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New River Projects Aid Fish



Gravel replacement below Sailor Bar and Nimbus Dam will increase nesting opportunity for salmon and steelhead species. Pictured: Water Forum Program Manager Erica Bishop inspects the Nimbus Basin site where restoration begins next month.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Beginning next month, parts of the American River will change to benefit salmon and steelhead migration.

Sacramento Water Forum programs will add nearly 42,000 cubic yards of gravel to Lower Sailor Bar and Nimbus Basin. The projects – continuing habitat restoration undertaken by the agency since 2008 – are geared to improve breeding opportunity for diminished chinook salmon and steelhead populations.

Man-made river alterations have threatened these species since gold rush excavations. More recently, Folsom and Nimbus dams blocked spawning paths; dams also barred

natural gravel movement to lower river reaches.

“Some salmon and steelhead return to their home water and can’t find a place to spawn,” explained Water Forum Habitat Manager Erica Bishop. “Though the Nimbus Hatchery has a role in juvenile fish production, the Water Forum’s focus is to help salmonids complete life cycles naturally.”

“Steelhead and salmon once had 200 miles of the American River watershed for spawning as they returned from the ocean,” Bishop noted. “We’ve limited this to about 12 miles. Fish can’t build nests among boulders. They need moveable gravel to make their redds (nests). The lower American River is gravel starved. We need to do everything we can to allow

these fish to maintain their species.”

Lower Sailor Bar work begins August 1; the Nimbus Basin project starts August 27. In preparation, tons of Lake Natoma stones have been graded to suitable size. This gravel will be trucked to Nimbus and Sailor Bar for redistribution.

Habitat restoration includes nursery inlets to accommodate growing juvenile fish before their migration to the Pacific Ocean. Planting of native vegetation around inlets will engineer shade and bring insects to feed small fry.

In a larger 2021 project, 16,000 cubic yards of gravel were bulldozed into shallows near Ancil Hoffman Park. Working against the clock, the project restored habitat for the fall salmon migration. Soon after,

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State Requires Sharing Your Health Data

By Kristen Hwang, CALMatters.org

In March 2020, as Californians hunkered down for what many expected to be a two-week lockdown, high-ranking health officials were scrambling to find out how many COVID-19 patients were hospitalized, how many were in intensive care and how many beds remained available.

With no system in place for hospitals to report this information to the state and share it, Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Mark Ghaly, the state’s public health director and other staff had to call 426 hospitals to assess the situation.

Now, officials hope to avoid similar scenarios in the future by changing the way patient data is collected and shared. Legislation passed last year requires all health and human services providers to sign a statewide data-sharing agreement. This includes hospitals, doctor’s offices, nursing homes, public health agencies, laboratories, mental and behavioral health providers, substance use treatment facilities, insurance plans, public health departments and emergency services.

The final version of the agreement was published July 1. Most participants will have six months to sign the agreement and a year to begin sharing data.

If implementation goes as planned, a doctor or case worker could request a patient’s full medical and social services history in real time. Patients could view their own records easily, and government agencies would also have access to more reliable aggregate data on patient outcomes and demographics – rendering the pandemic scramble obsolete.

The health care industry already amasses incredible amounts of patient data. John Ohanian, chief data officer for the state Health and Human Services Agency, likens it to “freeways of information.” The problem is, not everyone has an onramp to the freeway.

“Our goal was – and the governor’s goal was – to make it mandatory that people exchange information and provide rules of the road and guidelines so it can be done well,” Ohanian said.

It’s a huge endeavor for the state, and not everyone is on board.

In a public comment responding to a draft of the agreement, the California

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100 Tutors to Be Hired

By Thomas J. Sullivan

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California Teaching Fellows Foundation (CTFF), a 20-year, Fresno-based, non-profit foundation, new to the Sacramento area, is accepting applications through July to hire over 100 tutors to serve transitional kindergarten (TK) through 8th grade students in the San Juan Unified School District.

CTFF currently employs over 2,000 tutors as “teaching fellows” and currently serves over 300 school sites throughout California. New hires who will work in Sacramento County will start in August, said Jackie Moreno, CTFF marketing and development director.

“This new partnership will create academic support programs for students and educators in over 30 additional school sites in the San Juan Unified School District,” Moreno said.

“Our initial focus will be on schools serving



CTFF currently places “teaching fellows” serving at over 300 school sites throughout California. Photo courtesy of CTFF

students in Citrus Heights, Carmichael and Arden-Arcade,” she said. A complete list of participating schools in the district is still being compiled.

New teaching fellows who are offered a position by CTFF will have to submit Live Scan fingerprints and pass a background

check, Moreno said. Teaching fellows will be paid \$17 per hour, and paid bi-monthly, typically working between 20-25 hours at their school site. All will have access to in-house life coaching, paid training, and valuable school worksite experience, Moreno said.

“We encourage interested applicants to apply online at www.ctff.us/application,” Moreno said. Upon completion of their initial application, a telephone or virtual interview is then scheduled.

Previous experience is not required as ongoing

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Ancient Near Eastern History Featured at State Fair

By Elise Spleiss

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A new face at the Sacramento State Fair this year at the Valley Sculpture Artists (VSA) booth is Raad Alnahat, an immigrant from Iraq who will be filling the VSA demonstration spot Chris Thompson held at the fair for many years.

Alnahat has many credentials and will be demonstrating his unique process of combining sculpture and ceramics to construct large figures during the two weeks of the fair. He will show his particular process for how he constructs larger format forms. His work reflects his culture, featuring works from biblical days. After Israel, Iraq has the most biblical history of any country in the world.

One of Alnahat's pieces is a six-foot tall, 250-pound statue of the last great king of Assyria. King Ashurbanipal of the Neo-Assyrian Empire reigned for 38 years from 669 BC to his death in 631 BC in Nineveh. The four intricate sections of his piece include the head, a lion and an engraved tablet with writing in four languages.

Alnahat studied in Iraq, receiving his Certificate of Fine Arts in Baghdad in 1985, specializing in sculpture. He has taught painting, ceramics, and calligraphy for over 10 years and participated in many galleries and exhibits in Iraq, including his own personal exhibit 1987. He shared in an email that he had to leave Nineveh, Iraq in 2008 because of the war. He traveled to Turkey and lived there for two years showing his work in



VSA member Raad Alnahat notes details on his sculpture of King Ashurbanipal, the last great king of Assyria. Photo provided by Raad Alnahat

numerous galleries as well as teaching calligraphy.

"I came to the United States in 2010 with my family and began studying

all forms of art to improve myself, but I mostly enjoyed ceramics because it relates closely to my style. I studied at American

River College and one of my large sculptures stands in their Art department today. Through my work in ceramics, I was

able to combine ceramics with sculpture. My work is mostly influenced from our history in Iraq such as the Babylonian empire,

Assyrian empire, etc." Alnahat will be demonstrating his unique style daily at the VSA booth from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. ★

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Touching Lives Around the World



Fair Oaks Rotary Club Board of Directors with outgoing and incoming presidents. Left to right: Jim Cralle, Ralph Carhart, Todd Gaston, Karen Romines, Diana Cralle, Pat Furlong, Mazzy Chirwa, Dave Claugus, Jan Graber, Dennis Dunbar, Vic Porter. Photo courtesy of Bruce Vincent



Judy Andrews. Photo courtesy of Chrysti Tovani

By Judy Andrews

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - Did you know the Rotary Club is the oldest established service organization in the world? Founded by Chicagoan Paul Harris in 1905, Rotary is a non-political and non-religious humanitarian organization whose motto is "Service Above Self." The club is structured into three parts: Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, and Rotary clubs.

With more than 1.4 million members worldwide, the organization is also one of the largest with a reach that extends to more than 200 countries.

How much do you know about this long-standing non-profit organization and the charity work they do both locally and internationally?

Local Club Making a Big Difference

For the past 76 years, The Fair Oaks Rotary Club has been making a difference in communities around the world. Established in 1946, they are one of 40 clubs located within a district that stretches from Oroville to Walnut Creek, and from Sacramento to El Dorado Hills.

With just over 80 members, this distinguished group has been named Best Club of the Year in the district four times in the past nine years, and is consistently voted Best Service Club in Fair Oaks year-after-year by the community.

They have a long history of supporting the community with key service projects including the Fair Oaks-Orangevale Food Bank with grants and volunteer hours amounting to more than 560 hours so far

this year. In the past two years, the club contributed more than \$16,000 toward food and infrastructure projects that will include a drive-thru food distribution barn.

The Fair Oaks Rotary Club also maintains close ties with Northridge Elementary School in Fair Oaks, and has provided them with grants to purchase books for the school's library through their ongoing literacy program. Additionally, each Christmas the club provides holiday food baskets to low-income families at the school, complete with a turkey and all the fixings for a holiday dinner.

Earlier this year, Northridge 4th graders wrote "pen pal" letters to hearing-impaired students at a school in the East African country of Zambia. The project was spear-headed by Fair Oaks resident and the club's new president, Elitas "Mazzy" Chirwa, who also delivered 20 pounds of books (provided by long-time club member Steve Hoverman) to the school.

The book donation project (named after Hoverman) was supported by the Rotary Club of Kitwe in Zambia, and they are hoping - with assistance from the Fair Oaks club - to expand the school's library and install a much-needed science lab for students.

Welcome President Mazzy Chirwa

On July 1, the club welcomed their new in-coming president. Born in Zambia, Chirwa was working as a TV journalist there when she was invited to Atlanta to intern with CNN. After visiting friends in Sacramento, she relocated to the area and joined the Fair Oaks Rotary Club in 2014.

Chirwa has a master's degree in counseling and is a mental health therapist at a social services organization in Roseville. She also has her own Sacramento public access TV show called "Mazzy TV" - allowing her to focus on diversity-related themes.

She is the club's first African-American president and its seventh female leader. (Women traditionally weren't

allowed to join Rotary until 1989 following a Supreme Court ruling. Today, almost 40% of the Fair Oaks club's members are women.)

Out-going president, Diana Cralle, recently ended her 2020-2022 term. (Rotary terms run July 1 to June 30, but she served a second term due to the pandemic.) Cralle is moving on to the district level where she'll be working as the assistant governor. Her new duties include advising, supporting, and overseeing the new presidents of four area clubs within the district.

Congratulations to Assistant Governor Diana Cralle who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new assignment!

Ambitious Goals for a Glowing Future

Chirwa has ambitious goals for the Fair Oaks club. To start, she hopes to help "re-energize" its members following a challenging couple of (pandemic) years. She'd like to infuse "more fun" into team projects and "embrace diversity" by encouraging younger members to join and fulfill leadership roles.

Only a few days into her presidency, she announced a major goal to "touch the lives" of 5,000 kids (0 to 24-years old) at home and abroad within 356 days with projects lined up throughout the year.

Chirwa will oversee the club's large grant project this year, which supports Meristem (a school for young adults) in Fair Oaks. A \$4,000 grant will go toward purchasing equipment for the school's Culinary Arts program so students will have the tools needed to learn new employable skills after they graduate.

Congratulations Madam President! We wish you a successful 2022-2023 Rotary term year.

The Fair Oaks Rotary Club meets most Mondays at 6:45 p.m. at the VFW Post 158, Fair Oaks Center Township at 8990 Kruitof, Fair Oaks, CA. The club welcomes guests. For more information, see www.rotaryfairoaks.org. ★

Local Businesses Come Together to Help Camp ReCreation

By MaryAnne Povey

ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG) - Over 40 representatives from local businesses brought donations to the 2nd annual Donation Drive hosted by Luz Johnson of LPL Financial Advisor and Cyndi Rose of Senior Care Solutions. This year's event benefited Camp ReCreation, a program that serves children and adults with disabilities in providing summer camp and other year-round activities.

"Each year we like to bring the community together for a good cause, enjoy some food and network too," said Luz Johnson, of LPL Financial, who also serves as Orangevale Honorary Mayor. "We are very happy to support the Camp ReCreation program which provides great services for people with disabilities."



Left to right: Luz Johnson, LPL Financial, Carolyn Michaels, parent, Andrea Michaels, Camp ReCreation camper, Sugar Herrero, Camp ReCreation representative, Cyndi Rose, Senior Care Solutions. Photo by Heidi Lettau

The program, which has been serving the community for 40 years, is still going strong, despite having to cut back activities over the past two years. Sugar Herrero, a Board member from Camp ReCreation, was happy to see the program be recognized as this year's charity. "It was my pleasure to have our camp so honored.

I am overwhelmed by the donations brought on our behalf. The attendees were so welcoming and generous."

The donations will be used for camp which is held in June and July and for other events held throughout the year. For more information about Camp ReCreation, go to www.campRecreation.org ★

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New River Projects Aid Fish



Chinook returning to the lower American River are challenged to find spawning space.

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steelhead spawned in the same gravel beds.

“We have a narrow work window, as specified by the Endangered Species Act,” Bishop said. “Our work is targeted over time frames least likely to affect migrating fish.”

Project success is evident. 2019 restoration above Sailor Bar resulted in 1,000 new chinook nests. The augmented Ancil Hoffman site last winter housed 30% of all American River steelhead spawning.

“Results are immediate,” Bishop noted. “We see salmon beginning to spawn as we finish our projects. We know our restored habitats work.”

“Although the ongoing drought can make

river conditions challenging for fish, our projects focus on long-term improvement of river health.”

Habitat restorations have been completed at River Bend Park, Sacramento Bar and in stretches of the American River along Sunrise Road. Lower Sailor Bar and Nimbus projects will wrap by early October. Though staging areas will be fenced during construction, river access and rafter use will not be restricted. In-river work will pause to enable weekend and Labor Day recreation.

Water forum projects are supported by the Bureau of Reclamation, CA Prop 68 funding, Sacramento City and County and signatory water agencies.

Learn about the water forum at www.waterforum.org. ★

Losing Ground in Protecting Our Air Quality



Commentary by Senator Brian Dahle

For decades, California has been the nation’s leader in reducing tailpipe emissions from cars and trucks and other aggressive work to clean up smog. Southern Californians old enough to remember their eyes stinging from air pollution in the old days know how important that work was.

But now, the state’s hard work cleaning up the air is going up in smoke.

California has always had fires, and summer and fall smoke used to be an occasional annoyance. But the mega-fires the state is increasingly seeing send up so much smoke that the air quality gains made over the past years are being lost.

As the L.A. Times recently reported, California’s 2020 wildfires sent up so much smoke that we reversed decades of progress in improving air quality. This is no surprise to Californians who spent months under apocalyptic dark skies, but it’s a sad confirmation of how much progress has been lost.

And while 2020 was a record-setting wildfire year, 2021 was nearly as intense. It would have set a record if 2020 hadn’t come first. This air pollution isn’t just unpleasant. It is deadly. Stanford researchers, as the Times reports, estimate up to 3,000 premature deaths from the smoke in our air.

As a member of the state Legislature, I’ve been fighting for healthier forests for a decade. I’ve written legislation to get the government’s bureaucracy out of the way of fire prevention, launch a major reversal of “no management” management practices, and supported and expanded the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, a champion of healthy forests and watersheds. I wish I could say it was enough.

A large part of the problem is leadership. The current governor says the right things, but real work to keep communities safe and reduce wildfire severity is scarce; there has been no significant reform to California Forest Law in the last 20 years. We still manage our forests under policies that reflect the reality of the 1960s, not today.

This administration is great at issuing press releases but very bad at follow-through, as multiple reports from Capital Public Radio reporters documented over the past year. State and federal policies still put countless barriers in front of the work needed to actively thin overgrown forests (in some places 400% overgrown). We can do better. We can more aggressively waive long reviews under the California Environmental Quality Act for fire-safety projects.

Environmental groups cling to the power to stall and stop projects under these laws in the name of protecting forests. Still, I defy any of them to take a tour of Plumas County, where the Dixie Fire burned a million acres last year and tell me that it is a healthy environment.

We must consistently

support the local governments and nonprofit Fire Safe Councils that plan and organize fuel work. Competitive grants primarily drive the state’s current system. CalFire does its best to fund essential projects, but too many communities don’t have the organization to ask. Many rely on volunteer groups to handle this critical public-safety work. I have the highest admiration for the people who step forward to help their neighbors, but the critical fire risks we’re facing demand a 21st-century response. We have to tap the nearly forgotten wisdom of the ranchers, and the California Native tribes before them, who learned that fire in California is inevitable, but burning on purpose in the right season is safer and better for the environment.

The risks of prescribed fire are serious, but we need to expand our capacity to burn where we can do it safely. And we must work with the federal government, which manages nearly half the land in California, so it does its part to change course. Our national forests are a California treasure, but in recent decades their extreme, barely managed fire risk has made them a bad neighbor. The wildfire crisis is destroying watersheds, leveling whole towns, and blanketing the state in smoke that is literally killing Californians even if they live miles from the fire lines. We must do better.

Senator Brian Dahle, R-Bieber, represents California’s 1st Senate District and is a candidate for California Governor ★

Former President of Team USA Softball Arrested for Sex Offenses with a Child

Sac County Sheriff’s Department News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On April 14, 2022, the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office arrested 61-year-old John Gouveia of Castro Valley, California for 8 felony counts of Lewd Lascivious Act w/ Child Under 14 Years of Age.

Gouveia worked for the national governing council for girls’ softball in the United States between the years of 1991-2019, which included

extensive travel both nationally and internationally as Commissioner of USA Softball of Northern California and the President of USA Softball. Gouveia also worked with the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District for 25 years until he retired as the General Manager in 2016. The victim stemming from this arrest was not associated with USA Softball or the Park District and investigators are not implicating the organization(s).

Gouveia was booked into the Alameda County

Jail back in April on the arrest warrant with \$250,000 bail. Mr. Gouveia arranged for a bond and was released the same day. No additional information is available at this time.

This is an active and ongoing criminal investigation. Any community members with information regarding this investigation are urged to contact the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office Child Abuse Bureau at (916) 874-5191 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP. ★

Mortgage Relief Program Available for Financial Hardships

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The California Mortgage Relief Program has announced it will expand eligibility requirements to give more California homeowners a fresh start in their homes after falling behind on

housing payments due to financial hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The California Mortgage Relief Program offers financial assistance to eligible homeowners through a one-time-only grant that does not have to be paid back. This means homeowners who have fallen behind on their

mortgage or property tax payments due to pandemic-related financial hardships can get caught up.

Homeowners can check to see if they are eligible to apply for the California Mortgage Relief Program by visiting CAMortgageRelief.org and clicking the “Apply Now” button.

Application assistance is available through the program’s Contact Center at 1 (888) 840-2594.


The CalHFA Homeowner Relief Corporation (CALHRC) is a special-purpose affiliate of the California Housing Finance Agency (CalFHA). CalFHA is an independent state agency that assists low to moderate-income

Californians by acting as the state’s affordable housing lender. Through CalHRC, the agency is able to disburse The American Rescue Plan Act’s Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) on behalf of the State of California given its extensive expertise in the mortgage assistance and homeownership space. ★

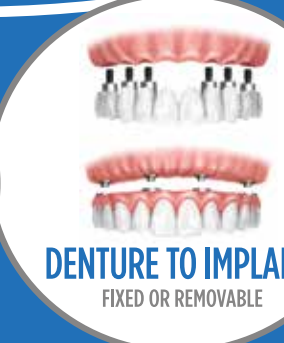


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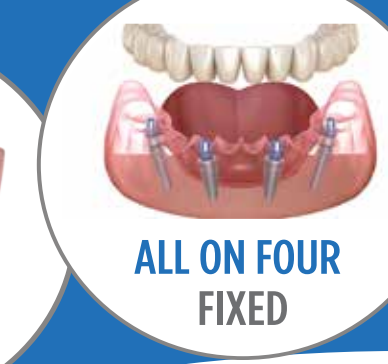
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Southern Cal Ports and Warehouses Face Threats



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

As California's post-World War II industrial economy slumped during the 1970s, civic and business leaders in the state's two major metropolitan areas made some momentous bets on their economic futures.

While the San Francisco Bay Area opted for the emerging sector of digital technology, Southern California – Los Angeles particularly – believed that its future lay in logistics, tying the region to the fast-growing economies of Asia.

Southern California expanded and modernized its twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to handle what became a flood of container ships from China and other Asian nations. Rail and highway connections were improved and the region's "Inland Empire" became a massive logistics center of warehouses and distribution centers serving the entire nation.

It's estimated that 40% of U.S. imports and 25% of the nation's exports pass through Southern California's ports.

Although logistics industry salaries are not high in comparison to those of the Bay Area's tech industry, its warehouses and other facilities have provided much-needed jobs for the wave of immigrants, mostly from Latin America, that Southern California

experienced in the 1980s and 1990s.

However, despite its importance, Southern California's logistics industry faces an uncertain future as the movement of goods becomes increasingly competitive and, as industry leaders complain, new state laws and regulations raise operational costs that could encourage shippers to go elsewhere.

As shipping volume increased in recent years, new Inland Empire warehouses proliferated to handle the traffic, creating a backlash of opposition from local residents and environmental groups.

Attorney General Rob Bonta sued the city of Fontana for approving a warehouse close to a high school and Assemblywoman Eloise Gómez Reyes, a San Bernardino Democrat, introduced legislation requiring new warehouses in Riverside and San Bernardino counties to be located at least 1,000 feet from "sensitive receptors" such as schools.

Business groups have opposed the measure, saying that its setback requirements and a provision of the bill requiring unionized labor on warehouse projects would hamstring development of facilities needed to handle ever-increasing amounts of cargo. The bill has passed the Assembly and is pending in the Senate.

Meanwhile, John McLaurin, president of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, told Gov. Gavin Newsom in a letter last month that several new state policies also threaten to curtail the logistics industry's ability to handle increasing amounts of cargo.

He specifically cited new

rules from the California Air Resources Board that prohibit older trucks from handling cargo at the ports and require replacement trucks to be zero-emission vehicles "that are currently unavailable due to the shortage of semi conductors and other equipment."

McLaurin also noted that while a just-passed state budget trailer bill purports to "invest in port-specific high-priority projects that increase goods movement capacity on rail and roadways serving ports and at port terminals," it also bans spending for "fully automated cargo handling equipment."

The prohibition is supposedly aimed at protecting port jobs from being automated but McLaurin told Newsom that unions have already agreed to provisions allowing automation, which is needed to keep Los Angeles and Long Beach ports competitive in the battle for shipping business vis-à-vis other ports.

"California's ports have no more room to grow – except up," McLaurin said. "If we are to meet the needs of California consumers and exporters, support hundreds of thousands of supply chain related jobs and function as a competitive gateway, innovation along the waterfront should be encouraged – not stifled."

These issues are a warning that as logistics have become so important to Southern California's economy, the industry's future should not be taken for granted.

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



By County Supervisor Sue Frost

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

Two months ago I wrote a commentary in the American River Messenger to explain that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors would be holding a vote in July on whether or not to place a local tax measure on the November ballot that would allow the County to open up Cannabis retail stores in the unincorporated parts of Sacramento County like Orangevale and receive an extra tax from those businesses. I asked the community to write to me to let me know their thoughts on this, and I promised to report back after the vote. On July 12th that vote took place, so I would like to use this opportunity to fill you in on what happened.

After I wrote that commentary, I was flooded with responses. Broadly speaking, the responses I received on social media were largely in favor of allowing a November vote, and the responses I received via phone calls, e-mails, and physical letters were largely opposed to it. My main takeaway was that the community was fairly evenly split on this issue, which tracks

Update on Cannabis Sales in Sacramento County

with the responses I have received over the years when I ask about this topic in my yearly community survey.

A few days before the meeting when the final language of the proposal was given to me, I was rather conflicted on what I would do as I could sympathize with both points of view. Those who wanted me to vote in support noted the medicinal benefits of cannabis and how the people should be allowed to vote on the issue - and those who wanted me to vote in opposition noted the public health and public safety concerns. But as I reviewed the proposal, two major things stuck out to me that swayed me to vote in opposition.

First, while the proposal would only allow this cannabis tax in the unincorporated portions of the county, it allowed every citizen, whether they lived in the unincorporated portions or not, to vote on this. That struck me as extremely unfair, especially given that only roughly one third of the people in the county live in the unincorporated area. So a strong majority of the unincorporated residents may oppose this, but it could still pass. For good reason, we don't allow residents of Nevada to vote for California Governor, and we don't allow residents of Canada to vote for the President of the United States - and we shouldn't allow residents of Sacramento City to vote for an issue that only impacts the unincorporated areas.

Second, the money that would be collected by this tax would have gone

directly into the county general fund, and could be spent on whatever the Supervisors deemed fit. There are no guarantees that the money would be spent to help solve problems that would sprout up as a result of opening these stores in our local communities - problems like the need for extra law enforcement, and the need for more education to the youth about cannabis. I believe that when taxes are imposed, it is the duty of the government to very clearly define where that money will go. Government has a transparency problem, and levying taxes without any explanation on how it will be spent only furthers that problem.

The vote to place it on the November ballot needed four votes in order to pass, but it only received three votes so it failed. Immediately afterwards, one supervisor proposed that at the end of July we should revisit this issue and try to fix some of these issues that were presented in the meeting. At that meeting I will once again come with an open mind, and do my best to represent the best interests of my constituents.

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

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

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By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

It takes a few years of walking with God to understand the greatness and magnificence of God and His love and concern for His creations. He is so much more than our finite minds can comprehend, understand and accept at first.

In the beginning was our Creator, existing all alone. Lonely don't we all look forward to wanting someone else in our lives? The Angels were watching Him! The Spirit of God decided to create a beautiful world all around Him. Trees with green leaves, plants, fruits and vegetables, flowers, fish in the water, birds, animals of every size and kind.

His passion and imagination were never ending. (Genesis 1:12, 16, 21, 25)

God watched the animals enjoying each other

The Majesty and Magnificence of God

and He realized His own need to have some like Himself to also have a personal intimate relationship to be able to talk and enjoy a friendship also. He decided to create a man much like Himself, so He created a man and called Him "Adam" but he would be lonely too, so He decided to take a rib from Him and create a mate for him and He named her "Eve"!

They both were without clothes but did not think anything about it! Then once day the angel Lucifer convinced them nakedness was not acceptable. They believed him and hunted down an animal, killed it and made themselves something to wear.

Possibly it was around this time that God's favorite angel "Lucifer" also became very jealous of God and wanted to take the glory and honor away from him onto himself. To do that Lucifer became the "father of lies" and would convince Adam to lie to Eve. This is when many people began to believe the

lies he created and stopped honoring God in their lives. Old Testament times as people fell away from God, the wrath of God fell on them and God sent them to a burning hell. This continues on in today's society. (Ref: John 8:44)

Regardless God's infinite Agape love continues to exist for those who will seek His face and His will for their lives. God provided a way of escape from hell for those who would seek Him. He birthed His Only Beloved Son in the Virgin Mary to become the pure "Lamb of God" and to die on a Cross to take away their sins. Those who decide to accept Jesus death and shed blood on the Cross to take away their sins become God's child and their names are written in His Book of life and they will one day live with them in heaven forever.

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professional training and personal support is provided for new hires, according to CTFE.

“We’re looking to hire from a diverse pool of candidates who are genuinely passionate about teaching and helping students to succeed,” Moreno said. “CTFE also wants to encourage applicants from those just starting college who want to gain field experience in education leading towards a satisfying teaching career.”

New hires will also be provided with 40 hours of paid professional development coursework annually, allowing them to continually learn and improve their skills in areas like tutoring, classroom management, and creatively engaging students in learning activities.

The leadership of CTFE feels it has a critical role in helping to combat the ongoing teacher shortage crisis in California, by inspiring college students and others in career transition to pursue a career in education.

“CTFE is committed to developing future teachers and leaders who contribute to positive changes in the lives of students, their schools and their communities,” said Mike Snell, CEO of the California Teaching Fellows Foundation.

The foundation was initiated at Fresno State University’s Kremen School of Education and Human Development in 1999 to provide paid early field experience for future teachers which would enhance teacher preparation.

“The work of our ‘teaching fellows’ is not only important to the students they work with, but also for their own personal and professional growth as they go on to pursue their own careers in education,” Snell said in a press release. “I look forward to our partnership with the San Juan Unified School District.”

The San Juan Unified School District reports a student population of over 50,452

students, according to the district website. There are 67 schools in the district; 46 are elementary schools, 23 are middle schools, and 17 are high schools.

“San Juan Unified is excited to partner with California Teaching Fellows Foundation as we move to increase expanded learning opportunities for our highest-need students in the district,” said Dr. Debra Calvin, assistant superintendent of educational services at San Juan Unified.

San Juan’s “Bridges After-School/ASSETS” programs is also hiring part-time staff. This program also provides homework support, enrichment and pro-social recreation to approximately 3,000 district students, grades K-12, in 29 programs at 29 different school sites. Prospective applicants can call Kim Fields at the district office at (916) 971-5933 for more information.

“This new partnership (with CTFE) will strengthen the district’s capacity to provide additional access to safe and supportive enrichment programs for our students through the engagement of quality staff that represent the community and have a strong interest in careers in the education field,” Calvin said.

CTFE was founded in 2006 as a 501(c)(3) as a nonprofit as it grew to meet an increased number of requests from school districts throughout California for expanded learning support. CTFE now partners with over 50 school districts in California to staff programs at more than 300 K-12 school sites.

In its new partnership with the San Juan Unified School District, CTFE will soon be able to serve more than 30,000 K-12 students in the greater Citrus Heights, Carmichael and Arden Arcade area with supplemental classroom, after school and summer program instruction, tutoring and mentorship opportunities.

For more information on the California Teaching Fellows Foundation (CTFE), or to apply, visit www.ctfe.us or call (559) 224-9200. ★

San Juan Unified Selects 2023 Teachers of the Year



SJUSD teacher Nicolette Pulley of Ottomon Way Elementary School was recognized as one of two 2023 Teachers of the Year. Photo courtesy of SJUSD



John Barrett Middle School SJUSD teacher Logan Grinsell was recognized as one of two 2023 Teachers of the Year. Photo courtesy of SJUSD

SJUSD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The last few weeks of the 2021-22 school year were filled with celebrations for Ottomon Way Elementary School and John Barrett Middle School as teachers Nicolette Pulley and Logan Grinsell were recognized as the 2023 Teachers of the Year.

At San Juan Unified, teachers are not just chosen for their student-focus, but their site leadership, willingness to make adjustments, and their focus on ensuring our students are being taken care of emotionally and socially.

Both these teachers have spent years mastering their crafts and learning how to connect

with students in this district.

Grinsell began working at San Juan Unified almost 10 years ago and has spent his entire career at John Barrett Middle School. Aside from teaching science and art, Grinsell is the school musical director, a track coach, and the MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement) advisor for students.

In his application for Teacher of the Year, Grinsell shared what the definition of a teacher is and why he is surpassing that definition.

“Based on this definition, teaching is nothing special,” said Grinsell. “But what is lacking from the definition that I bring is the passion and heart to make teaching

one of the best professions to get into.”

As for Pulley, she began working at San Juan Unified eight years ago and has spent her entire teaching career with the district.

Over the last year, Pulley has provided more than 12 hours of professional development to site staff and six hours of training for instructional assistants to implement reading. She also provided on-campus support for K-3 teachers completing Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS).

In her application, she explains that it is essential to rely on the unique strengths and gifts of school site staff to help student achievement.

“Personally, I communicate my appreciation for my staff through service-based leadership,” said Pulley. “I serve my team in my ability to share my professional areas of expertise where I feel confident that I can lead my team in a forward direction.”

Both Grinsell and Pulley have been nominated to compete for the Sacramento County Office of Education Teacher of the Year award. ★

Sacramento County Approves Second ‘Safe Stay’ Site

By **Janna Haynes, Sacramento County**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved Sacramento County’s second proposed “Safe Stay Community” for persons experiencing homelessness. The second community will open at 7001 East Parkway in part of the parking lot of the current County Department of Health Services building. The site will house up to 45 Pallet sleeping cabins – both single and double occupancy, bathrooms, and communal gathering spaces. At any point in time, it can shelter up to 55 people.

The first location, at 8144 Florin Road (near Power Inn) was approved on June 8 by the Board and will have 100 sleeping shelters that can accommodate up to 125 at any given time. Both locations will be operated by an experienced provider that will handle on-site staff and manage neighbor relations and the day to day needs of the community.

These communities are built as a safer and more sanitary environment and offer critical services oriented towards exiting to permanent housing. Each site will include 24/7 security, case management services, on-site power, sanitation and food services. The County will develop good neighbor policies for the operator and occupants as well as create an oversight committee made up of County staff, community members and those with lived experience to help further guide progress in the County response.

“I am thrilled to have a second location approved and ready to build in District 2,” said District 2 Supervisor Patrick Kennedy. “The need in our area is great. These new Safe Stay Communities will go a long way to help those in South Sacramento experiencing

homelessness with stable shelter, drug and alcohol services, mental health services, job training, and a connection to other vital services that will lead to a healthy lifestyle and self-sufficiency while providing relief to the businesses and residents in the community that have experienced the impacts of homelessness.”

Guests for every Safe Stay Community will be brought in from the immediate neighborhood, not only providing direct relief to the community, but providing local and dignified shelter in an area the guest is familiar with.

The East Parkway location will likely move on a parallel timeline as the Florin and Power Inn location and will hopefully welcome guests early next year.

While homelessness can be successfully addressed by providing stable, affordable housing, combined with appropriate support services, this approach can take many years. Safe Stay Communities provide immediate safe and hygienic locations for persons experiencing homelessness to live and access services. The communities also provide a consistent location for service providers and outreach workers to engage on a more regular basis with occupants.

Additionally, some of the broader community benefits anticipated by having this safe space community include a reduction in trash and debris, the mitigation of environmental and health hazards, and the ability to restore land previously occupied by unsanctioned encampments to its intended use.

For more information on Safe Stay Communities, read our “Safe Stay Community FAQs.”

For more information about Sacramento County’s response to homelessness, visit www.saccounty.gov/Homelessness/Pages/default.aspx. ★

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Hospital Association and California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems complained that the requirements exceed the statutory authority of the law that established the data-sharing requirement. When contacted for clarification, hospital association spokesperson Jan Emerson-Shea said there was nothing to add beyond what was in the letter.

The California Association of Health Plans also commented that parts of the draft proposal go beyond the scope of the new data-sharing law, including the proposed governing body that would oversee compliance. The association also pointed out potential conflicts with a parallel federal effort to create a national data exchange for health data.

Other groups, including the County Welfare Directors Association of California, County Behavioral Health Directors Association and Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, raised concerns about data privacy and security. They also want patients to be given the ability to choose whether their data is shared and noted that addiction and mental health records are more strictly protected than other health data. In a letter to the state, Planned Parenthood asked to delay implementation by one year.

According to a state analysis, the proportion of medical and social services organizations that currently use digital records and share that information with other providers varies widely based on sector and location.

While 97% of family physicians used electronic record-keeping methods in 2020, those who didn't tended to be small independent practices or they were in rural areas. Likewise, 90% of medium and large hospitals also used electronic-only patient records, but only 70% of small hospitals in the state used digital records.

The report found a little more than a third of addiction treatment centers used electronic records to document treatment plans and view laboratory results. Less than half of nursing homes used electronic records and only 10% reported that their systems connected with local hospitals.

Some of the organizations with the fewest digital record-sharing systems are government agencies like county public health and social services departments.

The state Legislature's approved budget includes \$50 million over two years to help small doctor's offices, rural hospitals and community organizations invest in the technology needed to comply with the law.

Even before the pandemic, community clinics and social services providers like homeless shelters say disconnected record-keeping systems caused chronic problems.

On a broader scale, the patchwork of digital accessibility has made it difficult to reduce health disparities for conditions like heart disease and diabetes, both before and during the pandemic, said Kiran Savage-Sangwan, executive director of the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network and a member of the data exchange advisory group.

Communities of color make up 63% of the state's population but represent more than 80% of all enrollees in Medi-Cal, the state's health system for people who can't afford health insurance. According to a California Health Care Foundation report on health disparities, Black and Latino residents are far more likely to experience preventable hospitalizations for conditions like asthma, heart failure and diabetes than white residents. The same groups are also the most likely to report delaying health care due to cost or lack of insurance.

In recent years, the state has launched ambitious plans to transform the Medi-Cal system through an initiative called CalAIM, which aims to address the root causes of failing health, like food insecurity and housing instability. It offers coverage for services not typically thought of as medical needs, such as housing. CalAIM, along with the state's Healthy California for All Commission, which is exploring what a single-payer health care system could look like in California, relies on data.

"I can't think of a thing on our list of huge transformations that won't either depend on or benefit from this effort," Ghaly said. "All of these data systems having some ability to come together around the individual is going to accelerate – whether it's a social worker or an emergency room nurse – their ability to provide more comprehensive and coordinated services." ★

SacRT to Improve Light Rail System

SacRT News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) was awarded \$30 million in state grant funding through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to help make major improvements to the Sacramento region's light rail system, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support jobs.

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) awarded SacRT funding to help fund three major projects. SacRT will receive \$23.6 million as part of a nearly \$600 million Light Rail Modernization Project an additional \$5 million to support connectivity and planning at Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) to prepare for future development at the Railyards, and \$1.5 million for contactless fare payment devices onboard buses and light rail vehicles.

Light Rail Modernization Project: SacRT is currently working on modernizing the light rail system with new low-floor light rail vehicles, converting 29 light rail stations on the Gold Line to accommodate new low-floor vehicles, and adding a "passing track" at the Glenn/Robert G. Holderness Station in Folsom to provide 15-minute service, rather than the existing 30 minutes. TIRCP funding will support the purchase of eight new low-floor light rail vehicles to replace vehicles that have passed their useful life. Low-floor light rail vehicles will produce operational efficiencies by speeding up train operating times and optimizing boarding convenience and safety along with needed increased capacity.

Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) Transit Center: SacRT partnered with the City of Sacramento and Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority on a project to improve connectivity of multimodal transit in the downtown core. Funding will support the construction of a new north-south aligned light rail station to connect the SVS to the future Railyards Plaza. This will catalyze the neighboring Railyards



The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) awarded SacRT funding to help fund three major projects. Photo courtesy of SacRT

and River District developments while prioritizing transit ridership and active transportation.

Contactless Fare Payment on Transit: SacRT partnered with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Visa, Littlepay, and SC Soft to offer a contactless method for payment on board light rail trains to help improve the customer fare payment experience. The innovative touch-free fare payment technology allows riders to tap a contactless credit, debit, prepaid card, or contactless-enabled mobile or wearable device (e.g., smartwatch) to pay fare when boarding light rail trains. The TIRCP funding will help expand the program to buses and on all new light rail trains.

SacRT is truly thankful for the 2022 funding from the California Transportation Agency's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program," said SacRT Chair Steve Miller. "These funds put us one step closer to replacing our aging light rail fleet with entirely new and modern, low floor vehicles and making improvements at the Sacramento Valley Station for easier connections from buses and light rail to Amtrak and the Capitol Corridor trains."

"I want to thank CalSTA Secretary Toks Omishakin and Chief Deputy Secretary Chad Edison for these grant awards that will help modernize SacRT's light rail system and provide connectivity to regional partners,"

said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "Over the last few years, we have secured millions of dollars to improve the convenience and accessibility of our light rail system to the customer experience and quality of life for the Sacramento Region."

"Congratulations to Sacramento Regional Transit in your success of securing new funding from the competitive TIRCP program. With this state funding, SacRT will help lower greenhouse gas emissions in our region and improve public health and mobility across the region and California," said Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento).

SacRT was previously awarded \$265 million in funding for the light rail modernization project, which includes the purchase of 36 new low-floor light rail vehicles. Siemens Mobility in Sacramento is building the new train cars and the first cars are expected to be delivered in summer 2022.

CalSTA awarded nearly \$800 million to 23 projects statewide to expand transit and intercity rail service and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. TIRCP funding is provided through Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, and from the Cap-and-Trade program proceeds. More information on the projects awarded can be found here: <https://calsta.ca.gov/press-releases/2022-07-07-calsta-awards-800-million-for-tircp-projects>. ★

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Defendant Sentenced for 1st-Degree Murder of Natomas Library Branch Supervisor

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Steve White sentenced Ronald Seay to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

On April 20, 2022, a jury convicted Seay of the first-degree murder of Amber Clark. The jury also found true a personal use of a firearm causing death allegation and the special circumstance allegation of lying-in-wait.

Amber Clark was the branch supervisor for the North Natomas Library. On December 11, 2018, Ronald Seay arrived at the library parking lot, parked his car with a direct view of the library exit and waited for Amber Clark to get off work. When Ms. Clark left work, she exited the library and walked through the parking lot to her car. As she walked past Seay's car, Seay quickly exited his car and

followed her. When Ms. Clark got into her car, Seay opened her driver side door, shot her 11 times with his 9mm semi-automatic pistol and left the scene. Ms. Clark succumbed to her injuries at the scene. Sacramento police detectives quickly discovered that Seay had previously been served with a Notice of Trespass by Ms. Clark in her capacity as the branch supervisor. Ms. Clark issued the Notice of Trespass because Seay repeatedly violated the library's rules and code of conduct, became verbally aggressive and refused to leave the library. Seay appealed the ban, and the appeal was denied.

Seay was arrested on December 12, 2018, and a search of his car revealed two 9mm semi-automatic pistols. It was later confirmed that all 11 shell cartridges found at the scene were fired from the 9mm semi-automatic pistol located in Seay's car. ★

Defendant Convicted of Aggravated Child Sexual Assault

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Andrey Yevtukh pled to three counts of committing a lewd act on a child, one count of forcible lewd act upon a child and one count of sexual intercourse or sodomy with a child 10 years of age or younger.

Yevtukh also admitted aggravating factors that the crime involved great violence, the victim was

particularly vulnerable, Yevtukh took advantage of a position of trust and the crime involved planning or sophistication.

On January 30, 2021, the 9-year-old victim and her mother contacted the Sheriff's Office to report that Yevtukh had sexually assaulted the victim approximately 8 months prior. The victim disclosed that Yevtukh held her down and sodomized her when she was between 6 and 7 years old. She later

disclosed that Yevtukh sodomized her on four other occasions, had sexual intercourse with her and forced her to orally copulate him while the victim was between the ages of 7 and 9 years old. The victim stated that Yevtukh threatened to hurt her if she told anyone.

Yevtukh faces a maximum sentence of 30 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for July 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 33 before the Honorable Laurel White. ★

Homicide Investigation on Bailey Loop and Arrest

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - At approximately 5:22 P.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, the Sheriff's Communications Center received a call from an adult subject, on Bailey Loop in Sacramento County, stating there was an adult male victim laying on the floor with stab wounds.

Upon arrival, deputies located one unresponsive adult male victim who sustained at least one stab wound. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene by responding personnel from Sacramento Metro Fire.

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Deputies located and arrested Cory Lance Sheline (41). Sheline, who is a resident of Placer County, was booked into the Main Jail on a single count of homicide for the murder of Sidney Vincent Arbour IV (42). Sheline is being held without bail. There is no further information at this time.

Detectives are asking anyone with information relating to this incident, to please contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP. Tip information may also be left anonymously at www.sacsheriff.com or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★

Defendant Convicted of 14 Counts Child Sexual Abuse of 2 Girls

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Shawn Golden pled to 14 counts of committing a lewd act on a child.

Between June 2014 and August 2020, Golden repeatedly sexually

assaulted two girls. Both victims were 12 years old when Golden began abusing them. During the investigation, evidence led detectives to digital storage devices, laptops, and other electronic devices belonging to Golden. The devices had videos of Golden

engaging in sex acts with the victims and surreptitious photos of the victims.

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Following the success of *Amaluna* in 2020, *Cirque du Soleil* is excited to announce its return to Sacramento with its internationally-acclaimed production *Alegria*. From July 28 to August 28, audiences are invited under the Big Top at Sutter Health Park (400 Ballpark Dr.) to experience the pure theatrical magic of *Alegria* – an entirely redesigned fan favorite.

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To watch the official trailer, visit <https://youtu.be/snZ1yDnVhfU>

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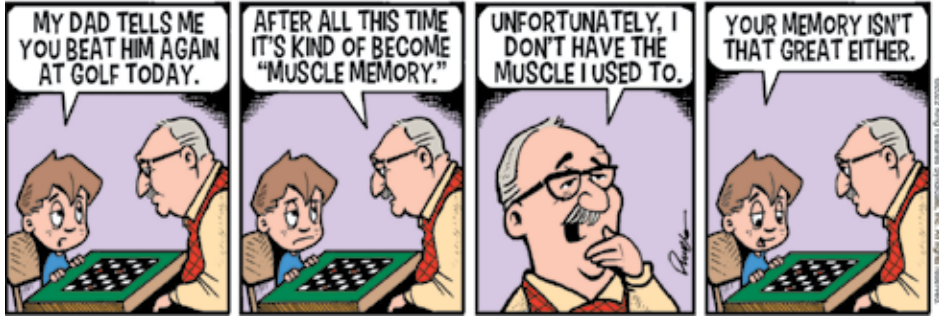
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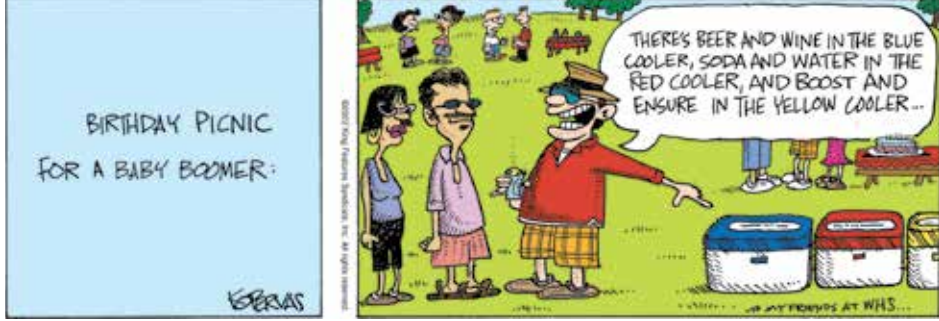
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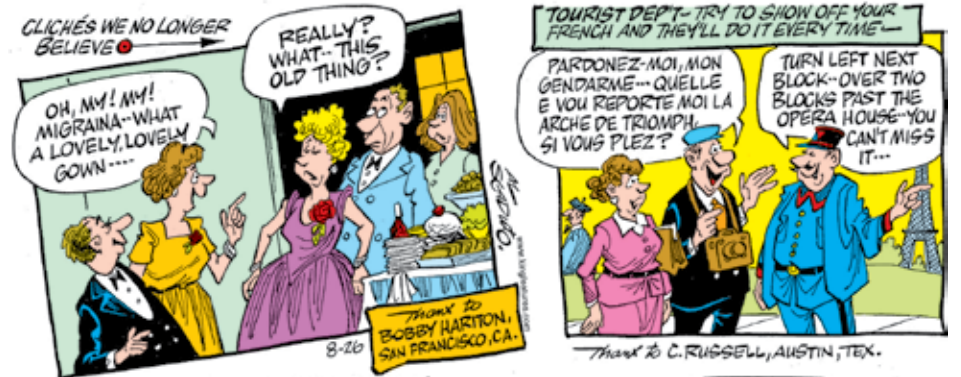
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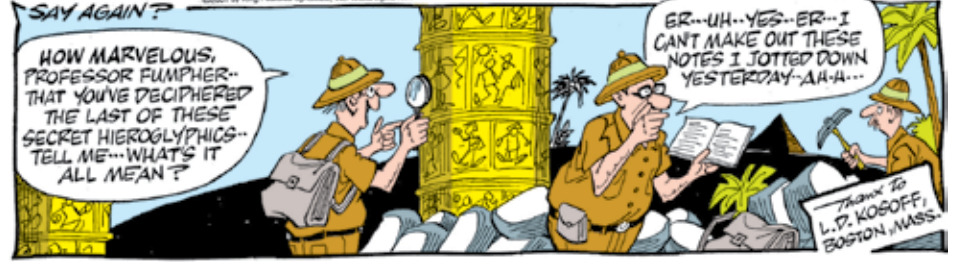


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AQUEON BOXED 10 GALLON TANK With Economy Kit
Just add Heater **\$48.99** Limit 1 Per Family
For Tropical Fish

REPTILE SUPPLY SALE
Zoo Med Reptibark 5 Oz **\$7.49**
Tetra Reptomin 3.7 Oz **\$4.99**
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INSTANT OCEAN SEA SALT 50 Gal. Salt Mix **\$15.99**

BONUS COUPON
FRISKIES BUFFET CANNED CAT FOOD
5.5 Oz All Varieties
Limit 1 Case With Coupon
Limit One Coupon Per Family
Price Valid Only With Coupon
Effective 7/20/22 - 7/26/22

ON SALE Everyday
CHM PLU 367

BONUS COUPON
FRISKIES PARTY MIX CAT TREATS
2.1 Oz •Selected Varieties
Limit 2 Pkgs Per Family
Limit One Coupon Per Family
Price Valid Only With Coupon
Effective 7/20/22 - 7/26/22

\$1.49
CHM PLU 573

BONUS COUPON
ARM & HAMMER CAT LITTER DEODORIZER
20 Oz Box
Limit 2 Boxes with Coupon
Limit One Coupon Per Family
Price Valid Only With Coupon
Effective 7/20/22 - 7/26/22

\$1.69
CHM PLU 422

Now You Can Use Your Library Card to Visit State Parks

CA State Library News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks and the California State Library today announced an additional opportunity to advance safe and equitable outdoor access to all Californians.

Starting in the first week of April – National Library Week – California State Parks will be distributing the California State Library Parks Pass to public libraries across the state for checkout by library patrons. The new pass will allow free vehicle day use entry at more than 200 participating state park units.

“Spending time in nature is crucial to our mental health and well-being,” said First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom. “We’re lucky to have the largest state park system in the nation, and I am thrilled to partner with California State Parks and the California State Library to help make those spaces more accessible to California families. With the California State Library Parks Pass, anyone with a library card will be able to unlock the benefits and beauty of our majestic state parks.”

Research shows that spending time in the outdoors is associated with better mental and physical health, and that many Californians face barriers to accessing their parks. California has a wealth of state parks, and many public libraries are likely within driving distance of one. By reducing barriers to park access and partnering with entities such as public libraries, the state can help more Californians explore the outdoors and generate positive impacts in the area of health, natural resource stewardship, and historical and cultural connections.

“Parks and libraries have the potential to be powerful symbols and agents for California’s open spaces,” said California State Parks Director Armando



Visit your local public library and check out a California State Library Parks Pass. Photo courtesy of California State Library

Quintero. “It is an honor to work side-by-side with the California State Library, Newsom Administration and partners to advance outdoor access to all Californians via public libraries, inspire stewardship for the state park system and build a healthier California.”

As part of a three-year pilot program starting in April, each library jurisdiction will receive at least three California State Library Parks Pass hangtags per branch for checkout by library patrons, including mobile libraries. Park Passes will enter circulation on a rolling basis throughout April and May for checkout by library patrons; library users can contact their local library for more information. Library-card holders will be able to check out the pass for the allotted number of days allowed by the local library, then return the pass to the library for others to use. The pass is valid for entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle at participating state park units.

“Libraries are trusted community hubs where Californians know they can find what they need to work, play, and thrive,” said California State Librarian Greg Lucas. “This partnership

with State Parks now allows Californians to ‘check out’ California’s great outdoors at their community library.”

Libraries are already an important part of Californians’ lives. There are 1,184 public library buildings in California, and more than 23 million Californians have library cards. In 2019-2020, these libraries circulated over 97 million items free of charge, such as books, technology, Wi-Fi hotspots, videos, music, instruments, tools, telescopes and more. Additionally, the libraries hosted over 300,000 programs in 2019-2020, with almost 7.5 million people attending. The California State Library Parks Pass program is one more way that Californians can get empowered through their libraries. Additionally, the California State Library will be providing grant funding to libraries for outdoor-related items for checkout, programs that teach natural resource stewardship and outdoor skills, or to encourage their library patrons to enjoy the outdoors and make historical and cultural connections to parks.

“All Californians should have the opportunity to be outdoors in nature,” said California Secretary for Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot. “Yet many of

our state’s residents live in communities without adequate parks and open space. This innovative new program will enable more Californians to explore our incredible State Parks system, and in the process create more equitable access to nature and the outdoors.”

The 2021/22 State Budget included initiatives to advance equitable access to state parks and open spaces for all Californians. A \$9.1 million one-time General Fund investment was included in the budget to launch a state parks pilot to expand parks pass distribution, especially for youth in disadvantaged communities. The pilot includes the California State Park Adventure Pass program that provides free day-use passes for fourth graders and their families, the revamped Golden Bear Pass Program and the California State Library Parks Pass.

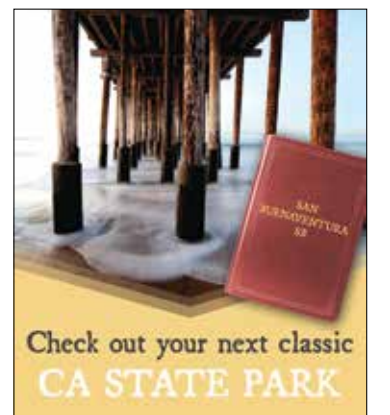
“California State Parks Foundation was honored to work with First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom to secure funding for the California State Library Parks Pass program and other innovative pilot programs to increase access to the state’s magnificent park system. We firmly believe every Californian should have access to the beauty and benefits

of parks, and we know that cost can be a barrier to visiting. We’re excited that local branch libraries will now be a gateway to state parks,” said Executive Director of the California State Parks Foundation Rachel Norton.

Detailed information on the new California State Library Parks Program, including full terms and conditions, is available online at CheckOutCAStateParks.com. For more information on all the new parks pass programs, please visit parks.ca.gov/CaliforniaOutdoorsForAll.

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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. Off-highway motor vehicle recreation, boating activities, horseback riding, cycling, hiking, camping, rock climbing, tours, hikes, school group enrichment, and special events are just some of the activities enjoyed in 279 park units organized into 21 field districts throughout the state. Learn more at www.parks.ca.gov. ★



Launched during National Library Week, the new pass is valid at over 200 participating state parks throughout California for vehicle day-use entry. Photo courtesy of California State Library

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Market: 7 Days 8am - 9pm
Food Court: 7 Days 11am - 7:30pm
Korean/Mex/Viet: 7:30pm last call
Chinese/Japanese 7:00pm last call

FROZEN & FISH DEPT

<p>Frozen Croaker 850g REG. \$16.99/EA \$11.99/ea</p>	<p>Crispy Baby Crab 1 lb REG. \$9.99/EA \$6.99/ea</p>	<p>Crispy Baby Crab 1 lb REG. \$9.99/EA \$6.99/ea</p>
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WEEKLY MEAT SPECIALS

<p>Bonus Buy</p> <p>Beef New York Roast - Boneless Carne de Res Nueva York Asado Deshuesado \$4.99/lb</p>	<p>Great Value</p> <p>Beef New York Steak - Boneless Carne de Res Nueva York Filet a la Russa \$5.49/lb</p>	<p>Washington Beef</p> <p>Beef Cross Rib/Shoulder Roast Asado de Costillas Cruzadas de Carne y Asado de Hombro sin Hueso \$3.99/lb</p>	
<p>40 lb Box \$38.99</p>	<p>ibp Pork Cusion Meat - Boneless Carne de Cerdo con Hierba sin Hueso \$1.99/lb</p>	<p>ibp Pork Loin Chops Bone In Chuletas de Cerdo con Hueso \$1.99/lb</p>	<p>ibp Pork St. Louis Ribs - Single Pack Carnitas de San Luis \$3.99/lb</p>

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HAPPY HOURS

Draft Beer

\$2.50 & UP

Mon-Thu 4PM-9PM
Fri-Sat 2PM-9PM

KP KARAOKE SPECIAL

Sun-Thu Come before 6pm (Valid Time)
Fri-Sat Come before 5pm (Valid Time)

<p>For 6 people \$85.00</p> <p>3 Hours Karaoke + 2 Pizzas + 4 Main Dishes + 2 Main Dishes (12 total) 12:00 - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>For 18 people 275.00</p> <p>3 Hours Karaoke + 3 Pizzas + 4 Main Dishes + 7 Main Dishes (24 total) 12:00 - 1:00 PM</p>
<p>For 12 people \$185.00</p> <p>3 Hours Karaoke + 2 Pizzas + 4 Main Dishes + 4 Main Dishes (18 total) 12:00 - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>For 28 people \$350.00</p> <p>3 Hours Karaoke + 3 Pizzas + 4 Main Dishes + 8 Main Dishes (30 total) 12:00 - 1:00 PM</p>
<p>For 14 people \$210.00</p> <p>3 Hours Karaoke + 2 Pizzas + 4 Main Dishes + 5 Main Dishes (24 total) 12:00 - 1:00 PM</p>	

9 Dishes To Choose From

FRESH PRODUCE

<p>Grapefruit 5 lb \$5.99/box</p>	<p>Rainbow Bell Pepper 2 lb \$2.99/ea</p>	<p>Avocado 32ct Peru 2/\$3.00</p>	<p>Mini Sweet Pepper \$2.99/ea</p>
<p>White Corn 2/\$1.00</p>	<p>Japanese Sweet Potato \$1.39/lb</p>	<p>Enoki Mushroom 200g \$2.99/ea</p>	<p>Black Watermelon \$8.99/ea</p>

AMERICAN/HISPANIC GROCERY

<p>Herdez Salsa Medium 15.7 oz \$3.19/ea</p>	<p>Michelina El Dorado 8 oz \$8.99/ea</p>	<p>EED Charcoal 15 lb \$7.99/ea</p>	<p>Mi Hacienda Tortilla Chip 24 ct \$2.99/ea</p>
<p>Hawaiian Punch 1 gallon \$2.99/ea</p>	<p>Crispy Baby Crab \$2.99/ea</p>		

ASIAN GROCERY

<p>Madras Jasmine Rice 10 lb \$15.99/ea</p>	<p>Golden Eel's Fried Garlic 7 oz \$3.99/ea</p>	<p>AH Rice Vermirelli 32 oz \$3.99/ea</p>	<p>Fermented Fish Sauce 11.5 Ltr \$4.99/ea</p>
<p>Vita Milk Soy Milk 6pk 6x10 Ltr \$9.99/ea</p>			

EUROPEAN GROCERY

<p>Akkant Green Tea 100 ct \$5.99/ea</p>	<p>Perrina Boursin de Salses Pumpkin Seed 120 gr \$2.99/ea</p>	<p>Master Pilling Extra Virgin Olive Oil 1 liter \$10.99/ea</p>	<p>Square Old Style Cucumber in Brine 740 gr \$4.99/ea</p>
<p>Vegeta All Purpose Seasoning 500 gr \$4.99/ea</p>			

KOREAN/JAPANESE GROCERY

<p>Cashed White Rice 32x74 oz \$13.99/ea</p>	<p>Soy Beans 54x105 oz \$2.49/ea</p>	<p>Lotus Corn Pie 12 pack 5 Kinds \$7.99/ea</p>	<p>Goya Rice Milk Drink 15 liter \$2.99/ea</p>
<p>Mitsubishi Olive Style No.1 455 g \$7.99/ea</p>	<p>Olive Style No.2 455 g \$2.99/ea</p>	<p>Korean 4 Year Red Ginseng 30x70 ml \$2.99/ea</p>	<p>Ganyu Wine Year 2.5 kg \$5.99/ea</p>
<p>Korean 6 Year Red Ginseng 30x70 ml \$2.99/ea</p>	<p>Korean 8 Year Red Ginseng 30x70 ml \$2.99/ea</p>	<p>Korean 10 Year Red Ginseng 30x70 ml \$2.99/ea</p>	<p>Korean 12 Year Red Ginseng 30x70 ml \$2.99/ea</p>

FROZEN & FISH DEPT

<p>Cuttle Fish REG. \$8.99/lb \$5.99/lb</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">EUROPEAN DELI</h2> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td> <p>Oven Roasted Turkey \$7.69/lb</p> </td> <td> <p>Pined Kalamata with Garlic and Pepper \$5.59/lb</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>Maple Sirroy & Honey Turkey \$9.79/lb</p> </td> <td> <p>Sicilian Style Olives \$4.89/lb</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Oven Roasted Turkey \$7.69/lb</p>	<p>Pined Kalamata with Garlic and Pepper \$5.59/lb</p>	<p>Maple Sirroy & Honey Turkey \$9.79/lb</p>	<p>Sicilian Style Olives \$4.89/lb</p>
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