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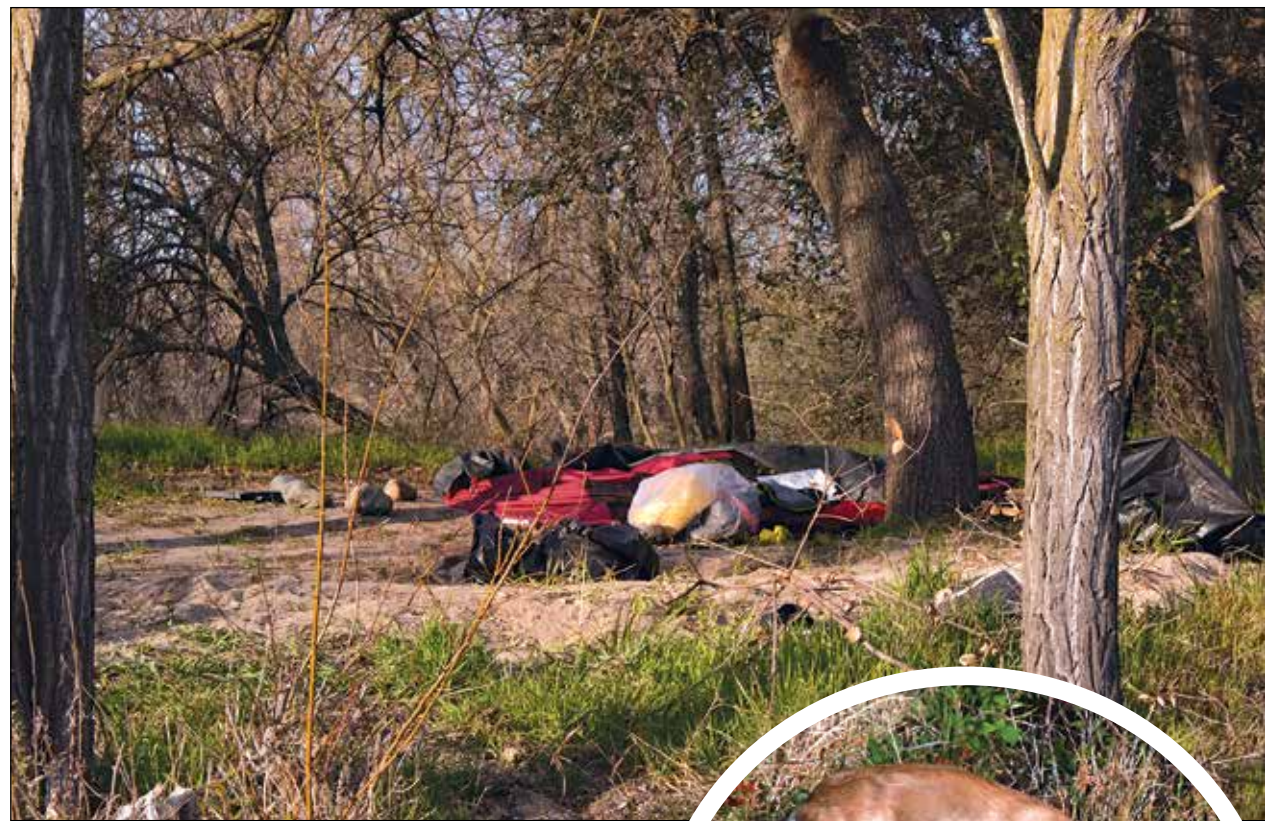


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Parkway Activists Confront County



Above: Camper possessions in a Parkway glade. Right: Wildlife has no voice in the deterioration of Parkway habitat.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fed up with illegal parkland camping, the American River Parkway Foundation has addressed a three-page scold to Sacramento City and County. Following the widely-publicized communication, Foundation leaders have achieved meetings with elected policymakers. “We hope to start a conversation that will result in solutions,” says Foundation executive Dianna Pognotti.

The non-profit last year got vocal about Parkway deterioration. At a public forum, more than 200 citizens learned the beloved County gem was more imperiled than at any time in its 60-year history. Experts revealed that 15 percent of the Parkway’s 4800 acres burned in 2021; that river water was polluted; wildlife habitat was suffering; recreational trail users were intimidated; garbage accumulated faster than clean-ups could counter; rampant drug abuse has created further hazards.

The Foundation’s letter demanded that Sacramento County agencies and Sacramento City pull their weight and “take action” to stop river and parkland abuse.

In an interview with Messenger Publications, District 3 Supervisor Rich Desmond acknowledged the crisis. “I welcome the Foundation’s advocacy and criticism,” he said. “As a kid, I kayaked from Carmichael

to Discovery Park and didn’t see a single camper... I never expected what we have now. I’m ashamed our children have to experience nature with this backdrop.”

“The Foundation should be relentless in educating policy makers on the harm being done to our beloved Parkway.” Asked what the County was doing to counter damage by the (estimated) 1000-strong camper population, Desmond cited a recent \$2 million increase in budget to supply more ranger patrols, fire fuel reduction, a new Environmental Impact Team (to assess restoration needs) and more social workers to connect the homeless to assistance. “What’s missing is alternative shelters, transitional housing and treatment options,” he admitted. “The County and City are working closely to acquire more shelter locations.”

The Foundation letter’s must-do list for policymakers includes:

Formulating plans for removal of illegal Parkway campers; Providing funding to repair environmental damage; Maintaining healthy water for wildlife and humans; Increasing Parkway safety to benefit nearby neighborhoods; Removing refuse to reduce fire risk and contamination.

Despite assurances of County commitment to the Parkway, Foundation activists won’t turn



down the heat: “We elect people to shape our community, and we should hold them accountable,” Dianna Pognotti said. “The Foundation has waited for them to address this crisis. They’ve made announcements but not followed through. Our Parkway’s being destroyed, and no one seems to be doing anything to save it. We need plans for services and shelter options. Beyond that, we want the Parkway restored. We’ve placed (early 2022) deadlines for action. We’re fortunate to have this treasure. People shouldn’t be afraid to use it.”

Agrees Supervisor Desmond: “Parkway encampments need to be removed. But unless we have alternative shelters, they’ll just pop up somewhere else. The Foundation’s deadlines are challenging, but I’m working with Board colleagues and County staff to identify plans that will continue to provide support the Parkway needs.” Learn more about the American River Parkway Foundation at www.arpf.org ★

State Officials Announce Latest COVID-19 Stats

CDPH Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released the most recent statistics on COVID-19 and updates on the state’s pandemic response. The most up to date data is available on the state’s COVID-19 data dashboard.

Update on ICU Capacity

While statewide case rates continue to drop and hospitalization rates are stabilizing, ICUs in the San Joaquin Valley are at or near capacity activating surge protocols which allows flexibility to transfer patients to hospitals with additional ICU capacity. Counties within the region include: Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne.

More information about the surge protocols can be found here. These surge protocols have been in place since August 2021 to ensure hospitals can provide all Californians the care they need.

“California has measures in place to respond to the surge and changing dynamics of the pandemic,” said Dr. Mark Ghaly, Secretary of the California Health & Human Services Agency. “ICUs in the San Joaquin Valley, where vaccination rates are lower, are nearing capacity. Californians will get through this latest surge by continuing to follow the science, including by getting vaccinated and boosted, which is the safest way to protect yourself from the virus.”

Statewide COVID-19 Data

Rates of cases, hospitalizations and deaths are highest among unvaccinated individuals and lowest among boosted individuals. This is true for all age groups. See additional data for unvaccinated and vaccinated cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

Vaccinations

69,152,754 total vaccines administered; 81.7% of the eligible population (5+) has been vaccinated with at least one dose; 122,422 people a day are receiving COVID-19 vaccination (average daily dose count over 7 days).

Cases

California has 7,706,395 confirmed cases to date; Today’s average case count is 82,997 (average daily case count over 7 days); Unvaccinated people are 8 times more likely to get COVID-19 than

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Celebrating 10 Years of the Mental Illness Project

By Laurie Slothower, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - It has been 10 years since the launch of the Sacramento County Department of Health Services Division of Behavioral Health Services “Mental Illness: It’s Not Always What You think” project, and in that time, the project has made significant progress in creating partnerships to reduce stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness.

Funded by Mental Health Services Act, the project aims to reduce

stigma and discrimination by providing mental health information, resources and support to individuals and families in Sacramento County. By educating the community, the project aims to eliminate barriers for people living with mental illness and provide a deeper understanding of mental health.

When the project launched in 2012, only four community members were willing to be spokespeople. Fast forward to today, the Stop Stigma Speakers Bureau has almost 200 members who share their experiences living with mental illness, and countless

community members have volunteered to be the public face of the campaign on billboards, in media interviews or at events.

The project has more than 11,000 followers on its social media channels and more than 120 community-based organizations have collaborated with the project since it launched.

The project is constantly evolving to ensure it reaches every community in Sacramento County—especially in light of the impacts of COVID-19 and mounting social justice issues on the mental health of community members. As of December

2021, the project launched an updated website that includes materials tailored for unique audiences.

“We estimate that nearly 355,000 Sacramento County residents live with a mental illness, but only a third will seek professional help due to stigma and discrimination,” said Ryan Quist, Ph.D., Director of Behavioral Health Services. “Mental illness is a treatable and manageable condition that is unfairly stigmatized.”

For more information about the project, please visit StopStigmaSacramento.org ★

Nielsen Endorses Lanhee Chen for State Controller



Lanhee Chen

Lanhee Chen for Controller Press Release

RED BLUFF, CA (MPG) - California State Senator Jim Nielsen, Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review and one of the authors of Proposition 2, which created the state's Rainy-Day Fund for fiscal emergencies, endorsed Lanhee Chen for

California State Controller. "Californians need a State Controller who will be a watchdog, not a rubber stamp on the hundreds of billions of dollars our state spends each year," said Nielsen.

"Lanhee Chen will be a tireless fiscal advocate for all Californians. More importantly for our state's future needs, he will make sure that the money allocated for everything from water infrastructure to wildfire prevention is actually spent as we are told it will be."

Nielsen continued, "I believe Lanhee is someone we can trust to keep a watchful eye over our tax dollars and state spending. I am proud to endorse him

and look forward to helping him get his message out across California."

A successful farmer and rancher, Senator Jim Nielsen grew up on a small farm in the San Joaquin Valley and graduated from Fresno State with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business. After college, Jim worked as a ranch foreman and operated the family cattle, field, and row-crop ranch. He later founded a company that utilized rice hulls and rice straw for fuel. Elected to the State Senate in January 2013, Senator Nielsen proudly represents the citizens of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama, and Yuba counties. ★

Chuck Smith Announces Candidacy for US Senate



Chuck Smith (R)

Chuck Smith for US Senate

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Veteran, retired law enforcement professional and Northern California resident, Chuck Smith (R), has announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate. A husband, father and grandfather, Smith will challenge an appointee for the seat vacated by Kamala Harris in the upcoming June 7th Primary Election.

Smith felt called to run after witnessing the weakening of the United States Constitution and the gradual destruction of the 'American Dream'. "It is our duty as Americans to stand up to injustice and irresponsible

government," said Smith. "To restore the principles upon which our forefathers founded our great nation, we must replace corruptible politicians with incorruptible patriots," Smith continued. "I will combat the current trend of saddling the American people with unfair taxation without representation and will fight for America-first policies," stated Smith.

"It's time for the American people, average citizens, to run for office and take back our Nation," said Smith. "I cannot imagine the intense pressure felt by those who are currently immigrating into the United States both legally and illegally," Smith said. "With our current economy and inflation, home ownership which is part of the American Dream, is out of reach," he finished.

Smith supports the Constitution, freedom of speech, the 2nd Amendment, law enforcement, a robust economy, strong military, secure borders, term limits, smaller government and reduced taxes.

Smith served on the Sutter County Grand Jury in 2020 and was Foreman of the Sutter County Grand Jury in 2021. Smith volunteered for the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) in 2021. Smith and his wife Linda reside in Yuba City, California, north of Sacramento. Together they have three children and three grandchildren.

Smith graduated from Rio Linda High School and attended American River College before joining the Marine Corps. Following his military service, Smith returned to American River College where he secured his Associate Degree. Smith began his law enforcement career with Yolo County Sheriff's Office in the late 1970's and was later hired as a Patrol Officer with Sacramento Police Department. Smith's 15-year law enforcement career was ended by an on-the-job injury. Smith spent 25-years working security detail for the Federal Courthouse in Sacramento before his retirement in 2017. ★

Citrus Heights Councilman Bret Daniels Enters Race for Congress



Bret Daniels

Bret Daniels for Congress

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Citrus Heights Councilman Bret Daniels officially entered the race for California's 6th Congressional District.

"Americans are suffering under the weight of Joe Biden's policy failures," Daniels stated. "The Sacramento region is in desperate need of experienced leadership in Washington - someone who will stand up to the Biden agenda and fight to turn things around. That's my pledge."

Bret Daniels was a strong advocate for developing the first Citrus Heights Police Department and has served on the City Council for 11 years. He has served on numerous regional boards

including the Solid Waste Authority, the Sacramento Transportation Authority, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality District.

Elected to his current term on the City Council in 2016 and reelected in 2020, Bret had previously been elected in 1999 and reelected in 2002. He served as Vice Mayor in 2004 and as Mayor in 2005. He successfully helped to defeat the City's efforts to raise the utility tax in 2012 and the sales tax in 2020.

Bret enjoyed a twenty-year law enforcement

career including stints in the United States Air Force in Torrejon, Spain, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, the Laramie County Sheriff's Office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and in the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

He is a Founding Member and President of Badges Supporting Fallen Officers' Families (Fallen), a non-profit charitable organization that provides immediate financial support to the survivors of law enforcement officers killed

throughout the nation and is a Founding Member and President of Toys for the Troops' Kids, a non-profit charitable organization that provides toys to the kids of our military service members during Christmas.

Bret lived in the North Sacramento area until the age of 12 where he attended Hagginwood Elementary School and Del Paso Jr High School before he moved to Citrus Heights in 1973 when his father took a job at the then recently

opened Sunrise Mall. The newly-drawn 6th Congressional District comprises most of the entire northern portion of Sacramento County as well as some of the northeastern portion of the county. Communities include North and South Natomas, North Sacramento, Rio Linda, Elverta, Foothill Farms, North Highlands, Antelope, Citrus Heights, Gold River, Rancho Cordova, Rosemont, Arden/Arcade, and Carmichael. ★

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State Senator Brian Dahle Announces His Run for Governor



Senator Brian Dahle

From the office of Brian Dahle

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Senator and Farmer Brian Dahle announced his run for Governor of California.

“California isn’t a failed state; we have a failure of leadership. Our state is overtaxed, over-regulated and underperforming in all critical services sectors. As parents feel deep anxiety over their children falling further behind, this administration adopted the

strategy of dispute, half-truths, and finger-pointing. People want to believe again in the California Dream. The consequences of failure are too great,” Dahle said.

“We often hear that politicians cannot be trusted. That is a sentiment earned by lawmakers who say one thing and do another. I commit to telling you the TRUTH about why the government is failing and what can be done to fix it and turn this state around. It is time to retire the show

pony and get a workhorse for California.”

Brian Dahle began his career in public service when his neighbors recruited him to serve on the regional Farm Service Agency board. His community elected him to the Lassen County Board of Supervisors, and after four terms he ran for a seat in the state Legislature, where he has represented northeastern California since 2012.

He continues to operate his family's farm and seed business back home in Bieber, where he and his wife, Megan Dahle, have raised their three children – Chase, Reagan and Roslyn.

“As a small-business owner, I live the effects of bad policies made in Sacramento every day,” Dahle said. “The high cost of living is a huge burden for families and for businesses alike, and it is pushing a shocking number of both to simply flee for the state line.

“California is an amazing and beautiful state, but it is being run into the ground by Sacramento politicians. I am dedicated to restoring the California promise for ordinary families.”

Senator Brian Dahle represents California's 1st Senate District, which contains all or portions of 11 counties, including Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, and Siskiyou. ★

HeartShine Foundation Seeks Miss Carmichael for Pageant

By Ciara Barnes, HeartShine Foundation Press Release

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Miss California HeartShine’s annual “inner-beauty” inclusive and positive scholarship pageant event is celebrating its tenth year anniversary, offering more opportunity than ever before for contestants. The HeartShine organization is currently looking for a Miss Carmichael, a Miss Teen Carmichael, a Mrs. Carmichael, and a Miss Pre-Teen Carmichael that are motivated and passionate about improving themselves and their community. These appointed titleholders will then compete President’s Day weekend, February 19th and 20th, at the Hilton Arden West Sacramento where HeartShine’s weekend of fun will inspire and delight. Contestants at Miss California HeartShine will compete in four areas of competition using HeartShine’s innovative scoring criteria that values confidence, public speaking ability, a heart for community service, and so much more. Winners will be crowned as Queens/Ambassadors across ten different age categories; applicants

from age 6 to 106 are invited to showcase their HeartShine where cash scholarships, awards, and stunning prizes await.

Those interested in celebrating inner-beauty, leadership, positive sisterhood, and community service should apply at heartshine.net/state-pageant-2022

HeartShine has always been a one-of-a-kind pageant experience and are proud to be a part of the fabric of the Northern California community for the past 10 years. Founders Ciara Barnes her mom Danna Mack-Barnes, affectionately called “DannaMomma” by many, as well as dozens of active HeartShine titleholders and their families, lost their homes and hometown in the 2018 Camp Fire disaster. As a result, HeartShine as a community service organization didn’t disappear, but actually doubled in size.

Rebuilding and rising after the devastating losses 2018 Camp Fire and extending opportunity to those affected by the disaster has been a number one priority for the organization ever since.

Don’t wait to apply - places are filling up fast! Apply today at heartshine.net/state-pageant-2022 OR call (530) 718-8591. ★

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boosted individuals (week of Jan 16).

Testing

The testing positivity rate is 18.8% (average rate over 7 days).

Hospitalizations

There are 14,674 hospitalizations statewide; There are 2,585 ICU patients statewide; Unvaccinated people are 13 times more likely to be hospitalized than boosted individuals (week of Jan 9).

Deaths

There have been 78,825 COVID-19 deaths since the start of the pandemic; COVID-19 claims the lives of 64 Californians each day (average daily death count over 7 days).

Health Care Workers

As of January 27, local health departments have reported 142,738 confirmed positive cases in health care workers and

550 deaths statewide.

Testing Turnaround Time

The testing turnaround time dashboard reports how long California patients are waiting for COVID-19 test results. During the week of January 16 to January 22, the average time patients waited for test results was 1.8 days. During this same time period, 58% of patients received test results in one day and 75% received them within two days.

Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)

As of January 24, there have been 790 cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) reported statewide. MIS-C is a rare inflammatory condition associated with COVID-19 that can damage multiple organ systems. MIS-C can require hospitalization and be life threatening. ★



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River Cats Announce Full 2022 Schedule

Sacramento River Cats Press Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats, proud Triple-A affiliate of the 2021 National League West champion San Francisco Giants, are excited to announce their full 150-game schedule for the upcoming 2022 season, including six additional games and a new home finale.

The River Cats will play 75 games at Sutter Health Park in 2022, beginning on April 5. Opening Night has a 6:35 p.m. (PT) first pitch against the newly minted Sugar Land Space Cowboys (Houston Astros), who are playing at Sutter Health Park for the first time.

Following the six-game season-opening series at home, the River Cats will hit the road, taking on the Reno Aces (Arizona Diamondbacks) for the first six of 30 total games against the division rival.

Must-see games include a series against the affiliate-rival Oklahoma City Dodgers (Los Angeles Dodgers) from April 19-24, which includes two fireworks nights. After a quick road trip to Albuquerque, the River Cats return

home to celebrate mom at the ballpark, closing out a six-game series against the Las Vegas Aviators (Oakland A's affiliate) on Mother's Day (May 8) at 1:05 p.m. (PT).

July is full of fireworks as more than half the River Cats' home games will have the postgame staple, including a 6:35 p.m. (PT) Independence Eve Celebration and Fireworks Extravaganza on Sunday, July 3.

The six additional games at the end of the season include three at the Salt Lake Bees (Los Angeles Angels) from Sept. 22-24 and a three-game homestand against the Aviators from Sept. 26-28. The season-finale is set for a 12:05 p.m. (PT) first pitch on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

All Saturday home games will have a 6:37 p.m. (PT) start and all Sundays, outside of July 3, will be 1:05 p.m. (PT) day games. All Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday games will have 6:35 p.m. (PT) first pitches.

The full schedule is available online at rivercats.com. Game dates and times are subject to change.

Season ticket memberships and packages are available now by calling the River Cats ticket hotline at (916) 371-HITS (4487), emailing tickets@rivercats.com, or visiting rivercats.com. ★



PG&E Pays over \$310 Million in Property Taxes to Counties

By Paul Moreno, PG&E Press Release

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - For the second half of 2021, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) paid property taxes of over \$310 million to the 50 counties where it owns properties that support gas and electric service to 16 million Californians.

"Property tax payments are one of the many important ways PG&E helps drive our hometown economies and supports essential public services like education and public safety. These payments reflect the substantial local investments we are making in our gas and electric infrastructure to create a safer and more reliable system and to better mitigate against wildfire risk," said Chris Foster, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for PG&E.

PG&E's payments of more than \$310 million covers the period from July 1 to December 31, 2021. Total payments for the fiscal property tax year of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, will be more than \$621 million – an increase of more than \$42 million, or 15.7 percent, compared with the prior tax year.

The increase in property tax payments reflects PG&E's continuing investments to enhance and upgrade its gas and electrical infrastructure for safety, reliability and wildfire mitigation across Northern and Central California.

PG&E supports the communities it serves in a variety of ways. In 2021, PG&E and the PG&E Corporation Foundation contributed \$23 million to communities throughout Northern and Central California to enhance educational opportunities, preserve the environment, and support economic vitality and emergency preparedness. ★

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Newsom in the Middle of Solar Panel Battle



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

High-octane battles over major policy issues are nothing new in the state Legislature. Every legislative session has at least one such clash that draws intense public and media interest.

Although the 2022 legislative session has just begun, it already has high-profile battles underway over whether public school students should be required to have COVID-19 vaccinations and whether the state should embrace single-payer medical care.

We sometimes forget that there are dozens of other, less public, venues where conflicts over important policy issues play out — like state regulatory agencies. With all of them directly or indirectly controlled by the governor or other political figures, they make decisions that can have multi-billion-dollar consequences and affect the lives of millions of Californians.

The California Public Utilities Commission, whose members are appointed by the governor, is arguably the state's most influential regulatory agency. Originally created more than a century ago to regulate railroad freight rates, the PUC's portfolio expanded to include utilities supplying electric power,

natural gas and water.

With that broad franchise, PUC decrees affect the finances of virtually every household and business in the state. It now faces one of the most heated conflicts in its history — a utility-backed proposal to reduce the financial incentives for installing rooftop solar panels, primarily the right to sell excess solar energy back to utilities, dubbed Net Energy Metering or NEM.

In December, the PUC released a 204-page proposal to reduce the payments to solar panel owners, largely embracing what the utilities and their unions had been seeking, but angering advocates of rooftop generation. The factions have been waging a fierce battle, mostly in the media, ever since.

The utilities contend that NEM amounts to a subsidy for Californians affluent enough to afford solar arrays that manifests itself in higher power rates for everyone else, particularly the poor, and has assembled a coalition of politicians, consumer advocates and environmentalists.

The opposition, funded mostly by solar panel manufacturers and sellers, contends that it's a grab by utilities that will retard the growth of solar power and make it more difficult for the state to meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Fundamentally, it's an existential issue for both. Utilities fear that widespread self-generation will damage their financial viability while the solar industry sees reducing NEM's incentives as discouraging potential customers.

The PUC's draft was a big tactical win for the utility faction, but its rival redoubled its effort to maintain the status quo, gaining support from such high-profile figures as Sen. Dianne Feinstein and former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

As with so many big issues these days, Gov. Gavin Newsom is the man in the middle. The opposition was buoyed, therefore, when Newsom indicated this month that he wants changes in the PUC's draft.

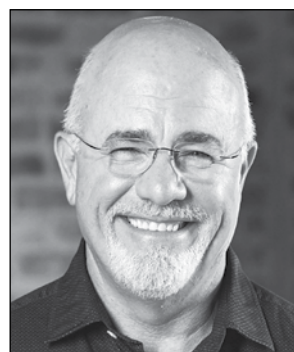
Asked about NEM at his budget news conference, Newsom replied: "That draft plan that was recently released, I just had a chance to review, and I'll say this about the plan: We still have some work to do."

When asked again later in the news conference about the PUC proposal, Newsom said, "Do I think changes need to be made? Yes I do."

The PUC got the message and delayed a vote on whether to adopt the draft, moving everything behind closed doors. Newsom hasn't specified the changes he seeks but presumably wants to make the NEM overhaul at least marginally acceptable to the solar faction without alienating the utilities or, more importantly, their influential unions.

Whatever happens, it is another reminder about the important role played by regulatory agencies and about the power that politicians have over what those agencies decree.

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



Dave Ramsey Says

Be Patient, Find Your Path ... and Forget About Student Loans

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are 30, and we are on Baby Step 2. He wants to go back to school and become a social worker. He currently makes about \$20,000 a year as a teacher's assistant, and he wants to take out student loans to do this. He already has an associate's degree, which wouldn't mean four years of loans, but the idea scares me a lot. I have a good job, so how can I still support him and his desire to further his education without agreeing to go deeper into debt?

— Britney

Dear Britney,

So, it's kind of a situation where you're working the Baby Steps and he's not. On top of this, he wants to go into debt to do social work. Does he know what social workers make these days?

This guy obviously has

a heart for helping people. That's a great thing. But I've got to believe there are ways to expand his options. Social work is one path, but there are probably several paths he could follow to get involved in what he loves about the idea of social work.

I'm guessing he has a passion for counseling and advocating, too. Finishing a four-year degree would put him in a position where he could potentially move into a guidance counselor role or something along those lines, considering his background. But taking out loans isn't necessary. He just needs to be patient, and wait a little bit while you two buckle down on the Baby Steps and get out of debt. He could get a second job for a while nights or weekends, and then you'd be able to pay off your debt faster and avoid those stupid loans thanks to the cash you set aside. Plus, there are millions of dollars in scholarships out there for traditional and non-traditional students.

Sometimes when people feel stuck in a job, they automatically default to the idea they need a degree. What your husband really needs right now is a clear idea and direction. Then, you determine if a degree

is necessary to get there. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not against social work. But I've talked to so many people who went six-figures into debt, only to wind up making \$38,000 as a social worker for the state. That's crazy!

You two need to sit down together, and talk all this out. Tell him why you're worried, and point out that borrowing a bunch of money isn't the only way — and definitely isn't the smart way — to make this happen. If you really want to support him, Britney, you need to help him see there are steps he can take to pursue his dream without it turning into a financial nightmare for both of you.

— 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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 21. "Desdemona's suspicious husband"
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 44. Muhammad's teachings
 46. Orchestra instrument
 47. Past of heave
 48. Avoids work, in British slang
 50. Give off
 52. Dose of sunshine
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 57. "___ valentine, an opposite of love note"
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 9. Wheel holder
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 12. "The Sun ___ Rises"
 15. Trash can for fireplace (2 words)
 20. Source of lymphocytes, pl.
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 24. Dormant state
 25. "Famous archer"
 26. Dispatch boat
 27. "___ and whistles"
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SacRT Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-06), Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) and Siemens Mobility, Inc. announced significant mobility improvements benefitting the Sacramento region during a press conference at the Siemens Mobility manufacturing facility in south Sacramento, thanks to the new federal bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is the largest long-term investment in infrastructure and the economy in our nation's history and provides more than \$108 billion for public transit. This bold investment in public transportation will help Sacramento and the nation tackle climate change, advance equity, meet growing and evolving mobility demands and create jobs.

"The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering for Sacramento, bringing critical funding that will act as a catalyst to further our region's leadership in innovative public transportation programs," said Congresswoman Matsui. "Here in Sacramento, we have projects that are ready to go, with local leaders like SacRT and Siemens Mobility that have the ability to have a tremendous impact in our community. This is an exciting time to look to our future, and I am committed to continue fighting in Congress for the resources our region deserves."

The law provides more than \$10 billion in transit funding for California, assisting SacRT with its Light Rail Modernization Project, including the purchase of low-floor light rail vehicles, which are being manufactured by Siemens Mobility's Rolling Stock



Siemens Mobility built SacRT's original light rail fleet, which started operating in revenue service in 1987. Photo courtesy SacRT

division in south Sacramento. In December 2021, SacRT and Siemens Mobility executed a contract for the purchase of an additional eight vehicles, on top of the 20 currently being manufactured. SacRT's contract with Siemens includes options for the purchase of up to 72 vehicles.

"This federal investment is helping SacRT expedite our light rail modernization and expansion programs, and conversion to accessible low-floor light rail vehicles," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "With the new federal investment, SacRT will be able to shift all of our light rail vehicles to low-floor in the near future, delivering on SacRT's commitment to operating a world-class transit system."

"Siemens Mobility has been manufacturing American-made light rail vehicles in Sacramento for more than 30 years. We delivered our first vehicles to SacRT in the

1980s and are looking forward to delivering the new low-floor S700 vehicles," said Michael Cahill, president of Siemens Mobility Rolling Stock in North America. "SacRT is a prime example of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's ability to transform our communities. From new LRVs to digital solutions and alternative power sources, such as battery-hybrid technology, transit agencies around the country have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to provide more efficient and sustainable transit options."

Siemens Mobility built SacRT's original light rail fleet, which started operating in revenue service in 1987. Many of those vehicles are still in operation today; however, they are at, or past their useful life benchmark. New Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicles in Production as Federal Infrastructure Law Benefits Mobility in the Sacramento Region.

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"I have watched SacRT make major mobility improvements over the last few years, but this federal infrastructure investment will truly bring our transportation network into the 21st century," said SacRT Board Chair and Citrus Heights Councilmember Steve Miller.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN ALAN MITTS

CASE No. 34-2022-00313533
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Steven Alan Mitts deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by James Robert Mitts Jr, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting James Robert Mitts Jr be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 24, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request

for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: James Robert Mitts Jr 7727 Wachtel Way Citrus Heights, CA 95610 916-955-1045
Publish: January 28, February 4, and 11, 2022
MITTS 17062 2-11-22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY KATHLEEN PACLIK
CASE No. 34-2021-00313370
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Mary Paclik, Mary K. Paclik, Mary Kathleen Paclik deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by James R. Paclik, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting James R. Paclik be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the

Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows June 1, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice

under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: James R. Paclik 9521 Horseshoe Bar Road Loomis, CA 95650 916-652-5508
Publish: January 28, February 4, and 11, 2022
PACLIK 17062 2-11-22

Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting the Trustee of the Frederick Stephenson 2020 Trust take legal possession and ownership over the remaining funds held in Frederick Stephenson's Attorney-Client Trust account (U.S. bank Account number 1-534-5501-4404.) If you were a prior client of Frederick Stephenson (California State Bar #39418) and believe you have a claim to the return of fees you paid to him, please contact attorney, Peter A. Galgani, at (916) 498-1357 or contact the Sacramento Superior Court, Probate Division, or appear at the hearing on March 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 129. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. The attorney representing the Petitioner is: Peter A. Galgani, attorney at law 916 Second Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Telephone number 916-498-1357. Due to Covid 19 procedures, all appearances at the hearings must be remote either by telephone (888) 475-4499 or via Zoom at the link: <https://saccourt.zoom.us/j/dept129a>. The Zoom meeting ID# is 689-534-3925. STEPHENSON 2-25-22

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO DETERMINE CLAIM TO PROPERTY

To all former clients, heirs, beneficiaries, creditors and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the trust or estate or both of Frederick Stephenson. A Petition to Determine the Claim to Property has been filed in Superior



City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**, to consider the following:

PROPOSED ARISTA DEL SOL COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2022-1

The purpose of this public hearing is: **The City of Rancho Cordova is considering the formation of a community facilities district (the "CFD") under the authority of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities District Act of 1982, as amended, in to fund certain public facilities related to a new development within the City of Rancho Cordova.**

This Notice contains a brief summary of the proposal, but you are referred to the City Council's resolution "A Resolution of Intention of the City Council to Form a Community Facilities District and Levy a Special Tax in City of Rancho Cordova Arista Del Sol Community Facilities District No. 2022-1 to Finance the Acquisition and Construction of Certain Public Facilities in and for such Community Facilities District" adopted January 4, 2022 and its resolution "A Resolution of the City Council Declaring its Intention to Incur a Bonded Indebtedness to Finance the Acquisition and Construction of Certain Public Facilities in and for City of Rancho Cordova Arista Del Sol Community Facilities District No. 2022-1" adopted January 4, 2022 for the definitive description of the proposal.

The proposal is to subject the property within the CFD to a special tax which will be used to pay for facilities of benefit to land within the CFD, including paying principal and interest on bonds used to build facilities, and will expire when the bonds are retired and all eligible facilities are financed. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to pay for the facilities and other expenses set forth in the resolutions referred to in the preceding paragraph. A map showing the land proposed to be included in the CFD is on file with the City Clerk.

As set forth above, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the establishment of the CFD, the facilities to be financed by the CFD, and the levy of the special tax within the CFD.

The proposal also includes authority to issue up to \$50,000,000 in bonds to be repaid by the special tax. Neither the City of Rancho Cordova nor any person outside the CFD has any liability for the special tax or the bonds. The security for the bonds is limited to the property subject to the special tax within the CFD.

In order to confer the authority upon the Rancho Cordova City Council to levy the special tax and to issue the bonds, a public hearing must be held on the proposal, then the City Council will decide whether to form the CFD, and finally the qualified electors within the CFD must approve the proposal by a two-thirds vote. Where the CFD is uninhabited (as is the case here) the qualified electors are, pursuant to law, the owners of property within the CFD.

At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or potential special taxpayers for or against the formation of the proposed community facilities district, the authorization to levy the special tax, and the authorization to issue the bonds will be heard. If written protests against the proposed CFD are delivered to the City Clerk at or before the time set for the hearing by either registered voters residing within, or the owners of property within, the proposed CFD, they will be counted toward a possible majority protest. Such protests by a majority of the registered voters residing within the CFD or by the owners of a majority of the land area within CFD which is or will be subject to the special tax, if not withdrawn prior to the close of the hearing so as to reduce the value of the protests to less than a majority, will require the proposed CFD to be eliminated from immediate consideration, and prevent its being included in a subsequent proceedings for at least one year.

If the City Council, after the public hearing, determines that a majority protest under Section 53324 of the California Government Code was not made at the hearing, the City Council may conduct an election by mailed ballot to levy a special tax and incur bonded indebtedness.

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. In response to Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Resolution Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic adopted by the City of Rancho Cordova, the City Council meetings are currently Teleconference Meetings Only to align with local and federal guidelines and social distancing recommendations for the containment of COVID-19. If there is a need for training or assistance in using the teleconferencing platform, please contact the office of the City Clerk no later than 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at (916) 851-8720. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the **City of Rancho Cordova Finance Department at (916) 851-8738.**

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CORDOVA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
Potential Transition to By-District Elections for Board of Directors



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **February 16, 2022**, the Cordova Recreation & Park District Board of Directors will conduct its 3rd Public Hearing to consider the proposal to establish five (5) district boundaries for by-district elections of Members of the Board of Directors, based on the 2020 Census and pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA).

In accordance with California Elections Code section 10010, the Board of Directors conducted two initial public hearings on January 19 and January 24, 2022 to receive public input on the potential composition of voting districts. After conducting the two initial public hearings, the District's Consultant will prepare and publish, for further consideration, electoral district map(s) consistent with Federal and State law outlining the proposed boundaries of the electoral districts.

The Board will conduct two required public hearings to review draft voting district map(s). The first will take place at its Regular meeting on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** via the Zoom Meetings platform. The public is invited to provide input at all of these Zoom Meetings regarding the potential composition of these districts. Those desiring to provide written or oral comments will be given an opportunity to do so during such hearings. Members of the public may submit written comments to: customerservice@crpd.com

Persons who require reasonable accommodation or modification to observe and/or offer public comment are asked to contact the Clerk of the Board, Danielle Jones at (916) 842-3311 or djones@crpd.com at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Materials subject to the public hearings will be available at the Cordova Recreation & Park District website: www.crpdp.com. For more information on the districting process, please visit CRPD's districting webpage at www.crpdp.com

Danielle Jones
Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

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City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

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APPROVING RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE SACRAMENTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SASVA TAX MEASURE.

The purpose of this public hearing is for the City Council to adopt a resolution to support the placement of the SASVA tax measure on the June 7, 2022 ballot to renew the program to assist with the cost of the public education and outreach efforts related to the program.

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Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the **City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department at (916) 851-8750.**

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WOODSIDE HOMES ARISTA DEL SOL SUBDIVISION MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW AND SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PROJECT NO. PLND-1021-0011:

REQUEST: The Applicant is requesting the following for Arista Del Sol subdivision:

- Major Design Review for Arista Del Sol Subdivision to include 4 neighborhoods for 16 floor plans ranging from 1,670 to 3,519 square feet each with three proposed architectural styles.
- Special Development Permit request to revise the building front setback to living area, rear yard setback, and distance between buildings.

OWNER/APPLICANT:
Woodside Homes 111 Woodmere Road, Suite 190 Folsom, CA 95630
Woodside Homes 111 Woodmere Road, Suite 190 Folsom, CA 95630

LOCATION/APN: Located South of Douglas Road and West of Grant Line Road; APNs: 067-0040-035, 036, 037-0000.

ZONING: Sunridge Specific Plan Residential Density 5, 7, and 10 (RD-5, RD-7, and RD-10) and Park Open Space (POS)

ENVIRONMENTAL: Analyzed as part of the Sunridge Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Eastside Properties. The project is then exempt under CEQA Exemption 15182, Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan.

PROJECT PLANNER: June Cowles, Senior Planner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE SELF STORAGE AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to the California Storage Act (Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code.) **ARMOR MINI STORAGE:** Property is located at 5714 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95841. The auction will be conducted entirely online at: <https://bid13.com/>

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Pictures of the contents of the storage space can be seen online. Bids must be entered online beginning **THURSDAY 2/17/22 at 10am PST and ending THURSDAY 2/24/22 at 10am PST.** Payment must be made at the time of purchase. All items in the unit are sold as is and must be removed within three days of the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Carmichael Times February 11 and 18, 2022

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American Towers LLC is proposing to collocate 12 new Panel Antennas on an existing 84.1' monopole telecommunications tower. The project will also include a new 10-foot-wide easement extending north, along with a 30ft buffer surrounding the current and proposed lease area, at 10220 Elder Creek Rd, Sacramento, Sacramento County, CA, 95829, PID 06600300220000. American Towers LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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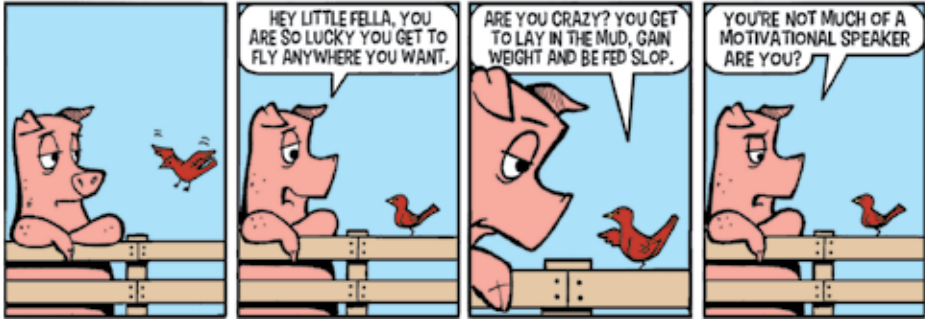
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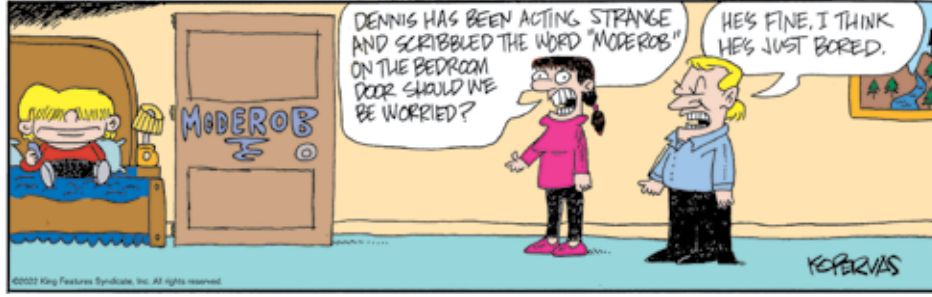
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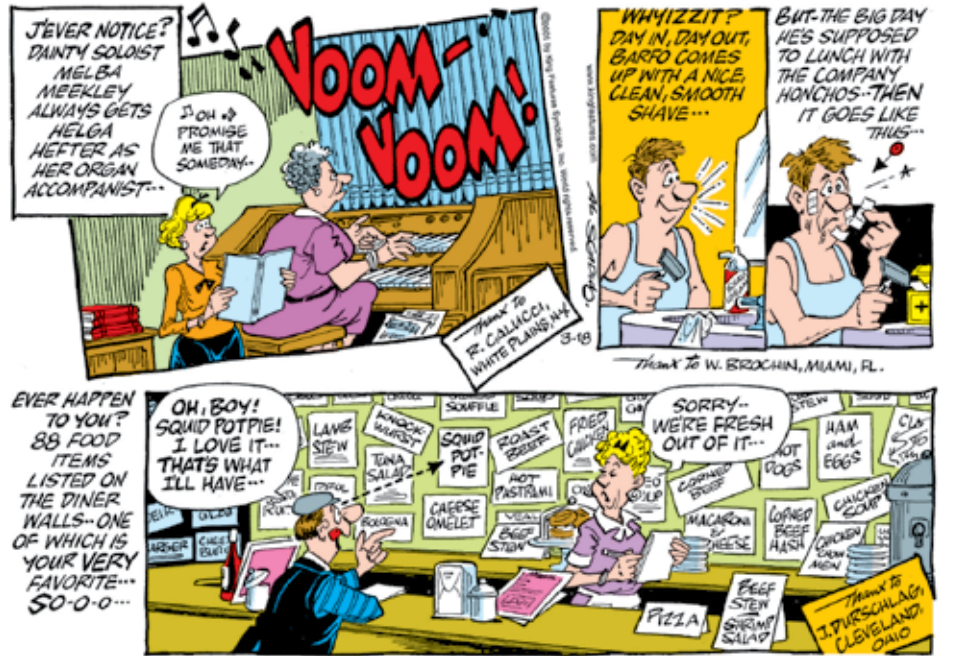
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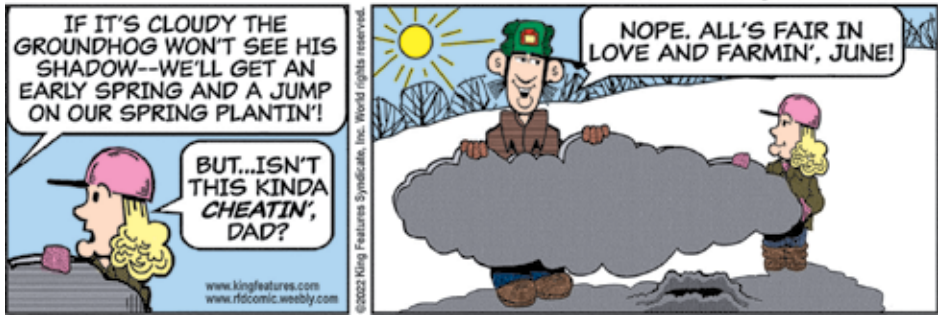
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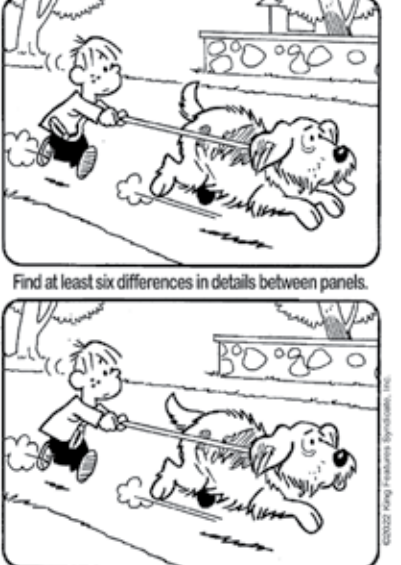
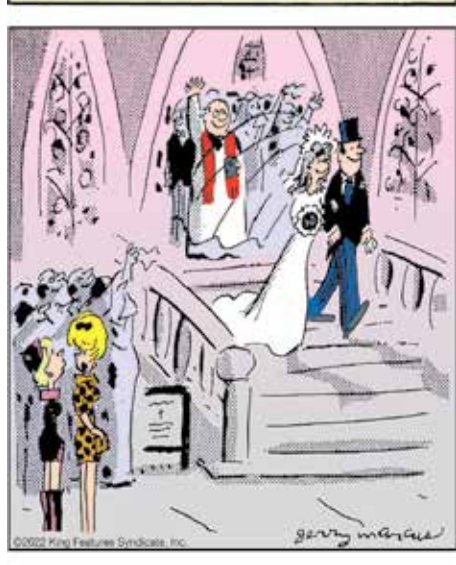
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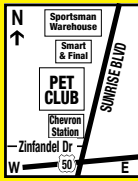
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Can We Find Our Way to the Common Good?



Lee Hamilton MPG file photo

Commentary
by Lee H. Hamilton

I still remember a question I got years ago. It was at a public meeting in southern Indiana, in one of those squats, featureless cinder-block buildings you find all across the country. This young woman stood up and commented that I'd traveled throughout the US and had met all kinds of people. So, she wanted to know: What was my impression of Americans? I didn't even hesitate: The American people are fundamentally decent, I told her.

I still believe this. And when I say it, I'm not talking about a bare majority. Most Americans are good people.

Why even mention this? Because at the moment, we live in a country where a lot of Americans don't believe it. They think fellow citizens who belong to a different political party are at best misguided and at worst, evil. We have public officials—who want nothing more than to do a good job and stick by the laws - resigning because they're tired of the threats to themselves and their families. Civic-minded Americans who believe in the institutions of democracy are steering clear of volunteering because they're afraid of the anger and physical

danger they may face.

I don't think this happened by accident. There are major, powerful forces working to divide us. Some are pernicious, others are just looking to make themselves more powerful. Media companies and political commentators find that they can make money - a lot of money - by putting out divisive information. Politicians have discovered that they can benefit politically by appealing to their base and treating the other side as the enemy. Countries such as Russia and China spend enormous time and money sowing seeds of division in our country so they can make our system of democracy look bad and weaken us as a country.

There's an antidote for this, but it's not going to be easy: All of us, ordinary citizens and politicians alike, have to restore in our lives a belief in the importance of the common good - to ask ourselves not what's good for any one of us, or for our party or business or people who look like us, but what's good for the country as a whole, in all its complexity and diversity.

I know what you're going to say: Especially today, there isn't any single definition of "the common good," so how can we possibly agree on one? And here's my response: We live in a country that was designed to allow us to debate the question and to find common ground so we could move forward. In a sense, the common good in America is the opportunity to define the common good, together.

That's why the threats of violence and extreme behavior we're seeing these days

are so un-American. Our institutions evolved over centuries to allow us to settle political questions, overcome divisions, and compromise in the interest of progress. When elections officials can't do their jobs - or when ordinary citizens are afraid to step forward—then our mechanisms for agreeing on the common good break.

Yet there is plenty of agreement to be found. Let's go back to that question at the beginning. Americans, no matter our political stripe, take a good deal of inspiration from the best ideals of the founding fathers. Most support the enduring values of the country, like striving for a more perfect union and pushing to correct things they think are wrong. They want to be good citizens, useful to their communities. They work hard and though they make mistakes, they're also very serious about improving on the status quo and correcting those mistakes. And when they set their minds to doing something good in the way of change, they'll keep working at it until they get there.

These are, of course, more qualities than beliefs. But they're the qualities that have stood Americans in good stead through trying times in our past. And, I believe, they're the qualities that, in the long run, will help us get past this period of extreme divisiveness.

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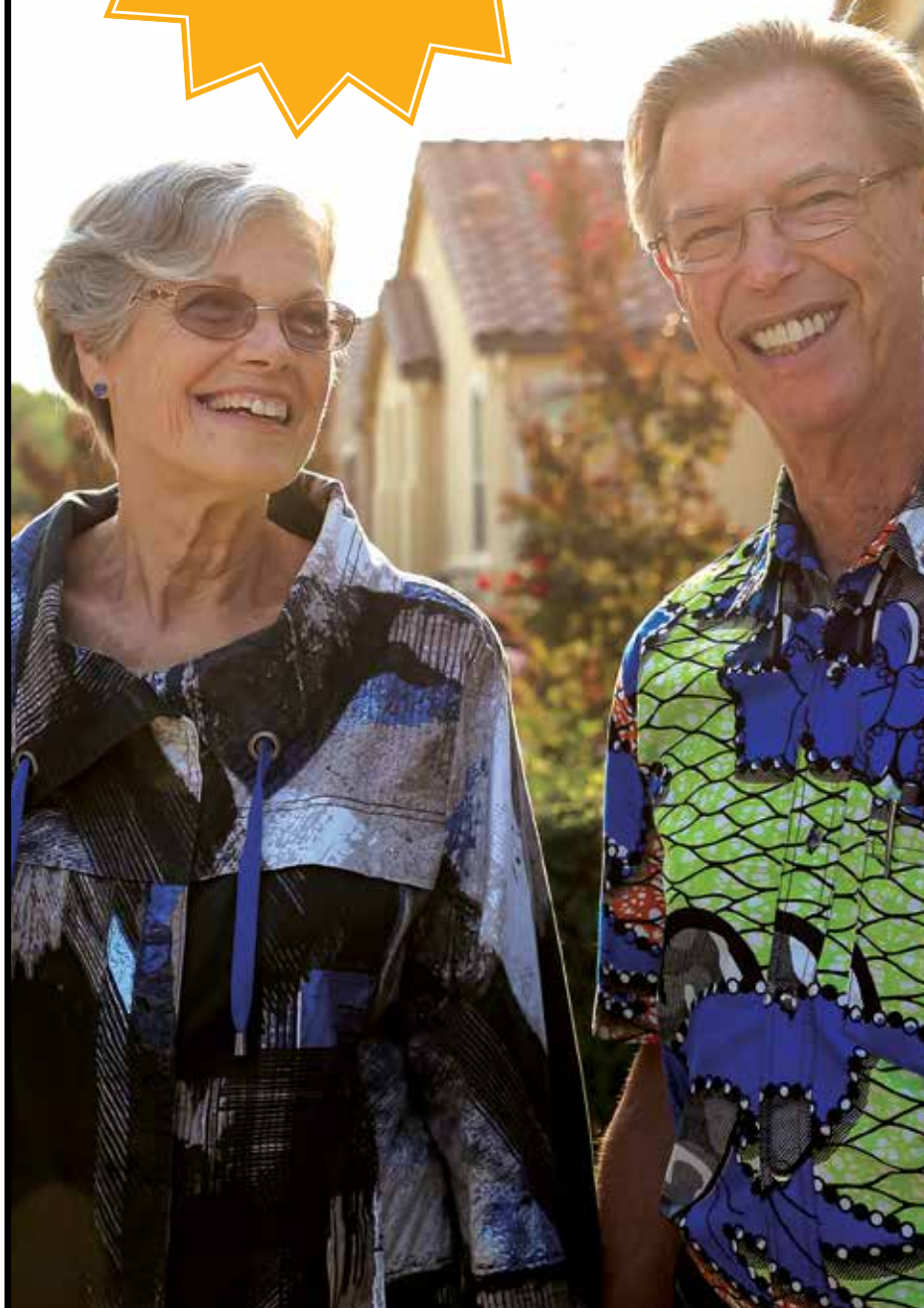
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Self Employed with Retiree Benefits... Why Do I Need Part B??



Toni King

Toni:

We saw your answer about Medicare Part B in an article online and our situation is different. My wife and I will turn 65, me in March and Carol in May. I have signed up

for Medicare Part A only and Carol will enroll for Part A soon.

I retired 2 years ago with fantastic retiree benefits for both me and my wife. Currently, I am self-employed and paid as a 1099 contract worker, but I do not have health benefits from that company.

We do not see a need to sign up for Medicare Part B because we are covered under an existing employer retiree plan. Are we correct in this assumption of not enrolling in Part B? Neither the HR department nor Medicare can give us a straight answer.

When do you advise us to sign up for Part B? Thanks,

~ Richard and Carol from Alexander, VA
Hello Richard and Carol:

Great Medicare question ... I would advise you to enroll in Part B **NOW** because both you and Carol are in your Medicare Initial Enrollment period. Not enrolling in Medicare Part B can cause you to experience a "Medicare nightmare."

I did a Medicare consultation for a person that is also self-employed, but was given wrong advice from a well-meaning friend about delaying his Part B. His Medicare nightmare is now starting...

Medicare recognizes "true" company and union health plans with the Medicare recipient **working full-time for that company** for the working employee and non-working covered spouse to be able delay Part B without receiving the famous Medicare Part B penalty.

The Medicare and You Handbook states "COBRA and retiree health coverage does not count as **current**

employer coverage." Individual health plans also are not considered a **current employer coverage** for those that are self-employed.

The self-employed person that I consulted with is now 66 and will receive a 10% penalty for each year due to not enrolling in Part B at the right time. His penalty will be 20% (2 years 65 and 66) each month for as long as he is on Medicare. The 20% penalty will increase in cost as the Part B premium increases.

As I said earlier in the article that **NOW** is you and Carol's "Medicare Initial Enrollment Period" which is a 7-month period that begins when you turn 65. You and your wife have 3 months before turning 65, the month you turn 65 and 3 months after to enroll in Parts A and B; keeping you and Carol from receiving the Part B 10% penalty for each 12-month period which you could have had Part B but failed to enroll.

I advise anyone who contacts the Toni Says® Medicare team for a personalized Medicare consultation to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B when you are "**not working full-time**" for a company with true employer benefits. Not working full-time with employer insurance benefits is what Medicare looks for to keep for giving the famous Medicare Part B penalty.

Enroll in Medicare the correct way when you are turning 65 or after 65 retiring from your company because you do not get a second chance. "**I didn't know?**" is not a good excuse for Medicare and Medicare will give you a penalty!

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