finds homes for busloads of Californians heading to the Dallas area.

During the 2003 gubernatorial recall debate, candidate Tom McClintock, now a U.S. congressman, bemoaned public policy that made the Nevada desert seem like a better place to raise a family than California. The recall succeeded, but didn't change the state's political trajectory. Another recall election is scheduled. Even if it succeeds, it will be only a year before California holds a regularly scheduled governor's election.

In a new book that I edited, *Saving California*, we detail many of the nuts-and-bolts policies that could place the state on a better path. These involve regulatory reforms, educational choice, sensible approaches to infrastructure building, planning ahead to deal with predictable water and wildfire challenges, a humane but no-nonsense approach to homelessness — and policies that encourage more housing construction, improve the business climate, allow more healthcare choice, and reform the California Environmental Quality Act.

None of these ideas are radical, but implementing them requires a desire by lawmakers to address the state's real problems rather than viewing the state as a laboratory for progressive experiments. It's important to build a framework for good policymaking

that's available when the time is right. I think back to the mid-2000s, when I was part of a group of writers, lawmakers, and activists who had spotlighted the ill effects of California's redevelopment agencies. These were locally controlled state agencies that floated debt, subsidized private developments, and used eminent domain to grab land on behalf of developers.

Redevelopment got its start in the 1940s, as a means to combat urban blight. But it morphed into a system whereby city councils used their power to boost sales-tax revenues. It distorted development decisions, undermined property rights, and helped lead to our current housing shortages (because cities preferred approving tax-rich retail complexes to apartments and housing tracts).

The battle seemed hopeless given the power of the groups, such as the California League of Cities and the California Redevelopment Association, that supported the system's various subsidies and power grabs. Then, a crisis unfolded. California faced growing budget deficits and then-Gov. Jerry Brown needed to plug a gaping budget hole.

Because these agencies diverted a large portion of

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Sacramento's Homeless Street Vagrants Live Under Separate Set Of Laws *cont.*

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Hans. I pulled Hans in but the dog kept coming at us, circling.

I yelled and an obese women sitting near one of the black SUVs in a chair said something. I assumed it was her dog and I yelled at her to call it off. She finally did as I tried to hustle Hans away. I told her to leash the dog and she said "he's nice." I yelled at her again to tie the dog up and she just kept saying that he's a nice dog. A couple walking by saw the whole thing and just stopped and stared at the huge woman, offering no help.

I and many other neighbors have seen both of the black SUVs in the park, often parked in other locations in the park, usually near the kiddie playground and basketball courts.

Hans is fine. I am fine other than bruises, scrapes and achy muscles. But this is a frequent occurrence in the park with homeless vagrants who own dogs.

I called the non-emergency Sacramento Police Department line. The police dispatcher referred me to animal control. Animal Control said they would first refer the call to the Park Rangers.

I heard back from a SacPD representative who said the police recognize this is frustrating and not ideal to have this type of thing happen while you're walking your dog in your neighborhood.

He referred me to the city's Department of Community Response (DCR). "As you may be aware, we are not taking the lead on homeless related concerns, unless there is a crime involved," SacPD said.

He also referred me to the SacPD Captain who oversees the IMPACT Team; a supervisor with Park Rangers since this incident happened at the park; Sacramento's Chief Animal Control Officer, since there was a loose dog involved; and he said the SacPD Captain was notified.

I responded thanking SacPD and all of those named in his email. And I explained the following:

"Many people don't report issues like this – a dog attack involving the homeless – because in the face of all of the other violent crimes taking place in the City, a dog attack may seem trivial, but is not. And this isn't my first stray homeless-owned dog attack. These are quality of life issues, and safety issues, which are not getting adequate attention from the Mayor and City Council. And it's these issues that are leading to the decline in quality of life in this city.

My husband and our Australian Shepherd were also recently attacked by a loose Pit Bull. Our dog ran all the way home from the Land Park golf course with the pit bull attached to his neck. We were so freaked out, we forgot to file a report.

It is my understanding that DCR is not fully

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operational and that there is a significant wait time for calls for service. If so, what other alternatives are there for my safety and that of my dog while walking in my neighborhood and park?

I am also aware transients aren't allowed to live in the park, and specifically not overnight. Yet everyone knows there are regulars sleeping in the park (some dangerous and some not, some crazy, some high on heroin and meth), in cars, in tents, and out in the open under bushes and trees, and even on picnic tables.

I am not trying to unload on you. I have unloaded on the Mayor and City Council, because most of us feel that the elected city representatives are prioritizing taxpayer-provided funding for the criminal homeless vagrants over the police, over the safety and security of city residents and taxpayers, the children and the elderly, and small and large business owners. The city is using taxpayer funds to provide tiny homes, renovated motel rooms and apartments for crackheads, and heroin and meth addicts, who need to be triaged and receive treatment – not tiny homes they will undoubtedly turn into tiny meth dens. Thanks for all that you do. You have a lot of support in the city... just not at the City Council."

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Can We Still Save California? *cont.*

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property taxes from traditional public services (and the state had to backfill the missing dollars), Brown decided to shutter the agencies. My point in bringing it up in this context: The intellectual framework had been laid for dismantling those agencies thanks to people such as former GOP Assemblyman Chris Norby of Orange County and former Democratic Sen. Quentin Kopp of San Francisco. The governor turned to a once-improbable idea to solve another problem because the blueprint existed.

Although the California Dream is in the eye of the beholder, I do believe we can recreate a consensus that's committed to rebuilding and re-energizing California — not as a world of pipe dreams (although a little dreaming has its place), but as a special state whose beauty and opportunities can still draw people like me from other places.

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