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Sacramento County's Economic Development Department is here to help businesses in the region with up-to-date information and resources. Photo by Andrea Piacquadio from Pexels

By Janna Haynes, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - As the economic impact of COVID-19 continues to evolve, Sacramento County's Economic Development Department is here to help businesses

in the region with up-to-date information and resources. Recently, the department revamped its Business Resource Guide webpage with user-friendly industry guidelines and California's new Blueprint to a Safer Economy featuring a tiered, color-coded system. The system makes

it easier for businesses to identify new and upcoming operational modifications regulated by the State of California. Sacramento County is currently in the State's most restrictive Purple Tier 1 (widespread).

Along with up-to-date information

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Board Votes to Revise Approved County Budget

By Kim Nava, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted on Sept. 10, to approve the Revised Recommended Budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

The Revised Recommended General Fund budget provided substantial additional funding to address the impact of COVID-19 on the community; avoided significant reductions in critical County programs and made new General Fund supported investments in some new programs to address the most critical needs.

The budget also accounted for the County's \$170 million revenue loss with one-time State and federal funding, which is likely unsustainable into future fiscal years.

"It is important to continue to provide the critical health, social, public safety and other services to the people of Sacramento County, and in spite of the significant economic impact of COVID-19, the Revised Recommended Budget did exactly that," said County Executive Nav Gill.

The \$3.08 billion General Fund expenditures increased by \$204.6 million. Departments with the largest expenditure increases included Health Services with a \$140.3 million (29%) increase; Sheriff with a \$38.2 million (6.9%) increase; Human Assistance with a \$26.4 million (7.8%) increase; Child, Family and Adult Services with an \$11.8 million (5.5%) increase; and Probation with an \$8.6 million (5.4%) increase.

During budget deliberations, the Board added a number of restorations to the budget totaling \$1,886,446 in appropriations, which included:

\$957,446 for body-worn cameras for probation officers; \$300,000 for the Foster Care Recruitment and Retention Program in Child, Family and Adult Services; \$203,000 for the Cares Plus Program in Child, Family and Adult Services' Public Guardian Division; \$126,000 to retain two staff positions that would have been eliminated in the Women, Infants and Children Program; \$300,000 to Child, Family and Adult Services to use as part of an effort to develop a Senior Safe House.

The Board also directed that staff work to strengthen and expand the Mobile Crisis Support Team, a

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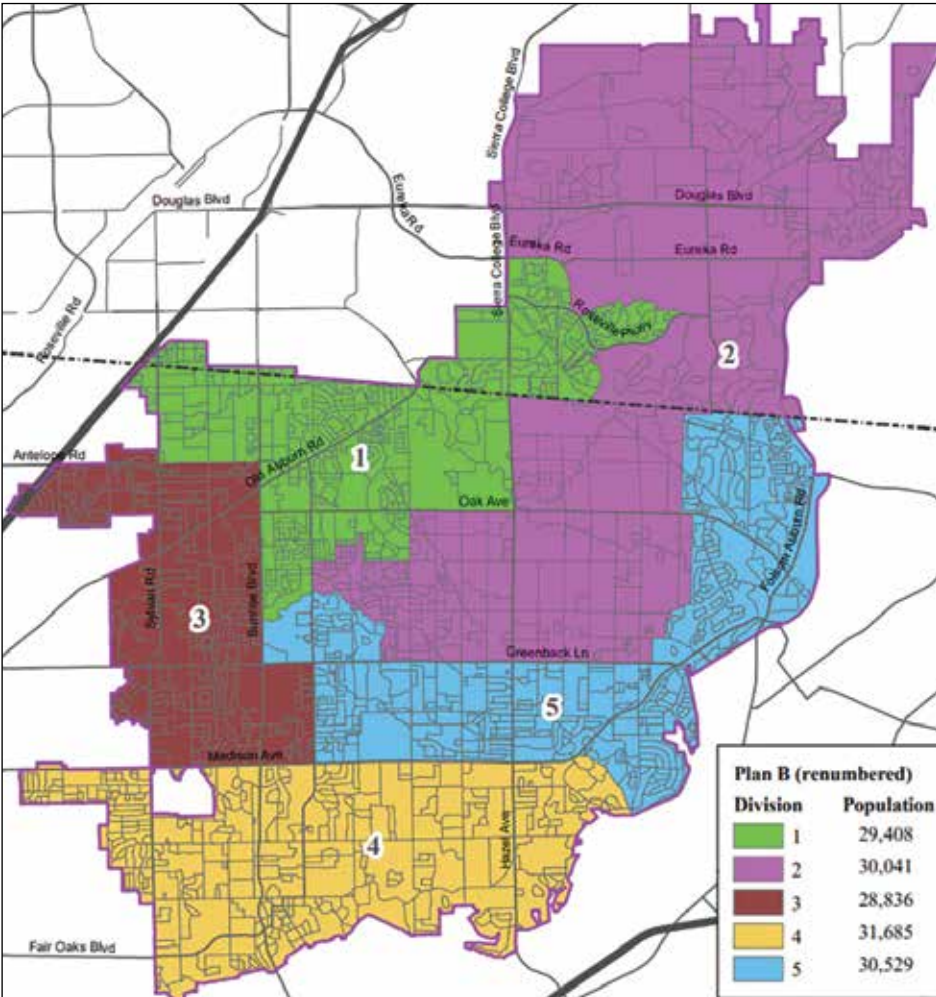
SJWD Selects Draft Map for Division-based Elections

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On September 9, 2020, the San Juan Water District (SJWD) held a public hearing to select a draft map and identify the sequencing for division-based elections. The process began in response to a legal challenge asserting that the District's at-large election system violated the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). Under the new division-based system, each Director will be elected from within one of five District divisions.

The SJWD Board of Directors governs the District's wholesale and retail operations. The retail division primarily delivers water to customers in Granite Bay and part of Roseville, while the wholesale division sells water to Citrus Heights Water District, Fair Oaks Water District, Orange Vale Water Company, and the City of Folsom (north of the American River). The majority of the Board currently resides in the Granite Bay area.

Throughout the public input process, multiple



The proposed re-numbered draft map for San Juan Water District's division-based elections. If approved, the odd-numbered divisions would be up for election in 2022. Image courtesy of the San Juan Water District.

community members from Granite Bay and the retail service area expressed concern that the new system

would leave them underrepresented. Some community members also asked that rural areas with hobby farms

be identified as a community of interest since such properties have different

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President Gets Briefed on Wildfires

By Laurel Rosenhall, Cal Matters

This story has been edited to fit the available space in this issue

It was looking a little lonely on the tarmac when President Donald Trump arrived in California to be briefed about record-breaking wildfires that have burned an area the size of Connecticut, killed two dozen people and blanketed the West Coast with smoke. Not a single California state official greeted Trump as he stepped off the plane at an airfield in Sacramento County.

Gov. Gavin Newsom was in a hangar nearby, and promptly met with Trump and several fire officials. But his absence at the steps of Air Force One revealed the latest move in what’s become the Democratic governor’s delicate dance with the Republican president who is both a tantalizing political foil – and a key link to aid the state needs as disasters mount.

“We’ve been working very well with Gavin,” Trump told reporters gathered on the tarmac.

“We’re obviously from different sides of the spectrum, but we have a very good relationship.”

Then, inside the hangar where Newsom (wearing a mask) and Trump (not wearing a mask) met with emergency officials, the governor also took a cordial tone.

“I want to thank you and acknowledge the work that you’ve done to be immediate in terms of your response,” Newsom told Trump.

Newsom said they agree on the need to thin more trees and delicately lectured Trump about global warming driving the frequency and intensity of wildfires.

“Climate change is real and that is exacerbating this,” Newsom said.

The dynamic between Newsom and Trump has turned out to be one of the major surprises of Newsom’s short time as governor. Newsom won office in 2018 positioning himself as the antithesis of Trump, and pledged to lead a “resistance state.” But his tenure has been marked by an extraordinary spate of disasters – catastrophic wildfires, the deadly coronavirus pandemic, a decimated state budget and record unemployment – that have required cooperation between two men who once cast each other as clowns.

Newsom has repeatedly praised Trump’s disaster aid for California, saying he wants to put political differences aside when problems need to be solved. But it’s involved a bit of whiplash. He recently called their relationship “very effective” in responding to emergencies



Trump supporters wait by the fence at McClellan Air Force Base runway. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner



Donald J. Trump supporters attended the president’s visit at McClellan Air Force Base. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

– just the day after he dissed Trump for saying California wildfires were due to insufficient forest raking. He talked last week about a productive phone call with Trump, even as he criticized the federal government for a lack of action on climate change.

It’s a fine line to walk, and Newsom has occasionally slipped, by being so nice that he gave ammunition to a political opponent. While heaping praise on Trump for sending a batch of coronavirus test kits in April, Newsom used one of the president’s campaign slogans – “Promises made, promises kept” – and promptly found himself in an ad

for Trump’s reelection.

Newsom’s approach – meeting with Trump to discuss forest management and climate change, but not appearing in any chummy-looking photo ops in front of Air Force One – suggests that he is trying to thread the needle. On the one hand, he needs to demonstrate apolitical leadership amid disaster, but also avoid looking too bipartisan in an election year when he’s campaigning for Trump’s Democratic rival.

“It’s a carefully-considered, carefully-orchestrated tango with the president that the governor has no choice but to participate in,”

said Nathan Ballard, a Democratic political consultant who worked for Newsom when he was San Francisco mayor.

Though Newsom disagrees with Trump “about almost everything under the sun,” Ballard said, “it is vital for the governor’s constituents that he continues to play ball with the president during these unprecedented disasters.”

While Newsom and Trump kept things cordial, Newsom’s environmental deputies got into a terse exchange with the president.

Wade Crowfoot, Newsom’s secretary of natural resources, emphasized the unprecedented heat and warming trend, saying: “If we ignore that science and put our head in the sand...we are not going to succeed together protecting Californians.”

Trump, smiling, said, “It’ll start getting cooler, you just watch.”

Crowfoot shot back, “I wish science agreed with you.”

Trump responded, “I don’t think science knows, actually,” then briskly called on another presenter.

Demonstrators – of both parties – outside the meeting said they understand why Newsom plays nice with Trump.

Lance Caster said Newsom’s approach makes sense to him, even though he doesn’t like it. “It depends on what he wants. When he doesn’t like what Donald’s doing, he bad mouths him, and when he wants something, he’s really nice,” said Caster, a Republican who works as a truck driver and lives in the Sacramento suburb of Citrus Heights.

Most Californians believe climate change is “extremely important” or “very important” to them personally, according to a Public Policy Institute of California survey last month, and just one-fifth of the state’s likely voters said they trust the federal government to handle environmental issues. Not surprisingly in this overwhelmingly blue state, 70% of voters said Joe Biden would be better than Trump on environmental policy.

Laurel covers California politics for CalMatters, with a focus on power and personalities in the statehouse. Her stories explain political dynamics in the Capitol and examine how money, advocacy and relationships.

CalMatters reporters Rachel Becker, Julie Cart and Barbara Feder Ostrov contributed to this report.

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Council Approves Contract for Regional Radio Communications

Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The September 10, 2020, Citrus Heights City Council meeting was again held via teleconference. Citrus Heights resident David Warren submitted a public comment regarding Councilmember Jeannie Bruins’ prepared remarks at the Chamber of Commerce’s Measure M forum. Bruins stated that the City has poll results showing a majority of residents would support a tax increase to gain the benefits provided by that funding, but Warren questioned those results.

Warren wrote that he and his neighbors were never asked if they would support a sales tax increase: “If such a poll was taken, the City should publish the specific question asked and the total number of votes cast approving or rejecting the 1% increase in the sales and use tax.” He acknowledged that the majority of residents likely do support increased funding for the police department, city services, and street repairs. Warren suggested that the City conduct a poll specifically asking whether residents would support Measure M, “instead of asserting because residents want public services and municipal repairs, that the taxpayers will agree to a sales tax increase to pay for them.”

Dan Stockridge, communications supervisor with Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD), asked the Council to renew the agreement with the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS). Stockridge explained that the SRRCS, which is maintained and operated by the Sacramento County, is the sole source provider for radio communications in the region. “SRRCS maintains a vast network of radio communications, equipment that provides two-way voice radio communications, and agency interoperability,” said Stockridge. He described it as “the backbone for all radio communication for the CHPD.”

Citrus Heights originally joined SRRCS in 2006 with an initial buy-in cost of \$116,194. The contract allowed Citrus Heights to operate its own police department and 911 communications center, and Stockridge said the renewal will allow CHPD to maintain its radio communications. If the City decides not to renew the contract, they would have to build and maintain an entire radio system, which would be cost-prohibitive. If approved, the proposed licensing agreement will run through July 1, 2030.

CHPD has 215 radios with SRRCS and the annual maintenance fees for this fiscal year are \$330 per radio, for a total cost of \$70,950. Planned increases in the next several years, which are already included in the CHPD’s projected budget, will absorb the cost of required infrastructural improvements necessary for system sustainability. The annual increases will bring the cost to \$375 per radio by fiscal year 2026-2027.

Alliance with SRRCS promotes cooperation among 28 user agencies and spreads

large capital and on-going operations costs across these agencies. Stockridge said, “Continued participation and influence as an SRRCS member allows CHPD to continue innovation and relevance in the region,” and CHPD benefits from the shared costs as well and the shared knowledge and experience.

The City Council unanimously approved renewal of the SRRCS agreement.

The Council then considered an amendment to the City’s Cardroom Ordinance Sunset Provision. After the City incorporated in 1997, many of the County’s codes and ordinances were adopted until the City could adopt their own amendments. At that time, the County’s cardroom ordinance was adopted – but with a sunset provision specifying the future date when cardrooms in the city would be prohibited.

Over the years, the sunset provision has been extended on several occasions – postponing the prohibition date. The current sunset date is December 31, 2020. Staff recommended an amendment permanently eliminating the sunset provision. The City submitted the proposed amendment to the Bureau of Gambling Control, which responded that eliminating the sunset provision does not conflict with the Gambling Control Act.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the amendment. So, cardrooms in Citrus Heights will not be prohibited.

Citrus Heights is part of the League of California Cities, which is holding its annual conference in October (via teleconference this year). The Council chose Councilmember Porsche Middleton as its primary voting delegate, with Councilmember Bruins serving as alternate.

The Council then gave direction to Councilmember Middleton about their position on the League’s proposed resolutions, which will be voted on during the conference. Katherine Cooley, assistant to the city manager, said there is only one item for consideration: Call to Amend the Communications Decency Act of 1996. The resolution would require that social media companies remove materials promoting criminal activities. Currently, social media companies are immune from civil liability for criminal activities promoted on their sites, which Cooley said is likely a case of the law not having caught up with how social media is used.

The League is requesting that social media companies can only retain their immunity if they meet the following requirements: Platforms must establish a reasonable program to identify and take down criminal content, and platforms must provide information to law enforcement. If a company willfully or negligently fails to meet these requirements, it will lose immunity from state and local laws and civil liability. The Council agreed that they support this resolution. ★

City Reviews FlashVote Survey Results: COVID Response and Recovery



City of Citrus Heights City Hall. Courtesy photo

City of Citrus Heights

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The City of Citrus Heights launched FlashVote and the community’s first survey – that focused on COVID responses and recovery – closed with over 400 responses in two days.

“We had an internal goal of 400 FlashVote sign-ups in two weeks, and we hit 514,” said Communications Officer Nichole Baxter. “We knew FlashVote had high participation rates in other cities, so we were hoping our community would be responsive – and they were.”

The City’s first survey had a 72% participation rate for those who signed up, and sign-ups for the platform continue to grow. City leaders shared that they are encouraged by the participation rates, and that the feedback they received was invaluable. Staff have already begun preliminary plans for follow-up action items, based on community responses.

The City will continue to promote the platform and use FlashVote as a tool for community engagement. “It’s more important than ever that we connect with our residents, and we are extremely focused on listening and responding to what our community wants,” said Baxter.

With the first FlashVote survey, City staff asked questions to get a sense of how to best support the community during the pandemic. Full results of the survey are available after signing up at FlashVote.com/CitrusHeights, and those without internet

access can sign up by calling 775-235-2240.

One of the survey questions focused on how COVID-19 has influenced buying behavior, and asked residents how shopping might change after State and County restrictions end. “We knew that question would provide interesting results,” said Baxter. “When we think about shopping behavior, it’s hard to imagine everything going back to the way things were pre-COVID.”

Whenever restrictions end and life goes back to normal, how do you think your use of online shopping will change?

I never really switched to more online ordering for pickup/delivery, so no change – 29.0%

I will stop all my new online ordering – I’m going back to my previous in-person shopping and dining behavior – 8.8%

I will still do some online ordering that I wasn’t doing before – but I will go back to most of my in-person shopping and dining behavior – 44.0%

I will keep doing most of the online ordering I wasn’t doing before – so I will only go back to some of my previous in-person shopping and dining – 12.2%

I will keep doing all of the online ordering I wasn’t doing before – I won’t go back to that previous in-person shopping and dining – 1.7%

Not Sure – 4.3%

(The above question was in the City of Citrus Heights’ first FlashVote survey.)

The next Citrus Heights FlashVote survey will launch in October 2020. ★

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collaboration between Behavioral Health and law enforcement to respond together to emergency calls for people experiencing mental health crises. Staff will return to the Board within 45 days with a status report on this effort.

“Concerned about elevating law enforcement accountability and transparency, the Board of Supervisors not only approved body cameras for sheriff deputies and park rangers, but we are one of the first in California to also fund the deployment of body cameras for our probation officers” said board chairman and first district supervisor Phil Serna, who made the proposal in consultation with

the Chief of Probation, Lee Seale. “Other innovative and restorative budget actions the board took included adding funds for WIC (Woman Infant & Children) lactation services, preserving important foster care programming for some of our most vulnerable youth, buttressing mental health crisis services, and investing in a senior safe house for Sacramento County’s elderly residents.”

The Revised General Fund budget addressed the County’s continued response to COVID-19 with \$89.1 million in expenditures:

Health Services: \$71.1 million (testing, contact tracing, business navigators, food and housing assistance, Public Health surge

capacity); Child, Family and Adult Services: \$6.9 million (Dine at Home Sacramento program for home-bound seniors); Human Assistance: \$11.1 million (COVID-19 Homeless Response Plan, Project Roomkey)

Additional growth requests included \$2.1 million for body-worn cameras for Sheriff’s deputies and park rangers; \$9.4 million for the Mays Consent Decree, in which the County agreed to make significant investments in the jails to resolve the lawsuit concerning conditions of confinement; and \$2.6 million for mental health programs.

The Board is scheduled to formally adopt the Budget on Sept. 22. ★



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Measure M is a Penny for Safer Communities and Stronger Public Safety

Over 20 years ago Citrus Heights residents felt it was necessary to incorporate to provide more local control and better services for our community. A decade after incorporation, residents wanted safer neighborhoods and a stronger public safety presence, so the city created its own police department.

Our police department has worked strategically with limited resources to decrease overall crime. Since 2017, overall crime has been reduced by nearly 18%. Violent crime decreased by 9% in 2019, due to responsible, proactive crime prevention efforts and neighborhood patrol programs.

Unfortunately, however, the pandemic-induced recession means that our police department will not have the resources necessary to maintain these crime reductions that we have come to expect. Our police department is currently grappling with a \$1.6 million revenue shortfall, which means fewer officers on the street. Citrus Heights has already experienced a 7% increase in violent crimes since January of this year!

But it doesn't have to be this way.

After more than a year of community engagement and feedback, our city council placed Measure M on the ballot to provide critically-needed local revenue that will shore up our police department and keep Citrus Heights safe. Measure M will provide locally-controlled funding to improve 911 emergency response times and successful programs that keep youth away from crime, drugs and gangs.

I urge my fellow Citrus Heights residents to vote YES on Measure M to keep dangerous criminals off our streets and time-tested programs that curb domestic violence, child abuse and elder abuse operating.

Lisa Glaser
Resident of Citrus Heights

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and resources regarding the current Public Health Order, local businesses can view a list of Financial Resources available including: Grants and Loans; Disability Insurance; Unemployment Assistance; Paid Family Leave; Work Share Programs; Utility Rate Relief.

Businesses can contact the Office of Economic Development at COVID19.BusinessAssistance@saccounty.net for assistance. In addition to Economic Development's resources, Sacramento County's Department of Health Services provides a COVID-19 Hotline for Sacramento County businesses and residents who have questions about the Public Health Order. For questions about the Public Health Order, call (916) 875-2400.

Sacramento County has also partnered with Sierra Health Foundation to hire Community Based Organizations to find and train Business Navigators. Business Navigators will provide industry-specific information and education to support small business owners' understanding of both the Public Health Order and guidelines in order to safely re-open. Visit the Sacramento County COVID-19 Collab website for more information.

For a complete list of industry guidelines, businesses can visit the California Department of Public Health website. For complaints about unsafe practices at businesses (e.g. face coverings, social distancing), or violations of the Health Order, dial 3-1-1 or go to Sacramento County 311 Connect, or email, SacCo311@custhelp.com. ★

No Pandemic Shutdown for Scammers, They Are Still on the Prowl

By Ashley Pontius

COVID-19 may have shut down portions of the economy and put restrictions on Americans' daily lives, but cyber scams and other efforts to defraud people continue to thrive.

"Scammers are tapping into the uncertainty related to the global pandemic," says Chris Orestis, the president of LifeCare Xchange who is known as the "Retirement Genius" (www.retirementgenius.com).

"They are using social engineering to target people with tactics that take advantage of today's technology. Seniors need to be especially mindful of the mechanisms that have been explicitly designed to target people in retirement."

Some scams to be on the lookout for include:

Dishonest retailers. Many dishonest retailers and fake products are popping up, Orestis says. "The shortage of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, soap, and masks at the beginning of the quarantine resulted from people's panic," he says. "The fear of scarcity created a gateway for scammers. Fraudulent online retailers are showcasing these items as bait, especially medical supplies." But they don't have any inventory, so stick with reputable stores, Orestis says. Scammers also try to sell products to prevent or cure COVID-19, even though they do not exist. "Anyone who receives a message from someone selling any of these items should not respond," Orestis says.

Phony advertisements. Scammers also try to advertise hard-to-find products through social media, email or ads that pop up on certain sites. Avoid clicking on anything unfamiliar because cyber criminals may be trying to steal your personal information or infect your computer with a virus, Orestis says. "Be cautious of people who try to contact you under odd usernames and do not have a profile picture," he says. "If anyone asks for your personal information or invites you to click on a link, block them immediately or report them as spam."

Government or organization disguises. Is a government official or someone from the CDC or from the World Health Organization trying to contact you? Maybe, but probably not. Scammers often try to convince potential victims that they are with a legitimate agency or group, Orestis says. "For example, an email might claim that there have been

new COVID-19 cases in your area and ask for your personal information to see if you have been in contact with anyone infected," he says. "Be suspicious of any COVID-19 related emails and use only official government websites to get information about the virus."

Fake charities and crowdfunding. Criminals have also created counterfeit charities and crowdfunding sites. They ask for money in the form of cash, gift cards, and wire transfers. "Real charities will never use these resources," Orestis says. "Be sure to use reputable sites and research the charities you want to donate to for coronavirus relief."

Phone scams. Phones are still the No. 1 way scammers target seniors, both through calls and text messages. The Federal Communications Commission warns about these methods being used by people who claim to be the IRS or have coronavirus treatments, at-home testing kits, and vaccinations. "If you receive a robotic voice call, do not press any buttons or return any calls," Orestis says. "Hang up immediately. If you receive text messages regarding this information, do not respond or click on any links."

"It's important to be wary of these and other scams, both off and online," Orestis says. "The more conscious people are of how scammers are trying to trick them, the less likely they are to fall for one of those tricks."

Chris Orestis, known as the "Retirement Genius" (www.retirementgenius.com), is President of LifeCare Xchange and a nationally recognized healthcare expert and senior advocate. He has 25 years' experience in the insurance and long-term care industries, and is credited with pioneering the *Long-Term Care Life Settlement* over a decade ago. Known as a political insider, Orestis is a former Washington, D.C., lobbyist who has worked in both the White House and for the Senate Majority Leader on Capitol Hill. Orestis is author of the books *Help on the Way* and *A Survival Guide to Aging*, and has been speaking for over a decade across the country about senior finance and the secrets to aging with physical and financial health. He is a frequent columnist for Broker World, ThinkAdvisor, IRIS, and NewsMax Finance, has been a featured guest on over 50 radio programs, and has appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, CNBC, NBC News, Fox News, USA Today, Kiplinger's, Investor's Business Daily, PBS, and numerous other media outlets. ★



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

You Get What You Focus On



What do you think about? Are you focused on taking your life in a positive direction, or do you concentrate on avoiding unwanted circumstances? Do you focus on solutions, or on problems? Is your focus directed toward what you like, or what you don't like?

You get what you focus on. Whether your focus is positive or negative is irrelevant. Your mind does not care if you are focusing on good stuff or bad. Your focus is a magnet which attracts whatever it is directed to.

The circumstances you encounter are not based on luck or chance. Passively waiting for your desires to appear is like playing the lottery; it might happen, but the odds are greatly against you. Conversely, directing your focus to what you really want is highly effective.

Don't make the mistake of focusing on things that are bothering you. Don't fixate on people you don't like. Don't obsess about situations which upset you. Don't become consumed with problems you are facing. Don't become immersed with tasks you hate doing.

Avoid focusing on anything you don't want because you will attract it. For example, concentrating on not wanting to be broke, avoiding failure, not wanting to get sick, fear of rejection, or not wanting to constantly struggle brings those things to you.

Instead, always put into positive terms those things you want to accomplish. Being successful is preferable to avoiding failure. Staying healthy is better than avoiding disease. Having people like you for who you are is more desirable than fearing rejection. Enjoying beneficial circumstances is more satisfying than struggling.

So, rather than waiting for something to happen, you actively work to make it happen. Just as a laser beam focuses light at one concentrated point, you focus your energy on one specific objective. The more intense your focus, the greater the results.

When faced with a problem, focus on a solution instead of becoming enmeshed in the problem. Once the problem has been accurately identified, direct all of your energy to finding a solution. If your first solution does not work as expected, try another approach. There is a solution for every problem. Focus will help you discover it.

Scattered energy is diluted. Constantly jumping from one task to another is a waste of effort. It's the same effect as having a flashlight instead of a laser. A laser can cut through steel whereas a flashlight won't cut through anything.

Focus must be followed by positive action. Start by acting as if you are where you want to be. Behave as if you are already successful, happy, and healthy. In order to become confident, act with confidence. Your actions create your reality.

Focus on your goals. Formulate goals which you would love to accomplish. A burning desire to achieve them intensifies your focus. Nothing beats doing what you love to do. You never have to force yourself to work toward a highly desirable objective.

Clear, well defined, and detailed goals are readily focusable. Knowing exactly where you are headed enables you to know where to aim. Eliminate non-priorities and distractions because they dilute your focus.

Dream big. Harness focus to achieve more than you previously thought possible. Don't limit yourself with constraints or excuses. Whatever you can conceive and believe, you can achieve. Unwavering dedication to your objective is key.

Determine exactly what objectives are worthy of your focus. The smaller the list, the stronger your focus will be. The more intense your focus, the more you will accomplish in a shorter period of time.

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California Man Arrested for Firebombing Republican Women's Headquarters After Being Caught on Camera
Mon, 09/14/2020 - 22:13 – legitgov
A man has been arrested for a firebomb attack on the East Valley Republican Women federated offices in La Quinta, California, that took place in May, with authorities apprehending 23-year-old Carlos Espiru for the incident. Espiru can be seen allegedly striking the Republican office's windows with a baseball bat and shattering them before deploying an incendiary devices against the offices in surveillance camera footage of the crime... The Riverside County Sheriff's Offices confirmed that an arrest had been made in the arson attack on Thursday.

Arson Probe Opened Into Deadly Oregon Wildfire - Police Chief
Sat, 09/12/2020 - 16:25 – legitgov
Arson investigators have opened a probe into the suspicious origins of a deadly Oregon wildfire that began in the town of Ashland and destroyed hundreds of homes in nearby communities, Ashland's police chief said on Thursday. The remains of two victims have been found in ruins from the blaze, which erupted on Tuesday and roared through a third day in the midst of a spate of wildfires across Oregon, according to a spokesman for the state fire marshal. More bodies are expected to be discovered as search teams comb through the wreckage of dwellings that were engulfed during a chaotic evacuation of populated areas along the path of the swiftly spreading flames, Ashland police chief Tighe O'Meara said.

Trump announces deal between Bahrain, Israel to normalize relations in push for Mideast peace
Sat, 09/12/2020 - 03:20 – legitgov
President Trump on Friday announced that Bahrain has agreed to normalize relations with Israel, another diplomatic win for the president coming after a similar agreement with the United Arab Emirates just last month. "This is really something special, very, very special," Trump said in the Oval Office, predicting that the region "will become more secure and prosperous" as a result of the diplomatic moves. "The sand was loaded up with blood, and now you'll see a lot of that sand will be loaded up with peace," he said. According to a formal statement issued by the three countries, they agreed to "the establishment of full diplomatic relations between Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain."

Trump nominated a second time for Nobel Peace Prize
Fri, 09/11/2020 - 21:40 – legitgov
A member of the Swedish Parliament on Friday nominated President Trump and the governments of Kosovo and Serbia for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize over economic cooperation and trade talks. "I have nominated the US Gov. and the governments of Kosovo and Serbia for the Nobel Peace Prize for their joint work for peace and economic development, through the cooperation agreement signed in the White House," Magnus Jacobsson announced in a tweet. "Trade and communications are important building blocks for peace," the Swedish elected official added in the post, along with a copy of the full letter supporting Trump's nomination.

Bombshell: Up to 90% of COVID-19 'positive' test results are false, test kits matching dead viral fragments that pose no infection risk
Fri, 09/11/2020 - 16:41 – legitgov
The overwhelming majority of people who supposedly test "positive" for the Wuhan coronavirus (COVID-19) are actually virus-free, according to The New York Times. As it turns out, the PCR tests that millions of scared Americans have been hoodwinked into getting are a sham. They only pick up partial viral fragments rather than whole viruses, and are hardly the "gold standard" that proponents claim they are. While the Times says that PCR tests are "diagnosing huge numbers of people who may be carrying relatively insignificant amounts of the virus," the fact of the matter is that PCR tests are diagnosing huge numbers of people who have none of the virus at all. Testing data from Massachusetts, New York, Nevada, and elsewhere shows that upwards of 90 percent of people who test positive for the Wuhan coronavirus (COVID-19) are not actually infected with it. ★

Great Time for More ‘Good Day’



Good Day will be reaching a broader audience starting this week. From left to right on the photo: John Dabkovich, Courtney Dempsey, Cody Stark, Tina Macuha, Jordan Segundo, and Dina Kupfer. Photo: KOVR / KMAX-TV

By Emily K. Steenbuck

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - CW31’s Good Day is adding a 10am hour to its lineup Monday through Friday! A month after celebrating its 25th anniversary, Good Day will now be running until 11am seven days a week. “Good Day has always been about the viewers and viewing habits have changed. People are watching more later in the morning than ever before,” says KOVR/KMAX Vice President and General Manager Justin Draper. “Good Day will be the

only local programming on at 10am, which creates another opportunity to reach a broad audience.” The show aims to be a reflection of the community it serves, along with a mix of news, weather, and traffic. KOVR/KMAX News Director Mike Dello Stritto adds, “Good Day connects with the audience unlike anything else on TV. And even during a pandemic there’s no shortage of the good happening in our communities. We want to celebrate the good.” Courtney Dempsey and Cody Stark will host

from 7am-11am, John Dabkovich will have breaking news and the latest headlines, and Tina Macuha has up to the minute traffic reports. From 4:30am-7am, Dina Kupfer joins John Dabkovich as anchors of the faster-paced format ‘CBS13 Good Day’ airing on both KMAX CW31 and KOVR CBS13. The good doesn’t stop when Good Day’s over. The brand new positive and uplifting talk show, The Drew Barrymore Show, airs right after Good Day at 11am on CW31 beginning Monday, September 14th. ★

Know the Warning Signs of Suicide

By Brenda Bongiorno, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. Every day friends, family and co-workers can be struggling with intense emotional pain and hopelessness. It may be too difficult for them to initiate a conversation to talk about their pain, thoughts of suicide and the need for help. It’s important to know the warning signs that may show in conversations, their actions or in social media posts. By recognizing these signs, knowing how to start a conversation and where to turn for help, you have the power to save a life.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month – a time to share resources and stories in an effort to shed light on this stigmatized topic. Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health Services wants to use this month to reach out to those affected by suicide, raise awareness, connect individuals with suicidal thoughts to treatment services, and recognize that stigma is the largest obstacle to seeking treatment.

“While Californians are enduring the emotional toll of crises from COVID-19 to devastating wildfires, and racial injustice, this month serves as an added reminder that behavioral health is inseparable from our overall health as a state. Our behavioral health wellbeing has much wider implications for us as a community,” said, Sacramento County Behavioral Health Director Ryan Quist. “It’s important to remember that we all have a role to play in promoting connectedness, belonging, resiliency and prevention. Today, it’s more important than ever before that we reach out and support each other.”

Fast Facts on Suicide from the National Alliance on Mental Illness: 75 percent of all people who die by suicide are male; More women



While nearly half of individuals who die by suicide have a diagnosed mental health condition, research shows that 90 percent experienced symptoms. Image by Free-Photos from Pixabay

than men attempt suicide, but men are nearly four times more likely to die by suicide; Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-34 and the fourth leading cause of death for people 35-54; The overall suicide rate in the U.S. has increased by 31 percent since 2001; Stigma is the largest obstacle to recovery, treatment and societal acceptance for people living with mental illness; 46 percent of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental health condition; While nearly half of individuals who die by suicide have a diagnosed mental health condition, research shows that 90 percent experienced symptoms.

Suicide can be prevented: Know the Signs: Most people who are considering suicide show some warning signs or signals of their intentions. Learn to recognize these warning signs and how to respond to them;

Find the Words: If you are concerned about someone, ask them directly if they are thinking about suicide. This can be difficult to do, but being direct provides an opportunity for them to open up and talk about their distress and will not suggest the idea to them if they aren’t already thinking about it. The “Find the Words” section of the Know the Signs website suggests ways to start the conversation;

Reach Out: You are not alone in this. Before having the conversation, become familiar with some

resources to offer to the person you are concerned about. Visit the Reach Out section of the Know the Signs website to identify where you can find help for your friend or loved one;

Prevention Works: Many people who feel suicidal don’t want to die. If they can get through the crisis, treatment works. There are programs and practices that have been specifically developed to support those who are in a suicide crisis. The Suicide Prevention Resource Center hosts a registry of 160 programs, practices and resources for suicide prevention. You can learn more about them by visiting their website;

Help is available: The Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255- TALK) offers 24/7 free and confidential assistance from trained counselors. Callers are connected to the nearest available crisis center. The Lifeline is also available in Spanish, and for veterans or for those concerned about a veteran, by selecting a prompt to be connected to counselors specifically trained to support veterans.

Sacramento County provides a spectrum of culturally competent and linguistically proficient mental health services to individuals of all ages. Services include prevention and early intervention, outpatient services, case management services, crisis intervention and stabilization services, and inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations. Learn more about our mental health services. ★

Sacramento Sailor Stands Watch aboard U.S. Navy Warship



By Rick Burke, Navy Office of Community Outreach **SOUTH CHINA SEA (MPG)** - Ensign Samuel Joseph, from Sacramento, Calif., stands watch as the conning officer on the bridge during a visit, board, search and seizure exercise aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Germantown (LSD 42). Germantown, part of the America Amphibious Ready Group assigned to Amphibious Squadron 11, along with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, is operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility to enhance interoperability with allies and partners, and serve as a ready response force to defend peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Ensign William Ash)

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Regrettably, we must inform you that the Sacramento Master Singers will not be holding a concert in-person this December, nor will we be selling our typical 3-concert subscription for the 2020-21 season. The safety of the Sacramento community is our top priority, and we are committed to following the guidance of public health experts with regards to public events, which remain on pause at this time.

Although we cannot gather together this year, we hope to brighten your holiday season with some digital musical creations. Stay tuned for details on upcoming Master Singers projects by following us on Facebook or subscribing to our YouTube channel.

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Ask Toni

Why Is My Medicare Part B Premium Costing \$723?



Toni King

Toni: My Medicare began on August 1st and on September 3rd I received my first bill which is \$723 for my Medicare Part B. This bill is due September 25th and is not giving me very much time to have this paid. I do not see this Medicare cost anywhere on the Medicare site and have not received a letter informing me that I will have to pay "extra" because I made too much. I came into the Toni Says office for a Medicare consultation and with my wife's income, we are below the \$174,000 yearly income to have to pay more in my Medicare Part B and D monthly premiums. Why am I being charged the Medicare Part B penalty? I signed up before I turned 65. What is wrong? I thought I would be paying the monthly Part B amount that is around \$145. Any suggestions because this has placed an unexpected financial hardship on me? I am unemployed due to COVID-19.

~ Thanks, Dennis from Spring, TX

Dennis:

I have great Medicare news for you You are not being charged **EXTRA or a penalty!!** You have been charged for 5 months of Medicare Part B premiums because you are not receiving a Social Security check to have your Medicare premiums deducted. Security has lumped your months together in the bill which was sent. Some that are paying their Medicare premiums monthly are having Medicare premiums deducted from their Social Security check. Social Security will automatically take the Medicare premiums monthly from a person's Social Security check. Social Security will send a letter informing the Medicare beneficiary that Social Security is deducting the monthly Medicare Part B premiums from one's Social Security check.

Dennis, if you divide your premium of

\$723 by 5 months, it is exactly \$144.60 per month. The average Part B premium for those with income of \$87,000 or less as an individual or \$174,000 or less as a couple is \$144.60 for 2020.

Medicare has two programs that can allow one to pay premiums monthly. One is by going online to your secure MyMedicare.gov account (or create an account at www.MyMedicare.gov) to pay by credit card or debit card. Sign up for Medicare Easy Pay, a free service that automatically deducts your premium payments from your savings or checking account each month.

One can GOOGLE "Medicare Easy Pay" online or search on the Medicare.gov website at www.medicare.gov website for the Medicare Easy Pay form. It is not hard to set up Medicare Easy Pay to pay monthly, but it does take time.

Until you can set up a monthly payment from your checking or savings account with "Medicare Easy Pay" then you can pay your Medicare bill at your www.MyMedicare.gov account.

If one does not stay current paying their Medicare premiums, whether it is Part A, B, C and/or D, then they can lose their benefits and may be charged a penalty when they re-enroll. When one does not have 40 working quarters to qualify for Medicare, then they may have to pay a premium for Part A.

It may take about 6-8 weeks to have the "Medicare Easy Pay" form processed and drafted monthly from your checking account. Until that takes place then use www.mymedicare.gov. Make sure that your monthly premiums are being paid, so that your Medicare Parts A, B, C and/or D premiums are current.

Toni King, author of the Medicare Survival Guide® is giving a \$5 discount on the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced book to the Toni Says Medicare column readers at www.tonisays.com. Coming October 7th Confused about Medicare Zoom Webinar discussing Medicare's Annual Enrollment and what your Medicare options for fall's Medicare Annual Enrollment can be. ★

Supreme Court Makes Local Tax Hikes Easier



By Dan Walters
CAL Matters

In a roundabout, passive way, the California Supreme Court last week handed a big victory to the advocates of higher taxes.

Without comment, the justices declined to take up a state appellate court decision that would allow specialized local government taxes to be increased by a simple majority of voters, if they are placed on the ballot by initiative petitions rather than by the governments themselves.

The victory for tax proponents, especially government worker unions, was an equally large defeat for anti-tax organizations such as the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. However, it also may bring more ballot box budgeting and indirectly weaken the role of city councils and other locally elected boards.

Proposition 218, approved by California voters in 1996, declares that local governments seeking more revenue must win voter approval. Proposals for general purpose revenue through increases in sales taxes or other levies need only simple-majority approval. However, if cities, counties and other local governments seek new taxes for specific purposes, Proposition 218 requires two-thirds votes.

Three years ago, the state Supreme Court issued a decision called "Upland" because it dealt with a ballot measure on taxing marijuana in that Southern California city.

Writing the 5-2 majority opinion, Supreme Court Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar declared, "Multiple provisions of the state constitution explicitly constrain the power of local governments to raise taxes. But we will not lightly apply such restrictions on local governments to voter initiatives."

He thus implied that special purpose taxes placed before voters via initiative may not be affected by the two-thirds vote requirement for taxes sought by governments themselves.

Quickly, special purpose taxes placed on the ballot via initiative that garnered less than two-thirds votes were challenged by the Jarvis organization and other taxpayer groups, but trial court judges differed sharply on whether Cuéllar's opinion did, indeed, validate them.

Two of the tests were San Francisco taxes placed on the ballot via initiatives personally sponsored by members of the city's Board of Supervisors, one for early childhood education, the other to battle homelessness. Both received less than two-thirds votes, but a local judge, Ethan Schulman, validated them anyway.

In June, a San Francisco-based appellate court upheld Schulman on the homelessness taxes and the Jarvis organization appealed to the state Supreme Court, which last week validated the appellate court ruling by refusing to take it up.

The tax on business gross receipts for homelessness services will raise as much as \$300 million a year. "San Francisco voters have the right to direct democracy and self-government," City Attorney Dennis Herrera said in a statement. "We're pleased that this legal victory will free up millions of dollars to provide services, housing and mental health treatment for those who most desperately need it in our city."

The Supreme Court's action, or non-action, also may validate other disputed special purpose taxes, including another for early childhood education in San Francisco, an Oakland parcel tax for education and a Fresno sales tax for parks. Local judges had blocked the Oakland and Fresno taxes, declaring that Proposition 218 required them to have two-thirds votes.

Local government officials prefer to ask voters for general revenues because they are more flexible. But advocates for particular causes prefer special purpose taxes to prevent revenues from being diverted elsewhere.

The way is now clear for interests with the wherewithal to qualify and pass ballot measures, such as unions, to push for taxes that benefit their members, thus reducing the authority of local elected officials to set budget priorities.

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

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CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

The following is a summary of ordinances proposed to be adopted by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights at its meeting of **October 8, 2020.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITRUS HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CARDROOMS

The full text of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, (916) 727-4704 or www.citrusheights.net.

Amy Van
City Clerk

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CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

The following is a summary of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights at its meeting of **September 10, 2020.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS AMENDING CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE IV OF THE CITRUS HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO BUSINESS AND MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING

AYES: Council Members: Bruins, Daniels, Middleton, Miller, Slowey
NOES: Council Members: None
ABSENT: Council Members: None
ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

The full text of the adopted ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 or (916) 727 - 4704 or www.citrusheights.net.

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The following is a summary of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights at its meeting of **September 10, 2020.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ZONING CODE IN REGARD TO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PARKING REDUCTIONS, CREEKSIDE DEVELOPMENTS, PERMIT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL ZONE, TRANSPORTATION USES AS A HOME OCCUPATION, AND OTHER MINOR CHANGES

AYES: Council Members: Bruins, Daniels, Middleton, Miller, Slowey
NOES: Council Members: None
ABSENT: Council Members: None
ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

The full text of the adopted ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 or (916) 727 - 4704 or www.citrusheights.net.

Amy Van
City Clerk

Citrus Heights Messenger 9-18-2020

PREPARING FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF

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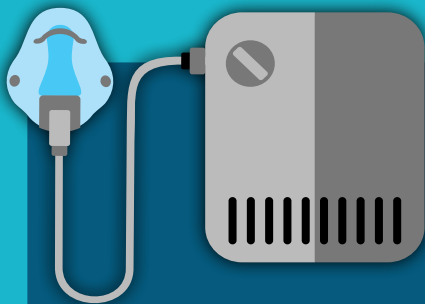
Make sure PG&E can reach you before a PSPS by updating your contact information at pge.com/mywildfirealerts.

1



Pack or restock your family’s emergency kit including food, water, batteries, masks, radio and a first aid kit.

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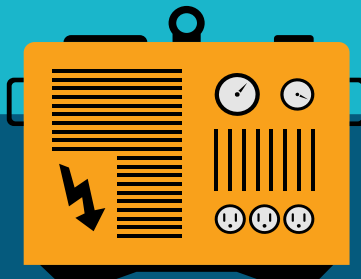
Make preparations for anyone in your family who depends on electricity for medical needs.

3



Practice manually opening your garage door (if you have a garage).

4



Ensure any backup power sources are ready and safe to operate.

5



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If Only My Fishing Rod Could Talk

By Rev. James L. Snyder

It has been a busy week, more so than any other week. Just when I thought I was caught up, something else presented itself without my permission.

In the middle of trying to sort out my mess this week, I sat back in my chair, took a deep sigh, and then noticed my old fishing rod in my office corner.

It has been there ever since we moved into this house. I forgot that it was there, and as I looked at it, I remembered some of the times I had with that old fishing rod.

I smiled and thought to myself, “If only that fishing rod could talk,” what stories could the fishing rod tell?

As a young person, I spent a lot of time fishing. My grandfather taught me the art of fishing. He was a great fisherman and had many great stories about his fishing adventures.

I remember one day I spent fishing with him. That night around the kitchen table, he began telling about his fishing exploits. I sat there listening in awe. The stories he told had nothing to do with the day we spent together fishing.

He would look at me in the middle of the story and

say, “Ain’t that so?” Of course, I am never going to contradict my grandfather. I know that I will be in his shoes one day, and I want to make sure I have earned the right to wear them.

Enthusiastically nodding my head, I would say, “It sure is, grandpa.” He would smile and go on with the story.

One time, after one of his storytelling episodes, we were out in the garage working on some of his fishing equipment. We were alone, so I thought it might be a good time to get the scoop on what he was doing.

“Grandpa,” I said thoughtfully, “where do you get all of those stories about fishing that you tell us?”

He looked at me, laughed most heartily, and said, “I get all those fishing stories from going out to the creek and fishing.”

Then he looked at me, winked, and said, “Just, remember. There is some truth in every story I tell. It’s up to the listener to figure out what is true and what is not.” Then he let a burst of hearty laughter.

With a solemn look on his face, he continued, “The thing about fishing is not simply catching fish, but entertaining your family

and friends with what you could’ve done if it went your way.”

The fish that got away was more important to my grandpa than the fish he caught and brought home. Once you bring the fish home, cook it and eat it, that is its end. But the fish that got away is a story that goes on and on.

I never could figure out if my grandpa was lying or just exaggerating. Being my grandfather, I gave him the benefit of the doubt and just reminisced about his stories.

Thinking about my grandpa’s stories, I remembered something that Jesus said. “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

My grandpa could exaggerate his fishing stories for the enjoyment of everybody listening. When it comes to real truth, the only truth that matters is Jesus Christ. Only His truth can really set us free.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

No matter what is going on in your life right now, the Lord can give you peace and lift your spirit. “I will listen to what God the Lord will say; he promises peace to His people.” Psalm 85:8. Notice in this verse that the psalmist is making the decision to listen to what God says.

You may be thinking to yourself, “God doesn’t speak to me.” But the Bible says that you if you’ve given your life to him, then you are one of his sheep, and his sheep hear his voice.

The Lord speaks in many ways – through his word the Bible, sometimes through a song, or in the beauty of nature. Sometimes it is a simple “knowing” deep down in the inside of you.

If you aren’t sure how God speaks to you, ask Him to teach you. All you have to do is open your heart and be willing to hear His voice.

Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

10 Minutes to a Changed Life

As you open your heart to Him, He will speak to your heart. But always remember; what you hear will never contradict what He’s already said in His word, the Bible. That’s why it’s so important to get into his word every day.

If you’re not reading the Bible right now, begin with 10 minutes each day, it will change your life, it will give you to peace, hope and will lift you out of any depression.

2020 has been a very tough year for all of us in different ways. Maybe you’ve been a little down in the dumps. You need something to lift your spirit. You don’t need a work break; you need a Word break. God gave you the Bible to encourage you. Everything in Scripture was written to encourage you, Romans 15:4. Even the tough parts of God’s Word are there to ultimately encourage our lives in the right direction.

That’s why we need to spend time alone with God every single day. It’s your personal inspiration

time, you need to get alone with God, read his Word, and talk to him and listen to him talk back to you. The Bible says in Psalm 119:114: “You’re my place of quiet retreat; I wait for your Word to renew me” (MSG).

If you’re discouraged and have lost hope, I can tell you one thing about your life without ever meeting you: You’re not spending time in God’s Word. If you were, you wouldn’t be discouraged. The more you read God’s Word when you are down, the more he lifts you up. So, the next time you feel discouraged, don’t turn to a drink, to spirits, turn the THE Spirit, the Holy Spirit! Don’t turn to a pill, turn to a Person, Jesus Christ. His words are found in the Bible. 10 minutes a day in the Bible will change your life. I guarantee it. God’s Word has the power to change your life. God’s Word has God’s power in it; nothing else does.

Pastor Ray
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By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

Most everyone enjoys music and although I believed God certainly has a hand in creating everything in it, I did not realize that He made it all until these few Scriptures came alive recently for me. Gospel music has always spoken to my heart! God certainly created and directed history’s first concert and He made the laws that govern all musical sound. He even made the materials to make the musical instruments as well as, blessing with the musical gift for someone to have a gift to sing.

Read the following Scriptures that confirm the fact He made music: Our Heavenly Father sings in Zephaniah 3:17. “*The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save! He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.*”

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God Is Our Supreme Musician – He Made Music

Jesus sings too in Hebrews 2:12 “*He says, I will declare your name to My brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.*”

And His Holy Spirit sings through Christians who love Him in Ephesians 5; 18-19 “*And (we) pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the Saints. Also pray for me whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the Ministers of the Gospel.*”

For these beginning musical talents are recorded in the Holy Bible. *Moses sang unto the Lord in Exodus 15:17. Israelites had many instruments such as the flute, harp, trumpet, clarinet cymbals, psalteries in II Samuel 6:5. The trumpet as sounded in the crowning of the kings in (II Kings 11:12-14. David played the Harp in I Samuel 16:23.*

Our Heavenly Father/ God will sing a “new song” to Jesus in heaven! “*You*

are worthy to take the scroll and open the seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men of God from every tribe and language and people and nation. Every “born-again” believer from every country throughout the whole world (the CHURCH) will be included because redemption is paid in full. “*You (Jesus) have made them (all Christians) to be a kingdom and priests to serve God and they will reign on the earth.*” (Revelation 5:9-10)

The Christian life is never-ending as long as we live on this planet. It is an exciting life when we seek to know more and more about God’s plan for our lives. Learning is a journey of continuous blessing for those of us who follow and listen for His voice! COME JOIN US MY FRIENDS!

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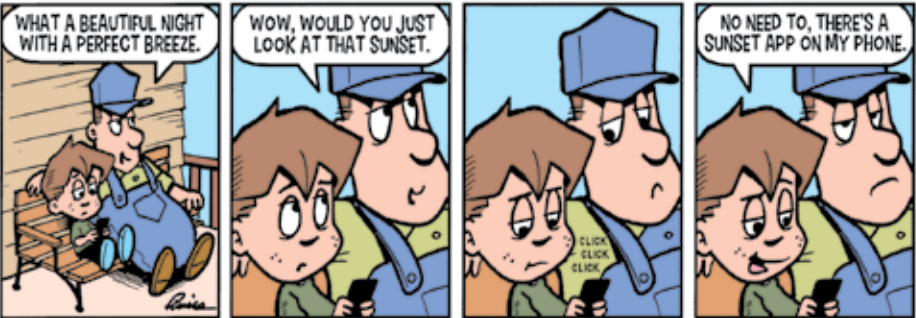
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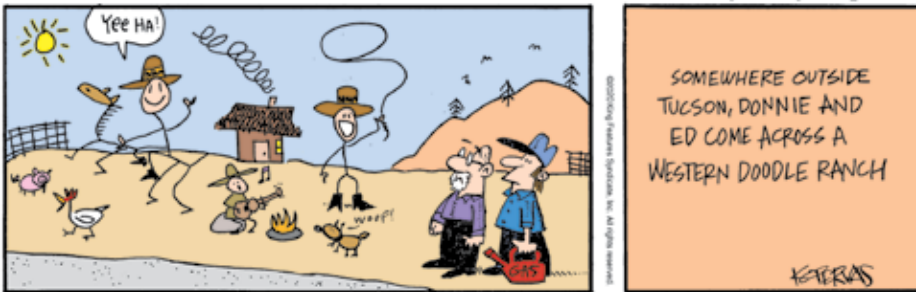
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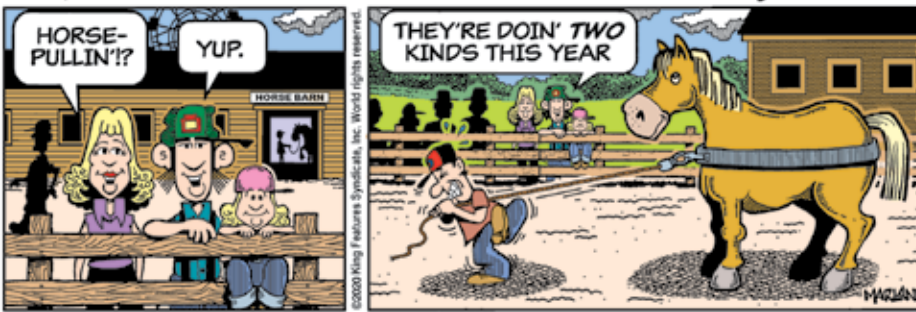
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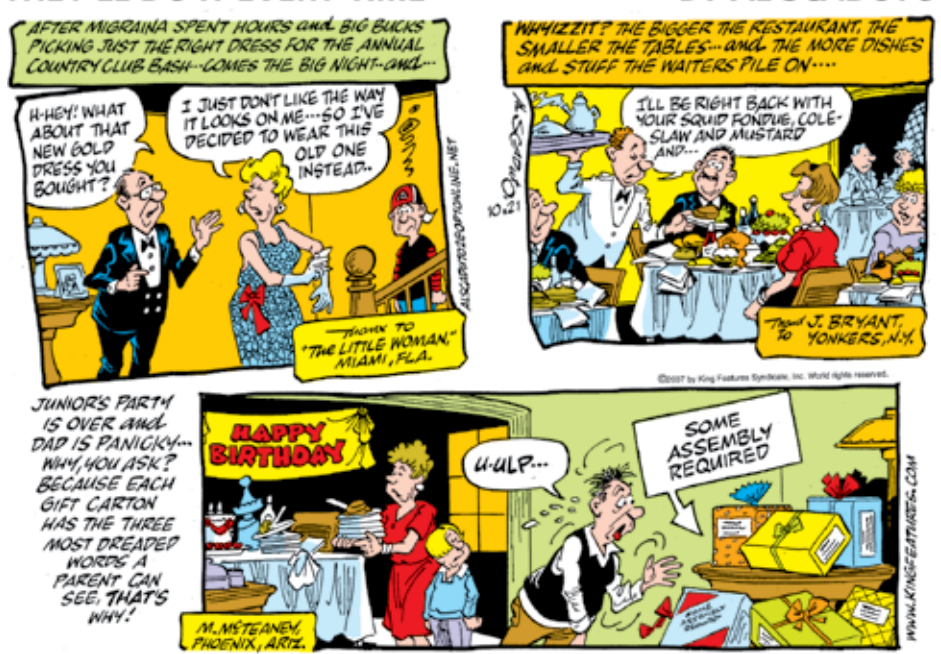
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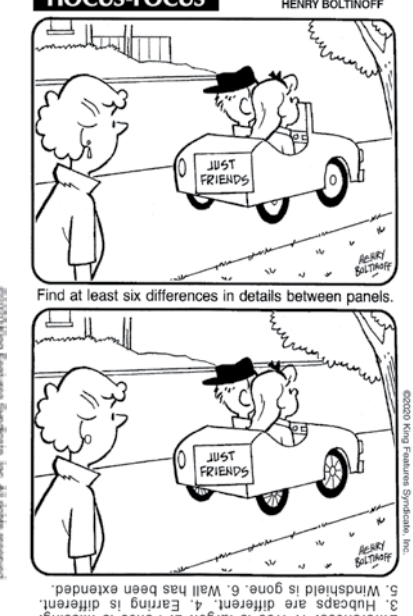
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ACROSS

1. One's arbitrary assertion
6. "Swan Lake" step
9. Not Sunni
13. Mountaineer's tool
14. Tolkien creature
15. Bebe Rexha's "___ to Be"
16. Artificial or mannered
17. Snow runner
18. Nylon or Kevlar, in chemistry terms
19. Scooby-Doo's best friend
21. "Between order and genus"
23. "Marine botany is study of plants living here"
24. 35mm, e.g.
25. Public health agency, acr.
28. Partner of void
30. Small lynx
35. Stewart and Blagojevich
37. Grazing lands
38. Jawaharlal ___
40. g or cm
41. Smelling ___, athlete's pick-me-upper
43. No neatnik
44. Lay to rest
46. They are hairy on a hobbit
47. Hefty volume
48. One in line, during COVID-19 pandemic
50. In the middle of
52. "Grain-bearing tip of a cereal plant"
53. Cattle meat
55. Fleur-de-___
57. "Pollinator attractors"
60. "Food for a pollinator"
63. One there at the beginning
64. Famous T-Rex
66. Lowest deck
68. Forearm bones
69. Cassius Clay, ___ Muhammad Ali
70. Private instructor
71. ___-do-well
72. Thus far
73. Inflict a blow

DOWN

1. Female sib
2. "Hamlet" has five
3. Sure or uh-huh
4. "The Forsyte ___, "pl.
5. "Product of photosynthesis"
6. One of a pocketful, according to Mother Goose
7. Genesis vessel
8. "The Matrix" genre
9. Highway hauler
10. Icy precipitation
11. Dr. Jones, fictional professor of archaeology, to friends
12. Filled up
15. Biblical personification of material wealth
20. Olden-day Celts
22. Priest's robe
24. Blank leaf in a book
25. "Seed holder"
26. "Death, Be Not Proud" poet
27. Mine passages
29. "Food manufacturer"
31. Superlative of better
32. Actress Sevigny
33. Something in the air
34. "Potato, e.g.
36. Proofreader's mark
38. "Plant support"

42. "...he found a crooked sixpence upon a crooked ___"
45. Sales lure
49. Electric fish
51. "Not monocots"
54. Piece of writing
56. Pull strings
57. Carpet attribute
58. Marine eagle
59. Russia's famous Peter
60. Sans mixers
61. Choir voice
62. "Plant anchor"
63. Good times
65. Israel Kamakawiwo'ole's guitar
67. Prefix for prior

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By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My husband passed away in 2001, and he paid into Social Security every year he worked, which would be over 30 years. If he were alive today, he would be 75 years old. I am 57 years old and still working full time. Am I able to collect his Social Security benefits now since I am still working? **Signed: Widowed Worker**

Dear Widowed Worker: You are not eligible to collect a survivor benefit from your deceased husband if you have remarried, and you cannot collect the survivor benefit until you are at least 60 years of age. And, if you claim at age 60, the survivor benefit will be reduced by 28.5% from what it would be if you waited until your full retirement age (FRA) to claim it (your full retirement age is 67). Any time any Social Security (SS) benefit is taken before FRA, it is reduced.

You can claim only your survivor benefit (not your own SS benefit) at age 60, but whenever benefits are taken before full retirement age, and you are still working, you are subject



to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before Social Security takes back some of your benefits.

The earnings limit for 2020 is \$18,240 (it changes yearly) and if the limit is exceeded Social Security will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. Such lost survivor benefits are not recoverable. Social Security publishes next year's earnings limits in the fall of each year prior, so what the earnings limit will be when you reach age 60 isn't yet known, but it will be an amount that is more than the 2020 limit.

Assuming you will also be eligible for your own Social Security benefits from your own lifetime work record, you should evaluate which benefit, at maximum, will give you the highest benefit amount. If that is your survivor benefit from your husband (which, at your FRA, would be 100% of the benefit your husband was collecting when he died), then you should consider maximizing the survivor benefit by not claiming it until you reach your FRA. If money is needed earlier, you could claim your own SS benefit as early as age 62 and

allow your survivor benefit to reach maximum at your FRA. Conversely, if your own Social Security benefit from your own work record will be higher at maximum than your survivor benefit, then you could claim your survivor benefit first and delay claiming your own benefit until it reaches maximum at age 70 (your own benefit will be 24% more at 70 than it will be at your FRA). Your goal should be to get the highest possible benefit for the rest of your life and comparing these two options will permit you to do that. You can find out your estimated benefit amounts in both cases by contacting Social Security.

And remember, if you decide to claim your own benefit before your FRA that, too, will be subject to the earnings limit until you reach your FRA, after which there is no longer a limit to how much you can earn.

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CHWD Submits Revised Map to SJWD for CVRA Transition Process



Ray Riehle

Dear President Costa:

The Citrus Heights Water District, appreciates this opportunity to provide additional perspectives on the San Juan Water District's ("SJWD") process to transition from "at large" to "by district" elections. Having been through this process ourselves recently we understand it is not an easy task. My colleagues and I request that you and your colleagues consider the attached map as the proposed electoral map for SJWD. This map makes amendments to your District's previously released Map W to more accurately capture your Board's expressed preference for respecting urban-rural divides within SJWD while also ensuring compact and contiguous districts that reflect existing communities of interest, namely the existing counties, cities, and self-identified neighborhoods within SJWD.

Concerns with Process to Date - As an initial matter, CHWD has concerns with some of the difficulties you have encountered in the process to date:

Lack of Opportunity for Remote Participation. While CHWD appreciates SJWD's scheduling workshops in addition to the required four public hearings, some of these meetings have been "in person" only and scheduled on a weekend with short notice. For example, the August 15th public workshop was conducted outdoors during an unprecedented heat wave. While the workshop moved into the SJWD Board room because of audio issues, there was no opportunity for the public to participate remotely. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, SJWD's obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and basic fairness, we hope that SJWD can ensure that all future meetings have a remote option for those who may be unable or unwilling to attend in person hearings. This remote option should ensure that all participants (remote and in person) can hear and see all speakers. SJWD may further wish to obtain an opinion from its General Counsel on the effect (if any) of the prior lack of remote access.

Use of Legally Appropriate Metrics to Capture Density. We understand that the SJWD Board has apparently reached consensus on the importance of drawing maps to respect existing urban-rural divides. While the merits of this approach are discussed below, SJWD should re-evaluate its chosen metrics in order to legally achieve this objective. You will recall that it was recommended that you and your Board use "household density" to measure actual population density. Household and population densities are very different things. As an example, a family of three living in a one acre hobby farm home has the same household density as three college students sharing an apartment. As such, SJWD

should utilize population density or some other more accurate metric for measuring the urban-rural split.

Urban-Rural Split Must Not be Pre-textual. If the SJWD Board decides to consider the urban-rural divide when drawing maps, please remember that it may not be used as a pretext for some other impermissible purpose like splitting minority groups or incumbent protection. On this later point the maps being considered by your Board do not seem to follow existing urban-rural splits. I believe your Board wants to achieve the best urban-rural division it can and hope you will not consider other unexpressed interests, like incumbency protection actually driving the process.

Lack of Compactness. As you know, one of the most important considerations for map drawing is compactness. The most common mathematical method for measuring compactness is Polsby-Popper, which is a measurement of the ratio of the length of the perimeter of the shape of the district, compared to a perfect circle of the same size. Using this metric, in which a higher score is better (more compact) and a lower score can be a sign of concern, or even evidence of gerrymandering, Map W performs best.

Evaluation of Maps - Under existing law and as noted in our prior comment letter, the preparation of voting district maps requires compliance with certain state and federal requirements. Perhaps the most important requirement is the long-recognized "one-person, one vote" standard, which requires all voting districts be as nearly equal in population as possible. Other factors that should be considered in preparing voting district boundaries are maintaining existing counties, cities, neighborhoods and other communities of interest, using identifiable geographic boundaries, ensuring voting districts are geographically contiguous, and ensuring geographical compactness. (See Article 21 of California Constitution.) Additionally, drawing districts solely to accommodate the place of residence of any existing Director is not an appropriate consideration. (See Article 21 of California Constitution.)

Of the maps provided to date, we believe the maps directly provided by CHWD and Fair Oaks Water District and Map W most closely follow these directives. These maps largely draw voting districts based on existing county, city, and neighborhood boundaries. SJWD staff has characterized these maps as being based on a desire to have voting districts reflect retail water agency boundaries. This is incorrect and is certainly not consistent with CHWD's comments to date.

In our maps, portions of the CHWD service area for its customers in Orangevale and Carmichael are not in the same district as those in the City of Citrus Heights. Rather, our maps have been based on respecting (1) Sacramento-Placer County boundaries by having Placer County (with the exception of Placer County adjacent to Citrus Heights) being located in a single district, (2) existing municipal boundaries for Citrus

Heights, Folsom, and Roseville (again subject to the carve-out for the small portion of Roseville that is not contiguous to the remainder of the city), and (3) respecting the neighborhoods of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Granite Bay, and Orangevale. 2 These neighborhoods have not been defined by reference to retail agency boundaries but the expressed residence of voters when self-identifying their place of residence.

The other maps provided by SJWD to date do not reflect these natural boundaries and do not emphasize appropriate communities of interest. As an example, Map AB attempts to be contiguous by having portions of Divisions 1 and 5 be contiguous through a single "point." This is not generally appropriate, as your legal counsel has correctly noted. (See generally Article 21 of California Constitution; Elections Code, § 21500(c)(1).)

The maps presented by SJWD to date do not accurately capture the expressed preference for respecting the urban rural-divide. As an example, Map B which seems to be preferred by some does not actually respect urban-rural boundaries. Division 1 includes urban areas on its western and southern boundaries that better fit with adjacent urban areas. It similarly excludes rural portions of Division 3 on its south-eastern edge. Division 2 wraps through the other divisions without any real expressed community of interest. Admittedly, this map does group urban portions of Granite Bay into Division 3. However, this one modification does not appear to achieve your rural-urban objectives through the other actual line-drawing set forth in Map B.

Map W Should be Revised to More Accurately Capture the Urban-Rural Divide - While the maps provided by CHWD best adhere to accepted legal standards, we recognize that redistricting is an imperfect process of compromise. Based on this, CHWD requests that SJWD consider a revision to Map W to more accurately capture its expressed preference for maintaining the urban-rural divide as attempted in Map B. This map acknowledges the discussion by the SJWD Board regarding including the more urban portions of Placer County in a district with adjacent urban areas. Specifically, Division 2 now includes this area, and Division 3 has captured area to account for the population difference. This revised map makes an adjustment to Map B that reflects the urban-rural split of Map B while also respecting existing self-identified neighborhoods.

Finally, we thought it might be helpful to attach for your use what we understand to be a precise delineation of CHWD's service area boundary to assist SJWD in correlation of its wholesale and retail boundaries with that of CHWD. CHWD appreciates the opportunity to participate in this process, and we would be happy to share shape-files of the revised map or answer any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Ray Riehle
President, Board of Directors
Citrus Heights Water District

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SJWD Selects Draft Map for Division-based Elections

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water use needs than the typical suburban area.

The Citrus Heights Water District and Fair Oaks Water District submitted potential draft maps for consideration, based on existing county, city, and neighborhood boundaries. SJWD Legal Counsel Jennifer Buckman said that those maps were rejected because they did not accurately reflect District boundaries.

The Board of Directors instructed the demographer to consider the following criteria when drafting potential maps: community associations, rural area boundaries, county and city lines, and the boundaries of other special districts—such as water, fire, park, and cemetery districts. Out of multiple potential maps, SJWD staff identified Plan B as the best option to meet all the required considerations. Buckman explained that the map is compact, contiguous, meets the population requirements, and also creates a division representing the rural areas of Granite Bay and Orangevale. In contrast to some of the other map options, Buckman said that Plan B also avoids "packing" the retail customers into one division, which could dilute their voting power.

According to the most recent census data from 2010, SJWD doesn't have significant concentrations of African American or Asian populations, but there is a significant Latino/Hispanic population in the Citrus Heights area. Buckman said Plan B was drawn so that Latino voters could be concentrated into a "majority/minority division." This is encouraged by the CVRA, as long as the division is compact and drawn without racial gerrymandering.

The Board agreed with staff's assessment and expressed a preference for advancing Plan B. On the question of election sequencing, staff recommended that Divisions 2, 4, and 5 be elected in 2022 and Divisions 1 and 3 be elected in 2024. President Ted Costa suggested an alternative, asking that the divisions on the map be re-numbered so that the blue, green, and brown divisions are odd numbers and the purple and yellow divisions are even numbers. He suggested odd-numbered divisions come up for election in 2022 and even-numbered divisions come up for election in 2024: "That would make a smooth transition."

Director Dan Rich motioned that they move forward on a vote following President Costa's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Vice President Pam Tobin.

Director Marty Hanneman brought forward a substitute motion to vote on the sequencing in the staff recommendation. With no second on the motion, the motion failed.

President Costa opened the meeting for public comment. Two members of the public spoke in support of the proposed map and sequencing, including Granite Bay resident Amber Beckler who said she believes the rural areas are "well represented."

President Costa also entered into the record confirmation of receiving a joint letter from Citrus Heights Water District and Fair Oaks Water District. President Costa did not read the letter during the meeting, but it was posted to the SJWD website. In the letter, dated September 4, the Citrus Heights Water District and Fair Oaks Water District acknowledged the Board's desire to respect rural areas as a community of interest. But they expressed concern that Plan B "does not actually respect urban-rural boundaries." The letter states that "the maps being considered by your Board do not seem to follow existing urban-rural splits. We believe your Board wants to achieve the best urban-rural division it can and hope you will not consider other unexpressed interests, like incumbency protection actually driving the process."

Director Ken Miller asked Legal Counsel Buckman whether she had reviewed the letter from Citrus Heights Water and Fair Oaks water districts about their concerns regarding the District's proposed maps. Buckman said, "Nothing in that letter gave me pause or concern about the recommendations that were included in the staff report."

When asked which divisions current Directors reside in, Buckman said, "We're not going to answer that question, because where the current Board members live has not been a factor that this Board has taken into consideration in drawing the divisions. And we don't want to introduce that evidence into the administrative record. That's not something the Board has been considering."

The Board of Directors voted 4-1 in favor of Plan B and President Costa's proposed sequencing, with Director Hanneman dissenting. The map and election sequencing will move forward for final approval at the October 14 public hearing. ★

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<h4>PET-MATE VARI-KENNELS</h4> <p>PET KENNELS</p> <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Fashion Kennels •Top Load <p>All Sizes</p> <p>20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>	<h4>POLKADOG</h4> <p>DOG TREATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Chicken Strips •Cod Skin•Haddock •Crunchy Bits•Soft & Chewy Bits All Varieties <p>20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>	<h4>BODY GEAR</h4> <p>MATS & PADS</p> <p>All Sizes</p> <p>20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES</p>	<h4>STAR-MARK</h4> <p>PRODUCTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Treat Balls •Treats•Bento Ball •Dura Foam Disc & Ball•Chew Ball •Wheeler All Varieties <p>20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES!</p>	<h4>SWEET HARVEST</h4> <p>Small Animal Food Sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•2 Lb •4 Lb •6 Lb <p>Selected Varieties</p> <p>15% OFF OUR REGULAR LOW PRICES</p>
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