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It has been ten years since this capitol rally photo, and the same tired politicians, Pelosi and Feinstein are still trying to control your lives. MPG archived photo/Rowen

Commentary by Paul Scholl

People in California are screaming to be allowed to go back to work and open their businesses. The governor remains tone deaf. The pure science says our state should reopen. Unless, of course, those scientists you are listening to are somehow on the government payroll.

Most small businesses are owned by conservatives. Small businesses were booming and their success was raising millions of poorer Americans out of poverty with new jobs and off the government assistance programs. They were getting control of their own lives back. We were all winning.

This disease is no laughing matter. It can be really serious for many,

even life-threatening to certain populations. So as a society, we all adapt while keeping our freedoms. We don't crush our society entirely. Unless there is a motive where "they" want to control it.

We are all in this together? NOT! You could solve the shutdown in 14 days (one payroll cycle) if you layoff all the government workers, all the union workers, and all the big media. Then they would be screaming too.

When I was raised with ten brothers and sisters we were told to wash our hands, cover your mouth when you coughed or sneezed, eat well, drink a lot of water, go to bed on time, go play outside, and stay home if you are sick. Measles, Mumps, Chicken Pox, you name it, but no one

died. Common sense.

An overwhelming number of doctors are now speaking out about "herd immunity". The information about the disease changes daily. But what do "they" tell us? You may have to stay home for up to one and a half years until we find a vaccine we can overcharge you for on your already far-too expensive health insurance. Sorry about your business, bro!

Newsom is crippling our state financially. A balanced budget? Yeah, right. Not now. Don't bother including items that show the state is real trouble. But who is going to be getting their full pensions? Who will be getting raises to offset the rate of inflation? Not you. Newsome is

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VA NorCal Encourages Veterans to Access Mental Health

By Will Martin, VA Northern California Health Care System

MATHER, CA (MPG) - Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, VA NorCal Health Care System asks that Veterans use VA's online resources for non-urgent mental health care and questions. Not only will this help protect Veterans from contracting COVID-19, but it will enable VA providers to focus their in-person care on Veterans with acute needs.

"Out of concern for our Veterans, we are honoring COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines," said VA NorCal David Stockwell. "Through VA's virtual care tools, we are able to leverage technology to make sure that our patients and staff are as safe as possible during this time."

VA offers Veterans a variety of at-home mental health resources, including:

Telephone or Video Appointments - Veterans should maintain their existing mental health appointments using VA Video Connect (mobile. va.gov/app/va-video-connect) at home on their computers, smartphones, or tablets. To set up telephone or video appointments, Veterans can send their health care provider a secure message by visiting myhealth.va.gov.

Prescription Refills and Safety - Veterans should continue taking all medications as prescribed and talk to their mental health provider if they have concerns. Veterans may request prescription refills and order shipments of medications to their homes using My HealtheVet or the Rx Refill mobile app, which can be downloaded at mobile. va.gov/app/rx-refill. VA's Safe Home Environment handout provides information on safely storing medications in the home.

Mental Health Information and Resources - VA provides information on ways for Veterans and their families to maintain and enhance their mental health and well-being during the COVID-19 outbreak. Information about managing stress and anxiety, as well as mental health resources, are available at www.mentalhealth.va.gov/coronavirus/resources.

For more information about VA NorCal's use of mental health care technology in response to COVID-19, please e-mail Will Martin, Chief of Public Affairs, at William.Martin6@va.gov. ★

106,000 Clean Energy Jobs Lost in March Alone Due to the Economic Crisis

By Alex Frank, The Hastings Group

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG)

- More than 106,000 clean energy workers lost their jobs in the month of March, and hundreds of thousands more clean energy job losses are projected in the coming months. That's according to a new analysis of unemployment data released by E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs), the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE), E4TheFuture and BW Research Partnership.

The analysis of Department of Labor data found that 106,472 workers in clean energy occupations filed for unemployment benefits last month, wiping out all 2019 clean energy job gains across renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean vehicles, energy storage

and clean fuels. These include electricians, HVAC and mechanical trades technicians and construction workers who work in energy efficiency; solar installers; wind industry engineers and technicians; and manufacturing workers employed by electric and other clean-vehicle manufacturing companies and suppliers.

Clean energy has been one of the U.S. economy's biggest and fastest-growing employment sectors over the past decade, growing 10.4 percent since 2015. According to a separate report released by E2, U.S. clean energy jobs increased to nearly 3.4 million at the end of 2019. Clean Jobs America 2020 found the industry accounted for more than half of the entire energy sector's job growth in 2019, adding more than 70,000 jobs for a 2.2 percent growth rate - a faster pace than the U.S.

workforce as a whole. At the start of 2020, America's clean energy workforce accounted for more than one out of every 50 U.S. workers. That made clean energy by far the biggest employer of workers in energy occupations, employing nearly three times more workers than the fossil fuel industry.

But all that growth came to a screeching halt in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout. The March layoffs are just the first indication of how badly the clean energy industry will be hit by the crisis, with the analysis projecting that more than 500,000 clean energy workers - 15 percent of the entire clean energy workforce - will lose their jobs in the months ahead, unless Congress and the Trump administration take quick and substantive action.

A loss of that magnitude

would erase the clean energy industry's total job growth over the last five years.

According to the unemployment data analysis, energy efficiency lost more jobs than any other sector of the clean energy industry in March, with nearly 70,000 people losing their jobs. The losses in the energy efficiency sector accounted for about two-thirds of all clean energy unemployment filings - as electricians, plumbers, construction workers, energy auditors and others were unable to enter homes, offices and other buildings because of coronavirus quarantines.

Renewable energy lost more than 16,000 lost jobs, and filings are expected to increase substantially in the coming weeks as solar and wind energy companies struggle with sudden and massive financing

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giving millions to illegal aliens before he does anything for you. He doesn't fix the border problem, rather he files lawsuits against Trump over the issue. He doesn't fix the homeless problem. He just files another lawsuit. And you just have to keep paying for it all.

Now, with the pending economic doom looming over everyone in this state, they are going to try to eliminate the original Prop 13 and destroy home ownership in California. They will say "but we need the tax money now that we have suffered so greatly from the COVID-19 crisis." Never let a good crisis go to waste they say. Lose your business, lose your income, lose your home, your taxes are increased again, your health insurance is unaffordable, and so on. But aren't the beaches great!

A legal option every business owner may have would be to sue the state for their losses. With United States Attorney General William Barr considering suing states over their "shelter in place" orders and that their mandates are unconstitutional, there just might be an opening. Consider what it would be like if thousands of small businesses sued governor Newsome and the State of California. I'm not an attorney, but it is a thought. Talk about overwhelming the system!

There is one small change in the media



Watch out Governor, this little girl is almost old enough to vote now! MPG archived photo/Rowen

dialogue we should all hope to see. It isn't the good people of China responsible for this Wuhan virus. It should be stated from now forward that the Chinese Communist Party is to blame, not just "China." But governments that want control don't put a spotlight on governments that have control. Do you ever hear Leftists talk about the millions of slaves in China? But they do talk about reparations for people who were never slaves. The same people who were finally really benefitting from the great economy prior to the virus outbreak.

If you want to solve the problems we face in California then just let

all the Leftists donate all their money, all of it, to the cause. That's when you will find out just how much they believe in the cause. Instead, they just want all of your money to solve their mismanagement problems.

There is a rally on May 1st at the Capitol to Re-Open California. Are you tired of this government control over your life yet? Be there. Bring a sign. Bring your vote. Be heard.

If we are loud enough maybe they will experience our "Heard Immunity" to government control.

We need to make this a Common Sense State. Red or Blue. See you at the capitol. ★

State, Local Leaders Ask Governor to Lift Stay-At-Home Order in Rural Counties

By Curtis Grima, Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - A bi-partisan group of legislators, county officials and mayors sent a letter to the Governor asking him to allow six Northern California counties to come out of the statewide stay-at-home order, in accordance with their respective local and regional plans. Signers of the letter requested the ability to initiate a thoughtful and science-based reopening of local economies, that is also consistent with state and national guidelines. In total 14 Mayors and 6 County Board of Supervisor Chairs made the request.

The letter notes that infection rates have remained low in these six counties (Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Glenn, Tehama, and Colusa), which have a combined population of more than 500,000 residents. As of Friday, April 24th, 69 individuals had tested positive for COVID-19 in these six counties, 50 of those

who tested positive are now fully recovered. There was only one confirmed COVID-19 patient in the ICU.

Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) said, "California is weathering this pandemic well. In the North State, we have even fewer infections than those in other regions of the state. We must re-open our economy so Californians can get back to work. Families need to put food on the table and pay their rent and mortgage. Put simply, Californians need to continue living their best lives."

"We all appreciate the quick action taken to flatten the curve of this virus," said Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City). "That effort has been successfully implemented, but it has not been without great cost to our people and our future ability to provide for the health and prosperity of our communities. It is time to begin a re-opening. Our cases are low, our healthcare capabilities have been beefed up, and we are ready to get our economy moving again." ★

VA NorCal Offers Hope of Recovery to Sexual Trauma and Harassment Survivors

By Will Martin, VA NorCal Health Care System

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - VA NorCal Health Care System has been at the forefront in delivering Military Sexual Trauma (MST), sexual harassment, and domestic violence support to Veterans across Northern California. It is important Veterans know that those programs remain available even amid COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

"Our goal is nothing short of eliminating sexual harassment, sexual assault, and domestic violence, not only in our health care facilities, but across the Northern California Veteran community," said VA NorCal Director David Stockwell. "We didn't hit pause on that goal because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, we're finding ways to ensure Veterans can still access support even as they practice social distancing."

Using telehealth technology, VA NorCal is able to deliver counseling and resource support to Veterans in their homes over the phone or on their computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Domestic Violence: As many as 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men are impacted by intimate partner (domestic) violence in their lifetimes, and Veterans may be at a higher risk than the civilian population. Understanding this need, VA NorCal has joined other VA facilities in launching the Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Assistance Program. To explore services and resources, e-mail Diane.Weber@va.gov or visit <https://www.social-work.va.gov/IPV/Index.asp>.

Military Sexual Trauma (MST): VA NorCal provides free, confidential counseling and treatment to male and female Veterans for mental and physical health conditions related to experiences of sexual assault or harassment that occurred while a Veteran was serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Call 925-372-2554 or visit <https://www.northern-california.va.gov/services/mst.asp>.

For more information about VA NorCal's use of virtual health care technology in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please e-mail Will Martin, Chief of Public Affairs, at William.Martin6@va.gov. ★

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Rancho Cordova Welcomes New Chief of Police

City of Rancho Cordova News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The City of Rancho Cordova is proud to announce the appointment of Kate Adams as its new Rancho Cordova Chief of Police.

Adams, a Sheriff's Captain with 25 years of experience with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, fills the role vacated by former Chief of Police Chris Pittman.

"The City of Rancho Cordova is excited to welcome Kate Adams as our new Chief of Police," said City Manager Cyrus Abhar. "Many residents will remember Chief Adams who previously served as our Assistant Chief of Police from 2013 to 2017. Her commitment to public safety, passion for building relationships with residents, businesses and youth, and extensive background make her poised to serve our community."

In addition to serving as Rancho Cordova's Chief of Police, Adams will also serve as Commander of the Sheriff's Office East Division out of the Kilgore Police Station.

Adams began her career in law enforcement with the Sheriff's Office in 1994 after graduating from Union Institute and University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. She has served in a variety of roles, including Deputy Sheriff, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. She has held a variety of leadership positions, including Commander of the Sheriff's Impact Division, Hi-Tech Crimes Bureau Commander, and Rancho Cordova Assistant Chief of Police.

"I feel privileged to return to Rancho Cordova as the Chief of Police," said Chief Adams. "I believe



Kate Adams is the new Rancho Cordova Chief of Police. Photo: City of Rancho Cordova

strongly in the collaboration of the community, city services and law enforcement. By coming together, we can continue to make positive strides and support the beautiful community of Rancho Cordova. I look forward to engaging with residents and businesses as we foster the wonderful relationships already in place and grow others."

Through her law enforcement career, Adams has developed a strong background in community-oriented policing, intelligence-led policing, patrol operations, Internet Crimes Against Children, cybercrime and cyber intrusion.

Adams has 19 years of teaching experience through her roles as Lead Instructor for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Academy, Board Member and Law Enforcement Liaison for the Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail Crime, and Adjunct Professor at William Jessup University. Continuing education is a priority for Adams who holds a Master's

Degree in Organizational Leadership, and is a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute and the Los Angeles Police Department Leadership Program (formerly West Point).

In addition, Adams has a passion for mentoring youth. During her time as Assistant Chief of Police, she often participated in school and youth events to build relationships with local children. She currently enjoys volunteering as a head coach for her youngest daughter's softball team, and previously served as a Board Member for the Sacramento Chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters to facilitate adding law enforcement mentors to its programs.

The city will host opportunities in the near future for our community to get to know Chief Adams. Sign up to receive regular updates at CityofRanchoCordova.org/ENews and follow the city and Rancho Cordova Police Department on social media. ★

Less Highway Congestion is Not a License to Speed

Submitted by Jaime Coffee, California Highway Patrol

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Caltrans announced a joint effort with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to urge drivers in the state to slow down given a recent 87% increase in citations for speeding in excess of 100 mph that coincides with decreased traffic volumes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

From March 19 when the state's stay-at-home order began to April 19, the CHP reports issuing 2,493 citations statewide for speeding more than 100 mph, as compared to 1,335 during the same period last year. This increase in citations occurred as Caltrans has measured an average decline in traffic volume on state roads of approximately 35% as compared to this time last year.

"Excessive speed and unsafe driving threaten everyone using our highway system," said Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin. "Viewing less congested roads as an invitation to drive dangerously jeopardizes the safety of construction and maintenance crews who are working to maintain reliable access to our highways when people need it most."

"It is alarming to see the number of citations officers are writing for excessive speeds on California roadways," said CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley. "Higher speeds can lead to much more serious injuries and significantly increase the chance of death should a crash occur. Keep yourself and those on the road around you safe.

Slow down and drive at a safe, legal speed."

California's "Move Over" law continues to be in effect and requires all drivers to move over a lane or, if unable to do so safely, slow down when they see amber flashing lights on Caltrans vehicles, law enforcement and emergency vehicles, and tow trucks.

"Fewer cars on the road doesn't give drivers the green light to travel over the speed limit," OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. "Driving at a safe speed when you must go out is one way to keep you and your family safe during this pandemic."

California's more than 700 electronic highway signs will also soon display the following types of safety-related messages:

IF YOU MUST TRAVEL DO NOT SPEED

During the COVID-19 emergency, Caltrans continues to provide the general public with a safe and reliable transportation system. The department is maintaining all critical functions during this crisis, including ensuring roadway access to medical facilities and the convenient transport of essential goods and services throughout the state. Some non-essential work has been deferred to limit spread of the COVID-19 virus, but maintenance and construction crews are still addressing hazards, safety concerns and other critical functions on the highways.

Please slow down and Be Work Zone Alert.

For more information about COVID-19 <https://covid19.ca.gov/> ★

Beloved Community Member and Former FCUSD Board of Trustee Passes Away



Josie Steelman, former FCUSD Board of Trustee. Photo: FCUSD

Submitted by Linda Budge, Rancho Cordova City Council

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Josie Steelman was born in Mile Branch West Virginia February 15, 1939. She and

her husband Dale moved to Rancho Cordova in 1963.

Steelman started volunteering at Cordova Villa in 1964. In addition to being the neighborhood "Mom", she was the PTA President, yard duty, and the first Parent Coordinator for Folsom Cordova Unified School District in the 1970s and '80s.

A graduate of Cordova Adult School, Steelman also had six children who were raised through the school district.

Many of her grandchildren have followed in these footsteps.

Everyone who lived in the Cordova Villa neighborhood when it was a fledgling group of young

parents and their children, remembers her as a volunteer at the pioneering neighborhood school, Cordova Villa.

In the words of the Grapevine Independent (2006) "That volunteerism led to her being elected to serve with the distinction on the FCUSD School Board from 1983 to 1991. During her time with the school district's board of directors, Steelman said she helped expand the district's bilingual programs and establish the business partnership programs that remain successful today. She also worked at establishing what she called an adolescent parent program at school." ★

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And Another Thing

Coronavirus has brought in a new wrinkle in our lives

By Bob McGarvey

I am working on this column on April 21, 2020, and tomorrow will be the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. I think quite a few of the people who are reading this column can remember that in 1970, the air was full of smog, dirt, chemicals, etc. Los Angeles, for example, was one of the most difficult cities to live in because of the smog. The voices of thousands of people forced the government, businesses and individuals to look at what was happening to their country and the world. Those voices were successful eventually in getting some of the changes done. More changes are needed, but for now, Happy Earth Day.

Congress passed the first coronavirus stimulus that was \$2.2 trillion. Then, they passed the second coronavirus stimulus that was \$484 billion. My biggest problem with the

stimulus packages is that the money has still not gone to the small businesses who need financial assistance to remain in existence, nor has money gone to cities whose population is less than 500,000. In Sacramento County, there are seven incorporated cities, but only the City of Sacramento received stimulus money. The other cities in Sacramento County didn't receive stimulus money. Hopefully, Congress will find it in its "stimulus" mind to help the vast, vast majority of the cities in the United States whose population is less than 500,000. The members of the House of Representatives and the Senators all seem to have their own rules and regulations. Sometimes, I wonder. President Ronald Reagan said, "I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US

Congress." Very interesting thought.

I just watched my granddaughter playing with some of her beads, and one of my grandsons is reading while another is building something (I'm not sure what it is yet.) But the clock looks rather odd because it says 11:15 AM. Shouldn't they be in school? Shouldn't I be at my desk at the office? Shouldn't there be more traffic on the roads? Shouldn't there be more cars parking in front of the small businesses? Shouldn't there be... Like the rest of the people in the city, the county, the state, the country and the world, everything has changed from what it was about a month or a month and a half ago. Coronavirus has brought in a new wrinkle in our lives.

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

Social Security Matters

Can My Husband Get A Spouse Benefit from Me?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor



There is also a possibility that, when you filed, SS failed to notify your husband he was eligible for a spouse benefit, in which case he may be able to collect his spouse benefit back to the date he became eligible. Your husband should contact Social Security directly at either 1.800.772-1213, or at your local office (find it at www.ssa.gov/locator) to make an appointment to apply for his spousal benefit from you. And, usually, this application can be accomplished over the phone.

Spousal benefits are based upon FRA benefit amounts, even if you claimed benefits earlier. So, since your FRA benefit amount would have been about \$1164 and your husband's FRA benefit would have been about \$330, by my calculations he should now be receiving a spousal benefit of about \$516 instead of his benefit of \$263.50. The computation for that is: Take half of your FRA benefit amount (\$582) minus your husband's FRA benefit amount (\$330); the difference (\$252) is added to his own current benefit (\$264) to get \$516 as his possible spousal benefit (note the actual numbers from SS may vary somewhat). This probably means that when you claimed your benefit two years after your husband claimed his, your husband didn't apply for his spousal benefit (and it wasn't awarded automatically by SS).

Please note that all of the above assumes that your husband's current benefit isn't being reduced due to a non-covered pension which causes the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) to lower his benefit amount, and which would cause the Government Pension Offset (GPO) to severely alter, or even eliminate, his spousal benefit.

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I suggest your husband contact Social Security as soon as possible and make an appointment to apply for his spousal benefits. Since he has been entitled to that benefit for some time now, he can also request 6 months of retroactive spousal benefits which they will pay in a lump-sum and adjust his monthly benefit to what he is entitled to as your spouse.

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Federal Court Issues Preliminary Injunction in Rhode v. Becerra

National Rifle Association Press Release

FAIRFAX, VA (MPG) - A major victory was secured on Thursday when a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction in the NRA-supported case, Rhode v. Becerra. The case challenges the constitutionality of a California law that puts draconian restrictions on ammunition acquisition and transfers as a result of Prop 63 and SB 1235 (2016).

As the court said, 'The right to keep and bear arms is the insurance policy behind the right to life ... a shield from the tyranny of the majority.' California wasn't just obstructing the people's fundamental right to defend their families and lives – it was encouraging unlawful hostility toward an individual, "Constitutional right," said Jason Ouimet, executive director,

National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action. "The NRA funded this case for the same reason the court struck down the laws: enough was enough."

The law required law-abiding citizens to undergo background checks when purchasing ammunition and for all transactions to occur in-person through a licensed ammunition vendor.

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106,000 Clean Energy Jobs Lost in March Alone Due to the Economic Crisis

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issues that are resulting in canceled and delayed projects.

The clean vehicle sector was also severely impacted, losing 12,000 jobs in factories that manufacture electric and hybrid vehicles and the parts that go in them. This represents the largest percentage job loss – 4.5 percent – of any clean energy sector. This does not include the 20,000 workers that Tesla Inc. furloughed, or other losses posted after this March data was collected.

The total clean energy jobs lost based on unemployment claims in the U.S. were 106,472 with a 3.1 percent decline, and the total clean energy jobs lost in California were 19,949 with 3.6 percent decline.

The widespread layoffs in clean energy risk derailing an industry that was leading the country in job creation. At the start of

2020, clean energy employment increased for the fifth straight year, growing to nearly 3.4 million workers nationwide. Renewable energy led the way, increasing 3.2 percent to about 523,000 jobs.

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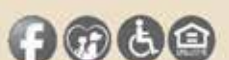
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ACROSS

- "Ali Baba and the Forty _____" sing.
- Eureka!
- Schools of thought
- Sound of artillery
- Car nut
- Without illumination
- Nosey one
- Kind of trip?
- Lasso loop
- "Little Women's" mom
- "Tracee Ellis Ross on TV
- _____'s shanter
- Quitter's word
- Like a fiddle?
- Like Charles Dickens' Tim
- Quarantine state
- "Egyptian goddess of fertility
- Insane, in Spain
- Mother or daughter, in Italy
- "Biblical Rebecca's son
- Online reviews
- Research facil.
- Fisherman's decoys
- Daytime entertainment
- Furniture wood
- End of the road, pl.
- Blatant promotion
- Swedish shag rug
- Yours and mine
- Little squirt
- "Mother's" mom
- "She fought for Mother's Day, then against it 64. In advance
- "Bambi's" mom
- Fancy tie
- Less than fernier
- I have
- "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host
- Fairies
- Galley equipment
- Feed the fire

DOWN

- Kitchen meas.
- Stay out of its way!
- Pelvic parts
- Tennis great Chris _____
- Particular arrangement
- Away from wind
- "Mother's" favorite gift?
- Ancient marketplace
- Part of a scheme
- No neatnik
- Sushi restaurant soup
- One-pot meal
- Like the States
- "One of the Gilmore girls
- Hill dweller
- One-eyed giants
- "She played Forrest Gump's mother
- May edition, e.g.
- "Worn atop the Queen Mother
- Denials
- Nike's "Just _____"
- Private
- "Take it back!"
- "Mother in Kraków
- Lard cousin
- October birthstone
- Plural of sputum
- Rundown
- Bottom line
- Kind of ungulate, pl.
- Where you'll find AM
- Living room centerpiece?
- Gamecock's spur
- "Greek goddess of fertility
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- "Mums' mums
- Opposite of cheer
- International Civil Aviation Org.
- Puppet precursor, possibly
- "Female gametes
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Small Businesses Suffer

Chamber and City Offering E-mail Survey

By Margaret Snider

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - At the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce open house on December 19 of last year, president and CEO Diann Rogers said, "2020 is going to be the year of being decade ready . . . forward thinking, progressive, and relevant, with the best service it can have for its members." When the Covid-19 crisis became apparent soon after, the Chamber found itself and its members immediately facing the challenge. The Chamber acted quickly with information on their website about restaurants and other businesses that are open, how they are getting product to their customers, and other rapidly changing information. Chamber staff personally call member businesses to learn about specific difficulties. In conjunction with the City of Rancho Cordova, the Chamber recently e-mailed more than a thousand surveys to collect small business information to assess help that is needed. Following is representative information on three businesses.

Business One: Since March, Ralph Opfer Floors, Inc., www.ralphopferfloors.com, has lost 100 percent of its income. Owner Lynn Lawson's father opened the business in the 1970s and handed it over to Lawson in 2009. The store has been in its present location on Mather Field Road for over five years. "I'm here from 9 to 1 and some days nobody comes and there are not even any phone calls," Lawson said. Four part-time employees were let go, and store hours cut to less than half. Lawson applied for the Paycheck Protection Program, received a confirmation, but heard nothing until she found a \$3,000 deposit in her bank account. She later learned that 75 percent of the loan must be used for employees, or else paid back.

"Just to keep my door open it's probably close to \$8,000 per month," Lawson said. "The rent's close to \$5,000. You have PG&E, you have SMUD, you have the telephone, you have the Internet, employees if you have them. I've got the phone, I've got my insurances I have to pay, and advertising."

Lawson said that even if everything opened up right now, it could take two months to get jobs ready to start. "People have to go through the process of picking something, taking samples home . . . setting the date (ahead) because they have to clean everything out." She continues to hope for an early resolution. "There's more traffic out, people are ready to come out," Lawson said. "I do have a bunch of people sitting on the side waiting for us



Dorothy Compton, owner of Bee Embroidered, shows product in her home workshop. She has lost 80 to 90 percent of her business since the Covid-19 situation. Photo courtesy Bee Embroidered



Lynn Lawson, owner of Ralph Opfer Floors, Inc., said her business is down 100%. "Everybody's pretty much stopped in their tracks for almost two months now," Lawson said. Photo courtesy Ralph Opfer Floors, Inc.



Ralph Opfer Floors, Inc. can be found at 3330 Mather Field Road. Photo courtesy Ralph Opfer Floors, Inc.

to be back open, but I also think that people are going to be leery . . . They've made us all so scared that people don't want to come out of their houses, and they don't want anybody else to come in."

Business Two: Bee Embroidered is a small Rancho Cordova business "meeting the decorated apparel needs of small business, schools, and individuals." Owner Dorothy Compton started in 2002 with one

embroidery machine, and now has three embroidery machines, a rotary engraver, a laser engraver, a vinyl cutter, heat press machine and a direct to garment printer. Since she has no employees and works out of her home, she has not applied for government programs. She still has expenses, though, for supplies, repairs, and payment on equipment. She has lost 80 to 90 percent of her business in the last couple of months.

"Schools have closed," Compton said. "I did senior shirts for several schools and it's gone. I do letterman jackets for a local company . . . and (they) haven't gotten any new orders, so therefore I don't have any new orders." Events are on hold and individuals sequestered. She was able to organize purchase of some masks for the local nursing home Casa Coloma. The home asked if she could provide face shields. Compton said, "I was able to do it and they were able to use local," Compton said. "So that was nice." See www.beembroidered.com for more information.

Business Three: Jennifer Laret, vice president of A4 Promotions, www.A4promo.com, said that her promotional imprinting company noticed business conditions changing when China went into lockdown in January. "We could see that some of the inventory levels were starting to drop, we had a hard time getting products in from overseas," Laret said. "We pivoted pretty quickly in trying to support hospitals." Sales manager Bruce Anderson said their imprinting business fell by 60 to 70 percent, though because of their switch to providing personal protective equipment they were able to maintain enough income to retain their employees.

The company applied for the Payroll Protection Program, but immediately received notice that their application could not be accepted because the program was at capacity. "We missed the first wave of stimulus money . . . like hundreds if not thousands of other small businesses that were with the bigger banks," Anderson said. "So we went to First Northern Bank and we were able to get that application processed by using our community resources here in Rancho Cordova."

The City and Chamber await the information from the business survey. "Everything has a chain effect, and when one link is broken, or in the present case, many links, nothing happens," Rogers said. "This is a trickle up and down calamity that we're all going through. It's supply chain, it's services, it's everything . . . All of those links in that chain have to be solid in order for business to keep running." ★

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TIZ 180201 5-1-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02313 Gabrielle Maldonado, 2957 Howe Avenue #3 Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Gabby's Happy Housekeeping" 2957 Howe Avenue #3 Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2020
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GABBY 180201 5-1-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02274 Kyle Toyama, 476 Blackwood Street Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Push Play Consulting" 476 Blackwood Street Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 17, 2020
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PUSH 180201 5-1-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02394 Ronna Flag, 7855 Cotton Wood Lane #115 Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ronna's Housecleaning and More" 7855 Cotton Wood Lane #115 Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 26, 2020
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, and 8, 2020
RONNA 180201 5-8-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02361 U-Haul Co. of California, 44511 Grimmer Boulevard Fremont, CA 94538 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "U-Haul Co. of East Sacramento" 1650 El Camino Avenue Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2020
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UHAUL 180201 5-8-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02369 Michael J. Webb, 1948 Rossmoor Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Graphic Ruler" 1948 Rossmoor Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02264 Ahmad Mansoor Hameed, 27114 Pacific Terrace Drive Mission Viejo, CA 92692 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A&B Cell Phone Repairs & Accessories" 6745 Watt Avenue Suite D North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 17, 2020
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A&B 180201 5-8-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02415 Pamela Colleen Riggs, 8413 Noel Drive Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elemental Chiropractic" 8413 Noel Drive Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 30, 2020
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ELEMENTAL 180201 5-8-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02034 Christopher Jonas, 14848 Latrobe Road Sloughhouse, CA 95683 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jonas Livestock Co, Spur Transport" 14848 Latrobe Road Sloughhouse, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 9, 2020
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JONAS 180201 5-8-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02308 Maita Hyundai, 2500 Auburn Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Maita Mazda" 2410 Auburn Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2020
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MAZDA 180201 5-8-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02838 Robert B. Means, 3725 Wingate Drive Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Creative Innovations" 3725 Wingate Drive Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 13, 2020
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CREATIVE 180201 5-15-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02458 Heather D. Miller and Jeffrey C. Miller, 4900 Livoti Avenue Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jump Media Services" 4900 Livoti Avenue Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2020
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JUMP 180201 5-15-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02684 Derek L. Barkus, 8139 Sunset Avenue #155 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Results Digital, Intell Digital" 5650 Marconi Avenue Suite 21 Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 16, 2020
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RESULTS 180201 5-22-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02686 Ila Tewari, 2067 Carroll Court Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Holistic Pet Care" 2067 Carroll Court Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 16, 2020
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HOLISTIC 180201 5-22-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02314 Aracely Valente, 1460 63rd Avenue Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Chikas Housekeeping" 1460 63rd Avenue Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2020
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CHIKAS 180201 5-22-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02523 Donald E. Benson, 5815 Gibbons Drive Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "House of Photographic Arts" 5815 Gibbons Drive Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 7, 2020
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HOUSE 180201 5-22-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02580 John Taylor, 8465 Lonely Oak Court Fair Oaks, CA 95628 and Hilary Oak, 156 Julia Island Circle Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Grayson's Guide, Grayson's Guide to Careers" 8465 Lonely Oak Court Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2020
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GRAYSON 180201 5-22-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02551 Brady Wolgram, 11809 Azalea Garden Way Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Results Pest Control" 11809 Azalea Garden Way Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2020
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PEST 180201 5-22-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-01065 Trusted Wheels LLC, 1650 Silica Avenue Suite D Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Trusted Wheels Auto Sales" 1650 Silica Avenue Suite D Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 6, 2020
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TRUSTED 180201 5-22-20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-02724 Trusted Wheels LLC, 1650 Silica Avenue Suite D Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Trusted Wheels Transportation" 1650 Silica Avenue Suite D Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 20, 2020
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TRUSTED 180201 5-22-20

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CAMERON RICHARD TURNER, AKA CAMERON R. TURNER
CASE No. 34-2020-00277689
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Cameron Richard Turner, aka Cameron R. Turner, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Richard B. Turner, Kathleen T. Turner, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Richard B. Turner, Kathleen T. Turner, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 14, 2020 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of

Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may

want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner is: Richard B. Turner and Kathleen T. Turner
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530-521-2128, 530-354-6118
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TURNER 170622 5-8-20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, subd. (a)(2))
FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TO CONSIDER PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING DRAFT ELECTION DISTRICT MAP(S) AND THE PROPOSED SEQUENCE OF ELECTIONS (IF APPLICABLE)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District ("District") intends to hold a public hearing, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subd. (a)(2), at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of a draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of election, if applicable, for by-district elections (the "Proposed Action"). The time for the public hearing is: **May 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** (or as soon thereafter as practicable).

The draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections, if applicable, for by-district elections are available on the District's website at the following internet address: <https://www.fcusd.org/domain/5606>. The draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections, if applicable, for by-district elections were published on the District's website at the foregoing address on or before April 30, 2020 and have and will remain available at that address at all times through the date and time of hearing.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 29-20, the public may participate in the meeting and provide public comment via Zoom video conference. The link to the meeting will be provided 15 minutes prior the start of the meeting on the District's website at: <https://www.fcusd.org/domain/5608>. Public comment may also be made on a "Google Document" through the link provided on the District's website at: <https://www.fcusd.org/domain/5608>.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 29-20, persons who require reasonable accommodation or modification to observe and/or offer public comment are directed to contact Kelly Goldsmith, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at 916-294-9001 or KGoldsmith@fcusd.org.

Testimony of all interested persons for or against the Proposed Action will be heard through the public comment session set forth above. Protests may be made in writing. Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularities and defects to which the objection is made. All written protests shall be filed with the District on or before the time set for the hearing. The District may waive any irregularities in the form or content of any written notice and at the hearing may correct minor defects in the proceedings. Written protests may be withdrawn, in writing, at any time before the conclusion of the hearing.

DATED: April 30, 2020
Sarah Koligian
Dr. Sarah Koligian, Superintendent
Folsom Cordova Unified School District
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SacRT Purchases New Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicles

By Jessica Gonzalez, SacRT

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) announced a major replacement of their aging light rail fleet by issuing a notice to proceed on the purchase of 20 low-floor light rail vehicles from local manufacturer, Siemens Mobility, Inc. This is the first time in 20 years that SacRT has purchased new light rail vehicles.

"We are committed to providing innovative mobility solutions in our region and these new low-floor light rail vehicles are one step forward," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "The purchase of these new vehicles is long overdue and will begin the transition to a modern, low-floor fleet."

The purchase of the new vehicles is part of SacRT's overall light rail modernization plan, which also includes converting light rail stations to accommodate the new low-floor design and adding a passing track at two locations to provide 15-minute frequency to Folsom stations.

SacRT was awarded \$150 million in funding from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capitol Program and Proposition IA to modernize the light rail fleet, including the purchase of the 20 low-floor light rail trains, which will provide better accessibility for passengers with disabilities, bicycles and strollers. In addition, it will save SacRT money in high maintenance and repair costs that are associated with keeping light rail cars in service past their 30-year useful life.

The 20 new trains will be manufactured by Siemens Mobility, Inc. at their Sacramento factory and the first vehicles are expected to be delivered in 2022. The contract, including the 20 trains, spare parts and tools is approximately \$100 million.



S700 interiors feature many safety innovations, including low-level boarding doorways for improved accessibility. Photo: SacRT

The remaining funding will be used for the modernization of the stations and supporting infrastructure.

"The award of this contract is a win-win for Sacramento. Not only will SacRT receive much needed replacement light rail vehicles to modernize and improve the reliability of their fleet to serve the entire Sacramento region, but this contract will also support hundreds of high-skilled manufacturing jobs at Siemens Mobility here in Sacramento," said Congresswoman Doris Matsui. "Given the state of this current crisis, this deal comes at a critical time for the recovery of our economy."

"I'm excited about the addition of 20 low-floor light vehicles to SacRT's fleet," said Congressman Ami Bera, M.D. "These modern cars will allow increased capacity for passengers with disabilities and will better-serve the greater

Sacramento region for years to come."

"This SacRT purchase using Proposition IA money for new low-floor Light Rail vehicles will upgrade and modernize our regional public transit system in the Sacramento region," said Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento). "This step forward will ensure our public transit system better serves Sacramentans by offering more frequent and accessible services to its riders."

The SacRT Board of Directors voted to proceed with the contract, which includes the option to purchase up to 76 light rail vehicles. SacRT continues to pursue all funding sources with the plan of exercising the option for all 76 light rail vehicles.

"These new light rail cars from the Siemens here plant in Sacramento are a huge leap forward for Regional Transit to improve accessibility and comfort

for our riders from the disabled community, seniors, bicyclists and families with strollers," said SacRT Board Chair and Sacramento City Councilmember Steve Hansen. "As a growing region, the new modern low-floor cars will also help reduce traffic congestion and inspire new riders to get onboard."

"This announcement is a win for Sacramento transit riders, our transit advocates including those in our disabled community, our neighbors employed at the Siemens manufacturing facility, and the environment," said Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg. "Our region needs good news amidst this COVID-19 crisis; this investment by SacRT in modernized infrastructure to serve our economy and meet our carbon neutral goals is most welcome. I look forward to riding on the inaugural trip of our Sacramento-made train fleet in 2022!"

"The Sacramento region is home to nearly 1.4 million residents and our public transit infrastructure is essential to our growth as well as lowering our carbon footprint," said Assemblymember Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove). "These 20 new low-floor trains along with the new Blue Line light rail extension to Meadowview is exactly what our area needs to modernize our light rail system and propel us into future."

"For all of our employees at our Rail Car factory in Sacramento, it means a lot to be able to provide Siemens vehicles for SacRT's network and we are most grateful for the opportunity," said Michael Cahill, president of Siemens Mobility Rolling Stock, North America. "Our manufacturing facility on French Road in South Sacramento has been operating for more than 30 years, and it is great to be able to showcase our Made-in-Sacramento technology for the community that has supported us through our continuous growth and expansion."

The S700 light rail trains are the latest generation of light rail vehicles from Siemens Mobility and feature low-level boarding at every doorway, spacious seating design, and larger windows for better light and a better view. The vehicles feature improved ADA-accessibility with wider aisles to easily traverse into and around the car as well as built-in storage for luggage and bicycles. The electric powered vehicles are also emissions-free. The new light rail vehicles will operate in conjunction with SacRT's current fleet for a few years, as SacRT works on obtaining additional funding to replace all 97 light rail vehicles. This is the first order of new light rail vehicles since early 2000, in preparation of the first Blue Line light rail extension to Meadowview. ★

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When duty has called, American military personnel have answered with determination, grit and bravery. Memorial Day is designated to honor those who perished in the efforts. From the American Revolution in 1775 through ongoing military operations in Afghanistan and elsewhere, more than 1.3 million members of the U.S. military have died in war. Please join us in our twenty second annual Memorial Day Avenue of Flags Ceremony remembering those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

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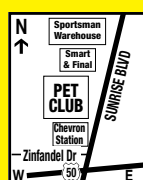
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<p>12 Oz Pkg GREENIES DOG TREATS Value Pack •Chewy Texture • Easy to Digest •Regular •Grain Free 12 oz \$13.99 Limit 2 Packs Per Family •Teeny (43 Ct) •Reg (12 Ct) \$11.99 •Petite (20 Ct) •Large (8 Ct)</p>	<p>PENN-PLAX CASCADE POWER FILTER SALE MODEL TANK SIZE PET CLUB SALE CASCADE 100 20 Gal. \$17.99 CASCADE 150 35 Gal. \$21.99 CASCADE 200 50 Gal. \$25.99 CASCADE 300 100 Gal. \$35.99</p>
<p>DINGO DOG SNACKS 20% OFF Made with Real Chicken (Mini-Small-Medium) Bones •Dental Sticks •Chip Twist •Tenders •Twist Sticks •Dynosix •Skewers OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>	<p>Bramton SIMPLE SOLUTION TRAINING PADS \$21.99 23" x 24" 100 Ct Box</p>
<p>PETSPORT DOG TOYS 20% OFF •Tuff Balls •Fetch Me Fido •Fling Thing •Biscuit Buddy •Soft Toys •Ass't Toys All Varieties OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>	<p>SENTRY PETROMALT & PETRODEX PRODUCTS All Varieties 20% OFF •Tooth Care •Hairball Relief OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>
<p>AQUEON BOXED 10 GALLON TANK With Economy Kit Just add Heater For Tropical Fish \$36.99 Limit 1 Per Family</p>	<p>PENN PLAX PLASTIC AQUA-PLANTS 20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>
<p>INSTANT OCEAN SEA SALT \$12.99 50 Gal. Salt Mix</p>	

<p>BONUS COUPON FANCY FEAST ELEGANT MEDLEY CANNED CAT FOOD Selected Varieties - 3 Oz Limit 6 Cans with Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 4/29/20 - 5/5/20 ON SALE EVERYDAY CHM PLU 568</p>	<p>BONUS COUPON FANCY FEAST CLASSIC BROTH 1.4 Oz - All Varieties Limit 3 Pkgs With Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 4/29/20 - 5/5/20 89¢ CHM PLU 377</p>	<p>BONUS COUPON ARM & HAMMER CAT LITTER DEODORIZER 20 Oz Box Limit 2 Boxes with Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 4/29/20 - 5/5/20 \$1.49 CHM PLU 422</p>
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