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Festival Kicks Off Holidays



Christmas lights were illuminated in Carmichael Park last week. Enjoying the decorations were Carter, Grace and Henry Koenig and polar bear pooch, Mosley.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Clear skies blessed the 18th tree lighting ceremony in Carmichael Park last week. With COVID regulations in force, the festival became a drive-through event.

As one of the final civic duties in her 16-year District 3 tenure, Supervisor Susan Peters performed tree-lighting honors. "It's a different sort of Christmas this year, where we can't all be together," the retiring VIP acknowledged. "I've had the honor of turning on these lights for many years. This year my Christmas wish is that everyone should stay healthy and happy." With efficiency of long practice, Peters flipped the switch

to ignite thousands of fairy lights on park trees. Absent was Santa Claus, group caroling, snow machines and cheering children.

For Christmas lovers, 2020 may be remembered as the Grinch year, with conferences on Santa's knee nixed. Nevertheless, 200 kid-filled vehicles participated in the streamlined Carmichael Park District event. Drivers maintained a sedate 3 mph crawl on the park road and volunteers passed giveaways - hot chocolate sachets were among treats - through car windows.

"It wasn't the celebration we traditionally plan," said recreation supervisor Sharlene Lal. "We tried to come up with something to make the tree-lighting special. Next year we hope things will be back to normal

- with big crowds, live music and a chance for kids talk to Santa."

Car crawl sponsors included: Carmichael Parks Foundation; Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District; Kiwanis Club of Carmichael; Carmichael Improvement District; Carmichael Food Closet.

Christmas illuminations may be viewed at the park frontage (Fair Oaks Boulevard) every night until the end of December.

*The Carmichael Park District invites the community to show its holiday spirit by decorating homes in time for the holidays! Contest categories include: Best Curb Appeal, Best Indoor and Best Overall.

Deadline to enter is Sunday, December 20. Email photo entries to slal@carmichaelpark.com ★

CWD Pays \$56,972.50 for Employee Benefits Audit

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - At a special meeting back in July 2020, the Carmichael Water District Board of Directors approved a contract with certified public accountants Richardson and Company for an audit of employee benefits payments.

In May 2020, the Board voted to terminate a set of employee benefits that had been granted without their approval, such as education/training benefits, deferred compensation, life insurance, and leave benefits - although they later reinstated some of those benefits. The scope of the audit was a review of benefits granted to nine exempt employees from July 2010 through July 2020.

Richardson and Company planned to compare the approved benefits offered to each position with the actual benefits received. They would also determine whether any unauthorized payments to



The Carmichael Water District audit was tasked to certified public accountants Richardson and Company. Photo: Patrick Larenas

employees indicated personal use of District funds or resources.

The Richardson and Company contract estimated that the cost of the audit would range from \$39,250.00 to \$81,130.00, and the District would be billed based on actual cost of services rendered. The contract further stated that "the engagement should be

completed within 60 days of approval." So, based on the date of approval, and barring "unforeseen problems," the audit should have been completed by the end of September 2020 at the latest.

This timeline is also supported by the District's Paid Expenditures Reports. After the audit contract was approved in

July, the Paid Expenditures Report for August shows an initial payment to Richardson and Company in the amount of \$29,862.50. The report for October shows a payment of \$27,110.00, presumably a final payment for the completed audit.

A total of \$56,972.50 in District funds were spent on this audit, but now, even months later, the report has not yet been presented in a public forum at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

In response to an email inquiry, Carmichael Water District General Manager Cathy Lee stated that "the audit report is under review and verification for accuracy and has not been submitted to the Board or released for public review. It will be submitted to the Board at a later date."

This newspaper will continue to follow this topic and provide coverage of the audit report when it is released. ★

Sac County Assists Transitional Aged Youth

By Sacramento County Health & Social Services

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Growing up isn't easy, even under the best of circumstances. Unfortunately, not everyone gets the support and guidance they need to take on life's adult responsibilities. For some transitional-aged youth (TAY) between the ages of 18 and 24, that steep learning curve can result in housing instability or homelessness.

According to a 2019 Sacramento County homeless population count, approximately 415 TAY - 8 percent of the total population - were experiencing homelessness. Of those counted: 59 percent were unsheltered and sleeping outdoors; 41 percent were staying in a transitional housing program, a hotel/motel or vehicle; 42 percent were experiencing long-term continuous homelessness lasting over a year.

"There are so many different milestones that occur during that time frame and a lot of youth may not have the healthiest support system or they might not have any at all. That presents a great challenge in understanding how to navigate those new worlds they're entering at that age," says Angel Uhercik, Homeless Services Program Planner with the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance. "That's where the guidance from our case managers and our Prevention and Intervention specialists is so key in helping them be successful."

Sacramento County's Prevention and Intervention Program offers housing and a hand up. Partnering with Lutheran Social Services, Waking the Village, Wind Youth Services and the Sacramento LGBT Community Center, they connect clients with housing, short-term financial assistance and services to help youth to navigate resources, including employment, education and anything else clients may need.

"The partners are really well resourced to bridge the access from Prevention and Intervention assistance to a lot of different groups in our community," Uhercik says.

Last year, Chardonnay Blakes, 24, a new mother and college student, found herself homeless. While she was able to couch surf with family, it wasn't sustainable.

"The apartment was way too small, it was a one-bedroom," she remembers. "My brother also takes care of his little brother who

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Stand Strong at the Crossroads

By Thomas J. Sullivan

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - At-risk, out-of-school young adults between the ages of 18-24 living in Sacramento County have until January 30th, 2021 to submit their applications to participate in the Crossroads Youth Employment Program (YEP), said Matthew Rosario, youth services case manager at the Crossroads Job Center in Citrus Heights.

The YEP program offers its participants an opportunity to build employment skills and gain first-time work experience.

Applications are taken first-come, first-serve, Rosario said. He recommends interested youth should call him at 916-676-2540, extension 322 to arrange to pick up an application packet.

"Once they contact the Sacramento Works Center, I'll send them the necessary forms by email to get them enrolled as quickly as possible," he said.

In partnership with the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), Crossroads Diversified Services operates the Citrus Heights Sacramento Works Job Center at 7011 Sylvan Road, Suite A in Citrus Heights. The Youth Employment Program (YEP) is a year-round work experience program, funded by the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIOA).

"Right now, 17 positions are available, and the application deadline has been extended to January 30, 2021," Rosario said. The current pay scale is \$13.75 an hour for up to 200 hours of work, and the hourly wage will increase to the state's new \$14.00 minimum wage level in January 2021.

YEP applicants must be interested in giving back to their community, developing leadership skills, attending employment workshops, and completing up to 200 hours of paid work at a local business. Applications are accepted until all positions are filled, Rosario said.

The YEP program is specifically focused on at-risk youth who may not have internet or personal computer access. Program participants may be provided a laptop computer if needed.

"Many of the youth targeted by the (YEP) program are among our most vulnerable," Rosario said. "They have a variety of challenges they are trying to overcome."

"We're helping at-risk youth with supportive services who may lack the



Youth services case manager Matthew Rosario focuses on helping at-risk youth to build employment skills and gain first-time work experience through the Crossroads Youth Employment Program (YEP). Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

technology to participate in remote sessions," he said. "They just need to call our office to make the necessary arrangements."

The application process consists of completing the YEP application packet, an interview with a case manager and completion of a certification appointment at the job center to enroll into the program. Once the application is completed, all candidates complete a series of pre-employment work readiness workshops to help prepare them to be successful employees, Rosario said.

YEP program participants are expected to complete all required workshops, work experience at a local business, a pre and post-test assessment if applicable and obtain employment after completing the program and/or enroll into post-secondary education, Rosario explained.

The Crossroads Job Center's Citrus Heights branch has shifted its in-person operating hours to "by appointment only" due to the pandemic, Rosario said. The center offers job training and counseling assistance both online and by using Zoom video chat.

"When Covid hit, many local employers we had been working with significantly scaled back their hiring," he said. "That is starting to change as employers are looking again to hire. We chiefly work with employers to find entry-level positions where participants in our program can

build employment skills," he said.

"We're taking necessary steps to better prepare our applicants for work in this new job environment," he said. Additional training in workplace safety standards has been updated to reflect California social distancing standards in the workplace, he said.

What makes a successful YEP program candidate?

"A positive attitude and an ability to be able to act respectfully and professionally at all times," Rosario said. "We'll help them with communication skills and address any issues, concerns or work-related problems to ensure their success."

The YEP application checklist includes right to work documents, proof of an employment barrier and federal Selective Service Registration for males over 17 years of age. Proof of an employment barrier can include low income, proof of disability, parenting, pregnancy, probation or homelessness. Youth in former or current foster care environments are also considered with a letter from a social worker or applicable court documents, he said.

Participants learn to navigate the world of work by identifying and exploring future career occupations, employment preparation, leadership development, networking, and skill development.

"Our goal is to have all the participants in the YEP program fully commit to the year-long program," he said.

"Participants must complete mandatory work readiness workshops before they are placed with an employer," Rosario said. "At this time all workshops are done remotely via online video chat or assigned with specific activities to be done by email and Microsoft Powerpoint."

"All of our workshop sessions are via one-on-one appointment and we've scheduled times which are flexible for our participants to attend," Rosario said. Individual workshops include resume writing, career exploration, job searching strategies, interview preparation and mock interviewing.

Once in the program, YEP participants must agree to arrive on time to all workshops, program meetings, and work shifts, Rosario said. "If they are late or cannot make their work shift, they are required to call their case manager or employer in advance."

YEP workshops also place emphasis on "soft skills" which Rosario said are especially critical to the success of new job seekers in the workplace. These include strengthening interpersonal communication skills, critical thinking skills and modeling professionalism in the workplace.

The Crossroads Job Center provides a host of resource services to assist individuals in finding, obtaining and keeping employment. Services include job seeker assessment tools, employment skills workshops, benefits counseling services, state Economic Development Department (EDD) Veterans Services referrals, state certified typing/data entry tests and "Ticket to Work" services.

The "Ticket to Work" program, a free and voluntary program which offers eligible job seekers age 18-64 who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Disability Income (SSI) benefits which provides choices, opportunities and support needed to find and keep employment, building a path towards self-sufficiency.

"We're here to help," Rosario said.

For more information on the Crossroads Youth Employment Program (YEP) contact Matthew Rosario, youth services case manager at 916-676-2540, extension 322. The Crossroads Job Center at 7011 Sylvan Road, Suite A, urges all job seekers to contact a workforce development representative at 916-676-2540 to schedule an appointment. ★

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River Cats, Susan Savage, Inspire ABC Comedy



Susan Savage, CEO of the Sacramento River Cats. Photo: Sacramento River Cats

By Chip Maxson, Sacramento River Cats

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Felicity Huffman looks to return to TV in a new baseball comedy based on the story of Susan Savage and the Sacramento River Cats. ABC has committed to producing a pilot written by Becky Hartman Edwards and stars, alongside Huffman, *The Peanut Butter Falcon's* Zack Gottsagen. Aaron Kaplan of Kapital Entertainment saw the potential and brought together the group that attracted many offers before deciding to partner with ABC.

Based in Sacramento, the project will focus on the life of Susan Savage, CEO and majority owner of the River Cats, a Triple-A minor league baseball team. Savage took over as CEO of the River Cats when her late

husband, Art Savage, passed away and asked her not to sell the team.

Susan runs the team with her two sons, Jeff and Brent. The story will highlight overcoming loss and grief, family dynamics at work, and the humor, fun, and surprises that go along with minor league baseball.

"There is still a long way to go," reminds Savage, "but it is truly exciting to be at this point. Over the years, whether in an executive meeting or simply talking with one of our longtime fans, something uniquely funny would happen and we would always say that someone should put it in a TV show. Well, I decided to start writing it down and here we are."

"When Art passed away, there were a lot of questions and I didn't have the answers," Susan continued. "However, this

team was his dream so I jumped right in alongside my boys (Jeff and Brent) and we were going to figure this out one way or another. I am so proud of what we have been able to accomplish as a family, but along the way there are plenty of goofs and gaffs that we can laugh at now. Add that to our favorite fans, cheeky players, and quirky promotions, and I'm sure there is something everyone can laugh at and relate to."

Savage also added that although the script was inspired by her story, Hartman Edwards writes with her own flare and creativity using new characters and loose interpretations.

The pilot filming is set to begin in the spring.

Sutter Health Park is the West Sacramento home of the 2019 Triple-A Champion Sacramento River Cats, and proud affiliate of the three-time World Champion San Francisco Giants. Sutter Health Park is consistently voted one of the top ballparks in America. Gift certificates, 2021 Memberships as well as private event bookings are available by calling the River Cats Ticket Hotline at (916) 371-HITS (4487). The only place to guarantee official River Cats tickets is at www.rivercats.com or by visiting the Tri Counties Bank Ticket Office. For information on other events at Sutter Health Park, visit www.sutterhealthpark.com. ★

SacRT Unveils Holiday Bus



SacRT & Food Literacy Center unveiling this year's SacRT Holiday Bus. SacRT Holiday Bus travels on different routes spreading goodwill from December 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021. Photo: SacRT

By Jessica Gonzalez, SacRT

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) and Food Literacy Center unveiled this year's SacRT Holiday Bus on November 30, 2020.

In keeping with the "season of giving," the colorful 40-foot SacRT Holiday Bus is free to ride, but passengers have the option to donate in the farebox (cash accepted) or use a QR code or link to donate online. This year, all donations will benefit Food Literacy Center.

The SacRT Holiday Bus travels on different routes throughout the Sacramento region spreading goodwill from Tuesday

December 1, 2020 through Friday, January 1, 2021. View the Holiday Bus schedule at sacrt.com.

Food Literacy Center's mission is to inspire kids to eat their vegetables. They teach children in low-income elementary schools cooking, nutrition, gardening, and active play to improve our health, environment, and economy. Did you know that only 4% of kids eat enough veggies and 1 in 3 have type 2 diabetes? Healthy eating is the most effective way to prevent diet related disease. During the pandemic, Food Literacy Center is distributing Veggie Recipe Kits to kids so they can cook a healthy meal at home with their families. ★

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Who will have Priority for COVID Vaccine? CID Opposes County Fining Businesses \$10K



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

There's nothing new about political jousting over shares of a limited but valuable resource.

For instance, Californians have been squabbling for decades over divvying up water supplies among agricultural interests, municipal consumers and the natural environment. The conflict never goes away but increases in intensity every time the state experiences one of its periodic droughts – and this so-far dry autumn may be a harbinger of another such dry spell.

The annual business of writing a new state budget is always an exercise in political rationing. Even in times of prosperity, when the state treasury is awash in tax money, there's never quite enough to satisfy all of the demands and expressions of urgent need. More for schools, more for health care, more for colleges, more for childcare or more for prisons?

Those who hire the most and best lobbyists, shower legislators with campaign contributions and wage lavish media campaigns tend over time to fare the best when Capitol politicians decide who gets how much cash.

The allocations of water

and money obvious have serious impacts on the contending parties, but usually they are not all-or-nothing situations. Even the losers generally wind up with something, even if they see it as not enough.

A new political free-for-all is just beginning and this time it is all-or-nothing, potentially with life-or-death consequences – who gets the very limited initial supply of vaccine against the potentially deadly coronavirus.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said last week that he expects California to receive an initial allocation of 327,000 doses of vaccine in mid-December. His administration wants to prioritize vaccinations of health care workers who are most in danger of being infected with the virus.

Few would argue with that intent, but the initial vaccine supply doesn't come close to covering everyone who falls into that general category. California has more than two million health care workers, and even within that group, there's a certain level of competition.

Organizations representing local-term care facilities, otherwise known as nursing homes, are pressing for first-tier priority, contending that their elderly clients are being disproportionately infected, often with fatal consequences.

However, another argument is being made for nurses, doctors and others who are directly caring for COVID-19 victims in hospitals.

Expanding vaccinations beyond health care workers will be even more

daunting because no one knows when and how many additional doses of vaccine will be coming, other than sometime next year. After the implicit demand from health care workers is met, who's next?

Two state legislators are pressing for teachers to be placed near the top of the prioritization list, citing the sharp decline in educational achievement while students are confined at home and the urgent need for resuming classroom instruction.

Assemblymembers Jordan Cunningham, a San Luis Obispo Republican, and Patrick O'Donnell, a Long Beach Democrat, said in a letter to state health officials, "Interim reports from across the state show increasing rates of failure among students, especially those in lower-income neighborhoods. ... Our state's children cannot afford to wait."

A recent national study estimated that lower levels of education among students forced to attend classes via the Internet could result in shorter life spans. Several recent articles, including one in CalMatters.org, have detailed how absenteeism has increased and learning has decreased, especially among poor students.

This is heavy-duty stuff. Deciding who gets – and who doesn't get – the vaccine in the earliest stages of the vaccination effort could be deciding who lives and who dies.

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

By Nick Bloise, Board Chair

Dear Chairman Serna and Board Members:

The Carmichael Improvement District (CID), a PBID representing over 650 businesses in Sacramento County, would like to state our opposition to the proposed ordinance of Item 36, Health Services Ordinance Allowing Enforcement of the Public Health Order, and the potential fining of businesses and individuals for COVID violations.

The CID supports and encourages the use of masks and social distancing; however, we feel fining our struggling businesses upwards of \$10,000 per violation is not the right direction for Sacramento County and the Department of Health to pursue.

We believe grace, patience, and mental health support, as well as grants and other financial assistance would be the best way to help our business community and citizens come into compliance. Our organization has a small budget, but we made grants a priority in our district, giving financial help to our struggling businesses with more under consideration as our budget permits. We encourage the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to pursue these routes for our business community rather than fines and punishment.

The reasons for business and citizen noncompliance is survival, financial and mental, not hubris. You would have compassion rather than wrath on a starving person with no financial means who stole a small item of food, wouldn't you? Our business owners are at the brink financially and emotionally. I urge you to consider their plight, and I again advocate for compassion and grace.

As for myself, personally, I have seen my own hair stylist quit the industry because he could not survive in this COVID environment. Others who are still in business are barely hanging on. From a KCRA interview on December 3, 2020, Erika Bjork of the Sacramento Metro Chamber says, "[Our] most critical concern is for the mental health of small business owners, the toll of all of this, of opening and closing, many of which have been operating primarily to ensure their employees had paychecks." In the same interview, Missy O'Daniel of Allure Salon says, "I feel defeated. I feel lost. I feel scared."

The businesses in my improvement district whom I have personally spoken to share that same emotion. Many are afraid

of an overzealous Health Department fining them. They don't have means to hire attorneys and plead their case if they are wrongly accused, with the proposed \$750 appeals fees (Section 10, Paragraph K) being expensive and unreasonable. I ask that you not create more stress but use the limited resources of the Department of Health to provide more education as well as mental health awareness. Use the resources that would be needed to enforce COVID compliance for suicide hotlines specific to our local business and community members. We all need to get through this together with grace and patience.

Since the start of the pandemic, criminals from the Sacramento County jail have been released out of compassion and a means to reduce spread inside the facility. With a no bail policy in place, people who would typically be jailed or cited for serious crimes are released on their own recognizance. Sacramento County should show the same level of compassion to our hard-working business owners and citizens who are hurting. This is a historically unprecedented time, and we should not make it worse by fining our businesses and community.

In a tweet from Governor Gavin Newsom (@GavinNewsom) on December 3, 2020, regarding the state's Regional Stay at Home Order and the status of the COVID pandemic he says, "Remember: this is temporary. Hope is on the way. Relief is on the way. A vaccine is coming – with first doses arriving in the next few weeks. We can get through this – together." The Carmichael Improvement District wishes to join with our Governor and encourage one another to wear masks and social distance. We hope that by showing grace and patience with our businesses and citizens as we show grace to our own Governor, the biggest advocate for COVID compliance, who has personally fallen short himself in following his own COVID protocols. Let's not add a new ordinance when we are so close to being through this crisis.

In conclusion, the Carmichael Improvement District asks the Board to reject this proposed ordinance and to oppose any fines on business or citizens not in compliance with COVID. We ask the County to show grace and give financial support rather than fines and punishment. Thank you for your consideration.

Nick Bloise, Board Chair
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Ask Toni

Has the Hospital-Inpatient Medicare Rule Affected Medicare Advantage Plans?



Toni King

Toni:

Last week you wrote about how the MOON (Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice) rule affects "Original Medicare". My husband has enrolled in a Medicare Advantage HMO and I am wondering how this rule will affect his hospital stay.

Thank you, Maria from Cleveland, OH~
Hi, Maria:

The MOON rule only affects those who are enrolled in "Original Medicare" with or without a Medicare Supplement. The rule does not affect those enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan.

A Medicare Advantage HMO plan has its own process on inpatient and outpatient surgery or hospital stay with a referral only system. With a Medicare Advantage PPO plan, there is not a referral process, but the facility or provider must be willing to bill the Medicare Advantage plan.

The Medicare and You Handbook explains what is a Medicare Advantage plan or what a Medicare Supplement/Medigap "Original/ Traditional Medicare" is? The Medicare and You Handbook does not compare the differences between the plans as listed below:

Medicare Supplement:

1. A Medicare Supplement/Medigap Plan works directly with Original/ Traditional Medicare. Medicare will pay its share of the Medicare-approved amount for "medically necessary" covered healthcare costs. Then, your Medicare Supplement/Medigap will pay its share.
2. You chose which doctor, hospital, home health agency, skilled nursing facility, etc. that accepts Medicare assignment. You and your healthcare provider are in control of your healthcare.
3. With a Medicare Supplement/Medigap, you have a monthly premium that may increase the premium rate each year.
- 4) You may enroll in and will pay

separately for a "Stand alone" Medicare (Part D) Prescription drug plan. If you don't enroll in a Part D prescription drug plan at the right time, be aware that there is a Part D penalty assessed when you do finally enroll and that penalty will last as long as you are enrolled in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.

Medicare Advantage Plan:

- A. To qualify for the plan:
 - a. You must be enrolled in both Medicare Parts A & B
 - b. Live in the service area 6 months out of a year
- B. When you choose a Medicare Advantage Plan, then Medicare pays the insurance company a certain amount every month for your care if you are on the plan. Your Part B must always be in effect.
- C. When you go to the doctor or visit your pharmacist, you must only use your Medicare Advantage insurance card, not your Medicare (red, white, and blue) card.
- D. A Medicare Advantage Plan must provide all your Part A and Part B benefits and some Medicare Advantage Plans have Part D prescription drug plans included.
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Sac County Assists Transitional Aged Youth

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is in high school so I had to sleep on the couch with my son."

She reached out to Lutheran Social Services for help. Fortunately, they were able to find her an apartment and connected her with County services. She was able to qualify for a housing voucher. Blakes says she's not only grateful for her new home but for the welcoming and non-judgmental help she received.

"I'm going to school and I'm in housing and I feel like I've come a long way in a short amount of time," she says. "I've had ups and downs and I'm glad that I'm not struggling with my child. They made it easier for me and they eased my worries of being a new parent and doing it by myself."

Transitional Aged Youth that need help can contact: Lutheran Social Services, Waking the Village, Wind Youth Services, Sacramento LGBT Community Center.

Helping Youth – Partner Spotlight
Deisy Madrigal, Prevention and Intervention coordinator with

Lutheran Social Services, answers questions about the program:

How do you help clients?

We tend to take a very individualized approach. The Prevention and Intervention Program itself is a collaboration between four agencies. Because we're a collaborative, we have the ability to leverage our collective resources and knowledge to work toward the best-fit services for youth.

What are some of the biggest challenges your clients face?

Obviously, the high rent prices that we have here make it nearly impossible for someone who's just starting out in a minimum wage job to even afford an apartment. Even if they're able to get a job, they're having a hard time securing housing because of the large amount of rent they're being required to pay.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I do love the prevention aspect the most because I feel like it's important to be able to stabilize someone's housing whenever the circumstances allow for it because it minimizes the trauma. ★

Two-Vehicle Fatal Collision

By Aaron Goulding, California Highway Patrol

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

On November 24, 2020 at approximately 2:20 PM, North Sacramento CHP Area units were dispatched to a call of a collision on I-80 westbound just west of Madison Avenue. Upon arrival to the scene, units discovered a black Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle (ridden by a 40-year old male from Elk Grove) was involved in a collision with a silver Hyundai Elantra (driven by a 54-year old male from Sacramento). Upon initial investigation, units determined the

Kawasaki Ninja was traveling between the #3 and #4 lane of westbound traffic, when the front of the motorcycle collided with the rear of the Hyundai Elantra. The rider of the Kawasaki Ninja was ejected from the motorcycle, and sustained major, life-threatening injuries as a result of the collision. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department personnel responded to the scene and immediately transported the rider to Mercy San Juan Medical Center. However, the rider succumbed to his injuries at approximately 2:57 PM. The #3 through #6 lanes on I-80 westbound west of Madison Avenue

were closed for approximately 55 minutes for the investigation. The cause of the collision is still under investigation and it is unknown whether drugs or alcohol were contributing factors.

Any persons who may have witnessed this collision or who can provide any additional information should call Officer A.J. McTaggart at the North Sacramento Area CHP office at 916-348-2300 or by cell phone at 916-798-0975. Follow us on Twitter @CHPNSac, Facebook.com/chpnorthsac, Instagram @chpnorthsac, or Nextdoor. ★

Vehicle vs Pedestrian Fatal Collision

By Aaron Goulding, CHP

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

On November 29, 2020, at approximately 8:30 PM, North Sacramento CHP Area units were dispatched to a call of a collision at the intersection of Don Julio Boulevard at Monogram Drive. Upon arrival to the scene, units discovered a 35-year old male pedestrian out of Sacramento was struck by an unknown silver vehicle traveling northbound in the #1 lane of Don Julio Boulevard at Monogram Drive. The driver of the silver vehicle fled the scene of the collision prior to CHP units arriving

on scene. The 35-year old male pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene of the collision by emergency personnel. The cause, Drug, and/or alcohol intoxication as a contributing factor in the cause of the collision is still under investigation.

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Agents Raid Home in Maricopa County in Voter-Data Theft Investigation – Confiscate 8 Hard Drives, 3 Computers and a Bag of USB sticks | 06 Dec 2020 | On the morning of November 5, Arizona federal officials raided a home in the Fountain Hills area in Maricopa County. The agents confiscated eight hard drives, three computers, and a bag of USB sticks. The house belongs to 56-year-old Elliot Kerwin. The agents were looking for evidence of a cyberattack on an unnamed organization and stolen voter data.

Michigan GOP: Secretary of State Trying to Delete Election Data Amid Audit Calls | 04 Dec 2020 | The Michigan GOP on Friday raised concerns about a memo sent by Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson that “is pushing for the mass deletion of election data,” although a spokesperson for the secretary’s office later said the process is routine. The GOP said Benson’s office told clerks in Michigan counties to “delete Electronic Poll Book software and associated files” amid calls to audit the election while flagging it was concerning. They were likely referring to a Dec. 1 memo from the Michigan Bureau of Elections, which is overseen by Benson’s office, that states “[Electronic Poll Book] software and associated files must be deleted from all devices by the seventh calendar day following the final canvass and certification of the election (November 30, 2020) unless a petition for recount has been filed and the recount has not been completed, a post-election audit is planned but has not yet been completed, or the deletion of the data has been stayed by an order of the court or the Secretary of State.”

Arizona Legislature Calls for Immediate 'Forensic Audit' of Dominion Voting Machines | 04 Dec 2020 | The Arizona House and Senate have called for an audit of the Maricopa County election software and equipment following allegations of fraud and other irregularities presented by President Donald Trump’s team earlier this week. In a news release Friday, GOP leaders of the Republican-controlled legislature sought an independent audit of Dominion Voting Systems software – used in Maricopa County – called for the audit. State Sen. Michelle Ugenti-Rita, a Republican said that Maricopa County’s Board of Supervisors “is supportive of conducting an independent audit of their voting software and equipment,” adding: “It is important we maintain all of the voting public’s confidence in our elections, and this is a positive step.” House Majority Leader Warren Petersen, a Republican, said that “a significant number of voters believe that fraud occurred,” citing “the number of irregularities” that allegedly occurred in Maricopa County and elsewhere in the state.

Voting Machine USB Drives Had Totals Altered Overnight, Witness in Nevada Election Contest Alleges | 03 Dec 2020 | A witness brought forward by the Trump campaign in its election contest in Nevada alleged that the memory disks used to store vote totals from election machines during the early vote period had the vote tallies unexplainably changed overnight, according to a presentation at an evidentiary hearing in Carson City on Dec. 3. According to Jesse Binnall, who presented the evidence on behalf of the Trump campaign, the witness, whose name is shielded by a protective order, said that the vote tallies were collected from the machine at the end of every voting day and stored on Universal Serial Bus (USB) drives overnight. “What they would do is they would log these disks in and out. Good practice. And the disks had a serial number on them. And numerous times that disk would be logged out with one vote total on it and logged back in the next morning during the early vote period with a different number on it. Sometimes more, sometimes less,” Binnall said. “What that means is that literally in the dead of night, votes were appearing, and books are disappearing on these machines.”

Trump Team to File Lawsuit: 40,000 People Voted Twice in Nevada | 02 Dec 2020 | A lawyer for President Donald Trump’s campaign said the team is preparing to file a lawsuit soon alleging that 40,000 people voted twice in Nevada, which, if true, could potentially erase Democrat presidential candidate Joe Biden’s lead. Trump attorney Jesse R. Binnall, speaking to Fox Business on Dec. 2, said that they found evidence of “real voter fraud” including “thousands and thousands of instances” in Nevada that will be submitted to a court in the Silver State. “We have instances, for instance, of 40,000-plus people who have voted twice in the election,” Binnall said.

Michigan Poll Observer: Military Ballots Looked Like 'Xerox Copies,' All for Biden | 02 Dec 2020 | A woman who said she was a poll observer at the TCF Center in Detroit on Election Day testified in front of a Michigan State Senate hearing that she saw numerous military ballots that looked like “Xerox copies” and were all allegedly marked for Democrat Joe Biden. The woman, who only identified herself as Patty and said she has nine years’ worth of experience, told the lawmakers that “military ballots...looked like they were all exactly the same Xerox copies of the ballot. They were all for Biden across the board; there wasn’t a single Trump vote.” “None of the voters [were] registered,” and election workers “had to manually enter the names and addresses and a birth date of 1/1/2020, which would override the system and allow them to enter nonregistered voters, of which I saw several...throughout the day,” Patty said.

Up to 280,000 Ballots 'Disappeared' After Trip to Pennsylvania From NY - Amistad Project Director | 01 Dec 2020 | As many as 288,000 ballots for the 2020 U.S. election “disappeared” in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, after being transported by truck from New York, according to Phill Kline, the director of the legal group Thomas More Society’s Amistad Project. Kline, a former district attorney and Kansas attorney general, said he received evidence that between “130,000 to 280,000 completed ballots for the 2020 general election had been shipped from Bethpage, New York, before the ballots and the trailer in which they were shipped disappeared” on Oct. 21. Kline cited statements from a U.S. Postal Service subcontractor whom he described as a whistleblower. Kline also asserted in a statement that Postal Service workers were engaged in “widespread illegal efforts” to influence the election. At least one whistleblower said that they transported thousands of prefilled ballots across state lines, which, if true, would be a federal crime. His group made an “estimate” of the number of ballots that disappeared. ★

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- ACROSS**
- 1. *Bambi and others like him
 - 6. Nail a criminal
 - 9. Use a paring knife
 - 13. Cornucopia's shape
 - 14. Lawyers' org.
 - 15. Interior designer's focus
 - 16. *Gibson Girl Ice Cream Parlor's draw
 - 17. 1/100 of afghani
 - 18. Tapestry
 - 19. *Minnie Mouse's full first name
 - 21. **"Be Our Guest" performer
 - 23. Kukui nut necklace
 - 24. #22 Down competitor
 - 25. Dojo pad
 - 28. Pillow filler
 - 30. Detected
 - 35. Burden of proof
 - 37. Ness' domain
 - 39. Vernacular
 - 40. Poker amount
 - 41. Divvy up
 - 43. U.S. freshwater invader
 - 44. Relating to nose
 - 46. Golfer's warning
 - 47. "The Three Musketeers" dueling sword
 - 48. Isaac of science fiction fame
 - 50. **"The Princess Diaries" leading actress
 - 52. Pigpen
 - 53. Candle burner
 - 55. Greek letters on campus
 - 57. *Remy's idol Auguste

- 61. *Pongo's mate
- 65. Radio sign
- 66. J. Edgar Hoover's org.
- 68. Was dishonest with, two words
- 69. *Iago and Kevin
- 70. *Scar to Simba, e.g.
- 71. At the point of death, archaic
- 72. Command to Fido
- 73. Seed alternative, to a landscaper
- 74. Loses color

- DOWN**
- 1. Fraud
 - 2. Famous Amos
 - 3. Before long, to Shakespeare
 - 4. Alef and Bet follower
 - 5. *Like a Haunted Mansion visitor
 - 6. California valley
 - 7. *Aladdin's sidekick
 - 8. What football and baseball have in common, pl.
 - 9. "Frasier" actress Gilpin
 - 10. Homesteader's measure
 - 11. *Shere Khan's cry
 - 12. Highland tongue
 - 15. Woman in trouble?
 - 20. Actress Davis
 - 22. Package delivery service
 - 24. Reveal the true nature
 - 25. **"How Far I'll Go" performer
 - 26. * ___ of Arendelle, pl.
 - 27. Hutu's opponents, 1994
 - 29. *Raksha or Rama
 - 31. Cote d'Azur locale
 - 32. Ginger cookies
 - 33. Kind of heron
 - 34. *Beardless dwarf
 - 36. Clothing line
 - 38. Honker
 - 42. It may be perfect
 - 45. Moves down

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- 49. Itinerary word
- 51. Cap attachment
- 54. Part of a sleeve, pl.
- 56. Organ swelling
- 57. Loads
- 58. Military group
- 59. Sarah, alt. sp.
- 60. Not a stob
- 61. ___ Piper
- 62. Object of worship
- 63. Tear, past tense
- 64. **"A Bug's Life" characters
- 67. *Human child in Monstropolis

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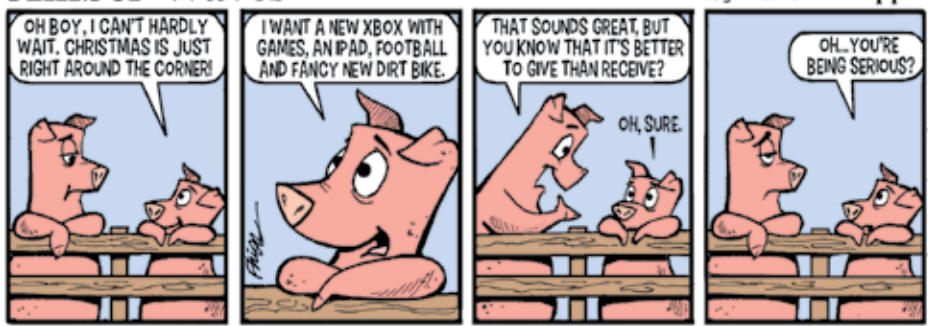
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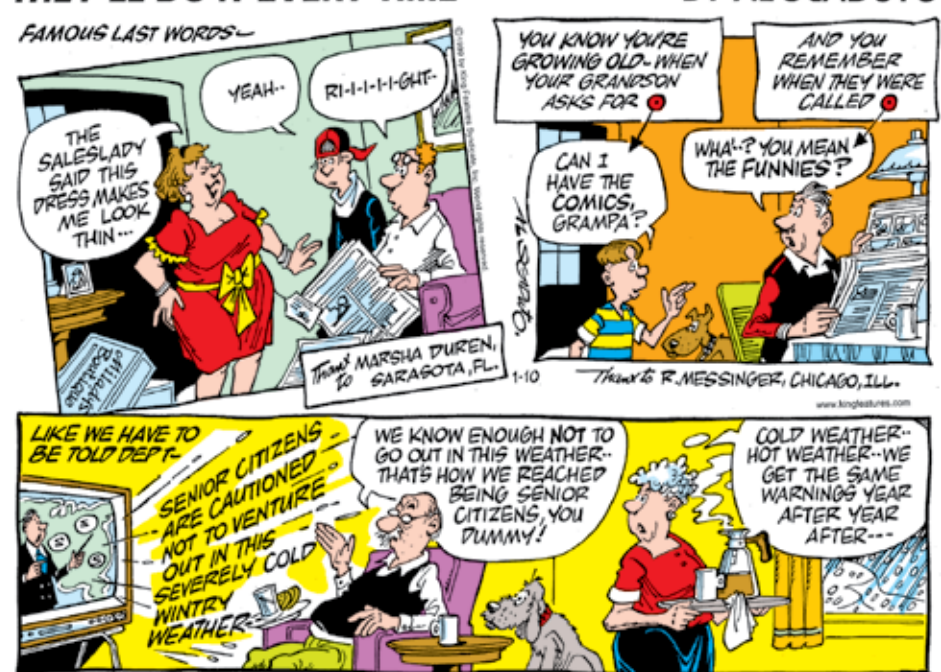
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BONUS COUPON ARM & HAMMER CAT LITTER DEODORIZER
20 Oz Box Limit 2 Boxes with Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20 **\$1.49** CHM PLU 422



MARCONI DENTAL GROUP

Welcome the New Owner!

Dear Valued Patient

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued trust and confidence during this challenging time of Covid-19. We are here to continue care for you and your dental needs as we have done through the years at Marconi Dental Group. We would also like to fully introduce to you Dr. Werner Visagé as the new Dentist Doctor and owner of Marconi Dental Group.

Dr. Visagé joined the practice in July 2020 and is a caring and talented dentist who possesses the highest dental qualifications and broad level of experience in the dental field. He graduated his dental degree in 1999. He practiced general dentistry in South Africa and the United Kingdom until 2002. He went on and completed his residency program in Periodontics and Oral Medicine, to attain his specialty degree in Periodontics and Dental Implants.

Dr. Visagé attended the international program at UCSF after he relocated to California. He received the most prestigious OKU Dental Honour Society Dr. Kramer S Award, the Dental Honour Society Membership Award and also the Award for Clinical Excellence and Mentoring. He obtained his American Doctorate of Dental Surgery (DDS) in 2016.

The most enjoyable part of his work is getting to know the patients and being able to play a role in improving oral health, which contributes to quality of life. He is truly passionate about dentistry, but strikes a balance between his professional and personal life. He maintains his fitness through running, biking and hiking with his family. Dr. Visagé and his wife Karlien, have a daughter and a son. When time allows, they enjoy traveling and spending time with extended family and friends.

Dr. Visagé is looking forward to meeting each and every one of you. The office location and telephone numbers will remain the same. We are also happy to let you know that the team here at Marconi Dental Group will stay unchanged, including Dr. Fischer, Dr. Huang and the wonderful hygienists that will continue to take care of all your dental needs and cleanings.

We want to thank all of you. Many of you were more than patients, but friends who we looked forward seeing at each and every visit. Have faith and trust in Dr. Visagé as he is a gifted dentist who truly puts his heart, soul and clinical excellence into his work.



Dr. Visagé



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