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"We're Getting Closer to the Finish Line"



An August 2019 photo shows the Civic Center site just prior to the demolition of the last building standing on the site. From left to right are former Councilmember Robert J. McGarvey, Mayor Garrett Gatewood, City Manager Cyrus Abbar, and Deputy City Manager Micah Runner. Photo courtesy City of Rancho Cordova

By Margaret Snider

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - "We're getting closer to the finish line," said Rancho Cordova Deputy City Manager, Micah Runner. "We're really excited about what's to come in the near future of creating place-making along Folsom Boulevard, and providing a real community heart for the area." In 2019, after two years of analysis, studies, feedback, and site selection, the City issued its Request for Proposal for the Mills Crossing Project. The City Council chose Griffin Swinerton/Related Housing to develop the 10-acre City-owned parcel across from the MACC.

At the virtual Rancho Cordova "luncheon" on March 19, Shelly Blanchard, Community Council executive director, said that since its inception in 2014, the Measure H half cent additional sales tax has helped

fund many of the basic needs of the City, such as road repair and police protection, as well as "cool projects, long overdue projects, and an explosion of art." Beyond those uses, the City Council set aside money for some once in a lifetime legacy projects, and the Mills Crossing Project is one of those.

Runner introduced Korin Crawford, executive vice president of Griffin Swinerton, who presented a detailed summary of the Project. "Working with local governments to get authentic projects conceived, financed and built is more than a job for us," Crawford said. "It's more than a job for me, it's really a calling."

Crawford is from the Bay Area, born and raised in Palo Alto, educated in engineering. "I really got into the business out of grad school," Crawford said. ". . . I didn't really have development as part of my

educational background, but I started volunteering for community-based organizations that were involved in redevelopment." Before taking the position with Griffin Swinerton, Crawford led public/private partnerships and infrastructure for the City of Los Angeles.

Crawford estimated the construction will start at the end of 2022 or beginning of 2023. As far as the completion, he said, "The project will probably go in phases, so it's hard to break up the project into one singular start and one singular finish. But we generally estimate 30 months of construction or 2 1/2 years."

The site has been vacant since 2019, bounded on the west by La Loma Drive. Residential will be to the north, and community facilities generally front along Folsom Boulevard. "We really want to open the doors of

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Home Sweet Home Association or Not

By Chris Ching

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Utilizing the not so small phrase "the whole reason why we became a city" with regard to not having Enforceable Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) in the past, Councilmember David Sander along with the majority of the City Council expressed their approval of them (with some caveats) for any future housing development that comes to Rancho Cordova. His words, spoken at the March 15 City Council Meeting, came in discussion after Elizabeth Sparkman, Community Development Director, presented information about options they could choose.

Those three options were 1) A Traditional Homeowner's Association (HOA), 2) A NON-CID HOA or 3) Enforceable CC&Rs. Furthermore, the CC&Rs could feature an Architectural Review Committee, inclusion of referenced City property maintenance codes, the city named as a third-party beneficiary with rights and without obligation to enforce and the prohibiting of parking of boats, recreational vehicles and trailers.

Councilmember Siri Pulipati expressed some interest in the third option but was very much in favor of the first. Speaking about Traditional HOAs, she emphasized, "As a homeowner, safety and security and appearance of neighboring properties" being enforced were most important to her. Pulipati also stated the need of elected members for any given neighborhood that a HOA would provide. Mayor Garret Gatewood also preferred the Traditional HOA structure.

On the other hand, Vice-Mayor Donald Terry, Councilmember Linda Budge and Councilmember Sander looked more favorably on Enforceable CC&Rs. Councilmember Budge did take issue with the Architectural Review Committee feeling it infringed on the rights of property owners and Councilmember Sander thought a mixture of HOA and CC&Rs would work best.

Also heard from was Cornelious Burke of the Building Industry Association who stated the BIA was strongly opposed to Traditional HOAs and NON-CID HOAs.

With the humorous comment from Mayor Gatewood that only lava rock, red clay and palm trees be allowed for home

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\$28.6 Billion of American Rescue Plan Dedicated to Restaurants

Restaurant Revitalization Fund Created for 2019 and 2020 Loss Revenue

Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - One of the most significant elements of the American Rescue Plan is the creation of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF). This new \$28.6 billion grant program specifically targets hard-hit restaurants and bars, with restaurants able to apply for grants based on lost gross revenue between 2019 and 2020. The maximum grant size will be \$5 million for restaurants and \$10 million for restaurant groups. Small independent restauranters account for nearly \$250 billion in lost revenue due to the pandemic.

Chamber staff participated

in a U.S. Chamber of Commerce Briefing on March 12. Thanks to the US National Restaurant Association, below are some key highlights to know and prepare for:

Eligible entities include a restaurant, food stand, food truck, food cart, caterer, saloon, inn, tavern, bar, lounge, brewpub, tasting room, taproom, licensed facility, or premise of a beverage alcohol producer where the public may taste, sample, or purchase products, or other similar places of business in which the public or patrons assemble for the primary purpose of being served food or drink;

You must own fewer than 20 restaurants and not be publicly traded; You may

be a franchise owner of a publicly-traded restaurant; Grants for restaurants may be up to \$5 million; Grants for restaurant groups may be up to \$10 million; \$5 billion is available to businesses with gross receipts of \$500,000 or less; Eligible grantees may receive grants based on pandemic-related revenue loss, calculated by subtracting its 2020 gross receipts from its 2019 gross receipts; The Act provides that grant proceeds are used to cover payroll, mortgage, rent, utilities, maintenance, operational costs, paid sick leave, and supplies, the grant proceeds will not be taxable and, importantly, the related expenditures will still be deductible; RRF is a grant program

– not forgivable loans like PPP; Grants are not taxed like income and all normal federal tax deductions are protected; The program will be administered by the SBA and there are limited funds.

The first 21 days of the program will prioritize small businesses owned by women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

PPP Application Deadline is Wednesday, March 31, 2021

While Congress is considering legislation to extend this deadline, businesses are encouraged to apply now.

Visit SBA.gov or Rancho Cordova's website for eligible Paycheck Protection Program lenders. ★

Thunder Valley Casino Resort Breaks Ground

By Miranda Raulinaitis, Elmets Communications

LINCOLN, CA (MPG) - Thunder Valley Casino Resort is proud to announce that construction is officially underway for The Venue at Thunder Valley.

Members of the United Auburn Indian Community Tribal Council, Thunder Valley Executives and local elected officials, chambers and community groups gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the property's new 150,000 square foot state-of-the-art entertainment venue.

"Today marks a momentous milestone for the United Auburn Indian Community and Thunder Valley Casino Resort," said Dawn Clayton, General Manager of Thunder Valley. "The Venue at Thunder Valley will allow us to expand our entertainment footprint in a big way as we continue to provide unparalleled experiences for our guests."

Once completed, The Venue will have 4,500 seats and host musical acts, comedic performances and sporting events, and will provide large event space for conferences and banquets.



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The Venue's facilities have been designed with a vision that is both modern and sophisticated and will feature multi-level spaces and amenities, abundant concessions offering food, beer and wine, cutting edge sound and video systems and much more.

"The United Auburn Indian Community is proud to have the ability to continue to position Thunder Valley as Northern California's premier entertainment destination," said Gene Whitehouse, Chairman of the United Auburn Indian Community. "The Venue is the future of entertainment at Thunder Valley and we look forward to attracting big-name performers year-round."

The Venue will cost \$100

million and is anticipated to be completed by early 2023. The project's General Contractor is McCarthy Building Companies, and the Architectural Design Firm is OTJ Architects.

In total, the project will create over 200 construction jobs.

"Since opening in 2003, Thunder Valley has experienced tremendous growth and monumental success," said Clayton. "The accomplishments of our award-winning property are a true testament to our loyal guests and the hard work and dedication of our phenomenal team members. We plan to announce our opening acts soon and cannot wait to welcome you to The Venue at Thunder Valley." ★

Fundraiser to Benefit Joshua's House Hospice

By Marlene von Friederichs-Fitzwater, Joshua's House

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Danny Schneider is a longtime musician and songwriter. He's played big name clubs on the Sunset Strip in Los Angeles such as the Roxy and the Troubadour; he's self-produced 5 CD's and a vinyl EP; and he's performed with his band, The Neon Flamingos, at numerous venues. His latest project, an album titled "On the Other Side of the Window," has led Danny to delve into a new venture...fundraising for Sacramento nonprofit Joshua's House Hospice.

Joshua's House Hospice for the terminally ill homeless hopes to open its doors in Spring of 2021. Due to an increase in construction costs and the impact of COVID-19, the project is in need of more funding. With a building purchased at 1501 C Street in downtown Sacramento, the organization will provide shelter, care, and a variety of services to terminally ill homeless individuals - something that is desperately needed in Sacramento now as the numbers of homeless men and women increase. There is no other facility like this on the west coast and Joshua's House is committed to providing a place of compassion and a sense of dignity to those who would otherwise be on the streets or riverbanks of Sacramento during their dying days. The project has support from Mayor Darrel Steinberg, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Sacramento City Council member Jeff Harris, and many other local dignitaries. And sponsors such as Kaiser

Permanente, Sutter Health, UC Davis Health and Dignity Health.

After working on an album for the past year, recording 9 new songs with original lyrics and music, it became clear to Danny Schneider that there was a real purpose behind his album project. While in the process of recording the album, Danny happened to see a TV segment about Joshua's House Hospice that gave him great inspiration. It was that exposure to the story behind Joshua's House Hospice, named for the grandson (who had experienced homelessness) of founder Marlene von Friederichs-Fitzwater, that prompted him to come up with the idea to use his music to fundraise and support Joshua's House. "I decided that I could press a special limited autographed vinyl edition of 100 copies of the album. Each copy will be sold for a gift donation of \$100.00. Our fundraising target would then be \$10,000 payable directly to Joshua's House Hospice." Needless to say, Joshua's House is thrilled to partner with Danny in this unique event. His website, <http://dannyschneider.com/>, is dedicated to the project. There, donors can read more about his story, the Joshua's House story, and order their copy of the LP by donating.

More information and ordering at: <http://dannyschneider.com/> \$100 donation to Joshua's House Hospice per order. All proceeds go directly to Joshua's House Hospice. Recent story on Danny Schneider in Family Beautiful online magazine at: <https://familybeautiful.com/danny-schneider-dignity-and-the-arts> ★

Food Literacy Center Launches Raising Kale Podcast

Jaime Wilson, Food Literacy Center

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Food Literacy Center announced today the launch of the Raising Kale podcast in partnership with Entercom Communications. Raising Kale will be available nationwide via the RADIO.COM app and website, and everywhere else podcasts can be found beginning March 10.

Food Literacy Center seeks to serve local Sacramento families and educate students about nutrition, cooking, and gardening through active play

with the intention to improve their health, environment, and economy. The pandemic has shed light on our fractured food systems through empty grocery store shelves and families experiencing hunger amid an unstable economy. Because of this, Food Literacy Center is launching Raising Kale, a podcast on a mission to tell the stories of our food problems and the people bringing solutions.

Hosted by Amber Stott, Founder and Chief Food Genius, Food Literacy Center, and produced by Entercom Sacramento, Raising Kale is an educational call to action with

powerful stories. I hope listeners will join me to learn more and to raise kale in their own community."

Stott added that the podcast guests - otherwise known as Kale Raisers - are involved with remarkable, action-oriented initiatives from improving school lunches to building local food economies in Haiti to ending hunger through culinary education in San Diego. "This podcast proves that people can use food to make the world a better place," said Stacey Kauffman, Senior Vice President and Market Manager, Entercom Sacramento. "Sacramento is America's Farm to

Fork capital, so we see the intersects and impact first-hand that food has on our health, economy, environment and community. By sharing these powerful and engaging stories, we seek to educate and inspire our audience on how food can be a tool for good, and how they can make a difference in their own homes and communities."

The Raising Kale podcast is available nationwide on the RADIO.COM app and everywhere else podcasts can be found. Fans can also connect with the podcast on social media via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. ★

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landscaping in the future, the subject was turned back over to Staff to return for a future Council Meeting.

Administrative Services Director Kim Juran presented the 2020/2021 Mid-Year Financial Update Report. Discussing how COVID-19 has affected city revenues, Director Juran said the impact has been uneven. Property Tax and Sales Tax are steady although a possible downturn in the former is not off the table. The Transient Occupancy Tax has been most dramatically impacted trending at 53 percent of what it was during the same period the prior fiscal year. She said it was uncertain if the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine would result in an increase in travel and occupancy. As well, the Utility Users Tax has been affected by business closures and Investment Income has also been negatively impacted. Conversely, Building Permits are generating revenue at an unprecedented rate due to a robustly unprecedented construction market.

Director Juran reported with the recent passage of the \$1.9 Trillion COVID-19 Stimulus Bill, \$15.8 million would be allocated to the City which could be used for lost revenues. Along these very positive lines was the fact that a year ago anticipating a rough year ahead, Director Juran and Staff amended the Budget which in the end has left over funds that could be used toward the Youth Center and Little League—suggestions with which the Council agreed.

Also giving an update to the Council was Rancho Cordova Police Chief Kate Adams. While stating, “statistics and hard numbers are important”, for the 2021 RCPD First Quarter Report she wanted to present a “holistic overview” on how the Department is utilizing “innovative tools and strategies” to better serve the city. In the past year, their Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program has sent out drones 59 times to deal with barricaded subjects, search warrant execution and more. Also Rancho Cordova’s dedicated Mobile Crisis Support Team (MCST) will soon be launching to provide a “safe, compassionate and effective response to individuals with mental illness”. Along with these new ways for the Police Department to better serve the city, Adams also mentioned their ability to overcome the community engagement roadblocks brought on by COVID-19 through weekly newsletters, in-person events and ZOOM meetings.

Speaking of ZOOM, the night was plagued by a more than average number of technical

difficulties which hampered the showing of the video of the RCPD Drone at work.

Emergency shelters in the city including their permitted location, development and operational standards and definition as the State required led the night’s Public Hearing Items. During his presentation, Stefan Heilser from Community Development reported positive feedback from a recent meeting with the community and the ordinance will have a second reading.

Economic Development Manager Amanda Norton appeared to open a Public Hearing on another item - Renewing the Rancho Cordova Tourism District - and receive testimony. As none was forthcoming, the item will come back next month for consideration and action.

Vaccination was the keyword during Council Reports (and touched on at other points during the night) with members advocating for the community to get their shot. “Absolutely the least painful shot I’d ever got,” said Councilmember Budge and stressed that the feeling of relief afterwards was “really, really comforting.”

During her report, she also praised the Chamber of Commerce on their brand new coloring book for Rancho Cordova children.

Councilmember Sander happily announced city youth sports like Little League and Girls Soccer were on track to resume. “An enormous benefit for our kids,” said Sanders. He noted the large amount of feedback he received from those living near Sunrise Blvd and Douglas Road concerning improvements on a connector segment that extends north from Douglas along Grant Line Road toward White Rock Road.

As students slowly begin to return to in-person education, Vice-Mayor Terry reported findings that a “majority of families are not interested in sending kids back.” Councilmember Siri Pulipati marked International Women’s Day. City Manager Cyrus Abhar attended a timely Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of commerce meeting and while not possessing full details, shortly discussed the American Rescue Plan Act and how those monies could be used.

During public comment, a woman who has previously spoken at past meetings again repeated her dislike of how Black History month had been celebrated in Rancho Cordova as well as Mayor Gatewood’s reply to her thoughts on the matter. Another community member, Michelle Gerow, discussed what she sees as a deep need for a respite center to aid at-risk and homeless youth in the city. ★

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the Civic Center to Folsom Boulevard and draw in the public and visitors and both from Mills Station across the street and access from the road itself,” Crawford said. To the east the site borders Folsom Lake College, Rancho Cordova.

After all the research, input, and ideas from a large variety of sources, Griffin Swinerton came up with five programming themes that represent what they heard as the hopes and wants of the community and the City. Those were: (1) the arts; (2) flexible meeting and community gathering spaces; (3) health and wellness; (4) education, craft and maker spaces; and (5) commercial spaces. “Ultimately,” Crawford said, “. . . the ideation and visioning process continues and we start to

think about how all of these different uses are permeable and they bleed into one another.”

Those five themes coalesced into three preliminary development alternatives: (1) an arts and culture-based center, organized around a central plaza; (2) a hub fostering innovation and learning, organized around a central street; and (3) a holistic wellness center, organized around a central park.

Next steps include 120 days for concepts and diagrams of the three alternatives after due diligence, site research and analysis, and initial findings for programming partners. Then an additional 180-210 days for the three developed site plans with illustrative drawings, precedent imagery, updated proposal for

programming partners, and phasing/cost assessment. The final phase will take 300 days for the site plan of the selected alternative with 3D renderings, illustrative drawings/diagrams, imagery, programming partnership final proposal, phasing and cost proposal. The residential aspect will be addressed by Relative Housing. Whichever alternative is chosen, the final proposal will include parking, housing, arts and education, flexible space and commercial space.

“These three (alternatives) are not all mutually exclusive,” Crawford said. “You can do wellness in the context of a plaza and you can do the arts in a way that’s innovative. So all of these things are interrelated and can be hybridized and fused together.” ★

Agency on Aging Virtual Workshops

By Bobby Olwell, Agency on Aging

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As our older adult population has the need for services but is sheltering in place, the Agency on Aging\Area 4 is bringing the programs and education workshops to their living rooms.

Workshops are being offered by ZOOM and can be viewed with their phones, tablets, or computers. Offering a variety of topics at different time slots, the participant can easily join in. Technical help is offered at each workshop for those in need to ensure they get the maximum benefit of the sessions. All

those 60+ are welcome and workshops are free.

The Direct Service programs include **Eat Smart, Live Strong** a four-session series that highlights increasing fruit and vegetable intake and increasing daily physical activity. **Mature Edge Job Readiness Program** a series of interactive job readiness sessions preparing the mature worker for a productive and successful search. **Live Strong and Safe Fall Prevention Program** is a two series class focused on important topics to help older adults reduce their risk of falling. **Bingocize** an evidence-based program that combines a bingo-like game with exercise and health education.

Helps older adults improve mobility and independence while learning about fall prevention and other health related behaviors. **Diabetes Empowerment Education Program, (DEEP)** helps people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, relatives, and caregivers gain a better understanding of diabetes self-care. Please call the AAA4 office at 916 710-8380 for information and registration.

For more information on the Agency on Aging\Area 4 and all it has to offer check us out on YouTube or <https://www.facebook.com/aaa4ca>, or @agencyonaging4, and our website, www.agencyonaging4.org. ★

Students in 7–12 Grades to Return for In-person Learning



FCUSD Press Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Beginning March 17 Secondary schools in Folsom Cordova Unified School District will welcome back students in 7 – 12 grades to campus in a Hybrid Model. The Folsom Cordova Unified School District has been planning for the safe return of students to campus for many months and

in collaboration with bargaining team leadership from FCEA and CSEA, and health officials from Sacramento County Public Health.

All families who chose 100 percent virtual learning for their children will continue full Distance Learning.

The return of 6th grade students was previously approved by Sacramento County Public Health.

7th – 12th grade students coming to campus for in-person instruction will be divided into two groups, to maintain social distancing per health guidelines:

Students in Group A will attend in-person class on Tuesdays/Wednesdays and will join their classmates virtually

on Thursday/Fridays; **Students in Group B** will attend in-person class on Thursdays/Fridays and will join their classmates virtually on Tuesdays/Wednesdays; **Students in Group D** (Distance Learning) will join their classmates virtually Tuesday – Friday; **Monday instruction** is asynchronous and are set aside for teacher planning, teacher/student interventions, teacher/student outreach.

Class instruction will be delivered in-person and online concurrently, thanks to advanced AV technology and equipment in the classroom.

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Weekly Message from your Mayor

By Mayor Garrett Gatewood

“Ouch!” Was that pinch from a vaccine shot? No, my age group has not been selected, although my parents happily got their two shots. One trait that the Rancho Cordova community is celebrated for is helping others. I gave blood on Friday, March 12, an event sponsored by the Cordova Community Council. The procedure was painless because of their expertise. Their motto was “Give a pint, get a pint,” but the event was really focused on helping others. Because my blood is so rich in iron, they asked me to stay and donate three times! I learned something new when the nurse told me that they separate out the red blood cells because of the rich iron. If you are healthy enough to give blood, I hope you will donate next time.

When sports teams receive help from the City, their coaches are thankful and often send appreciative letters. Courtney Heimer, Cordova High School Assistant Cross Country Coach and Head Coach Josh Gruver, wrote a wonderful letter thanking David Sander and me for helping buy warm-up suits, tent, flags, and backpacks for the athletes. It helped the athletes gain spirit and be energized for their first meet this season. I appreciate the coaches’ thoughtfulness. We join the coaches in cheering, “Go Big Red!”

Another thank you note came from the Sacramento Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. This social action committee is working toward social reform, and I was happy to speak to them about Rancho Cordova’s response to the COVID pandemic. The social action series was called “Sacramento: The Good, The Bad,

and The Ugly Part 3 – Rancho Cordova.” I shared how the city partnered with businesses and constituents to make sure that the information about COVID19 was correct, and we double-checked that small businesses got funds to help them during this trying time. We wanted our citizens to feel safe when going out into the community.

Did you read that California Northstate University is searching for a city where a new teaching hospital could be built? Rancho Cordova was the site in 2008 of the first campus for this college, and we will research any proposals sent to us. I was quoted as saying, “Building a hospital in Rancho Cordova has long been a desire of the City Council, and we are excited to be exploring that possibility with California Northstate University.” Stay tuned to read here about any developments. ★

Recall Process Holds Electeds Accountable



Ted Gaines

Commentary by Ted Gaines

Governor Newsom looks certain to face a recall election. Voters – even his supporters – should be thankful that California has citizen empowerment tools to check corrupt, incompetent, unresponsive or simply unpopular government officials. If you favor accountability, look kindly upon the recall effort as a means of voters being heard.

It was not always so. In the early 20th century, California state and local governments, media, and courtrooms operated as little more than subsidiaries of the mighty railroads, which abused the public faith by buying and selling influence as though it was rail stock. Republican reform Governor Hiram Johnson revolted against railroad dominance by creating a direct-democracy end run around the moneyed Colossus that so easily and thoroughly controlled the state.

Johnson championed three major reforms: the initiative, the referendum, and, so critical now, the recall.

Each gave voters the chance to circumvent the existing and corrupted power structure that had silenced them.

Voters went from having little or no way to hold their representatives to account to having a powerful arsenal for self-determination, which they have used many times in the past century.

When runaway property taxes chased seniors out of their homes and broke family budgets, voters came together in 1978 to pass Proposition 13, the most consequential tax reform in state history. Prop. 13 has saved families billions in its four-plus decades of existence. This reform simply could not have originated in the legislature, whose appetite for more and more tax dollars is legendary, but only as an initiative from the people.

When Gray Davis short circuited during the energy crisis, voters famously used the recall to usher in Arnold Schwarzenegger as his replacement, to see if the Hollywood legend could right the ship of state.

Whether you supported Davis or Schwarzenegger or Prop. 13 is secondary to the power Governor Johnson’s reforms invested in the people. The key element of his changes is that voters were given the ability to weigh in, to be heard, in ways that purely representative democracy does not allow.

Governor Newsom’s detractors have accused him of decimating small business, failing to reopen schools, and disregarding his own restaurant-killing safety guidance. These criticisms have fueled another

grassroots effort to end his term early and find a better replacement.

Even if you support Newsom completely and think his handling of California is flawless, is it not a good thing for the Governor – and all politicians – to be haunted by the specter of accountability?

Hiram Johnson left us tools, not toys. It is not easy to place a recall on the ballot. To qualify, proponents need to submit valid signatures equal to 12-percent of the prior election’s turnout total. This year, that means roughly 1.2 million signatures were needed to put our current Governor up for a vote of (no) confidence. That threshold is a huge hurdle and ensures that recalls will not be used lightly.

But that threshold also means it now typically costs \$5 million or so to qualify a recall or initiative for the ballot. This tool of the people runs the risk of being transported into the exclusive realm of big-money special interests who can afford paid signature gatherers, advertising, mail pieces and other tools of organization and persuasion. We should not let it turn into the very thing it was intended to fight. We should make it easier to qualify initiatives, referenda, and recalls, to keep them safely within reach of authentic grassroots efforts.

Newsom may or may not fare better than Davis. But win or lose, the recall is a signal to the current Governor and all politicians that they serve at the people’s pleasure. ★



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EPA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT THE AEROJET GENERAL CORPORATION SUPERFUND CLEANUP

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has started the second Five-Year Review of the cleanup plans for the Aerojet General Corporation Superfund site. The site is in Rancho Cordova, California. The Review will evaluate if the cleanup is working as EPA intended and if it continues to protect public health and the environment.

Federal law requires EPA to review its Superfund cleanup plans every five years if:

- a cleanup takes more than five years to complete; or
- hazardous waste is still on-site.

EPA completed the last Five-Year Review for this site on September 16, 2016.

What is Included in the Review?

- an inspection of the site and the cleanup technologies being used,
- a review of site data and maintenance records, and
- a review of any new laws or requirements that could affect the cleanup.

When helpful, EPA breaks up its large cleanup sites into parts, referred to as operable units (OUs). This site has 10 such units and, for this review, EPA will look at three of them:

- Western Groundwater (OU-3): Includes contaminated groundwater that has moved off Aerojet property.
- Perimeter Groundwater (OU-5): Includes contaminated groundwater that has moved off Aerojet property and contaminated soils being treated on Aerojet property.
- Boundary Soil (OU-6): Includes contaminated soils being treated on Aerojet property as well as structures that present indoor air issues.

EPA Would Like to Hear from You!

We would like to interview community members about how you think the site cleanup is going. If you would like to learn more about the site and/or be interviewed, please contact the site’s Community Involvement Coordinator **before May 31, 2021**:

- Jackie Lane, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator at (415) 972-3236 or lane.jackie@epa.gov

Where Can I Learn More?

Visit EPA’s webpage at www.epa.gov/superfund/aerojet for more information. EPA has set up information repositories with the site’s Administrative Record (key documents and reports used in the cleanup), the 2016 Five-Year Review report, and other documents about the site investigation and cleanup at:

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828 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 264-2700

CA State University, Sacramento, University Library
2000 State University Drive Sacramento, CA 95819-6039
(916) 278-5679

EPA will complete the Five-Year Review no later than September 30, 2021. EPA will post a copy of the report on its site webpage and send a copy to the information repositories listed above.

Background

The Aerojet General Corporation Superfund site is in Rancho Cordova, California, about a half-mile from the American River. The site covers 5,900 acres. Aerojet made rocket engines for military and commercial use on the site. The Cordova Chemical Company also ran chemical manufacturing facilities on the site. Both companies got rid of unknown amounts of hazardous waste chemicals on the property, which contaminated the soil and groundwater on and near the site.

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How Will California Spend \$150 Billion Windfall?



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Let's assume that your rich Uncle Harry died and when his will was read, he had left you \$50,000.

The unexpected inheritance gives you three choices. You could put the money into a savings account or investment and have it available should you need it in the future. You could use it for a one-time purchase such as a new car, college tuition or a down payment on a house. Or you could ramp up your lifestyle by \$50K a year and hope that Harry's brother George dies and leaves you enough money to continue the party.

Something like that is occurring now as Uncle Joe (Biden) sends out nearly \$2 trillion in "stimulus" payments both to low- and moderate-income families and state and local government entities to offset losses of income during the COVID-19 pandemic and, it's assumed, kick-start the pandemic-ravaged economy.

California will be a case study in how the massive transfer of money that the federal government is borrowing from buyers of its bonds and treasury notes plays out.

California is expected to receive the nation's largest single share of the pot, at least \$150 billion. Nearly half will be in the

form of cash payments to families (\$40 billion) and supplemental payments to the roughly 800,000 unemployed workers now drawing unemployment insurance benefits (\$30 billion). Most of that money, it's assumed, will go directly into the consumer economy, plus another \$3.8 billion for direct assistance on rent, food and other necessities.

The remainder of the \$150 billion will mostly go to state and local agencies as both unrestricted revenue and money for specific purposes, such as \$15.9 billion to help schools reopen, \$5 billion for colleges, \$4 billion for mass transit services, and \$3.9 billion for child care.

Throughout California, officials in the specific government agencies that will benefit from Uncle Joe's largesse are busily deciding how to spend it – and they face the same three choices as Uncle Harry's beneficiaries would.

The political pressure to spend it on new commitments will be immense. Advocates of specific programs, such as those seeking universal pre-kindergarten education and child care, will want to expand their reach. Public employee unions will seek increases in salaries and benefits.

Elected political figures don't like to say "no" to demands for immediate gratification and few have the courage to insist that one-time windfalls should be carefully husbanded rather than spent.

There's already a miniversion of the syndrome underway in California.

The state has perhaps \$15 billion in unexpected revenues because the pandemic-induced recession had little, if any, impact on high-income taxpayers and Gov. Gavin Newsom is under pressure to spend the windfall on program expansions, even though the state faces projected budget deficits in following years.

The problem, of course, is spending windfall money on new commitments, such as salaries, benefits and program expansions, backfires when the money is gone. Those commitments morph into entitlements and their beneficiaries then demand that politicians generate new income streams to pay for them.

There's already a debate underway in Washington over how much of the stimulus spending will become permanent and whether the federal government should continue borrowing to pay for it, or raise taxes.

Left-leaning Democrats in both Washington and Sacramento are floating new tax proposals, such as a "wealth tax" on those sitting atop the economic ladder.

Newsom simultaneously embraces, in principle, big expansions of entitlements, such as universal pre-kindergarten and single-payer health care, while warning that he won't embrace new taxes, apparently fearing they would chase away the high-income taxpayers who supply a huge portion of the state's revenues.

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



By Bob McGarvey

It seems that lately I haven't been paying attention to all of the words I use, nor am I checking for spelling errors. I had a friend point out to me that I wasn't checking my spelling. For example, in my column I wanted to say waste, but typed waist instead; typed sweet (typing error) instead of sweat; and lightening instead of lightning. That last error wasn't even correct in spell check. So I will be paying more attention to my spelling and typing because I want everyone to understand what I am trying to say. Now onward to another thing or two.

The week of March 15 to 19 has brought another step to us in which the middle schools and high schools have been able to go back to school. Sacramento County has been moved in and out of the red Coronavirus tier, but it is in the red tier again. The secondary schools have

And Another Thing

Good Advice Then, and Good Advice Now

been going to school at home, while the elementary schools from kindergarten to 5th grade have been actually going to school since last November.

Now the rest of the students of the FCUSD are beginning to go back to their regular schools, and everyone is hoping that there will be graduation ceremonies this year with the high school graduates being able to walk across the stage and receive their diplomas in hand.

The state decided to change its rules and said that the sports cheerleaders will be allowed to participate after all. Bands, drum lines and other such groups are not allowed to be part of the sporting events yet, but everyone is hoping that soon they too will be able to be a part of the fun and enthusiasm like they were in the past. Fans are hoping that all of the groups will soon be part of the programs too.

More people are choosing to receive a vaccine shot to fight against the COVID-19. I am very very glad that science and medicine have been able to create the 3 vaccines (and a fourth vaccine is on its

way) to stop it. I have found more information about the 1918 pandemic, from "TIME" research. They said that in the world over 500 million people were infected, over 50 million were killed, and 675,000 were killed in the United States. That was a large portion of our country's population in 1918 when our population was 103.2 million. This is more information from "TIME."

"The end of the 1918 pandemic wasn't, however, just the result of so many people catching it that immunity became widespread. Social distancing was also key. Public health advice on curbing the spread of the virus was eerily similar to that of today: citizens were encouraged to stay healthy through campaigns promoting mask-wearing, frequent hand-washing, quarantining and isolating of patients, and the closure of schools, public spaces and non-essential businesses – all steps designed to cut off the virus spread." Good advice then, and good advice now.

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and we'll see you next time. ★

Help Rotary Help Rancho Cordova!

From Rancho Cordova Rotary

We know everyone looks forward to the Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova Annual Crab Feed and it is unfortunate that we had to cancel this year due to the ongoing pandemic. We fully intend to have our great event back for your enjoyment and participation in 2022 – so please mark your calendars for February 19, 2022 (subject to change)!

Your past participation at the Crab Feed has funded many worthwhile and vital community projects that would not have happened without you. This year is no different as we continue our programs, including supporting literacy programs for local youth. Your generous donations have helped us:

Provide every Rancho Cordova 3rd grade student their very own beautiful hardbound dictionary; Provide vital financial assistance to selected graduating seniors from Cordova and Kinney High School so they can realize their dreams of attending college; Engage high school students in an annual Speech Contest; Send high school student leaders to a week-long leadership training camp; Co-sponsor the amazing B Street Theater, where Rancho Cordova elementary students

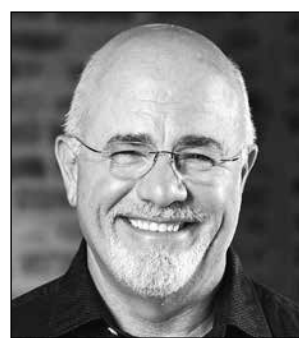
are challenged to write their own plays which are then acted out by actors on stage

With only minimal modifications, all of these events and efforts have continued this year. We also maintained a strong presence and financial support to holiday food drives at the Rancho Cordova Food Locker. Missing out on fundraising with the annual Crab Feed makes this a challenging year for the Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova.

Crab lovers unite. We need your help! In order to continue these important projects we need your help to replenish our Rancho Cordova Rotary Charitable Foundation. Can you help us continue these programs during these unprecedented times?

Thank you in advance for your continued or newly inspired support. Your donation to the RCRC Foundation, will be rewarded by a grateful "Thank You" and a receipt for this tax-deductible donation. Donations can be mailed to the Rancho Cordova Rotary Charitable Foundation at PO Box 215, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741.

Respectfully,
Mike Passof, President
Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova



You May Already Have Some

Dear Dave,
I started listening to your radio show recently, and I heard you say people should have 10 to 12 times their yearly income in life insurance. I'm single, with no plans to get married. Plus, I don't have any children. Do I still need a big life insurance policy like that?

– Kris
Dear Kris,
I do recommend most people, if they work outside the home and are married – especially if they have kids – have 10 to 12 times their annual income in a good, level term life insurance policy. You only need life insurance to take care of things you leave behind when you die. So, when it comes to this kind of coverage, just think about anyone who might be left in a bad financial situation if you died. Your family could never replace you,

Dave Ramsey Says

but in most cases, they would need to replace your income. Someone in your shoes might not need a traditional life insurance policy, especially if you've been smart with your money and saved up a pile of cash. A simple, inexpensive burial policy might work. There's also a good chance you already have a small amount of life insurance coverage built into an existing health insurance policy or bank account.

Good question, Kris. I'm glad you're looking for answers!
– Dave

Are You Willing To Do What It Takes?

Dear Dave,
I owe \$17,000 on my car, and it is my largest and only debt. I think I can have it paid off in two years, because I bring home about \$2,800 a month and my monthly expenses are \$2,100. I also just got a \$2,000 tax refund. Should I pay it off as fast as possible, or sell the car?
– Justice
Dear Justice,
If you think you can have the car paid off in two years or less, that's what I'd do.

The question is this: Are you willing to do what it'll take to make that happen? It's going to mean lots of discipline and hard work on your part, in addition to living on a really strict budget. But in return, you'll have that car loan off your back for good.

You don't want the debt on all your vehicles to be more than half of your annual income. If that's the case, it means you have too much money tied up in things that are going down in value. If you bring home \$2,800 a month, you probably make around \$40,000 a year. Technically, your car loan is under half in this scenario, but it's still pretty expensive. I'd get serious about getting out of debt, and pay the thing off!

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of an Ordinance proposed for adoption by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova at its meeting of **April 5, 2021**:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TAX FOR TRANSIT-RELATED SERVICES FOR THE RIO DEL ORO (ELLIOTT HOME PORTION) PROJECT SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTERS 8.01 AND 8.07 OF THE RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS ANIMALS

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City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Meeting

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 23 ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 3 ZONING DISTRICTS, ALLOWABLE USES AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE:

The City of Rancho Cordova is updating the Rancho Cordova Municipal Code (RCMC) Title 23 Zoning, Article 3, Mixed-use Zoning Districts and Overlay Zoning Districts to address ambiguities, provide clarification and/or be consistent with industry standards as it relates to permitted and conditionally permitted uses.

LOCATION: Revisions to the Municipal Code apply city-wide.

ENVIRONMENTAL: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption found in Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15301 and 15324.

PROJECT PLANNER: Darcy Goulart, Planning Manager

For more information about the Amendments to the Municipal Code, contact Darcy Goulart at (916) 851-8784; e-mail dggoulart@cityofranchocordova.org

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. In response to Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Resolution Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic adopted by the City of Rancho Cordova, the City Council meetings are currently Teleconference Meetings Only to align with local and federal guidelines and social distancing recommendations for the containment of COVID-19. If there is a need for training or assistance in using the teleconferencing platform, please contact the office of the City Clerk no later than 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2021 at (916) 851-8720. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record.

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

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDY REPORTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53083

The purpose of this public hearing is: **Allow for a public hearing and testimony on two economic development subsidy reports pursuant to Section 53083 of the Government Code.**

The City of Rancho Cordova Economic Development Subsidy Report, D&S Development, Inc. and the City of Rancho Cordova Economic Development Subsidy Report, American River Brewing Company, LP. contain the following information:

1. The name and address of all corporation or any other businesses entities, except for sole proprietorships, that are the beneficiary of the economic development subsidy, if applicable.
2. The start and end dates and schedule for the economic development subsidy.
3. A description of the of the economic development subsidy, including the estimated total amount of the expenditure of public funds by, or of revenue lost to, the local agency as a result of the economic development subsidy.
4. A statement of the public purposes for the economic development subsidy.
5. The net tax revenue accruing to the local agency as a result of the economic development subsidy.
6. The net number of jobs created by the economic development subsidy, broken down by full-time, part-time, and temporary positions.

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ELLIOTT HOMES AT RIO DEL ORO PARCEL 67 MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW PROJECT NO. DD10033 (47 FOOT WIDE LOTS) AND DD10041 (62 FOOT WIDE LOTS)

REQUEST: The Applicant is requesting the following for the Rio Del Oro Parcel 67 subdivision: Major Design Review for 8 floor plans ranging from 1,566 to 3,127 square feet each with three proposed architectural styles.

OWNER

Elliott Homes
340 Palladio Parkway, Suite 521
Folsom, CA 95630

APPLICANT:

Elliott Homes
340 Palladio Parkway, Suite 521
Folsom, CA 95630

LOCATION/APN: Located within Rio Del Oro Specific Plan Parcel 67, South of White Rock Road approximately 470 feet east of Luyung Drive; APNs: 072-0370-071-0000

ZONING: Single Family Rio Del Oro Specific Plan (SF RDOSP)

ENVIRONMENTAL: Analyzed as part of the Rio Del Oro Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The project is then exempt under CEQA Exemption 15182, Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan.

PROJECT PLANNER: June Cowles, Senior Planner

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Annual Stormwater Utility Fee for the Rio Del Oro (Elliott Homes Portion) Project

The purpose of this public hearing is: Notice is hereby given that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Rancho Cordova (the "City") adopted its Resolution Designating a Time and Place for Hearing Protests to impose an Annual Stormwater Utility Fee (the "Fee") for the Rio Del Oro (Elliott Home Portion) under the provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section 5471, et seq. Under the provisions of this Code and in compliance with the provisions of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, the Council gives notice as follows:

The Council is undertaking proceedings to impose the Fee for the financing of the maintenance and operations of the stormwater drainage and flood protection system in the new development areas of the City, including the Rio Del Oro (Elliott Home Portion) portion. The text of the Resolution with Attachment 3 as adopted by the Council, and of the Preliminary Rate Analysis Report for the Stormwater Utility Fee (the "Rate Analysis Report"), is on file with City Clerk and reference is made thereto for the particular provisions thereof. The Rate Analysis Report contains a description of each parcel of real property within the City to which the Fee is applicable (collectively, the "Identified Parcels").

At the date and time set above, the Council will hold a public hearing in connection with the Fee. At the hearing, all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to hear and be heard, and the City Council shall consider all protests from property owners subject to the Fee. If written protests against the Fee are presented by a majority of owners of the Identified Parcels, the City shall not impose the Fee. In the absence of a majority protest, the City Council may submit the Fee to a vote of the property owners in accordance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. In response to Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Resolution Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic adopted by the City of Rancho Cordova, the City Council meetings are currently Teleconference Meetings Only to align with local and federal guidelines and social distancing recommendations for the containment of COVID-19. If there is a need for training or assistance in using the teleconferencing platform, please contact the office of the City Clerk no later than 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2021 at (916) 851-8720. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the Jeanette Cervantes , City of Rancho Cordova at 916-851-8700.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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SUNRISE DOUGLAS COMMUNITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE PROGRAM NEXUS STUDY UPDATE, REVISED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND FEE DECREASE AND MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS ELIMINATING CERTAIN SDCP IMPACT FEES

The purpose of this public hearing is to adopt a Resolution to adopt the update of the Sunrise Douglas Community Plan Development Impact Fee Program Nexus Study, including a revised Capital Improvement Program and reduced impact fees. The Ordinance would amend the municipal code to remove certain fees from the SDCP Fee Program.

The project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Pub. Res. Code Section 21080(b)(8)(D) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a)(4) because it involves the restructuring and modification of a public agency fee for the purpose of obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within the City's existing service area.

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First Reading of Ordinance Establishing a Special Tax for Transit-Related Services for the High Class Motors Project

The purpose of this public hearing is: Adoption of the Ordinance will assist the City in meeting the costs of providing transit-related services by creating a special tax area zone and establishing a special tax for transit-related services for the High Class Motors project.

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The Last Thing We Needed

**Commentary
by Michael Leach**

The COVID 19 pandemic has increased substance abuse in America. As many feared, the virus was the last thing we needed, and it is no coincidence overdose rates are at an all-time high in America.

Substance abuse is an issue of magnitude in the United States. A drug epidemic that started with Oxycontin is now a part of our country's fabric, raging for over twenty years now. And though it may have taken too long, we finally began to make progress in reversing a trend of overdose deaths that had shortened the average US life expectancy. Rates began to drop and continued to do so for concurrent years, marking a substantial victory in just one of many battles that comprise the larger war.

But right when we thought we'd turned the tide, rates began to climb again. And then, the pandemic hit, and the last thing on anyone's mind was addiction. But those who work in the substance abuse treatment industry and the field of addiction knew one thing when we saw the news about COVID-19; things weren't about to get any better.

According to the CDC, Over 81,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States in the 12 months ending in May 2020, the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in 12 months. Synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl) appear to be the main reason

for the increase in overdose deaths. Thirty-seven of the Thirty-eight US jurisdictions with available synthetic opioid data reported increases in synthetic opioid-involved overdose deaths.

America's drug epidemic has taken a toll. It began in the early 2000s when prescription opioids, particularly Oxycontin, were over-prescribed. The drug's manufacturer, Purdue Pharmaceutical, took on an aggressive marketing approach that used false claims about the drug's safety to get doctors to push the medication. These claims included that Oxycontin wasn't addictive when used correctly and was safer than other opioids. This was far from the truth. Many people were now addicted to potent opioids.

Since then, Oxycontin has been heavily regulated, and the formula changed to make it abuse-resistant. But the damage was done, and those people who became addicted to opioids just found a new source for the drug, heroin.

Heroin is not only stronger than Oxycontin, but it's far cheaper. Once people became addicted, all that restricting the drug did was force people onto illicit opioids. Those who could profit from this new pool of addicts did so by flooding the market with opioids. And some of the cheapest and strongest ones are synthetic.

Synthetic drugs are made in labs, usually overseas, and smuggled into America. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that has become one of

the biggest killers in America. It is many times stronger than heroin and is causing an overdose epidemic as we speak.

The pandemic causes stress. Many people have become unemployed and have fallen on hard times. Many of us have been isolated from friends and family and don't leave our houses much. And then there's the worry. Will we get the virus? Will our parents? Even worse, will we be the ones to give it to them?

All of these things can make it difficult for someone in recovery to stay clean. It can make it difficult for someone in active addiction to curb their consumption or consider treatment. And it can make it hard for those in treatment to continue their pursuit of recovery.

But it has also been difficult for many people who previously didn't have struggles with substance abuse and now find themselves looking for drug and alcohol treatment services. And even the landscape of these treatment services has changed, and the pandemic hasn't made them any more accessible to people.

The COVID-19 pandemic was the last thing we needed. But we can't forget about the epidemic that was here first.

Michael Leach has spent the majority of his career as a health care professional in the field of substance abuse and addiction recovery. He is a medical reviewer for the healthcare website Addicted.org and a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant. ★

DTSC PUBLIC NOTICE

March 2021

Department of Toxic Substances Control – Our mission is to protect the people, communities, and environment of California from harmful chemicals by cleaning up contaminated sites, enforcing hazardous waste laws, and compelling the development of safer products.

Draft Post Closure Permit Renewal Proposed for Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc.

Public Comment Period: March 26, 2021 – May 17, 2021

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc. (Aerojet) proposed Draft Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit (Draft Permit) renewal. Aerojet is located at 2001 Aerojet Road in Rancho Cordova, California 95742. Approval of this Permit will allow Aerojet to continue post-closure monitoring operations for an additional 10 years before another permit is required.

The Post-Closure Permit at Aerojet is needed because two deep injection wells were used from 1963 to 1968, 1975 to 1978, and 1978 to 1985 for the disposal of hazardous wastewater from Aerojet's former Chemical Plants 1 and 2. The wastewater was injected into the ground at depths greater than 970 feet below ground surface. The wells were destroyed in 1994 in accordance with an approved closure plan. Post-Closure monitoring activities for the previously injected hazardous wastes are required. A Post-Closure Permit provides the requirements and authorization for these monitoring activities.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION: Under CEQA, DTSC must evaluate whether the Permit may have any significant impact on the environment. DTSC has determined the project is categorically exempt from CEQA. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse that states that determination when a final permit decision is made.

The public comment period for the Draft Post Closure Permit begins **March 26, 2021** and ends on **May 17, 2021**. Written and e-mailed comments must be dated by **May 17, 2021** and sent to Michael Choe, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826 or Michael.Choe@dtsc.ca.gov.

A Public Hearing is not scheduled at this time: Any person may request a public hearing. The request for a hearing must be in writing and state the nature of the issue to be raised in the hearing. DTSC encourages public participation in the decision-making process and invites the public to review and comment on the Draft Permit. Before making a final determination on the Draft Permit, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments received. A Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who submitted public comments and to those who request a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories listed below. Due to COVID 19, DTSC will not be using a public library as a repository.

INFORMATION REPOSITORY:
DTSC Sacramento Office File Room
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
(916) 255-3758 (Please call for an appointment)

To view **electronic versions** of the Draft Permits, CEQA Notice of Exemption and other related documents, please visit EnviroStor website:
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Administrative Record may be viewed Monday – Friday between 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. by appointment at the DTSC Sacramento Regional Office (see address in the Information Repositories section).

DTSC CONTACTS
For questions regarding the Draft Permit or Notice of Exemption, please contact Michael Choe, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3635 or Michael.Choe@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions regarding Public Participation, please contact Tammy Pickens, Public Participation Specialist, toll-free at (866) 495-5651 or (916) 255-3495 or Tammy.Pickens@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions from the media, please contact Barbara, Zumwalt, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 445-2964 or Barbara.Zumwalt@dtsc.ca.gov.

Hearing impaired individuals may use the California Relay Service at 711 or 800-735-2929 TTY/VCO/HCO to voice. Additional information on DTSC sites can be found through our EnviroStor. (rev. 5-2020)

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- #9 Across, sing.
- Clemency
- One in advertising
- " ___ the land of the free ..."
- Characteristic of birds
- "Ongoing job in the garden"
- *Without synthetic fertilizers
- 2nd tallest bird
- Theatrical production
- Curiosity killed it?
- Additionally
- Capital of Poland
- Passage into a mine
- Prefix in levorotary
- Mid-century modern, e.g.
- Toothy wheel
- *Some are heirlooms
- Make like a cat
- Erasable programmable read only memory
- Stanislavski's rifle, e.g.
- Unwanted correspondence
- Motionless
- Catch-22
- "Are you sure?" in a text
- Freight horse cart
- Opposite of don'ts
- *6 or more hours of sunshine
- *Radicchio or frisée
- On foot
- Negative vote
- 2020 NFL MVP
- Morrison's "The ___"
- Hockey great Bobby
- Respectable and quiet
- Sports award
- Affirmative response
- Infernos

DOWN

- Old bathtub foot
- Opposite of seek
- Ne plus ultra
- *Opposite of #57 Across
- Minimum, pl.
- Influencer's journal
- *Stinging pollinator
- Holiday song
- Bulgarian money
- Julia Roberts' Academy Award-winning role
- Popular smoothie berry
- Update an iPod
- Inhabitant of Hungary
- Nothing, pl.
- Like sashimi
- Lack of money
- *Tomato supports
- Highly skilled
- Miss America's headdress
- Slowly leak
- Moves at the gym
- Monument to Buddha
- Orderly arrangement
- *Wiggly plowers
- Faster than a walk
- *Some plants and flowers emit a good one
- *Type of digger
- Centers, old-fashioned
- French vineyard
- *Last of 3 numbers on a bag of fertilizer
- Be a pest
- Washington, e.g.
- Grow dim
- Extraterrestrials' rides
- Pilot's stunt
- Type of parrot
- *Musical" constellation
- Russian mountain chain
- *Type of garden hose that saves space
- Goes with "odds"
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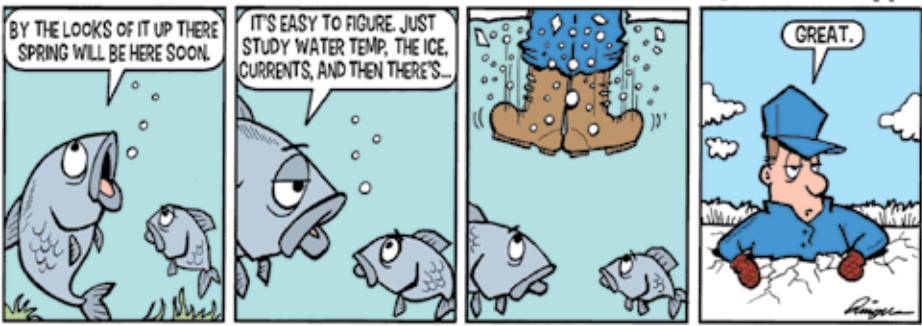
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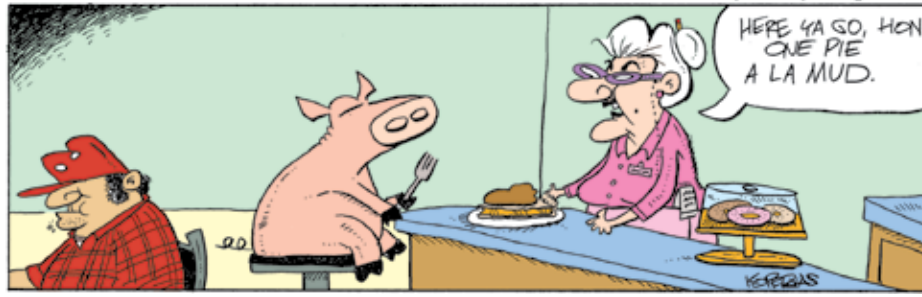
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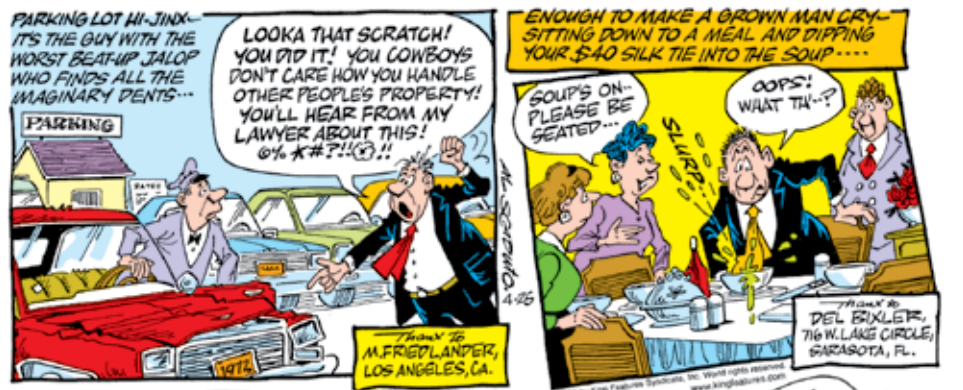
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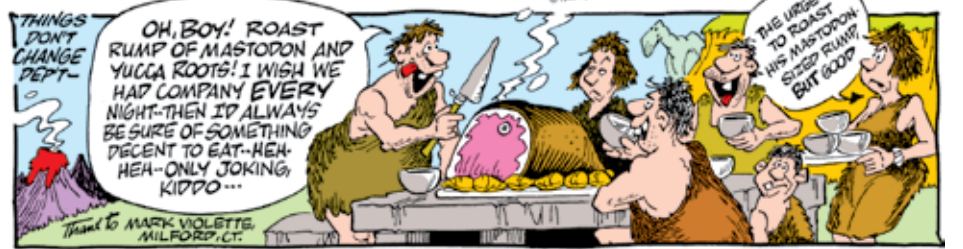


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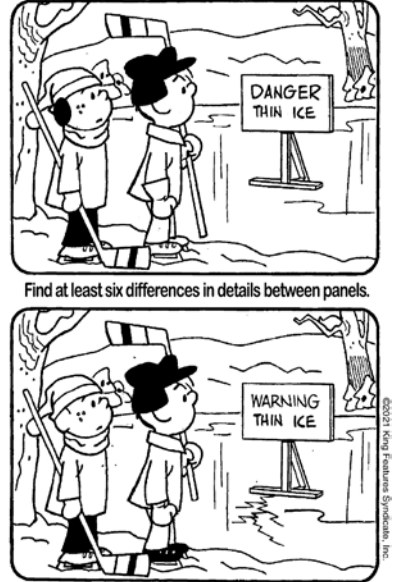


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Yikes ... Tax Time

When you utter the words IRS, people shudder. But maybe it's just a matter of understanding the most powerful, but least accountable, institution in the U.S. Not only is it contemptuous of the taxpayer, it even thumbs its nose at the Congress. That from former IRS agent and whistleblower **Richard Green**. They fired him for being a whistleblower, but no pity please, Richard got a most generous settlement... TAX FREE! **Richard Green** is author of "Agents of Deceit" the story of life inside today's chaotic and yes, dysfunctional IRS. He is also an accounting professor and auditor in the private sector. So I asked Richard to give us a few tips on how to handle tax time and the IRS on my POPPOFF Radio Show.

Here are a few things to think about.

- 1. Take The Full Amount Of Every Deduction You Can Reasonably Justify.** Don't be intimidated by audits. Only one-half of one percent of taxpayers are audited. If an auditor objects. You will most likely only be required to pay that deficiency. If you still disagree, inform the agent you won't sign the R.A.R. (Revenue Agent Report) and wish to appeal. www.irs.gov/appeals. No attorney is required, and Appeals often sides with the taxpayer, in whole or part, so the agent will usually become more reasonable. Negotiate. Negotiate. Negotiate!
- 2. File Electronically With The Irs Free File Tool, With Direct Deposit.** www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free. Paper filing and paper checks will significantly lengthen the time for your refund... it's generally NOT USPS at fault.
- 3. Assume Irs Knows All About All Of Your Transactions (We're Long**
- Past 1984.)** Failing to disclose all your income can lead to extremely bad outcomes and is, arguably, immoral.
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- 5. Remember That Unemployment Compensation Is Reportable, Except For The First \$10,000.**
- 6. If You're A Remote Worker, Don't Deduct Home Office Expenses.** The IRA is quite suspicious of any home office deductions.
- 7. Select A Paid Preparer With Care.** IRS warns of their lack of cyber-security, and you might risk ID theft.
- 8. The \$1400 Stimulus Payment Phases Out With Higher Incomes.** If your income is higher this year, get an extension to October 15, so your payment is based on your lower income. But if it's lower this year, file immediately to get your payment.
- 9. Send All Materials To The Irs By Priority Mail That Can Be Tracked.** The IRS is notorious for losing mail, and this tax season they're expecting to be even more disorganized.
- 10. Use Your Own Personal Bank Account For Direct Deposit Of Refunds, Not Your Preparers.** During the past covid-19 relief payments, many preparers greatly delayed disbursement of stimulus funds to their clients. Want to check out more? Go to www.agentsofdeceit.com. **HAPPY TAX DAY, SORT OF!**

Auditions for "Cordova Players" Set Forming in Rancho Cordova

By Shelly Blanchard, Cordova Community Council

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - California Capital Arts Foundation, in association with Hummingbird Theatre Company, will hold auditions for spots that will train and perform at Cal Cap Studios (a new performance space located at the Old Mills Winery in Rancho Cordova), for house teams. Members of the new Cordova Players teams get weekly practice and performance opportunities. Teams are directed by Hummingbird

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Why? You want to perform on a regular basis (up to 4 times a month); You want to work with a consistent group of performers; You want to grow as a performer; You want more fun, friends and excitement in your life.

Qualifications: A strong desire to perform on a consistent basis; Team player with humility and a willingness to learn. Expectations: Perform a minimum of twice per month in front of live audience; Able to attend practice 3 times a

month (on average). **When:** **Sunday, March 21st at 2pm** (Masks and temp checks in place); **Saturday, March 27th at 1pm** (Masks and temp checks in place) **Sunday, March 28th at 2pm** (Masks and temp checks in place)

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Sacramento River Cats Press Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Did you hear the news? Governor Newsom said that fans would be allowed back at baseball games beginning April 1st. We can't wait!

Sutter Health Park is

located in Yolo County which is currently in the Red Tier of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. The current guidelines would include pod-style seating spaced apart based on distance recommendations, along with mobile tickets and a few other modifications. Check out rivercats.com for up-to-date information.

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Planning and Designing a Productive Vegetable Garden



Incorporate trellises into garden plans so beans, peas, tomatoes and even squash can be trained to grow vertically.
Photo Courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company

By Melinda Myers

Whether planning your first, second or tenth vegetable garden it can be overwhelming. There are so many tasty vegetables and never enough space and time to grow them all.

Start with a plan. Locate your garden in a sunny location with moist, well-drained soil. Save those partially sunny areas for greens like lettuce, chard and kale as well as root crops like radishes and beets. These prefer full sun but will tolerate more shade than tomatoes, peppers, squash, broccoli and other plants we eat the flowers and fruit.

Review your favorite recipes and make a list of family favorites and those vegetables most often used. Then check the list to see which vegetables are suited to your climate and growing conditions and those that make the most economic sense to include in your garden.

Tomatoes and peppers produce lots of fruit from one plant and are common ingredients in many recipes. Sweet corn is fun to grow but needs lots of space for a relatively small harvest. If space is limited, consider buying your sweet corn at the farmers' market and use that

squash and melons up trellises. Growing vertically not only saves space, but also increases disease resistance by increasing light and air-flow through the plants. And picking beans at waist height is much easier than harvesting from low-growing, bushy plants.

Increase space with containers. Consider growing some of your frequently used herbs and vegetables in pots on the patio, balcony, or deck for convenience. You can quickly grab what you need when creating your favorite meal.

Grow multiple plantings in each row. Start the season with cool season veggies like lettuce, peas and radishes. Once the temperatures climb and these plants are harvested and enjoyed, replace them with warm weather vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, beans, cucumbers, squash and melons. Finish off the season by filling any vacant rows with fall crops like greens, beets and radishes.

Take some time to plan a garden that will provide you and your family with fresh produce you can enjoy all season long. Involving everyone in the planning process just might get them to show up and help weed.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardeners Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com ★

Business Micro Grant Program

Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce Tankersley Construction

During the second half of 2020, the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Small Business Micro-Grant Program offered financial support to over 80 small businesses located within the chamber's service area. The Chamber was gratified to secure funding for small businesses totaling \$80,000 to assist in responding to the pandemic and subsequent shutdown. The grants ranged from \$500 to \$1,000 and offered immediate relief for some of our small businesses. The Micro-Grant program was funded by the City of Rancho Cordova and Folsom Cordova Community Partnership.



We are writing to thank you so much for the incredible generosity you have shown in approving us for the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce Microgrant. As a small business, any small contributions are very helpful to us in continuing to reach our goals. We have used this grant for masks with our company logo for our employees to wear, temporary toilets with hand washing stations at our job sites, and other sanitization/disinfecting products that we use daily to continue to help fight COVID-19. From the Tankersley Construction Team, please accept our sincere gratitude for this funding!

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