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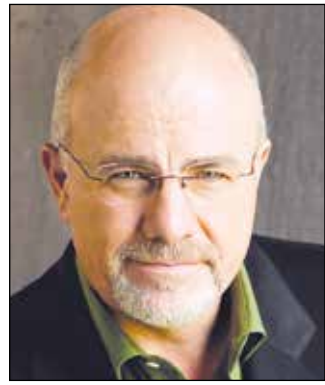
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Yep, Pot Goes Legit, Sort of

Story by Jacqueline Fox

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In many cities across California, Sacramento included, the cultivation and sale of recreational cannabis becomes legal Jan. 1, opening the flood gates for an industry widely expected to generate a gold mine for municipalities who have said “yes” to the legitimization of the pot business.

However, Sacramento County, as well as the cities of Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova and Folsom, among others in Placer County and points across the map, each have stuck to their guns and have banned what they view as the coming of the wild west of commerce.

Anticipating an uptick in violent crime, robberies, homelessness and headaches, coupled with a complicated process for management of the commercial side of the cannabis industry, these areas have echoed a resounding “NOT” to the cultivation of cannabis in their towns. There are also too many questions, they say, about how to affectively assess pot farmers on their profits from what is currently a cash-and-carry industry, not to mention the offense of the smell from burning weed wafting over their neighborhoods.

So pot is legit as of Jan. 1, and yet it isn't, depending on where you reside and how you intend to consume or even grow it.

If you're cloudy on the issues, there's good reason for it. The medicinal marijuana laws passed several years ago that ushered in the growth of the pot dispensary market made it legal for those with a “prescription” from their physicians to purchase limited amounts of pot.

Proposition 64, passed in



Because marijuana remains categorized as a controlled substance under federal law, the state has left it up to individual counties and cities to determine if they wanted in on the action or not. MPG graphic

November 2016, effectively made it possible for weed growers who are lucky enough to obtain licenses from the state to come out of the shadows and begin cashing in on the commercial recreational pot market, which is expected to generate roughly \$1 billion for the state annually. Tax proceeds on pot farmers' bounties will, in part, support enforcement and oversight of the industry, among other programs.

In addition, Prop. 64 allows for the personal cultivation of up

to six living pot plants for non-medical purposes, provided they are grown inside a person's private residence or a green house, but not in a field or backyard, as many cultivators have been doing under the radar for years.

So, where and when will it be legal to grow, sell or possess pot? And are pot dispensaries legal or not?

Because marijuana remains categorized as a controlled substance under federal law, the state has left it up to individual counties and cities to determine

if they wanted in on the action or not, giving them a Dec. 31 deadline to say so, in order for the approval process for applications from prospective growers to begin Jan. 1.

The City of Sacramento voted this fall to join the party and is currently cultivating its own guidelines for commercial growing and distribution. Licensees will be taxed 4% of their proceeds, for starters. Applications for conditional use permits are required and renewable annually.

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SMUD Board of Directors Approves 2018 Budget

SMUD special release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The SMUD Board of Directors approved a \$1.74 billion budget. The 2018 budget provides funding for all capital and operations and maintenance (O & M) programs needed to meet the Board's Strategic Directions in the year ahead.

The 2018 budget also positions SMUD for changes coming to the utility industry so SMUD can continue to meet our community's energy needs. The budget sets the stage for operational efficiencies and improvements, as well as expansions of customer offerings in the near future, and opens up SMUD to seek new revenue opportunities.

SMUD is in a strong financial position. SMUD has a robust cash balance and operating cash flow and will fund the majority of capital investment with cash on hand, only planning to borrow \$200 million next year. Recently Fitch and S&P upgraded SMUD's credit ratings to AA-, from an already impressive AA-, while Moody's continues to rate SMUD Aa3. This is the strongest SMUD's credit ratings have been in 33 years.

The 2018 budget is \$161 million more than the 2017 budget, due mostly to higher planned capital expenditures. SMUD continues to upgrade electrical infrastructure to maintain safe and reliable service, as well as invest in the technological foundations to meet future challenges. Offsetting these increases is a lower commodity budget due to declining natural gas costs, which SMUD locked in through hedging programs.

As the utility business evolves, SMUD is increasingly reliant on technological solutions in all business areas. As a customer-owned utility, SMUD continues to focus on improving the digital channels

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Jamba Juice Opens in Carmichael

By Paul Scholl

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Good things often come to those who wait, but I was really getting tired of waiting for Jamba Juice to open. It has been a couple of weeks now, but one of latest foodie locations to come to the area is now open daily and ready to serve all those who love their juice to start the day.

This location was under construction for many months, held up by permitting and some other issues. Many people in the community were beginning to wonder if it was ever going to become a reality.

Jamba Juice offers a fundraising program for local organizations. It sounds like a good way to help raise funds for a good cause and to eat something really good for you. Stop by and ask the staff for more information.

The Carmichael location is in the same shopping center as Noah's Bagels and the recently opened Wing Stop, right at the split of Fair Oaks Blvd. and Manzanita Ave. The official address is 7423 Fair Oaks Blvd.

When you stop by to visit tell them you are really glad they are now open and welcome them to the Carmichael community. ★



Ashley holds up my first order, my favourite, a large Peach perfection! Photo by Paul Scholl

Farm Bureau Lends Support to Ambitious Irrigation Plan

Proposed South County Ag Program Would Reduce Groundwater Pumping

By Bill Baird, SCFB

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Farm Bureau (SCFB) testified in support of an ambitious recycled water project before the California Water Commission this week in downtown Sacramento. The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's (Regional SAN) plan would provide a safe and reliable supply of tertiary treated water for agricultural irrigation uses, which would reduce groundwater pumping and cause ground water tables to rise in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region.

Regional SAN is attempting to obtain funding for the project through the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) contained in Proposition 1, the water bond that California voters approved in 2014. The WSIP set aside \$2.7 billion in funding for water storage projects that improve the operation of the state water system, are cost effective and provide a net improvement in ecosystem and water quality conditions.

"Sacramento County farmers

and ranchers smashed crop production records last year by producing a record high \$507 million worth of wine grapes, milk, pears, nursery crops and other agricultural commodities," said SCFB Executive Director Bill Bird during testimony before the CWC. "Our members broke that record because they had access to clean and reliable irrigation water supplies. Any project that would increase the reliability and quality of irrigation water supplies for Sacramento County growers has the Farm Bureau's support."

Modeling presented to the CWC showed that the groundwater recharge facilitated by the project would lead to a 20-30-foot increase in the groundwater elevation in the South American Sub-basin, plus increase flows in the Cosumnes River, a tributary to the Delta.

According to testimony provided by Regional SAN during the CWC hearing, the project is consistent with the objectives and intent of Proposition 1, and provides substantial agricultural, ecological, and regional water supply benefits at a low cost,

particularly when compared to surface storage projects.

"This project is an example of the type of innovative multi-benefit groundwater projects California needs to implement to ensure our state has a more sustainable and reliable water supply," said Bird. "If Sacramento County growers are not forced to pump ground water for irrigation purposes because they can receive a reliable supply of water from another source at roughly the same price, they won't use those pumps."

The CWC is expected to start allocating grant funding for water storage projects early next year.

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For more information call the Farm Bureau at 916-685-6958 ★

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For additional information about how to prepare for emergencies, such as rain and cold temperatures, go to the Sacramento Ready website or the Sacramento County Emergency and Preparedness website.

Source: Sacramento County Media ★

SacRT Offers Free Ride Day for New Year's Eve Kings Game and Sky Spectacular Fireworks Show

By Devra Selenis, SacRT

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) will offer a Free Ride Day on Sunday, December 31, 2017, for those attending the New Year's Eve Kings game, and Sky Spectacular fireworks celebration in Old Sacramento.

"New Year's Eve day is the perfect time to offer free rides to encourage people to come out and celebrate all that the Sacramento region has to offer," said Henry Li, SacRT General Manager/CEO. "Riding SacRT is a safe, easy and family-friendly way to travel around town."

SacRT will operate extended light rail service on the Blue Line and Gold Line after the 9 p.m. fireworks show. Riders are encouraged to check the Sunday/holiday light rail schedule to make sure trains are operating:



SacRT will operate extended light rail service on the Blue Line and Gold Line after the 9 p.m. fireworks show.

Service to Watt/I-80 (Blue Line)

SacRT will operate two extra light rail trips on the Blue Line toward the Cosumnes River College Station after the 9 p.m. fireworks show ends in Old Sacramento. They will depart the 7th & Capitol Station at 9:45 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. (the last regularly scheduled train will

depart the 7th & Capitol Station at 9:16 p.m.).

Service to Watt/I-80 (Blue Line)

Light rail service to the Watt/I-80 Station will operate on a regular Sunday schedule (every 30 minutes) with the last train departing the 9th & K Station at 10:32 p.m.

Service to Sunrise/Folsom (Gold Line)

SacRT will operate two extra light rail trips on the Gold Line toward the Historic Folsom Station after the 9 p.m. fireworks show ends in Old Sacramento. They will depart the 7th & Capitol Station at 9:40 p.m. and 10:10 p.m. (the last regularly scheduled train to Sunrise Station will depart the 7th & Capitol Station at 8:54 p.m., and the last regularly scheduled train to Historic Folsom Station will depart the 7th & Capitol Station at 6:24 p.m.). ★

Senator Ted Gaines Named "Champion of Manufacturing"

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senator Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado) today announced that he has been named a "Champion of Manufacturing" by the California Manufacturing & Technology Association (CMTA) on their 2017 Manufacturing Vote Record. CMTA represents 400 businesses from the entire manufacturing community - an economic sector that generates more than \$230 billion every year and employs more than 1.2 million Californians.

"I have been a long-time champion of California's manufacturing industry and am proud to have earned this important

designation," said Senator Gaines. "For many manufacturers, it's become increasingly difficult to do business in California. I've carried and supported numerous bills that would let businesses keep more of their money so they can reinvest it back into their businesses, create more jobs and boost the economy, instead of handing it over to the government. They should be rewarded for their contributions to our state, not continually penalized at every turn. I remain committed to fighting on their behalf."

The Vote Record looked at legislators' floor votes in the Assembly

and Senate on 10 key bills impacting California manufacturers and technology companies. The results showed that only 44 out of 120 legislators supported California manufacturers at least 70 percent of the time, receiving the "Champion of Manufacturing" designation.

Senator Ted Gaines represents the 1st Senate District, which includes all or parts of Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra and Siskiyou counties.

Source: From the Office of Ted Gaines ★

Governor Brown Grants Executive Clemency

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced that he has granted 132 pardons and 19 commutations.

Individuals who have been convicted of a crime in California may apply to the Governor for a pardon. Those granted pardons all completed their sentences and the majority were convicted of drug-related or other nonviolent crimes. Pardons are not granted unless they are earned.

A gubernatorial pardon may be granted to individuals who have demonstrated exemplary behavior and have lived productive and law-abiding lives

following their conviction. The process includes eligible individuals obtaining a Certificate of Rehabilitation, which is an order from a superior court declaring that a person convicted of a crime is now rehabilitated. This requirement was waived for a refugee who is currently detained as part of a federal immigration proceeding.

When a pardon is granted, the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are notified so that they may update their records on the applicant. The pardon is filed with the Secretary of State and the

Legislature, and it is a public record.

The Governor also granted 19 commutations to current inmates. Inmates currently serving a sentence for a conviction by the California Courts can petition to have their sentence reduced by applying for a commutation. In the majority of these commutations, these individuals have been granted the opportunity to make their case before the Board of Parole Hearings, which will determine whether they are ready to be released from prison.

Source: From the Office of Gov. Brown ★

California's Top Public Safety Groups Laud Senator Nielsen's Legislative Work

By Nghia.Nguyen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Police Chiefs Association and the California District Attorneys Association praised Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Red Bluff) for his strong public safety voting record. In their annual review of the Legislator's votes, California's top public safety organizations ranked Sen. Nielsen as one of the top defenders of the state's law enforcement and advocate for criminal justice.

"There is no such thing as a 'victimless crime.' Our responsibility as legislators is to establish laws that hold criminals accountable and ensure justice for crime victims. Public safety

is our most important obligation as elected leaders and I am grateful for the support of those on the front line who work every day to ensure safety and justice," said Senator Jim Nielsen.

Senator Nielsen supported all of the legislation that was important to the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA).

Representing over 330 active municipal police chiefs, CPCA's members protect more than 26 million Californians. CPCA closely monitors the legislative process in light of lawmakers' continuous efforts to undermine the criminal justice system and the alarming rise in violent crime.

Understanding the critical role of prosecutors, Senator Nielsen

worked closely with district attorneys to ensure that laws passed allow criminals to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and that victims and their loved ones are participants in the criminal justice process. As a result of his efforts, Senator Nielsen received their top ranking.

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

Source: Office of Jim Nielsen ★



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Depending on the type of business you want to run, city fees for setting up a grow operation will run you anywhere between \$9,000 and \$15,000, and between \$8,000 and \$13,000 to renew the license each year.

But, since it's a cash flow operation, there are many unanswered questions as to how growers will deposit and move earnings, just one of the headaches fueling the Rancho Cordova City Council's "no" vote.

"We have been watching all the things the city of Sacramento is going through and we see it as just a headache we do not want to deal with," said Vice Mayor Linda Budge following her council's 3-2 vote against lifting the ban on commercial operations Dec. 4.

Sacramento currently has roughly three dozen pot dispensaries, again built out primarily after the medicinal pot laws went into effect, but there is a moratorium on approval of new applications for licenses. Pot cultivation beyond the legal limit of six plants inside a residence, delivery services and pot dispensaries all remain illegal in Citrus Heights, Folsom, Rancho Cordova and countywide.

Proponents of Prop. 64 and the decriminalization of the marijuana industry site the stigma of pot and previous felony-level charges for minor offenses that,

“Whether you grow 25 plants illegally or 250,000 plants, it's a misdemeanor and 180 days in the county Jail. So even for a convicted felon, it's now like a speeding ticket.”

ROBERT GOLD
ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

they say, often stood between offenders' abilities to find a job or, in some cases, obtain approval for adequate housing.

Opponents of the law, however, including city officials, law enforcement agencies and county prosecutors have repeatedly pointed to what they see as a direct through-line between cannabis cultivation and pot dispensaries and serious crime, including murder, which they expect will continue, despite the changes in the law.

"I've been a prosecutor for 30 years, and as long as I've been involved with cases involving crimes related to marijuana, it has always been a very high-risk, dangerous activity," said Robert Gold, assistant chief

deputy district attorney. "It is always going to be a dangerous activity whether legal or not, because so many of the growers are less sophisticated. The bad guys are going to believe that they have a lot of product, a lot of money and probably guns. And the other thing is, they won't often report crimes against themselves, which makes them vulnerable victims."

Gold also cautioned that it remains illegal, regardless of where you live, to carry more than an ounce of marijuana, but conceded the misdemeanor charges that now accompany most minor pot infractions, make it difficult to justify the costs of prosecuting such cases.

"The law certainly has resulted in changing the laws in favor of those who want to make this a business," said Gold. "Whether you grow 25 plants illegally or 250,000 plants, it's a misdemeanor and 180 days in the county Jail. So even for a convicted felon, it's now like a speeding ticket." ★

POT OR NOT:
Sacramento Region:
The City of Sacramento: YES
Sacramento County: NO
Citrus Heights NO
Folsom: NO
Rancho Cordova: NO
Elk Grove: NO
Galt: NO
Placer County: NO
Roseville: NO
Rocklin: NO

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New Device for Impending Earthquakes

Submitted by Zizmos

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Zizmos, a tech-based startup that is building a cost-effective cloud-connected seismic network providing earthquake early-warning and block-by-block risk predict, this week excitedly launched a Kickstarter campaign for their revolutionary earthquake detection system: the Earthquake Early Warning System.

Utilizing smart earthquake-sensing technology that could save millions of lives, the system is about to provide an early warning of on average 15-20 seconds for all users.

"Regarding earthquakes, every second matters," said Battalgazi Yildirim,

Founder and CEO of Zizmos. "Having a 20-second head-start could be the difference between a severe injury or taking cover to protect oneself and one's family."

The system can provide up to a 60-second warning for users. Nearby sensors detect the earthquake precursor waves, communicating the information to the central server. When that server analyzes the sent information, it makes a decision whether the signal is an earthquake, or simply a local noise. If the system has determined that it is an earthquake signal, it searches for the earthquake epicenter. The Zizmos system keeps users updated during every step of the earthquake detection process.

"We rely on data from multiple sensors to analyze if rumblings are dangerous and worthy of an alert," said Yildirim. "The more sensors, the faster and more reliable warning we can deliver uses. The more money pledged to the crowdfunding campaign, the more sensors we will be able to install in major urban areas."

The Zizmos system is also able to monitor homes as the foundations settle into the Earth over

time. Shrinking foundations can be a result of tree roots, sunlight and landscaping that transformed the soil around the home, plumbing leaks and moisture changes, and inadequate column support.

Dr. Yildirim founded Zizmos in 2014. He received his M.Sc. in Applied Mathematics in 2008, and Ph.D. in Engineering from Brown University in 2012, specializing in numerical methods and high-performance and scientific computing. He has amassed a team of highly skilled and trained mathematics, programmers, engineers, and seismic experts for the development of the Zizmos Earthquake Early Warning System.

For more information, to learn how the system works, to back the crowdfunding campaign, or to learn more about safe earthquake protection practices, visit: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/yildirim/this-little-device-can-save-you-in-a-big-earthquake>. ★

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Curling in Sacramento? Yes, and the Winter Olympics are Almost Here!



Wine Country Curling Club is dedicated to promoting the sport of curling in Northern California. Photo courtesy Wine Country Curling Club

By Katie Feldman

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Winter Olympics are almost here and with that comes the crazy, quirky sport of CURLING. Curling is an ice sport that requires players to slide 42-pound stones over an ice sheet to a target at the other end, known as the house. Considered to be one of the most captivating sports, curling is popularly known as chess on ice and a hybrid of bowling and shuffleboard. Americans flocked to the sport with intrigue and fascination when the Winter Olympics were televised from Torino in 2006, Vancouver in 2010, and Sochi in 2014. The same will be true come February 8th when the Winter Olympics begin in South Korea.

Did you know that CURLING is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States?

Did you know that CURLING is one of the few sports that all ages and all abilities can do?

Did you know that CURLING is the only sport that will be

shown DAILY during the upcoming Winter Olympics in February?

Wine Country Curling Club is dedicated to promoting the sport of curling in Northern California. They curl out of Skatetown Ice in Roseville and offer leagues, learn-to-curl programs, corporate events, tournaments, and adaptive curling (wheelchair curling, blind curling, deaf curling, stick curling, and Special Olympics curling). WCCC curls on Sunday mornings but also offers the occasional Saturday night event and they are one of 4 clubs in California. WCCC is a volunteer-run, 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is a member of USA Curling and the Mountain Pacific Curling Association (MoPac). They hold two tournaments each year which brings over 40 teams (including past Olympians) to the area to compete in a 3-day event.

“From hosting watch parties at local bars to holding as many learn-to-curl sessions that we can schedule through Skatetown Ice, we are doing everything in

our power to let the Northern California community know that we are here,” said Wine Country Curling Club President Katie Feldman. WCCC has taught approximately 150 people to curl in just this year alone and they anticipate that number to double during the first half of 2018.

Wine Country Curling Club is available for live spots (or taped roll) which would be perfect for background video as the newscasters discuss the Winter Olympics results. They are also interested in offering curling demonstrations either on location (at Skatetown Ice or the Downtown Outdoor Ice Rink) as well as in-studio. WCCC can teach TV/radio/print personalities how to curl in less than 20 minutes, so that when they inevitably talk about it in February, they will know the basics of the sport.

For more information contact: Katie Feldman, (916) 849-9731 katie@winecountrycurlingclub.com

Check out winecountrycurlingclub.com ★

Hundreds of Area Pets Saved by Bissell Pet Foundation Grant

Funding Prevents Pet Homelessness By Reducing Surrenders And Saving Pets' Lives



Each year in Sacramento, there are more animals in need of homes than there are homes available to adopt them. MPG file photo

By Holly Kroeze, Bissell Pet Foundation

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Bissell Pet Foundation has awarded \$10,000 to assist the lifesaving efforts of the Sacramento SPCA (SSPCA). Grant funds will prevent pet overpopulation, as well as helping area residents needing assistance with proactive veterinary care.

Each year in Sacramento, there are more animals in need of homes than there are homes available to adopt them. While all breeds are at risk for overpopulation and homelessness, a high percentage of animals surrendered at Sacramento community shelters are Chihuahuas. In 2016, at the SSPCA, 21% of dogs

surrendered were classified as Chihuahuas or Chihuahua mixes. The Bissell Pet Foundation grant will fund the SSPCA's 'We Pay to Spay' program targeted at Chihuahua owners to reduce unplanned litters of this breed, thereby reducing future surrenders and saving lives. Grant funds will cover the cost of 200 spay/neuter surgeries.

“The greatest reward is to help our partners save thousands of animals' lives each year by supporting their efforts,” explains Cathy Bissell, Founder of the pet foundation. “We hope to see the day when every pet has a loving, forever home.”

Bissell Pet Foundation provides much-needed financial assistance to animal welfare organizations with the goal of

finding every pet a loving home. Since its inception, the foundation has given more than \$4 million in support to organizations like Sacramento SPCA.

Bissell Pet Foundation is a charitable 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, microchipping and foster care. Founded in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, BPF is an extension of her long-standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. The foundation is supported by generous donors and BISSELL Homecare, Inc. Up to \$10 for every pet product purchased helps fund the foundation's mission. ★

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SMUD Board of Directors Approves 2018 Budget

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its customers use to do business with SMUD. The 2018 budget includes initiatives to deliver a new SMUDapp with bill pay and outage communications functionality, as well as increasingly personalized customer experiences on SMUD's digital channels.

In 2018, SMUD embarks on exploring new business opportunities that open new markets and revenue streams. These include expanding opportunities for new revenue in traditional wholesale energy markets, such as successfully selling excess transmission capacity, plus new net revenue from non-traditional sources such as the new e-commerce solution, the SMUD Energy Store.

SMUD signed a contract in 2017 with Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA) to provide Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) services. SMUD's work with VCEA, which launches next spring, will create a new revenue stream for SMUD and creates possibilities for expansion into other CCA markets.

The capital budget includes funding for improvements and investments to support

development of SMUD's load serving capacity—the amount of power needed to meet high demand during peak summer hours—as well as continued modernization of the grid; regulatory compliance; and customers' experience dealing with SMUD. Some major capital projects include:

- Rebuilding Station E and Station G substations downtown
- Construction of the new Franklin substation in Elk Grove
- Rehabilitation of the SMUD Headquarters building
- Re-purchase of Solano Wind 3

The O&M budget includes funding for the work associated with SMUD joining the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) in 2019. The EIM is a real-time, wholesale power market managed by the California Independent System Operator that enables participating utilities to buy low-cost energy available across eight western states—the resulting efficiencies of pooling power resources across a wide geographic area provides cost savings and environmental benefits. Other

O&M expenditures include:

- Power plant maintenance and overhauls
- Repair costs due to storm and wildfire events
- Technological enhancements to existing electrical equipment

SMUD customers continue to pay significantly less for electricity than most Californians, and as of November 1, 2017, about 32 percent less than residential customers who are supplied by neighboring PG&E.

As the nation's sixth-largest, community-owned electric service provider, SMUD has been providing low-cost, reliable electricity for 70 years to Sacramento County (and small adjoining portions of Placer and Yolo Counties). SMUD is a recognized industry leader and award winner for its innovative energy efficiency programs, renewable power technologies, and for its sustainable solutions for a healthier environment. SMUD's power mix is about 50 percent non-carbon emitting. For more information, visit itsmud.org. ★

Carmichael Improvement District Seeks Board Members



Carmichael Improvement District (CID) is accepting applications for its voluntary Board of Directors. An induction and orientation for the new member(s) will take place in January 2018. Prospective board members may include CID-area business owners, public sector property owners and owner representatives, as well as engaged residents of the greater Carmichael community.

A description of expectations for a Board Member and application can be found at www.CarmichaelID.org. Applications must be submitted to info@carmichaelid.org by December 15.

The Carmichael Improvement District was formed in December 2016 to promote the common interests of business and property owners by improving business and economic conditions in the Carmichael area. For additional information contact info@carmichaelid.org.

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Brundage Returning to Manage River Cats in 2018

New Pitching Coach Steve Kline and fundamentals Coach Nestor Rojas to Join Returning hitting Coach Damon Minor

By Daniel Emmons

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats, in conjunction with the San Francisco Giants, are thrilled to welcome back Dave Brundage for his second season as manager of the River Cats for the 2018 season.

Brundage will be joined by a few new faces for the 2018 season at Raley Field. While Damon Minor will return for his third season as the River Cats hitting coach, he will be joined by new pitching coach Steve Kline and fundamentals coach Nestor Rojas. The new training staff will be made up of athletic trainer David Getsoff and strength and conditioning coach Andy King. Travis Higgs will round out the club's 2018 field staff, and will serve as bullpen catcher and team administrator.

An Oregon native, Brundage joined the River Cats in 2017 and compiled a 64-77 record in his 20th season as a minor league manager. Before coming to Sacramento, the veteran manager spent the previous four seasons with the International League's Lehigh Valley IronPigs. In 2016, Brundage led the IronPigs to an 85-58 record, the second best mark in all of Triple-A baseball.

Brundage, 53, made his managerial debut in 1995 with the Riverside Pilots (Seattle Mariners Class A-Advanced). He made his Triple-A debut in 2006 with the Pacific Coast League's Tacoma Rainiers. Brundage has a career record of 1,435-1,392 (.508) in 20 seasons as a manager including a 857-858 (.499) mark at the Triple-A level.

Drafted in the 4th round of the 1986 Amateur Draft out of Oregon State University, Brundage spent 10 seasons as



a player in the Minor Leagues with the Phillies and Mariners organizations.

Minor, 43, returns to the River Cats for his third season as hitting coach. In his second year with the team, Minor worked closely with Triple-A newcomers and top Giants' prospects Christian Arroyo, Chris Shaw, and Ryder Jones as they prepared for their Major League debuts.

A former Giant, Minor was drafted by San Francisco in 1996 and made his Major League debut in 2000. In 136 games over parts of four seasons, Minor hit .232 with 13 home runs. He set a career-high in 2002 when he played in 83 games and slugged 10 home runs, helping the Giants claim the National League pennant.

Kline, 45, joins the River Cats as pitching coach after serving in the same role for three seasons with the Double-A Richmond Flying Squirrels and nine seasons overall with the organization. While in Richmond, Kline helped in the development of several River Cats standouts, including Tyler Beede, Andrew Suarez, and Tyler Rogers. Kline led the Giants Double-A affiliate to a top-five pitching staff (in team ERA) in each of his three Eastern League seasons, including a league-leading 3.12 team ERA in 2015.

Kline completed his 11-year Major League career as a lefty reliever with the Giants in 2007. The Pennsylvania native was an 8th round selection by the Cleveland Indians in the 2003

draft out of the University of West Virginia. He set the single-season record for appearances (89) in 2001 while with St. Louis, and led the National League in games played as a pitcher for three consecutive seasons (1999-2001).

Rojas, 34, will join the River Cats as fundamentals coach after managing the Class-A Advanced San Jose Giants in 2017. Since retiring at the end of the 2010 season, Rojas immediately began his coaching career and has been a bright up-and-coming coaching talent in the Giants organization. Rojas landed his first managerial job in 2013 at age 29 with the Arizona Rookie League Giants, and led them to a 41-14 record.

A native of Venezuela, Rojas played for six seasons in the Giants organization, including two stints with Triple-A Fresno in 2009 and 2010.

Rounding out the field staff will be a new athletic training and strength and conditioning duo. David Getsoff will join the River Cats as the athletic trainer in his 10th season with the Giants Organization, while Andy King will be the River Cats strength and conditioning coach in what will be his fifth season with the Giants. Travis Higgs will return as the team's bullpen catcher in 2018.

The Sacramento River Cats are the Triple-A affiliate of the three-time World Champion San Francisco Giants. The team plays at Raley Field in West Sacramento, consistently voted one of the top ballparks in America. For more information about the River Cats, visit www.rivercats.com. For information on other events at Raley Field, visit www.raleysfield.com.

Source: Sacramento River Cats Media ★

Sacramento County DA Reports

Defendant Sentenced to 25-Life for Murder of 13-Month-Old Girl

DATE: December 8, 2017

CASE: Guyland Washington (Case #14F04826)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Dawn Bladet, Homicide Unit

The Honorable Maryanne Gilliard sentenced Guyland Washington to the maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison. On October 5, 2017, a jury convicted Washington for the second-degree murder of 13-month-old Leila Shehadeh, and child assault causing death.

On the morning of July 11, 2014, Guyland Washington's then girlfriend left her 13-month-old daughter, Leila Shehadeh, in Washington's care. When the girlfriend returned that afternoon, she discovered her daughter was not breathing and unresponsive. Paramedics brought Leila to the UC Davis Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead shortly after her arrival. When doctors observed bruising and multiple injuries to Leila's head, body and anal areas, they reported suspected child abuse to law enforcement. An autopsy showed Leila suffered a skull fracture with associated brain swelling, rib fractures and significant bruising on various parts of her body. Her cause of death was determined to be intentionally inflicted blunt force injuries.

During the sentencing hearing, Judge Gilliard stated, "In my nineteen years of being a judge this has to be without a doubt one of the worst actions I have seen another human being do to such a vulnerable sweet innocent little child."

Defendant Pleads to Forcible Rape During Commission of Burglary

DATE: December 14, 2017

CASE: David Hamilton (Case #17FE00245)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Maria Wilson, Adult Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit

David Hamilton pled no contest to forcible rape and admitted an allegation that the rape occurred during the commission of a first-degree burglary. Hamilton also admitted a prior 2014 robbery strike conviction.

At approximately 3:00 a.m. on February 7, 2017, Hamilton entered the victim's home through her kitchen window. Hamilton, who was a stranger to the victim, grabbed a knife and entered the victim's bedroom. Hamilton told the victim to get on the floor and threatened to kill her if she did not cooperate. He then bound the victim's hands, choked her and raped her. After the assault, Hamilton began walking around the house. The victim, who was scared he would hurt her sleeping children, was able to distract Hamilton by offering him food and drinks. During this time she was able to call 911 and send a text for help. When officers arrived, they found Hamilton hiding under the victim's couch with the knife.

Hamilton will be sentenced to 30 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for January 9, 2018, at 8:30

a.m. in Department 60 before the Honorable Stephen Acquistio.



Former Correctional Officer Pleads to Arson, Domestic Violence

DATE: December 15, 2017

CASE: William Joseph Babbitt (Case #17FE005738)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Neil Ferrara, Special Investigations Unit

William Babbitt suspected the victim had dated his estranged wife. On August 20, 2016, Babbitt went to the victim's apartment and set fire to the front door while the victim was asleep. A neighbor saw the fire, alerted the victim and extinguished the fire. Later that morning, Babbitt's wife confronted him regarding the incident. During this confrontation, Babbitt threw her to the ground causing a scrape to her left arm. Investigators determined that Babbitt used an accelerant to set the fire. At the time of these crimes, Babbitt was employed as a correctional officer with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Babbitt will be sentenced to 3 years in state prison. Sentencing is set for January 23, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 37 before the Honorable Stephen Acquistio.

Former High School Teacher Sentenced for Sexual Relationships with Students

DATE: December 15, 2017

CASE: Byron Wallace (Case #15F06533)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Maria Wilson, Adult Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit

The Honorable Laurel White sentenced Byron Wallace to 8 years, 4 months in prison. On October 31, 2017, a jury convicted Wallace of four counts of committing sex acts with a person under the age of 18, communicating with a minor with the intent to commit a sex act, molesting a child under the age of 18, three counts of unlawful sex with a minor, and dissuading a witness.

Wallace was a math teacher at Inderkum High School. He also ran the Christians in Action club as well as the HOPE program. A high school freshman met Wallace when she was a student in his geometry class. She got to know Wallace throughout her high school years from math classes and as an active member of the Christians in Action club. During her senior year, Wallace and the victim began exchanging flirtatious text messages. Eventually, they began meeting before and after school and became physically intimate. Over the course of their relationship, the victim spent more than \$3,500 on Wallace - buying him expensive shoes, belts and watches. Another student met Wallace her senior year when she asked him for help in math. She also became active in the Christians in Action club. Wallace and the victim began exchanging flirtatious text messages. Soon after, their relationship became physically intimate. Wallace also sent nude photos of himself to both victims. ★

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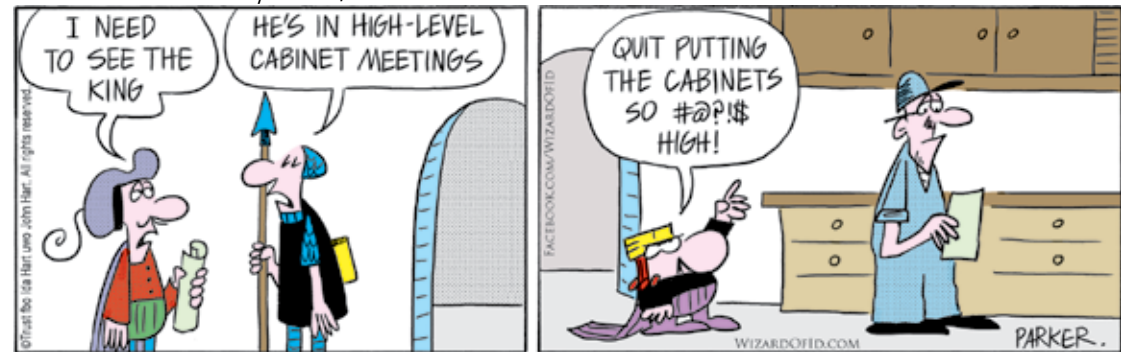
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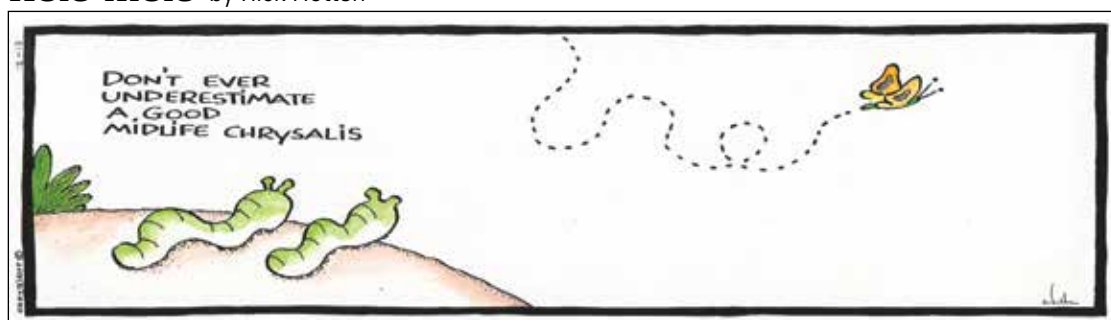
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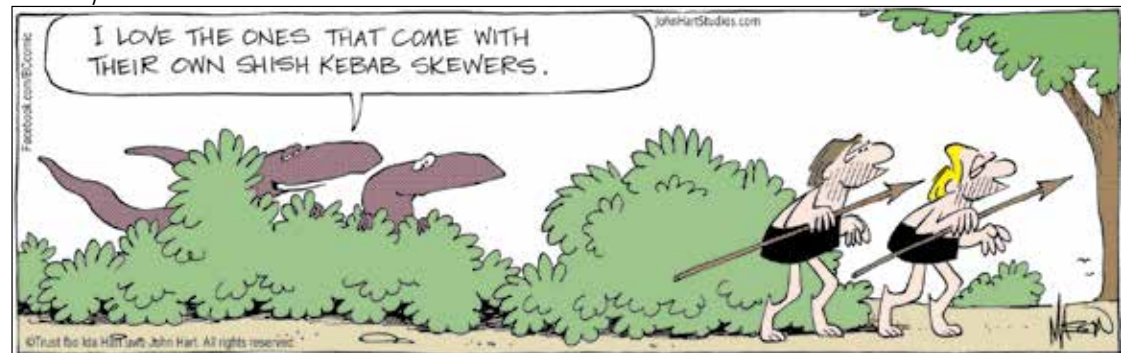
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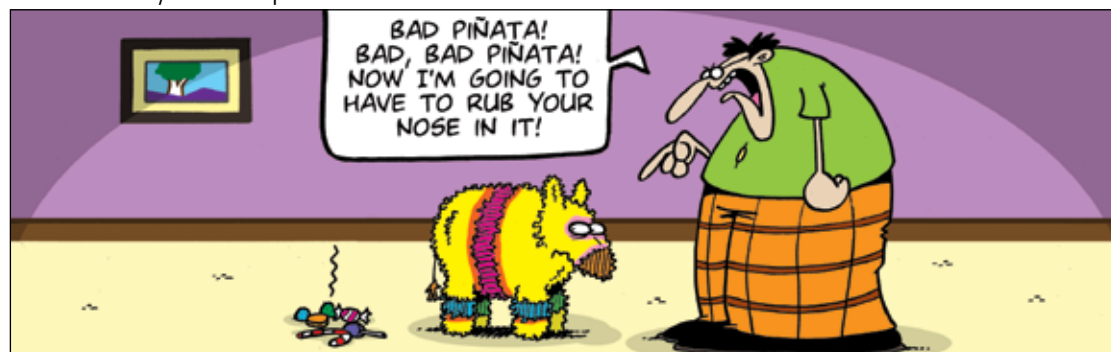
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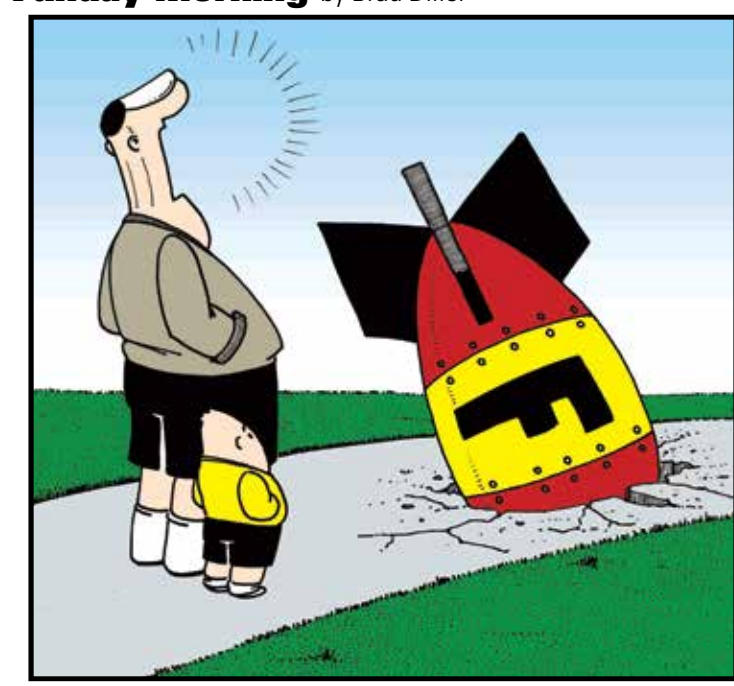
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Time: 8:00 pm
Place: Theater in the Heights, 8215 Auburn Blvd Citrus Heights, CA 95610
Contact: 916-524-6987 info@theaterintheheights.com
Info: An inspired whodunit... a snappy, clever drawing-room mystery. There are twists on playwright Ken Ludwig's The Game's Afoot that cause the audience to gasp.

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Date: Wednesdays
Time: 9am-1pm
Place: Sacramento VA Medical Center, 10535 Hospital Way Mather, CA
Contact:
Info: The VA Mather Farmers' Market occurs year-round every Wednesday and offers special deals for veterans.

Silent Movie Night

Date: Wednesdays
Time: 7pm-8:30pm
Place: Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse 7997 California Ave. Fair Oaks, CA 95628
Contact: 916-966-1036
Info: Join the Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District & the Sierra Chapter American Theatre Organ Society for a trip back in time. The night will feature silent film Peter Pan(1924), along with LIVE theatre organ accompaniment featuring Dave Moreno at the mighty Wurlitzer. Popcorn,

hot dogs, and drinks will be available for purchase, cash only. Doors open at 6:00pm.

Annual Crab Feed

Date: 1/6/18
Time: 5pm -9pm
Place: Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA 95628
Contact: 916-967-4784
Info: Our annual Crab Feed and Bingo Night is January 6th! Come enjoy a 4 course meal of salad, bread, hot prawns, baked ziti, and hot dungeness crab. Immediately following the crab feed we will have bingo games with fabulous prizes! Come fill up on crab and win big during bingo! All proceeds go toward funding Fair Oaks Presbyterians High School Choir!

1st Annual Scottish Whiskey Tasting

Date: 1-13-18
Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm
Place: Oak Event Center, 4366 Auburn Blvd Sacramento, CA 95821
Contact: 916-259-9908
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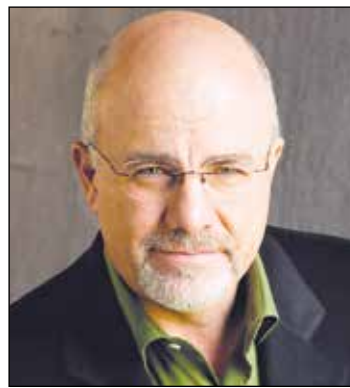
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Dear Liz,
 How much do you spend on your grandchildren? Enough to make their parents nervous!

Seriously, I think it depends on two things. First, are you two debt-free, or at least able to provide gifts without going into debt or hurting yourselves financially? There's nothing wrong with spoiling the grandbabies once in a while. But don't use Christmas as an excuse to lose your minds, blow your budget, or go into debt every December. The amount you spend on gifts? I would suggest making it reasonable, not over the top, and relative to your income and that of the household in which the kiddos live.

The second thing I wonder about is the ages of all the grandchildren. I can't imagine a four-year-old getting excited

over a gift card. So, if that's the general age range we're talking about, have some fun with it! Head down to the store, and really put some thought into these decisions. On the other hand, it might be just the thing for a teenager — especially if you know where they like to shop and hang out. Older kids want to make their own decisions, so depending on the personality of the grandchild, a gift card might be the way to go.

But if your grandkids are still little, please don't give them gift cards. No, grandma. No!
 —Dave

Interview follow-up

Dear Dave,
 What is the proper etiquette after the job interview process? I recently had an interview for a sales management position. I've sent a couple of follow-up emails in the last few weeks, and I know I'm still under consideration, but I'm not sure what to do now.
 - Krista

Dear Krista
 Next time, since you obviously have a sales background, how about treating it like a sales call? If you're on a sales call, and the customer needs to perform some due diligence before deciding, a smart salesperson will ask to schedule a follow-up.

Ask if checking back on a certain day in the next week or two will work. You don't want to be obnoxious, but you want an appointment of sorts — a time frame — so you'll know when to follow up without being pushy.

In this situation, I would recommend sending another email. You want to walk right up to that fine line that separates bold from obnoxious, because that's one of things a good sales manager should be able to do. Respectfully tell them you understand the decision-making process takes time, but you need to know when you can expect an answer.

Use the idea that you're a great sales person, and you're treating this as a professional sales call. And don't be afraid to have a little fun with it. If you're still under consideration, that means they like you. You could even hint at the fact they don't want to hire a sales manager who doesn't know how to follow up!
 —Dave

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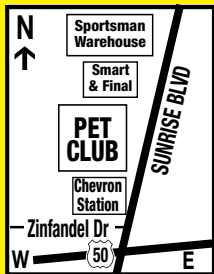
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