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## Veterans' Lives Matter

American Legion Post 637 Installs New Officers



Alex Candela, Sue Frost, Paul Reyes, James Miranda, Post 637 Chaplain and Service Officer; Sylvia Thweatt, Immediate Past Commander Post 637.

Story and photos  
by Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On June 20, 2023, American Legion Post 637 began a new year with the installation of past commander Paul Reyes and a new board of officers. The room was full, however as outgoing Commander Sylvia Thweatt said during her greeting, she is disappointed that most of those present were guests. Covid has taken its toll on members.

Reyes realizes the "nasty curve" Thweatt was handed four years ago near the onset of the Covid pandemic.



Sue Frost presented outgoing Post 637 commander and good friend Sylvia Thweatt with a special Proclamation from the Sacramento Board of Supervisors.

Thweatt announced this as commander, and her would be her last meeting last meeting at the post.

On a positive note, she said the last four years, despite challenges, had been mostly drama free, thanks to the guidance and support she received from her board. Her move to 10 acres in Ohio will be bitter-sweet. She did invite those visiting the Cincinnati area to call and she will "give you a tour."

First to be introduced for the evening was Citrus Heights resident and former mayor, now Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost.

Also in attendance was Mayor Tim Schaefer, City Council members Bret Daniels, MariJane

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## Council Appoints Community Members for Education Committee

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - After a two-week application period, the Citrus Heights City Council reviewed applications from community members interested in joining the Citrus Heights Education Committee (CHEC), which will examine the feasibility of Citrus Heights creating its own school district. During the June 22 meeting, two applicants spoke during public comment.

Karen Mix, a resident of Citrus Heights for 18 years, said her background makes her well-suited for a position on the committee. She has worked various roles in education, from an elementary school teacher, to principal, to superintendent. She is currently a consultant with the Small School District Association, working with small, rural districts across northern California. Mix said part of her role has always been "looking for problems and providing solutions." She said her skills give her "the unique talent of working with this team to look at and analyze data in order to see if Citrus Heights should make its own school district."

Thomas Scheeler, a 40-year resident of Citrus Heights, said, "I look at the examination of the Citrus Heights school district as the next logical step in the growth of Citrus Heights as a strong and vibrant city." Scheeler said he expects the work of the committee will be a "broad, fact-based analysis, looking at the issues of financial viability, physical facilities, teachers and administrative support staff, and other issues, that is free of preconceived outcomes or political or ideological influence."

Scheeler also pointed out that, regardless of the outcome of the committee's analysis, the community must remember that student success depends on many factors. While he acknowledged that the quality of teachers and curriculum are important, he said, "support, at home and in the community, is essential" for student success. Students who experience food insecurity, mental or physical abuse, or other unstable situations at home will have a difficult time focusing and succeeding at school. "And we, the

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## An Overview of Old Auburn Complete Streets: Phase 1

By Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The City of Citrus Heights has contracted with GHD, Inc., a San Francisco engineering consulting firm, to conduct first-phase design services to transform Old Auburn Road into a complete street from Tiara Way to Garry Oak Drive.

The Old Auburn Road Complete Streets (OARCS) plan, adopted by the city council on March 26, 2020, looked at current transportation conditions and ways to improve safety in the corridor for people driving, riding bicycles, walking, and taking transit.

This first-phase project that will transform Old Auburn Road into a "complete street" between Tiara Way to Garry Owen Drive addresses what the city considers as a general lack



This rendering prepared for the city illustrates what new infrastructure and improvements to Old Auburn Boulevard will look like when Phase 1 and 2 of the OARCS plan is completed. Photo courtesy of City of Citrus Heights

of infrastructure along that specific segment of the route.

Leslie Bloomquist, city engineer, provided an overall overview of the scope of the project,

likely cost estimates and described specific project improvements.

Preliminary drawings describe improvements to the traffic intersections at Glen Echo Street, Fair

Oaks Boulevard and Garry Owen Drive.

The City defines a "complete street" as a transportation design and operation philosophy that

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## Retired Teachers Award Students



Students Ivana Liatavska (left) Jerry Kennedy and Nataliai Safi (far right) are among recipients of American River College Retired Teachers Association scholarships. Marti Gohring and Ralphene Lee (fourth and second from right) and Los Rios Colleges Foundation director Kirsten DuBray (third from right) support the presentations.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Seven American River College students have received \$1500 grants from the California Retired Teachers Association, Division 75.

The recipients were recently applauded at a North Ridge Country Club luncheon. The organization assists students in fields that include

healthcare, teaching, and technical studies. Grants are enabled through a scholarship program funded by member benevolence.

“Support of ARC students is one of our most import projects,” said CARTA Vice President (and former San Juan School District teacher) Ralphene Lee. “Students of all ages experience challenges during their time at school. This is our way of helping future

classroom teachers.”

2023 awardees are: Theint Theint Thu; Iana Liatavska; Jerry Kennedy; Aubrie Moore; Nataliai Safi; Alaric Holly and Christopher Billings.

Division 75 of the California Retired Teachers Association meets regularly for luncheons. New members from any professional field are welcome, including currently working teachers. For information, call (916) 204-2413. ★

## Council Appoints Community Members for Education Committee

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community, must strive to support our students in this regard. ... Let us recognize this and not put the onus of test scores only on the teachers. Responsibility is both on the students and the adults of the community.”

There were 10 applicants for the committee: former councilmember Jeannie Bruins, Trish Dawson, Jessica Fork, John Kane, Karen Mix, Katherine Morash, James Remick, Thomas Scheeler, Robin Stout, and Laura Wilbur.

Each member of the City Council nominated one committee member, and then the Council voted on two at-large committee members, for a total of seven. Councilmember Porsche Middleton nominated Jeannie Bruins. Councilmember MariJane Lopez-Taff nominated Karen Mix. Vice Mayor Bret Daniels nominated John Kane. Councilmember Jayna Karpinski-Costa said her “top two are taken,” so she nominated Jessica Fork. Mayor Tim Schaefer nominated Thomas Scheeler.

For the at-large nominations, each councilmember nominated two people, and Robin Stout had four nominations, which secured her spot on the committee. There were two nominations each for Katherine Morash and Laura Wilbur. In the tie-breaking vote, Wilbur secured the final spot with votes from Councilmember Lopez-Taff, Vice Mayor Daniels, and Mayor Schaefer.

Next, the City Manager’s office will find and hire a consultant to facilitate the work of the education committee, which will meet from July through October and provide their recommendation to Council at the November 9 meeting.

The Council also heard a presentation about plans for the upcoming Citrus Heights Stars and Stripes Celebration, which will be held on Saturday, July 1, at Van Maren Park.

Regina Cave of the General Services Department said, “We’ve heard from the community over the last couple of years, especially coming out of COVID, there’s just dire need and desire to have more events here in Citrus Heights.” Cave said the goal is to provide “opportunities for our community to engage with each other,” so Council previously approved the funding for an Independence Day celebration for the community, with food, fun, and fireworks.

From 6:00–7:00 PM, there will be radio and DJ music, and then a live band—CC

Seeger—will play from 7:00–9:30 PM. The Kids Zone will be open from 6:00–9:00 PM, offering face painting, coloring, flower planting, bike decorating, and games.

Various food trucks will be onsite from 6:00–9:00 PM with food available for purchase: Dubb’s Lunchbox, Hefty’s Gyros, Kado’s Asian Grill, Kiki’s Chicken, Santacos, Daisy’s Desserts, Kona Ice, and Forney’s Kettle Corn.

The professional fireworks display, designed especially for this event, will start at 9:45 PM and last for 20 minutes. The fireworks will launch from multiple locations on site and will be viewable from many areas around the event. Attendees can bring blankets or chairs and watch from the lawn areas.

To ensure a safe event space, several streets will be closed to through-traffic starting at 4:00 PM: Stock Ranch Rd. from Sol Way to the westerly limit near the pedestrian bridge, and Fountain Square Dr. from the Aspen Ranch Court gate to Woodside and Thalia.

General parking will be available at The Heights Church, Citrus Heights Surgery Center, Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD), Dignity Medical Center, and Citrus Heights Community Center. There will also be a shuttle service picking people up and bringing them to the event area.

The City is setting up hydration stations, as well as misters to keep people cool. There will be a first aid station, and metro fire will be on site.

As the City gears up for the official fireworks show this weekend, the CHPD told the Council their plans for enhanced enforcement against illegal fireworks for the upcoming holiday. One major tactic is education and prevention, with social media reminders to only celebrate with legal fireworks. Warning letters were also sent out to neighborhoods with previous complaints of illegal fireworks, letting citizens know CHPD has a zero-tolerance policy for the use of any illegal fireworks and about the fines imposed for violations.

CHPD is also working with Rancho Cordova Police Department and Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department on an amnesty program, through which people can voluntarily surrender illegal fireworks without fear of legal consequences. However, none had been received so far.

CHPD also reminded residents to report any instances of illegal fireworks to the non-emergency line at 916-727-5500. ★

## CAL FIRE Encourages Safety this Fourth of July Holiday

CAL FIRE News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - With the Fourth of July holiday around the corner, state fire officials are stressing the dangers and consequences of using illegal fireworks. This Fourth of July, remember to celebrate responsibly. Protect your community by preventing fires and injuries caused by fireworks. Before you think about buying fireworks for your celebration, make sure they are permitted where you live. Fireworks purchased out-of-state are illegal in California without a license. Why not let the experts handle the fireworks show? You can easily grab a blanket, head to local fireworks show, and find the perfect patch of lawn to kick back and enjoy.

“With fireworks causing over \$25 million dollars in property loss in 2022, preventing fires and injuries caused by fireworks begins with you” said Chief Daniel Berlant, Acting California State Fire Marshal. “Don’t be the reason your Fourth of July holiday goes up in smoke.”

If Safe and Sane fireworks are legal in your area and you choose to use them, it’s important that you follow these safety tips:

Never use illegal fireworks; Make sure the firework has the State Fire Marshal “Safe and Sane” seal on it; Make sure the “Safe and Sane” firework is purchased from a licensed fireworks booth; Never allow young children to use or handle fireworks; Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol; Never hold a lit firework in your hands; Never light fireworks indoors; Only use them away from people, houses, and flammable materials; Never point or throw fireworks at another person or animal; Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks; Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for an extended time before discarding; Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don’t go off or in case of fire.

To learn more about fireworks safety, visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org/more/fireworks-safety/](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org/more/fireworks-safety/) ★

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2nd Vice Commander, Acting Sergeant at Arms Tish Lovisone, commander of Folsom Post 362

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Lopez-Taff, incoming District 6 Commander Mark Rice, and members of the Citrus Heights Police Department.

Former Department (State of California) Commander Jere Romano based out of Sanger, California did the installation of officers. Romano took control of the meeting and declared all positions of the post now vacated. Acting Sargeant at Arms Tish Lovisone, Commander of Folsom Post 362, escorted the incoming officers present to the front of the room.

Romano urged all incoming officers to “familiarize yourselves with the duties of your office and carry out those duties with the same spirit from which arose the American Legion. Remember, there is no rank among us, for we all serve as equals”.

He reminded all that the purpose of the American Legion is the “rehabilitation of all disabled veterans, care of the dependents of those who have answered the final call, and the care of those who are now suffering from wounds, disease, and want. Also, the education of our children and service to the community, state and nation.”

The new officers present were sworn in by Commander Romano. Several officers could not be present due to health issues.

Romano then thanked outgoing

Commander Sylvia Thweatt for her service over the last four years and for the splendid service she has rendered the American Legion in general. He repeated his personal belief that, “It doesn’t matter how big or small a post is, you are all important to the Department of California.”

Immediately following the swearing in, the new/returning Commander Reyes took over. He said his goal is to “have a large group like tonight of all members.” He thanked Thweatt and presented her with a certificate of appreciation for the great job she had done over four years.

On behalf of the Sacramento Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Frost presented Thweatt with an official proclamation thanking her for her unceasing work with our veterans during the most challenging time in our history.

Immigrating to the United States from the Czech Republic, she served in the United States Air Force from 1987 to 1992 working in several different areas. She served as commander of post 637 from 2019 to 2023.

Reyes’ plan for the future is to revive the ever-popular veteran’s picnic, which began in 2011 until Covid shut it down. He also hopes to have more involvement with the community and work with other posts, as they work to increase membership. “Ohio’s gain is our loss.” ★

# 4th of July Holiday: Keep it Safe, Keep it Fun!

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - With Independence Day coming up, it's always a good idea to know the risks of fireworks, only use legal fireworks and stay safe when using them. If you see or suspect illegal firework usage, please report it!

The County has teamed up with cities, fire and law enforcement jurisdictions to share information on how to celebrate safely, how to spot a safe and sane firework and how to report illegal fireworks usage.

### Illegal Fireworks or Sales Will Result in Fines

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted a social host ordinance that levies fines, starting at \$1,000, against property owners that either use or allow the use of illegal fireworks on their property, in addition to fines for use in places like the American River Parkway. Read more about the Social Host Ordinance.

“Host,” as it relates to this ordinance, means a person who knowingly permits or allows fireworks to be lit, exploded or sold on private property owned or controlled by the person.

Penalties for violations are as follows: \$1,000 for the first violation; \$2,500 for the second violation within one year of the first violation; \$5,000 for each additional violation within one year of the first violation; \$10,000 for each violation that occurs within the American River Parkway

### When to call 9-1-1

Calls for service throughout the County increase dramatically on July 4, and emergency response resources are stretched extremely thin.

During the holiday weekend, please use 9-1-1 for emergencies only -- like an

active fire or injury or immediate threat to persons or property. Each jurisdiction has provided an alternative method to report illegal fireworks sales and usage.

### Know the Risks

The unsafe use of fireworks can cause severe burns, amputations, blinding and even death; Damaging fires may occur when children use fireworks unsupervised by adults; Parents are responsible for any property damage or injuries caused by all fireworks.

### Keep it Legal

All legal fireworks in California are called Safe and Sane Fireworks and must bear the State Fire Marshal's seal; Safe and Sane Fireworks may only be used and sold from noon on June 28 through midnight on July 4; Any firework that goes up in the air or explodes is illegal and dangerous.

### Keep It Safe

Always have a non-combustible bucket of water to dispose of fireworks and leave them in the water overnight before disposing; Always have an available hose connected to water in case of fire; Do not use fireworks near dry grass or other flammable materials; Do not use fireworks while under a canopy, covered balcony, covered patio or under a tree or bushes.

### How to Report Illegal Sale and Usage

**Unincorporated:** 916-874-5115 or [reportfireworks@saccounty.net](mailto:reportfireworks@saccounty.net)  
**Sacramento:** 916-808-FIRE or the Sacramento Fire Department App Folsom: [fireworks@folsom.ca.us](mailto:fireworks@folsom.ca.us) or [seeclckfix.com/folsom](http://seeclckfix.com/folsom) **Elk Grove:** 916-714-5115 or [fireworks@elkgrovepd.org](mailto:fireworks@elkgrovepd.org) **Rancho Cordova:** 916-362-5115 **Citrus Heights:** 916-727-5500 **Galt:** 209-366-7000

Aren't sure who or how to report? Call 3-1-1 to be connected to the right place.

Together, we can ensure that Independence Day celebrations are fun, safe and do not cause undue injury or fire in our communities. ★



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# Citrus Heights Partners with Sacramento County for Homeless Outreach

## City of Citrus Heights News Release

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - The City of Citrus Heights is excited to announce a proposed partnership with Sacramento County Department of Homeless and Housing and Sacramento Covered, who provides health care access and care coordination for the community. Sacramento Covered utilizes classifications known as Community Health Workers to deliver services and care coordination in the field to persons experiencing homelessness.

After the dissolution of Sacramento Self-Help Housing and the affiliated Homeless Navigator service, the City immediately began evaluating alternative options to allow for continued homeless outreach navigation services. The City approached Sacramento County to consider a partnership to build on recent county efforts on outreach and navigation services provided by Sacramento Covered.

The City, the County, and Sacramento Covered have a mutual desire to improve the coordination and combining of efforts to meet the needs of the unhoused and to help move individuals out of homelessness in the City.

While the problem of homelessness has no single solution and knows no boundaries, the City and County intend to jointly address the issue through strong community partnerships and a network of resources. While some resources may not be available within the city limits, Community Health Workers (CHW) will increase efficiencies and consistency by collaborating alongside the County, as the County administers health and human services and Sacramento Covered will be well-versed on the network of services and resources to help address the needs of unhoused residents in Citrus Heights.

“The City of Citrus Heights has been hard at work helping those in our community facing homelessness. I’m pleased that we’ll be able to advance this work with improved efficiencies by working alongside Sacramento County and continue helping those in need of outreach services,” said City Manager, Ashley Feeney. “These services are essential to ensuring our local unhoused population, who are ready and willing to accept help, are being provided

the resources and connections they need to access important services that can help their well-being, including pathways to housing.”

“Outreach navigation services have proven successful in helping provide assistance to those experiencing homelessness in Citrus Heights. Service provision and efforts to lift people out of homelessness and into housing contributes to the overall quality of life for all residents. We’re thankful for the work of Sacramento Self-Help Housing and are looking forward to the additional impact of this program with Sacramento County and Sacramento Covered,” said Mayor Tim Schaefer.

“I’m thrilled to see our critical outreach services expand into Citrus Heights. We’re already seeing positive results from Sacramento Covered in the unincorporated County,” said Board of Supervisor over District 4, Sue Frost. “Homelessness and its impacts on the broader community aren’t secluded to any one jurisdiction, we need a broad response all over the County. I look forward to seeing the positive results this partnership has for Citrus Heights.”

“Sacramento Covered is making positive impacts all over Sacramento County,” said Kyle Stefano, VP of Clinical Programs for Sacramento Covered. “Citrus Heights has a need for continued outreach and navigation services, and we’re ready to get to work and see the positive impact on both the unhoused and the community through this partnership.”

The team of Community Health Works will engage and serve persons experiencing homelessness by connecting individuals to supportive services, emergency shelter, interim housing and permanent housing. One of the goals for this team will be to establish a positive relationship with the local community organizations, including Citrus Heights Homeless Assistance Resource Team, and other regional resources and City partners, in order to foster a supportive coalition for unhoused individuals in the City. This partnership, pending approval by City Council, could be implemented in late summer.

For more information about outreach services in Citrus Heights, please contact Nicole Piva, Housing & Human Services Program Coordinator with the City of Citrus Heights at 916-727-4752 or [npiva@citrusheights.net](mailto:npiva@citrusheights.net). ★

# Traffic and Parking Tips for Stars and Stripes Celebration

**City of Citrus Heights News Release**

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - The City of Citrus Heights is looking forward to welcoming the community to the inaugural Stars & Stripes Celebration on Saturday, July 1 from 6 to 10:15 pm. To allow residents to come together and enjoy live music, food and the patriotic fireworks show in a safe way, here's some traffic and parking information.

**Parking Information**

Parking will be available at lots located around Van Maren Park. Attendees can park at City Hall (ADA), North & South Police Department lots, Dignity Medical Center, Citrus Heights Surgery Center and Heights Church (paved lots only). SacRT will be providing a bus service to and from Bayside's

parking lots to the event. We'll also have a golf cart service to/from the other lots.

**Road Closures**

Part of Fountain Square Dr, most of Stock Ranch Rd and Woodside Dr will be closed for the event – allowing more space for our community to celebrate together! Don't forget your chairs and blankets to watch the live music and fireworks show.

**Schedule**

Celebration starts at 6:00 pm – Live Music 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm – Fireworks 9:45 to 10:15 pm

For more information on the Stars & Stripes Celebration and other events you can visit the City Events page on our website. Text "Hello" to (844) 95-HELLO (43556) to receive reminders about the event. ★



**By County Supervisor Sue Frost**

*Through the generosity of the Citrus Heights Messenger, this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the community of Citrus Heights.*

Recently, I received a distressing phone call from a constituent who was very upset and understandably so. She described how two individuals unlawfully entered the retail store, armed with large bags to loot the store's merchandise.

The shattering of glass echoed through the air, led her to shout in frustration, questioning whether anyone would step up and intervene. The gravity of this situation deeply disturbed me. She had just experienced a distressing incident that has sadly become all too common in our society: a brazen daylight burglary.

The "decarceration" and "defund police" movements have made our neighborhoods less safe, eroded the morale of our law enforcement agencies, and hurt small businesses that power our economy. These dangerous ideologies prioritize criminals over community - and even the real victims of crime. And they aren't done yet.

Three of the worst manifestations of these ideologies are AB 109 and Propositions 47 and 57 - and they have a direct impact on our safety that the Board of Supervisors must address.

AB109, which was passed in 2011, transferred thousands of felons from State Prisons to our local county jails. Our jails were never designed to hold long-term prisoners and the influx of felons meant thousands of jail inmates were simply released into our neighborhoods.

Prop 47, inaccurately called the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, reduced penalties for specific offenses from felonies to misdemeanors. Among other inexplicable changes, it reduced penalties for stealing a gun.

Prop 57 was billed as another "justice reform" that would make us safer. But in truth, it reclassified many violent crimes as "non-violent," thus making these

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violent offenders eligible for early release from prison or transfer to County jail. These "reforms" include classifying the rape of an unconscious person as a "non-violent" crime.

The result of these three "laws" is more criminals in our neighborhoods and more victims of their crimes in our communities, schools, and hospitals. That's not acceptable.

My recent Community Survey outlined the scope of the problem — nearly 25% of the residents that took my survey reported that they have been the victim of a crime. The vast majority are property crimes, like the rash of catalytic converter thefts, but many are person crimes as well - from home invasions to rape, robbery, and murder.

Let me be perfectly clear - there is no such thing as a "victimless crime." Criminals who invade our cars, homes, and businesses rob us of our sense of security, retail thefts drive up costs for food and other necessities, and violent crimes harm too many of our citizens. All crimes create victims.

Sadly, some politicians and their activist allies are far more concerned with the needs and desires of criminals than their victims or the community.

This has had a severe impact on our communities in the region and across the state. Prop 47 has directly contributed to the rise of retail shoplifting. Many retail stores have been forced to implement extra security measures to safeguard their cosmetic and toiletry products. A recent report published by the National Retail Federation underscored the staggering economic loss incurred due to retail theft, amounting to nearly \$30 billion annually.

Elections have consequences. The rise of "decarceration" ballot measures and politicians who support their agenda has only emboldened criminals and hindered our law enforcement officers, our retail stores, small businesses, and our law-abiding citizens!

County Supervisors can't change state law, but we can take action to ensure the public is still protected by

investing in our public safety systems and personnel.

That is why I am supporting additional funding for the Sacramento Sheriff's Department, Probation, and District Attorney's office. Ensuring the safety of our citizens is the government's most sacred responsibility. Our budget should reflect that.

The recently proposed budget for Sacramento County is a step in the right direction. Notably, this budget includes an increase of \$35 million allocated to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office to improve enforcement and outreach related to homelessness, purchase needed equipment like body cameras, and increase pay to boost recruitment and fill empty positions.

For me, the paramount duty of government is to ensure the safety and well-being of the public. As a result, I have consistently focused on public safety in my policy agenda and budget priorities.

I do believe in reform, redemption, and rehabilitation. But simply not prosecuting criminals, or allowing their crimes to go unpunished, accomplishes none of that.

By strengthening our law enforcement agencies, we can better equip them to tackle the challenges we are facing today. Moving forward, it is crucial for policymakers, community leaders, and law enforcement agencies to work collaboratively in refining strategies and implementing measures that effectively address the failures of AB 109, and Propositions 47 and 57. I will be working with our Sheriff, District Attorney, and State Legislatures to do just that.

Through this concerted effort, we can strive towards a safer community that upholds the principles of justice, protection, and public safety.

Thank you for reading – and as always, if you want to contact me, call me at 916-874-5491, or e-mail me at SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net.

*Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Elverta, and Rancho Murieta.* ★

# Korean National Sentenced for "Bust Out" Bank Fraud Scheme

**FBI News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Hee Soun Oh, 47, a Korean national residing in Southern California, was sentenced on June 1, 2023, to two years and nine months in prison for bank fraud and bank fraud conspiracy, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

According to court documents, between January 2017 and September 2017, Oh participated in a nationwide check kiting "bust out" scheme in order to obtain cash from banks. The scheme's participants obtained a real Republic of Korea passport that was altered to bear a new photograph and name, which they used to open bank accounts with a small amount of cash. The accounts were dormant until a time the participants believed the bank would allow the account holder to deposit a check and make withdrawals before the check actually cleared. At that time, the participants wrote checks from a different bank account with non-sufficient funds, deposited those checks into the dormant account, and then withdrew cash from

the dormant account before the checks cleared. The participants would access funds by purchasing a money order and then depositing the money order into yet another bank account associated with the scheme.

The bust-out scheme resulted in an actual loss of \$273,800 to the banks, and a total intended loss of \$466,318 based on additional, unsuccessful bust-out attempts.

This case was the product of an investigation by the IRS Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Audrey B. Hemesath prosecuted the case.

Korean nationals Jong Eun Lee, 48, and Kyung Min Kong, 55, were previously sentenced: Lee to 22 months in prison and Kong to seven years and nine months in prison. Charges are pending against Ki Jang and Bon Soke Hong, who were indicted on Oct. 21, 2021. The charges against them are only allegations; they are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. ★

# Arrest Made in Sexual Abuse of Juvenile

**Sacramento County Sheriff's News Release**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On Monday, May 15, 2023, 32-year-old Jose CARDONA of Sacramento County was arrested in relation to a juvenile sexual assault investigation conducted by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office

Sexual and Elder Abuse Bureau (SEAB) and the Child Abuse Bureau (CAB). The victim, in this case, was a 14-year-old juvenile who was known to Cardona.

Cardona was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on four counts of PC 288(c)(1) – Lewd Act with a Minor 14 or 15 Years Old. He is being held on a \$1,000,000 bail. ★



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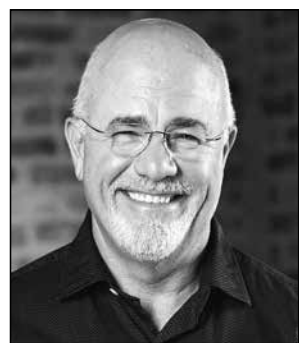
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## Dave Ramsey Says

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I think you guys need to reset things in your business. It’s time for the working owners to sit down with your father and have an adult conversation. The discussion should be professional and gentle and go something like: “Dad, we all set this up in the beginning. But we’ve

made some mistakes. We shouldn’t be paying a salary to people who don’t work in the business. You’ve been repaid for your venture money, and from now on, you’ll be getting a distribution of profits instead of a salary. We think this is fair and reasonable, but if you don’t agree, we can discuss buying you out of your third of the company.”

It sounds like things are already strained, but you’ve got to have a professional setup within the business. Do your best to be respectful and reasonable with your father. But you need to get this sorted out and agreed on before it causes any more hard feelings.

– Dave

*\*Leadership and small-business expert Dave Ramsey is the CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored eight national bestselling books, including “EntreLeadership,” and is a host of “The Ramsey Show” and “The EntreLeadership Podcast.”* ★

## New Fund Provides Support and Protection for Prescribed Fire and Cultural Burning

**CALFIRE News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On June 19, 2023, the State of California will roll out a first-of-its-kind approach to curbing the state’s catastrophic wildfire problem by providing new protections for prescribed fire and cultural burning practitioners. The \$20 million allocated for the “Prescribed Fire Liability Claims Fund Pilot” will cover losses in the rare instance that a prescribed or cultural burn escapes control.

California Senator Bill Dodd authored the 2022 bill (Senate Bill 926) that made this fund possible, continuing his many years of leadership on wildfire and prescribed fire-related legislation.

“Prescribed fire is a cost-effective way to minimize the scope and severity of wildfires,” said Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa. “It’s a tool that has been used for millennia by Native American tribes and one that will continue to play a big role in wildfire prevention. The rollout of this fund is a big step toward keeping California communities safe.”

The use of prescribed fire and cultural burning—sometimes collectively called “good” or “beneficial” fire—is a key component of wildfire risk management in California. These projects reduce hazardous fuels, help restore ecological and cultural values, and make our communities safer and our ecosystems more resilient to wildfire. However, lack of liability insurance for practitioners has been a major barrier to increasing the use of prescribed fire, even as firefighters, fire scientists, at-risk communities, and state, federal, and tribal leaders call for more.

“The Prescribed Fire Claims Fund pilot project removes a significant barrier to obtaining insurance for potential damages from a prescribed fire or cultural burn conducted by a certified prescribed fire burn boss or a cultural fire practitioner,” said CAL FIRE Director/Chief Joe Tyler. “As we continue to focus on increasing the resiliency of the state’s forests, creating a pathway for private burn bosses to have the significant protection this claims fund provides is a critical step toward reaching the goals of the Governor’s Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.”

The fund will provide up to \$2 million in coverage for prescribed fire projects led by a qualified burn boss or cultural practitioner. The fund is meant to demonstrate that prescribed fire, when carefully planned, resourced, and implemented, is a low-risk land management tool that mitigates the larger, more damaging risks of high-severity wildfires. The fund is the first of its kind nationally and is the result of several years of collaboration by a diversity of partners working with Senator Dodd’s Office, including The Nature Conservancy, CAL FIRE, the University of California Cooperative Extension, the California

Department of Insurance, Tribal representatives, and many others.

“Launching this program is a key step in scaling ecologically based forest management to reduce the risk of megafires. We appreciate Senator Dodd’s leadership and the expedient work of CAL FIRE and beneficial fire practitioners to develop this fund as the next fire season quickly approaches,” said Dan Porter, The Nature Conservancy’s Forest Program Director.

The fund will also advance cultural burning, helping Indigenous Californians restore their connection to fire.

“Cultural burning is an essential practice to meet diverse objectives, including biodiversity stewardship, ecological health, and community safety. The availability of this pilot fund provides cultural fire practitioners a safeguard against financial risk in the unlikely event of an escaped burn. This is a significant incentive to support revitalization of burning traditions following the legacy of policies banning such practices,” said Don Hankins, Professor of Geography and Planning at CSU Chico and co-founder of the Indigenous Stewardship Network.

This fund is part of a larger vision for restoring beneficial fire across California’s fire-adapted ecosystems. Last year, the state released its Strategic Plan for Expanding the Use of Beneficial Fire, which identified this claims fund as a priority. The state has also rolled out a state-certified burn boss program, changed the liability standard for prescribed fire, and made investments in prescribed burn associations, agency staffing, and other related efforts.

“We are using every tool to protect Californians, including using prescribed fire to fight wildfires,” said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. “The Prescribed Fire Claims fund will be critical to assisting our tribal groups, nonprofits and private landowners who are leading the way. This is an example of government being innovative and leading by example. The data that we get from the claims fund is going to be essential to our on-going education with insurance companies to support insuring this important work.”

Lenya Quinn-Davidson, Fire Network Director for the University of California’s Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, says the recent momentum is unparalleled.

“Californians are desperate to have a better relationship with fire, and only with innovative approaches like this Claims Fund will we be able to unleash the good work that needs to happen,” said Quinn-Davidson. “It’s a challenging time to be working on fire in California, but also an incredibly inspiring time.”

More information about the Pilot Prescribed Fire Claims Fund can be found on the CAL FIRE Website including frequently asked questions and an enrollment form for practitioners. ★

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# An Overview of Old Auburn Complete Streets: Phase 1

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intends streets to be “safe, convenient and comfortable for all users, regardless of age, ability, or how one feels while traveling.”

Complete streets can include, but are not limited to, sidewalks, bike lanes, bus pull-outs, and traffic calming measures such as center medians and street trees, Bloomquist said.

Specific project improvements shown will include roadway resurfacing, repairs/upgrades to storm drain infrastructure, traffic signal upgrades, street lighting and adding buffered bike lanes.

The city’s plan to improve the segment also identifies a need for wider separated sidewalks as well as a variety of other important safety features.

“The project’s design is scheduled to be completed in Summer/Fall 2025. Currently, the City does not yet have construction funds identified for this project,” Bloomquist said.

The City has secured Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) funding for Phase 1A of this project through a CalTrans Sustainable Communities Grant, Bloomquist said.

The City is also actively working to obtain state and/or federal grants to support the cost of construction. According to Bloomquist, the likely construction schedule will then be developed depending upon when and what type of funding is secured.

Bloomquist said a certain amount of minor land acquisitions are likely as part of the project, primarily where there is limited or no existing sidewalk, or at intersections where additional width is needed.

Specific work will likely include over 4,000 feet of complete street improvements, 400 feet of a multi-use path which connects to and extends the existing multi-use trail, 6,830 feet of buffered or protected bikeways and 7,200 feet of sidewalk. A six-foot buffer with landscaping and shade along the corridor will also be built.

Enhanced pedestrian crossing improvements, lighting improvements and traffic signal upgrades at signalized intersections are included in the plan.

Bloomquist said the project has been divided into two phases.

“The construction cost of Phase 1 (Tiara to Garry Oak) is anticipated to be between \$7.5 to 9 million,” she said. “The overall project cost is estimated to be \$13 million, which includes engineering, environmental, construction, and land acquisition costs.”

The initial project cost estimate is generally based on the city’s 2020 Complete Streets Plan and will depend upon the bidding timeframe of the project, and market conditions at that time, Bloomquist said.

“The ‘Complete Streets’ standard is important to ensure our community feels safe when moving throughout the city,” he said.

An overview of the project details can be viewed at: <https://www.citrusheights.net/1191/Old-Auburn-Road-Complete-Streets-Design>

For questions about the project, please contact the General Services Department at 916-727-4770 or email [OldAuburnCS@citrusheights.net](mailto:OldAuburnCS@citrusheights.net). The public can also follow the project at [bit.ly/OldAuburnRoad](http://bit.ly/OldAuburnRoad) and sign up for project updates at: [bit.ly/OARCS-Signup](http://bit.ly/OARCS-Signup) ★



With Mary Jane Popp

## Fun Bang Day

**HAPPY ( BANG BANG) 4TH OF JULY!!!** It’s here and time to celebrate the birth of our nation, or Independence Day, when the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence. It actually happened on July 2, 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was adopted. But what’s a couple of days anyway. And it’s been a federal holiday since 1941. So it is that the United States and Great Britain parted ways. Here are a few fun facts connected with that fateful day.

Only John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. All the others signed later. The Declaration was signed by 56 men from 13 colonies. The average age of the signers was 45 from the youngest Thomas Lynch from South Carolina at 27 to the oldest Benjamin Franklin from Pennsylvania at 70. One out of eight signers was educated at Harvard...7 total. The only two signers who later became President of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all colonies would appear equal. President John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe all died on the fourth. Adams and Jefferson died on the same day within hours of each other in 1826. Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national bird, but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson who recommended the Bald Eagle. In 1776, there were 2.5 million people living in the new nation. Today the population is over 330 million. Fireworks are part of the tradition of celebrating this national holiday.

But please only legal fireworks and be respectful of where you shoot them off. Always enjoy BBQ and hot dogs to chicken and ribs. Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies. Traditions place the origins of the song “Yankee Doodle” as a pre-revolutionary War song originally sung by British military officers

to mock the disheveled, disorganized colonial “Yankees” with whom they served in the



French and Indian war. It’s believed the tune comes from the nursery rhyme Lucy Locket. The tune of the National Anthem was originally used by an English drinking song called “To Anacreon in Heaven.” The words have nothing to do with consumption of alcohol but the melody was what Francis Key had in mind when he wrote the words we sing today. But it is kind of funny they originated as the melody for a song praise of wine.

We are better today than we have been for the last three and a half years with regard to the pandemic. But it’s not all gone away and we should still be mindful there are viruses still hanging in the air. Did you know the Spanish Flu as it was called in 1918 is still with us? Let’s say a prayer that we do not have to face another covid ever. Stay safe and celebrate to the MAX, but keep in mind it’s the birthday of our nation!

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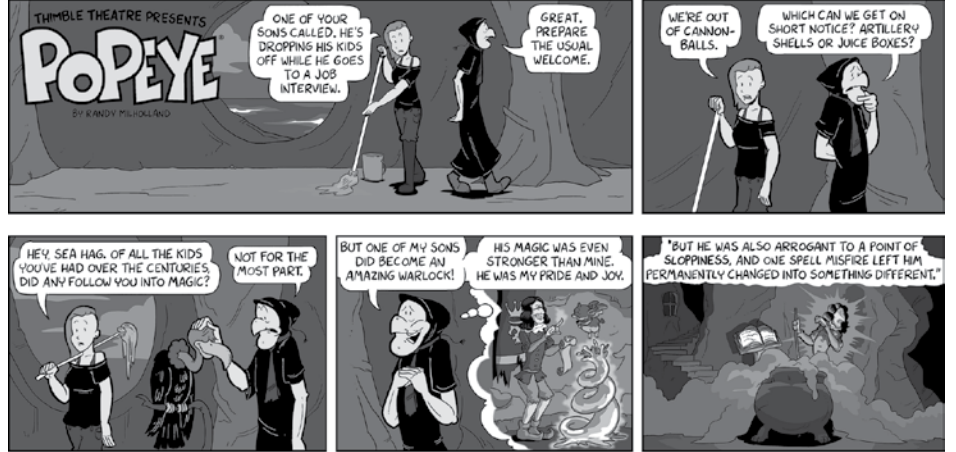


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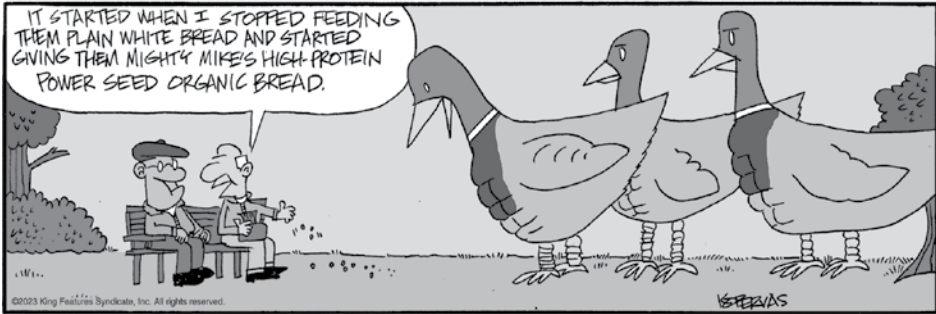


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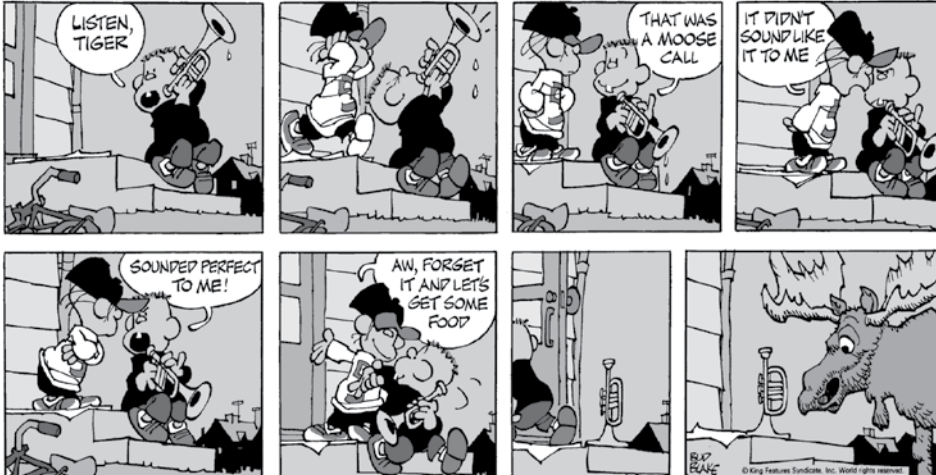


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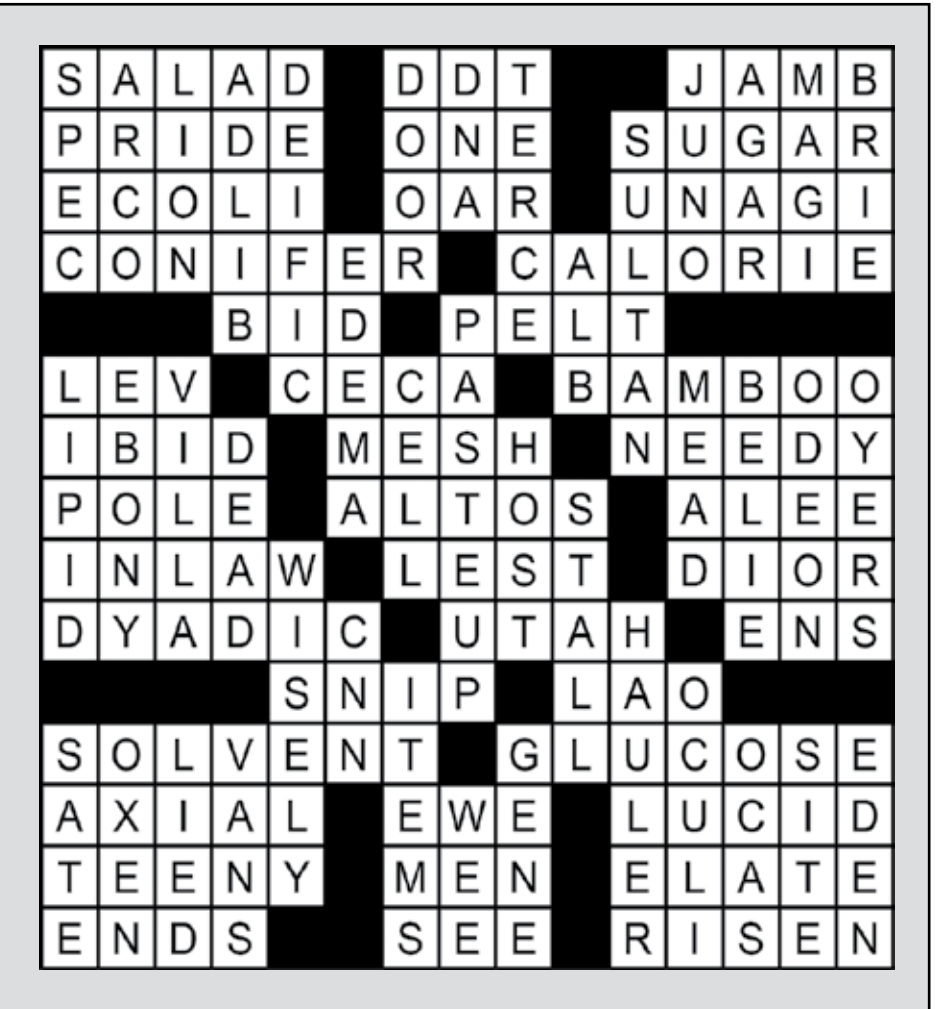
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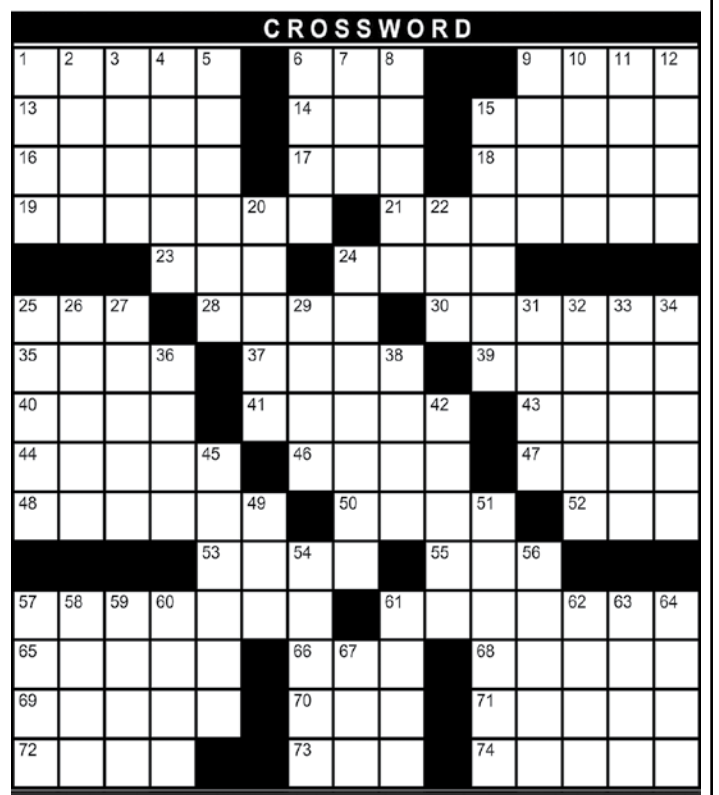
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# Aerospace Museum of California Named 2023 Nonprofit of the Year

**Office of Assembly Member Josh Hoover**

**MCCLELLAN, CA (MPG) -**

The Aerospace Museum of California is honored and deeply grateful it has been selected as a 2023 California Nonprofit of the Year by California State Assembly Member Josh Hoover, District 7. The museum is recognized for its exceptional contributions to STEAM education in the Northern California community.

The Aerospace Museum of California is an inspired place of learning, located in the heart of an underserved community. The museum is deeply committed to engaging the children and families that need it the most, seeking to ignite children's curiosity and inspire discovery and exploration through hands-on STEAM education.

Linda Martin, the Aerospace Museum of California's Board President, stated, "The museum is a testament to the generosity of numerous donors, the enthusiasm of over a million visitors, and the unwavering commitment of the Sacramento region over the last 40 years. The collective involvement of thousands of volunteers, staff, and board members exemplifies our community spirit. By preserving and celebrating our diverse history, the museum has positively impacted our community and enriched the lives of countless children and families. The Aerospace Museum's mission—to



From Left to Right: Tom Jones, Aerospace Museum of California Executive Director; Karen Jones, Advancement Director; Assemblyman Josh Hoover; Linda Martin, Aerospace Museum of California Board President. Photo courtesy of Assemblymember Josh Hoover

honor the past, inspire the future through STEAM education, and spark children's learning—is truly transformative."

On June 7th, the dedicated Aerospace Museum of California leadership will be presented with the 2023 California Nonprofit of the Year award at an exclusive ceremony held at the California State Capitol.

"We are humbled by this award and extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Board of Directors, our remarkable staff, the outstanding museum volunteers, our invaluable aerospace and education partners, and the countless students and families who have embraced STEAM education at the Aerospace Museum," said Tom Jones, Executive Director of the Aerospace Museum of California.

The community's commitment and support are key to the Aerospace Museum of California's success in igniting a passion for science, technology, engineering, arts,

and mathematics among students. This recognition as the California Nonprofit of the Year for 2023 further inspires the Aerospace Museum of California team to keep advancing its mission to deliver impactful STEAM educational experiences to help dreams take flight!

For more information about the Aerospace Museum of California visit aerospaceca.org

About the Aerospace Museum of California (AMC): Explore, discover, and be inspired by aviation and aerospace history. With a 40,000-square-foot exhibit hall, over 40 aircraft and rockets, a 4-acre outdoor Air Park, incredible exhibits, and free parking, families can engage in STEAM activities for all ages and let their imagination soar. As a Smithsonian Affiliate® and member of North American Reciprocal Museum Associate®, the Aerospace Museum is truly a place where dreams take flight! ★

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- Produce of Korea White Rice 20 lbs **\$19.99**
- Korean Red Kimchi 20 x 1.60 oz **\$14.99**
- Soft Drink (Moringa Rice) 1.5 lbs **\$3.99**
- Long Cooking White Rice 60.5 oz **\$7.99**
- Pacific Seaweed & Mackerel Roll 400 g **\$3.99**
- Pink Biltong - Meats 5 x 150 g **\$5.99**
- Tuna Red Snapper 5 x 125 g **\$5.99**
- Milk Tea Cha Cha Tea 2.5 Ltr **\$2.49**
- Dragonil Tea Soli 2.5 Ltr **\$8.99**
- Edo's Curry Noodle 4.66 Ltr **\$6.99**
- S&B Golden Curry 5 Ltr 8.1 oz **\$2.99**
- Sole & Sesame Sauce 12.17 oz **\$2.99**
- Juicy Tea 5 Ltr **\$3.99**

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- Maple Syrup & Honey Turkey Breast **\$12.39**
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- Kalamata Olive with Garlic Pepper **\$5.59**
- Green Olives Stuffed with Almonds **\$5.39**

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