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Rancho Cordova Mayor David Sander places the Ceremonial Wreath.

Story by Shelly Blanchard, executive director, Cordova Community Council, photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Rancho Cordovans paid tribute to American men and women who have given their lives in defense of the country during the moving 16th Annual Memorial Day Observance held at the Cordova High School Performing Arts Center Monday.

The event theme was "21st Century War Heroes," focusing on those who joined the military's War on Terror in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks and gave their lives in the



A Veteran of Foreign Wars member salutes during the Pledge of Allegiance.

20 years which followed. The event also marked the 75th Anniversary of NATO — the post World

War II alliance which helped preserve global peace for the 45 years of the Cold War in which the Mather Air Force Base played a vital role.

"This Memorial Day, we honor the unique contributions of 21st Century Heroes. They answered the call to serve in Afghanistan and Iraq as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, toppling Saddam Hussein from Iraq and ousting the Taliban from Afghanistan," said emcee Dan DeShong, a Vietnam Army veteran and member of the organization committee.

"Many were stirred to

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Evacuate Pets to Sheltering Annex



In times of evacuations, be sure to prepare for your pets' safety. On a side note, this puppy, Martin, is available for adoption at the county's Bradshaw Animal Shelter, 3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - When it comes to evacuations, the public needs to remember the five "Ps" before they leave: People and Pets, Prescriptions, Papers, Personal Needs and Priceless Items.

In some cases, Pets (and livestock) can pose a unique challenge during evacuations. Sacramento County is addressing this issue.

In December, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted an Agricultural Pass program to facilitate the coordinated re-entry of commercial agricultural producers to care for their animals.

The Board of Supervisors has now introduced additional guidance for safeguarding evacuated animals. During its May 21 meeting, the supervisors approved the Sacramento County Animal Sheltering Annex, which outlines new protocols for protecting pets and livestock during evacuations.

The Annex's development was driven by the necessity that arose from previous disasters in Sacramento County and aligned with new legislation. During the 2023 flood event, area farms reported more than \$38 million in losses, including losses of animals that could not be evacuated.

The Annex was a collaborative effort involving government officials and various agencies. It outlines the roles of entities such as the county agricultural commissioner, law enforcement, public health and the Office of Emergency Services in protecting or evacuating family pets and livestock.

With the support of partners such as the American Red Cross in coordinating shelter spaces that can accommodate animals and the appointment of an animal coordinator for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the plan aims to ensure that necessary measures are taken to address the needs of displaced animals. ★

Big Day of Giving Big Deal



The California Aerospace Museum provides many opportunities for students interested in STEM to learn more. Photo courtesy of the California Aerospace Museum

Story by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Local nonprofit organizations were big winners in the recent Big Day of Giving. Many achieved support that surpassed their hopes.

Choreographed by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, the

24-hour give-a-thon on May 7 helped 826 organizations and raised record donations. Gifts totaled more than \$13.25 million. Since the 2013 inception of this annual appeal, public philanthropy has helped Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado and Placer County charities to the tune of \$100 million.

Nature protectors opened wallets wide across the region. Placer

Land Trust's appeal yielded nearly \$194,000. The American River Conservancy was enriched by more than \$34,000. The American River Parkway Foundation and Save the American River Association gained \$21,048 and \$18,395 respectively. Soil Born Farms, a Rancho Cordova enterprise that promotes sustainable

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Big Day of Giving Big Deal

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 food production, harvested almost \$21,000.

Administered by the American River Natural History Association, Effie Yeaw Nature Center is funded solely by public support. Big Day of Giving boosted donations by \$65,000.

“We had matching funds from two of our strongest supporters,” said staffer Kalee Christensen. “It was an exciting day for us watching our computers and seeing funds come in. They’ll help us enormously.”

In North Highlands, California Aerospace Museum was refueled with more than \$26,000.

“Sending kids to programs for hands-on STEM learning would not be possible for some families without this generosity,” said museum director Karen Jones. “Almost 86 per cent of our summer campers are on scholarships. These are largely enabled by BDOG.”

Carmichael Library Friends gained a share of almost \$98,000 donated to Sacramento Public Library’s Friends organization. Summer reading programs and a scheme that gives free books to hundreds of Carmichael children will be funded.

“We’re so grateful for community generosity,” said local Friends President Barbara Safford. “The lifetimes of many wonderful children will be enriched by reading.”

Carmichael Kiwanis raised \$12,500. Its bottom line also benefited from a \$500 booster prize for most donations between 5 and 6 a.m. A random prize from Big Day of Giving organizers brought in another \$100.

“I’m always impressed by the generosity of our club members and our community,” said Kiwanian Mike Koerner. “We’re all about helping kids. These donations go a long way toward that aim.”

Carmichael Parks Foundation



Carmichael Kiwanis Club members rejoiced at \$12,500 in donations. Picture by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

gained almost \$20,000 to boost park beautification and youth programs. This total includes gifts from the Borman family, community benefactor Susan Marszal and former Supervisor Susan Peters.

Current Supervisor Rich Desmond included the Parks Foundation among 24 Big Day of Giving donations. His choices included Carmichael Kiwanis, Sacramento Fine Arts Center, Fair Oaks Rotary, Carmichael HART and the San Juan Education Foundation. “I dedicate District 3 discretionary funds, as well as my personal funds,” he said. “I chose organizations that help our most vulnerable residents, care for animals, promote arts and culture, and generally improve quality of life.”

Boosted by Desmond’s donation and a further \$20,000 in gifts,

Sacramento Fine Arts Center exceeded Big Day of Giving hopes.

“These donations are vital to keeping the center and our programs going,” said Sacramento Fine Arts Center executive Angelia Gordon. “We’re grateful for so much generosity.”

May 7 also restocked food closets. Donors fed Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services more than \$255,000; Sacramento Loaves and Fishes more than \$165,000; Yolo Food Bank almost \$146,000. Locally, Fair Oaks/Orangevale Food Bank gained more than \$33,000. Carmichael’s Homeless Assistance Resources Team was boosted by almost \$5,000.

Top regional beneficiaries included Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera with

more than \$327,000 to sing about. The Salvation Army drummed up more than \$322,000; Sacramento SPCA scooped \$221,705; ACC Senior Services got \$204,957.

Culture was handsomely applauded. B Street Theatre (The Sophia) raised nearly \$104,000. The Crocker Art Museum collected more than \$92,570. CapRadio beamed in around \$94,000. Stage patrons backed Fair Oaks Theater Festival to the tune of \$10,000.

Youth charities compelled grown-up generosity. Sacramento Children’s Home collected more than \$176,500. Shriners Hospitals brought in \$82,677. Kiwanis Family House banked \$73,500-plus. Children’s Receiving Home of Sacramento supporters gave more than \$59,000.

“Big Day of Giving allows the community to learn about nonprofits,” explained Sacramento Region Community Foundation officer Kelly Siefkin. “Participating organizations also love to build relationships with new donors. This year, we lowered the gift minimum to \$10. This made philanthropy more accessible.”

Perhaps \$10 doesn’t seem much. But small donations make a huge difference. With average gifts still under \$50, they added up to \$13.2 million.”

The next Big Day of Giving is scheduled for May 1, 2025. For more details, visit www.bigday-ofgiving.org.

This report reflects Big Day of Giving leaderboards. Some May 7 donations are not recorded by this source. ★

CRPD Celebrates Major Achievements at CARPD Conference

By Shelby Golden,
 Cordova Recreation
 & Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - This year marked a significant milestone for the Cordova Recreation & Park District (CRPD) at the annual California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) Conference held in May.

Cordova Recreation & Park District Chairperson Brian Danzl was elected as California Association of Recreation and Park Districts president, Vice-Chairperson Rick Sloan was re-elected to the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts’ Board of Directors, and our General Manager Patrick Larkin was presented with the distinguished General Manager of the Year Award.

Danzl, a longtime Cordova Recreation & Park District resident and a well-known community figure, has been a dedicated volunteer with several local organizations. First elected to Cordova Recreation & Park District’s Board of Directors in 2010, Danzl has been consistently re-elected by the community. His election as CARPD President underscores his unwavering commitment to parks and recreation services throughout the Sacramento region.

“Brian Danzl has been an excellent advocate for parks and recreation services throughout the Sacramento region,” expressed Larkin. “He continues to represent the voice of the community as we grow.”

Danzl is an active member of California Association of Recreation and Park Districts, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of recreation and park districts throughout California. As California Association of



Cordova Recreation & Park District (CRPD) Vice-Chairperson Rick Sloan and California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) Board of Directors swear into office. Photo courtesy of CRPD

Recreation and Park Districts President, Danzl will serve on the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to support, education, member services and legislative advocacy for recreation and park districts in California. Danzl and Sloan will now help shape the future of recreation and park districts across California.

Also committed to parks and recreation, Larkin has played a crucial role in propelling Cordova Recreation & Park District’s mission forward and exemplifying unparalleled service to our community.

“Our general manager epitomizes leadership, igniting a path of positivity and progress for both our team and community,” shared Director of Parks & Recreation Jill Nunes. “His steadfast dedication serves as a constant reminder of the heights we can achieve together, with a spirit of determination guiding every step.”

Larkin has been instrumental



Cordova Recreation & Park District Chairperson Brian Danzl and General Manager Patrick Larkin pose at the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts’ annual Conference. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation & Park District

in spearheading the transition to by-district elections, completing the Total Compensation Study,

increasing Cordova Recreation & Park District’s bond rating, managing the Optimized

Plan development and submitting Cordova Recreation & Park District’s Municipal Services Review to the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission where it was unanimously approved and is now used as a template for other agencies. While Larkin’s tangible accomplishments are impressive, the more intangible victories that he has secured for Cordova Recreation & Park District are equally as important such as improving Cordova Recreation & Park District’s image, creating a community-focused mindset within Cordova Recreation & Park District and cultivating a remarkable work culture that motivates and empowers staff.

Cordova Recreation & Park District is honored to have their dedicated and passionate leaders recognized by California Association of Recreation and Park Districts. To learn more about Cordova Recreation & Park District, visit cordovarpd.gov. ★

Paying Tribute to the Fallen



Members of the Rancho Cordova River City Band play "God Bless America."



The Missing Man Table is a symbolic ritual which captures the impact of losing a loved one from a family.



Keynote speaker Matthew Ceccato delivers a powerful speech about Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Chief Master Sergeant (Ret.) James Sullivan, USAF, explains the missing man symbolism.

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service after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks," he said. "While many Americans added flags to their cars, these 21st-century war heroes put their lives on the line. More than 7,000 lost them."

Chief Master Sergeant (Ret.) James Sullivan, USAF, representing the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, re-enacted the traditional "Missing Man Tribute," a symbolic reminder of

the losses felt by families when a family member is held prisoner or dies in battle.

Keynote speaker was Matt Ceccato. A paratrooper in the US Army, Ceccato was on his second deployment to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 when he was wounded in combat by a gunshot through both legs that left him unable to walk. He battled through a long recovery, became a Presidential Management

Fellow and U.S. National Security Policy expert, and now serves the Rancho Cordova area as deputy district director to Rep. Ami Bera, D-6th District.

Mayor David Sander placed a memorial wreath on behalf of the citizens of Rancho Cordova, prayers were shared for fallen warriors and patriotism was celebrated.

Tying it all together was the Rancho Cordova River City

Concert Band, which provided a musical backdrop to the event, performing a wide range of specially chosen pieces including "Missing Man," The NATO Hymn" and "Within the Hallowed Halls."

The Memorial Day observance was produced by the Cordova Community Council with the help of a community-based volunteer committee, Boy Scout Troop 363, Cordova High School Jr. ROTC

cadets and local veterans' organizations who were on hand to share information.

"We are so fortunate to be living in the United States of America, the most wonderful country on earth," noted DeShong. "We honor those who have protected our freedoms, giving generously to our nation. All gave some. Some gave all. And remembering them is what Memorial Day is all about." ★

Small Art for a Big Cause



Rancho Cordova Arts (RC Arts, a nonprofit visual-arts group) has raised more than \$35,000 for arts education supplies for Rancho Cordova schools over the past four years. Image by Martin Lutze from Pixabay

Rancho Cordova Arts News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Students with an arts education are five times less likely to drop out of school; four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement; four times more likely to receive a bachelor's degree and 30% more inclined to pursue a professional career.

And now more than ever, kids in transitional kindergarten through 12th-grade need arts education. With rising social and emotional issues students face post pandemic, youth need a way to express themselves at school. Educators, post pandemic, have been increasingly challenged with student depression and mental health issues. Education in the arts has proven to increase student engagement. Whether music, performing arts, literary arts or visual arts, the arts can help heal while creating better outcomes.

Rancho Cordova Arts (RC Arts, a nonprofit visual-arts group) has raised more than \$35,000 for arts education supplies for Rancho Cordova schools over the past four years. Each year, artists in the greater Sacramento area donate their creativity to help raise money for art supplies for our teachers.

This year's fundraiser, "Micro Masterpieces," is an online auction done through 32auctions.com that starts at 8 a.m. June 3 and continues until 3 p.m. June 8. However, each of the more than 500 pieces can be viewed in person at the

MACC (Mills Station Art and Culture Center) in its upstairs gallery from June 6 to June 8. Last year, Rancho Cordova Arts raised \$15,000 and provided art supplies to 59 teachers in 17 schools in Rancho Cordova. The goal this year is to go beyond the \$15,000 level to assist even more teachers and their students.

It's no secret that teachers are undervalued and spend out-of-pocket money to provide their students with the best experience possible to improve student outcomes and achievements. Rancho Cordova Arts' mission is to engage our community and create an artful place to live, work, play and grow. We put much focus on the youngest in the Rancho Cordova community to be able access the visual arts. In addition to our fundraising efforts, this year Rancho Cordova Arts is hosting free workshops for elementary school teachers to assist them to grow their art skills and better teach and facilitate art in their classrooms throughout the year.

The community can contribute to our cause by purchasing one or more of the 500 pieces of art through the online auction at www.32auctions.com/mmrca24 or they can make a tax-deductible donation through our website at ranhocordovaarts.org.

Help us get the word out to improve our students lives and make social and emotional learning through the arts a reality for students in transitional kindergarten through 12th-grade in Rancho Cordova for the 2024-25 school year. ★

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Decades Long Delta Tunnel Water Project May Finally Be Nearing a Historic Decision



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

It's been almost a half-century since I first heard the term "peripheral canal" uttered by William Gianelli, who was then-Gov. Ronald Reagan's top water official. The project, in one form or another, had already been kicking around for decades.

The California Water Project became operative in the 1960s and was the most prominent legacy project of Pat Brown, whom Reagan had defeated in 1966.

The project dams the Feather River near Oroville and releases impounded water to flow down the Feather into the Sacramento River and eventually into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Pumps at the southern edge of the Delta suck the water into the California Aqueduct, which carries it down the San Joaquin Valley to more pumps over the Tehachapi Mountains into Southern California.

Pumping water out of the Delta changes the massive estuary's natural flows and, as widely recognized, damages habitat for fish and other wildlife. The envisioned 44-mile-long peripheral canal would have carried water around the Delta to the head of the aqueduct thereby, it was said, improving water supply reliance and protecting fish.

However, there was

widespread opposition, mostly from environmentalists who doubted the canal would have a beneficial impact. The project stalled until Pat Brown's son, Jerry, became governor in 1975 and attempted to complete the last remaining link in his father's landmark water plan.

Brown relentlessly pressed the Legislature to authorize the canal and finally succeeded, but the compromise version failed to mollify environmentalists and alienated San Joaquin Valley farmers. The two disparate groups formed an odd-bedfellows alliance that defeated the project in a 1982 referendum, the same year Brown's bid for a U.S. Senate seat failed.

Voter rejection put the project in political limbo for two-plus decades, until Arnold Schwarzenegger became governor and proposed twin tunnels, instead of a canal, to bypass the Delta. Jerry Brown returned to the governorship in 2011 and once again sought to get it done.

It was still just an idea when Gavin Newsom succeeded Brown in 2019. Almost immediately he downgraded it to one tunnel and ordered the Department of Water Resources to get it going. The much-revised project barely survived a 2016 ballot measure that probably would have killed it, and with Newsom's governorship down to its last couple of years, it is nearing the decisive moment.

The project has undergone several name changes over the decades but is now dubbed the Delta Conveyance Project. Recently, the water agency released an updated report on the tunnel, raising its cost to \$20 billion but

insisting that it still pencils out in a cost-benefit analysis. "For every \$1 spent, \$2.20 in benefits would be generated," Department of Water Resources officials declared. "The report also shows the very real cost of doing nothing, posing significant future challenges to supplying water to California communities."

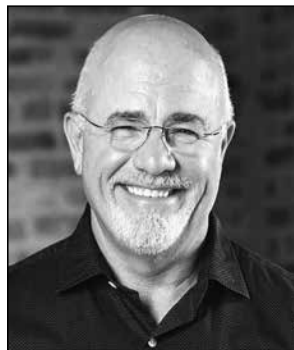
Cost-benefit claims of big public works projects are notoriously subjective because they rely on notoriously unreliable cost estimates and equally squishy definitions of benefits.

The tunnel's \$20 billion cost is already many billions of dollars over earlier estimates. As costs climb, the willingness of downstream water agencies to cover construction bonds is still uncertain, and environmental groups are still as opposed as they were in 1982.

By its nature, a bypass tunnel would reduce water flows through the Delta. As Newsom's administration tries to clear financial and environmental issues, it is also trying to get San Joaquin Valley farmers to take less water from its rivers so that more can flow through the Delta.

The interplay between those two somewhat contradictory efforts is one of the project's most intriguing aspects.

Dan Walters is one of most widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. He began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981. He has been at CalMatters since 2017. ★



Compassion and Reasonable Boundaries

Dear Dave,

The fact that you're conflicted about this shows you have a good heart. Team members are individuals, not units of production. We all have unique hopes and dreams, and you should recognize and respect that. But it sounds like this particular employee also has a habit of making dumb mistakes where her time off is concerned.

I've experienced this kind of behavior from time to time as my company's grown. And as time's gone by, I've started listening to my gut to differentiate actual needs from stupidity. I try to treat other people the way I'd like to be treated, instead of just through the lens of what I want or what's good for Ramsey Solutions.

If a team member is going to make a series of bad choices, I'm going to assume at some point they don't really want to work

Dave Ramsey Says

here. You can be the nicest, sweetest person in the world and still do dumb things that make you unemployable. But holding someone accountable for their actions doesn't mean you lack compassion.

We've had situations at my company where someone runs through their PTO, then something comes up. We evaluate the situation, and we might extend some grace and give them extra paid time off. Sometimes we might give time off, but it's unpaid. Other times, it might be out of the question to give the time off (or for the person to keep their job at that point). Every situation's different, and we decide things like that on a case-by-case basis.

Now, there's absolutely nothing wrong with this lady's desire to have a family. I think that's a great thing. But she knew these treatments were in her future when she took the other PTO. You're showing great concern and compassion for your employee, Kate, but it's almost like you want her to win more than she wants to win.

God forbid, but let's pretend this lady's husband was in a bad car

wreck. She's going to need time off to help take care of him. Of course, she gets extra PTO. No question, that deserves some grace. And if any of your other employees don't understand that or like it, they can hit the road. But that's not the case, is it? This lady had a planned life event, and she messed up her time off situation all by herself.

I think in this situation, you probably let your compassion go a little too far, and now you're having a hard time with the consequences. If it were me, I'd give this lady a little extra PTO for the treatments, but I'd also have a gentle but firm talk with her about managing time off more wisely.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with putting reasonable boundaries on compassion.

— Dave

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Social Security Matters

I'm Working after age 65; Why Aren't I Exempt from Medicare Part B Premium?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Why, as I continue to work after age 65 and have FICA taxes taken from my check, am I - or anyone - also compelled under the threat of penalties, rate increases, etc. to immediately take Medicare Part B? Am I not then effectively paying into the system twice? As more and more people over 65 continue to work, isn't that a consideration that should be evaluated by Congress - if one is working past 65, above a specific level of income and paying FICA taxes, the Medicare Part B premium is waived? **Signed: Working Senior**

Dear Working Senior: FYI, 6.2% of the FICA payroll taxes you pay while working goes to Social Security, and another 1.45% goes to fund Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage, which is free to you). None of the FICA payroll tax you pay from your work earnings goes to fund Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), which is

the part of Medicare for which you must pay a premium.

Said another way, your FICA payroll taxes do fund Medicare Part A, which is free to you, but do not provide any funding for Medicare Part B. Part B is funded from two primary sources - the premiums paid by beneficiaries, and the federal government from the general Treasury. Premiums from enrollees pay for about 25% of Part B healthcare expenses and the remaining 75% of Part B operating expenses are paid from the general U.S. Treasury (not from Social Security money).

So, it's necessary to separate Part B from your thinking about the payroll taxes you pay while working - you're not paying anything to fund Part B through your FICA taxes. You aren't compelled to enroll in Part B (it's optional), but if you don't enroll during your initial enrollment period (3 months on either side of the month you turn 65) and don't have other equivalent "creditable" coverage from an employer, and you enroll in Part B later, a late enrollment penalty will apply (10% additional premium for each full year after age 65 you go without creditable health-care coverage).

So, your premise in suggesting that Part B be free (the premium

waived) if you're working over a certain age or after an amount of time contributing to the program isn't valid, because no one contributes to Medicare Part B through FICA payroll taxes - Part B beneficiary contributions are only made through premiums paid by those enrolled in it. And you don't need to enroll in Part B if you have "creditable" health-care coverage from an employer. The Part B non-enrollment penalty only applies if you enroll after your initial enrollment period has expired and didn't have "creditable" health-care coverage after you turned 65. "Creditable" is a group plan with more than 20 participants.

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Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Life's Annoyances



Circumstances can be annoying. Your car won't start. You wind up on the slowest checkout line at the supermarket. You can't find something. There are no open parking spaces at the mall. The movie you want to see is sold out. An item you wanted to buy is out of stock. It rains all weekend. The cable goes out just as your favorite show comes on.

The actions of others can also be annoying. Another person is rude. Someone doesn't hold the door. A car cuts you off. A waiter gives you poor service. People are talking during a movie. Your boss is in a bad mood.

The list of irritations is practically endless. They have an uncanny tendency to pop up at the worst times.

It's virtually impossible to get through a day without encountering someone or something annoying. Annoying issues can pop up without warning at any time or any place. Your frame of mind at the time of an annoyance determines your reaction, or whether you react at all.

If you are feeling overwhelmed and stressed out, the smallest annoyance can seem overwhelming. Challenging situations have a cumulative effect. They can wear you down, magnifying the impact of successive events.

Small, insignificant happenings then feel like major events. As a result, you may overreact which can exacerbate the impact of an originally minor annoyance. When minor events get blown out of proportion, they transform into major situations.

It is hard to be happy when you are constantly feeling annoyed. People who are miserable find they encounter an endless stream of crisis situations. In reality, they are merely overreacting to what are minor annoyances to those in a good frame of mind. Furthermore, miserable people actually attract the very circumstances they would like to avoid.

Left unchecked, annoyances will spiral out of control until they become a major event. Road rage is one

example. Rude, or even unintentional behavior, can trigger uncontrolled anger that can have tragic results. When you allow your emotions to go haywire, you will say or do things you may, at the very least, regret.

When you are in good spirits, annoyances don't seem to matter much, if at all. With an upbeat attitude, you just shrug things off. Also, you tend to find solutions much more readily than when you are stressed.

What techniques can you use to keep life's annoyances from becoming major calamities? Start by keeping things in perspective. You know when a situation is an annoyance rather than a major event. Stay calm. Say to yourself, "this is no big deal." Let it go. Don't allow your ego to take over. You do not have to prove anything. It's not necessary to teach someone a lesson. Things happen that are not anyone's fault. When you look to assign blame, you make a situation worse. Besides, the annoyance might be a result of your own actions.

Don't be paranoid. A "why does this always happen to me" attitude won't accomplish anything positive. People are not out to get you. You are not being targeted. Everyone has to deal with annoyances. You've gotten past them before and you will do so again.

Allow annoyances to roll off your back. In the big, and little, scheme of things they really don't matter, nor are they worth getting bent out of shape over. Annoyances will always be a part of your life. Look to always make the best of a situation. Laugh more. There is some humor in virtually every situation. The more you let the small stuff go, the happier you will be.

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And Another Thing

The 21th Year of the City of Rancho Cordova

By Bob McGarvey

Here we are at the end of May 2024. That means one more month and we will be at the beginning of the 21th year of the City of Rancho Cordova, CA. There are some people who have seen the beginning of our community quite a few years ago. The first homes in Rancho Cordova were begun on Zinfandel Dr. and Folsom Blvd., and they were first built in 1953. There were different times in which people would look at Rancho Cordova as possibly becoming a city, but the most serious effort was done in 1978 by the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce and the Cordova Community Council.

Something that happened in 1978 was Proposition 13 passing. The language of the proposition affected the study, and it didn't allow for a new city to receive the property tax from the county. It was necessary to have some legislation passed so we could move forward and begin the study on incorporating again. That was done in 1983, and again in 1986.

That was when I went to the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), filed the name of our new incorporation committee, and it began. It 'only' took 17 years to get on the ballot so we could vote. Looking back over the last 21 years, becoming a city has definitely shown everyone that making Rancho Cordova a city was the right thing to do for the people. An interesting bit of information about our city is that it has grown from 55,000 to 2002, to 82,109 in 2024.

On July 1, 2024 our city will begin its twenty first year as a city. I really think that is something to celebrate. I have also been watching the news about the people who are trying to create a city close to Travis A.F.B. The biggest difference between most of the cities in California and the new city they are trying to create, is that there currently is no community. The developers will build everything from the beginning since there are no homes or businesses or anything else on that property today. From what I have seen on the news, quite a few people are uncomfortable and are afraid that they will lose Travis AFB. Travis is an extremely important Air Force Base. We will have to see what happens later this year.

Some of the kids going to schools are out for summer, and some others will be going to summer school. Some of them are going because of a class that has to be made up, or sometimes they just like to go to school. We know a few kids today who are going to have to make up a class or two, and a few who go to school in the summer because they want to. If I remember, I didn't go to school in the summer. Things have definitely changed from when schools began or ended.

For most of the people I knew when I went to school, the school began after Labor Day and ended close to the end of May. Today, as parents of today know, a regular time of the year for school is definitely different from the past.

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

"Click It or Ticket" Campaign Reminds to Always Buckle Up

Citrus Heights Police Department News Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - For upcoming summer travel, the Citrus Heights Police Department reminds travelers to always buckle up and secure children in the right car seats when visiting friends and family.

This year's Click It or Ticket campaign runs from May 20 to June 2, 2024. During this time, the Citrus Heights Police Department will have additional officers on patrol actively looking for drivers and passengers who are not wearing a seat belt. This includes vehicles where children are not secured in child safety seats or the right safety seats for their age.

"Wearing a seat belt should be automatic for all drivers and passengers every trip," Sergeant Kane Kissam said.

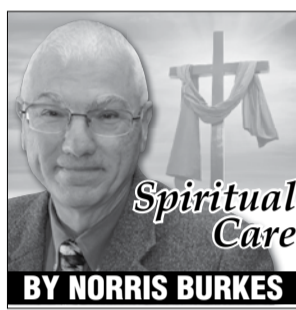
"Seat belts save lives, and everyone — front seat and back, child and adult — need to remember always to buckle up."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 12,000 people killed in crashes throughout the country in 2021 were not wearing seat belts. In California, 878 people killed in crashes in 2021 were not wearing seat belts, an increase of 12.3 percent from 2020.

California law requires a child to be secured in a safety or booster seat until they are at least 8 years old or at least 4 feet, 9 inches tall. Children under the age of 2 must ride in a rear-facing seat unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches tall.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★

Four Chaplains, One Faith



Today, I'm on the Zuiderdam, a Holland America cruise ship, sailing the Baltic Sea enjoying some amazing food and fun entertainment.

But sailing in such luxury over Memorial Day gives me a pang of guilt. I can't help but wonder how sparse it was for the men and women of our armed forces who boarded troop ships bound for war.

I can't help but wonder what it was like for the "Four Chaplains" of World War II.

Their story begins in 1943 on board the USS Dorchester, a 5,649-ton luxury liner converted into a U.S. Army troopship. Heavy with more than 900 men, the ship fell behind its escort off the Greenland coast.

Gale-force winds made for a nauseating voyage, according to later reports. Fortunately, among those doing their best to alleviate the discomfort were four chaplains: Father John Washington, the Rev. Clark Poling, Rabbi Alexander Goode and the Rev. George Fox.

Like a lot of chaplains on ships, they pulled double duty as activity directors. They organized sing-alongs and talent shows, but mostly they took confessions and held worship services, no matter what their faith.

On the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, the ship's captain, concerned over the

sightings of three enemy submarines, instructed passengers to wear life jackets to bed. Deep in the ship, the engine heat and overwhelming claustrophobia made it too uncomfortable for those sleeping in the lower decks to follow the order.

On Feb. 3 at 12:55 a.m., as the Dorchester approached Greenland, a German periscope sliced through the icy Atlantic waters. An officer aboard the submarine U-223 gave orders to fire a fan of three torpedoes. One decisive hit on the Dorchester's starboard side below the water line killed scores in a searing flash of flames.

Troops, some dressed only in their underwear, clambered on deck. Among them were the four chaplains: two Protestant pastors, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi. Survivors would later recall these men of faith seeking to calm the passengers and organize them into lifeboats.

When the chaplains saw many were without life vests, they dug around and found extras to give to the men. They instructed the soldiers to pray as they abandoned their ship and imbued them with courage to remain steadfast in their purpose.

Eventually, the chaplains discovered that there just weren't enough life jackets. With the supply depleted, each chaplain removed his own vest and gave it to another man.

The following information comes from the vantage point of those who made it into the lifeboats.

"I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," a soldier named William B. Bednar recalled. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching

courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

It is said that in the light of the fiery oil, the chaplains were seen standing arm in arm on the ship's deck, leading an interfaith service. Eighteen minutes after the torpedo hit, the Dorchester rolled into the Labrador Sea on its starboard side.

In the most published quote of the tragedy, survivor John Ladd called the chaplains' steadfastness as "the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

It would be the third largest U.S. maritime loss during World War II: 672 men died on the Dorchester, most from hypothermia. Only 230 men saw the sun rise in Greenland.

A Memorial Day eulogy 60 years later repeated the sentiment when it recalled the chaplains' act as "Despair caught in hope's grasp. Four chaplains. Two faiths. One God."

The nephew of Chaplain Fox, David Fox-Benton, urges us to "Remember, this was 1943. Protestants didn't talk to Catholics back then, let alone either of them talk to a Jew."

The chaplains were never eligible for the Medal of Honor since they were never under "direct fire." Therefore, Congress created a special medal in 1960 that praised the chaplains for their "selfless acts of courage, compassion and faith." The award was called the "Chaplain's Medal for Heroism," and it can never be awarded again.

I expect to come home next month on a commercial airline. But to those who never made it home from war, let us pledge to never forget. ★

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John Ford Coley Performs June 7



John Ford Coley belts out a hit at a previous show. Photo courtesy of John Ford Coley

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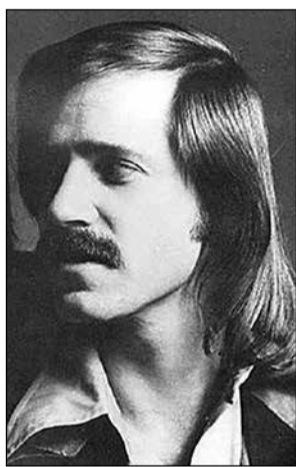
SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- Any fan of '70s music will probably recognize the name John Ford Coley. Most commonly known as half of the Grammy-nominated duo England Dan & John Ford Coley, Coley has seen major success in the music industry, written and recorded many notable hits, shared the stage with musical legends and even had an acting career in the '80s.

In the '70s, England Dan & John Ford Coley released 11 albums and nine singles. Their most famous song, 1976's "I'd Really Love to See You Tonight," was a No. 2 pop hit and a No. 1 adult contemporary hit. In the span from 1976 to 1979, the duo had six Top 40 singles. Among their classic well-known hits are "Love Is the Answer," "Nights Are Forever Without You," "It's Sad to Belong," and "We'll Never Have to Say Goodbye Again."

In advance of Coley's June 7 performance at the Hard Rock Live Sacramento, Messenger Publishing Group interviewed Coley prior to his show. Coley is 75 years old but has a youthful presence that is palpable when he speaks and performs. Currently living in Nashville, Coley is still writing music and maintaining a busy touring schedule.

A Dallas, Texas native, Coley grew up surrounded by opera and classical music and referenced Bach and Beethoven as musical influences. At age



In the heat of massive success, John Ford Coley poses for a photo in 1976. Courtesy photo

six, Coley started playing music and later participated in classical music competitions. Other musical influences include Buffalo Springfield, Joni Mitchell, and early Elton John, whom he would later perform with.

When Coley was 15, he and longtime friend Danny Wayland "England Dan" Seals joined a band called Theze Few. That band scored a hit, "The Smell of Incense" in 1969, which put Coley and Seals on the map.

It wasn't long until Coley and Seals broke away as a duo in the late '60s and the rest is history.

After being signed by A&M Records, they had their first breakout hit in 1971 with "Simone" and soon after were launched into stardom.

Throughout the '70s, England Dan & John Ford Coley took advantage of their whirlwind success, touring with music superstar Elton John in 1971 and going on to share the stage with acts such as Joni Mitchell, Carole King and

Led Zeppelin.

After the duo disbanded in 1980, Coley said an acting opportunity "fell in his lap" and he starred in multiple films throughout the '80s. He also proceeded to write a memoir, "Backstage Pass", in 2010 detailing his experiences in the music industry.

Seals unfortunately died from lymphoma in 2009. Coley kept his legacy alive by playing their hits to audiences and continuing to write music of his own. "It keeps me excited," he said about writing music and performing.

When asked what fans can expect from his shows, Coley said the shows can provide escapism and joy for his audiences.

"I hope that when they come, they have an enjoyable time and get away from divisive things like politics and religion, that they can go down memory lane. All these songs bring something up...good times, bad times, they make you remember people," Coley said. "I hope when they leave, they can say that they laughed."

Coley's June 7 performance will include "laughs and jokes" but will also feature other artists such as Ambrosia, Al Stewart and Peter Beckett. And of course, the hits from England Dan & John Ford Coley.

The show will be at 8 p.m. on June 7 at the Hard Rock Live Sacramento, located at 3317 Forty Mile Rd. Wheatland, CA. Snag your tickets to Coley's show before they run out at <https://johnfordcoley.com/shows>. ★

New Measure Eligible for California's November 2024 Ballot

California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. announced that an initiative became eligible for the November 5 General Election ballot on May 21.

In order to become eligible for the ballot, the initiative needed 546,651 valid petition signatures, which is equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2022 General Election.

A measure can become eligible via random sampling of petition signatures if the sampling projects that the number of valid signatures is greater than 110 percent of the required number. The initiative needed at least 601,317 projected valid signatures to become eligible by random sampling, and it has exceeded that threshold today.

On June 27, the Secretary of State will certify the initiative as qualified for the November 5 General Election ballot, unless it is withdrawn by the proponent prior to certification pursuant to Elections Code section 9604(b).

The Attorney General's official title and summary of the measure is as follows:

Restricts spending by health care providers meeting specified criteria. Initiative statute. Requires certain health care providers to spend 98% of revenues from the federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care. Applies only to health care providers that: spent over \$100,000,000

in any ten-year period on anything other than direct patient care; and operated multifamily housing with over 500 high-severity health and safety violations. Penalizes noncompliance by revoking health care licenses and tax-exempt status. Permanently authorizes state to negotiate Medi-Cal drug prices on statewide basis. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Increased costs to state government, potentially up to the millions of dollars annually, to review entities' compliance with the measure and enforce the measure's provisions. These costs would be paid for by fees created under the measure. Uncertain fiscal impacts to state and local government health programs, depending on how the affected entities respond to the measure's requirements. (23-0021A1.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1963 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 23-0021A1.

The proponent of the measure is Thomas Bannon. They can be reached c/o Kurt R. Oneto, Nielsen Merksamer LLP, at (916) 446-6752 and koneto@nmgovlaw.com. The address for Nielsen Merksamer LLP is 1415 L Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For more information about how an initiative qualifies for the ballot in California, visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/how-qualify-initiative>. ★

Patti LaBelle to Join the Toyota Concert Series on the Golden 1 Stage



Patti LaBelle will be performing at the California State Fair in July. Photo courtesy of the California State Fair

California State Fair News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California State Fair is thrilled to announce that Philadelphia born, Patti LaBelle will be gracing the Golden 1 Stage as part of the Toyota Concert Series on Saturday, July 20.

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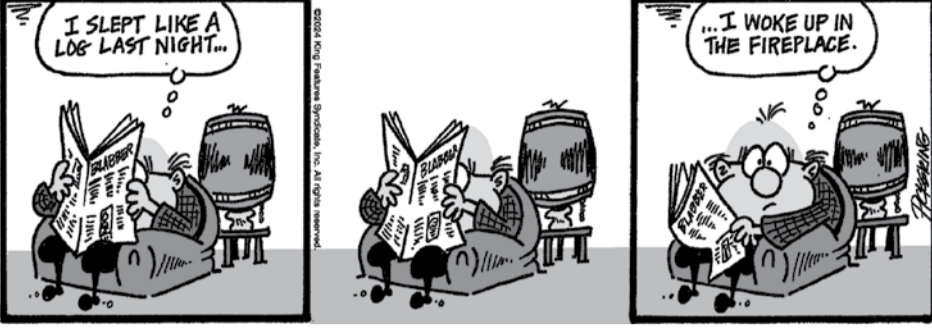
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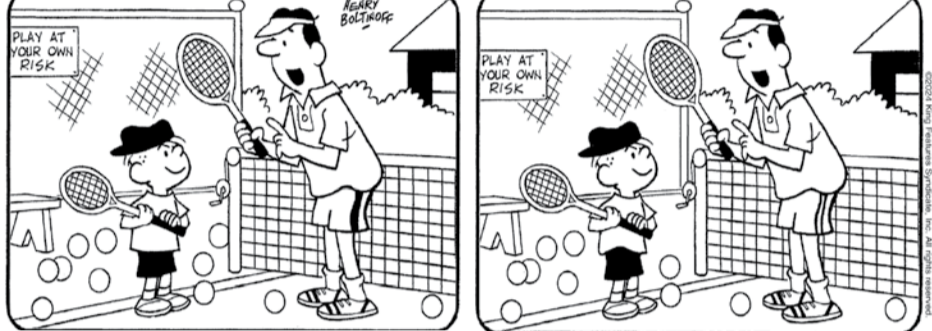
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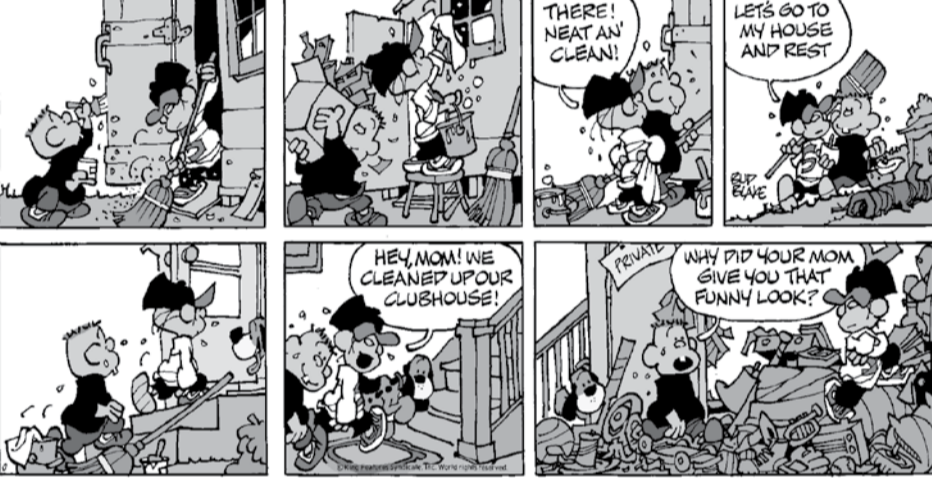
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 - Like Bananas Foster
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 - O. Henry's specialty
 - Printer brand
 - Always, to a poet
 - Extended family member
 - **"Breaking Bad" father
 - **"The Lion King" father
 - Unit of length of yarn
 - "_____ Me Maybe"
 - *_____ Anderson, he knew best?
 - The Supremes, e.g.
 - Subject matter, pl.
 - Same as ayah
 - Plural of #14 Across
 - Like less processed grain
 - Kind of shark
 - U.S. Airline
 - Short for "and elsewhere"
 - Opposite of digest
 - Flabbergast
 - Like Gulf Stream
 - Most achy
 - Not much (2 words)
 - Reggae's cousin
 - Rapunzel's abundance
 - Maintenance closet staple
 - *_____ Rock of "Everybody Hates Chris"
 - **"Finding Nemo" father
 - Golfer's sun protection
 - Aloha prop
 - Only daughter of Michael Jackson
 - Not active
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - In the cooler (2 words)
 - *Opie's father
 - Egyptian boy king, for short
 - Button on electrical outlet
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- Nth degree
 - Not many
 - Turkish money
 - Online troublemaker
 - Mike Brady's children, e.g.
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 - Before, in the olden days
 - Culture Club 1983 hit "_____ Chameleon"
 - Solo at LaScala
 - Fish eggs, pl.
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 - Stream of revenue
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 - Final, abbr.
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The Single Largest Cut in Gavin Newsom's New Budget Hits California Health Care Providers



Gov. Gavin Newsom's plan to close the state deficit includes a significant cut to Medi-Cal and a repurposing of money from the so-called MCO tax that had been intended to increase payments to California health care providers. Here, patients visit Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital in Los Angeles on July 26, 2022. Photo by Pablo Unzueta for CalMatters

By Kristen Hwang
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The single largest cut in Gov. Gavin Newsom's latest budget proposal threatens to undo a multi-billion-dollar deal he made with health care industry leaders last year to shore up the state's expansive public insurance program with a new tax.

Newsom wants to take \$6.7 billion that had been earmarked for increased Medi-Cal payments to health care providers and instead use it to help plug the ballooning state deficit. Providers last year agreed to be taxed to generate that money with the stipulation that it be invested in Medi-Cal, the state's insurance program for lower-income households.

Newsom said his budget proposal preserves core services for programs like Medi-Cal and emphasized that his administration has expanded services "like no other state in U.S. history has ever expanded."

"We are maintaining that," Newsom said during a recent budget presentation.

Groups representing doctors, hospitals and patients warn the cut would weaken an already overburdened health care system that serves one-third of the state's population. Industry groups have gathered signatures to place a measure on the November ballot that would overrule any cuts made in the state budget and to prevent Newsom and future governors from repurposing Medi-Cal funds.

"We are deeply disappointed that the governor's proposal jeopardizes access to health care for millions of Californians," the Coalition to Protect Access to Care, the group supporting the ballot measure, said in a statement.

The coalition is the same group that brokered last year's deal — known as the Managed Care Organization, or MCO, tax — and is primarily supported by the California



Gov. Gavin Newsom addresses the media during a press conference unveiling his revised 2024-25 budget proposal at the Capitol Annex Swing Space in Sacramento on May 10, 2024. His proposal includes a change to the so-called MCO tax on California health care services. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

Medical Association, California Hospital Association, ambulance operators, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California and health insurers.

Under the original deal, the health insurance plans serving Medi-Cal patients would get taxed in order for the state to claim a dollar-for-dollar matching amount of money from the federal government. The promise was that the money generated — upwards of \$35 billion for the state over four years — would be invested in the Medi-Cal system to increase reimbursement rates and attract doctors and other providers who otherwise say they don't get paid enough.

Instead, Newsom's new proposal increases the tax on health plans, uses the new money to alleviate the deficit, and cancels planned Medi-Cal rate increases for emergency room doctors, specialists and certain other providers.

Increased payments that started in January for primary care, obstetrics and mental health would not be touched.

"This is mind-boggling for the public, but really the story is about equality," said John Baackes, chief executive of L.A. Care Health Plan, the largest publicly operated health plan in the country.

For the past decade, California lawmakers have steadily restored Medi-Cal services cut during the Great Recession, added new ones, and expanded eligibility to include all low-income Californians regardless of citizenship. Today Medi-Cal covers things like dental exams, hearing aids, doula services and acupuncture. It is one of the most comprehensive public insurance plans in the country.

Expanding Medi-Cal access

L.A. Care serves more than 3 million Medi-Cal members in Southern California. Between

January and March, more than 164,000 new members were enrolled when California granted Medi-Cal to working-age, undocumented immigrants. But increasing enrollment and benefits without providing more incentives to providers has strained the health system to a breaking point, Baackes said.

"Nobody is saying that the state doesn't have a (budget) problem. We know they have a problem, but the cost that's going to be paid by the people who benefit from the Medi-Cal program is very difficult for the providers to accept," Baackes said.

In recent budget hearings, representatives from the Newsom administration said they were trying to protect Medi-Cal's core services while balancing a \$27.6 billion deficit.

"These decisions and proposals are difficult and not put forward lightly," said Michelle Baass, director of the Department of

Health Care Services, which oversees Medi-Cal, during a recent Assembly budget hearing.

At that hearing, lawmakers who approved the tax deal last year accused the administration of not being honest about how the money would be used.

"I'm just wondering if any of the discussions we've had about the shortages, the closures, the issues that we have on the ground, the workforce shortages, if any of those things came into thought as you were trying to preserve core services, which is important, but if you don't have providers to go to, what have we done?" said Assemblymember Akilah Weber, a Democrat and obstetrician from La Mesa, in the hearing.

Looking to California's November election

Jarrod DePriest, president of Maxim Healthcare Services, said he was shocked to learn the "dollars meant to protect Medi-Cal" could be

diverted. DePriest's company provides home health services, such as nurses for people who would otherwise be confined in a hospital. A majority of its clients are children with complex health needs like cerebral palsy or severe respiratory problems, DePriest said.

Between 2018 and 2024, the number of nurses his company employs dropped by half because Medi-Cal reimbursement rates haven't kept up with salaries and inflation, DePriest said. Consequently his company serves nearly 10,000 fewer patients.

"Down the road things will get worse and worse," DePriest said.

His group and others, like air ambulance operators, were not included in the original Medi-Cal rate deal and are fighting for some of the tax revenue — but it's unlikely with the current deficit. The proposed cuts signal to them that the state is unwilling to invest in Medi-Cal, which is exactly what ballot measure proponents hoped to avoid.

Dustin Corcoran, president of the California Medical Association and leader of the ballot coalition, said providers will only accept more Medi-Cal patients if they are confident the state will fund the program permanently.

"Medi-Cal has been underfunded for so long, one of the things we were trying to accomplish was the predictability and stability of rates," Corcoran said. "You can't have providers in situations where they don't believe in consistency in the rates, and they have to choose between bankruptcy and patient abandonment. That shouldn't be a choice that a provider ever has to make."

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Son, Who Allegedly Killed Elderly Parents, Fatally Shot by Deputies

Rancho Cordova Police Department News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - At about 1:15 a.m. May 23, a female called 9-1-1, stating that she had been shot. Moments later, Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputies and Rancho Cordova Police Officers arrived on scene and discovered an unresponsive adult female lying outside of the front door. They also said that an adult male, later identified as 38-year-old Thomas Konvalin, stood inside the doorway, refusing to comply with the deputies' directives to exit the residence and instead barricaded himself inside.

Deputies on scene confirmed that the female at the doorway was deceased. The deputies tried to establish a dialogue with the male inside, to no avail, according to the Police Department. Deputies suspected there was a second victim inside the residence and called for additional resources. The Special Enforcement Detail, Critical Incident Negotiations Team (CINT), K-9, and several other Sheriff's assets were subsequently dispatched to the scene.

Deputies repeatedly attempted to make contact with Konvalin but only had limited interactions by phone, according to

the Police Department. At approximately 4:15 a.m., the Special Enforcement Detail approached the residence with the Rook, an armored critical-incident vehicle. Konvalin exited the residence through a back window holding a rifle and two Special Enforcement Detail deputies shot him three times, according to the Police Department, and Konvalin was declared deceased at the scene. Deputies discovered another adult male inside the residence, who had been fatally shot. The Police Department said that homicide detectives determined that Konvalin shot and killed his elderly parents, later identified as 69-year-old Marylou Konvalin and 72-year-old William Konvalin, before ultimately being shot by deputies.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau and Professional Standards Division, which is standard practice for any officer-involved shooting that occurs in the Sheriff's Office's jurisdiction. An independent review of the incident will be conducted by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. In accordance with the Sheriff's Office policies and procedures, the deputies involved in the shooting will be placed on administrative leave pending the investigation. ★

Two People Shot Near El Camino Avenue and Howe Avenue

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - At approximately 3:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office received a call from a local hospital reporting two gunshot victims had been brought into the emergency room. Deputies learned the shooting occurred near the intersection of El Camino Avenue and Howe Avenue in Sacramento. Both victims were identified as adult females and are expected to survive their injuries.

Deputies and Crime Scene Investigators were able to locate a scene and collect limited amounts of evidence, but Detectives are

asking anyone with information about this incident to contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Tips leading to an arrest are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1000, and tipsters remain anonymous.

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