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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Conditions are slowly improving in California as thousands of firefighters gain more ground on containing the large wildfires which have charred hundreds of thousands of acres. The American Red Cross is there, providing shelter, relief supplies and comfort for those affected.

In California, more than 1,000 Red Cross disaster workers and multiple emergency response vehicles are responding to the fires. The Red Cross opened more than 20 shelters since the fires began and has provided more than 8,600 overnight shelter stays. Red Cross workers have also provided more than 102,000 meals and snacks and distributed more than 25,000 relief items. Health and mental

health disaster workers have provided more than 11,600 services and caseworkers are meeting one-on-one with people to assist them in getting the help they need.

As evacuation orders are lifted in some areas and people return home, the Red Cross will continue working closely with state and local officials to ensure people get the help they need.

STAY IN TOUCH

People can reconnect with loved ones through both the Red Cross Safe and Well website at redcross.org/safeandwell and by using the "I'm Safe" feature of the Red Cross Emergency App. The Safe and Well site allows individuals and organizations to register and post messages to

indicate that they are safe, or to search for loved ones. The site is always available, open to the public and available in Spanish. Registrations and searches can be done directly on the website. Registrations can also be completed by texting SAFE to 78876.

DOWNLOAD RED CROSS APPS

The Red Cross app "Emergency" can help keep you and your loved ones safe by putting vital information in your hand including shelter locations and severe weather and emergency alerts. The Red Cross First Aid App puts instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies at your fingertips.

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It's Back to School Safety Month

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - It's that time of year again when children wrap up their summer vacations and get ready to start the new school year. August is Back to School Safety Month, and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) wants to remind parents, caregivers and roadway users to be extra cautious around schools.

It is a busy time for a lot of families who are handling back-to-school preparations, but that should not take away from the importance of making sure children are safe heading to school.

"Children are our future," OTS Director Rhonda Craft said. "We all need to do our part to provide a safe environment for children to get to and from school. It starts with being alert and aware, and exercising good roadway habits around schools."

OTS offers a few safety tips:

Parents

- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Always keep an eye out for children.
- Avoid driving distractions.
- If your child is biking or walking to school, map out the safest route. Teach them about traffic signals and signs.
- If your child takes the bus, remind them to line up five steps away from the curb and to always look out for cars before getting on or off the bus.
- Always buckle up.
- Be aware of school buses. Overhead flashing yellow lights mean you should prepare to stop, hazards flashing yellow lights means drive with caution and overhead flashing red lights means stop. The law requires you to stop from either direction until children are safely across the street and the red lights stop flashing.

Everyone

- Always use the crosswalk at an intersection with a stop light or sign.
- Turn down the volume on your earbuds and don't text while walking.
- Stop, look, listen, then cross.
- Obey all traffic laws.

Source: California Office of Traffic Safety ★

College Bound Students Earn Shopping Spree and New Laptop for School

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As part of an annual scholarship opportunity from Kids Helping Kids, 35 low-income graduates from the San Juan Unified School District were offered the chance to shop for their college dorm room supplies.

Kids Helping Kids is a non-profit organization at Del Campo High School that is completely run by a team of students. During the past school year, the team raised more than \$30,000 to support the shopping program where each sponsored student is given a brand new laptop and a \$300 Target gift card to stock up on supplies.

Teachers, counselors, coaches and mentors surrounded the students as they patiently awaited the green-light to shop. The amount of encouragement and support was clearly noted by all in attendance and was reflective of the true purpose of the event.

Del Campo Graduate Michelle Guilford -- who will be attending Sacramento State University for her degree in Education -- spent the morning shopping for bedding essentials and room



If you are interested in learning more about the Kids Helping Kids nonprofit, or would like more information on how to help sponsor a student, visit their website at <http://kidshelpingkidssac.org>.

decorations.

"[The scholarship] is making it a little bit easier," Guilford said. "Not just financially, but I know that I have the tools I need to be successful so I don't need to stress about anything else."

Friends from Encina

High School Reante Talton, Elizeth Valencia and Natasha Kamwendo shared how grateful they were for the Kids Helping Kids program while they shopped for backpacks.

Talton said, "You don't think about a lot of this stuff when

you're applying to college and this is going to help us out so much with the stuff we need. We're just so appreciative."

San Juan Unified Staff members were also eager to guide their students through the aisles. Kate Hazarian, Chair

of the board to Kids Helping Kids and Director of Family and Community Engagement, wanted each of her students to know how deserving they were of the scholarship and how successful they would be in school.

"Part of the mission in our district in the area of equity is to remove barriers for kids to academic success," Hazarian said. "We hope that [with this program] we are removing barriers for kids and helping them make that transition from high school to college."

Contact the Family and Community Engagement team for more information at 916-971-7929.

If you are interested in learning more about the Kids Helping Kids nonprofit, or would like more information on how to help sponsor a student, visit their website at <http://kidshelping-kidssac.org>.

You can also view media coverage of the event from our Facebook Live video and KFBK News Radio.

Source: San Juan Unified School District ★

Tips for Cleaning Your Property of Wildfire Ash



In the midst major fire season, cleaning up after the fires has both the U.S. and California Environmental Protection Agencies developing plans on clearing the ash without causing damage to creeks and rivers. You can find more information from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) on the effects of ash in the waterways.

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento area has been surrounded this summer by wildfires and the effects have been smoky skies and falling ash. Breathing the bad air has been tough enough, but what's

been falling from the sky is adding another environmental problem for our waterways.

Ash contains wood and vegetation, but also chemicals from homes and other buildings caught up in the flames

then sent adrift to fall over the Sacramento region. We can help keep more from ending up in the water by being careful about how we remove the ash on our property.

If ash covers your home,

walkway or vehicle, avoid breaking out the hose and washing it down gutter. That untreated ash can pollute the storm drains and eventually the creeks and rivers. Sweeping up the ash from around your home and depositing it in your trash-can is the best way to remove the pollutants.

When it comes to cleaning your vehicles, you should get rid of the ash on your vehicle as soon as possible because it can harm the paint. Taking your vehicle to a carwash will keep wastewater out of the storm drain system by diverting the wastewater to the sanitary sewer system or to a landscaped area where it will not pollute our creeks, rivers and waterways.

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Source: SacCounty News ★

County Enters Agreement for EV Charging at SMF



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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with Electrify America, LLC (EA) to install and operate up to eight electric plug-in vehicle charging stations near the ARCO AM-PM gas station at the entrance to Sacramento International Airport.

"With today's approval, the County is adopting state-of-the-art solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said Supervisor Susan Peters, Chair.

The fee-based DC fast-chargers are envisioned to serve as EV filling stations. Customers can use a credit card to charge most electrical vehicle batteries up to 80 percent in 20 minutes.

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infrastructure.

"I hear more and more from constituents who want the convenience of charging their electric vehicles at Sacramento International Airport," said Supervisor Phil Serna, District 1, and California Air Resources Board member. "Today's action by the Board of Supervisors goes a long way to make that happen."

Sacramento International Airport currently has 12 Level 2 EV chargers and 12 level 1 chargers in the parking garage that serves both terminals, and four Level 2 chargers and one legacy paddle (for older EVs) in the daily lot. There is no fee to use the chargers.

The airport also leases space to SMUD in the Free Waiting Area for one DC fast charger and two Level 2 chargers, which are fee-based.

Charging stations are expected to be operational within 1-2 years.

Source: SacCounty News ★

SMUD Asks Customers to Be Safe Before Digging

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fall is approaching, and it's the time when many begin pre-winter outdoor projects. Whether it's small like planting a tree, a larger one like building a deck or fence, or a big project such as new landscaping, be sure to include a very important safety step prior to starting any digging job.

Notify Underground Service Alert North 811 (USA) a minimum of two full business days before beginning to dig to find out if there are any dangerous underground utilities such as electric power lines in the area.

This is a free service.

Whether you are doing the job yourself or hiring a professional, smart and safe digging means calling 811 or visiting usanorth811.org to request a utility-locate before each job; using the website for your notification can save time. The notification is valid for 28 days, so if the excavation project goes beyond this timeframe, notify USA North 811 again.

SMUD and other area utilities such as gas, water and cable television will be contacted to determine whether they have underground

facilities, and if so, the locations will be marked at the excavation site. Underground utility lines are not always located in the street; some utilities may be located in front yard and backyard easements. Digging into an underground electrical line can cause power outages and personal injury or death.

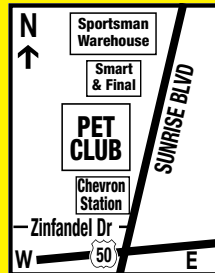
Be aware, it is the law to notify USA North 811 before you dig. Besides the legal requirement, it's the way to stay safe and avoid financial and legal responsibility for repairs and/or injuries.

Source: SMUD ★



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Foothill Farms Resident Hired to Direct United Way Project

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Foothill Farms resident Kula Koenig has been hired as director of United Way California Capital Region's Square One Project that is working to end poverty in the region by ensuring children have all of the resources they need to graduate from high school prepared for college or career.

"I want kids to be inspired and feel wholly supported in achieving their dreams," Koenig said. "Removing barriers to academic success is what we as a community can do through the Square One Project, and it's what excites me about this position."

Prior to joining United Way, Koenig served as government relations director for the American Heart Association and as district director for



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former Assemblymember Roger Dickinson. She has worked on various campaigns including one to increase funding for youth development programs in Sacramento. She serves as president of the Black Women Organized for Political Action

Sacramento Chapter and holds a bachelor's degree from UCLA and an MBA from George Washington University in Washington DC.

United Way California Capital Region leads the Square One Project, its 20-year promise to significantly increase the number of local students who graduate from high school ready for success in college and beyond. Through nine decades of work and research across Amador, El Dorado, Sacramento, Placer and Yolo counties, the local United Way believes ending poverty starts in school and is working to ensure kids meet important milestones for success in college or career. To donate or volunteer: YourLocalUnitedWay.org.

Source: Kristin Thébaud Communications ★

Produce Festivals Hot Stuff for Markets



Peachy keen market visitors Isabella and Matthew Ramirez sampled fruit at the Carmichael Peach Festival.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With summer harvests falling from branches, farmers markets are celebrating local growers. Carmichael and Folsom markets recently hosted peach festivals. Historic Folsom will host its annual "Tomato Taste Off" on Saturday, August 18. A similar festival is scheduled for Sunrise Mall (Citrus Heights) on Saturday, September 8.

Dozens of tomato varieties are grown in Sacramento and surrounding counties. At the Folsom taste Off, vendors will present cherry, beef steak, zebra and heirloom specimens. Customer votes decide winners for categories such as most beautiful, meatiest, sweetest and best-tasting. Patron-participation contests, explains Living Smart Farmers Markets founder Marie Hall, aim to educate buyers on the many types of tomatoes available. "We set up stations with sliced samples," she says. "People get to taste and vote for their favorites."

Hall's recent peach festival brought 3000 people to Carmichael Park. In addition to the fresh fruit, vendors offered peach-flavored



Living Smart Farmers Markets staffers Sydney Love (left) and Alliyah Esmael model vine-ripened accessories. Farmers market patrons will vote for favorites tomato varieties in Historic Folsom on August 18 and at Sunrise Mall on September 8.

treats, including ice creams, gelatos, cookies, cobblers, cakes and ever-popular peach pies. Thirteen chefs presented dishes for the annual dessert bakeoff. A cheese-cake-in-a-jar won first prize for Dr Sarah Astarte; second place winner was Rhonda Mohr's deep-dish peach pie; third prize went to Kathleen Quinones for a platter of peach and basil tartlets.

"These festivals are a great

way to bring attention to our local farmers," approves Marie Hall. "Shopping for food shouldn't just be a chore, it should be fun."

Historic Folsom Farmers Market is located at 915 Sutter Street, Folsom. Sunrise Mall Farmers Market is at 6196 Sunrise Mall, Citrus Heights.

Learn about the produce festivals at www.ILoveMyFarmersMarket.com ★

Gracias to Garcia's



Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Garcia's Mexican Restaurant recently staged a ribbon-cutting to celebrate Carmichael Chamber of Commerce membership. Chamber members were treated to a buffet -- and margaritas -- courtesy of owner Jovita Fleishman and manager Liz Davis (with scissors). The restaurant is a long-established neighborhood tradition at 6069 Madison Avenue.

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This gorgeous home rests on a large .48-acre cul-de-sac lot in a fantastic location near Ashton Park. Enjoy a great floor plan with tons of character and plenty of natural lighting. This home boasts 5 large bedrooms with a master and in-law suite, 2 huge family rooms, and an elegant living room with a custom fireplace. Outside you will find an impeccably landscaped yard with a large pool, outdoor kitchen and waterfall feature. A completely remodeled kitchen and newer extensive decking overlooking the yard make this home an entertainer's delight!

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4015 Hillcrest Way, Sacramento | \$534,000

Must see to believe, this home has it all! A well-landscaped front yard and outdoor patio give great curb appeal. Inside awaits a spacious floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a large attached workshop/guest room with an additional 4th full bath! The oversized kitchen is built for entertaining with top-of-the-line stainless steel appliances, solid cherry cabinets, and a breakfast bar. The spacious master includes a jet tub, separate shower and large walk-in closet. Excellent location just steps away from Mira Loma High School!

11336 Sabalo Court, Gold River | \$405,000

This immaculate single-story home is situated on a desirable cul-de-sac lot in beautiful Gold River! Inside awaits a well-designed floor plan with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths, spacious living and dining areas, and an open concept family/kitchen combo. Highlights include gorgeous flooring, dual pane windows and a 2-car garage. The private backyard is perfect for entertaining with a partially covered patio with outdoor ceiling fans and low maintenance landscaping. Just steps away from Gold State Park!

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Final Carmichael Summer Concert on August 26



The John Skinner Band will present music for all ages during a Carmichael Park concert on Sunday, August 26. Photo courtesy Steve Harriman

By MPG Staff

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - The 43rd Carmichael Park summer concert season concludes on Sunday, August 26. Musicians of the John Skinner Band are the final performers. To cater to fans of all ages, the

popular combo will present a program that ranges from classic rock to swing and Latin numbers.

Carmichael-based, the Skinner Band is a co-sponsor of the concert series. Instrumentation includes trumpet, sax, trombone, bass,

keyboard, guitar and drums. Susan Skinner is the featured vocalist. A full dance floor is expected. The concert repertoire includes a finale of "YMCA" to get everyone up and moving. Downbeat is 5 pm. For information, call 916-483-7826. ★

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Download these apps by searching for 'American Red Cross' in your app store or at redcross.org/apps.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help people affected by disasters like wildfires and countless other crisis by making a gift to American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Visit redcross.org or text REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Your gift enables the Red

Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. Contributions may also be sent to your local Red Cross chapter, or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37864, Boone, IA 50037-0864.

You can also help people affected by the California wildfires. Donors can designate their donation to the California wildfires relief efforts and the Red Cross will honor donor intent. The best way to ensure your

donation will go to a specific disaster is to write the specific disaster name in the memo line of a check. We also recommend completing and mailing the donation form on redcross.org with your check. The Red Cross honors donor intent, and all donations earmarked for California wildfires will be used for our work to support these disasters.

Source: American Red Cross ★

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Get a Job Kit Program Graduates Formerly Homeless Women



The latest graduates of Women's Empowerment's Get A Job Kit paid training program stand with their certificates as they celebrate the program's 100th graduate.

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Women's Empowerment's paid training program, The Get A Job Kit, celebrated its 100th graduate in July. The program also graduated its first two lead supervisors who will oversee production. The Get A Job Kit provides formerly homeless women with 120 hours of training in production, customer service, quality assurance, forklift operation, shipping and receiving industries. Over four weeks, trainees are paid to assemble the Get A Job Kits to fill customer orders while receiving hands-on training, performance evaluations and relevant job experience. Women's Empowerment is one of the only nonprofits in Sacramento providing paid job training to formerly homeless women, allowing women to gain financial stability while getting the work experience they need to succeed. More than 70 percent of The Get A Job Kit graduates have secured stable employment.

"We serve many homeless women who are ready to work but lack current job experience or have been out of the workforce for more than three years. The Get A Job Kit offers an innovative solution to this problem, providing women with hands-on training, invaluable work experience and a paycheck," said Lisa Culp, executive director,

Women's Empowerment. "I could not be more proud of the 100 women who have worked hard in this program and now are more prepared than ever to land a job that supports their families."

The Get A Job Kit was launched under Women's Empowerment's name in 2014 after the business was donated by local entrepreneur Shirley Willey who created and ran the business for nearly 25 years. The Get A Job Kit has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show and CNBC, and in the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post and Los Angeles Times. The award-winning kit is an all-in-one career organizer designed to help organizations across the country empower job seekers of all ages and backgrounds. All profits from the sales of The Get A Job Kit are reinvested in the program, ensuring homeless women can continue accessing this vital paid training. Since launching the small business, Women's Empowerment has sold more than 20,000 kits to Career Technical Education programs, high schools, veteran programs, nonprofits, vocational and technical colleges and anti-recidivism programs. For more information or to purchase The Get A Job Kit: www.getajobkit.com.

"The Get A Job Kit was the

next step I needed to regain my confidence and fill that gap in my resume," said Get A Job Kit graduate Kristin Hawkins who is now working as a property manager of a 48-unit community where she now lives. "And to receive a paycheck was so helpful. I really earned that paycheck by working hard every day."

Women's Empowerment was featured on NBC's The TODAY Show in 2015 for offering the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically for women who are homeless and their children. The award-winning organization has graduated 1,527 homeless women and their 3,684 children. Last year, 92 percent of graduates found homes and 77 percent found jobs or enrolled in school or training. The program combines self-esteem courses, job training, health classes and support services to help homeless women across diverse ages, races and cultures. Women's Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and receives no government funding except for in-kind rent from the County of Sacramento. For more information: www.womens-empowerment.org.

Source: Kristin Thébaud Communications ★

Railroad Museum Encourages Interested Volunteers to Attend Special Open House



Each year, more than 500 men and women volunteer for the California State Railroad Museum's programs - including weekend excursion train operations, track construction, restoration and maintenance, even clerical work.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - All aboard for inspiration! California State Parks, the California State Railroad Museum & Foundation and Old Sacramento State Historic Park (SHP) are now recruiting adults (18 or older) who are interested in volunteering to help communicate the West's fascinating heritage of railroading and the California Gold Rush. For those interested, a special, drop-in Volunteer Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Stanford Gallery located at 111 I Street in Old Sacramento (next door to the California State Railroad Museum). Volunteer applications are being accepted now through Friday, September 14, and will be followed by an interview and selection process before training begins.

Each year, more than 500 men and women volunteer for the California State Railroad

Museum's programs - including weekend excursion train operations, track construction, restoration and maintenance, even clerical work. A background in history is not required to become a volunteer. In fact, most of the volunteers in the popular program began with little knowledge of railroads or the Gold Rush. As individuals become more familiar with the Museum's varied and frequent programs, many volunteers take on additional responsibilities, such as conducting research or giving talks to community organizations. New docents can choose to work in the Museum interacting with visitors from around the world, working in the railroad restoration shops on rare and unique railroad equipment, work on the Sacramento Southern Railroad, or other jobs in this dynamic and fun environment.

Volunteering represents a serious commitment of at least 84 volunteer hours annually, but the hours are flexible and the rewards can be tremendous. Docents receive perks such as a discount at the Museum Store, preferential and/or early access to selected special events, and the pride of working at North America's finest and most visited railroad museum that is also a proud Smithsonian Affiliate. Volunteer applications can be downloaded at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25583 and completed forms can be emailed to allaboard.csrsm@parks.ca.gov or mailed/delivered to the Volunteer Coordinator, California State Railroad Museum, 111 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814. For more information, please call 916-445-0269 or visit www.californiarailroadmuseum.com.

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Environmentalists Are Lying About How Green Their Money Is



Commentary by Drew Johnson

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Some of America's most prominent environmentalist groups are secretly investing in oil and natural gas, even as they publicly push groups to divest from fossil fuels. That's the takeaway from an explosive new report from NBC.

These organizations aren't merely hypocritical -- they're actively harming the environment. By urging others to deprive energy firms of capital, environmentalists are ironically delaying the transition away from less environmentally friendly coal-fired power plants towards cleaner, natural-gas powered ones.

Green groups have long trumpeted their supposed divestment from fossil fuels.

In a public statement released in December 2015, the World Wildlife Fund praised investors who join "the global chorus saying enough is enough when it comes to dirty energy."

The American Museum of Natural History in New York City, which boasts a \$617 million endowment, has "formally requested that all of its investment managers take

environmental and climate change issues into account when reviewing their current investments."

The museum has said it eliminated direct investments in fossil fuel companies and reduced its overall fossil fuel investment from 4 percent to less than 2 percent of its endowment.

The Paradise Papers, a cache of more than 13 million leaked documents detailing shady offshore finance activity, tell a different story. The museum was selling snake oil to its donors.

According to the papers, the museum's 2 percent figure fails to account for its \$5 million pledge to private equity firm Denham Capital's "Fund V," which plowed money into fracking ventures in Ohio and Pennsylvania, as well as fossil-fuel projects abroad.

Who else has a significant position in Denham V? You guessed it -- the World Wildlife Fund.

It's no mystery why these environmentalist groups continue to invest in oil and natural gas. The price of oil is currently near a three and a half year high, which has sent oil stocks skyrocketing. Analysts expect major gains in earnings per share.

Thanks to improved drilling techniques such as fracking, the United States is now the world's largest producer of petroleum and natural gas. Oil and natural gas companies support 10.3 million American jobs and contributing \$1.3 trillion to the U.S. economy.

In short, there's no way to

reap the full benefits of investing in the American economy without at least dabbling in energy stocks. Even environmentalist institutions whose green bona fides require them to deny it.

The movement to divest from oil and natural gas firms -- or at least pretend to -- has been spreading. Under activist pressure, institutions from Harvard University to the Field Museum in Chicago have pledged to rid themselves of these assets.

The irony is that the oil and natural gas industry itself has been responsible for a massive reduction in carbon emissions in recent decades. Now that fracking has boosted natural gas production and driven down prices, it's far cheaper to build and operate power plants that run on natural gas instead of coal.

Natural gas produces nearly 50 percent fewer carbon emissions than coal. Thanks to the natural gas boom, overall U.S. greenhouse gas emissions are at their lowest level in 25 years.

This production boom is enriching everyday Americans. By 2025, the average household will save \$3,500 per year as a result of lower natural gas prices.

The Paradise Papers have put the hypocrisy of green activists on full display. Americans shouldn't let these two-faced organizations falsely malign clean, affordable energy sources.

Drew Johnson is a Senior Scholar at the Taxpayers Protection Alliance. This piece originally ran in the Washington Examiner. ★



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An incident happened this past week that sucked me into that whirlpool of naivety.

I received an email from somebody who wanted to give me a lot of money. It seems this woman was recently widowed and her husband was very wealthy and she wanted to give money to some charity. Would I be interested in receiving money?

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She read the email and then looked at me with one of those “stares” and said, “You do know that this is a scam?”

“But,” I said rather hesitatingly, “what if it isn’t a scam? What if it’s real? What have I got to lose?”

“You mean,” she said rather sarcastically, “besides your mind?”

It was at that moment I had an overwhelming urge to prove finally that she did not know

everything. When I follow through with this and get all that money in our bank, I will have a laughing party heard around the world at her expense.

Very soon, I got an email back congratulating me on a wise decision.

I sat back and grinned to myself; at least somebody appreciates my wisdom.

The amount of money they were talking about was \$4.7 million. I started thinking about what I could do with all that money.

For a couple days, I shot emails back and forth with this company that happened to be in Nigeria, Africa. I have some wonderful friends there so I was not even thinking on the negative side of this transaction.

I continued emailing back to this widow and she connected me with the bank that was going to handle the transaction. I was beginning to feel a little more comfortable with this. I know my wife thought this was a scam, but I’m not so sure it is a scam. I think it is some dear widow who wants to give her money to somebody that she doesn’t know. What a sweet and wonderful woman she must be.

Then I got THE defining email. In order for this transaction to go forward, they needed

from me a processing fee of \$1,000. After all, I would more than make that up once the transaction was done. At least, according to them.

It was then I began to realize I had been bamboozled. Ask me for anything but don’t ask me for my money!

It was a scam and I am quite reluctant to pass this information off to the other resident of our house. One of us was right and it sure wasn’t me.

I did not get the \$4.7 million, but on the other hand, I did not lose \$1000. At least that’s something to celebrate.

Thinking about this reminded me of one of my favorite Bible verses. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

When I put God first in my life I can be assured that He will direct my paths in the right direction.

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Wait Time Scandal Shows DMV Still Doesn't Get It

Commentary
by **Tim Anaya**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Benjamin Franklin famously said that there are only two things certain in life - death and taxes. In California, you could add a third - hatred of the DMV.

Anyone who has ever signed up for a driver's license or register a vehicle knows just how inefficient, and at times hostile, the DMV can be. They cling to outdated thinking, as if their primary mission is registering horse buggies to drive on California's roads.

The DMV is the poster child for an unaccountable government bureaucracy - and the current scandal over astronomical wait times at DMV offices shows they still don't get it.

The federal REAL ID, enacted in 2005, requires California to change its state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards to meet new federal requirements. By October 2020, every Californian will need a REAL ID to fly on an airplane or enter a federal government building. You must go to the DMV in person for ID verification before you can get one.



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Both Democrats and Republicans are outraged. They grilled DMV Director

Jean Shiomoto at a committee hearing this week.

San Francisco Democrat Phil Ting said that he was shocked after visiting a DMV office in his district. "What we've been hearing are horrific wait times of six or seven hours. That's unacceptable."

Laughably, in a July letter

to lawmakers, DMV says that "the current statewide average wait time once customers check-in with the 'Start Here' window is 23 minutes for customers with appointments and 1 hour 23 minutes for customers without appointments."

Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, D-Glendale, told

Shiomoto at the hearing that, "you have perpetuated the feeling that people can't trust your agency." She's right, and the Director inspired no confidence in lawmakers at 2 Capitol hearings this week that the agency can turn things around any time soon.

Predictably, Shiomoto asked lawmakers for more money at this week's hearing - another \$26 million.

The state has already given the DMV \$70 million in additional funds to open more offices, expand hours, and hire additional personnel to handle the influx. The DMV estimates it will need to spend over \$220 million over the next 6 years to process all the applications. That money clearly won't address the other problems identified in this week's hearings, namely the poor customer service culture and outdated/inefficient thinking that goes into department operations.

Assemblyman Jim Patterson was fed up after receiving numerous angry complaints from constituents. He authored a request for the State Auditor to audit the DMV's activities and how they are spending

these additional resources.

Patterson's audit would be one expenditure of public funds that's actually worth every penny. Taxpayers deserve to know just how bad things really are at the DMV and a nonpartisan audit is needed to document this and outline steps to reform the beleaguered agency and its operations.

Despite lawmakers showing their lack of confidence in Shiomoto's leadership, the audit request failed to get enough Senate Democrat votes to pass (the request needed 4 votes each from the Assembly and Senate), despite bipartisan votes in both houses. It's a shame that something both parties seemingly agree on falls victim to today's toxic political climate.

The DMV has long been overdue for a complete overhaul, and most important, an attitude adjustment. Hopefully, the Real ID wait time scandal will be the catalyst that forces much-needed change upon a stubborn department clinging to the ways of the past.

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Game Plots

The Curse of Gaming Nostalgia

By Noah Howard

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

The high level of nostalgia that flows through the video game world is rivaled only by antique stores, Star Wars, and drive-in diners. Because games were such an integral part of the childhoods of gaming's main age demographic (20-35 year olds), the industry is constantly looking to recapture the feelings of magic that were first unearthed on the Nintendo Entertainment System or Sega Genesis throughout the 80s and 90s. The issue, of course, is that nostalgia gilds reality, and most of the games of that era, by modern standards, range from bad to utterly unplayable.

The struggle to reconcile memory vs. reality has recently been embodied in Capcom's second collection of remastered. *Mega Man X* games and Square Enix's *Octopath Traveler*. The former fails entirely in its mission to revitalize the past, while the latter, despite it being an entirely new game and not a rehashed antiquity, is shockingly successful.

That's because the *Mega Man X* collection includes some downright terrible games, including some that were lambasted even at their original release, and does little to solve their numerous problems. Even some games that were decent at the time now feel dated, clunky, and unwieldy. Capcom was perhaps banking on its audience's nostalgia to pull the collection

over the sales targets, but as it stands, the few people who have actually purchased the collection have slammed it for its low quality.

But *Octopath Traveler* succeeds where Capcom failed. It doesn't copy the games it's based on (it contains updated graphical effects, modern quality-of-life gameplay improvements, and an innovative combat system), but it does preserve the experience at the core of the nostalgia with a style, in both art and design, that closely resembles the decades-old classics. In other words, despite the fact that it is objectively less genuine to its source material, it feels more accurate to play than the *Mega Man X* collection does.

Octopath appeals to our falsified memories, to what we thought playing those games as a child were like, rather than what they actually were like. *Octopath* is an idealized version of an older style of games, and so it feels consistent with our idealized memories. This simple insight often goes overlooked or forgotten among the dozens of developers pumping out arcade-like or classic-game-esque experiences, who often blindly follow authenticity towards reality rather than authenticity of experience. Those developers, unsurprisingly, fail more often than they succeed.

There are notable exceptions. *Axiom Verge* was a laser-precise spiritual remake of



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Nintendo's *Metroid* from 1986, but that decision is only justified by *Metroid*'s status as one of the few games of that era that remain agelessly fun to play today. And even then, *Axiom* utilizes the superior computing power of modern machines to create images and sounds that never would have been possible in *Metroid*, while still remaining loyal to its overall aesthetic.

Nevertheless, the exceptions make the rule, and nostalgia-oriented games, more often than not, fail to recognize the rough aging of their inspirational source material. Though even *Octopath Traveler* occasionally trips over itself in how loyal to stay to its source material (it includes, for example, the infamously annoying random enemy encounters that almost all modern games have moved past), it still serves as a well-made template for how to recapture the video game magic of childhood.

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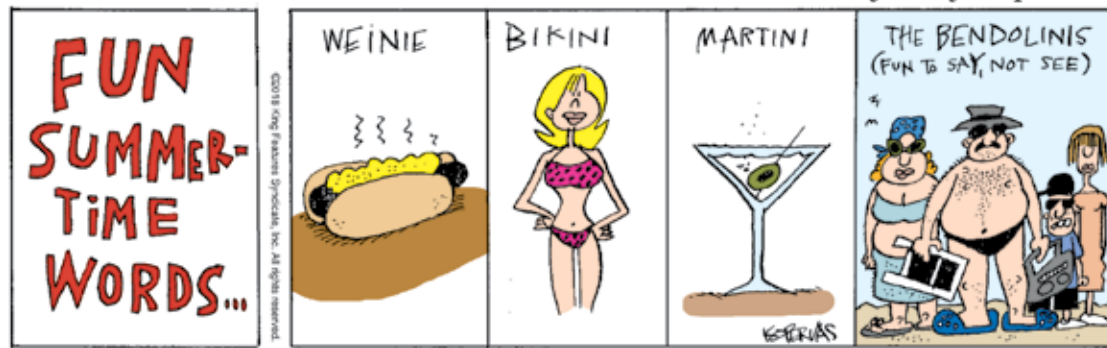
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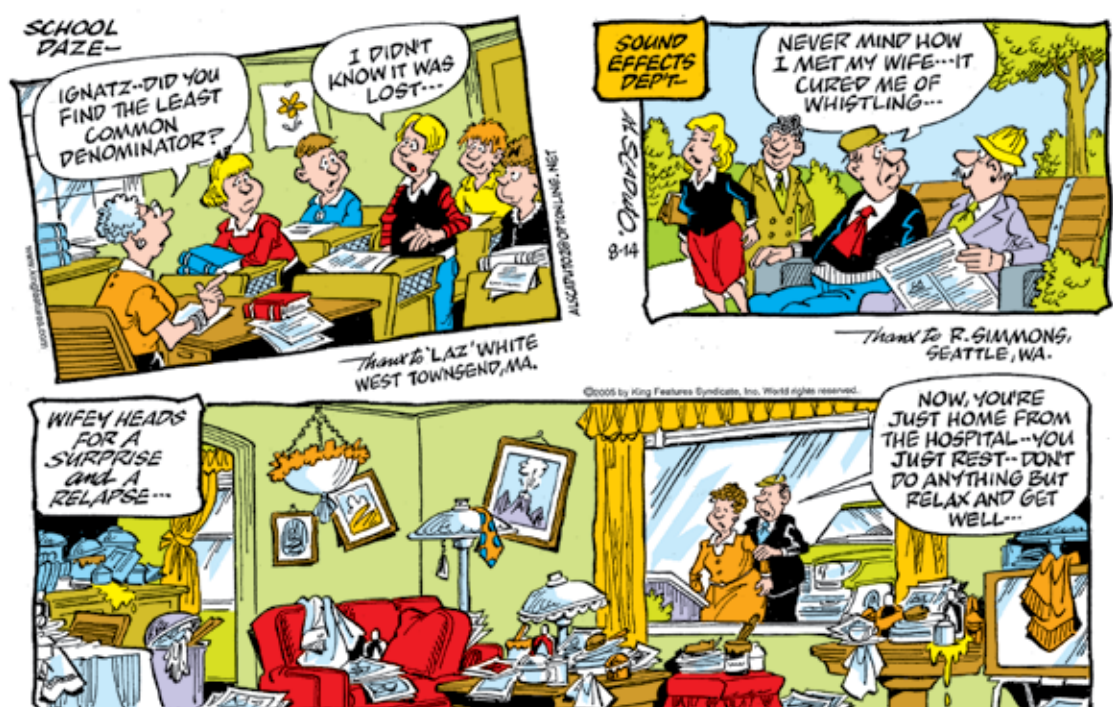
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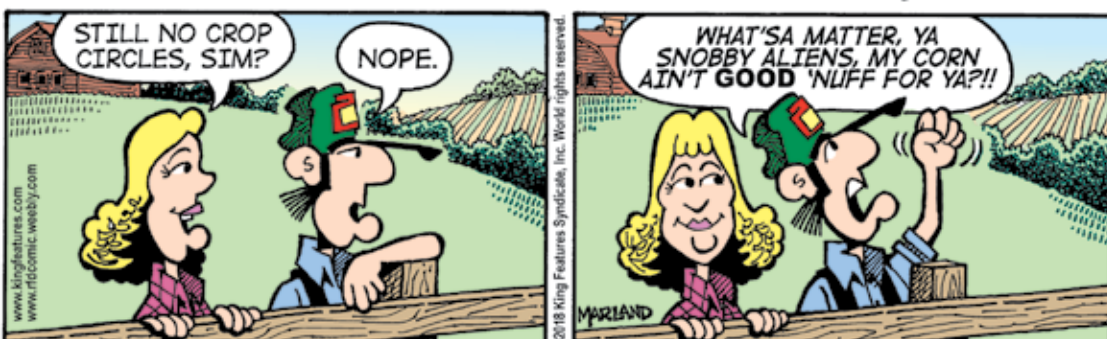
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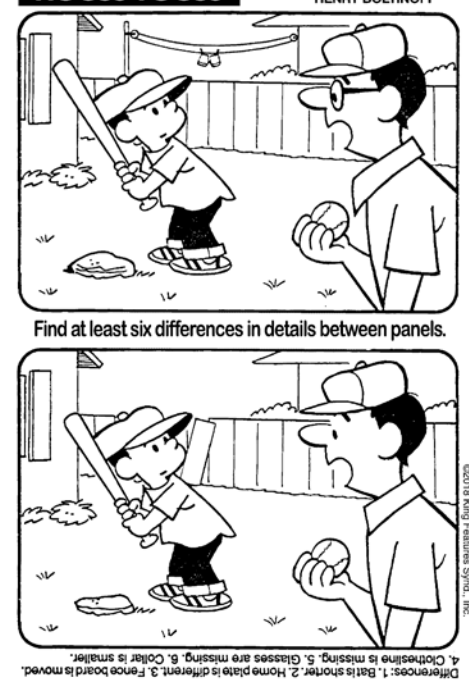
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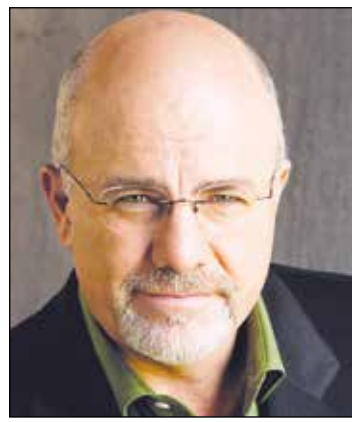
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Dave Says

If something doesn't happen to change things, you're going to end up with two spoiled little girls, who think they should be given everything their entire lives.

Communicate and work together

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are not on the same page when it comes to money and our two teenage daughters. I think they should be learning the value of work and money, but she doesn't want them to work. She regularly hands them spending money and buys them expensive gifts. I want our girls to have some nice things, but this is starting to cause problems in our relationship. Do you have any advice?

-Stan

Dear Stan,

Kids should learn to work and make money at an early age. We've given nice gifts to our kids, but the difference is they also worked and made money for themselves. The gifts we gave them were for special occasions. Showering our kids with money and expensive toys all the time was not our way of life.

In this situation, your wife is allowing them to be nothing but consumers. I know she loves them, but they're not learning how to work, and they're not learning how to save or give. This is setting them up for a lifetime of unrealistic expectations.

Still, I think the biggest problem is you and your wife are experiencing a communication and marital breakdown. If the kids weren't in the picture, I've got a feeling the same problems would exist. The difference is they would manifest themselves in other ways.

Obviously, your wife needs to stop being so impulsive where the kids are concerned. Try sitting down with her, and gently explaining your feelings. Let your wife know you love her and how generous she is, but you're worried this is having a negative impact on your children. Maybe you could try to establish some guidelines as to when really nice gifts are appropriate, too. There's a middle ground you can reach, but it's going to take some time and effort. Most of all, it means the two of you are going to have to communicate and work together for the good of your kids.

—Dave

Impress them!

Dear Dave,

I just graduated from college recently. Is it a waste of time to apply for a job if you have a degree in the proper field, but no real work experience?

-Daniel

Dear Daniel,

Absolutely not! The only sure-fire way to ensure you'll miss out on a job is by not applying for the position.

Send a copy of your resumé to every job opportunity for which you have a reasonable chance of being hired. Then, when you get an interview, go in there with your head held high. Be articulate, enthusiastic, and carry yourself with purpose. Use your style, intelligence, education, and confidence to sell yourself and your ability to jump in, learn quickly, and get the job done.

I've met lots of people who say they have 20 years of experience. But in a lot of cases it's more like one year of experience 20 times. That kind of "experience" is useless. I've also met many sharp, educated people without experience, but you can tell they're the kind who will put their minds to work, think outside the box, and figure out a way to get the job done with excellence.

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—Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. *The Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey). ★

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Sacramento County DA Reports



Defendant Convicted of Sexually Assaulting 5 Year Old

DATE: July 30, 2018
CASE: Kevin Bailey (Case #15F03495)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Monica Robinson, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit

Kevin Bailey was convicted by a jury of two counts of committing forcible acts of child sexual assault on a child under 14 years of age.

From 2014 through 2015, Bailey sexually assaulted a friend's daughter when the child was 5 years old. DNA evidence corroborated the victim's descriptions of the assaults committed against her.

Bailey faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for August 22, 2018, in Department 41 before the Honorable Helena Gweon.

Felony Animal Cruelty Cases, One with Felony Domestic Violence

DATE: August 6, 2018
CASE: Ignatius Chavarria (Case #15F00622) & Tawuan Batiste (Case #18FE012950)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Animal Cruelty Unit

Ignatius Chavarria was sentenced to 10 years in state prison after pleading to felony animal abuse as well as felony domestic violence. His plea involved his admission to committing a violent strike offense. After serving his prison sentence, Chavarria will be banned from owning, possessing, residing with, maintaining or caring for any animals for 10 years.

In 2013, Chavarria got upset with his girlfriend's 4-year-old neutered Maltese mix named "Tucker" because he had an accident in his crate after waiting in it to be relieved for several hours. Chavarria abusively scalded Tucker by holding him in a 143-degree hot shower, and then closing the door to confine him without a way to escape. Tucker suffered third-degree burns over 80% of his body. He was humanely euthanized the following day to end his suffering from the increasingly painful burns. Initially the case went unreported, but eventually a felony charge was filed. After bailing out on the animal abuse case, Chavarria reoffended by body slamming a female date onto concrete pavement. The victim sustained a broken hip, which required surgery. Chavarria's bail was increased, but not enough to avoid his bailing out a second time. After his second release, he again committed domestic violence on a different female victim.

Special appreciation is owed to DA Criminal Investigator Joyce Thorgrimson. Due to her limitless diligence and investigative skills, the

felony animal cruelty case was filed although it did not include the benefit of a forensic necropsy. Tucker's remains had already been cremated.

In the last 20+ years, statistics have been compiled showing that 71% of abused women report that their partners had killed, abused or threatened to abuse at least one of their animals. In a 2007 study, 12 different states in the U.S. reported that up to 48% of female domestic violence victims stay with their partner because they are worried about the safety of their companion animals.

Tawuan Batiste was sentenced to 180 days on felony animal abuse charges, and banned from owning, possessing or living with animals for the next 10 years.

In September 2017, Batiste beat a small dog to death after it urinated on his shoes. After the dog was seen bleeding from its mouth, Batiste carried the dog outdoors. He returned 15 minutes later carrying the nearly dead dog. The dog expired within seconds.

Although the abuse was reported that day, the owner buried her dog's remains in a public park. The dog was exhumed five months later by members of the Sacramento County Animal Abuse Task Force, which included Sacramento Sheriff's Detective Scott Brown and Sacramento County Animal Control Officers. While only a limited necropsy was conducted, it was enough to eliminate any natural cause of death and revealed a fresh rib fracture.

The public as well as veterinarians should be aware that abuse cases and evidence can be compromised unless the crime is reported in a timely manner. Veterinarians additionally have a mandatory duty to report animal abuse when they reasonably suspect it.

Defendant Sentenced for Murder of 16 Year Old

DATE: August 9, 2018
CASE: Mario Andreas Contreras (Case #15F03276)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Kevin Greene, Homicide Unit

The Honorable Michael Savage sentenced Mario Andreas Contreras to 50 years to life in prison. On April 23, 2018, a jury convicted Contreras of first-degree murder with use of a gun in the killing of Erik Ozee.

On May 31, 2015, Contreras approached a group of young people looking for Ozee, who he thought may have robbed him. Ozee ran from the group when Contreras asked for him. Contreras chased after Ozee and shot him in the head, killing him. ★



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