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# California State Parks Offers **Emergency Response Training**

Local Students Attend Training Event at Lake Natoma



Story and photos by Rich Peters, MPG Editor

LAKE NATOMA, CA (MPG) - A bus full of Cordova High School students took a trip to the Nimbus Flat Recreation Area this week to take part in an important demonstration of water safety as we head into the summer months.

Hosted by California State Parks Peace Officers, Rangers and Lifeguards, and facilitated by California State

Parks Division of Boating and Waterways, Metro Fire and the Sacramento State Aquatic Center, the students were both educated and entertained during a nice, sunny day out of the classroom.

This team of public servants taught drowning prevention techniques, familiarized students with local public safety agencies and educated them about the high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities available at State Parks. "It's

important to teach them how to be

safe on the water," said Paris Shaw of the Division of Boating and Waterways.

Each student who attended received their very own lifejacket to keep and hopefully use this summer and beyond with the good intention that they will

pass their knowledge of water safety onto others.

Drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide and the second leading cause among children ages one to 14, accounting for

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# Rancho Cordova 4th of July Parade

July 4 at 10 a.m. - Coloma Rd.



#### RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) -

Lather on some sunscreen, dust off the lawn chair and head over to Coloma Road - it's time for the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July Parade! Rancho Cordova's Parade is famous for its hometown flavor. So don't be surprised if you see your next door neighbor decked out in a wacky Uncle Sam get-up for the trip down Coloma.

Parade Route & Logistics: Beginning on Coloma Road at Cordova Lane, the parade proceeds west to Chase Drive and left on Rinda Drive. Parents should plan to pick up their children at Cordova Gardens Elementary School following the parade. The parade will not enter Hagan Park. Total distance is about 1.5 miles - bring water!

A judge's reviewing stand will be set up near Casa Coloma Convalescent Home. There, parade-watchers will be able to catch the quick presentations some participants provide.

No community event reflects the "Spirit of Rancho Cordova" like the Fourth of July. It is an allvolunteer effort that, like our city, evolves with each passing year, growing and improving upon itself. It has become the signature event of our community and the largest Fourth of July event in the region.

Rancho Cordova Fourth of July is a two-day festival celebrating the local community and our American heritage. It is the signature event for the community.

Visit RanchoCordovaJuly4th. com or CordovaCouncil.org for more information.

#### Wednesday, July 4 Noon - 11 pm **Carnival**

Thrill rides, games & food Food Court Craft, Info & Exhibit Booths Beer Garden FREE Party Bike and Pedicabs \* Tips Appreciated! Noon - 6 pm CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT (\$15 Blind Draw)

#### Noon - 8 pm **Kids Zone!**

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#### 4 – 8 pm

FREE Crocker Museum Art Ark Live Steamers Railroad **Concert Stage** 7:30 pm - Parade Winners Announcements 7:45 pm- Enlistment Ceremony 8:15 pm - UPTOWN FUNK \*\* **Bruno Mars Tribute** 9:45 pm - FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR!

Source: Rancho Cordova July 4th \*

# **CRPD Board Member Elected to** Sacramento County Oversight Board



CRPD Board Member Terri Leimbach was elected by County Independent Special Districts to be their representative on the oversight board.

By Alyssa Rasmussen, CRPD

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Current Cordova Recreation and Park District's (CRPD) Board Member Terri Leimbach has earned another hat. Nominated in March by the Board of Directors for the Sacramento County Consolidated Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board (RDAOB), Leimbach was elected by County Independent Special Districts to be their representative on the oversight board.

The selection process for the Independent Special Districts' representative opened in late April. Leimbach ran against two candidates. With her election, Leimbach joins the RDAOB at an interesting historical moment. At the beginning of July, over 400 oversight boards across the state will be consolidated into one oversight board per county. In the last 15 years alone, Leimbach has

brought her dedication to smart money management and her passion for civic engagement to many venues. Leimbach has served as a treasurer for a local church,

worked as Superintendent of Administration for the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District, served as an elected member of the Board of Directors for the California Association of Parks and Recreation Indemnity (CAPRI), volunteers as a tax preparer for AARP, serves as an elected member for the Cordova Recreation and Park District, and has been appointed to the District's Budget and Finance Standing committee for several terms.

Leimbach accepts this new responsibility with alacrity, stating, "I am thrilled to be elected to the RDAOB board. Special Districts around the State will now be represented as the process for the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agencies moves forward. All local agencies are entitled to a share of the tax dollars that are freed up by that process, and we, as special districts, need to be represented to make sure we get our fair share of those taxes."

At Cordova Recreation and Park District, we champion Leimbach's work and recog2 • GOLD RIVER MESSENGER **JULY 2018** 

# Stingrays Six Simple Sayings



The Stingrays have had plenty to smile about this year. When you swim fast, you've done your best -- and Gold River's personal-bests are off the chain. Photo by Tom Jones

By Jan Float

**GOLD RIVER, CA (MPG)** - Presenting to you this year's Gold River Swim Team ... (Smiles Courtesy of Six Simple Sayings!) Elitist athletes, looking back at their wonder years, likewise break into massive grins, such is the inspiring warmth of the Six Sayings upon which Stingrays' Spirit is built.

So what are these indelible words of wisdom? Pre-race parents: "Have fun. Swim fast. I love you." Flip-turned post-race parents: "Did you have fun? You swam fast. I love you!" Who wouldn't be motivated to give it 110% every time they dive in and jump out? These six sentences, repeated a million times, predicate a love of sports -- and, for that matter, any performance. A little praise goes a long way.

The Stingrays have had plenty to smile about this year. When you swim fast, you've done your best -- and Gold River's personal-bests are off the chain. On June 1, an intrasquad meet and family BBQ, right in their own backyard, presented greater opportunity for parents, coaches and supporters to sing the six sayings. The results? You guessed it. Fast racing!

One of the Stingrays' cheerleading families is the Joneses (dad Tom, mom Karen, Lauren and Morgan). You may recognize the name, (Photos by Tom Jones). As the team's photographer, Tom's pictures have graced these articles for seven months. Enthusiastic and ebullient, Tom



One of the Stingrays' cheerleading families is the Joneses (dad Tom, mom Karen, Lauren and Morgan). Photo courtesy Tom Jones

and Karen "practice what they preach," the Stingrays six sayings and their daughters are improving at a rapid race pace.

The Johnson Ranch Barracudas came calling on June 9. This dual meet was exceptional, in that the personal-best stats were astounding. Let's face it, stats are snoozers, but hang in there for these. The Barracudas were 270+/- participants strong vs. the Stingrays 124. From Gold River's small-but-mighty, 108 kicked personal-best times, 78 drowned more than full seconds and 71% churned out bests in every event. Powerhouse performances!

In the June 16 meet, over on the Elk Grove Piranhas' home turf, they encountered a far deeper team, 350+/- vs. 90 Stingrays. What are you doing to do when the numbers are stacked against you? Have fun, do your best, and love it! And that they did; Stingrays' cheerfulness and dropped times abounded.

From an overall roster of 250+/-, next up is the Rio Del Oro Rapids. Despite the Stingrays' small headcount, when the going gets tough, the tough get going. And the Six Sayings bolster it all. To round out the month, Gold River is hosting Del Norte's Dolphins... fewer athletes, less formidable, and more to report on next month.

As for the Team Functions, talk about having fun and loving it! The River Cats and their annual nod to regional swim teams was a blast, as was the club's invitational to the Dive-In Movie -- not to be confused with the upcoming Drive-In movie. Think water vs. dryland. One more dual meet with Glen Oaks and then straight into Championships at UOP. Time flies when you're having fun in the sun, swimming faster and faster, and loving every min-

# Scott Jones Re-elected as Sacramento County Sheriff

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** 

- Sheriff Scott Jones has been re-elected Sacramento County Sheriff, finishing with over 51.5% of the vote, easily outdistancing three other candidates by almost 30 points, and finishing over 75,000 votes ahead of his nearest competitor.

"I'm honored by the support from Sacramento County," stated Jones. "The campaign is over. Now it is time to get back to work."

"It sounds cliché, but I really am deeply honored and humbled by the support and encouragement I have received," said Jones. "There have been so many people doing so many things - from our extraordinary Deputies making me look good every day; to campaign staff,



**Sheriff Scott Jones** 

donors, volunteers and community leaders working hard over the past four months to win this thing early. It really is humbling."

"The best campaign strategy ever is having a candidate who is

already doing a great job for the office for which they are running," said Jones' consultant Tab Berg.

"Winning in a crowded field is difficult, especially when special interests are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on negative attacks," said Berg. "But voters overwhelmingly rejected their cynical tactics and partisan message - largely because Scott Jones has done an extraordinary job as Sheriff."

Former Sheriff John McGinness concurred, "Scott is one of the best to ever serve as Sacramento Sheriff. I see it. Leaders throughout the county see it. Voters clearly see it. Sacramento is better and safer with Scott Jones as Sheriff.

Source: Tab Communications ★

# **Sheriff's Canine Association** Recognized as Non-Profit of the Year

By Sergeant Shaun Hampton, Sheriff's Spokesman

#### **SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)**

- The Sacramento County Sheriff's Canine Association was selected by Senator Ted Gaines as a California Non-Profit of the Year and was recently recognized at the State Capital during the third annual California Non-Profits Day.

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department's Canine Association officially became recognized as a non-profit association in 2005. The association was initially established by members of the Sheriff's Department Canine Detail who saw a need for financial assistance to aid the retired canines after they had served our community.

These fantastic animals are often asked to do extremely hazardous work and can be credited for saving lives, apprehending criminals who have evaded capture, and also locating missing persons. Some of them are also trained to locate firearms, explosives, narcotics, and evidence.



The Sacramento County Sheriff's Canine Association was selected by Senator Ted Gaines as a California Non-Profit of the Year. Photo courtesy

Sacramento Sheriff's Canine Association has supplemented the training and equipment of our active canine teams and enhanced the safety of our deputies and their canine partners. The association has also been able to assist with veterinary bills after these dogs retire and fully cover the costs of all burial fees associated with each

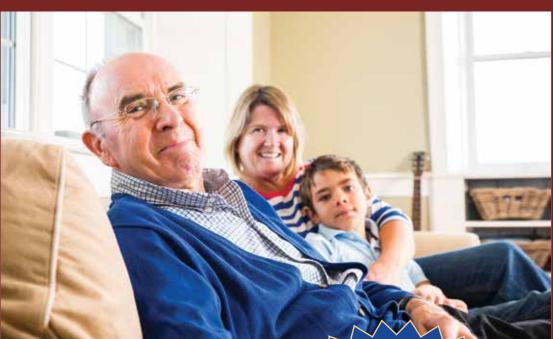
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Students learned how to safely paddle out among other important water safety skills (top photo). Lifeguards were in abundant force to oversee the entirety of the day's demonstrations (photo below).

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7% of all injury-related deaths, according to the World Health Organization. There are an estimated 360,000 annual drowning deaths worldwide.

Beyond teaching the students, each agency was able to learn from the demonstration as well as they all bonded and familiarized themselves with working together, preparing for the upcoming months.

Chris Dargan of Metro Fire was excited to be a part of the day. "This is our first year. Metro Fire was invited to participate and in addition to showing off the importance of water safety it allows inner agencies to practice working together."

Some of the activities and visuals on display for the students were:

· Mock Rescue involving a distressed and overturned kayaker.



- Life Jacket Station Each student learned about the proper fitting and laws of life jackets and received a new jacked courtesy of the Division of Boating and Waterways.
- Self-Rescue and Rescue Station - Students learned how to reach a paddle or pole, throw a rope, row or paddleboard to the victim and swim out.
- Basic Heat and Cold Related

**Emergency Response Station** - Students learned how to identify, treat and respond to emergency situations.

· Sacramento State Aquatic Center Inflatable Slide -Students were able to climb and slide off of a 20 foot slide into the water and/or use a hydrobike.

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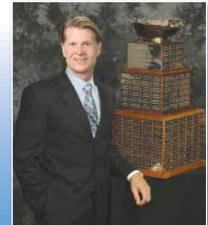
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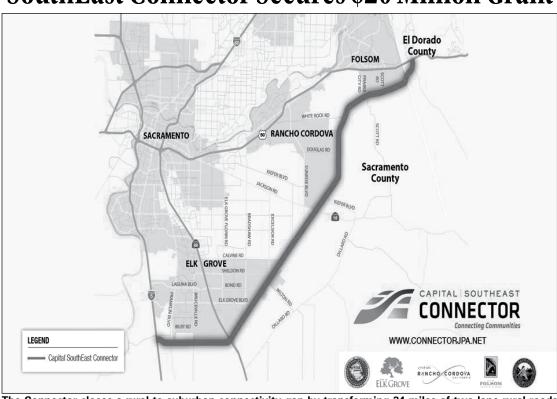
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# **SouthEast Connector Secures \$20 Million Grant**



The Connector closes a rural-to-suburban connectivity gap by transforming 34 miles of two-lane rural roads into a state-of-the-art, four-lane expressway connecting the communities of the City of Elk Grove, Sacramento County, City of Rancho Cordova, City of Folsom and El Dorado County.

MATHER, CA (MPG) - The continued project support and are Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority today announced the award of \$20 million in grant funding through the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) Local Partnership Program (LPP) available through Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. The funding is a boost to the expressway project, which has widespread benefits throughout and beyond the Sacramento region. The Connector received the third largest statewide funding award of close to 90 grant applications for projects throughout California.

"We are very pleased with the California Transportation Commission's recognition of the exceptional benefits the Connector will provide to rural communities, goods movement and traffic safety throughout the greater Sacramento region, as evident in their decision to fully fund our grant request of \$20 million," said Derek Minnema, executive director of the Capital SouthEast Connector JPA. "We're also grateful for the overwhelming

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excited to move this project forward thanks to this funding."

Earlier this year, the Sacramento Transportation Authority ranked the Connector as it's No. 1 regional transportation project pursuing funding through the CTC's LPP grant program.

This funding award comes at a critical time for the project. The Connector was one of only two California projects, and the only rural project, that applied for federal dollars through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program that received LPP funding. The \$20 million grant by the CTC will increase the capacity to strongly leverage state dollars if federal funding is awarded.

With funding through the LPP grant, \$40 million in needed roadway improvements in Elk Grove, Folsom and Sacramento County will begin.

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Elk Grove, Sacramento County, City of Rancho Cordova, City of Folsom and El Dorado County. The new expressway will provide instant regional congestion relief to downtown Sacramento, provide parallel capacity to Highway 50, and an evacuation route for the southeastern part of Sacramento County. Project benefits also extend beyond the region as the Connector has been identified as a key project within California's Central Valley Major International Trade Region, and will connect three U.S. Department of Transportation's Primary Freight Network Routes that are the backbone of goods movement within the Central Valley.

#### About The Connector JPA

The Connector JPA was formed in December 2006 and includes Sacramento County, El Dorado County and the cities of Elk Grove, Folsom and Rancho Cordova. It is responsible for the Connector's planning, environmental review, engineering design, development and construction.

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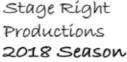


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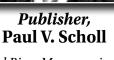
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By County Supervisor Sue Frost

Through the generosity of the Gold River Messenger, this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the unincorporated community of Gold River.

In the most recent June 5th election, most of the Sacramento County voters were shocked or confused and some were angry. They were unware that one year prior, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors had fundamentally changed the way we vote. In this election, all voters were mailed absentee ballots, and our 500+ traditional polling locations were closed and replaced with 77 "vote centers" that opened 11 days early to allow a longer voting period. While I was the sole vote in opposition to this switch, I wanted to use this opportunity in my monthly column to explain what we learned and what needs to change moving forward.

One change that will benefit everybody in November when we vote again is for people to take advantage of the vote centers. Not enough people realized that some vote centers were open for 11 days before the actual Election Day (and additional vote centers were open 4 days before the election). There was a serious change in behavior among voters that resulted in only around

# **GOLD RIVER COMMUNITY UPDATE**

## New Vote System -Challenges & Opportunities

10,000 people voting at a vote center - which was only around 3% of the voters. Vote centers sometimes reported seeing only 1 person a day actually vote.

I think I know why this happened. People did not know that even though they got an absentee ballot, they could have thrown it away if they wanted and just gone to the nearest vote center to obtain a ballot and vote. They thought vote centers and drop off sites were the same

Why was this a problem? On Election Day, many voters were turned away because ballot boxes were too full, and some other people reported being stuck in enormous lines. I think we can fix these problems by doing three things.

First and foremost, we need better communication. One of the benefits to this new program was saving money so it seems to me we can find the resources to get the word out more effectively. Some materials were mailed to voters, and banners were displayed throughout the County. We can assess how effective these strategies were and come up with a better way of getting clear information in the hands and minds of voters.

Second, I think we need more drop-off locations, even if that means we have less vote centers. More importantly, we need more drop-off locations outside the City of Sacramento. 65% of all 11 day vote centers were in the City of Sacramento, which only has 32% of voters. We need to make sure there are more convenient locations spread throughout the county with secure bins large enough to accommodate a large number of voters in a single day.

Lastly, we need to make sure people understand all of their options. For many, this may have been their first time receiving an absentee ballot. The postage required can change based on the thickness of the ballot but what people may not realize is that if they mail it without postage, their vote will still be delivered and counted (the county just ends up covering the cost). But for people who do not like mailing their vote, they need to know that they can drop it off or throw it away and receive a brand new ballot at the vote center. Those who prefer to vote in person, like they always have, have the ability to vote at any of the 77 vote centers - whether it is the one closest to home, work or preferred grocery store.

There is some good news though. This year we believe we will end up with a 47% turnout, which would be the highest level in 20 years for a non-presidential primary in Sacramento County. The system needs improvement and if we can capitalize on the good parts while fixing the problems, we can have a great system. As always, I am listening and your opinions are important to me. Let me know how you feel about the changes in the way we vote.

Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes all or part of the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, Rio Linda, Elverta, Gold River, Rancho Murieta, North Highlands, Carmichael, Foothill Farms and Fair Oaks and Rancho Cordova.

# **California Capital Airshow Announces Summer Events**

Exclusive Ticket Bundle Offers Guests a 3-Day Airshow Experience



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Demonstration Squadron will fly September 22 and 23. The weekend airshows offer a lineup that promises to keep audiences on the edge of their seats. Photo courtesy CCA

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

The California Capital Airshow (CCA) announced the exciting details of Airshow After Dark, a nighttime extravaganza of flying, fireworks and music amid an aviation-themed festival atmosphere of family fun and entertainment. The evening, which begins at 5 pm on Friday, September 21, commemorates Mather Airport's 100th birthday and is offered with the Weekend Ticket Bundle -- an exclusive ticket package, on sale starting June 14, that includes general admission tickets to the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds-headlined airshows on September 22 and

In addition to a thrilling display of pyrotechnic-infused aerobatic stunts overhead, Airshow After Dark includes miles of aircraft displays featuring fully-restored warbirds, massive cargo airplanes and military aircraft as well as interactive STEM exhibits, immersive activities and virtual reality experiences designed to inspire future aviators and innovators. History comes to life with the Mather 100 Museum. A temporary exhibit curated exclusively for the California Capital Airshow, it offers a literal walk through the Mather gates where the historic airfield began its legacy of service to the nation and Sacramento region. The evening culminates with an explosive Wall of Fire, a mesmerizing fireworks display and a heartthumping concert by premier dance band, "Wonder Bread 5".

"This year, the California Capital Airshow lineup leaves nothing on the table" said Darcy Brewer, executive director, CCA. "Whether you're a thrill seeker, a history buff, a young person interested in STEM or an aviation enthusiast, this family-friendly festival offers endless entertainment, attractions, music, food and so much more. And we're so excited to be able to offer the Weekend Ticket Bundle for folks who just can't get enough airshow!"

Headlined by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Demonstration Squadron, on September 22 and 23, the weekend airshows offer a lineup that promises to keep audiences on the edge of their seats. Spectators can look forward to exhilarating performances from the Air Force Heritage Flight featuring the F-35 Lightning II, the internationally acclaimed U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, Canadian Forces CF-18 Hornet, and an awe-inspiring lineup of world-class civilian aerobatic

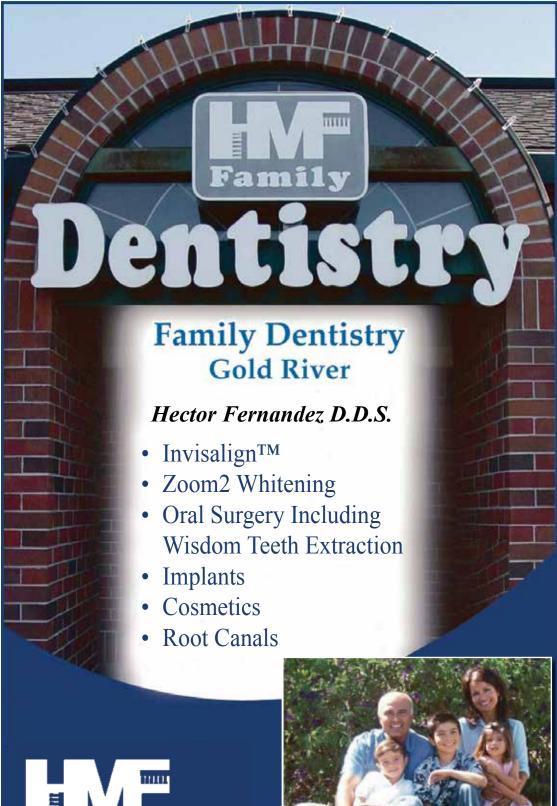
Just in time for Father's Day, CCA will offer incredible savings with an exclusive ticket package designed to allow airshow attendees access to all three airshows. The Weekend Ticket Bundle offers, not only the magical night show and concert, but also general admission to the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds-headlined airshows on Saturday and Sunday. A limited quantity of deeply discounted tickets go on sale to Airshow Insiders on Thursday, June 14 at 12:00 p.m. PDT via email invitation. To become an Airshow Insider sign up at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Monday, June 18 at 12:00 p.m. PDT via the Airshow

#### About California Capital Airshow

Established in 2004, the California Capital Airshow 501(c)3 plans and operates the exciting, family-friendly annual event designed to honor the Sacramento region's rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people. CCA gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and exciting educational youth programming throughout the year. For more information about the airshow, performers, and discount tickets, please visit CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com.

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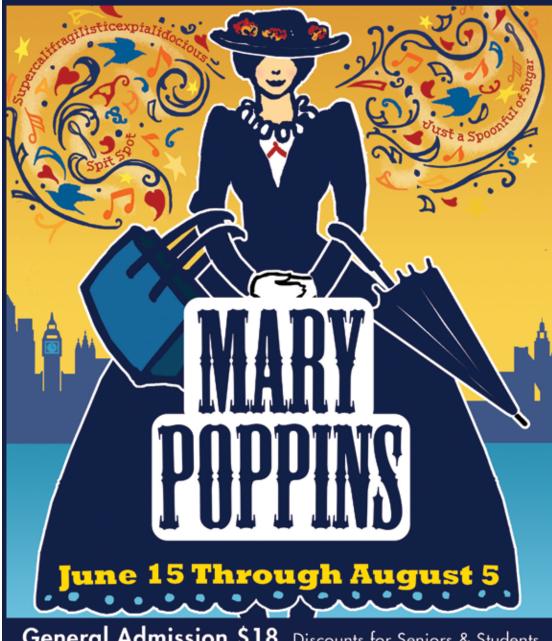




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# Meet Titus a Standard Poodle



By Kay Burton

Owner Max Leisten tells us about his 8 year old Poodle. He weighs 47 pounds, a few of his nice qualities are he is obedient and responsive. He will be naughty infrequently and only when he becomes preoccupied. His temperament is



Titus is very active poodle and loves to play outdoors especaily in the water.

demure, skittish and sensitive. Poodles are clever and lively household companions, and fairly easy to train. They were once very popular Circus Dogs.

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Poodles do not like to be left alone for hours on end. They are ideal family dogs, being both patient and playful with children. They make great watchdogs, barking when strangers approach the home.

Kay Burton is a longtime columnist and supporter of the SSPCA and other Rescue groups. To share your family pet story with our readers, email:Kayburton@comcast. ★

# Senator Gaines Opposes Wasteful Budget

From the Office of Senator Ted Gaines

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senator Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado) today issued the following statement regarding the Democrat majorityvote budget bill:

"I tip my hat to Governor Brown and his Democrat allies in the legislature; they can spend money faster and more irresponsibly than any group of people I've ever seen. This budget is – again – the biggest in Golden State history. We keep spending more and more but not getting better roads, better schools, or better anything besides wealthier public employee unions."

"Brown had the nerve to point to a piggybank during his budget presentation, and to imply that he has saved the state some amazing amount of money since he's been in office. That's a farce! With just a bit of fiscal discipline we could have filled a dozen of those piggybanks. Brown taxed more and then Brown

spent more. He was the most predictable big-spending Democrat to ever roam the Capitol halls."

"The Governor himself has repeatedly warned that another recession is headed our way. Instead of heeding that warning, we are increasing spending by billions to pay for things like the absurd High Speed Rail project, a minimum wage increase and pushing a billion-dollar makeover for the state capitol."

"We are so dependent on Silicon Valley's economic miracle that it's frightening. Their prosperity obscures huge problems in the rest of the state, and our highlyprogressive tax system means that if Silicon Valley coughs, the state budget catches pneumonia. A slight downturn could send us into a fiscal crisis in Sacramento. Far from being recession proof, we would be recession toast."

"This is a budget that guarantees higher taxes for families around the state. Is it any wonder

that working-class people are fleeing California as fast as they can load their U-Hauls? How could they want to stay when their government treats them like ATMs? Democrats force them to pay the highest sales taxes, highest income taxes, some of the highest gas taxes and property taxes in the nation, and then celebrate when and brag about how much this year's budget 'invests.' For once, I wish the Democrats would spend less and let the people invest in themselves.

"This is Governor Brown's last budget and thankfully so. He's spent 8 years talking about fiscal discipline and prudence while supporting new taxes, fees and spending at every turn. He's leaving behind a legacy of poverty, massive homelessness, and fiscal recklessness."

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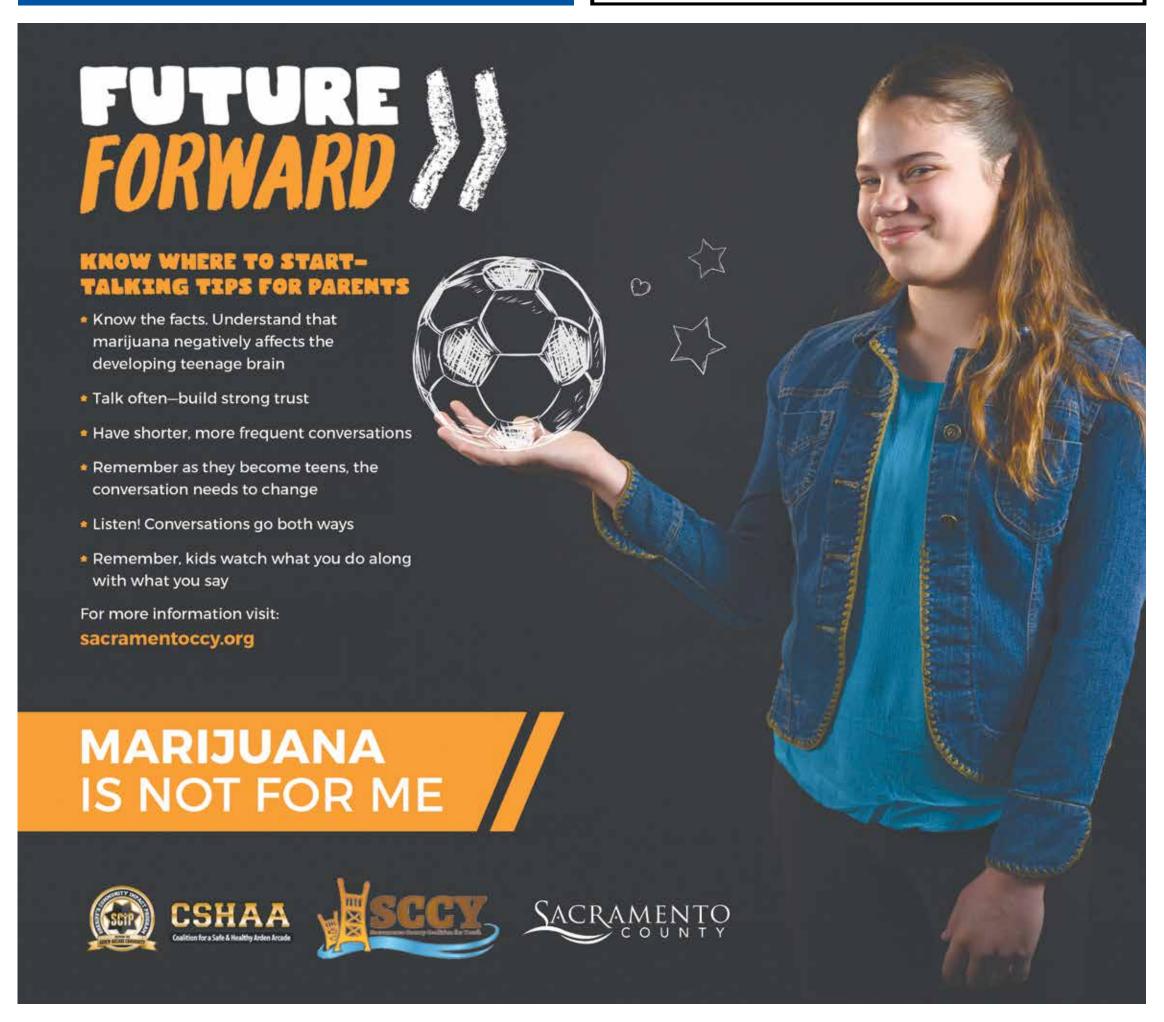
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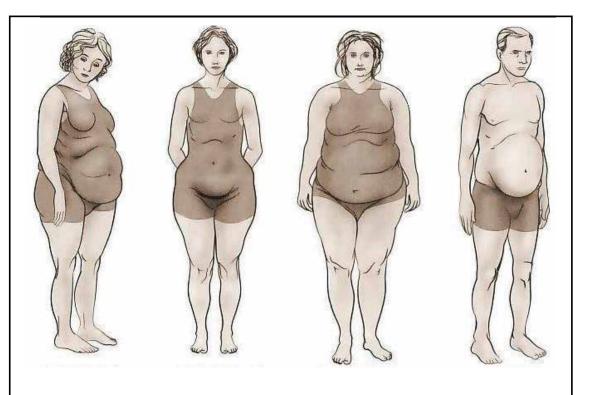


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# All Their Hard Work Goes Up in Smoke

David Dickstein's Fool's Gold column is taking July off so that we can run this timely feature on his visit to a Chinese fireworks factory that makes many of the products being sold in stands here starting June 28.

Story and photos by David Dickstein

#### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

On a rare private tour inside one of the world's biggest fireworks factories, deep in China's mountainous Hunan Province where pyrotechnics were invented over a millennium ago, an American journalist surprises his hosts by veering off the footpath on the sprawling grounds. The large single-story building with busy workers inside looks too intriguing not to make a pop-in.

"Oh, excuse me ... OK, OK, go ahead," chirps Hengda Fireworks' factory manager Wang Qunying in translated Mandarin, smiling and showing no signs of concern over what the writer for Messenger Publishing Group may see inside. The impromptu detour causes a bit of a stir for the 35 or so employees inside. All women and wearing company-issued blue coats to offset a springtime chill, their surprised reaction could be more about their boss' presence and less a rare Caucasian visitor with a camera. Within a minute, however, the spacious assembly room is back in full production for a visual this assertive foreigner finds absolutely fascinating, not unlike how Charlie felt upon first sight of the diligent Oompa-Loompas.

What revelers throughout



Inside the Hengda Fireworks factory in China, workers add the final elements to Phantom Fireworks' best-selling Brew Haha.

\$600 a month, a decent salary in

While some of the assembly

department workers adhere fuses

and tissue paper to the tubes, all

manufactured on the premises,

others at long tables a few feet

away are giving the fireworks

their final shape by fitting the pre-

The stage before boxing, stor-

ing and shipping is labeling,

done pretty much the same way

for over 1,000 years here -- with

bowls of liquid glue, brushes and

a lot of stamina for assembly line-

cut cardboard pieces together.

the Hunan Province.

Sacramento County will light off and be dazzled with for maybe a minute or two requires an army of people and dozens of hours to manufacture. The process involves numerous stages, mostly by hand, and if the work isn't tedious, it's perilous.

The roomful of hard-working women is where the final stages are performed. Even though they're working with explosives, the task of mixing chemicals and filling cardboard tubes with powder is done by individuals working solo in isolated bunker-like buildings elsewhere on the grounds. It's a messy job mixing the 400 tons of black powder Hengda will need this year, but someone's got to do it -- for the equivalent of \$500 to

type repetition. For two diligent assemblers in the corner, that and cardboard pieces to form a handle are the supplies needed to put the finishing touches on a beer stein-shaped fountain named Brew Haha, one of Phantom Fireworks' top sellers in California. Since fountains, spinners, novelties and smoke items are the only types legally sold in the Golden State, there's a decent chance these ladies' handiwork will be delighting folks 6,500 miles away. For Sacramento County and parts of Placer County, the legal selling and lighting period is June

28 through July 4.
Brew Haha, designed and

exported by Panda Fireworks for Phantom, is one of many U.S.bound pyrotechnic passengers Hengda sends on slow boats from China, which makes 100 percent of what California will be celebrating with on America's birthday. Located in Liling, which together with Liuyang 50 miles away are the collective heart of China's \$4 billion fireworks industry, Hengda is also home of Phantom's popular Funky Monkey, Moondance Premiere and King of Bling, along with fountains bearing the TNT Fireworks brand.

As the factory tour moves away from operations and toward the entrance so we can safely light a sample of products, including Phantom's Illuminati Triangle Fountain debuting in California this season, out of nowhere a throng of chatty blue-jacketed workers joins us on the walkway. It's lunchtime for the factory's 400 employees, and they're scurrying off to the chow line. The faster they eat the more they earn because pay is based on output.

The herd of mostly female workers keeps its distance from the tour group except for one playfully curious woman in probably



Explosive black powder is carefully handled in bunker-like buildings inside China's fireworks factories.

her late 50s. She yells something lighthearted in Mandarin to friendly colleagues as she catches up with the Caucasian reporter. Feeling puckish, the language-limited foreigner startles the worker when he stops in front of her and shouts, "Wo ai ni!" which means "I love you." The woman is first taken aback, then breaks into laughter as she clutches her heart.

The affable employee might have thought the visitor was kidding around, but after gaining a better appreciation of the intricate, monotonous and hazardous labor it takes to make something so dazzling, yet fleeting, this newly schooled, fireworks-loving American meant each of those three little words.



Illuminati Triangle Fountain, debuting this season in California, is tested at



Chinese factory workers package and label fireworks by hand, much like they did here over 1,000 years ago



