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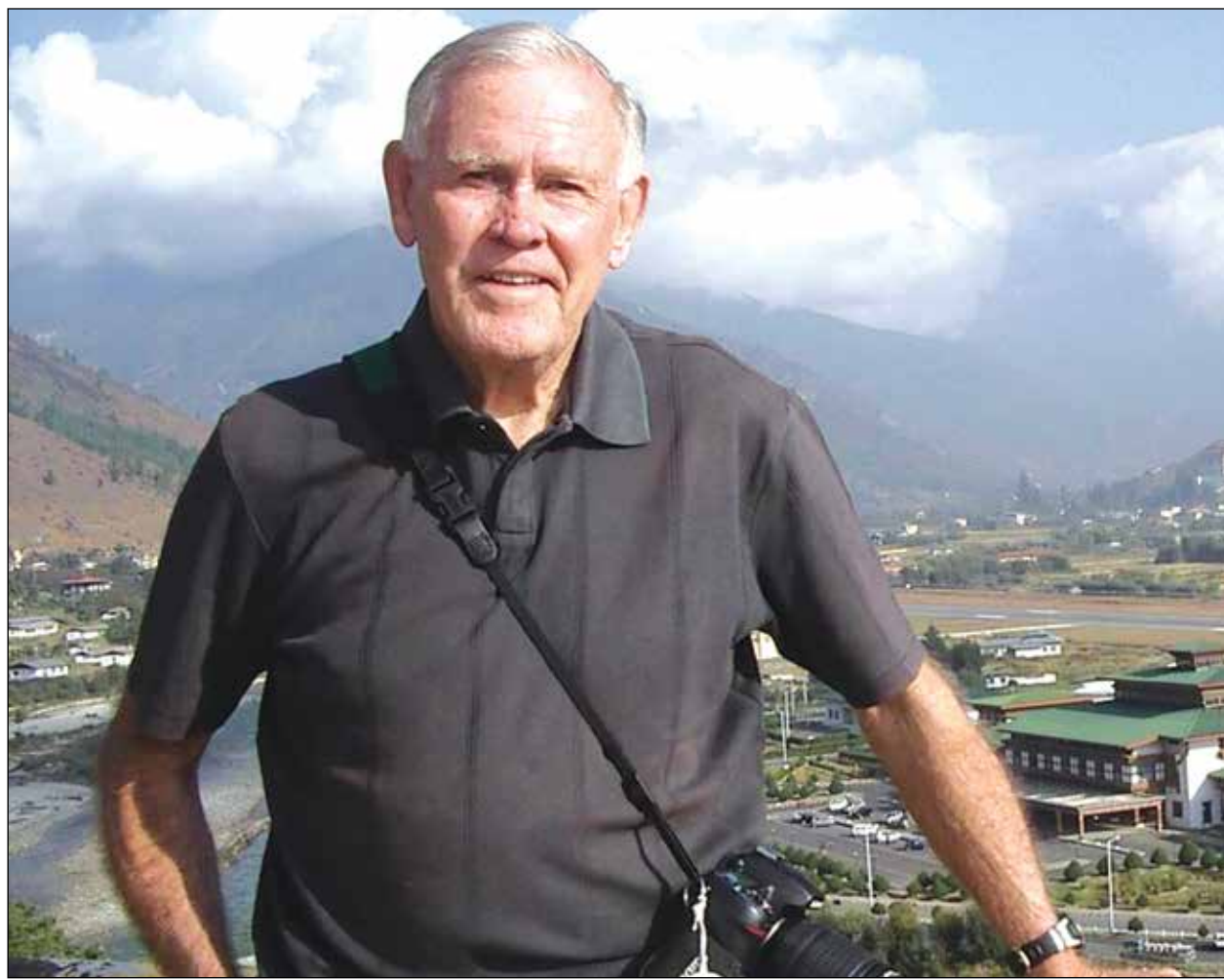
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## Leaving a Lasting Legacy



Fair Oaks leader Barry Price Brown recently passed away at the age of 90. Photo courtesy of the Fair Oaks Village Enhancement Committee

By Bill Bird

**FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG)** - The mark of any man or woman can be measured by the impact he or she leaves behind in the lives of other people. In the case of Barry Price Brown of Fair Oaks, that number can be measured in the hundreds or even thousands.

Brown, a native of Nevada City, recently passed away at the age of 90.

He leaves behind his wife Eleanor, his three sons, his daughters-in-law and five precious granddaughters. However, he also leaves behind a legacy and list of accomplishments that will be hard for anyone to top.

“Barry was the type of man who operated under the belief that if you had a job to do, you did it well and you got it finished,” Eleanor Brown told the Messenger Publishing Group

(MPG). “He had a type of commitment that made him special. He inspired others to adopt the same type of commitment, no matter what the project.”

The average adult works a 30-year career and may also help to raise a family before enjoying a well-deserved retirement. That word didn’t fit Brown. He didn’t retire. He didn’t

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## Oriental Fruit Flies Detected in Sacramento County



Four male oriental fruit flies (OFF), *Bactrocera dorsalis*, were detected in the Wilton area of Sacramento County. Photo courtesy of Martin Hauser/California Department of Food and Agriculture

Sac County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner, in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture, have initiated an extensive survey and eradication plan in response to the detection of four male oriental fruit flies (OFF), *Bactrocera dorsalis*, in the Wilton area of Sacramento County.

The initial detection was confirmed on July 19, 2022. The detections were made as part of our coordinated pest prevention system that protects our agriculture and natural resources from invasive species with early detection a key component to successfully eradicating an infestation before it can become established.

The extensive survey, also known as a delimitation survey, consists of multiple oriental fruit fly traps placed in concentric circles going out 4.5 miles in each direction from the oriental fruit fly detection sites. Additional OFF detections may trigger a quarantine.

Following the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), agricultural officials use “male attractant” technique as the mainstay of the eradication effort for this invasive species. This approach has successfully eliminated dozens of fruit fly infestations in California. Trained workers squirt a small patch of fruit fly attractant mixed with a very small dose of an organic pesticide, Spinosad, approximately 8-10 feet off the ground on street trees and similar surfaces; male fruit flies are attracted to the mixture and perish after consuming it. The male attractant treatment program is being carried out over an area that extends 1.5 miles from each site where the oriental fruit flies were trapped.

While fruit flies and other invasive species that threaten California’s crops and natural environment are sometimes detected in agricultural areas, the vast majority are found in urban and suburban communities. The most common pathway for these pests to enter

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## Seniors Missing Out

By Grace Gedye, CALMatters.org

Some 23 million Californians’ bank accounts will get a boost of \$200 to \$1,050, thanks to a new round of payments approved by state lawmakers.

But the payments, aimed at mitigating higher prices for gas and other goods, will leave out lots of low-income Californians. Among those passed over are some seniors, many living on disability benefits, and some of the lowest-income adults.

That’s because the direct deposits and debit cards – expected to begin arriving in late October and conclude in January 2023 – will be sent out based on tax returns.

About 3 million Californians are in families that earn little enough that they aren’t required to file taxes, according to research by Public Policy Institute of California for its 2019 California Poverty Measure. The poverty rate among people who live in families that don’t need to file taxes is 60%, the institute estimates. Neither the state Department of Finance nor the Franchise



Some seniors and disabled people will miss out on new California state payments. Californians who don’t file taxes – because they don’t earn enough to owe any – won’t receive the new round of state payments. That includes some seniors and disabled people, as well as some of the lowest-income adults. Photo courtesy iStock LSOphoto

Tax Board, which is responsible for collecting state personal income tax in California, knew exactly how many Californians will be left out of the rebate.

The Legislature wanted to create a program to send payments to people who don’t file taxes and aren’t enrolled in safety net programs that received

a boost in the budget. But after negotiations with the Newsom administration, that proposal didn’t make it into the final budget.

H.D. Palmer, spokesperson for the Department of Finance, said that he couldn’t offer specifics on why the proposal didn’t make it into the final budget, but that proposals from

both sides didn’t make it into the compromise.

Representatives for Senate Representative Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon said nobody could figure out how to administer such payments.

“Ultimately, the configuration of the rebate was subject

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# Fair Oaks Swim Team's Trailer and Equipment Stolen

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

**FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG)** - On Wednesday, July 27, the Fair Oak Swim Team's trailer was stolen with all the club's equipment amounting to almost \$30,000 inside.

The non-profit organization's stolen trailer was recovered days later in Rio Linda, but by that point, the trailer was "damaged beyond repair" with mostly everything gone, according to the GoFundMe page that was created following the robbery. Per the GoFundMe, all the remaining contents were destroyed and disposed of.

"This is a total loss for our nonprofit swim team," the Fair Oaks Dolphin Board wrote on the GoFundMe page. "We were starting to dig out of the hole left by a canceled swim season in 2020 and a limited swim team in 2021. Our team needs help to recover from this loss."

According to the GoFundMe, items that need to be replaced following the robbery include but are not limited to: Newly purchased pop-up tents (\$7,000), audio equipment (\$3,000), backstroke flags and poles (\$500), and miscellaneous equipment that amounts to \$5,500. The miscellaneous equipment includes: Extension cords, team parent aprons, a USA flag, tables, chairs, stopwatches, ribbons, a printer, paper, tarps and containers.

The GoFundMe page, organized by Fair Oaks Dolphin Board members Melissa Serafini, Michelle Forbess, Shannon Butler and John Seubert, was created on July 28, and has raised over \$13,000 of the \$30,000 goal as of Monday morning, August 1.

For more information about the Fair Oaks Dolphins Swim Club, visit their website at [www.fairoaksdolphins.org](http://www.fairoaksdolphins.org). ★

## Sac County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Every year, Sacramento County residents do their best to keep cool during the summer heat. Failing to keep cool in extreme temperatures can cause adverse health effects for residents – both humans and animals.

Unlike humans, cats and dogs cannot sweat to keep cool; they cool their bodies off through panting and the pads of their feet. As a pet owner, it's important to take measures to keep them cool during high temperatures.

**Here are some tips for keeping your pet safe from the heat:**

**Never leave your pet in a parked car:** Even cracking a window won't protect your pets. It is against the law in California and could be punishable by a fine or imprisonment. A car can reach 120 degrees in just minutes; even if the windows are slightly open the car can still reach 102 degrees. A dog's normal temperature is 101.5 degrees; at 120 degrees your pet can suffer from heat exhaustion and die and at 107 degrees brain damage occurs. Check out this video on how hot it gets in cars.

**Avoid extreme heat:** When temperatures get above the 90s, take your pet inside. For outdoor pets, be sure to provide them with plenty of fresh, cold water in a tip-proof water dish and shade for them to cool down.

**Don't exercise with your pets when it is too hot:** Older and certain long-haired dogs can be particularly susceptible to heat, and hot asphalt can burn their paws. Exercise in the early morning or cool evenings and make sure both of you have plenty of water.

**Use sunscreen:** Pets get sunburned just like people, and if your pet has light skin or fur, they can be particularly susceptible to a painful burn, and even skin cancer. Use sunscreen on sensitive areas, such as ears or nose to make sure your pets are protected.

**Secure your dog during transport:** Make sure your dog is secured safely in your vehicle. Cross-tethering your dog with a rope or containing them via a kennel in the bed of your truck will help prevent the dog from falling or jumping from the vehicle. Also, please note that truck beds can get hot when exposed to



**Be your pet's lifeguard:** While swimming can help pets get exercise without overheating, always supervise pets when swimming either in a pool or in waterways.

the sun and that can severely burn dog footpads. Transporting animals on a public highway or public roadway without properly securing them could be punishable by a fine.

**Be your pet's lifeguard:** While swimming can help pets get exercise without overheating, always supervise pets when swimming either in a pool or in waterways. Dogs can get tired swimming, particularly in rivers where they have to fight against currents. To avoid drowning, make sure they wear life jackets and keep them out of the water when flows are high.

**If pets have been exposed to high temperatures...**

Be alert for signs of heat stress including heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.

Immediately move your pet to the shade to gradually lower their temperature. Apply cool (not cold) water to the pet, and provide lukewarm or cool water to drink. Take your pet to a veterinary hospital immediately. It could save their life.

For more tips on keeping pets safe in hot weather, visit the Hot Weather Pet Tips page. For other animal issues and pet owner resources, visit the Bradshaw Animal Shelter website.

Don't have a pet? The Bradshaw Animal Shelter has fully reopened to the public for all walk-in services, no appointments are necessary. To adopt, visit the shelter Tuesday through Sunday (except holidays) between 12 and 5 p.m., Wednesday between 12 and 6 p.m.

For a list of available animal care services, including walk-in licensing and how to report a lost or found pet, visit [animalcare.saccounty.gov](http://animalcare.saccounty.gov). ★



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- Consider doing household chores like laundry or running your dishwasher before noon or after midnight or any time on the weekend.
- Keep your kitchen cool and use small appliances like microwaves, toaster ovens, pressure cookers and air fryers to make meals.

Let's work together to save energy this summer. It's good for your bill, protects the environment and it helps our community, too.

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# Local Tennis Star Meets MealPro



MealPro founder Andy Sartori (left) poses for a picture with newly signed athlete, 21-year-old Jenson Brooksby of Carmichael, who is quickly ascending the ranks of the Association of Tennis Professionals. Photo courtesy of MealPro LLC

By Thomas J. Sullivan

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)**

- MealPro LLC, a Citrus Heights-based food preparation and delivery service for ready-made meal plans, has announced a partnership with a rising United States Tennis Association (USTA) men's tennis star, Jenson Brooksby, of Carmichael.

Brooksby is the first athlete brand ambassador for MealPro LLC, according to Andy Sartori, founder of MealPro.

Brooksby, 21, who goes by "JT," is the son of Glen and Tania Brooksby. The young, Sacramento-based, tennis star recently stopped by MealPro headquarters in Citrus Heights at 7433 Greenback Lane, Suite A, and took time to play a round of tennis with Sartori.

While he's home training, MealPro will deliver to him a custom weekly meal package especially tailored to the high nutritional needs of a competitive professional tennis player. He will also collaborate with MealPro on the creation of his own line of meals for other tennis players like himself.

Brooksby was a top-ranked collegiate tennis recruit of Baylor University in 2019. He sat out his freshman year of college competition in spring 2020 and decided to have a "redshirt year." The term "redshirting" means a student-athletes can practice with the team and gain experience, but usually do not travel for road matches, saving a year of eligibility which may be needed

later in their career as an upperclassman.

The current 21-year-old elected to forgo his remaining college eligibility following the COVID-19 shortened season that he redshirted, to turn professional on the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) tour in 2020. The Carmichael native gained his first professional experience in August 2019 when he qualified for the main draw of the US Open.

The ATP Tour is a worldwide top-tier tennis tour for men organized by the ATP. Men's Grand Slam tournaments include the Australian, French and US Open championships and Wimbledon. He recently completed his first full calendar year as a professional tennis player and ranked as high as No. 33 in the world, ascending from outside the world's Top 300 to the fringe of the Top 50.

At the age of 20, Brooksby became the youngest American to reach the US Open Tennis Championships' fourth round since Andy Roddick did so in 2012. He battled through three tough matches and in the Round of 16, took the opening set from, at the time, World No. 1 Novak Djokovic 6-1 before the Serbian rallied behind unrelenting physical play.

"We believe (Brooksby) is the perfect partner to represent our brand and inspire future generations of athletes," Sartori said. "It's an ideal pairing, and we're excited for what the future holds."

According to Brooksby, this is a mutually

beneficial relationship between himself and MealPro.

"MealPro's commitment to creating high quality, nutritious and delicious meals is key to my fitness and training," Brooksby said in a news release. "MealPro offers a range of meal plan options that support the varied nutritional goals of athletes at all levels, and I am delighted to expand our partnership with MealPro to share those options across the tennis community."

MealPro is a vertically integrated meal delivery service. It delivers fully cooked meals directly to its customers' doors in all 50 states from its headquarters in Citrus Heights. The founders of MealPro started the company in 2018 and recently achieved a long-term goal, buying the space it was leasing in Citrus Heights.

Its' online meal selections use organic, gluten and dairy-free ingredients in multiple categories for all diet types, including keto, paleo, custom and a la carte.

Construction of a new customer service call center will be finished soon, Sartori said. A new walk-in reception area offers touch pad ordering, serving local customers who prefer to place and pick up their meal orders in person. One-on-one consultation with a MealPro nutritionist, who can design a personal meal plan, is also available.

For more information, call MealPro at 844-463-2577 or visit [www.mealpro.net](http://www.mealpro.net) for ordering information. ★

# Board to Provide \$1M in Grants to Area Nonprofits

By Kim Nava, Sacramento County

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The County Board of Supervisors will continue providing \$1 million through the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program to support nonprofit organizations located in Sacramento County. This will be the sixth year awarding funds to organizations that carry out community-based programs and/or services in the areas of economic and workforce development, arts and culture, community development, or health and human services.

The County began setting aside funding for this purpose in 2017.

Grants will be allocated through a competitive process and applicants must meet eligibility and funding requirements. Applications will be accepted online beginning July 29, 2022, through the County's Office of Budget and Debt Management with a deadline of Aug. 29, 2022.

Funding for the TOT Grant Program will come from County Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues. Transient Occupancy Taxes are levied on guests who occupy rooms in hotels, motels and other temporary lodging accommodations in the unincorporated area of the County.

**Grant Application DEADLINE: Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, 5 p.m.**

**Grant Application Period**

July 29 – Aug. 29, 2022

All applications and requested materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 29, 2022. No late applications will be accepted;

Online Applications Only: all applications are only accepted electronically: Apply online beginning July 29;

Duplicate and incomplete applications will be disqualified;

Applicants will receive electronic receipt notification upon submission.

**Grant Program and Application Virtual**

**Workshop: Aug. 4, 2022 – Time TBD**

The workshop includes a review of the following:

Grant program and review process; Application; What the Evaluation Panel looks for in a strong application; Timeline and submission information; Frequently asked questions.

**Grant Application Review Period**

Aug. 29 – Sept. 2, 2022:

County staff will review applications for completeness and compliance with minimum eligibility requirements. Applicants will be notified electronically if proposals do not meet the minimum qualifications and cannot be moved to the evaluation process.

September/October 2022

**Subject Area Expert Panel Application Review:** Subject area experts will review, evaluate, and rank qualifying applications.

November 2022

**TOT Board Review Committee:** Board Review Committee to review recommendations of the Subject Area Expert Panel's Recommendation and award District directed grants based on input from Subject Area Experts.

**Grantee Award Approval**

December 2022

Grantee Program Hearing Notification: Applicants will receive a second electronic notification of schedule for the Board of Supervisors Hearing where recommended award selections will be made.

The Board of Supervisors will make the final determination and approval for all TOT Grant Program recipients.

Budget & Debt Management will notify applicants of funding selections within 5 business days of Board Hearing approval. All notifications will be made electronically.

Budget & Debt Management will draft and administer agreements between the County and grantees.

For more information about the grant program, visit the TOT Grant Program website. ★

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# Farmers Market Secret to Success!



Matt Brunner says the combination of live music, a beer and wine garden plus other vendors have made the Orangevale Farmers Market a success.

Story and photo by MaryAnne Povey

## ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG)

- What do you get when you put together over 35 vendors, food trucks, live music, and a beer and wine garden together under the trees on a Thursday night?

If you haven't guessed, it's the Orangevale Farmers Market! And it's become "the place to go" every Thursday night from 3 pm - 8 pm at the Orangevale Community Center, located at 6826 Hazel Avenue.

"The best part of this is having our community come together each week to relax, enjoy and mix and mingle with each other," said Orangevale Farmers Market coordinator Marga Brunner, "that was our goal in putting this all together!"

Originally launched at the Orangevale Dairy Queen back in 2010, the outdoor farmers market quickly gained popularity due to its convenient location at one of Orangevale's most popular hang outs. Within a few years the market outgrew the space so it was moved to the Orangevale Community Center. After a slow first year, adjustments were made including adding a beer and wine garden to complement the live music,

and voila! The new and improved market was off and running – bigger and better than ever!

According to Marga, the market has doubled in size for both vendors and the attendees. "People come for the many great things happening at the community center and stay for the fun of the farmers market."

Matt Brunner, Marga's husband and business partner, credits the success to "the combination of outdoor summer concerts with a farmers market that provides the platform for local musicians and the enjoyment of the music, along with beer and food vendors make the farmers market thrive. They complement each other. It's a winning combination."

A big part of that success is the new beer and wine garden, organized by the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber offers an opportunity for local business members to be "pouring sponsors" providing a great way to interface with the community and promote their business.

"I love seeing families coming out to have fun together," said Kim Bayne, Executive Director of the Orangevale Chamber, "I definitely think the beer

and wine garden have been great in not just getting people here but getting people to stay here. It makes the market a destination!"

Regular attendees also have positive things to say about the new and improved Thursday market. "We love coming for the tomatoes, hanging out with our friends and enjoying the music. This year has been way more fun than years past."

Of course, all of this is made possible thanks to generous sponsors including: The Rotary Club of Orangevale, Easystumps, Les Schwab and the Orangevale Water Company. New sponsors are always welcome to promote the music venue and bring new bands.

For more information call 916.215.7713 or follow the Orangevale Farmers Market on Facebook, Instagram or the Orangevale Chamber on social media too. Be sure to bring a friend and experience the fun "destination" in Orangevale every Thursday night through October. If the parking lot is full, overflow parking is available at the end of the community center parking lot. Hope to see you there! ★

# Sacramento History Museum Fully Re-Opened

T-Rock Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Located in the historic district at the Old Sacramento Waterfront, the Sacramento History Museum is now fully re-opened seven-days-a week and offers an exciting new season of Time Travel walking tours.

Popular Old Sacramento Underground tours are available seven-days-a-week and immersive Gold Fever! games are available on weekends.

## Sacramento History Museum

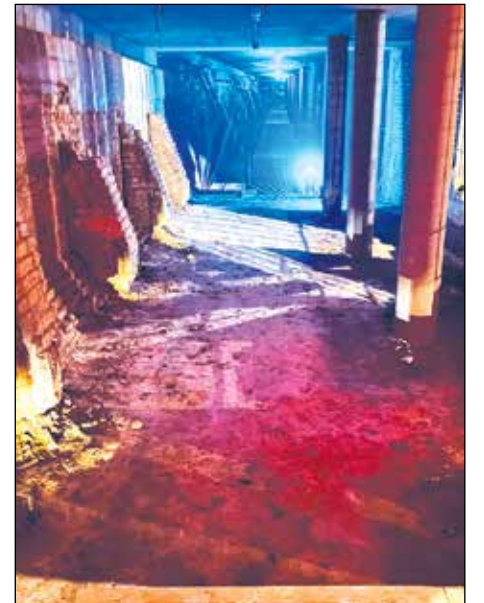
Inside the museum, visitors can explore 7,000 square feet of display space with a newly remodeled lobby and spacious layout. In addition to making a stop at the historic print shop on the main floor – and possibly getting glimpses of the TikTok celebrity docent Howard Hatch busy at work – a must-see exhibit is entitled California in Print: Highlights of the Eleanor McClatchy Collection that is on display in the R. Burnett Miller Gallery on the third floor. The exhibit showcases rare items and collectibles from the Eleanor McClatchy Collection housed at the Center for Sacramento History. The Sacramento History Museum is located at 101 I Street in Old Sacramento and is open seven-days-a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, youth ages 6 to 17 cost \$5 and are free for children five and under.

## Old Sacramento Underground Tours – Season 12!

Launching from the Sacramento History Museum, Old Sacramento Underground Tour guests enjoy a unique opportunity to explore what has been hidden beneath the city for more than 150 years, while uncovering the facts and legends that lie below historic buildings and sidewalks. Guests explore excavated foundations, enclosed pathways and interesting archaeology exhibits while hearing sounds of 1860 street life and tales of the devastation, perseverance, and determination that led to California's only successful street-raising project. Knowledgeable tour guides provide entertaining experiences with various perspectives that may differ on each tour. Just in time for the 2022 season, new underground tour guides include the likes of Madame Fanny Lanos, Benjamin Franklin Hastings, Francis "Frankie" Bass, Dr. John F. Morse, and Lorinda Washburn, just to name a few. While tour schedules may fluctuate with the seasons, Old Sacramento Underground Tour tickets cost \$22 for adults, \$15 for kids 6-17, and are free for children 5 and younger.

## Gold Fever! Game – Season 5!

Boom or Bust...launching from the newly relocated Sacramento Visitors Center (1000 2nd Street), guests to the Old Sacramento Waterfront can experience what it was like to catch



The Sacramento History Museum is now fully re-opened seven-days-a week and offers an exciting new season of Time Travel walking tours. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento History Museum

gold fever in the River City while getting actively involved in the intriguing Gold Fever! Game and tour. Participants take on personas of characters in history – or "real-life rascals" – who scratched and clawed their way to make this area the center of the Gold Rush. Never the same experience twice, Gold Fever! Game relives Sacramento's early days when gold fever ruled amid horrible disasters that threatened fates and fortunes. To spice things up even more, elements of chance are introduced that could change the fate of tour guests. Through the course of the lively tours that meander through the historic district, visitors discover if they successfully escaped the many floods, if they managed to keep their gold dust (or lost it all at the gambling tables) and if they survived the fires, disease, and occasional steamboat explosion. While tour schedules may fluctuate with the seasons, Gold Fever! Game tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids 6-17, and are free for children 5 and younger.

All Time Travel Tour tickets include complimentary admission to the Sacramento History Museum. Guests who book an Old Sacramento Underground Tour and Gold Fever! Game at the same time (even if the tours take place on different days) receive special combo pricing. For more information or to purchase advance tickets for Gold Fever! Games and Old Sacramento Underground Tours, please visit [www.sachistorymuseum.org](http://www.sachistorymuseum.org)

The Sacramento History Museum is supported by the Sacramento History Alliance, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that also manages the Sacramento Visitors Center, Old Sacramento Underground Tours, Gold Fever! Games, Anytime Tours, and Living History Programs, and works collaboratively with the City of Sacramento to support the Center for Sacramento History. For more information about the Sacramento History Museum and Sacramento History Alliance, please visit [www.sachistorymuseum.org](http://www.sachistorymuseum.org). ★

## STUDENTS MAKING THE GRADE

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

- ❖ EVANGELINA KOVALCHUK (Orangevale) was named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Bob Jones University (Greenville, SC).
- ❖ CHARLES HUBBARD (Orangevale) was named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Belmont University (Nashville, TN)

The following local students were named to the Winter 2022 Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University (Manchester, NH)


- ❖ RYAN BYRNES
- ❖ SHANIC DAVIDSON
- ❖ KYLE JIVIDEN
- ❖ KENNEDY KESSLER
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# Newsom's New Gun Control Bill Just a Stunt



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters.org

Senate Bill 1327 has to be one of the strangest pieces of legislation to ever be passed by the California Legislature and signed into law.

The brainchild of Gov. Gavin Newsom and modeled after an anti-abortion law enacted a year ago in Texas, the measure he signed last week would, at least on paper, subject manufacturers of unlawful firearms to steep civil damages.

The Texas law allows private citizens to sue a provider, patient or anyone involved in an abortion after six weeks of gestation. The new California law would sanction private party suits against arms makers for selling what California defines as "assault weapons," plus "ghost guns" that are assembled from parts without serial numbers.

"Texas and [Gov.] Greg Abbott and their Republican leadership, if they're going to use this framework to put women's lives at risk, we're going to use it to save people's lives here in the state of California," Newsom declared.

In that sense, SB 1327 is just a political stunt, a piece of Newsom's very

obvious campaign to raise his national political standing by taking potshots at Texas and Florida and their Republican governors, rather than serious policymaking.

As he was signing the bill in Los Angeles last Friday, three Texas newspapers were publishing ads taken out by Newsom's re-election campaign sniping at Abbott for restricting abortion while not reducing gun violence – a little gesture to help Abbott's Democratic challenger, former Congressman Beto O'Rourke, as well as garner some more national media attention for Newsom.

The conclusion that SB 1327 is merely a publicity stunt is bolstered by the details of the legislation itself.

First of all, SB 1327 would self-destruct if the Texas Supreme Court or the U.S. Supreme Court invalidates the Texas law.

Secondly, there is very little chance that there would be a successful lawsuit. The firearms that are specifically targeted by the legislation are already illegal under California law and the major arms makers that Newsom implies would be punished take great pains not to sell the prohibited products.

Makers of black market "ghost guns" could be sued – but only if one could find them, and even if they were identified, they are not likely to be wealthy enough to attract the attention of a fee-motivated attorney.

Various elements of the bill try to make it impossible for anyone sued to

mount a defense, including one passage that would require damages – at least \$10,000 per gun – to be awarded even if a judge declared the law to be invalid. And if the lawsuit provisions of SB 1327 are declared unconstitutional, the measure would substitute civil penalties instead.

Finally, a federal law – rightly or wrongly – protects firearms manufacturers from liability suits.

The bill is so obviously drafted as a political gesture that the American Civil Liberties Union opposed it for using the "flawed logic" of the Texas statute.

"We believe it is a serious misstep to further entrench that flawed logic," the organization said when the bill was going through the legislative process. "In doing so, California will be promoting a legal end-run that can be used by any state to deny people an effective means to have their constitutional rights protected by the courts. This will continue to be replicated in states across the country – and with California's endorsement."

Gun control is a serious subject involving a specific right to bear arms in the Constitution, one that the Supreme Court has recently bolstered in a way that Newsom dislikes. It deserves thoughtful political discourse, not interstate political oneupsmanship.

*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

No matter our age, who we are or where we live some day everyone will experience pain from the loss of someone they love dearly. No one knows when or how it will happen, nor the day and time! Truth is no one really sowan'r think of it much in the early years of their life.

Then, death happens and we feel "lost for words" and full of emotion. There is help in some churches for people who are seeking help. It is a special class for people who are seeking answers of how to deal with their feelings and thoughts. Everyone

## Loss of a Loved One

grieves much differently! The class is called "GRIEF SHARE" held at Sunrise Community Church on Greenback Lane, led by Don Crosson.

Several years ago our family lost seven "7" close family members in one year. It was a devastating loss for all of us. I attended this class and learned that everyone grieves differently and I found out that my way of dealing with it was very different than anyone.

Oh the emotions were certainly similar but what I did was different. Lonely, tearful and missing them I would take off alone and go shopping! I would always find something to buy for my self or put away to give someone. Problem with this was that I accumulated.

Boxes and boxes of

"things and clothing" never realizing the significance of what I had done ... until I attended this class.

Once I realized what I was doing, my eyes were opened and I quit shopping so much. Instead I would pray and talk to God about the way I was feeling. Within minutes I was filled with an inner-peace and a joy to have been loved by the one who is now with the Lord in heaven. God understands our sorrow and He is most anxious to help us to know and understand our emotional struggles and He will provide us help and answers. All we need to do is pray and ask!

**Marlys Johnsen Norris**  
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incumbent may file. The deadline for the extension period is 5:00 p.m. August 17, 2022.

The Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) Office is located at 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays. For more information on candidate filing call Campaign Services at (916) 875-6276 or visit our website at [www.elections.sacounty.gov](http://www.elections.sacounty.gov). ★

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## Oriental Fruit Flies Detected in Sacramento County

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the state is by “hitchhiking” in fruits and vegetables brought back illegally by travelers as they return from infested regions of the world or from packages of home grown produce sent to California. Help protect California’s agricultural and natural resources; please Don’t Pack a Pest when traveling or mailing packages.

“Invasive non-native fruit flies are serious pests for California’s agricultural industry and backyard gardens,” said Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner Chris Flores. “These recent detections on the heels of a recent oriental fruit fly detection in the community of Rancho Murrieta reminds us that we need to remain vigilant in protecting our agricultural and natural resources. When traveling abroad or mailing packages to California, we urge the public not to bring back or ship fruits and vegetables as they are pathways for oriental fruit flies and other invasive species entering our state.”

The oriental fruit fly is known to target over 230 different fruit, vegetable, and plant commodities. Important California crops at

risk include pome, stone fruits, citrus, dates, avocados, peppers, and tomatoes. Damage occurs when the female fruit fly lays her eggs inside the fruit. The eggs hatch into maggots, which tunnel through the flesh of the fruit, making it unfit for consumption.

The oriental fruit fly is widespread throughout much of the mainland of southern Asia and neighboring islands, including Sri Lanka and Taiwan, and has invaded other areas, most notably Africa and Hawaii.

Federal, state, and county agricultural officials work year-round, 365 days a year, to prevent, deter, detect, and eliminate the threat of invasive species and diseases that can damage or destroy our agricultural products and natural environment. The efforts are aimed at keeping California’s natural environment and food supply plentiful, safe and pest-free.

Residents with questions about the project may call the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner’s office at 916-875-6603 or the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s Pest Hotline at 1-800-491-1899. ★

## New 988 Number is the 911 for Mental Health Emergencies

**UCD Health News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, help can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week simply by dialing or texting 988.

Within the United States, that number connects directly to trained mental health professionals at the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. The program, which began July 16, is modeled after the 911 emergency system. It’s meant to be a memorable and quick number that connects people who are suicidal or in any other mental health crisis to a trained mental health professional.

The trained crisis counselors can help people experiencing mental health-related distress such as: thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, any other kind of emotional distress.

People can call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org for themselves or if they are worried about someone they know who may need crisis support.

Veterans can use the number to reach the Veterans Crisis Line by dialing 988 and then pressing 1. Spanish speaking counselors can be reached by pressing 2 after dialing 988.

UC Davis clinical neuropsychologist Angela Drake plans to encourage patients to use 988 in an emergency situation and as part of a broader self-care plan.

“There is a tremendous unmet need for mental health services in the United States, which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that a significant number of people are

experiencing mental health issues but lack access to treatment,” Drake said. “The new 988 system is a first step toward addressing some of those unmet needs and provides an important safety net for people who are experiencing a mental health crisis.”

Calling 988 serves as a universal entry point so that no matter where people live in the United States, they can reach a trained crisis counselor who can help.

The new 988 dialing code is operated through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The national network of more than 200 crisis centers helps thousands of people overcome crisis situations every day. These centers are supported by local and state sources and the Department of Health and Human Services’ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

SAMHSA describes 988 as a first step towards a transformed crisis care system in America. The program is in response to the urgent mental health realities in the U.S. In 2020 alone, the U.S. had one death by suicide about every 11 minutes – and for people aged 10-34 years, suicide is a leading cause of death. In addition, there were more than 100,000 drug overdose deaths in 2021.

The launch of 988 follows a three-year joint effort by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to put crisis care in reach for people in need.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org. ★

## Matt Crowley Joins the First Northern Financial Advisors Team



**First Northern Bank News Release**

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - David R. Davis, Senior Vice President/Manager of First Northern Advisors is pleased to announce that Matt Crowley has joined the First Northern Advisors Team as Vice President.

As a financial advisor with Raymond James, Matt is responsible for providing non-FDIC insured investment and brokerage services, as well as investment advisory services for the Bank’s Rancho Cordova, Davis, and Dixon markets. These products include securities, mutual

funds, 401(k) plans, annuities, tax and investment planning, asset management, retirement planning and estate planning. First Northern Advisors is a part of the Bank’s Wealth Management Division.

In his announcement David Davis said, “Matt is a seasoned financial professional who brings years of experience to our Financial Advisors team. First Northern Bank’s clients will benefit from his depth of knowledge, his friendly manner, and personalized approach to helping them achieve financial independence with carefully selected investment options.”

Matt has 22 years of financial advisory experience; he most recently served 13 years as an Assistant Vice President/Financial Advisor of Wells Fargo Advisors, where he worked with the firm’s priority clients to establish long term investment objectives, provided investment solutions for

those objectives, and monitored their ongoing performance. Prior to that, he did the same at Merrill Lynch where he got his start in the industry.

Matt has a bachelor’s degree from University of California at Santa Cruz. He holds Securities Licenses (Series’ 7 and 66) and a Life Insurance license in the state of California. He currently lives in El Dorado Hills with his wife, Shawna, and three teenage children. In his spare time, he enjoys surfing, snowboarding, and vacationing with his family.

Matt’s office is located at 2901 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. He can be reached at 916.642.1474 or mcrowley@thatsmybank.com. Matt is also available by appointment at the Bank’s Dixon and Davis Branches to discuss specific investment needs. CA Insurance License #0C57346. ★

## DBW Reminds Boaters to Carry a California Boater Card

**California State Parks News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California State Parks’ Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) reminds California boaters of the requirement to obtain and carry a California Boater Card when boating on state inland and coastal waterways. Applying for one is a simple process, it costs \$10 and lasts a lifetime. Operators who are not in compliance with the law and caught operating a vessel without their California Boater Card will be cited accordingly. This is considered an infraction and base fines can range anywhere from \$100 – \$500.

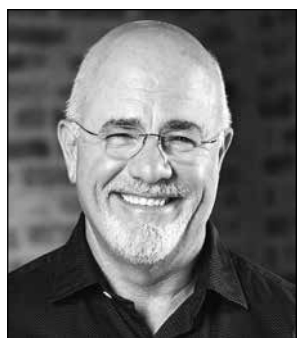
U.S. Coast Guard boating accident data show that states with some form of boating safety education have fewer accidents and fatalities than states without any boater education requirements. California is one of the last states to implement a mandatory boating education requirement. The law is being phased-in by age. By Jan. 1, 2023, all boaters 50 years of age or younger must carry a card. All boaters, regardless of age, will need to carry one by Jan. 1, 2025. The card is verification that its holder has successfully taken and passed an approved boating safety education course. It is important to note there are exemptions to the law. For example, those operating a rental vessel or possessing a valid marine operator’s license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard do not need to obtain a California Boater Card. To date, DBW has

issued more than 143,000 cards.

“It’s not just novice boaters that benefit from this education program by learning the boating rules of the road,” said DBW Acting Deputy Director Ramona Fernandez. “Even experienced boaters find that a boating safety course can help them improve their boating knowledge and stay up to date with current boating laws.”

Applying for a California Boater Card is a simple process. Boaters can complete their application by visiting CaliforniaBoaterCard.com. The card only costs \$10 and lasts a lifetime. Boaters have an option to complete an online, classroom or a home study course. Boaters only need to complete one of the approved courses. Once DBW has received your application, proof of education and payment, you will receive a 90-day temporary boater card by email. You should receive your official boater card by mail within 30 days from the time the application was approved. Detailed information on the process and information on available boating safety courses is available online at CaliforniaBoaterCard.com. A toll-free telephone support line is also available at (844) 421-8333.

California State Parks and the recreational programs supported by its divisions of Boating and Waterways, Historic Preservation and Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation provide the opportunity for families, friends, and communities to connect. Learn more at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov). ★



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Dear Dave,

I finished college a couple of years ago, and I have a good job making \$65,000 a year. The only debt I have is about \$5,000 remaining on a car loan, and I am paying that off as quickly as possible. At the same time, my mom and dad need repairs on their small house, and I am not sure they can afford to fix things. They both work hard, but they don’t make a lot of money. Plus, they have some debt. I have enough saved to pay for fixing their roof, with plenty left over. What do you think about the idea of pausing paying off my car to help them?

– Samantha

Dear Samantha,

You’re a caring young lady with a great heart, who’s also making good money. There’s no reason

## Dave Ramsey Says

you can’t do both things. Help your mom and dad with the roof, then turn around and finish knocking out that car payment and re-build your savings. From what you’ve said, it won’t put you in a financial bind, right? I’m really proud of you for wanting to help your folks this way.

I know your mom and dad work hard. And they’re obviously good people to have raised a daughter like you. But I want you to think about one thing. If you make a habit of fixing their lives without them having a hand in fixing their lives, this scenario could become a nightmare for everyone.

I’d go ahead and help them, but the only way I’d do it is if they promise to let you help them address the reasons they don’t have any money – and if they agree to get financial counseling. I can tell you love your mom and dad a lot. And I’m sure they work too hard to be broke. I’m not talking about fussing at them or shaming them, I’m talking about sitting down and having a loving discussion about

the issues and what they can do to start making positive financial changes in their lives.

The fact that your folks have worked their entire lives, and can’t come up with money for roof repairs on a small home, tells me something’s wrong. The fact that they don’t have any money is the symptom. The problem is they’ve made poor decisions and mishandled the dollars they earned. Even if you don’t make a lot, you can still have a little cash set aside for emergencies if you manage it well.

– 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. ★

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# Seniors Missing Out

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to three-party negotiations as part of the final budget, and there were concerns that there wasn't an efficient and secure way of accomplishing a grant program to non-tax filers," said a statement from the office of Atkins, a San Diego Democrat.

The Legislature "really wanted to get help to these people, but ... we were not able to do it logistically," said a spokesperson for Rendon, a South Gate Democrat.

The payments will go out to Californians who filed 2020 tax returns by October 2021, according to the Franchise Tax Board, which has a tool for calculating how much you are eligible to receive based on how much you earn and other factors.

But in California, people earning less than \$19,310 who don't have a child or someone else depending on them — one of many different gross income thresholds — aren't required to file income taxes. The state also doesn't count Social Security retirement or disability benefits as taxable income, meaning people who receive those benefits aren't required to pay taxes, so long as they have minimal other income.

Lawmakers tried to aid some low-earners who may not file taxes by increasing payments for people receiving CalWorks benefits, a program for needy families. They also increased benefits for people who receive Supplemental Security Income — a state-supplemented version of social security benefits for senior or disabled people who would otherwise not qualify for, or have extremely small social



People who don't pay taxes and aren't in a benefits program run by California are hard for the state to reach quickly with aid. Photo courtesy Dreamstime

security payments. The boosts for people in those two programs are good, said Trinh Phan, a senior staff attorney focused on economic security at Justice in Aging, which advocates for low-income older adults. But, she said, the budget package still leaves out some people who are very low-income.

For example, someone getting by just on Social Security Disability Insurance could miss out on this rebate and the boosts to CalWorks and Supplemental Security Income: They might earn little enough that they don't have to file taxes, but if they don't have kids they likely won't qualify for CalWorks.

And, if their disability benefits pay more than \$1060.21 per month, they wouldn't qualify for Supplemental Security Income either, said Phan.

About a quarter of Americans over 65 live in households where 90% of the family income is Social Security, according to the Social Security Administration. The average retired worker benefit in California is about \$1,500 per month, or \$18,000 per year. The average SSDI benefit is about \$1,300 per month, or \$15,600 per year.

Some low-income Californians won't receive the rebate, Department of Finance spokesperson H.D. Palmer said. But he pointed

out that many people who aren't required to file taxes still choose to do so, sometimes to receive other benefits distributed through the system. In 2020, an additional 500,000 low-income tax returns were filed in California, Palmer said in a statement, "presumably to qualify for a Golden State Stimulus payment or perhaps even a federal relief payment." Palmer also pointed to other forms of financial assistance in the budget, such as \$1.4 billion in aid for people with unpaid utility bills.

People who don't pay taxes and aren't in a benefits program run by California are hard for the state to

reach quickly with aid. Social security benefits are administered by the federal government, and the state doesn't have data on recipients, said Jesse Rothenstein, a professor of public policy and economics at University of California, Berkeley, and faculty director of the California Policy Lab.

"It's obviously not great that we're missing people, and many of them are some of the most vulnerable people in the economy," said Rothenstein. But, he said, "It's not as if there's a mechanism available that reaches everybody." Given a set of imperfect options, using the tax system was the best choice, Rothenstein said.

It's also the choice lawmakers made when distributing two rounds of Golden State Stimulus payments in 2021. After that move, they faced criticism from disability advocates, and seniors who were left out.

"To see that they have done it again this year is just further proof that nobody's paying attention to people who need the most help," said Charis Hill, a disability advocate who lives in Sacramento.

California's government doesn't know much about the people who don't file taxes. The Franchise Tax Board doesn't track the number of residents who aren't required to file taxes, or what share of those people live in poverty, according to statements in response to CalMatters' questions. A spokesperson for the board said that no state agencies appear to track that information.

The difficulty of reaching people with this payment exposes a weakness in the state's system "that needs to be addressed on a longer-term basis," said Chris Hoene, executive director of the California Budget and Policy Center, which advocates for targeting aid to lower-income people. Part of the solution would be better data sharing between the federal government and the states, he said.

But, given the options policymakers were considering — including giving money to car owners, as Gov. Newsom proposed, and cutting the gas tax — he thinks the payments based on income are a good outcome. ★

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# Leaving a Lasting Legacy

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understand the word. He simply chose to move onto the next big challenge in his life after accomplishing all he could in the previous challenge. No challenge was ever too big.

“Barry was a force of nature,” Fair Oaks businessman Keith Walter told MPG. “I first met Barry a decade ago. He was 80. I quickly learned he had more energy and drive than most people in their 20s.”

That sentiment was shared by the publisher of MPG, Paul Scholl. That sentiment was shared by the publisher of MPG, Paul Scholl. “Barry was one of the very first people to encourage me when I first started the American River Messenger many years ago. He was a constant source of encouragement over the years,” Scholl confided after he politely assigned this tribute. “At every event Barry would make it a point to greet me and offer his support. He also knew that if he ever had to get a story covered or something special in the newspaper for any of his causes it only took one phone call to make it happen.”

Listening to the numerous descriptions of Brown by the people who knew him best, another person came to mind.

“He wanted you to be great,” Larry Tesler said. “He wanted you to create something that was great. He was going to make you do that.”

Tesler was serving as the Chief Scientist at Apple Computers when he described the impact that Apple co-founder Steve Jobs had on his life. But, it seems, the same words and phrases could have just as easily applied to Barry Brown.

“Barry Brown Taught Us to ‘Look Over the Edge,’” is only one of the headlines about the man that you will find today on the Fair Oaks Village



Barry and Eleanor Brown socializing at another local event. Photo courtesy of the Brown family

Enhancement Committee (FOVEC) website. It’s an organization that he, not surprisingly, helped to get off the ground. The mission of the FOVEC is to “make Fair Oaks Village a better place to live and visit through projects and events by working with local businesses, property owners and other stakeholders,” according to the committee’s website.

Brown, a retired irrigation engineer, worked with a variety of state and federal agencies. He started with the CA Department of Water Resources before moving to the CA Energy Commission and, eventually, the Federal Land Bank. When he wasn’t serving as engineer on numerous California and federal water projects, he switched hats to serve the National Guard. That was another career that lasted for 27-years. He rose to the rank of Colonel before retirement. But Brown didn’t ever retire. He just moved onto a new challenge.

As it turns out, he was just

getting started.

Brown would go on to become the longest-serving director on the Fair Oaks Water District Board of Directors. He served for 25 years. But he didn’t stop there. From zoning commissions to the Fair Oaks Foundation For Leisure and the Arts to the Fair Oaks Historical Society, Brown kept his fingerprints firmly set in the community.

His work included the community effort to preserve the Fair Oaks’ portion of the American River Bluffs. The purchase of that 4.5 acres of property, referred to as the Fair Oaks Bluff, took place following a long fundraising campaign conducted by a grassroots group of community leaders who billed themselves as Citizens to Save the Bluff. Brown served as the co-chair for the effort.

Ralph Carhart is the Director at the Fair Oaks Parks and Recreation District and worked closely with Brown on the bluff preservation effort and several other projects.

“Barry was one of the six key people who served on the Bluff Donor Commission,” Carhart recalled. “He came along when we were following through with the commitment to honor those who had donated money to this effort. Some of those contributions were very large.”

The effort would not only lead to the preservation of the open space, but the construction of the American River Parkway Donor Plaza. It’s a 30 square-foot plaza complete with a spiraling walkway made up of engraved bricks. River rocks gathered from the American River line the walkway.

“We had a vision and we just assumed we’d see it one day,” Barry told the Fair Oaks Patch blog in 2011.

It would be one of many reminders that Brown would leave behind. He would later take part in, and raise money for, the effort to construct the Fair Oaks Founder’s Monument. That monument was championed by Karyn

Barthmore, then Honorary Mayor for the Chamber of Commerce. It tells the long and storied history of the Fair Oaks community.

Although Brown was active in several organizations and projects, it’s his work with FOVEC that may result in lasting recognition. He would help identify funding sources that led to the Fair Oaks Streetscape Construction Project completed in 2013. The project resulted in new sidewalks, curbs, paved walking paths, street light improvements, parking and landscaping in many areas of the Fair Oaks Village.

“Barry approached projects with an engineer’s perspective,” Carhart said. “Anything he did was done to perfection.”

Former Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters highlighted the work of FOVEC and others for following the project through to completion.

“This is a positive step towards the shared vision to increase the village’s viability as a thriving business district that attracts more local and regional shoppers,” Peters told MPG.

Brown’s community efforts will live on for decades to come.

“Barry was an outdoor person who had an indoor job,” Eleanor Brown said. “He never stopped working in the community or in his own backyard. He was the type of person who would dig up a fruit tree to move it two feet to the left or right to give it a better spot.”

Those who knew and worked with Brown through the decades find it tough to put into words what exactly made him special. They only know that he will be missed.

“Fair Oaks tends to attract people who come here for what the community offers,” Walter said. “Our community would be a different place today without the influence and guidance of Barry Brown.” ★

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