

Oriental Fruit Fly Returns Locally, This Time To The County’s Southwest Corner

In a replay of what in late 2023 and throughout much of 2024 was for many property- and homeowners on 102 square miles in the formerly verdant agricultural communities at the east end of the San Bernardino Valley an unpleasant experience, residents on 74 square miles of southwest San Bernardino County find themselves and their land under a quarantine directive from the California De-

partment of Food and Agriculture.

The same pest that was targeted in the previous eradication/control effort, the oriental fruit fly, is again what is being targeted.

Previously known by the scientific name, *Dacus dorsalis* and now referred to as *Bactrocera dorsalis*, the oriental fruit fly is a species of tephritid fruit fly that was endemic to Southeast Asia. It is a major

pest species, with a broad host range of cultivated and wild fruits. Having left its native Asia, it is a highly invasive pest that now has a presence in at least 65 countries. It is believed to have invaded Hawaii in 1945 as a contaminant of military material returning from the western Pacific war zone, in particular Taiwan and the Mariana Islands. Fruit imported to the mainland from Hawaii is generally fu-

migated to prevent the pest from coming to the Mainland. But fruit brought by travelers, most likely from Hawaii but also from Southeast Asia and other Pacific islands has allowed the flies to get into California.

On September 27, 2023, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture imposed a quaran-

tine in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The quarantine covered 102 square miles of San Bernardino County. Redlands, which is one of the communities in San Bernardino County which has preserved significant portions of historic agricultural property, was at the epicenter of the infestation. Within the expansive quarantine zone, 1,200 acres of commercial agriculture pro-

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State Officials  
Pass & Sign A  
Slew Of Laws  
Inhibiting  
Immigration  
Enforcement

Governor Gavin Newsom on Saturday September 20 signed four bills into law which are intended to shield illegal immigrants and their children from operations carried out by federal immigration enforcement agents in workplaces, schools and hospitals and requiring those agents to remain unmasked.

Signed were Senate Bill 89, authored by State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez of Alhambra; Assembly Bill 49 by Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi of Rolling Hills Estates; Senate Bill 81 by State Senator Jesse Arreguín of D-Berkeley; and Senate Bill 627, drafted by state senators Scott Wiener of San Francisco and Jesse Arreguín.

Senate Bill 89 requires school administrators to notify families and students if federal agents conduct immigration operations on grade school, middle school, high school or college campus. Assembly Bill 49 prohibits immigration agents from coming into nonpublic areas of a school without a judicial warrant or court order and make it illegal for school districts or school employees to provide information about students, their families, teachers and school employees to immigration authorities without a warrant. Senate Bill makes it illegal for a healthcare official to disclose a patient’s immigration status or birthplace to immigration authorities or permit them

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Unable To Beat The State Over Forced Housing Allowance, Chino Joins In ADU Frenzy

In a little over three years, Chino Valley’s politicians and municipal officials have transitioned from a leadership role within the vanguard seeking to preserve local land use authority from being eclipsed by state government functionaries to embracing Sacramento’s dominance with regard to managing development.

Gold Line Reaches Pomona Weeks After SBCTA Rejects Eastward Link

The opening of the Gold Line from Azusa to Pomona took place today, extending by 9.1 miles the premier light rail commuting system in the United States. That breakthrough came just 22 days after San Bernardino County’s public transportation agency walked away from the prospect of expanding the railway into its juris-

ed Chino City Council leaned into the concept of providing incentives to proceed with constructing secondary dwelling units on their property if that will assist in the city meeting a state-imposed mandate toward constructing new homes, in particular ones intended to house individuals with low to moderate earning power.

In California over the

past ten to eleven years, policies pushed by both immediate past Governor Jerry Brown and his administration as well as that of current Governor Gavin Newsom, abetted by the super-majority Democratic legislature, have been exceptionally accommodating of the development industry as part of intensified efforts at solving what has been declared

Redlands Progressives Decry School District Library Material Removal Policy As ‘Book Burning’

Over the passionate opposition of scores of community members, the Redlands school board gave final approval on August 19 to a[mechanism, policy, means] of banning books deemed sexually provocative/explicit or otherwise objectionable from the district’s library and schoolroom shelves.

The policy approved

to be a housing crisis. The California Department of Housing and Community Development has pushed for local jurisdictions to adhere to the developmental mandates derived through an assessment of a survey of housing needs carried out throughout the state. Collated into a document given the title Regional Housing Needs Allocation, those

in a 3-to-2 vote extends to textbooks used in teaching the district’s curriculum, ones for assigned class reading in class or collective contexts as well as ones available in the schools’ libraries that can be checked out by individual students.

For decades trends in academic, classroom and social standards in the Redlands Unified School

figures provide the basis of the mandates that state officials impose on all jurisdictions, including cities and unincorporated county areas in California, demands that those entities include in their general plans and zoning codes an accommodation of the number of dwelling units specified in the assessment, meaning each city must allow the con-

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District more or less mirrored those generally extant in the educational system in California, moving somewhat leftward on the political scale. A Republican has not held the post of superintendent of public instruction in California since Max Rafferty in January 1971, while the California Teachers Association, See P 2

Apple Valley Trio Brought Drugs Into High Desert Jail, Sheriff’s Department Says

Three men now in the custody of the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department were involved in bringing drugs into the High Desert Detention Center in Adelanto, the department maintains.

The importation of contraband into the 2,100 inmate-capacity facility began sometime this summer after Alfred Bojorquez, a 39-year-old

resident of Apple Valley, was arrested on June 4 on charges of evading police with wanton disregard for public safety. He did not successfully pursue obtaining bail and was awaiting trial when he had contact with William Diaz, a 43-year-old resident of Apple Valley, and Anthony Lopez, a 32-year-old resident of Apple Valley. According to the sheriff’s

department, “On September 3, 2025, investigators from the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department discovered an inmate at the High Desert Detention Center, Alfred Bojorquez, conspired to smuggle drugs into the jail with two other males, identified as William Diaz and Anthony Lopez. Investigators conducted a thorough investigation

which led to a search warrant that was served on September 5, 2025, at a residence in Apple Valley where various controlled substances and paraphernalia were confiscated.”

The department reported that “On September 10, 2025, William Diaz was arrested for his warrant related to the conspiracy case. On September 24, 2025, An-

thony Lopez was arrested for his warrant related to the conspiracy case. A subsequent search warrant was served at a residence in Apple Valley. During booking, Lopez attempted to smuggle narcotics into the High Desert Detention Center but investigators located it before he was housed. Bojorquez was supplementally booked and charged with See P 3