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But half the money spent on overhead



Newsom and lawmakers have dramatically expanded the state financial aid program in other ways that give students aid directly, like cash and grants to fully cover tuition. MPG file photo

By Mikhail Zinshteyn, CALMatters.org

A new California program to financially reward college students for volunteering has drawn national attention – but less than half of its budgeted money is going to actual student aid.

The California Volunteers College Corps program, backed by \$159 million in mostly state money, promises to award up to \$10,000 to 6,668 low-income students who volunteer in K-12 education, on climate action or to reduce food insecurity.

That only works out to \$66.7 million for students, though. So where is the other \$92 million going?

Mostly it's going to hiring and administrative costs despite no guarantee the program will continue past 2024. Some experts think that money split makes sense because students could benefit from training and there's a chance the program would get additional funding in the future. Other experts think the money should go directly to students, so fewer of them will have to work on top of their other responsibilities.

The program is set to last two years, though Gov. Gavin Newsom suggested at a Jan. 18 press event that he'd ask the Legislature to expand the program "if this thing works." Part of the money will go toward an external evaluation of the program.

Almost all of that \$92 million

that's not going directly to students is meant for program costs, according to a budget CalMatters received from California Volunteers, the state office running the program. Forty-five colleges and universities – nearly all public – will share the money.

Of that, \$77 million is for a whole array of operations work to build up the volunteer program. That includes money for the colleges whose students will be in this program to develop their local programs and partner with the nonprofits where students will work. Costs include: hiring consultants and staff, acquiring extra office space and IT equipment; recruiting the actual student volunteers and funding the nonprofits where they'll do their volunteer work; providing students career and academic advice plus training events; and an external evaluator, who'll be hired at a later date, to assess the volunteer program.

Another \$15 million is reserved for California Volunteers personnel.

Not only is the program a way for students to give back to their community but it's also an opportunity that allows students to be "learning about a career and also earning while learning that career," said California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley.

But a state program for connecting students to careers already exists. Last year's state budget injected \$200 million into a new work-study program

for college students, with \$300 million more planned for this year.

Student participants will begin volunteering through the program fall of 2022. Upon completing 450 hours during the academic year, each will get \$10,000.

The money is split up into two buckets – \$7,000 paid out regularly and a final lump sum of \$3,000 after a year of service. As students fulfill their hours, they'll be paid as if they're campus employees through their college or university's payroll system. Even if students don't volunteer the full 450 hours, they'll receive a prorated amount of the initial \$7,000. But to receive the final \$3,000, students will need to complete the full 450 hours of service.

Unlike the federal AmeriCorps, undocumented students may participate in the California volunteer program. State officials want 20% of the volunteers to be undocumented students who receive state financial aid. They're eligible for the same \$10,000 available to other students, but their pot will come from state dollars only, while federal funds will cover a portion of \$3,000 other students will be awarded.

But all that extra money may create a headache for some volunteers. The \$7,000 volunteers work toward counts as income, which may "impact a student's financial aid," reads a program

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State Officials Announce Latest COVID-19 Stats

CDPH Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released the most recent statistics on COVID-19 and updates on the state's pandemic response. The most up to date data is available on the state's COVID-19 data dashboard.

Update on ICU Capacity

While statewide case rates continue to drop and hospitalization rates are stabilizing, ICUs in the San Joaquin Valley are at or near capacity activating surge protocols which allows flexibility to transfer patients to hospitals with additional ICU capacity. Counties within the region include: Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne.

More information about the surge protocols can be found here. These surge protocols have been in place since August 2021 to ensure hospitals can provide all Californians the care they need.

"California has measures in place to respond to the surge and changing dynamics of the pandemic," said Dr. Mark Ghaly, Secretary of the California Health & Human Services Agency. "ICUs in the San Joaquin Valley, where vaccination rates are lower, are nearing capacity. Californians will get through this latest surge by continuing to follow the science, including by getting vaccinated and boosted, which is the safest way to protect yourself from the virus."

Statewide COVID-19 Data

Rates of cases, hospitalizations and deaths are highest among unvaccinated individuals and lowest among boosted individuals. This is true for all age groups. See additional data for unvaccinated and vaccinated cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

Vaccinations

69,152,754 total vaccines administered; 81.7% of the eligible population (5+) has been vaccinated with at least one dose; 122,422 people a day are receiving COVID-19 vaccination (average daily dose count over 7 days).

Cases

California has 7,706,395 confirmed cases to date; Today's average case count is 82,997 (average daily case count over 7 days);

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Celebrating 10 Years of the Mental Illness Project

By Laurie Slothower, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - It has been 10 years since the launch of the Sacramento County Department of Health Services Division of Behavioral Health Services "Mental Illness: It's Not Always What You Think" project, and in that time, the project has made significant progress in creating partnerships to reduce stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness.

Funded by Mental Health Services Act, the project aims

to reduce stigma and discrimination by providing mental health information, resources and support to individuals and families in Sacramento County. By educating the community, the project aims to eliminate barriers for people living with mental illness and provide a deeper understanding of mental health.

When the project launched in 2012, only four community members were willing to be spokespeople. Fast forward to today, the Stop Stigma Speakers Bureau has almost 200 members who share their experiences living with mental illness, and countless

community members have volunteered to be the public face of the campaign on billboards, in media interviews or at events.

The project has more than 11,000 followers on its social media channels and more than 120 community-based organizations have collaborated with the project since it launched.

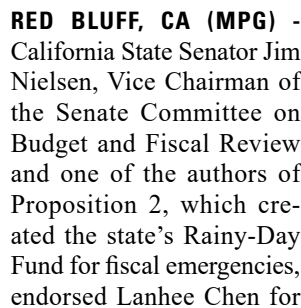
The project is constantly evolving to ensure it reaches every community in Sacramento County – especially in light of the impacts of COVID-19 and mounting social justice issues on the mental health of community

members. As of December 2021, the project launched an updated website that includes materials tailored for unique audiences.

"We estimate that nearly 355,000 Sacramento County residents live with a mental illness, but only a third will seek professional help due to stigma and discrimination," said Ryan Quist, Ph.D., Director of Behavioral Health Services. "Mental illness is a treatable and manageable condition that is unfairly stigmatized."

For more information about the project, please visit StopStigmaSacramento.org ★

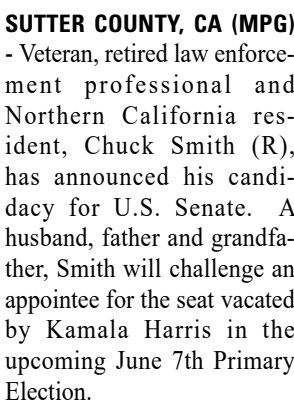
Chuck Smith Announces Candidacy for US Senate



California State Controller. "Californians need a State Controller who will be a watchdog, not a rubber stamp on the hundreds of billions of dollars our state spends each year," said Nielsen.

"Lanhee Chen will be a tireless fiscal advocate for all Californians. More importantly for our state's future needs, he will make sure that the money allocated for everything from water infrastructure to wildfire prevention is actually spent as we are told it will be."

Nielsen continued, "I believe Lanhee is someone we can trust to keep a watchful eye over our tax dollars and state spending. I am proud to endorse him



government,” said Smith. “To restore the principles upon which our forefathers founded our great nation, we must replace corruptible politicians with incorruptible patriots,” Smith continued. “I will combat the current trend of saddling the American people with unfair taxation without representation and will fight for America-first policies,” stated Smith.

“It’s time for the American people, average citizens, to run for office and take back our Nation,” said Smith. “I cannot imagine the intense pressure felt by those who are currently immigrating into the United States both legally and illegally,” Smith said. “With our current economy and inflation, home ownership which is part of the American Dream, is out of reach,” he finished.

Smith supports the Constitution, freedom of speech, the 2nd Amendment, law enforcement, a robust economy, strong military, secure borders, term limits, smaller government and reduced taxes.

Smith served on the Sutter County Grand Jury in 2020 and was Foreman of the Sutter County Grand Jury in 2021. Smith volunteered for the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) in 2021. Smith and his wife Linda reside in Yuba City, California, north of Sacramento. Together they have three children and three grandchildren.

Smith graduated from Rio Linda High School and attended American River College before joining the Marine Corps. Following his military service, Smith returned to American River College where he secured his Associate Degree. Smith began his law enforcement career with Yolo County Sheriff's Office in the late 1970's and was later hired as a Patrol Officer with Sacramento Police Department. Smith's 15-year law enforcement career was ended by an on-the-job injury. Smith spent 25-years working security detail for the Federal Courthouse in Sacramento before his retirement in 2017. ★

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA
(MPG) - Citrus Heights
Councilman Bret Daniels
officially entered the
race for California's 6th
Congressional District.

“Americans are suffering under the weight of Joe Biden’s policy failures,” Daniels stated. “The Sacramento region is in desperate need of experienced leadership in Washington – someone who will stand up to the Biden agenda and fight to turn things around. That’s my pledge.”

Bret Daniels was a strong advocate for developing the first Citrus Heights Police Department and has served on the City Council for 11 years. He has served on numerous regional boards

including the Solid Waste Authority, the Sacramento Transportation Authority, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality District.

Elected to his current term on the City Council in 2016 and reelected in 2020, Bret had previously been elected in 1999 and reelected in 2002. He served as Vice Mayor in 2004 and as Mayor in 2005. He successfully helped to defeat the City's efforts to raise the utility tax in 2012 and the sales tax in 2020.

Bret enjoyed a twenty-year law enforcement

career including stints in the United States Air Force in Torrejón, Spain, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, the Laramie County Sheriff's Office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and in the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. He is a Founding Member and President of Badges Supporting Fallen Officers' Families (Fallen), a non-profit charitable organization that provides immediate financial support to the survivors of law enforcement officers killed

throughout the nation and is a Founding Member and President of Toys for the Troops' Kids, a non-profit charitable organization that provides toys to the kids of our military service members during Christmas.

Bret lived in the North Sacramento area until the age of 12 where he attended Hagginwood Elementary School and Del Paso Jr High School before he moved to Citrus Heights in 1973 when his father took a job at the then recently

opened Sunrise Mall. The newly-drawn 6th Congressional District comprises most of the entire northern portion of Sacramento County as well as some of the northeastern portion of the county. Communities include North and South Natomas, North Sacramento, Rio Linda, Elverta, Foothill Farms, North Highlands, Antelope, Citrus Heights, Gold River, Rancho Cordova, Rosemont, Arden/Arcade, and Carmichael. ★

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Rewarding Student Volunteers

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FAQ. Campuses are urged to work with their financial aid offices to “mitigate any impact” for students. Also, the \$7,000 is taxable income, meaning taxes will be deducted each paycheck.

Only full-time students will be eligible for the service program.

The College Corps state volunteer program builds on a smaller effort California launched in 2020, about six months into the COVID-19 pandemic. Though that smaller effort had the goal of attracting 250 students, ultimately 199 participated, according to performance review data that Julie Goggins, a California Volunteers spokesperson, shared with CalMatters. And some – 7% – didn’t complete their full hours of service and so weren’t awarded the full amount for which they were eligible. Most students – 90% –also acquired professional development skills, according to performance review assessments. Some colleges from the pilot round are also participating in College Corps.

The budget for the volunteer program makes sense, but the devil’s in the details, said Alexandra Graddy-Reed, a professor who studies nonprofits at the University of Southern California. She likes that students who volunteer will receive various layers of advising. It’s another way for the colleges and the state to expose those low-income students to opportunities wealthier students often already receive through their families’ connections, Graddy-Reed said.

All those services require more personnel and hiring people is expensive, which helps explain the program costs, she said.

The mix of volunteerism and various advising “sounds good to me” as a way to spend tax dollars, Graddy-Reed added. Still, she’ll want to see the specific hiring decisions colleges will make at the local level and whether most of the operational funding will be for College Corps or for general campus operations.

Campus-level contract amounts won’t be available until the summer, according to Goggins.

Some campuses have begun advertising their programs. UC Davis and three other Sacramento-area colleges will share up to \$16 million for about 1,000 student volunteers. Fresno State and Fresno City College will bring on about 120 students over two years.

Newsom and lawmakers have dramatically expanded the state financial aid program in other ways that give students aid directly, like cash and grants to fully cover tuition. But those are all ongoing programs, while the money for the volunteer program is just two years. From a publicity standpoint, it’s probably better to create a temporary program, such as College Corps, than to briefly expand access to ongoing grants only to have them disappear soon after, Shireman mused.

Student housing in California is already tight and the state has big plans to expand enrollment at the University of California and the Cal States. A \$5 billion proposal would give campuses loans at no interest

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River Cats Announce Full 2022 Schedule

Sacramento River Cats Press Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats, proud Triple-A affiliate of the 2021 National League West champion San Francisco Giants, are excited to announce their full 150-game schedule for the upcoming 2022 season, including six additional games and a new home finale.

The River Cats will play 75 games at Sutter Health Park in 2022, beginning on April 5. Opening Night has a 6:35 p.m. (PT) first pitch against the newly minted Sugar Land Space Cowboys (Houston Astros), who are playing at Sutter Health Park for the first time.

Following the six-game season-opening series at home, the River Cats will hit the road, taking on the Reno Aces (Arizona Diamondbacks) for the first six of 30 total games against the division rival.

Must-see games include a series against the affiliate-rival Oklahoma City Dodgers (Los Angeles Dodgers) from April 19-24, which includes two fireworks nights. After a quick road trip to Albuquerque, the River Cats return home



to celebrate mom at the ballpark, closing out a six-game series against the Las Vegas Aviators (Oakland A’s affiliate) on Mother’s Day (May 8) at 1:05 p.m. (PT). July is full of fireworks as more than half the River Cats’ home games will have the post-game staple, including a 6:35 p.m. (PT) Independence Eve Celebration and Fireworks Extravaganza on Sunday, July 3.

The six additional games at the end of the season include three at the Salt Lake Bees (Los Angeles Angels) from Sept. 22-24 and a three-game homestand against the Aviators from Sept. 26-28. The season-finale is set for a 12:05 p.m. (PT) first pitch on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

All Saturday home games will have a 6:37 p.m. (PT) start and all Sundays, outside of July 3, will be 1:05 p.m. (PT) day games. All Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday games will have 6:35 p.m. (PT) first pitches.

The full schedule is available online at rivercats.com. Game dates and times are subject to change.

Season ticket memberships and packages are available now by calling the River Cats ticket hotline at (916) 371-HITS (4487), emailing tickets@rivercats.com, or visiting rivercats.com. ★

State Officials Announce Latest COVID-19 Stats

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Unvaccinated people are 8 times more likely to get COVID-19 than boosted individuals (week of Jan 16).

Testing
The testing positivity rate is 18.8% (average rate over 7 days).

Hospitalizations
There are 14,674 hospitalizations statewide; There are 2,585 ICU patients statewide; Unvaccinated people are 13 times more likely to be hospitalized than boosted individuals (week of Jan 9).

Deaths
There have been 78,825 COVID-19 deaths since the start of the pandemic; COVID-19 claims the lives of 64 Californians each day (average daily death count over 7 days).

Health Care Workers
As of January 27, local health departments have reported 142,738 confirmed

positive cases in health care workers and 550 deaths statewide.

Testing Turnaround Time
The testing turnaround time dashboard reports how long California patients are waiting for COVID-19 test results. During the week of January 16 to January 22, the average time patients waited for test results was 1.8 days. During this same time period, 58% of patients received test results in one day and 75% received them within two days.

Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)
As of January 24, there have been 790 cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) reported statewide. MIS-C is a rare inflammatory condition associated with COVID-19 that can damage multiple organ systems. MIS-C can require hospitalization and be life threatening. ★

Nielsen and Borgeas Introduce Bill to Fund Critical Water Infrastructure Projects

By Jann Taber, California Senate Republicans

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senators Jim Nielsen (R-Red Bluff) and Andreas Borgeas (R-Fresno) announced they have introduced Senate Bill 890 to ensure millions of acre-feet of water is stored during wet years instead of being flushed out to sea.

“In 2014, California voters approved funding to build large, aboveground water storage,” said Senator Nielsen. “Because of bureaucratic red tape and a lack of sufficient funds due to increasing costs, we haven’t even turned a shovel on Sites Reservoir. That’s unconscionable. We have the money to fully fund that reservoir and now’s the time to do it.”

SB 890 advances the goals of Proposition 1 (2014) by making significant investments in California’s aboveground water storage and conveyance infrastructure. Specifically, SB 890 will establish the Water Storage and Conveyance Fund that will provide:

- \$2.6 billion to complete the funding of Sites Reservoir in Colusa County; and
- \$685 million to repair the Friant-Kern/Delta-Mendota Canals and the San Luis Field/San Joaquin Divisions of the California Aqueduct.

“California’s water storage and conveyance challenges transcend partisan divides and have been exacerbated due to the recent drought,” said Senator Borgeas, who chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee. “Clean, reliable water in California is not only critical to our country’s economy and food supply, but also our national security. Without proper storage and conveyance investments, California cannot continue to lead the nation in food production.”

Completion of Sites Reservoir would ensure an additional 1.5 million acre-feet of

water is stored during wet years and made available to cities, farms and the environment during times of drought.

California’s Central Valley canals are in severe need of repair. Canal diversion and conveyance capacity have degraded due to substantial land subsidence caused by regional groundwater overdraft.

For example, the southernmost third of the Friant-Kern Canal has lost 60 percent of its ability to carry water. As a result, farms, cities and rural communities that rely on the canal are losing up to 300,000 acre-feet of water per year in deliveries. Similarly, the diversion capacity of the Delta-Mendota Canal has decreased from 4,600 cubic feet per second to 3,211 cubic feet per second at the terminus.

The Legislature has the opportunity to fund these critical water infrastructure projects using taxpayer revenue that has already been collected. This is because under state law, infrastructure projects may be financed using revenue from the General Fund when it exceeds the State Appropriations Limit, or Gann limit.

The need for reliable and dependable water storage infrastructure and conveyance is vital. The completion of Sites Reservoir and repairs on the Central Valley canals would go a long way toward preserving public health, protecting the environment and maintaining economic viability.

State Sen. Jim Nielsen represents California’s 4th senate district, which spans from Sacramento to Tehama County.

State Sen. Andreas Borgeas represents California’s 8th Senate District, which encompasses all or portions of Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Sacramento, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne. ★

Arrest Made in Assault with Deadly Weapon Investigation

By Sergeant Rod Grassmann, Sacramento Sheriff’s Department

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office Major Crimes Unit Detectives arrested Oybek S. Khamidkhodjaev (34) of Sacramento in connection with a shooting incident that occurred on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, on the 7700 block of Watt Avenue.

The victim is a 16-year-old girl who was riding with her brother in a vehicle driven by her mother. She remains hospitalized with severe life altering injuries.

Khamidkhodjaev was arrested on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, after a brief vehicle pursuit that started at Fulton & Marconi Avenue and ended at Scripps Drive and American River Drive. Khamidkhodjaev exited his vehicle and fled on

foot. Deputies set a perimeter and Khamidkhodjaev was captured a few minutes later without further incident.

Khamidkhodjaev was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on (1) count Attempt Homicide, (1) count Evading Police-Reckless Driving and (1) count Evading Police – Driving Opposite Flow of Traffic. There is no booking photo available at this time. ★

Shotspotter Investigation and Juvenile Arrest and Gun Seizure

By Sergeant Rod Grassmann, Sacramento Sheriff’s Department

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - At 1:07 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Communications received an 8-round and 9-round ShotSpotter activation. North Patrol Deputies were dispatched to the 6000 block of Brett Drive in North Highlands. Arriving deputies and Gang Detectives were familiar with the involved residence and subject. Once they arrived, deputies immediately identified and located the subject of interest who fled on foot. After a short foot pursuit, detectives took the subject into custody without incident. Through the investigative process, detectives were able to associate a vehicle with the suspect and ultimately a Glock .45 caliber handgun, magazines

and expended rounds matching the spent casings associated with the original activation.

Detained and arrested was a 17-year-old male juvenile who is a validated gang member with a violent criminal history. He was booked into Sacramento County Juvenile Hall on felony gun charges including assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm by a minor.

Please visit the following YouTube link to view the body cam video: <https://youtu.be/5efPG0HFQx0>

Gang Suppression Unit Detectives are asking anyone with information relating to this incident, to please contact them at (916) 874-5209 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP. Tip information may also be left anonymously at www.sacsheriff.com or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★

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SacRT Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-06), Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) and Siemens Mobility, Inc. announced significant mobility improvements benefitting the Sacramento region during a press conference at the Siemens Mobility manufacturing facility in south Sacramento, thanks to the new federal bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is the largest long-term investment in infrastructure and the economy in our nation’s history and provides more than \$108 billion for public transit. This bold investment in public transportation will help Sacramento and the nation tackle climate change, advance equity, meet growing and evolving mobility demands and create jobs.

“The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering for Sacramento, bringing critical funding that will act as a catalyst to further our region’s leadership in innovative public transportation programs,” said Congresswoman Matsui. “Here in Sacramento, we have projects that are ready to go, with local leaders like SacRT and Siemens Mobility that have the ability to have a tremendous impact in our community. This is an exciting time to look to our future, and I am committed to continue fighting in Congress for the resources our region deserves.”

The law provides more than \$10 billion in transit funding for California, assisting SacRT with its Light Rail Modernization Project, including the purchase of low-floor light rail vehicles, which are being manufactured by Siemens Mobility’s Rolling Stock division in south Sacramento. In December 2021, SacRT and Siemens Mobility executed a contract for the purchase of an additional eight vehicles, on top of the 20 currently being manufactured. SacRT’s contract with Siemens includes options for the purchase of up to 72 vehicles.

“This federal investment is helping SacRT expedite our light rail modernization and expansion programs, and conversion to accessible low-floor light rail vehicles,” said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. “With the new federal investment, SacRT will be able to shift all of our light rail vehicles to low-floor in the near future, delivering on SacRT’s commitment to operating a world-class transit system.”

“Siemens Mobility has been manufacturing American-made light rail vehicles



Siemens Mobility built SacRT’s original light rail fleet, which started operating in revenue service in 1987. Photo courtesy SacRT

in Sacramento for more than 30 years. We delivered our first vehicles to SacRT in the 1980s and are looking forward to delivering the new low-floor S700 vehicles,” said Michael Cahill, president of Siemens Mobility Rolling Stock in North America. “SacRT is a prime example of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act’s ability to transform our communities. From new LRVs to digital solutions and alternative power sources, such as battery-hybrid technology, transit agencies around the country have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to provide more efficient and sustainable transit options.”

Siemens Mobility built SacRT’s original light rail fleet, which started operating in revenue service in 1987. Many of those vehicles are still in operation today; however, they are at, or past their useful life benchmark. New Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicles in Production as Federal

Infrastructure Law Benefits Mobility in the Sacramento Region.

The new low-floor vehicles will have low level boarding at every doorway, a spacious seating design, and large windows for better light and views. They will feature improved accessibility with wider aisles and areas for bicycles. The new low-floor vehicles will increase overall operational flexibility by providing more access to passengers with disabilities and others boarding with strollers, bicycles, and other mobility devices. The first low-floor vehicles are scheduled to be ready for SacRT service by fall 2023. Learn more about the project at sacrt.com/modernization.

“I have watched SacRT make major mobility improvements over the last few years, but this federal infrastructure investment will truly bring our transportation network into the 21st century,” said SacRT Board Chair

and Citrus Heights Councilmember Steve Miller.

“SacRT’s contract with Siemens Mobility is a win-win for our region. We are upgrading our transit system while supporting hundreds of high-skilled manufacturing jobs at Siemens in South Sacramento,” said SacRT Board Vice-Chair and Sacramento County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy.

About Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT)

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Newsom in the Middle of Solar Panel Battle



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

High-octane battles over major policy issues are nothing new in the state Legislature. Every legislative session has at least one such clash that draws intense public and media interest.

Although the 2022 legislative session has just begun, it already has high-profile battles underway over whether public school students should be required to have COVID-19 vaccinations and whether the state should embrace single-payer medical care.

We sometimes forget that there are dozens of other, less public, venues where conflicts over important policy issues play out — like state regulatory agencies. With all of them directly or indirectly controlled by the governor or other political figures, they make decisions that can have multi-billion-dollar consequences and affect the lives of millions of Californians.

The California Public Utilities Commission, whose members are appointed by the governor, is arguably the state's most influential regulatory agency. Originally created more than a century ago to regulate railroad freight rates, the PUC's portfolio expanded to include utilities supplying electric power,

natural gas and water.

With that broad franchise, PUC decrees affect the finances of virtually every household and business in the state. It now faces one of the most heated conflicts in its history — a utility-backed proposal to reduce the financial incentives for installing rooftop solar panels, primarily the right to sell excess solar energy back to utilities, dubbed Net Energy Metering or NEM.

In December, the PUC released a 204-page proposal to reduce the payments to solar panel owners, largely embracing what the utilities and their unions had been seeking, but angering advocates of rooftop generation. The factions have been waging a fierce battle, mostly in the media, ever since.

The utilities contend that NEM amounts to a subsidy for Californians affluent enough to afford solar arrays that manifests itself in higher power rates for everyone else, particularly the poor, and has assembled a coalition of politicians, consumer advocates and environmentalists.

The opposition, funded mostly by solar panel manufacturers and sellers, contends that it's a grab by utilities that will retard the growth of solar power and make it more difficult for the state to meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Fundamentally, it's an existential issue for both. Utilities fear that widespread self-generation will damage their financial viability while the solar industry sees reducing NEM's incentives as discouraging potential customers.

The PUC's draft was a big tactical win for the utility faction, but its rival redoubled its effort to maintain the status quo, gaining support from such high-profile figures as Sen. Dianne Feinstein and former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

As with so many big issues these days, Gov. Gavin Newsom is the man in the middle. The opposition was buoyed, therefore, when Newsom indicated this month that he wants changes in the PUC's draft.

Asked about NEM at his budget news conference, Newsom replied: "That draft plan that was recently released, I just had a chance to review, and I'll say this about the plan: We still have some work to do."

When asked again later in the news conference about the PUC proposal, Newsom said, "Do I think changes need to be made? Yes I do."

The PUC got the message and delayed a vote on whether to adopt the draft, moving everything behind closed doors. Newsom hasn't specified the changes he seeks but presumably wants to make the NEM overhaul at least marginally acceptable to the solar faction without alienating the utilities or, more importantly, their influential unions.

Whatever happens, it is another reminder about the important role played by regulatory agencies and about the power that politicians have over what those agencies decree.

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

Update on Greenlawn Way Homicide Investigation

By Sergeant Rod Grassmann,
Sacramento Sheriff's Department

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Homicide Detectives from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office identified Kailin Deshai Jackson Harris (27) of Sacramento County as the suspect in the January 17, 2022 shooting death of Gennadiy Ivanovich Mironov (62). On January 27, 2022,

Sacramento Sheriff's Detectives served an arrest warrant, implemented by the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Detail, on Jackson Harris at a home in North Sacramento. He was taken into custody without incident. No suspects are outstanding in this case. Jackson Harris is being held without bail on murder charges. There is no further information at this time. ★

Robbery Suspects Arrested After Multi Agency Response

By Sergeant Rod Grassmann,
Sacramento Sheriff's Department



SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On January 28, 2022, at 3:41 P.M. the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office received multiple hold-up alarms from a jewelry business located on the 1300 block of Howe Avenue. The employees witnessed one of their customers being robbed in the parking lot. Two male suspects exited a vehicle driven by a third suspect and approached the victim at gun point. One suspect took personal items from the victim while the other took the victim's briefcase. The victim was not injured and the suspects fled the scene in a vehicle. Unbeknownst to the suspects, the victim's cell phone was inside the briefcase and arriving deputies immediately began tracking the suspects. STAR (Sheriff's Air Support) was able to track the suspect vehicle westbound on 180 near the City of Davis.

STAR guided Davis Police Officers to the vehicle and they attempted a felony stop which turned into a pursuit that entered onto surface streets in the City of Dixon; it was at this time, the suspect vehicle lost control and crashed. All three suspects exited the vehicle and fled on foot into a nearby apartment complex.

Several law enforcement agencies from Yolo and Solano Counties responded to assist Davis Police Department set up a perimeter to contain and search for the suspects. Officers located all three suspects and took them into custody without incident. Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to the apartment complex and took

custody of the suspects. Deputies located a semiautomatic handgun with an extended magazine in the suspect's vehicle. Sheriff's Robbery Detectives are actively investigating this incident.

Reginald Philanders Soriano (2) of Antioch, Jasoni Darien Davis (21) of Fairfield and Keishawn Zachary Jones (20) of Fairfield were transported back to Sacramento County and booked into the Main Jail on two felony counts each for robbery and conspiracy. All three suspects posted \$50,000 bail each and were released several hours later. No booking photo or further information is available at this time.

Anyone with information relating to this incident are asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP. Tip information may also be left anonymously at www.sacsheriff.com or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★




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15. Relating to symmetry, in geometry
16. Base-8 numeral system
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18. Lots and lots
19. "Actor Ryan of "Blue Valentine"
21. "Desdemona's suspicious husband
23. Big fuss
24. Nose-in-the-air type
25. Uber alternative
28. One on a pedestal
30. Moderately wide
35. Eye layer
37. Twelfth month of Jewish year
39. Cheese-covered chip
40. Popped relief?
41. "Love, ___" movie
43. Splints site
44. Muhammad's teachings
46. Orchestra instrument
47. Past of heave
48. Avoids work, in British slang
50. Give off
52. Dose of sunshine
53. Back seat
55. Hair-raising product
57. "___ valentine, an opposite of love note
61. English author perhaps best known for "The Canterbury Tales"
65. Like Mary-Kate and Ashley
66. Pooh's "wise" friend
68. Bring to an end
69. Potassium nitrate
70. Farm sound
71. Arm bones
72. Back talk
73. Uniting conjunction
74. Imposter

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1. Smoke plus fog
2. Comes in hard or soft shell
3. Parts of a play
4. "___-la
5. Plural of solidus
6. Heidi's shoe
7. "Sweetie follower
8. Cook's cover
9. Wheel holder
10. Cambodian money
11. Two-masted vessel
12. "The Sun ___ Rises"
15. Trash can for fireplace (2 words)
20. Source of lymphocytes, pl.
22. Pull along
24. Dormant state
25. "Famous archer
26. Dispatch boat
27. "___ and whistles"
29. Hedgepodge
31. Mr. and Mrs. Incredible's son
32. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
33. Seven days postmortem
34. "Hive-related endearment
36. Unfortunately, exclamation
38. Rumpelstiltskin machine
42. Stallion's cry
45. Business combination
49. Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway
51. Darjeeling server
54. Smell, usually pleasant
56. Calms
57. Ford Transit and such
58. Pelvic parts
59. Lice eggs
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61. Oaf
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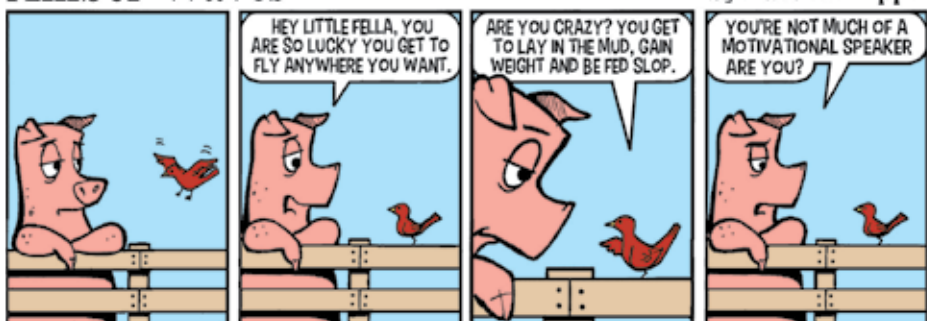
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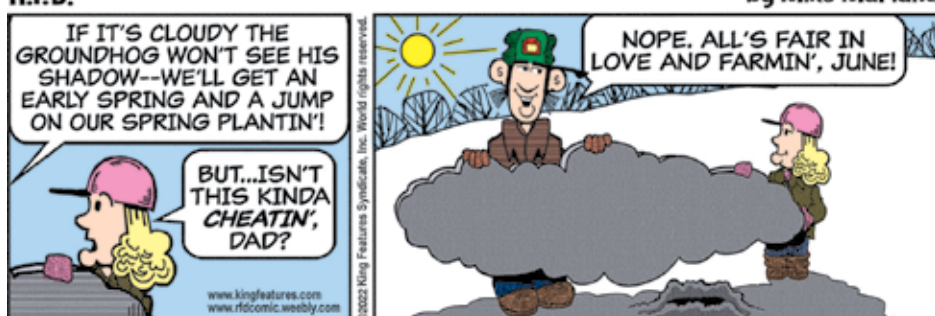
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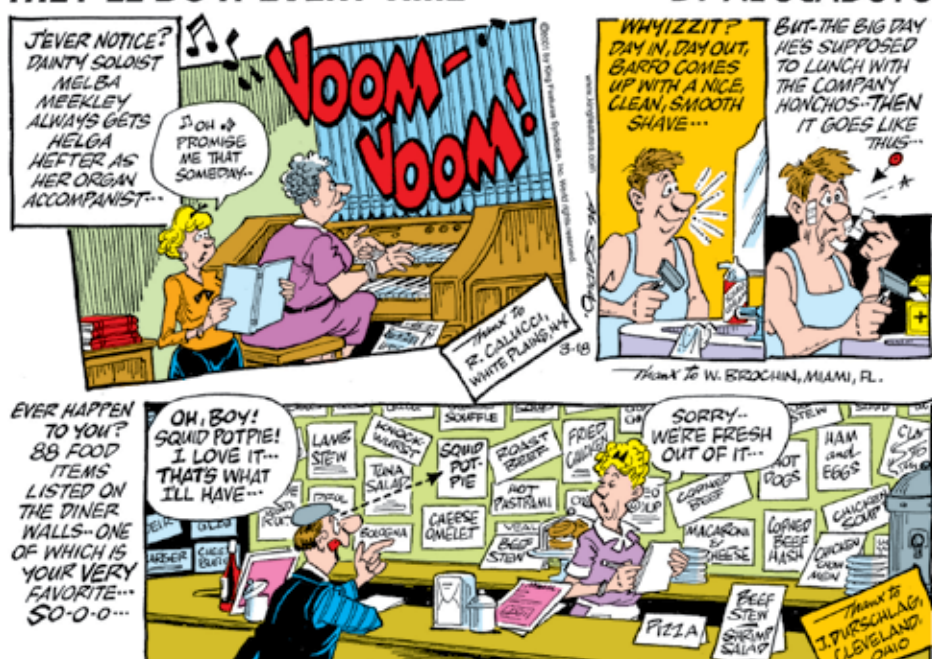
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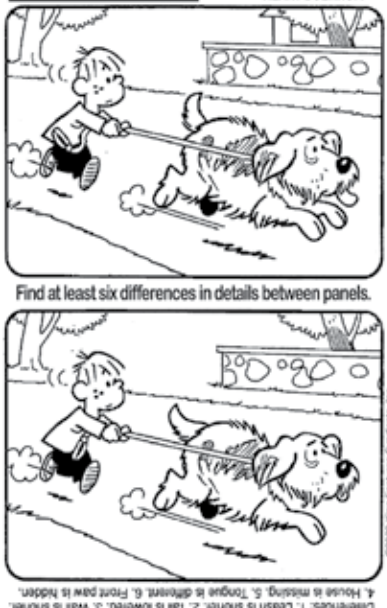


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Consider a variety of home improvement projects, both big and small, that can reduce the financial burden of maintaining your home throughout the year and improve energy efficiency.

Add Insulation

A cost-effective way to save on heating and cooling bills is adding a layer of insulation in the attic where heat loss is typically greatest due to hot air rising. While many newer homes are adequately insulated, those that are several decades old (or older) may benefit from an upgrade in not only the attic but other common problem areas where air can escape such as basements, crawl spaces, fireplaces and ductwork.

Seal Doors and Windows

Windows and doors are common culprits for energy loss. While a complete replacement of doors and windows can be pricey, adding exterior caulk and weather stripping to fill in gaps where air can escape around these openings can make a noticeable difference for a fraction of the cost and make it cheaper to heat and cool your home.

Install Skylights

Skylights are a cost-effective option for transforming any room in the home with natural light while also delivering energy-saving benefits. For example, Sun Tunnel Skylights from Velux can be installed in as little as 90 minutes and funnel natural light from the roof through the attic and into the room below with an aesthetic that resembles recessed lighting. Customizable with six diffuser film styles to complement interior design, the skylights can make a home more energy-efficient by reducing reliance on artificial lighting. An optional daylight controller makes it easy for homeowners to adjust natural light entering a room, and a solar nightlight provides a moon-like guiding light at night. Installed with the solar nightlight, the skylights qualify for a 26% federal tax credit on solar property.

Add Reflective Window Film

When the sun shines through windows, it can heat up the home's interior quickly and trigger the air conditioner to turn on. Window coverings, such as blackout curtains, can help, but adding low-e reflective window film to your windowpanes, particularly southern-facing ones, can provide an additional shield from the sun's hot rays and reduce energy costs.



Skylights are a cost-effective option for natural light. Photo: Family features

Install a Programmable Thermostat

A programmable thermostat is an efficient way to control the climate inside your home, and those with smart technology take programming to a whole new level. Today's smart thermostats not only let homeowners control temperatures from their smart devices while on-the-go but can also learn daily habits and adjust the temperature accordingly with no other manual adjustments necessary. In addition, some utility companies offer incentives like money back at the end of the year for installing a smart thermostat because the energy savings are so substantial.

Replace Appliances

Because appliances like refrigerators and ovens, among others, are major energy users, investing in more efficient models provides both cost and energy savings. Additionally, homes more than 15 years old could benefit from updates to the air conditioner or heater as systems 15-20 years old or older may be candidates for replacement as they're inefficient by today's standards.



Skylights qualify for a 26% federal tax credit on solar property. Photo: Family features

Add Ceiling Fans

In comparison to running your air conditioner consistently, the cost of running a ceiling fan (or several) is significantly less. Particularly on days that may not require cooling the entire house completely, fans can provide a gentle breeze and circulate air in the spaces you use most often. Simply adjust the switch to the counterclockwise position to ensure it's pushing air downward during warmer months. For more information and home improvement ideas, visit [whyskylights.com/livelifghter](https://www.whyskylights.com/livelifghter) ★

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