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CCA Special Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Capital Airshow (CCA), presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, are ready to launch another amazing show for 2022.

The popular aviation festival returns to the skies September 30th through October 2nd at Mather Airport in Sacramento, featuring a multi-national salute commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the United States Air Force. Attendees will experience the world's most talented pilots and capable aircraft both in the air and on the ground, including the long-awaited

return of the F-22 Raptor, the Royal Canadian Air Force CF-18 Hornet, an extensive list of exhilarating military jet performances, historic warbirds, and activities that will inspire the next generation.

CCA has planned two unique options to enjoy the 16th annual show; Saturday, October 1st, and Sunday, October 2nd will feature an Airshow and massive festival with aircraft displays, attractions, music, food, and interactive STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) experiences along the airport ramp from 9:00 am-5:00 pm each day. But that's not all; buckle up for a wild and loud third day of Airshow excitement on

Friday afternoon, September 30th from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm as the Afterburnin' Drive-In Airshow & Tailgate Party makes a comeback for a second year.

"Wow, what a show we have planned this year!" said Darcy Brewer, executive director of the California Capital Airshow. "We are thrilled to offer a unique family-friendly aviation festival along the ramp and the hottest flying performances in the air. This year's event will be EPIC and will inspire attendees of all ages throughout the weekend."

Tickets are on sale to the general public via the Airshow website. With limited capacities for 2022, the Airshow

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Board Revises Approved FY 2022-23 Budget

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted on September 7, 2022, to revise the Approved Budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The Approved Budget in June totaled \$7.3 billion. With the completion of the County's FY 2022-23 year-end financial closing activities and updated information, an increase of \$540 million was proposed, bringing the Budget Recommended for Adoption to \$7.9 billion in appropriations. The increase includes a \$228 million increase in General Fund appropriations, and a \$313 million increase in appropriations in other funds.

The increase in General Fund appropriations included \$19 million of additional investments in new or enhanced programs, including addressing critical needs related to homelessness and behavioral health.

Among other additional allocations, the Board set aside \$5 million for a pilot project aimed at utilizing property tax rebates for participating multi-family landlords to provide housing at below-market rates.

According to First District Supervisor Phil Serna, who proposed the idea, "It would work much the same as Williamson Act Contracts except that instead of providing a property tax break to farmers who conserve agricultural acreage, the purpose here would be to provide a valuable tax incentive to property owners who agree to offer rental units at affordable rates."

Serna continued by stating, "As far as we know, this idea has not been tried before, but given the dearth of affordable housing, it is incumbent on us to try new, creative ways to keep our constituents from spiraling into the depths of homelessness."

The proposal means county executive staff will work in the coming months to design the mechanics of the proposal and deploy it with the intent of assessing its efficacy so that it might be considered for expansion at a later date.

The Board of Supervisors approved the following additional costs, totaling \$10 million:

\$5 million to establish a reserve for an Affordable Housing Incentive Pilot Program; \$3 million to the Neighborhood

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HART Backpack Drive is a Success

By Carol Horst, Orangevale/Fair Oaks HART

ORANGEVALE/FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - HART of Orangevale and Fair Oaks just completed their backpack drive for homeless students in the San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD). HART stands for Homeless Assistance Resource Team. It is a non-profit organization with volunteers working to help those experiencing homelessness. Their goal is to help our homeless neighbors get off the streets and into permanent housing.

The backpack drive was a huge success. The ultimate challenge was to collect 300 backpacks. Just over 700 backpacks, including school supplies, were donated, which more than doubled the goal of 300. The backpacks were then delivered to the McKinney Vento office. The McKinney Vento program partners with school districts to provide services for at-risk and homeless students. Their office was overwhelmed with all the donations

The Orangevale and



Volunteers and staff of HART Orangevale/Fair Oaks from left to right: Carol Horst, Geri Beck and Brenda Epperly. Photo courtesy of HART Orangevale/Fair Oaks

Fair Oaks communities have been amazingly generous. It is remarkable to see the benevolence they have offered. Volunteers came from everywhere: A youth group, people from Carmichael HART, members of HART of Orangevale and Fair Oaks and several churches offered their support in filling the backpacks.

Participating businesses, churches and social clubs included

Bay Alarm, Orangevale Copy, Orangevale and Fair Oaks Badfish Coffee, Orangevale Food Bank, Orangevale Recreation and Park District, Swenson's Law Firm, Christ the King Lutheran Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Divine Savior Church, Fair Oaks Church, First Baptist Church of Orangevale, Redeemer Covenant, St Vincent de Paul, Cameo Sit and Sew, Fair Oaks

and Orangevale Rotaries, Kiwanis of Fair Oaks, LPL Financial, Orangevale View and Sahara Hope Foundation.

Business, churches and social clubs are more than welcome to join this tremendous effort next year. Those interested in joining HART are always encouraged to do so. Hope for a better world has definitely manifested itself.

Contact us at hartforangevalefairoaks.org. ★

Fair Oaks Community Breakfast Connects Community



The 2nd Fair Oaks Community Breakfast helps you make local friends and build community ties. Photo courtesy of Fair Oaks Church

Fair Oaks Church News Release

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - On August 20th the Fair Oaks Church hosted the second Fair Oaks Community Breakfast. With the support of a number of businesses and organizations in Fair Oaks, the event was very

successful. The businesses, organizations and church desire to see everyone in the community feel more connected. The breakfasts are just one method of doing this. We hope that events like this will continue to bring people together.

The following list of businesses and

organizations are supporting you and we ask that you support them.

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For future events and more information please visit fairoaks.church. ★

Donate Unwanted Vehicles to Help Animals at Sacramento SPCA



Proceeds from sales of the used cars, trucks, boats, RVs, and motorcycles donated help the Sacramento SPCA provide care to more than 40,000 animals that enter their doors each year. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

Sacramento SPCA News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With gas prices still hovering above \$5.30 per gallon and many people leaving their 'gas guzzlers' in the driveway, the Sacramento SPCA is reminding the community that it's the perfect time to donate their unwanted vehicle to benefit the animals.

Since 2017, the Sacramento SPCA has partnered with CARS, Inc. to accept vehicle donations at no cost to donors, regardless of whether the vehicle is running or not. Proceeds from sales of the used cars, trucks, boats, RVs, and motorcycles donated help the Sacramento SPCA provide care to more than 40,000 animals that enter their doors each year.

"Unfortunately, we've seen vehicle donations decline by 33% in 2022," said Kenn Altine, Sacramento SPCA CEO. "This has occurred as new vehicle sales also decreased in 2022, due to rising vehicle prices and less inventory."

The average vehicle donation to the

Sacramento SPCA is approximately \$1,500 - which can provide lifesaving surgeries for three animals or cover the cost of microchips and vaccines for fifteen animals.

Donating a vehicle to the Sacramento SPCA is as easy as filling out the online vehicle donation form or picking up a phone and speaking to a live donor support representative - and every donation helps save animals' lives. The partners at CARS, Inc. will tow the vehicle at no cost to the owner (regardless of whether it's running or not), and donors will receive a donation receipt.

As the only full-service 100% non-profit animal welfare organization in the Sacramento region, the Sacramento SPCA relies on donations from individuals, businesses, and foundations to support their lifesaving work. They are local, independent, and do not receive funding from state or local government agencies.

For more information about how to donate your vehicle to the Sacramento SPCA, visit <https://www.sspca.org/vehicle> or call 844-700-GIVE today. ★

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Revitalization Fund for a Neighborhood Improvement Initiative, targeting blighted communities; \$1.5 million to Animal Care facility expansion for clinic services; \$500,000 to establish a reserve for senior programs; 100,000 to the Locke Management Association; \$50,000 to

Wildlife Care Association

The Board is scheduled to formally adopt the Budget Recommended for Adoption on Sept. 27.

For details, read the Budget Letter to the Board of Supervisors or view all budget documents on the Office of Budget and Debt Management website. ★

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Women's Empowerment to Hold Brighter Futures Gala

By Kristin Thébaud

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento nonprofit Women's Empowerment invites community members to attend its 21st annual gala at 6pm on Sept. 29 at the California Railroad Museum. Guests will gather in person at the Brighter Futures Gala for the first time since 2019 to raise funds for Sacramento women and children experiencing homelessness and celebrate the accomplishments of program graduates. The event will include dinner, presentations by program graduates, a live auction, award ceremony and more.

The annual gala is the organization's largest fundraiser of the year, raising a fifth of the group's budget to empower women experiencing homelessness to secure employment and safe homes for their families. To purchase tickets, sponsor a graduate to attend, or purchase virtual tickets, visit Womens-Empowerment.org. "As we step back in time at the historic Railroad Museum, we will honor the resilient women who have graduated from our programs, and celebrate the beautiful, bright futures ahead for the women and children we look forward to serving who have yet to overcome homelessness," said Lisa Culp,



Sacramento women who have overcome homelessness celebrate last year's virtual Women's Empowerment gala at a graduates-only event. The 2022 gala will once again be held in person at the California Railroad Museum. Photo by Diana Miller Photography

executive director, Women's Empowerment. "We are excited to come together once again with our steadfast community here in Sacramento to ensure that more women can rise from homelessness in the face of a prolonged pandemic and housing crisis. We will need everyone working together in the months and years ahead so women have the resources to secure good jobs and safe homes for their families."

To ensure safety of guests and graduates, proof will be required of either Covid vaccination or a negative Covid test within 48 hours. The venue is well ventilated with high ceilings and outdoor spaces.

Women's Empowerment is a Sacramento nonprofit providing an eight-week employment-readiness and empowerment program, paid job training, childcare and

support services so women and their children can break the cycle of homelessness. Women's Empowerment offers the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically for women experiencing homelessness and their children. On average, 70% of women in the program find housing during the ongoing housing crisis. Last year, 142 job placements were achieved by Women's Empowerment graduates. Since its founding in 2001, the award-winning organization has graduated 1,752 women and their 3,879 children. Women's Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To make a donation: Womens-Empowerment.org.

Tickets can be purchased through September 19. ★

SJUSD Begins Selection for Next Superintendent

SJUSD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The San Juan Unified School District Board of Education announced at its meeting on August 23, 2022, that the district will conduct an internal search for its next superintendent of schools. The process kicks off with an opportunity for students, families, community members and staff to share their hopes for the district's future. The board hopes to conclude the selection process and ask the chosen candidate to assume the superintendent's position as of Jan. 1, 2023. A full timeline and overview of the process can be found at www.sanjuan.edu/superintendent.

"Our schools and our district have a lot to take pride in," said Board of Education President Michael McKibbin. "As a board, we feel it is essential that our next superintendent be able to build upon our strengths to help us address our areas of opportunity. As we continue our journey toward more equitable education, deliver on more than \$100 million in specialized programs to address learning loss and the challenges of the pandemic, and continue to implement the work called out in our Local Control Accountability Plan, we must have a leader who understands where we are and has the ability to help us grow."

To help inform the board in its selection process, members of the district's community are invited to share input in two ways. The first is online via a Thoughtexchange which offers a chance for participants to share their own thinking but also see what

others are sharing. The exchange will be open from Aug. 24 through Sept. 9. The second method is via community forums being held on Sept. 8 at four physical locations as well as one online session. Additional outreach will be conducted with district committees and student groups.

Applications will be open to any current San Juan Unified employee beginning Sept. 1 with a closing date of Sept. 15. The board anticipates interviews taking place the week of Sept. 19.

"In looking at the superintendent selection processes recently in other districts and the history of success for those hired it becomes clear that stability of leadership is vital. We've been through interim superintendents before and seen the paralysis it can cause," said Board of Education Clerk Pam Costa. "We are confident that we have the internal talent to not only provide the innovative leadership needed to move us forward but also the stability that is necessary in these uncertain times."

Current San Juan Unified Superintendent Kent Kern announced his intent to retire by the end of the 2022-23 school year in early August, starting the board's discussion on a selection process. He has committed to moving to a support role focused on the transition of the board from five to seven members this year as well as supporting the onboarding of the new superintendent. Kern has served as San Juan Unified superintendent since 2014. He will be the second longest-serving superintendent in district history when he retires this school year. ★

Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center Locations Posted

Sac County General Election Update

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) has posted the list of Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations for the November 8, 2022, General Election on their website.

Vote by Mail ballots will be mailed to voters beginning Monday, October 10, 2022. Ballot Drop Boxes will begin opening Monday, October 10, 2022, and Vote Centers will begin opening

Saturday, October 29, 2022. A complete list of Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations and their days and hours of operation can be found at: <https://elections.sacounty.gov/votecenters/pages/locations.aspx>

For more information, contact VRE at (916) 875-6451, email voterinfo@sacounty.gov, or by using the toll-free voter assistance hotline at (800) 762-8019. The hotline has the ability to connect voters with disabilities with TTY (Text Telephone). ★

Key Election Dates

- Monday, October 10** Mailing of ballots to all registered voters begins.
- Monday, October 10** Voted ballots may be returned in any of the Ballot Drop Boxes located throughout the County.
- Monday, October 24** Close of voter registration for this election. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by this date or delivered to the VRE Office at 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento 95823 by 5:00 p.m. Online voter registration must be completed before midnight on this date at www.registertovote.ca.gov.
- Tuesday, October 25** Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) begins.
- Saturday, October 29** 11 Day Vote Centers open.
- Tuesday, November 1** Last day a Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot can be mailed to you. After this date, VBM ballots are only available at the VRE Office or at any of the 87 Vote Centers.
- Saturday, November 5** All Vote Centers open throughout the County.
- Tuesday, November 8** Election Day

Senate Democrats Kill Proposal to Fund Critical Water Storage

Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senator Jim Nielsen, R-Red Bluff, issued the following statement in response to Senate Democrats killing his proposal on August 30, to fully fund and build Sites Reservoir:

"Here they go again. Senate Democrats need to get their heads screwed on straight. For the second time this year, they have killed critical funding to build Sites Reservoir.

"California is in the third year of a devastating drought. The state budget is flush with money. Doesn't it make sense to get large-scale,

aboveground water storage funded and built?

"What's most frustrating is that voters overwhelming approved building water storage via Proposition 1 back in 2014. Not one shovel has been turned. Not one drop of water has been stored.

"That's shamefully irresponsible and shortsighted of our state's leaders. The future of our children and grandchildren depends on a reliable water supply."

Nielsen offered amendments to Assembly Bill 2201, which would have established the Water Storage and Conveyance Fund to provide:

\$2.6 billion to fully fund Sites Reservoir; and

\$685 million to repair the Friant-Kern/Delta-Mendota Canals and the San Luis Field/San Joaquin Divisions of the California Aqueduct.

To watch Sen. Nielsen's Senate floor speech, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaBTDzi0ACo.

Elected to the State Senate in January 2013, Senator Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba. To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. Follow him @CASenatorJim. ★

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Former Sears at Sunrise Mall on Market for \$8M



Colliers Retail Capital Markets image of Sunrise Mall Sears building now listed for sale for \$8 million. Photo courtesy of Sunrise MarketPlace

By Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The shuttered Sears Roebuck store and two adjacent buildings situated on a 21.3-acre parcel of commercial land at Sunrise Mall in Citrus Heights is up for sale with an asking price of \$8 million, according to the listing broker, Colliers Retail Capital Markets, based in Southern California.

A sales brochure published on the web by Colliers on August 25th describes a "unique opportunity to purchase three separate buildings which total some 281,278 square feet at a listed cost of approximately \$28.44 per square foot.

The vacant former Sears, at 5900 Sunrise Boulevard, was built in 1972, and last renovated in 1999.

The listing includes the approximate 247,641 square-foot, three-story Sears retail store, a 24,107 square-foot, multi-bay auto center and a 9,530 square-foot former parts and service center.

The property description states, "A rare opportunity to acquire approximately 21.3 acres of commercially zoned land in the Sacramento area at an asking price well below replacement cost."

Asking price is \$8 million with \$4 million down financed at a 3.5 percent interest rate over 30 years, according to Colliers.

News of the upcoming commercial property sales listing was provided by Kathlynn Carpenter, executive director of Sunrise MarketPlace. Adjacent to

the Sunrise Mall, the former Sears sits on what is described as the second busiest intersection in all of Sacramento County.

The Sunrise Mall is the centerpiece of the Sunrise MarketPlace shopping district that features over 2.2 million square feet of retail inventory, according to Carpenter.

The property is being marketed by El Warner, a retail specialist for Colliers International Los Angeles-Orange County Office and Jordan Gomez, associate vice president and team leader of the Private Capital Group at Colliers International.

Calls to the southern California office of Colliers International for comment were not returned.

"This property features ±21.3 acres of commercially zoned land primed for redevelopment in a city (Citrus Heights) excited to work with mall owners and provide them with the opportunity to densify, diversify, and breathe new life into the heart of the City," according to the listing brochure.

Sunrise Mall sits on the second busiest intersection in all of Sacramento County in between the largest employment center outside of downtown Sacramento.

Potential buyers are advised that the former Sears offers an "irreplaceable in-fill location in Citrus Heights and an exceptional redevelopment opportunity with the ability to add multiple pads."

The sales brochure can be viewed at: www.crexi.com/properties/885914/california-former-sears-at-sunrise-mall. ★

Out & About with MaryAnne Povey



Happy Fall, Y'all! And you know what that means? Lots of great events are happening all around us. Here's a few highlights of events that you won't want to miss!

Clean out those files and bring your outdated, personal documents to the 2nd Annual Shred Event at the Orangevale Farmers Market, 6826 Hazel Avenue, Thursday, September 22, 4 pm -6 pm. It's only \$10 per box and proceeds go to support the Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART). This event is sponsored by LPL Financial and State Farm/Audrey Smith Wiberg. Lots of great handouts/resources from local businesses will be available too. Check it out!

Can you say Bow Wow? All you doggie lovers are sure to enjoy this 2nd Annual PET-acular Bow Wow Days on September 24th at the Orangevale Park (across from Casa Roble High School). Bring your pet (on a leash please) and check out lots of vendors, food trucks and entertainment including a doggy talent show, costume contest and dog races too! There's no cost to attend, but if you bring a can of dog food to donate, you'll be entered in a drawing for a prize! For more info go to www.bowwow-days.com. Woof!

Start a new fall family tradition with "Pumpkins and Pizza" happening every Friday night this October at Heirloom Acre Farm in Orangevale. This quaint,

family-owned farm is a hidden Orangevale gem that offers seasonal family-friendly events including flower picking, pumpkins and Christmas trees too. While the flower picking season is coming to an end, they are now stocked full with pumpkins of all types! Shop their barn filled with fun local artisan gifts, see the live farm animals up close and enjoy pizza from local food trucks too. Be sure to make a reservation to save your space. They limit the number of guests to ensure a great experience for all. Go to www.heirloomacres.farm/events

And while we are on a roll of all things pumpkin, here's another one you won't want to miss! The Orangevale Grange is hosting The Great Pumpkin Palooza, October 9th, at 5807 Walnut Avenue. This is another fun fall outing for the whole family! Admission is FREE! Come enjoy local vendors, live music, food trucks, pumpkin carving contest, pumpkin patch, face painting, pumpkin chuckin' (yes - pumpkins will be chucked!), giant pumpkins, photo ops, and much more! Come early and enjoy the best deal in town for breakfast from 8 am - 10:30 am, and then head over to the festival out back from 9 am - 2 pm.

Hope you take the time to come on out and support these great local events. Bring the whole family and make some memories! ★


Time for Me to Fly!

Continued from page 1 expects a sell-out, and no tickets will be available onsite Airshow weekend.

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Capital Airshow Established in 2004, the California Airshow Group 501(c)3 plans and operates the exciting, family-friendly California Capital Airshow and festival that honors the Sacramento region's rich aviation heritage and veterans, while using the power and magic of flight to inspire the next generation.

CCA gives back to the community through scholarships, donations to local nonprofit organizations, and free educational youth programs throughout the year. For more information about the Airshow, performers, and discount tickets, please visit www.CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com. ★



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Newsom Feels the Heat on Farm Labor Measure



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom will soon write a new chapter in California's decades-long conflict over the unionization of workers in the state's huge agricultural industry – and what he does could affect his obvious quest to become a national political figure.

Assembly Bill 2183, a measure that would make it easier for the much-troubled United Farm Workers Union to organize farmers' employees is sitting on his desk, passed by overwhelming margins by Newsom's fellow Democrats in the Legislature.

The union's drive for using a card check process or mailed ballots took on urgency when the U.S. Supreme Court declared in 2020 that it had no right to enter farmers' property to talk with their workers, exacerbating the UFW's chronic inability to make significant organizational inroads.

That failure, union leaders say, is due to farmers' undermining organizational elections, which now are conducted by secret ballot. However, the UFW has also suffered from its own organization shortcomings as journalist Miriam Pawel chronicled in her authoritative book, "The

Union of Their Dreams."

Newsom vetoed an earlier version of the bill last year, saying, it "contains various inconsistencies and procedural issues related to the collection and review of ballot cards," and adding, "Significant changes to California's well-defined agricultural labor laws must be carefully crafted to ensure that both agricultural workers' intent to be represented and the right to collectively bargain is protected, and the state can faithfully enforce those fundamental rights."

This year's version contained some changes that the UFW and its allies hoped would placate Newsom, but just before final votes last month, Newsom once again indicated his opposition. "We cannot support an untested mail-in election process that lacks critical provisions to protect the integrity of the election," Newsom spokesperson Erin Mellon said.

Newsom's unusual preemptive declaration may have been an indirect request that the Legislature not send him a second measure, but it didn't deter legislators from acting with 55 votes in the Assembly and 26 in the Senate.

If anything, it spurred the UFW to redouble its public campaign, including a highly publicized week-long march to the Capitol from Delano, site of a 1965 grape worker strike that led to formation of the UFW and in 1975 to passage of the state's Agricultural Labor Relations Act.

The UFW also formally joined the California Labor Federation after former Assemblywoman Lorena

Gonzalez took the umbrella organization's helm and obtained expressions of support from national political figures such as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and, this week, President Joe Biden.

"In the state with the largest population of farmworkers, the least we owe them is an easier path to make a free and fair choice to organize a union," Biden said on Labor Day.

All of this puts Newsom in a political pickle.

If he signs the bill, he will not only be reversing himself on a high-profile issue – never good optics for an ambitious politician – but could be providing critics with ammunition should he someday be seeking presidential votes in agricultural states that are critical in White House contests, such as Iowa, Ohio and Florida.

However, if he vetoes the measure, it could make it much more difficult for him to gain support in the Democratic Party's progressive/activist wing, to which unionization of workers in agriculture and other low-wage industries is a holy grail. Delores Huerta, the UFW's most revered figure, has predicted that Newsom would sign the bill because he'll want union support for a presidential campaign.

A veto would also mean that he would probably see another UFW bill next year and every other year of his governorship.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

What is a "Vow"?

They obviously did not know the God of the Holy Bible when they said the words "I Do"! Nor did they know that the only true love we have is only birthed from the heart of God when we walk with Him. Aren't we glad our God is a God of "second chances"?

One can be raised by loving parents and even attend church gatherings, but until each person recognizes their personal need to know and love God – our Heavenly Father –

with their heart and soul JUST like Jesus did, we will continue to make huge mistakes in our life's journey.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life! He obediently and willingly died on a cruel

Cross to purchase our forgiveness for all our sins and wrong doings. He knocks at the door of our hearts until we decide to invite Him into our hearts and lives!

Marriage agreement between a man and woman and God (all three) involves a sacred agreement. It is called a "VOW," when they both say "I do." The vow is taken in front of a minister of the Gospel and several other witnesses. "It is never to be broken or dishonored in any way". God's presence is birthed in the marriage!

Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian author of seven books; American River Messenger Columnist since 2006. Marlysjn@gmail.com. ★

Max Alvarez Returns to CSUS as an Assistant Coach



Sacramento State men's soccer alum Max Alvarez has accepted the position of assistant coach with the Hornets for the 2022 season. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sac State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State men's soccer alum Max Alvarez has "come home," accepting the position of assistant coach with the Hornets for the 2022 season, Head Coach Michael Linenberger announced.

"We are very excited to have Max join our staff," Linenberger said. "He is a very good young coach who has a lot to offer our players. He was a very successful player as a Hornet, helping lead us to two conference championships and to two NCAA second round appearances, and also had a successful four-year career as a pro in the USL Championship, including three with the Sacramento Republic FC."

Alvarez followed up a brilliant playing career by spending the last three years launching his coaching career in his hometown of Napa, Calif. He served as the Director of Boys programs at Napa Sport SC from 2020-22 and was an assistant coach at Napa Valley Community College in 2021-22, helping the Storm to their fourth consecutive Bay Valley Conference title.

He then took a position as a head coach at San Juan SC in 2022 in addition to his duties with the Hornets.

A four-year letter winner for Sacramento State from 2009-12 and a two-time All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation second-team selection as a freshman and junior, Alvarez finished his Hornet playing career ranked tied for third on the program's all-time scoring list with 53 career points, scoring 20 career goals to go with 13 assists. His 20 goals rank fourth on the school's career chart, while also holding career records with 175 shot attempts and six made penalties. He also ranks third with 79 shots on goal.

Alvarez's MPSF-leading 23 points in 2009 stand fourth on the school's single-season list, while his 10 goals that season are tied for third. He also holds the program's season mark with 66 shots that year.

As a freshman in 2009, Alvarez helped Sacramento State to a 12-6-3 overall record and a 6-0-1 mark in MPSF play, claiming the league title and advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Sacramento State scored a 2-1 win over Loyola Marymount in the opening round before falling to No. 6 UCLA by the same score with Alvarez accounting for the team's goal.

A year later, Alvarez accounted for a pair of assists during another NCAA Tournament run as the Hornets finished 11-5-7 overall and won the MPSF crown, defeating Santa Clara in the opening round before falling to the Bruins for the second consecutive season.

Following his collegiate career, Alvarez went on to play professionally with FC Tucson in the USL PDL, leading the club to a playoff appearance, and signed with the Sacramento Republic FC in 2014, finishing with a pair of goals and three assists while helping the club to a USL championship in his first season before spending some time on loan with the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer in 2016. Following his stay in Sacramento, he made a move to the Midwest, signing with Saint Louis FC in 2017. ★

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STUDENTS MAKING THE GRADE

We recognize local students who have achieved scholastic honors at their institutions of higher learning.

- ❖ LAUREN DODIER (Orangevale) was named to the Spring 2022 President's List, and graduated Magna Cum Laude with Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Psychology from Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA)
- ❖ SARAH JUNDI (Orangevale) was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at California State University, Sacramento
- ❖ TOBIAS LEE (Antelope) was named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL)
- ❖ ISABELLA ROMANO (Fair Oaks) was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at California State University, Sacramento
- ❖ KAVITA SINGH (Antelope) graduated with a degree in Health Science from Stanislaus State University (Turlock, CA)
- ❖ JACQUELYN WALDROP (Orangevale) was named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List and earned a Bachelor of Liberal Studies from University College, University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA)
- ❖ SJON WOODLYN (Antelope) was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at California State University, Chico

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Dairy Queen of Orangevale Wins Award for Food Excellence



County Supervisor Sue Frost presents "The Award of Excellence in Food Safety" to Joe and Cynthia Ellering. Photo by MaryAnne Povey

By MaryAnne Povey

ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG) - Officials from the County of Sacramento Environmental Department for Food Safety recently honored Joe and Cynthia Ellering, owners of Dairy Queen in Orangevale "The Award of Excellence

in Food Safety". They were chosen among hundreds of restaurants, schools, coffee shops, delis, retail markets, bars and bakeries in the area for exhibiting "excellent food safety and sanitation standards" during their recent routine inspections.

According to the county officials, the criteria is high, which includes having no major violations during the last three unannounced routine inspections and only a limited number of minor violations. Food establishments who qualify for this award are given a certificate that may be posted at their establishment signifying their accomplishment.

County Supervisor Sue Frost was on hand to help present the award to the Ellerings, "Dairy Queen has not only been a staple in the community for good food, but always giving back to the community. I can't think of anyone more deserving of this award."

Dairy Queen also recently celebrated its 40th anniversary and has won numerous awards in the Best of Orangevale including best fast food, best hang out and best community sponsor. If you haven't checked them out, they'd be happy to serve you. Many people come for the ice cream, but they have a full menu of delicious food items too.

Congratulations Joe and Cynthia! ★



With Mary Jane Popp

Black And White

No way! Absolutely not! Not ever! Is that what you say when Labor Day passes and one should never wear white after Labor Day? There's even a commercial running these days

with a man sitting on a beach pondering why he can't wear white after Labor Day. How about you? Well, there is a story behind why you're supposed to follow this rule. So let's check it out before you go eyeing your closet and trying to figure out how to phase the white out of your wardrobe. I did a little research and googled the why. So what are the origins behind it? It's not very exciting, but here goes.

Back in the day, it was established by the so-called "new rich" to distinguish old-money families from the newfound millions. They used fashion rules that only those who were "in" would know about. So, in addition to the white rule, they included wearing the correct sleeve length for certain events and, of course, only wearing white in the summertime. Eventually, when Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894, the holiday became a natural end point for summer and wearing white. I guess they never thought about the super-hot days that can extend into September like we've had. Really, it would be miserable to be wearing fall-appropriate clothing as the sweat pours down your face. I'm happy to say, these days, fashion rules are much more lax. Besides I'll wear what I want, when I want, so there!!!

That brings up another color mandate...wearing black to a funeral. It's

a long-accepted tradition intended to show respect for the deceased. Wearing other colors was a major faux pas, or an out and out slap in the face to mourning family members. By the late 19th century, black clothing had become so associated with mourning that any woman who dared wear black when not in mourning was looked down upon as "dangerously eccentric." The tradition of wearing black at funerals in the west dates back to the Roman Empire, when the family of the deceased would wear a dark colored toga, called a toga pulla. The tradition persisted in England throughout medieval times, when women were expected to wear black caps and veils when their husbands passed away! Yet, in much of Europe, widows in the deepest mourning period wore WHITE, a tradition held on in Spain through most of the 1500s. French queens prior to the Revolution also wore white while in mourning. Kings and queens from 1393 in France to 1993 in Belgium wore white. Personally, I don't like wearing black. I love to celebrate the life of the deceased with perhaps their favorite colors when they lived.

How about this. Yellow has long been a color of mourning in Egypt. Red is a common funeral color in Ghana. The Catholic Church introduced the use of purple in many countries influenced by the religion. Let's just remember the loved one. Color doesn't tell THEIR story, and that's what we want to remember! So color your own life! Image courtesy of Dreamstime ★



New Romance Novel Highlights Grief and Anxiety from Christian Worldview

Provided by Sara Beth Williams

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In her moving romance, *Anchor My Heart*, Sara Beth Williams adeptly depicts a heartbreaking journey toward hope and healing. In the aftermath of tragedy, Matt Lawson grapples with debilitating anxiety. The blessings he'd taken for granted – a dream job, a woman he loved, and his God-given musical talent—have crumbled at his feet. Unexpected attraction flares as Tara Pierce reaches into the sea of his grief and helps ground him in reality. But Matt isn't ready to give his heart away again.

Fans of Janet W. Ferguson and Kari Trumbo will enjoy this inspirational romance that delves into honest depictions of mental health and the journey toward peace and hope.

"In *Anchor My Heart*, Sara Beth Williams goes beyond two characters finding a second chance at love, by tackling difficult subjects like friendship, grief, and debilitating anxiety with sensitivity as we walk through troubled waters with these lovable characters." Contemporary Christian romance author, Melony Teague, author of *A Promise to Keep*.

"Bring your tissues! *Anchor My Heart* faces honestly the painful and individualistic processes of grief. Williams' vivid descriptions of the psychological and physical consequences of grief are moving and realistic. [Williams] highlights the importance of community in bringing healing through the lived experience of walking through grief together. The characters in *Anchor My Heart* are multi-dimensional and believable. A must read!"



Contemporary author Sara Beth Williams is a 2022 Selah Award Finalist for her romance *Anchor My Heart*. Photo provided by Sara Beth Williams

Award winning author Donna E. Lane, Ph.D.

"Humans are fallible and imperfect. My goal as I began writing toward publication was to write stories about authentic characters experiencing real life issues from a Christian worldview. I think it's important to acknowledge that we as humans don't have it altogether." *American Christian Fiction Writers* interview with Sara Beth Williams.

Anchor My Heart released March 16, 2021, and is available in ebook and print, along with Williams' previous works, including her 2020 Selah Award finalist *A Worthy Heart*. You can discover more at <https://www.sarabethwilliams.com> ★

Social Security Matters 'Restricted Application for Spousal Benefits Only'



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: You wrote an article about a man who was collecting spouse benefits but was applying for his own benefit at age 70, under an old law. What are the circumstances surrounding that gentleman's ability to collect spousal benefits? Why was he eligible? And was he working clear up into the age of 70 before applying for his own Social Security? **Signed: An Inquiring Mind**

Dear Inquiring Mind: The "old law," under which the gentleman in the article was collecting only a spousal benefit from his wife, is no longer available to anyone born after January 1, 1954, which means it is largely unavailable to those applying for Social Security today. Here's how the "old law" worked:

It was once possible for someone who reached their full retirement age (FRA) of 66, who had not yet applied for their own Social Security, and whose spouse was already collecting SS retirement benefits, to file a "restricted application" to collect only spousal benefits. This enabled a higher earning spouse to claim a spouse benefit (only

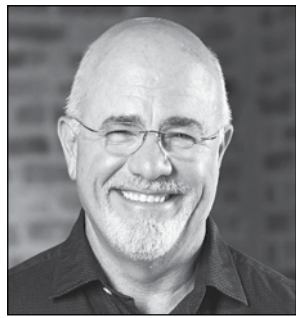
without claiming their own SS retirement benefit, thus allowing the latter to continue to grow in value. That resulted in the higher earning spouse collecting half of their spouse's FRA benefit, at the same time maximizing their personal benefit to be claimed at a later age (usually at age 70).

Such was the case for the gentleman in the article you refer to – his wife had claimed her own SS retirement benefit earlier, and the husband had filed a restricted application for spouse benefits only. The husband collected a spouse benefit from his wife while his own SS retirement benefit continued to grow. Now, as he was turning 70, he was ready to switch to his maximized personal SS retirement benefit. His work status was insignificant because he had already reached his full retirement age when he filed the restricted application, but by delaying the claim for his own SS benefit he earned Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). The DRCs made his personal age 70 benefit 32% higher than his benefit would have been had he claimed it at age 66.

This strategy wasn't documented as a specific option under old Social Security law; rather it was a "loophole" which many took advantage of because Social Security law at the time didn't prevent it. In other words, Social Security law, as written years ago, allowed anyone who had reached their full retirement age to file a restricted application for spouse benefits without filing for their

own benefit. That (along with another option known as "file and suspend") was considered a loophole and was eliminated by the "deemed filing" provision of the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) of 2015. The BBA stipulated that those who turned 62 after 2015 (those born after January 1, 1954) would, whenever they filed for benefits, be automatically deemed to be filing for all Social Security retirement and spousal benefits available to them at the time. And that essentially eliminated the "restricted application for spouse benefits only" option for anyone born after January 1, 1954. The gentleman in the article was born in 1952, thus eligible to take advantage of the loophole. Today, only those born before January 2, 1954, who are not yet collecting Social Security but have a spouse who is, are eligible.

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Dave Ramsey Says

Don't Let Them Hook You

Dear Dave,

My wife and I just bought a new home, and we only need one or two more things to furnish the living room. Over the weekend, we found a couch and love seat set we both like for \$3,000. The owner of the store said he would take 15% off the price if we get a store credit card and pay for it that way. We are in pretty good financial shape, and can afford to pay cash for the furniture, but what do you think about the idea of taking advantage of the 15% off offer, then paying off the card immediately and closing the account?

– Jackson

Dear Jackson,

Playing with snakes is always a bad idea. Sooner or later, you're going to get bitten.

Everyone thinks they're the exception to the rule, or they're somehow winning or getting rich by doing stuff like this. It doesn't work that way. So, stop playing around with debt products. This guy's just trying to hook you and make more money.

Your idea might sound good on the surface to a lot of folks, but the problem is the vast majority of those same people don't have the discipline to follow through on a plan like this. Having that store account, even for a short period of time, would be too much of a temptation. Another issue is many places like this hit you with a fee when you pay off the card. They'll fee you to death on other things, too, if you're not careful, until you end up

wishing you'd never even seen the place.

If it were me, I'd just talk to the owner again and let him know I'm taking my business elsewhere unless he discounts the furniture 15% on a cash purchase. There's no way I'd take out a stupid credit card for a place like that whether I had the cash on hand or not!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

FBI Field Office Warns of Scammers Posing as FBI Agents

Sacramento FBI Field Office

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Federal Bureau of Investigation Sacramento Field Office (FBI Sacramento) is cautioning the public to be wary of any unsolicited call, especially if the caller claims to be from the FBI.

"Nothing sends a person into a panic like a call from law enforcement, especially when the call informs them that they have been a victim of a crime or may be wanted for a crime," explained Acting Special Agent in Charge Dennis Guertin. "Sadly, that response is something scammers are leveraging with increased frequency, so it is important to educate the public about what to look out for."

Scammers are sophisticated and any unsolicited call, text or email can be a path for a scammer to attempt to gain your trust and separate you from your hard-earned money. To ensure your security and safety:

Never click on links contained in unsolicited emails or texts. The links may route you to fake websites or deploy malicious software on your phone or computer; Never trust the caller ID number; the displayed telephone number can be manipulated with software; Never be afraid to hang up on an unsolicited caller; Always consider sending unsolicited phone calls to voicemail. Most

scam call centers will not leave a message; Always check the email address of seemingly official communications and feel free to reach out to your bank or credit card company directly by calling the telephone number on the back of your card to verify if the email is legitimate.

Some scammers impersonate FBI agents over the phone. "The public should not be afraid to hang up on an alleged agent. An authentic FBI agent will find other ways to contact you, if necessary," said Guertin.

An official FBI special agent will never provide you with a badge number or telephone number to attempt to verify their identity without additional verification. Instead, they will direct you to the official FBI website www.FBI.gov to locate the local field office's telephone number and encourage you to make a call.

FBI will never call or email you to do any of the following:

Make demands for money, wire transfers, gift cards, or bitcoin; Coordinate financial transactions of any kind; Threaten arrest.

Reporting scams is an important step to protect yourself and others from victimization. All scams can be reported online on the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center website, www.ic3.gov, or call your local FBI field office. ★



FEMA Fire Management Assistance Granted for the Mosquito Fire

FEMA News Release

OAKLAND, CA (MPG) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) regional administrator authorized the use of federal funds to assist the state of California in combatting the Mosquito Fire burning in Placer and El

Dorado counties.

On Sept. 9, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG). At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 3,600 homes in and around Foresthill, CA. The fire also threatened a high school, middle school,

elementary school, Placer County Community Center, a Placer County Sheriff substation, Cal Fire Station 11, two hydro power plants, Foresthill Water Treatment Plant, Foresthill Fire Protection District, Sugar Pine Dam and Reservoir, and two public radio towers for fire and law

enforcement communications.

FMAGs provide federal funding for up to 75 percent of eligible firefighting costs. The Disaster Relief Fund provides allowances for FMAGs through FEMA to assist in fighting fires that threaten to become a greater incident.

Eligible costs covered by

FMAGs can include expenses for field camps, equipment use, materials, supplies and mobilization, and demobilization activities attributed to fighting the fire.

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We Can Do It - Together! - Inspiring Girls in STEM



STEM mentors from the St. Francis High School Genesis Robotics Team and student mentors from Echelon Catapult at the Aerospace Museum of California in McClellan. Photo courtesy of the Aerospace Museum of California

Aerospace Museum of CA News Release

MCCLELLAN, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Aerospace Museum of California will host the second annual We Can Do It - Together! - Inspiring Girls in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

This event is a perfect opportunity for families and youth organizations with middle school and high school-age girls to meet and learn from Sacramento area women role models who will share their journey in STEM. Students and families will be able to connect with diverse women in a variety of STEM careers at our meet and greet table talks, as well as participate in fun STEM-based demonstrations, activities, and scavenger hunts.

Linda Martin, the Aerospace Museum of California's Board President stated, "As a former Associate Superintendent, I know how important it is to inspire our

young people, especially girls, with engaging hands-on STEM education. Our Museum's upcoming event We Can Do It - Together: Inspiring Girls in STEM pays homage to Rosie the Riveter, who became an iconic symbol and inspiration to women, who stepped up and took on previously male-dominated roles in factories during World War II.

"Today, we aim to inspire another generation of women to explore, discover and dream of a career in STEM. Currently, women are underrepresented in STEM careers, accounting for only 27% of the workforce. This makes our Museum's incredibly important mission all the more relevant. We believe that fun and engaging hands-on experiences in STEM learning will spark interest and passion, and events like We Can Do It - Together will help connect young girls with role models and explore future careers opportunities."

The Aerospace Museum of California is pleased to host dozens of professional women in

diverse fields and backgrounds to be STEM/STEAM role models for this event. Students and families will be inspired as these incredible women describe how they became interested in their field, and share what they have learned from their experiences. Career path information will be available as well as interactive demonstrations and fun hands-on STEM-based activities and experiments such as parachute engineering, rocket launching and so much more!

Partners for the event are SMUD, the San Juan Unified School District, Girl Scouts, UC Davis (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department), Echelon Catapults, the St. Francis High School Robotics team and the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael.

We invite families and youth organizations to help these girls to imagine their dreams and help them take flight. Family/Group tickets are \$10 for up to 6 people. Please see our website for more information: <https://www.aerospaceca.org>.



STEM event attendees construct paper airplane launchers at the Aerospace Museum of California in McClellan. Photo courtesy of the Aerospace Museum of California



Aerospace Museum of California Board President Linda Martin (left) and Committee Member Donna Miller pose for a photo at the 2021 Girls in STEM event at the Aerospace Museum of California in McClellan. Photo courtesy of the Aerospace Museum of California



Table Talk Presenter Monique Day, a Water Resources Engineer from West Yost Associates, speaks at the 2021 Girls in STEM event at the Aerospace Museum of California in McClellan. Photo courtesy of the Aerospace Museum of California





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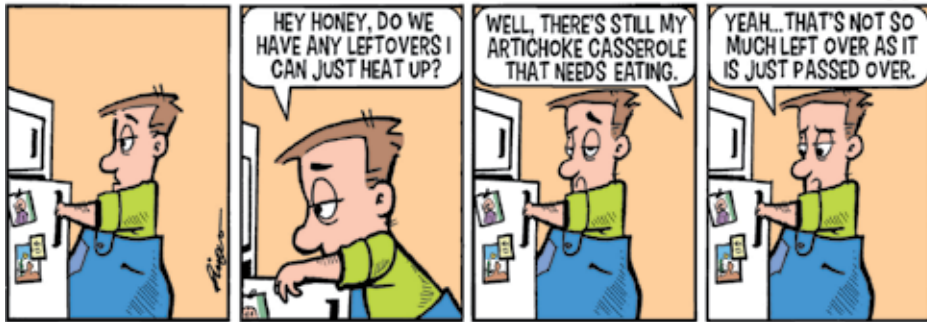
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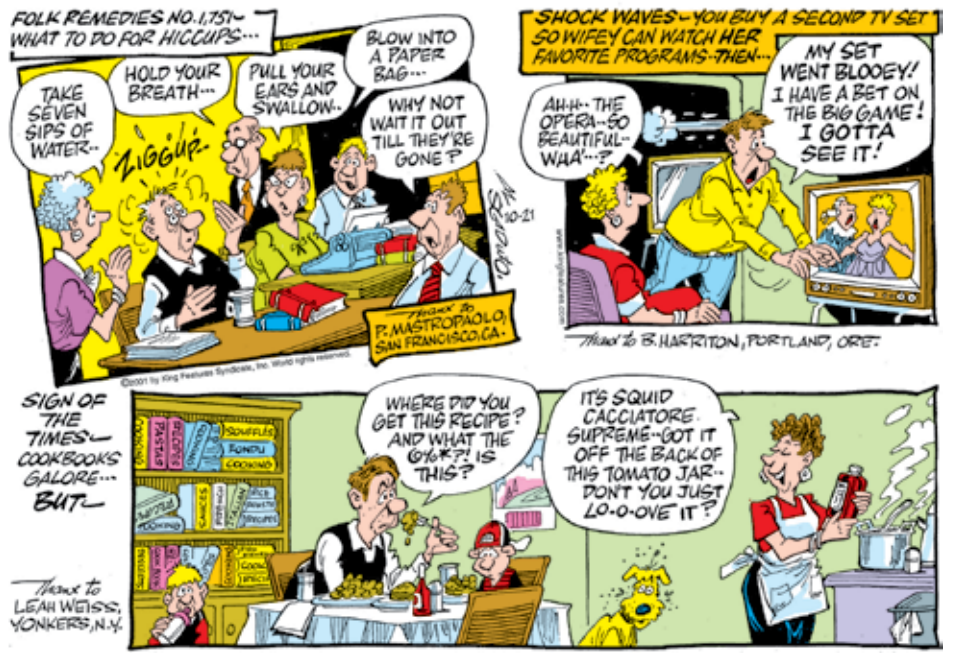
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New CSL Plasma Center to Open

Story and photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Construction of a new plasma donation center has begun on the site of the former Dimples Records store at 7830 Macy Plaza Drive in Citrus Heights located across the street from Target and adjacent to the Dollar Tree store.

"We hope to open within the next year; however, it is too early to comment on a more specific timeline," said Rhonda Sciarra, director of communications for CSL Plasma, headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida.

CSL Plasma is a division of CSL Behring, a global biotech leader headquartered in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The company operates more than 300 CSL Plasma collection centers across the U.S. and overseas, according to its website.

Interior work on the new plasma center began in late August. The 10,000 square foot commercial building, built in 2005, had been vacant since September 2019 when the Sacramento-based independent Dimples Records chain closed all its retail stores.

The building received an extensive exterior refresh with added parking spaces earlier this year in anticipation of new commercial occupancy by the property owner.

Plasma typically collected at CSL Plasma collection centers is used to help manufacture life-saving therapies that are delivered to people suffering rare and serious diseases in more than 100 countries, according to the company.

"CSL Plasma will post



Interior work being conducted on the new plasma center at the former Dimples Records store at 7830 Macy Plaza Drive in Citrus Heights.

open jobs as we get closer to opening on our careers section of CSL Plasma.com," Sciarra said.

Hires will include medical reception and support technicians, phlebotomists, nurses (LVNs, LPNs and RNs) and paramedics, as well as operations and quality management. A mature plasma donation center (operating for about three years) employs approximately 60 full-time equivalent roles or nearly 75 total jobs, including full- and part-time positions, she explained.

To donate at a CSL Plasma collection center, Sciarra said donors must be in good health, between the ages of 18-74, weigh at least 110 pounds, have no tattoos or piercings within the last four months, meet our eligibility and screening requirements and have valid identification and a permanent address.

"It's still too early to comment more on what (donor compensation) payment rates will be at the new center," Sciarra said.

A complete list of donor requirements is available on the web at:

www.cslplasma.com/become-a-donor

Human plasma is also used to produce therapies that treat diseases such as primary immune deficiencies, hereditary angioedema, inherited respiratory disease, hemophilia and other bleeding and neurological disorders.

"We chose a new center location based on population density, availability of real estate property and local zoning laws," Sciarra said. A CSL Plasma Center is open in Sacramento and another in Stockton will open soon.

Sciarra said the new Citrus Heights center will be a positive economic force in the local community.

"Our organization brings with it hundreds of employee volunteers, and puts thousands of dollars back into the community," she said.

"CSL Plasma believes in being an integral part of the communities where our employees and plasma donors both live and work, and we look forward to being part of the Citrus Heights community," Sciarra said. ★

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