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## Beloved Mailman Rests in Peace



Mailman Philip Kaluponov was a popular Carmichael figure for more than 30 years. He recently died in his Pennsylvania hometown. Family courtesy photo

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - 95608 recently lost a beloved figure. Carmichael mailman Phil Kaluponov (66) died unexpectedly in Charleroi, PA. He was interred in nearby Monongahela Cemetery, beside his parents.

A grandson of Russian immigrants, Kaluponov studied business at Shippensburg University. In 1983, he packed his belongings in a Subaru and drove to California. "He wanted warmer winters and an adventure," recalls his only sibling Daria Tatasciore. The traveler found work at Hollister Post Office (near Santa Cruz) before continuing his USPS

career in Carmichael. His 2016 retirement followed 30 years in uniform, mostly delivering to Carmichael's Route 53. This long beat includes about 600 homes in streets near Cypress Avenue. Bachelor Kaluponov saw customers grow from infancy to high school age. He farewelled their departures for college and welcomed them back, often with kids of their own. Like many long-serving carriers, he knew most of his residents - and their dogs - by name. Summer and winter, he and his mail bag walked up to eight miles per day.

"With his seniority, Phil could have asked for an easier route," considers co-worker Barry Wilson. "But he said he loved his customers too

much to change."

Upon retirement, Kaluponov traded federal service for family duty. Back East, his nonagenarian mom lived alone and had Alzheimer's. His sister lived far from Charleroi, with family of her own. "Phil was determined to care for mom," she says. Aged 94, Priscilla Kaluponov died last October. Her son developed health problems and died from complications of multiple organ failure in February.

Daria Tatasciore describes her brother as artistic and humble. "When people talked to him, he listened," she says. "He was a fantastic photographer but he never converted from 35mm to digital. Phil was old-school."

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## SacRT Survey Asks for Community Feedback to Plan for Future Service

By Jessica Gonzalez, SacRT

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is asking for feedback from the public to help plan future transit service by taking a brief online survey. Travel patterns and work schedules have changed over the last year, and SacRT is gauging rider and community interest in riding transit as more vaccines become available and COVID-19 cases drop. SacRT will use the data to help update its Short Range Transit Plan, and planning standards and metrics for measuring success on the system overall.

The online survey is available at [sacrt.com/survey](https://sacrt.com/survey) and will be open until Monday, March 29, 2021. Survey participants have chance to win a gift card, SacRT swag or a monthly transit pass.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the vital role public transit has played in the Sacramento region for continuing to get people to essential jobs, medical facilities, grocery stores and other services. SacRT has been operating at approximately 100% pre-COVID service levels since the end of August 2020 to reduce transportation barriers and ensure equitable transit for disadvantaged and underserved communities. SacRT is planning on expanding three Smart Ride service zones in April and is monitoring school district plans for in-person learning to resume bus service for students.

In September 2020, SacRT conducted a two-week online rider survey on transit ridership during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, 313 total responses were provided on how they have been affected and their current and future plans for transit use. Details on the results of that survey are available here: <https://www.sacrt.com/apps/covid-19-rider-attitude-report-results/>

Masks or face coverings are required while waiting at a station or transit center, riding transit or visiting the SacRT Customer Service and Sales Center. More information on SacRT's best safety practices and COVID-19 precautions are available at [sacrt.com/covid19](https://sacrt.com/covid19). ★

## Cutting in Line Sets Back COVID-19 Vaccinations

By Sac County News

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Just like you wear a mask to protect others from getting COVID-19, it is vitally important that we vaccinate those at highest risk for severe infection or to prevent outbreaks in vulnerable populations and disruptions to our essential services due to sickness and virus transmission.

The State worked with a group of public health experts to create a vaccination plan for California to prioritize groups to protect the healthcare system first, and then move to vaccinating those 65 years old and older who are the most vulnerable among us and experience severe complications, hospitalizations and death due to COVID-19. As of late February, among those ages 0-59, there are 76,700 cases and of those 178 deaths, compared to 16,300 cases for those ages 60-80+ years old, there are 1,285 deaths.

Data clearly show the

death toll on our older adults: 0-59 years: 178 deaths from 76,700 total cases; 60-80+ years: 1,285 deaths from 16,300 total cases.

With the extremely limited vaccine supply, Sacramento County Public Health and healthcare partners are working to vaccinate those 65 years and older, and we are also vaccinating essential worker groups in Phase 1b, Tier 1, such as teachers and first responders. Only the groups who meet the criteria to be vaccinated should sign up for appointments. The next Sacramento County group in Phase 1b, Tier 1 vaccination group are workers in the food and agriculture industry - slated for mid-March.

Cutting in Line - We know many want the vaccine as soon as possible to get back to a pre-COVID-19 lifestyle, but when someone books a vaccination appointment under false pretenses, that is one less appointment for

someone who does qualify - setting the entire plan back.

Vaccination sites require a photo ID with address and date of birth to verify qualifying age and that you live in Sacramento County for the 65 years and over group. For those who work in Sacramento County, the vaccination sites require work identification to verify the essential worker group qualification in the current Sacramento County COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Schedule.

Those who take an appointment and do not meet the criteria will have their appointment canceled or will be turned away on-site and will not be vaccinated. Taking vaccination appointment slots from others slows the vaccination process down for everyone in our community. If you don't qualify and someone offers you an appointment link or it's been shared on a social media network - don't do it - you will not be vaccinated - it wastes your

time, staff time and everyone's in line, and, most importantly, you will have taken one of a precious few appointments from someone in our community who does meet criteria.

"Sacramento County is beginning to receive more allocations of COVID-19 vaccines from the State, which will allow us to vaccinate those in our community at highest risk and offer more vaccination appointments to those who meet criteria. In the near future, we will offer appointments to additional groups with the goal of keeping the community healthy and safely opening more business sectors," said, Sacramento County Health Officer, Dr. Olivia Kasirye.

Please ensure that you meet the criteria before signing up for a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, by checking the Sacramento County COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Schedule.

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# Airport's New Human Trafficking Detection Program Announced

**Samantha Mott,**  
Sacramento County News

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Every year traffickers use trains, buses, planes and ships to transport thousands of victims, hiding them in plain sight while traveling to destinations around the world. As the eyes and ears in airports and global transportation systems, airport employees are uniquely positioned to help combat the issue of human trafficking.

January was National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and in recognition of that, the Sacramento County Department of Airports (SCDA) partnered with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop a new Human Trafficking Awareness and Reporting training program.

Together with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Transportation, the Blue Campaign, a division within the DHS Office of Partnership and Engagement, created the Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI).

The BLI program is designed to provide airport employees with the tools needed to take advantage of their unique position and ability to identify potential



As the eyes and ears in airports and global transportation systems, airport employees are uniquely positioned to help combat the issue of human trafficking. Image by Ahmad Ardity from Pixabay

human trafficking victims and notify federal authorities.

In 2018, then California Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 2034. This bill requires transit agencies like bus and light rail stations to provide human trafficking training to employees who may interact with traffickers and/or their victims.

Although the bill does not apply to airport agencies, SCDA has decided to move forward and join this partnership to provide training to all of its employees.

"SCDA leadership feels strongly about this program," said Airport Director Cindy Nichol. "We realize the potential impact it can have and we are committed to offering this training to our employees."

In addition to a number of other Federal agencies, there are approximately 10 other

airports, 26 airlines, and six industry associations taking part in the program.

Participating BLI partners instruct their employees using the BLI virtual training module and associated printed educational materials. The training may be integrated into partners' initial or refresher training for flight attendants, pilots, customer service representatives, and other aviation industry personnel.

The Blue Campaign is the unified voice for the DHS efforts to combat human trafficking, working with federal, state, and local governments, as well as law enforcement, public, and private organizations. The Blue Campaign strives to protect the fundamental right to freedom and bring those who exploit human lives to justice. ★

# COVID -19 One Year Later: Americans Step Up to Address Families' Urgent Needs

**By Stephen Walsh,**  
American Red Cross

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - One year since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, people have stepped up to address the emotional needs of families reeling from the coronavirus and 2020's record-breaking disasters.

Throughout our region and across the country, trained American Red Cross disaster mental health and spiritual care volunteers have had more than 53,000 conversations to provide emotional support to people in 2020 - which had the greatest number of billion-dollar disasters in a single year. In addition, trained volunteers have provided free crisis counseling through the Red Cross Virtual Family Assistance Center for grieving families during COVID-19.

"The past year has been overwhelming for many in our community, and yet through it all, people are caring for one another," said Regional Chief Executive Gary Strong. "When help can't wait, they provide families with the support they need during emergencies. During Red Cross Month in March, we honor this humanitarian spirit and ask you to join us by donating, giving blood, volunteering or taking a class to learn lifesaving skills."

**What Is Red Cross Month:** For nearly 80 years, U.S. presidents have proclaimed March as Red Cross Month to recognize people giving back through its lifesaving mission - which is powered by more than 90% volunteers.

**A Growing Desire to Give Back:** A 2020 study on a rise in volunteer

experiences added to LinkedIn profiles shows that more people want to help others during this unprecedented time. Last year, more than 70,000 people across the country became new Red Cross volunteers largely to support urgent disaster and essential blood donation needs. In addition, thousands of COVID-19 survivors - many new to blood donation - rolled up a sleeve to give convalescent plasma and help patients battling COVID-19.

**How to Help:** You can help ensure that families don't face emergencies alone - especially during a pandemic:

**Donate:** Support our Disaster Relief efforts at [redcross.org/GivingDay](http://redcross.org/GivingDay). A gift of any size makes a difference to provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance. Your donation will be part of our annual Giving Day on March 24 to aid families in need across the country.

**Volunteer:** Visit [redcross.org/VolunteerToday](http://redcross.org/VolunteerToday) for most-needed positions and local opportunities.

**Give Blood:** If you're healthy and feeling well, make an appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Your donation can make a lifesaving difference for a patient in need. As a thank you, those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma on March 15-26 will receive a Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

**Learn Lifesaving Skills:** Take a class in skills like CPR and first aid to help in an emergency at [redcross.org/TakeAClass](http://redcross.org/TakeAClass). Online options include our Psychological First Aid for COVID-19 course, which covers how to manage stress and support yourself and others. ★

# California Roads Rank Among the Worst in the Nation Again

**By Emily Lamb, Lending Tree**

**SEATTLE, WA (MPG)** - QuoteWizard®, a LendingTree company, and one of the nation's leading online insurance marketplaces released a new report finding that the more drivers are paying for roads, the worse their roads are. With deteriorating roads and bridges costing the average driver \$556 every year.

It's the opposite of "you get what you pay for." Drivers in some states are paying over \$800 a year, and our team of analysts at QuoteWizard found that between 25 - 50% of their roads are in poor condition," said Nick VinZant, Sr. Research Analyst and Insurance Expert with QuoteWizard.

The new study also ranks states with the worst and best roads by compiling the latest statistics from the Federal

Highway Administration and Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

California ranked #7 with 35% non-acceptable roads, 7.2% poor bridge deck (sq.miles area), and \$862 cost per motorist per year.

The full report with all 50 states is available at <https://quotewizard.com/news/posts/states-with-worst-infrastructure>

Other key findings in the report include:

Over 20% of U.S. and 6.1% of bridges are in poor or "non-acceptable" condition; How much of what drivers pay for roads, actually go towards road repair; Poor road conditions cost drivers nearly \$120 billion in vehicle repair and operating costs; Full ranking of all 50 states, along with how much drivers in each state are paying.

For more information, go to [quotewizard.com](http://quotewizard.com). ★

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# Stephanie Young Resigns as Chamber Executive



Stephanie Young

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Carmichael Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Stephanie Young

last week tendered her resignation from the organization's only paid position.

Formerly a Carmichael Recreation and Park District administrative analyst, the mom of two was selected for the Chamber job 14 months ago. After shepherding the non-profit through the pandemic year, she will take up a management position in Sacramento.

Young told members she would make the move with a heavy heart. "While serving the Chamber, I have made many friends and gained experience to carry forward with pride," she said.

The year 2020, she continued, "was not the year

anyone expected it to be. But we worked together to persevere and I believe we have many achievements to count. I wish the Chamber nothing but the greatest success."

Chamber president Joe Green and his board of directors issued the following statement: "We are grateful for Stephanie and the time she has spent with the Chamber. The past year has had its fair share of challenges and unknowns. We are saddened (by her leaving) but we wish her the best."

Chamber board members will assume Young's duties for the interim. ★

# Cutting in Line Sets Back COVID-19 Vaccinations

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For those ages 65 and up who live in Sacramento County, learn about available vaccination appointments.

Qualified Vaccination Appointments - For those who meet the vaccination group criteria and have an appointment, please eat, hydrate and take regularly prescribed medication prior to arriving to receive your vaccination.

At your appointment, staff will verify that you live or work in a qualified worker group in

Sacramento County, as well as your age for those 65 years and older, and you will be asked about allergies and some other questions. After the vaccination, you will be monitored for severe reactions by medical staff from 15-30 minutes per your applicable allergy history. Depending on the vaccination site, your second dose appointment will be scheduled at the time of your first, and some sites will notify you about a week before the second dose is due or provide you with contact

information to make a second dose appointment. The timing for second doses is three weeks after the first dose for Pfizer and four weeks for Moderna - however, for either vaccine, the CDC allows up to six weeks between the first and second dose, if a delay cannot be avoided. To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, its safety and benefits as well as appointments and who will get the vaccine and when, please go to the Sacramento County COVID-19 website. ★

# Beloved Mailman Rests in Peace

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He didn't have a computer. He drove a 1995 car. Coming home to care for mom was a sacrifice, but he loved family. When mom went into memory care, he saw her several times a week. He talked to everyone at the home - staff, patients, visitors - it was like he worked there."

Her brother had survived open heart surgery at four years old. Lingering delicacy ruled out playing sport but to compensate, he managed high school basketball and football teams "It's amazing how Phil could have worked so hard outdoors for all those years in Sacramento," considers Daria. "He complained about the heat but he loved the job. He told us all about his customers, they were his other family.

At Christmas he got so many gifts he needed his truck to get them home. He'd send us boxes of See's Candy that he couldn't eat himself. When he retired, he had an emotional time leaving Carmichael. Coming home was a hard thing, but he knew it was the right thing."

Mailman Phil's former colleagues still miss him. Fellow veteran Patty Peters labels him "One of our Post Office's hardest workers, with a work ethic you wouldn't believe."

Deliverer Erin Williams sorted mail beside the Route 53 veteran for 25 years. "Guys like him are a rarity," she considers. "He was polite and genuine. When he went on vacation, he brought us back little presents. Phil talked about his nieces and nephews. He loved his

customers and they loved him. He carried a book of stamps, so if someone didn't have one for a letter, he'd take care of it. If he was on leave, people would ask his sub: 'when is Phil coming back?'"

One of his oldest customers, Christine Bishop (94) made iced tea to refresh her mailman every day during summer months. "He drank it on my doorstep," she recalls. "Phil was so appreciative and often asked if he could do anything to help me. I think he saw his mother in me because she and I were the same age. I thought of him as the son I never had. After he retired, he'd often call me from Pennsylvania. Phil was a good boy: kind, considerate and the best mailman you could ever have." ★

# Crossroads Church Hosts Support Group for Business Owners

By Rachael Taylor, Carmichael Improvement District

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - To address the ongoing pandemic and its effect on local business owners in the area, Crossroads Church, located at 7100 Fair Oaks Blvd. at the corner of Grant Avenue, is hosting a new support group for business owners in Carmichael and surrounding areas. Titled "A Place to Talk," Senior Pastor Curt Pearson describes the meet-up as a safe place to talk about the challenge and stress of running a business in 2021.

"We love our community of businesses here in Carmichael and we know that many are struggling right now, not only to stay afloat, but we know that mental health and happiness is also playing a role through all of this," says Pearson, "so we wanted to open a space up monthly for talking about various struggles."

With support from the Carmichael

Improvement District and the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce, the idea to provide this unique opportunity came about in speaking with several local business owners and members of the community, as well as the aforementioned organizations - both of which have a large base of business members who have regularly shared their concerns about the future of their business.

The group format is being offered by Carmichael pastors, with one-on-one conversations available. The meeting will be a supportive space to discuss how the pandemic has impacted these businesses and their owners, their needs, fears, hopes and to give encouragement.

The first group met at 7:30 AM on Monday, March 1st, with plans for at least two more meetings on the first Monday of April and May. Coffee and water will be provided. Social distancing measures will be in place.

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# Open Public Schools Full Time and Fix EDD

By Nghia Nguyen, Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Governor Gavin Newsom delivered his State of the State address in Los Angeles March 9, 2021. Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama), Vice Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, issued the following statement:

It is unfortunate that more isn't being done to open public schools full time – five days a week. Children in public schools are entitled to an education too. Private schools have been opened for months.

Zoom School has deepened racial and class divides. Current plans only have students returning about two days a week, which totals 12-20 days for the remainder of the year.

The fight to reopen schools full time is driven by the California Teachers Association's demands, not children's needs. The focus must be about the children, their health and their learning. Period.

Minutes before the Governor's speech, EDD computers crashed. Yet, another example of California's failure to get it right. How

many Californians are adversely affected by this catastrophe? Unemployment has affected millions this past year. Not a word about fixing EDD in his speech.

It is disappointing the Governor did not address EDD's disaster. California taxpayers deserve to hear about his plans to implement permanent fixes so real Californians can receive unemployment benefits, not international crime rings and prisoners.

California taxpayers lost between \$11 - \$31 billion in fraud due to EDD's mismanagement and inaction, while hundreds of thousands of Californians have not received their legitimate claim to pay bills.

The Governor and the Legislature must implement all of the State Auditor's recommendations to fight fraud and bring efficiency to EDD."

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

# No Borders, No Country

By Congressman Tom McClintock

Before the lockdown left took a wrecking ball to our economy last year, we were enjoying one of the greatest expansions of economic opportunity in our lifetimes. Unemployment was at its lowest rate in 50 years, the poverty rate was at its lowest in 60 years. Wage growth was the strongest in 40 years. The wage gap was narrowing for the first time in many years, as blue-collar wages increased dramatically. The unemployment rate for women was the lowest in 70 years. For African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans, veterans and disabled Americans, and those without a high school diploma, unemployment was the lowest ever recorded.

The tax and regulatory relief Republicans won in 2017 and 2018 explain much of this success, but something else was going on that caused the extraordinary improvement of wages for unskilled and low-skilled workers. The Trump Administration restored control of our borders and stemmed the flood of low-wage labor that had been suppressing American workers' wages for decades.

Big business and big agriculture hated Trump's immigration policy because it forced them to pay their workers higher wages. But in the growing economy it produced, working Americans who had been left behind for decades finally began to prosper.

Did we learn anything from this unprecedented blue-collar boom? Apparently not, judging from the Democrats' zeal to open our borders to new waves of illegal immigration.

The President's executive orders have already produced

a new migrant crisis on the southern border.

One abandoned the border wall in mid-construction. Another undermines the long-standing requirement that immigrants support themselves and not burden American taxpayers. Another ends the remain-in-Mexico policy for those making asylum claims, most of which are false. Yet another effectively releases illegal immigrants accompanied by youths under age 18 directly into the United States. Another grants what amounts to sanctuary status for a wide variety of criminal offenses including drunk driving and sex offenses. Another restores unrestricted travel from hot beds of international terrorism. The worst orders ICE not to deport illegal immigrants for 100 days. That order, now enjoined by a federal judge, begs the question, "What is the difference between abolishing ICE and forbidding it to do its job?"

Customs and Border Protection agents report that in the last month the daily incursion on the southern border has nearly doubled from 2,000 a day to 3,500 a day. The number of illegal immigrants encountered on the southern border during the first four months of the last fiscal year was nearly 165,000. That number has nearly doubled this year to more than 295,000.

Every American needs to clearly understand what this means to their lives, their families, their communities and their future.

How are American workers helped by flooding the labor market with another wave of illegal immigration?

How are our children – who have been robbed of an entire year of their education – helped by filling their classrooms with non-English speaking classmates?

How are our streets made safer by allowing aliens who drive drunk to remain on our roads rather than to be arrested and placed in removal proceedings?

How is our nation made safer by reopening virtually unrestricted travel with nations that foster terrorism?

How are our communities made safer by making it harder to deport criminal illegal aliens and gang members?

How are our hospitals made more accessible by overwhelming emergency rooms with illegal immigrants demanding care?

Why would our own government pursue policies that strike most acutely and painfully at American's working families – especially now, when those families are reeling from the effects of a year of oppressive lockdowns? Those blue-collar workers who made the greatest gains during the Trump economic expansion are the most harmed by reversing the immigration enforcement that produced it.

And let us not forget the millions of legal immigrants who obeyed our laws, respected our nation's sovereignty, waited patiently, and did everything our country asked of them – they too are made victims of the Democrats' pursuit of open borders.

Without enforcement of our immigration laws, our borders become meaningless. And if our borders are meaningless, then America ceases to be a nation and instead becomes a vast international territory between Canada and Mexico. It is becoming increasingly clear that this is the ultimate objective of the left, and the only force that can stop them now is the American people at the ballot box. ★

# Beware of 'Ghost' Preparers

By David A. Tucker, Internal Revenue Service

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers to avoid "ghost" tax return preparers whose refusal to sign returns can cause a frightening array of problems. It is important to file a valid, accurate tax return because the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for it.

Ghost preparers get their scary name because they don't sign tax returns they prepare. Like a ghost, they try to be invisible to the fact they've prepared the return and will print the return and get the taxpayer to sign and mail it. For e-filed returns, the ghost preparer will prepare but refuse to digitally sign it as the paid preparer.

By law, anyone who is paid to prepare or assists in preparing federal tax returns must have a valid Preparer

Tax Identification Number, or PTIN. Paid preparers must sign and include their PTIN on the return. Not signing a return is a red flag that the paid preparer may be looking to make a fast buck by promising a big refund or charging fees based on the size of the refund.

Unscrupulous tax return preparers may also: Require payment in cash only and not provide a receipt. Invent income to qualify their clients for tax credits. Claim fake deductions to boost the size of the refund. Direct refunds into their bank account, not the taxpayer's account.

The IRS urges taxpayers to choose a tax return preparer wisely. The Choosing a Tax Professional page on IRS.gov has information about tax preparer credentials and qualifications. The IRS Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials

and Select Qualifications can help identify many preparers by type of credential or qualification.

No matter who prepares the return, the IRS urges taxpayers to review it carefully and ask questions about anything not clear before signing. Taxpayers should verify both their routing and bank account number on the completed tax return for any direct deposit refund. And taxpayers should watch out for preparers putting their bank account information onto the returns.

Taxpayers can report preparer misconduct to the IRS using IRS Form 14157, Complaint: Tax Return Preparer. If a taxpayer suspects a tax preparer filed or changed their tax return without their consent, they should file Form 14157-A, Tax Return Preparer Fraud or Misconduct Affidavit. ★



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**1233 Kingsford Drive, Carmichael | \$1,295,000**

This timeless contemporary residence captures the best of fine living! A generous floor plan of six bedrooms and five bathrooms with 5,000+ square feet of living space allows everyone their own space. Gather in the inviting living room with soaring ceilings and cozy up to the fireplace. Sliders thoughtfully open up to the bright and airy sunroom and beautiful backyard. The master invites total relaxation with a fireplace, private balcony overlooking the backyard, and walk-in shower and soaking tub. Vast view windows throughout the home soak up the natural light and create a warm and inviting atmosphere. Enjoy seamless outdoor entertaining with a roomy backyard featuring a sparkling pool and basketball court. Just steps away from The American River, walking/biking trails, fabulous shops and restaurants, and top-rated schools.



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**3501 Bluff Court, Carmichael | \$1,925,000**

From dusk until dawn, experience remarkable views of the American River at this classic family estate, which is making its market debut for the first time! This secluded 4 bedroom and 3 bath retreat is tucked away on the river bluff and includes a private gated entrance and natural surrounding landscape to ensure the utmost in privacy. Built in 1938, this iconic property features a Spanish Adobe home with a red tile roof, tile pavers, and a minimalist design that showcases the home's breathtaking panoramic river views. The masterfully-designed outdoor deck is ideal for entertaining and gives way to riverfront views and the expansive grounds. There is an adjacent lot available, which allows the unique opportunity to own a 2.6 acre riverfront estate. A desirable cul-de-sac location and 3-car garage add to this home's charm! Centrally located near Highways 50/80, parks, cycling paths, running trails, and excellent schools. Must see!

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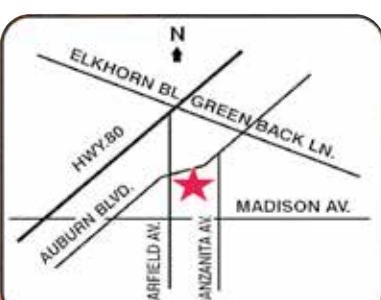
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**Effort to recall Newsom gathers over 2M signatures, enough for possible ballot measure** | 13 March 2021 | The effort to recall California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) has gathered over 2 million signatures -- a number of signatures, if validated, that could force a measure on a ballot. The leaders of RecallGavin2020 announced this week that their effort reached over 2,060,000 signatures as of Wednesday. "The People of California are speaking loud and clear. We have cleared another milestone. Politics as usual in California are over as we know it to be," Orrin Heatlie, Chairman of The California Patriot Coalition, RecallGavin2020 Committee, said in a statement.

**The Biggest COVID-19 Vaccine Skeptics? Frontline Health Care Workers** By Lawrence Solomon | 11 March 2021 | (Opinion) What do frontline health care workers and first responders know about COVID-19 vaccines that politicians and their public health advisers don't? According to a January analysis by Gallup, 51 percent of health care workers and first responders polled in December were unconvinced of the merits of getting vaccinated, even if the vaccine "was free, available, FDA approved and 90% effective." ...The frontline workers proved to be as defiant as Gallup's survey of their intentions anticipated. In California, over half of Tehama County's hospital workers at St. Elizabeth Community Hospital, an estimated 50 percent of frontline workers in Riverside County, and 20 percent to 40 percent in L.A. County refused the vaccine, according to a report in the Los Angeles Times.

**US Border Patrol Arrests 22 Wanted Fugitives at Texas Ports of Entry** | 13 March 2021 | U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) over the past week arrested a total of 22 wanted fugitives at various entry points along the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas. Among them was a person who was wanted for injury to a child charges, and another person who was wanted for assault on a family member. All of those arrested were turned over to local authorities to face charges.

**Sen. Cruz: US Military 'Launching Political Attacks' Against Tucker Carlson, Requests Meeting** | 14 March 2021 | Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) said he requested a meeting with the head of the U.S. Marine Corps after one of its units tweeted statements insulting Tucker Carlson, along with unusually bellicose comments about the Fox News host. "Under Biden, the military is launching political attacks to intimidate Tucker Carlson & other civilians who criticize their policy decisions," Cruz wrote on Twitter, saying he requested a meeting with the commandant of the Marines. "Officials in uniform are being used for the campaign. I've demanded a meeting with the Commandant of the USMC to put a stop to it." Cruz, in a letter to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, wrote that he is "deeply troubled" by how the Pentagon has "[mobilized] systematic, public attacks against television host Tucker Carlson that in substance, tone, and political resonance are inexplicably inappropriate."

**49 percent of GOP men say they won't get vaccinated - PBS poll** | 11 March 2021 | Nearly half of U.S. men who identify as Republicans said they have no plans to get the coronavirus vaccine, according to a new PBS NewsHour/NPR/Marist poll released Thursday. The study, which surveyed 1,227 U.S. adults from March 3 to March 8, found that approximately 30 percent of Americans overall said they do not plan on getting vaccinated. The poll found a higher amount of opposition among Republicans, with 41 percent saying they would not get one of the three federally approved coronavirus vaccines and 49 percent of Republican men saying the same.

**House Passes Gun-Control Bill Expanding Background Checks on Firearm Sales** | 11 March 2021 | The House of Representatives on Thursday passed a bill expanding background checks on individuals who are seeking to purchase or transfer firearms as top Democrats have vowed to reintroduce gun control measures. Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.) sponsored the measure known as H.R. 8, as Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) introduced the companion bill in the upper chamber. The bill, titled Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021, passed 227-203, receiving eight Republican votes and one Democrat vote against. Five Republicans co-sponsored the bill along with several Democrats. ★

## Governor Delivers a State of Newsom Address



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

With the nation at war in 1944, tunesmiths Harold Arlen and Johnny Mercer wrote an uplifting song for a morale-building movie, "Here Come the Waves."

"You've got to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative," Bing Crosby crooned. "Don't mess with Mister In-Between."

It's doubtful that Gov. Gavin Newsom, born in 1967, ever saw the movie or heard the song, but he was humming it last week in an elaborately staged State of the State address in an empty Dodger Stadium.

Newsom boasted that California, with himself at the helm, has survived the COVID-19 pandemic and "so now, we look ahead to better days with the California can-do spirit -- with the energy and optimism that defines us -- we will beat this virus and realize our dream of a California for All."

It was clearly a campaign speech by a politician who faces the likelihood of a recall election later this year, using his official pulpit to persuade voters that he's been working hard for them and thus deserves to remain in office.

Newsom overstated the positive -- a half-truth,

for instance, that "California's death rate has remained one of the lowest per capita in the nation" -- and downplayed the negative. He glossed over the complete meltdown at the Employment Development Department, an erratic vaccination program and his passive attitude toward reopening schools until the recall was on the verge of qualifying.

Newsom dismissed the negatives in one brief passage: "And look, we've made mistakes. I've made mistakes. But we own them, learn from them, and never stop trying."

And he referred to the recall only obliquely, saying, "We won't change course just because of a few naysayers and doomsdayers. So to the California critics, who are promoting partisan power grabs and outdated prejudices, and rejecting everything that makes California great, we say this: we will not be distracted from getting shots in arms and our economy booming again."

There is a larger issue -- whether in his obvious desire to persuade Californians that he's managing the pandemic well, he's allowed political factors to influence it.

Newsom insisted last week that "we listened to the experts and were guided by the evidence" in managing COVID-19, but which activities were shut down and which were allowed to continue had tinges of politics from the earliest days of the crisis a year ago.

"We were the first state to issue a stay-at-home order, which helped us

avoid early spikes in cases," Newsom boasted, and that's true. But he also eased up a few weeks later in response, as he acknowledged at the time, to complaints about millions of jobs being erased, and then cracked down again when infection rates spiked upward.

Thus began a roller-coaster ride of openings and closures that seemed to coincide with the political influence various interest groups wielded, leaving many Californians confused and eventually angered about the seemingly arbitrary nature of Newsom's decrees.

Overtly political aspects became especially evident in recent weeks when the recall movement neared the threshold of 1.5 million signatures on petitions to force an election. Suddenly, the state eased up on restrictions by redefining its county-by-county "tiers" and Newsom, after months of passivity, pushed hard to reopen schools.

Newsom cited lower infection rates as his rationale, but he had done that previously in easing up on restrictions only to reimpose them when infections spiked upward. He's betting that easements will continue and that as children return to classrooms, businesses reopen, unemployment rates drop and Californians' mood brightens, he can accentuate the positive and beat the recall.

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

## Sacramento County DA Reports



### Child Sex Offender with Criminal History Spanning Decades Sentenced to Life

**DATE:** March 1, 2021  
**CASE:** Tajmal Sharrieff (Case #17FE009227)  
**PROSECUTOR:** Principal Criminal Attorney Nancy Cochrane, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit

On February 26, 2021, the Honorable Ernest Sawtelle sentenced Tajmal Sharrieff to 595 years to life in prison. On December 7, 2020, a jury convicted Sharrieff of seven counts of committing a lewd act on a child. It was also found true that Sharrieff has three prior strike convictions.

Sharrieff was found guilty of rape by means of force and assault with intent to commit a felony in Sonoma County and was sentenced to prison in 1982. In those two separate sexual attacks, Sharrieff victimized strangers. In one case, he approached a 13-year-old victim while he was wearing a mask. He threatened to kill her, dragged her down a driveway and raped her. Sharrieff threatened to rape her anally if she did not orally copulate him, so the victim complied. In the other case, Sharrieff wore a mask when he approached a 19-year-old victim and told her not to make a sound or he would kill her. He ordered her to orally copulate him. When the victim refused, Sharrieff began choking her and she started to lose consciousness.

In 1986 in Sacramento County, Sharrieff removed a screen from an apartment window and climbed into a woman's bedroom while she slept. When she awoke, Sharrieff covered her mouth and told her to be quiet. When the victim managed to scream, Sharrieff fled.

In 2016, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office investigated a report that a 15-year-old male had been sexually abused by his mother's acquaintance, Sharrieff, approximately seven years prior. The victim gave a statement to law enforcement and testified at trial regarding the numerous sexual acts he was made to endure by Sharrieff.

### Defendant Convicted of Murdering Woman Near American River Bike Trail

**DATE:** March 1, 2021  
**CASE:** Steven Wilson (Case #20FE001859)  
**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Bret Wasley, Homicide Unit

Steven Wilson was convicted by a jury of the first-degree murder of Lora Hoagland. The jury also found true that Wilson per-

sonally used a knife in the commission of the murder.

On January 26, 2020, Ms. Hoagland was on the American River bicycle trail when she encountered Wilson and his ex-girlfriend. Ms. Hoagland appeared to be in distress, so Wilson wrapped his jacket around her, carried her off the bike trail and set her down under the railroad overpass. Without warning, he then pulled out a knife and stabbed Ms. Hoagland in the chest and neck. Ms. Hoagland bled to death at the scene of the crime.

Wilson's ex-girlfriend reported the crime to the police. The Sacramento Police Department recovered the knife, which had Wilson's and the victim's DNA on it. When Wilson was arrested, he had the jacket that he wrapped around the victim with the victim's blood on it.

Allegations that Wilson has two prior strike convictions for robbery will be determined at sentencing.

Wilson faces a maximum sentence of 61 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for April 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 10 by the Honorable

### Defendant Convicted of Pimping, Pandering Charges

**DATE:** February 24, 2021  
**CASE:** Bruce Anderson (Case #20FE011579)  
**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Bret Wasley, Homicide Unit  
Deputy District Attorney Courtney Martin, Human Trafficking Unit

Bruce Anderson was convicted by a jury of one count of pimping and four counts of pandering charges. An allegation that Anderson suffered a prior strike conviction for first-degree residential burglary was also found true.

In the spring of 2020, Rancho Cordova police officers received a tip that Anderson was engaging in the commercial sexual exploitation of one of the victims. Officers contacted the victim and received information from her that substantiated this tip. Officers also obtained evidence from Anderson's social media page, which showed him regularly inducing women to engage in prostitution with him serving as their pimp. Anderson has a previous conviction in Washington state for a felony charge of promoting prostitution.

Anderson faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. Sentencing is set for April 30, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 14 before the Honorable Tami Bogert.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HELEN JOSEPHINE KRAL**  
CASE No. 34-2020-00286540  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Helen Josephine Kral, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kenneth L. Kral, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Kenneth L. Kral be appointed as personal representative 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 May 4, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. Appearance by Zoom Application or Telephone at least 5 minutes before hearing date and time using <https://saccourt.zoom.us/j/8884499> or Toll Free Telephone Conference Line @ (888) 475-4499, with meeting ID #689-534-3925 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. 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 Petitioner is: Kenneth L. Kral 7627 Skribner Avenue Citrus Heights, CA 95610 916-640-9273  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIZABETH MARY O'NEIL**  
CASE No. 34-2020-00288895  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Elizabeth Mary O'Neill, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Stacey Maddox, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Stacey Maddox be appointed as personal representative 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 April 7, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129, at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. 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,

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILLIAM WALLACE MILLER**  
CASE No. 34-2021-00295066  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of William Wallace Miller, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Wendy A. Miller, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Wendy A. Miller be appointed as personal representative 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 July 7, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129, at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. 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 Petitioner is: Heather S. Mayer 2377 Gold Meadow Way Suite 100 Gold River, CA 95670 916-631-1996  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHARLES RANDALL RUSSELL**  
CASE No. 34-2021-00294492  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Charles Randall Russell, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mark Russell, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Mark Russell be appointed as personal representative 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 April 7, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129, at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. 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,

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARC SHOCHAT**  
Case No. 34-2021-00292907  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARC SHOCHAT. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jana Busby in the Superior Court of California, County of SACRAMENTO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jana Busby be appointed as personal representative 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 personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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 on April 29, 2021 at 9:00AM in Dept. No. 129 located at 3341 POWER INN RD, SACRAMENTO CA 95826. 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 decedent, 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 a person 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. Attorney for petitioner: JACK KLOSEK ESQ SBN 297914 KLOSEK LAW OFFICES 820 ALHAMBRA BLVD SACRAMENTO CA 95816 CN975832 SHOHAT Mar 19,26, Apr 2, 2021 SHOHAT 170622 4-2-21

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CAROL GUGLIELMINA**  
CASE No. 34-2019-00265727  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Carol Guglielmina, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by John Guglielmina, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Mark

Russell be appointed as personal representative 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 May 13, 2021 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 Petitioner is: John Guglielmina. 3361 Nike Court, Sacramento, CA 95827 916-912-6800  
Publish: March 19, 26 & April 2, 2021  
GUGLIELMINA 170622 4-2-21

**TRUSTEE SALE NOTICES**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
T.S. No.: 2020-01275 Loan No.: RMF4023269 APN: 072-1970-043-0000 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY

OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/2/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: FLORENTINE A. ABBOTT, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Superior Loan Servicing Recorded 10/11/2019 as Instrument No. 201910110837 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 4/9/2021 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the East main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$462,943.03 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 3341 Corvina Drive Rancho Cordova, California 95670 A.P.N.: 072-1970-043-0000 "As Is Where Is" The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property.

You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site [www.servicelinkASAP.com](http://www.servicelinkASAP.com), using the file number assigned to this case 2020-01275. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (714) 730-2727, or visit this internet website [www.servicelinkASAP.com](http://www.servicelinkASAP.com), using the file number assigned to this case 2020-01275 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 3/11/2021 Superior Loan Servicing, by Asset Default Management, Inc., as Agent for Trustee 7525 Topanga Canyon Blvd. Canoga Park, California 91303 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 Julie Taberdo, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer A-4730374 03/19/2021, 03/26/2021, 04/02/2021

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3030**  
**RESOLUTION BY THE SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**RESOLUTION CONVEYING EASEMENT IN REAL PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**WHEREAS**, San Juan Unified School District ("District") owns real property located at 4925 Dewey Drive, Sacramento, California, in the County of Sacramento, State of California, bearing Assessor's Parcel Number (APN 236-0060-026 & 009);

**WHEREAS**, Sacramento County ("County") has requested that the District convey to the County, Public Roadway, and Public Facilities Easement ("ROW Easements") for right of way purposes, over an area real property on APN (236-0060-026 & 009) of approximately 0.59 acres +/-, as generally described and depicted in Attachment B ("Easement Area");

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the ROW Easement is for the County to construct, reconstruct, repair and forever maintain an easement for a public roadway and public utilities;

**WHEREAS**, Sacramento County ("County") has requested that the District convey to the County, Drainage Pipeline Easement ("Drainage Easements") for construction purposes, over an area real property on APN (236-0060-026 & 009) of approximately 1.16 acres +/-, as generally described and depicted in Attachment B ("Easement Area");

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Drainage Easement is for the County to construct, reconstruct, maintain, repair, replace and operate a storm water drainage pipeline that currently runs thru the Del Campo High School campus;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Code section 17557, before so conveying property, a school district's governing board must adopt a resolution in an open meeting by a two-thirds vote of all of its members declaring the intention to convey the property;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the San Juan Unified School District Board of Education does hereby resolve as follows:

**Section 1** Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as true and correct.

**Section 2** Intent to Dedicate, Terms, and Conditions. Pursuant to Education Code sections 17556, et seq., it is the intention of the District to convey to County the Easements generally described and depicted in the attached Exhibit A for the purposes described herein.


**Section 3** Public Hearing. On the 13th of April, 2021, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the District's Governing Board shall hold a public hearing upon the question of making the conveyance of the Easement to the County pursuant to

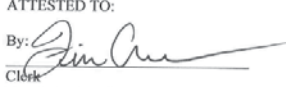
Education Code sections 17558 and 17559, at which time any interested person may appear and be heard thereon.

**Section 4** Notice of Adoption. Notice of adoption of this Resolution shall be given by posting a true copy of this Resolution in three (3) public places in the District not less than ten (10) days before the date of the public hearing described above. Notice of said public hearing shall be given by publishing the notice in a newspaper of general circulation published in the District or in a newspaper published in Sacramento County that has general circulation within the District not less than five (5) days before the date of the public hearing described above.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the San Juan Unified School District Board of Education at a meeting of the Board on March 9, 2021, by the following vote:

**AYES: 5 [ Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez ]**  
**NOES: 0**  
**ABSENT: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**

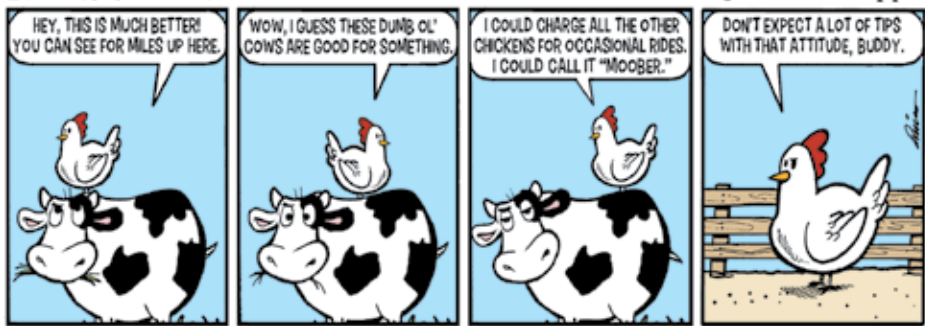
SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
By:   
President  
Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:  
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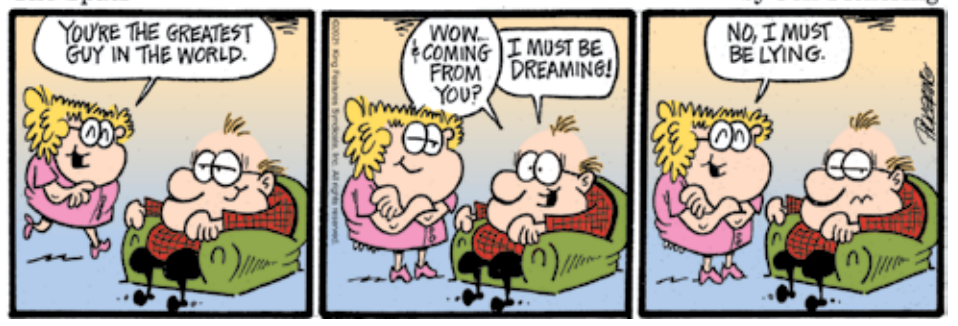
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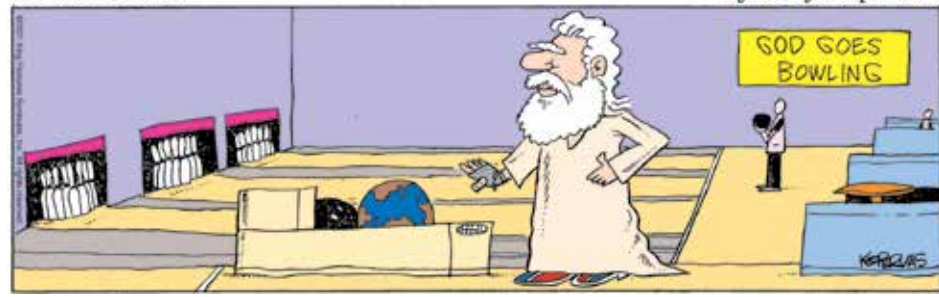
by Dave T. Phipps

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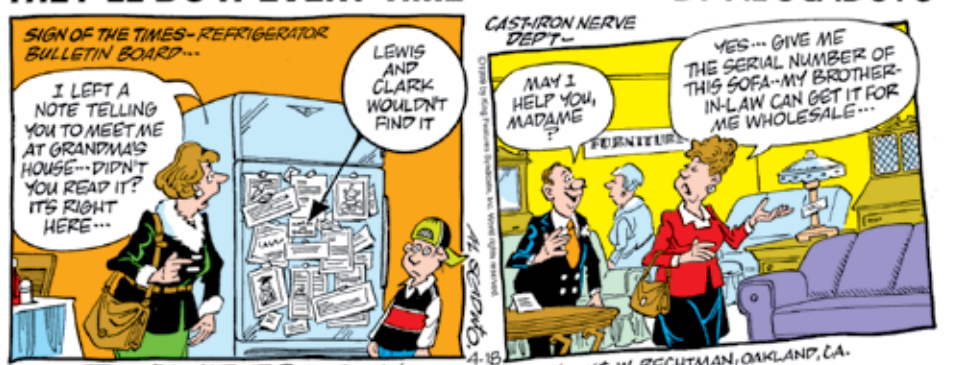
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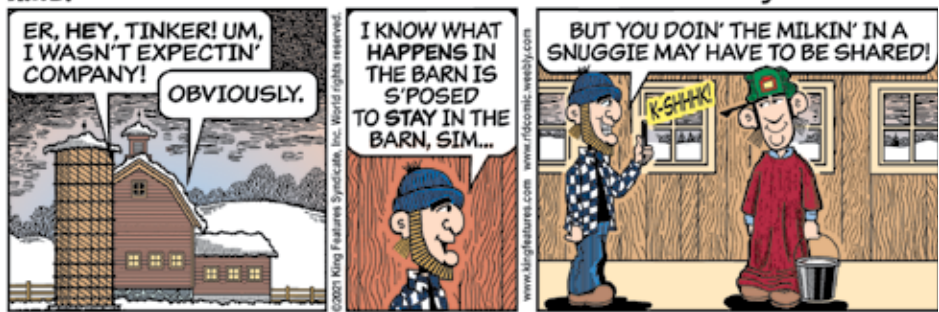
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## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



BY AL SCADUTO

## R.F.D.



by Mike Marland



THEY DO IT EVERY SUNDAY

## GRIN and BEAR IT



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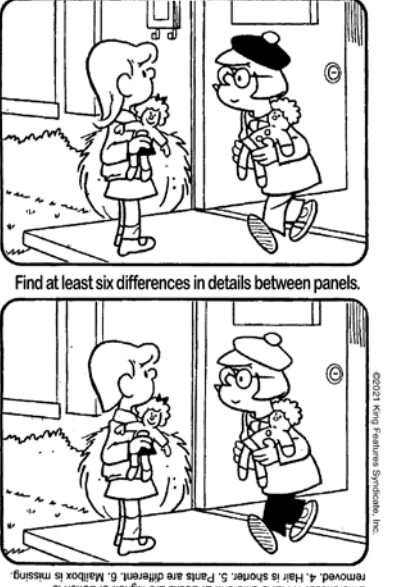


## Just Like Cats & Dogs



by Dave T. Phipps

## HOCUS-FOCUS



BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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**\$2.50 OFF**

COUPON

ANY PURCHASE OF \$7.00 OR MORE OF PET OR FISH SUPPLIES (Excluding Pet Food or Litter) Cannot be used in conjunction with similar dollar or percentage off coupons & advertised sale items. Limit 1 PLU 331 CHM Limit: 1 Coupon Per Family Effective 3/17/21 - 3/23/21

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**PURE NESS PET BOWL**

Sm. Size #00201 or #000A1 with any purchase of pet, fish food or supply. Limit 1. 99¢ Value PLU 338 CHM Limit: 1 Coupon Per Family Effective 3/17/21 - 3/23/21

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<p><b>TASTE OF THE WILD GRAIN FREE DRY DOG FOOD</b></p> <p>•Wetlands •Sierra Mountains •Pacific Salmon •High Prairie •Southwest Canyon</p> <p>28 Lb Bag <b>\$39.99</b></p> <p><small>Effective 3/17/21 - 3/23/21</small></p>	<p><b>CANIDAE DRY DOG FOOD FOR ALL LIFE STAGES</b></p> <p>•Multi-Protein •Chicken Meal &amp; Rice •Large Breed 44 Lb</p> <p><b>As Marked \$10 OFF</b></p> <p><small>Our Regular Low Prices! Effective 3/17/21 - 3/23/21</small></p>	<p><b>BLUE BUFFALO WILDERNESS DRY DOG FOOD</b></p> <p>•Chicken (\$9 off reg price) •Salmon •Duck •Large Breed Adult •Healthy Weight</p> <p>24 Lb Bag <b>AS MARKED \$8 OFF</b></p> <p>100% Grain Free Limit 2 Bags <small>Our Regular Low Prices! Effective 3/17/21 - 3/23/21</small></p>	<p><b>FRISKIES DRY CAT FOOD</b></p> <p>16 Lb Bag •Seafood •Indoor •Surfing &amp; Turfing</p> <p>Limit 2 Bags per Family <b>\$9.99</b></p> <p><small>Effective 3/17/21 - 3/23/21</small></p>
<p><b>9 LIVES CANNED CAT FOOD</b></p> <p>5.5 Oz All Varieties</p> <p>Limit 1 Case Per Family <b>37¢</b></p> <p><small>Effective 3/17/21 - 3/23/21</small></p>	<p><b>FANCY FEAST GOURMET CANNED CAT FOOD</b></p> <p>All Varieties except Elegant Medley 3 Oz</p> <p>Limit 2 Cases Per Family <b>ON SALE Everyday</b></p> <p><small>Effective 3/17/21 - 3/23/21</small></p>	<p><b>JONNY CAT PREMIUM CAT LITTER</b></p> <p>20 Lb Bag •Regular •Multiple Cat Formula</p> <p>Limit 2 Bags Per Family <b>\$3.79</b></p> <p><small>Effective 3/17/21 - 3/23/21</small></p>	<p><b>FELINE PINE HEALTHY CAT LITTER</b></p> <p>20 Lb Bag</p> <p>Limit 2 Bag <b>\$7.99</b></p> <p><small>Effective 3/17/21 - 3/23/21</small></p>

<p><b>WELLNESS CANNED CAT FOOD</b></p> <p>•Pate •Gravy Selected Varieties Also •Signature Select •Core 5.3 Oz Limit 1 Case <b>20% OFF</b></p> <p><small>REGULAR PRICES</small></p>	<p><b>NUTRO CANNED DOG FOOD</b></p> <p>•Kitchen Classics •Hearty Stews •Puppy 12.5 Oz Can All Varieties except Limited Ingredients Grain Free IAMS Canned Dog Food 13 oz. \$1.15 Limit 2 Cases <b>\$1.69</b></p>	<p><b>PURINA PRO-PLAN CANNED CAT FOOD</b></p> <p>•Selected Varieties 3 Oz Can <b>89¢</b></p>	<p><b>SCIENCE DIET SMALL BITES DRY DOG FOOD</b></p> <p>•Adult •Light •Mature (Lamb &amp; Rice Small Bites \$30.99) (Puppy Small Bites \$24.99) (Sensitive Stomach \$29.99) Limit 2 Bags <b>\$23.99</b></p>
<p><b>CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL DRY DOG FOOD</b></p> <p>As Marked <b>20% OFF</b></p> <p>•Adult (including Beef) •Large Breed (including Beef) •Mature •Weight Care •Puppy (Reg &amp; Lrg Breed) 28 Lb Bag <small>OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</small></p>	<p><b>CAT COUNTRY PREMIUM ORGANIC CAT LITTER</b></p> <p>Limit 2 Bags 20 Lb <b>\$7.99</b> 40 Lb <b>\$14.99</b></p>	<p><b>SWHEAT SCOOP NATURAL WHEAT LITTER</b></p> <p>(12 Lb Bag - Original \$10.99 Multi Cat \$11.99) 36 Lb Limit 2 Bags Original <b>\$29.99</b> Multi-Cat <b>\$31.99</b></p>	<p><b>CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL CANNED FOOD SALE</b></p> <p>As Marked <b>20% OFF</b></p> <p>Dog Cans 13 Oz (Reg &amp; Grain Free) All Varieties Cat Cans (3 Oz Grain Free &amp; 5.5 Oz) Limit 1 Case <small>OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</small></p>
<p><b>WELLNESS DRY DOG FOOD</b></p> <p>24-30 Lb Bag •Chicken •Senior •Healthy Weight •Grain Free Chicken <b>\$53.99</b> •Grain Free Lamb •Grain Free •White Fish <b>\$56.99</b></p>	<p><b>CAREFRESH PET BEDDING</b></p> <p>60 Liter (Ultra Not Included) <b>\$16.49</b></p>	<p><b>MERRICK'S WHOLE EARTH FARMS DRY DOG FOOD</b></p> <p>•Grain Free Chicken/Turkey •Grain Free Pork, Beef &amp; Lamb 25 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags per Family <b>\$7 OFF</b></p> <p><small>OUR REGULAR LOW PRICES</small></p>	

<p><b>CAT FURNITURE 20% OFF</b></p> <p>•Purve Pet Products ASSORTED STYLES <b>OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</b></p> <p>•Ware •Alpine Tree</p>	<p><b>HAGEN FLUVAL FILTER SALE</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>MODEL.....TANK.....</td> <td>PET CLUB SALE</td> <td>MODEL.....TANK.....</td> <td>PET CLUB SALE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>107...25 GAL.....</td> <td><b>\$87.99</b></td> <td>307...70 GAL...</td> <td><b>\$132.99</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>207...40 GAL.....</td> <td><b>\$99.99</b></td> <td>407...100 GAL...</td> <td><b>\$169.99</b></td> </tr> </table>	MODEL.....TANK.....	PET CLUB SALE	MODEL.....TANK.....	PET CLUB SALE	107...25 GAL.....	<b>\$87.99</b>	307...70 GAL...	<b>\$132.99</b>	207...40 GAL.....	<b>\$99.99</b>	407...100 GAL...	<b>\$169.99</b>
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# Game Plots

## Control Combines Dreams and Reality

By Noah Howard

Remedy Entertainment's *Control* has infected my mind. Though it's not uncommon for me to have dreams about the video games I play, the world of *Control* visits me in my sleep almost every night. Its world is full of surreal potential, its design so all-encompassing and disturbing, that it mimics the natural wandering of our minds as we drift off. It's by no means the best game I've ever played, probably not even one of the best I've played in the past year, but while I normally play games hurtling towards the end credits I find myself savoring every moment of *Control*, never wanting it to end.

*Control* stars Jesse Faden, a young woman searching for her brother after a mysterious childhood accident caused him to vanish and her to gain supernatural abilities. Her search takes her to the Federal Bureau of *Control*, a government agency dedicated to investigating, and containing, the supernatural aspects of our world. Through an esoteric process, Jesse accidentally becomes the new Director of this bizarre government agency,

unlocking the full extent of her telekinetic powers in the process.

But the building in which the Bureau is housed is the real star. The Oldest House, as it's called in-game, is not like other dull bureaucratic buildings. This towering monstrosity of brutalist architecture twists and turns in on itself, opening portals to new dimensions while constantly changing its own layout. The Oldest House is truly alive in a haunting, impossible way, and while the entire game takes place inside its many corridors, this single building feels larger than most open-worlds.

The game is a brilliant mix of supernatural horror film *Carrie* and *David Fincher* aspirations. The game haunts my dreams because it sets itself up as if it were a dream. There is some internal logic to the way the building (and the many supernatural artifacts contained therein) operates, but for every aspect of the world you grow to understand another mystery rises to take its place. Further, the game takes great care to blur the line between its world and reality. Some cutscenes and in-game videos are filmed in live-action, an unsettling effect in

an otherwise CG world. One character sometimes looks through the screen, making eye contact with the player, speaking as if he knows something about our real world that we don't. Not even parts of games that we think we understand (like the credits at the end) can be trusted.

*Control* uses the medium of a video game to mystify our reality. Wisely, the supernatural objects the Bureau pursues are everyday household items. A mirror where the reflections want to escape. A rubber duck that quacks in the back of your mind. A refrigerator that must always be watched. *Control* is designed to make the familiar foreign, to force us to take a look over our shoulders at the everyday objects we take for granted.

Eventually, *Control* will end. As I fill out its skill tree of spectacular powers I know I will soon see the (real) credits roll. But I'm putting that moment off as long as I can, exploring every corridor, bonding with the Oldest House. There are few games where I jump right in for a second playthrough as soon as I end my first. But *Control* has sunk its teeth into me, and I can't wait to go on this adventure again. ★

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# Sacramento County Main Jail Expansion Plan Cancelled

By Samantha Cramer, Decarcerate Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Wednesday March 10th, in a 4-1 vote the Board of Supervisors denied the county staff's recommendation to approve a \$10 million Kitchell Construction contract, which would have continued the process of building a \$200+ Million jail annex. The motion was brought by Supervisor Serna, seconded by Supervisor Nottoli, and Supervisors Kennedy and Desmond supported; Supervisor Frost was the sole objector.

Instead, the Board will "recalibrate" their approach to meeting the consent decree requirements, starting with an in-depth examination of how to change the culture and behaviors that resulted in the consent decree mandates. The County's Public Information Officer Kim Nava told Fox40 that the general plan will be "reducing the jail population," which is what the

Mays v. Sacramento consent decree recommends as the more cost effective way to meet its terms.

More than two dozen live public commenters, over 100 email comments, and nearly 700 petition signatures all opposed the new jail building that advocates argued would have ensured the continued incarceration of people living with mental illness and disabilities, devastating the county's General Fund for decades to come.

Tifanei Ressler-Moyer, a founding member of Decarcerate Sacramento and a former staff attorney with Disability Rights California, along with Dr. Christina Bourne, a physician who has worked inside Sacramento's Main Jail, presented evidence that expansion of current infrastructure only makes more space for bad behavior, no matter how state-of-the-art. They say only a comprehensive systems approach will transform medical and mental healthcare policies inside the jail, and promote accountability for

all. "We are committed to improving jail conditions and doing so as quickly as possible," said Supervisor Nottoli Wednesday, marking a commitment to meeting the Mays consent decree and a realization that a new building would not improve the way people are treated in the jails.

"This is a historic moment for our community and for our loved ones inside the county jails. It's promising to see the board commit to real accountability and change as we move towards building a more humane and equitable Sacramento" said Jael Barnes, an organizer with Decarcerate Sacramento.

"Weeks, months, and years of organizing went into this victory. In less than two years, we stopped two different jail expansion projects from moving forward in Sacramento County" said Liz Blum. "Our coalition continues to fight for the decrease of jail populations and the shift of county funding priorities towards vital community-based care." ★

# Poor Salmon Forecast for 2021 Suggests Restricted Fishing Season

By John McManus, Golden State Salmon Association

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - Officials forecast there are about 271,000 adult Sacramento Valley salmon now in the ocean off the West Coast. This compares to 473,183 forecast a year ago at this time and suggests some restrictions are likely to be enacted in the 2021 salmon fishing season. In the months ahead, officials with the Pacific Fisheries Management Council will use this forecast and other information to set times and areas open to both sport and commercial ocean salmon fishing for 2021. If restrictions are deemed necessary, we'll learn of them then.

Although 473,000 plus salmon were forecast last year, after the number caught was added to those that returned to spawn, the real number came out to be 370,000, about 22 percent fewer than forecast.

About 138,000 adult salmon returned to spawn in the Sacramento Basin during 2020, which is 105,000 fewer than the 233,000 salmon predicted to return to spawn. In addition, about 14,000 jacks, or two year old salmon, returned to spawn. The jack number in 2020 is used to forecast the number of adult salmon officials believe are now in the ocean.

One reason for the drop off in the 2021 salmon forecast is chronic over-diversion of Central Valley rivers. 2020 returns were also bolstered by added hatchery production in 2017 that contributed to the 2020 fishery. There was no additional hatchery production to aid 2021 fisheries and returns.

"It will be several more weeks before we begin to learn what kind of restrictions we might see on fishing this year, but the treatment of our salmon resource by freshwater managers as an afterthought is taking its toll," said GSSA president John McManus.

The number of fish that returned to the Klamath Basin, although slightly better than forecast, was still not enough to plot a 2021 commercial fishery free of concern. Commercial fishing in the Fort Bragg zone, stretching from Pt. Arena to just north of Shelter Cove in southern Humboldt County, will likely be limited in 2021.

"If water managers would leave more water in the rivers during some of the drier years, we'd always have more salmon,"



Officials forecast there are about 271,000 adult Sacramento Valley salmon now in the ocean off the West Coast. Image by Cock-Robin from Pixabay

said GSSA director and co-owner of Reel Magic Sportfishing Mike Aughney.

Since baby salmon are considered one year old when they leave the Central Valley in the spring, and most return as three year old adults, you can usually count on good fishing two years after lots of rain and snow. Although there was decent rain and runoff in 2019, this year's forecast is poor, in part because of the severe decline of salmon in the last drought.

"Drought could revisit us almost anytime, including this year. We need to build and fortify in the good years so we don't get wiped out again in the bad," said GSSA secretary Dick Pool.

"That's why GSSA is working overtime to get salmon recovery, habitat improvements, and hatchery improvements on the state's radar."

The Golden State Salmon Association (www.goldenstatesalmon.org) is a coalition of salmon advocates that includes commercial and recreational salmon fishermen and women, businesses, restaurants, a native tribe, environmentalists, elected officials, families and communities that rely on salmon. GSSA's mission is to restore California salmon for their economic, recreational, commercial, environmental, cultural and health values.

Currently, California's salmon industry is valued at \$1.4 billion in economic activity and 23,000 jobs annually in a normal season and about half that much in economic activity and jobs again in Oregon. Industry workers benefiting from Central Valley salmon stretch from Santa Barbara to northern Oregon. This includes commercial fishermen and women, recreational fishermen and women (fresh and salt water), fish processors, marinas, coastal communities, equipment manufacturers, the hotel and food industry, tribes, and others. ★



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