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Members of the Rosemont Community Foundation pose alongside Cordova Recreation and Park District directors and staff after accepting their award of recognition at the Cordova Recreation and Park District's regular board meeting on June 19. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation and Park District

By Elena Burgé, Cordova Recreation & Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)

- During the Cordova Recreation and Park District's board meeting on June 19, the Rosemont Community Foundation was presented with an award of recognition from the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts for the Rosemont Community Poles Project.

The Rosemont Community Foundation was honored with the Outstanding Community Organization/Partner Award by the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts at their conference in May, where they were recognized for their outstanding commitment to fostering community through a community beautification project. Kathy Gee,



Cordova Recreation and Park District board members, staff and Kathy Gee celebrate the installation of the Rosemont Community Poles Project. Photo courtesy of Cordova Recreation and Park District

community advocate and board director, accepted the award on behalf of the Rosemont Community Foundation.

The Rosemont Community Poles Project was an effort by the community to improve the Rosemont community through the addition of art that reflected their

community's values. Gee brought the idea to Cordova Recreation and Park District, suggesting that four poles, decorated by community organizations to capture the spirit of the Rosemont Community, be installed in the newly-refurbished butterfly garden in the Cordova Recreation and

Park District's Rosemont Community Park.

Once Gee received a grant from SMUD for the project, the Rosemont Community Foundation worked in collaboration with Cordova Recreation and Park District to install the project. You can now see community poles from Cordova Recreation and Park District, Girl Scout Troop 1363, Golden Pond Senior Living and Atonement Lutheran Church in Rosemont Community Park. Each pole is distinctive, painted with symbols, pictures and words that reflect the values of the Rosemont community and its residents.

As the project's dedication ceremony was fast approaching, the project experienced a major setback. The hand-painted poles had been nearly

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California Expands Access to Naloxone

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA, (MPG)

- On June 21, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that CalRx-branded over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, 4 mg, will be available for free to eligible organizations through the Naloxone Distribution Project.

This follows the state's contract with Amneal Pharmaceuticals to purchase an over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray product through CalRx's Naloxone Access Initiative at a significantly lower price.

"The CalRx brand is more than a logo; it's a way to show that the state cares. CalRx is proof positive of California's innovation, business acumen, and most importantly, our heart. California is spending smarter by making life-saving drugs more affordable so that we stretch our dollars further - and make that same low price accessible to more people," Newsom said.

Eligible entities can obtain CalRx over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, for free through the California Department of Health Care Services Naloxone Distribution Project. CalRx is also working on an option for individuals to buy CalRx over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray directly. Additional details will be shared on the Naloxone Distribution Project website as they become available.

Qualifying California business entities and organizations seeking to purchase CalRx over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, for \$24 per twin-pack can do so by visiting CalRx's Get Naloxone website at <https://calrx.ca.gov/get-naloxone>.

In May alone, the state purchased approximately 24,000 units, leading to \$415,000 in savings. Since the Naloxone Distribution Project was created, more than 4,433,700 units have been distributed, and more than 277,000 lives have been saved.

"By making naloxone widely available and affordable, we are empowering communities and saving lives," said California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. "This is a crucial step in our ongoing efforts to tackle the opioid crisis head-on."

The overdose epidemic

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Airshow Presents Aerial Awe

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- The 18th annual California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, returns 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. July 13 and July 14 to Mather Airport in Sacramento.

The two-day event will feature an extraordinary lineup of performers, including the Italian jet team, Frecece Tricolori, and the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, plus miles of ground attractions and the return of nighttime aerial performances. Both days conclude with a massive pyro-musical fireworks show.

"This year's show offers a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Darcy Brewer, California Capital Airshow executive director. "Our attendees will enjoy performances by



A U.S. Air Force "Thunderbird" pilot signs autographs for young aviation enthusiasts. The Thunderbirds will perform in the 2024 California Capital Airshow on July 13 and July 14. Courtesy photo

two world-renowned jet teams, Frecece Tricolori and the Thunderbirds, along with some of the most skilled pilots from around the globe, right here in Sacramento."

This unique show features four hours of nonstop aerial performances beginning at 5:30 p.m. both

days. The United States Air Force Thunderbirds will kick off the event followed by Frecece Tricolori, U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet, U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning and C-17 Globemaster demo teams and an impressive roster of highly skilled civilian performers including priceless

vintage warbirds.

As the sun sets, the show will continue with maximum afterburner followed by aircraft lighting up the night sky with pyrotechnics, walls of fire, spectacular fireworks and a 500-drone show.

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Legendary Locomotive Makes 19 Whistle Stops

Big Boy No. 4014 Features Public Display Days in Roseville

By MPG Staff

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION (MPG) - Union Pacific's legendary Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive built to conquer mountains, will make 19 whistle-stops in five states this summer during its 2024 Westward Bound Tour from Wyoming to California.

In addition, this mighty steam locomotive will be on public display for two days in Roseville (nearby Placer County) from July 12 to July 13. The display days offer an up-close look at the 1.2-million-pound marvel along with the "Experience the Union Pacific" rail car, a captivating walk-through exhibition that provides a unique glimpse into the rich history of railroading.

Northern California residents will also be able to see the steam locomotive in Oroville during a whistle stop on July 11, tentatively scheduled from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. at Old Depot, 2181 High St., Oroville. (Check <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm> to make sure the train is on time.)

Big Boy History

Twenty-five Big Boy locomotives were built for Union Pacific to haul freight over the steep grade of the Wasatch Mountain Range in Utah during World War II. Eight were preserved after the locomotives were retired six decades ago, but only Big Boy No. 4014 is still in operation.

During World War II Union Pacific operated some of the most modern and powerful steam locomotives ever built. Among them were the famous "Big Boys," the largest steam locomotives in the world. Working with them were the "800-class" high-speed passenger locomotives, as well as hundreds of older class steam engines. Union Pacific's steam



Big Boy No. 4014 will stop in Roseville for two days and Oroville for 30 minutes. The public is invited to check out this historical icon. Photo courtesy of Union Pacific

legacy continues today with the preservation and operation of its historic fleet – No. 844 and No. 4014.

Today, Union Pacific delivers goods in 23 western states. More information about Union Pacific is available at www.up.com.

See the Locomotive for Free in Roseville

City of Roseville officials are excited to provide area residents with a historical opportunity to see Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest steam locomotive, on July 12 and July 13 in downtown Roseville.

To honor Union Pacific's railroad legacy and celebrate the railroad's employees and communities it serves, the city of Roseville will offer additional festivities at Vernon Street Town Square, 311 Vernon St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13. Festivities for all ages will include live music, food trucks, Old West

Scheduled Whistle-Stops:

June 30 – Laramie, Wyoming
 July 1 – Wamsutter, Wyoming
 July 3 – Green River, Wyoming
 July 4 – Morgan, Utah
 July 6 – Wells, Nevada
 July 8 – Carlin and Battle Mountain, Nevada
 July 9 – Gerlach, Nevada
 July 11 – Oroville, California
 July 14 – Colfax and Truckee, California
 July 16 – Lovelock, Nevada
 July 17 – Carlin, Nevada
 July 19 – Montello, Nevada
 July 22 – Brigham City, Utah, and Soda Springs, Idaho
 July 23 – Kemmerer, Wyoming
 July 25 – Point of Rocks, Wyoming
 July 26 – Medicine Bow, Wyoming

performances from the Black Flag Gang, Vernon Street Town Square Spray Ground, Vernon Street Town Square Spray Ground, and a Farmer's Market with a kids' zone.

The Carnegie Museum at 557 Lincoln St., Roseville will also be open July 13 with an exhibit featuring the history of the Big Boy and a kids' railroad activity.

"With the Roseville railyard being the largest rail facility on the West Coast, handling 98% of all rail traffic coming into Northern California, we are all excited to view and experience this rolling museum of rail history in Downtown Roseville," said Roseville City Councilmember Scott Alvord.

Alvord and his wife, Karen, previously owned a restaurant on Vernon Street, parallel to the Roseville train tracks, for 12 years. "The railroad has always given Roseville character," he said, which is why they chose that restaurant location.

"I am excited for the many new families who moved to Roseville in recent years because they get to experience some of fun railroad history that Roseville was built on," added Karen Alvord, now a Roseville City Council candidate.

About the 2024 Westward Bound Tour

Union Pacific reminds all rail fans to keep safety top of mind and stay 25 feet back from the tracks when taking a picture or viewing this mammoth machine. That means never take a picture or video standing on the track or the ballast and never climb on the locomotive or equipment.

A steam tracking map showing No. 4014's location and route will be available at UPsteam.com.

Big Boy left its home base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 30, traveling across Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and California. On its return trip to Wyoming, it will travel for a short stretch across southeast Idaho. ★

Could AI Reject Your Resume? California Tries to Prevent a New Kind of Discrimination

By Khari Johnson
 CALMatters.org

California regulators are moving to restrict how employers can use artificial intelligence to screen workers and job applicants — warning that using AI to measure tone of voice, facial expressions and reaction times may run afoul of the law.

The draft regulations say that if companies use automated systems to limit or prioritize applicants based on pregnancy, national origin, religion or criminal history, that's discrimination.

Members of the public have until July 18 to comment on the proposed rules. After that, regulators in the California Civil Rights Department may amend and will eventually approve them, subject to final review by an administrative law judge, capping off a process that began three years ago.

The rules govern so-called "automated decision systems" — artificial intelligence and other computerized processes, including quizzes, games, resume screening, and even advertising placement. The regulations say using such systems to analyze physical characteristics or reaction times may constitute illegal discrimination. The systems may not be used at all, the new rules say, if they have an "adverse impact" on candidates based on certain protected characteristics.

The draft rules also require companies that sell predictive services to employers to



Illustration by Adriana Heldiz, CalMatters; iStock

keep records for four years in order to respond to discrimination claims.

A crackdown is necessary in part because while businesses want to automate parts of the hiring process, "this new technology can obscure responsibility and make it harder to discern who's responsible when a person is subjected to discriminatory decision-making," said Ken Wang, a policy associate with the California Employment Lawyers Association.

The draft regulations make it clear that third-party service providers are agents of the employer and hold employers responsible.

The California Civil Rights Department started

exploring how algorithms, a type of automated decision system, can impact job opportunities and automate discrimination in the workplace in April 2021. Back then, Autistic People of Color Fund founder Lydia X. Z. Brown warned the agency about the harm that hiring algorithms can inflict on people with disabilities. Brown told CalMatters that whether the new draft rules will offer meaningful protection depends on how they're put in place and enforced.

Researchers, advocates and journalists have amassed a body of evidence that AI models can automate discrimination, including in the workplace. Last month, the American Civil Liberties Union filed

a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission alleging that resume screening software made by the company Aon discriminates against people based on race and disability despite the company's claim that its AI is "bias free." An evaluation of leading artificial intelligence firm OpenAI's GPT-3.5 technology found that the large language model can exhibit racial bias when used to automatically sift through the resumes of job applicants. Though the company uses filters to prevent the language model from producing toxic language, internal tests of GPT-3 also surfaced race, gender, and religious bias.

Protecting people from automated bias

understandably attracts a lot of attention, but sometimes hiring software that's marketed as smart makes dumb decisions. Wearing glasses or a headscarf or having a bookshelf in the background of a video job interview can skew personality predictions, according to an investigative report by German public broadcaster Rundfunk. So can the font a job applicant chooses when submitting a resume, according to researchers at New York University.

California's proposed regulations are the latest in a series of initiatives aimed at protecting workers against businesses using harmful forms of AI.

In 2021, New York City

lawmakers passed a law to protect job applicants from algorithmic discrimination in hiring, although researchers from Cornell University and Consumer Reports recently concluded that the law has been ineffective. And in 2022, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Justice Department clarified that employers must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act when using automation during hiring.

The California Privacy Protection Agency, meanwhile, is considering draft rules that, among other things, define what information employers can collect on contractors, job applicants, and workers, allowing them to see what data employers collect and to opt-out from such collection or request human review.

Pending legislation would further empower the source of the draft revisions, the California Civil Rights Department. Assembly Bill 2930 would allow the department to demand impact assessments from businesses and state agencies that use AI in order to protect against automated discrimination.

Outside of government, union leaders now increasingly argue that rank-and-file workers should be able to weigh in on the effectiveness and harms of AI in order to protect the public. Labor representatives have had conversations with California officials about specific projects as they experiment with how to use AI. ★

CRPD Board Recognized for Commitment to Leadership



CRPD Directors, Mark Matus (left) and Daniel Langan (right), accept their certificates at the CRPD Regular Board meeting on June 19, 2024. Photo courtesy of CRPD

By Elena Burgé, Cordova Recreation & Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Cordova Recreation and Park District (CRPD) Board Members Daniel Langan and Mark Matus were recognized at the CRPD Regular Board meeting on June 19 for their commitment to the community following their completion of the Special District Leadership Academy.

Earning this certificate demonstrates their commitment to CRPD, their constituents and their fellow special districts throughout the state. In pursuing this opportunity for professional development, Langan and Matus show a dedication to providing the best possible

service to the community they serve.

This program seeks to provide members of special district leadership teams with skills in community leadership, direction setting, human resources management and fiscal accountability, among other essential leadership skills. Langan and Matus attended a three-day conference and completed ten hours of continuing education to complete the program.

The California Special Districts Association and the Special District Leadership Foundation support the Special District Leadership Academy as part of their continued commitment to providing quality development opportunities to California Board Members. ★

Meet Deputy Young, Honor Guard

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Deputy Young has served with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office for two- and-a-half years.

During her tenure, Young has worked at the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center and is currently assigned to the Rancho Cordova Police Department as a patrol officer.

Young's journey to becoming a deputy began with a childhood aspiration to work in law enforcement. Her dream of becoming an attorney evolved in high school when Young realized her passion for community involvement and meaningful connections. Surrounded by family and friends in law enforcement, she was inspired by the security they provided and decided to pursue a career in the field. After graduating from Northwest Nazarene University, a meeting with a Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Deputy convinced her that the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office was the perfect place to start her career.

On her first day at the Sheriff's Academy, Young witnessed the Honor Guard presenting the colors. As the Honor Guard presented the colors, Young said that she was captivated by their



Deputy Young is now a member of the Honor Guard. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office

flawless precision and synchronized movements. The team operated with such unity and dedication that they seemed to move as one, embodying the highest standards of honor and commitment. The sight left a lasting impression on Young, igniting a desire to one day be part of such an extraordinary team.

Young knew then that she wanted to join the Honor Guard. Determined to make this aspiration a reality, Young set out on a rigorous path of preparation. She studied the Honor Guard's movements, analyzing their

every step and gesture to understand the discipline and coordination required. The opportunity finally arose when applications for the Honor Guard were available. With her thorough preparation and unwavering determination, Young faced the selection process with a clear vision and a steadfast commitment to excellence. Her hard work paid off and this year, Young achieved her goal of becoming a member of the Honor Guard.

Join us in congratulating Deputy Young on her auxiliary appointment to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Honor Guard. ★

Airshow Presents Aerial Awe

Continued from page 1 tickets are on sale now at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com. Adult General Admission tickets start at \$42.50 and each ticket includes free admission for up to six youth (age 15 and under) and free parking. A variety of upgraded tickets and experiences are also available for purchase. Tickets are available online only and will not be sold at the gate. Purchase tickets now before they sell out.

The California Capital Airshow "gives special thanks to our generous partners Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova, Modern Aviation, Keurig Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Visit Rancho Cordova, Folsom Lake Dodge, Donaghy Sales, SMUD, Thunder Valley Casino Resort, Kaiser Permanente, Atlas Disposal, Sunbelt, Teichert, Elite Power, FOX 40, iHeart Media, and UPS."

In addition, the Airshow team "is grateful to its 1,000 passionate volunteers, a long list of committed community supporters, as well as the teams



Italian jet team Frece Tricolori will headline the 2024 California Capital Airshow, as part of its first North American tour in more than 30 years. Courtesy photo

of law enforcement and emergency services that give their time and energy to keep everyone safe."

Tickets and more information can be found at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com.

About California Capital Airshow

Established in 2004, the nonprofit California Capital Airshow plans and operates the family-friendly annual event that honors the Sacramento region's rich aviation

heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people.

California Capital Airshow gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and educational youth programming throughout the year. For more information about the airshow, performers and discount tickets, visit www.californiacapitalairshow.com. ★

Bera Announces Transportation Grant for Sacramento County

Office of Rep. Ami Bera News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On June 26, U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) RAISE Grant Program awarded the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority with a \$25,000,000 grant for the Grant Line Road Safety Improvements Project.

"I am pleased to help secure this vital funding to modernize our infrastructure here in Sacramento County," said Representative Ami Bera. "This funding will address critical safety issues on the current two-lane roadway and bridges an active transportation gap by linking existing bike and pedestrian facilities at both ends. By improving mobility and connectivity, this project will support economic development in neighboring communities, address housing supply issues by connecting to growing residential areas and create good-paying jobs. I look forward to working with the Capital SouthEast Connector JPA to fully implement this project."

This funding will support the reconstruction of 3.6-miles of existing Grant Line

Road into a four-lane divided complete street corridor with a separated Class I bike path in the City of Rancho Cordova and Sacramento County. The project will also connect existing bike and pedestrian routes at each end of the project.

This funding will address significant safety issues associated with a roadway constructed over 60 years ago that was not designed to handle current traffic conditions. There have been 125 collisions over a five-year period from 2016-2020. Unfortunately, two recent fatalities occurred in the corridor as a result of collisions in 2021 and 2024. The project will reconstruct the roadway to current design standards, install traffic signals and remove roadside obstructions, all of which contribute to the high collision rate along the corridor.

Representative Bera recently submitted a funding request to support the construction of this project to the House Appropriations Committee's FY2025 Community Project Funding process. This announcement builds off the \$4,000,000 in community project funding that Representative Bera secured in 2022 for another portion of the overall 34-mile infrastructure project. ★

California Expands Access to Naloxone

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claims thousands of lives each year throughout the nation – and California is combatting this through an all-hands-on-deck approach. A critical component of that is through harm reduction services and methods like naloxone, which can reverse opioid overdoses swiftly and effectively.

By making CalRx-branded over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray readily accessible, and maximizing the state dollars used to purchase it, California is taking a significant step toward reducing the number of opioid-related deaths and ensuring that over-the-counter naloxone is available when and where it is needed most.

Governor Newsom released the Master Plan for Tackling the Fentanyl and Opioid

Crisis to support overdose prevention efforts like the CalRx Naloxone Access Initiative. Recently, Governor Newsom launched Opioids.CA.GOV, a one-stop-shop for Californians seeking resources around prevention and treatment.

The CalRx Biosimilar Insulin Initiative continues to move forward to bring this lifesaving and life-sustaining drug to market as soon as possible. Following recent meetings with the US FDA, CalRx's partner Civica has a clear path forward. California is using its market power as the 5th largest economy in the world to save lives and make health care and medication more affordable. More information about CalRx can be found at <https://calrx.ca.gov>. ★

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covered in black spray paint, appearing to ruin the hours of hard work the community had put into the project. In an act of resilience, Cordova Recreation and Park District staff acted quickly, using specialized graffiti removal supplies to nearly return the artwork to its original condition. Their efforts allowed the Rosemont Community Foundation to proceed with the project's dedication ceremony as planned.

Since the project's initial installation, the community is set to add more poles, with several similar projects in the works throughout the community. This award celebrates the spirit that inspired this project and its positive influence on the community.

Readers can catch up on Cordova Recreation and Park District's newest projects and developments at www.cordovarpd.gov. ★

Zee Khan Graduates from Lehigh University

Lehigh University News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Zee Khan of Rancho Cordova graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from Lehigh University this past spring.

Lehigh University, established more than 150 years ago, is recognized for its strong academic programs and significant contributions to research. It is regarded as a prominent private research university in the United States. ★

Dave Ramsey Says

truth. Keep it simple. Let her know you're trying to get out of debt and change the way you handle your finances, so you don't have extra money sitting around. Explain to her, too, that part of this is you're not playing around with debt anymore, and this means you won't be loaning or borrowing money again.

Make sure you do this with a kind spirit, James. Most people in your sister's position already know deep down that they're making bad decisions. So, it's important that you talk to her in a gentle, caring way. See if you can get her to talk about what's really going on with her money. You could even let her know you might consider giving her some money as a gift if you had any extra lying around—and you knew she was in control financially. But you're not really helping someone who's financially incompetent, or just plain immature, when you give them cash or even loan them money.

You're not helping someone if you participate in their misbehavior with

them, so you've got to look at the big picture in situations like this. Your sister hasn't just hit a hard time, with lots of unexpected expenses or a job loss. Right now, her behavior with money isn't just a bump in the road, it's a lifestyle.

Sometimes you have to love someone enough to sit them down, and tell them the truth. Even if it's family, that can also mean saying no and telling them it's time to straighten up and start acting right.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★

Skunk Tests Positive for Rabies in Sac County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A juvenile striped skunk showing neurologic signs (e.g., staggering) was found on June 19 near the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) facilities on Nimbus Road in Rancho Cordova, adjacent to the American River Parkway.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff humanely euthanized the animal and submitted it to the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory for necropsy. On June 25, confirmation was received that the skunk tested positive for rabies.

Rabies is a severe infection of the nervous system caused by a virus that is most often transmitted through the bite from an infected animal. Rabies can infect all mammals, including humans. Preventative treatment is available for humans after exposure but must be started promptly. Once clinical signs of rabies are seen, the disease is almost always

fatal. If you are bitten by an animal believed to have rabies, contact Sacramento County at 3-1-1 or 916-875-4311.

In California, rabies is identified in about 200 animals every year, most often in wildlife like bats and skunks.

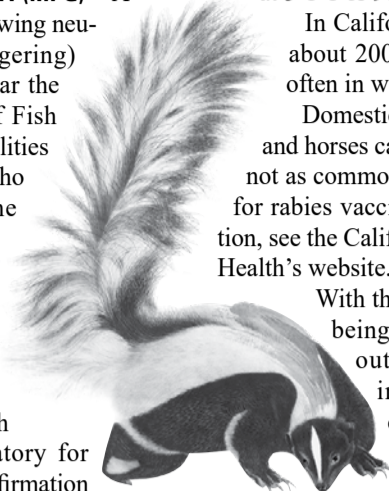
Domestic animals such as dogs, cats and horses can also get rabies, but this is not as common due to legal requirements for rabies vaccination. For more information, see the California Department of Public Health's website.

With the American River Parkway being a popular destination for outdoor recreation, including hiking, kayaking and cycling, visitors should take these steps to minimize exposure to rabies:

Avoid contact with wild animals; call animal control if you see sick or injured wildlife.

Report unusual behavior of wildlife or domestic animals (e.g., stumbling, seizures, aggressiveness) to local animal control or wildlife officials.

Immediately wash all animal bites with soap and water and seek medical attention. Image by ZAIIDoo Pro from Pixabay ★



Sacramento Superior Court Launches Second Phase

Sacramento Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Superior Court on June 17 launched the second phase of its new electronic case management system.

In 2023, the court introduced phase one for Civil and Probate case records. Effective June 17, 2024, the court's expanded online services include Small Claims and Unlawful Detainer (landlord/tenant) cases as well as Limited and Unlimited Civil Appeals matters.

Previously, Small Claims and Unlawful Detainer litigants could e-file their documents but the aging case

management system posed challenges. The new system offers robust e-filing capabilities for these case types and Limited and Unlimited Civil Appeals. The system also allows litigants and the public to access non-confidential case records and documents online at no cost.

Over time, the new system will enhance record accessibility and streamline processing for parties who choose to e-file their cases.

"These expanded online services improve access to justice," said Presiding Judge Bunmi Awoniyi. "This is a positive development for litigants, the public and court staff alike." ★

Did Political Bias Actually Influence California Court Ruling on Anti-Tax Ballot Measure?

the state Constitution.

"It is now obvious that all three branches of California's government — executive, legislative and judiciary — believe the government may decide how much money it needs and raise taxes accordingly, and the voters may not constrain them."

Given their backgrounds, it's reasonable to assume that most if not all of the justices may personally dislike a measure to redefine many fees as taxes and put very strict limits on state and local governments' ability to increase them. But did that cause them to block the measure and cloak their bias in a blizzard of legal language, as the sponsors claim?

The justices seemingly anticipated that its motives would be questioned, stressing "the limited nature of our inquiry" very early in their ruling.

"We do not consider or weigh the economic or social wisdom or general propriety of the initiative," Justice Goodwin Liu declared, adding, "The only question before us is whether the measure may be validly enacted by initiative."

A careful reading of the 51-page decision acquits Liu and his colleagues of alleged ideological bias. It's evident that in drafting the measure, proponents overreached by making very fundamental changes in California's governance system, amounting to a revision of the Constitution that can only be proposed by the Legislature or a constitutional convention.

The court said the measure's most obviously revisionist aspect

would have compelled the Legislature to submit any tax increases to voters for ratification, thereby impairing legislative taxation powers that have been part of the state's structure for its entire 174-year history.

"No speculation regarding potential future consequences is needed to conclude that the (Taxpayer Protection Act) is a revision on its face," Liu wrote. "The measure would fundamentally restructure the most basic of governmental powers. The TPA would exclude the levying of new taxes from the Legislature's control by requiring voter approval of all such measures."

Some critics have suggested that the current court would have invalidated Proposition 13, the iconic 1978 property tax limitation measure. But Liu also addressed that, writing that Prop. 13's changes "operate functionally within a relatively narrow range to accomplish a new system of taxation which may provide substantial tax relief for our citizens. We decline to hold that such a limited purpose cannot be achieved directly by the people through the initiative process."

In other words, had the Business Roundtable and Coupal's group proposed less sweeping changes in taxing authority, such a measure may have survived the legal challenge that Gov. Gavin Newsom, the Legislature and local governments mounted.

Given the legal uncertainty in California about who can levy what taxes on which activities, a clarifying ballot measure would be welcomed. ★

Social Security Matters Grieving Husband Asks About His Survivor Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife died May 4, 2024. I notified Social Security, and they have removed the direct deposit made to my joint checking account on May 8, 2024. What are my options now for obtaining any benefits from my wife's Social Security account? **Signed: Grieving Husband**

Dear Grieving Husband: Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your wife. Rest assured that we're here to assist with any Social Security questions you may have at this difficult time.

FYI, a person must live the entire month to be eligible for SS benefits for that month (Social Security benefits aren't paid for the month a person dies). For this reason, and as a matter of standard protocol, Social Security instructed the bank to return any payments received for your wife after her death. This is often referred to as the "claw back" rule.

In some circumstances, however, Social Security "claws back" money

which rightfully belongs to the deceased, as they did in this case. Your wife's Social Security payment received on May 8th was her payment for the month of April, and she was fully entitled to that payment because she lived for the entire month of April. I suggest that you download, fill out, and submit Form SSA-1724 to your local Social Security office to recover that May 8th payment, which rightfully belongs to your wife's estate. Note that the bank will automatically return any future SS payments received for your wife.

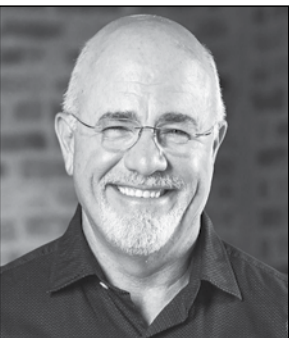
As your wife's surviving spouse, you are also entitled to a one-time lump sum "death benefit" of \$255, which you can request by calling your local SS field office (get the number at www.ssa.gov/locator), or by calling 1.800.772.1213. During that call you can also explore whether you are entitled to any additional SS benefit as a surviving spouse.

If your wife's monthly SS retirement benefit was more than your current monthly SS benefit, you will be entitled to receive her higher monthly amount instead of your own smaller amount (FYI, if you haven't yet reached your own full retirement age your survivor benefit will be reduced). And if you are not yet collecting your own SS benefit, you have the option to claim your survivor benefit from

your wife first while allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow, up to maximum at age 70 if you like.

Just be aware that if you haven't yet reached your full retirement age (FRA) and you are still working, any SS benefit you take before your FRA will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much can be earned before they take away some of your SS benefits. The 2024 annual earnings limit is \$22,320 (changes annually) for those who claim prior to the year they attain full retirement age, and SS will take away \$1 of benefits for every \$2 over the annual limit. The "earnings test" no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

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Not Just a Bump in the Road

Dear Dave,

I'm currently on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and I'm six months away from being debt-free, except for my home. Recently, I've run into an issue with my sister, who has a good job, but continually makes poor choices with money. Over the last six months, she has also asked to borrow money from me and others in our family several times, including again yesterday. I don't want to be cruel, but the whole issue has gotten out of hand. How do you think I should approach her about this?

— James

Dear James

Handling issues like this can be complicated, especially when family or friends are involved. But honestly, I think you should just tell your sister the



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When the California Supreme Court unanimously declared a week ago that a highly controversial tax limitation measure could not appear on the November ballot, its proponents immediately cried foul.

They alleged that a court dominated by Democratic appointees had acted with political motives rather than legal reasoning, ruling that The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act was a revision of the state constitution and could not be proposed through a citizen's initiative.

"Clearly, the state Supreme Court has now sent a signal that they are part of the progressive agenda in California, that we are a one-party state in California and there is no independent judiciary in California anymore," Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable, a major sponsor of the measure, told reporters.

In a statement, Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association — another sponsor — was equally critical, saying, "The seven justices of the Supreme Court yielded to the wishes of the political branches (and) put politics ahead of



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And Another Thing

Temperatures will be Reaching over One Hundred Degrees

By Bob McGarvey

There have been a few fires around Rancho Cordova. Some were just out side our city limits and a few inside our city limits, but fortunately none of them have been fires that went out of control. I know that the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, "Metro Fire," serves a population of over 720,000 in the Sacramento County. Only the City of Sacramento and the City of Folsom have their own Fire districts. I know that all of the people who live in the county and all seven incorporated cities have been extremely fortunate because of the wonderful firefighters who protect us.

I know that everyone is watching the upcoming weather in the first few days of July this year. Temperatures will be at least over one hundred degrees at least during the first twelve days of July. As we all know, that can really be dangerous. Our City Hall was one of the locations listed on TV where people can go and get out of the one hundred plus temperatures. I hope everyone can be safe, and those who need protection will find what they need.

We have been hearing fireworks late at night. Some of them were set off before the booths opened. I am assuming that people had some left over from last year, or you can buy fireworks in stores like Sams or Costco. I hope the

fireworks are safe and legal. There are many fireworks that are set off every year that are illegal. Hopefully, there won't be any homes set on fire because of things like bottle rockets. Quite a few years ago my wife and I saw a fire on a home roof. My wife let the residents know about the fire on their roof, and I was able to slow down the movement of the fire until the fire department arrived. There was a bottle rocket on that roof.

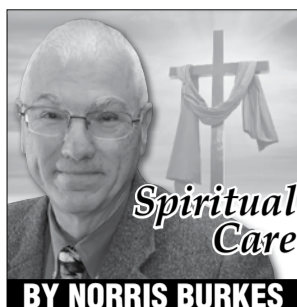
After the 4th of July, stores will put fall weather clothes on the shelves and summer things will be on sale. Many people are doing their shopping on line instead of in the stores.

It will be interesting to see when new cars of 2025 will show up. They seem to come up earlier each year. That will be interesting when they show up. For right now, I think we will probably keep the vehicles we have for a little while longer. Besides, they are payed off.

Weather back east is affecting our relatives, but they haven't been flooded. We are very glad that they haven't been hit with that weather. I am sure many people here have had some of their family members caught off guard when it comes to them very fast. Many people who live in Rancho Cordova are from back east. I hope everyone is ok.

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

Back to the Grind



BY NORRIS BURKES

If I say "1492," chances are it'll bring to mind that old school rhyme, "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue."

But now I suspect I'll remember 1492 in a different light. That's because last month I flew to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to sharpen 1,492 pencils.

You say, "That's an expensive trip for such a menial chore."

Yes, I get your point, but if you're a regular reader of this column, you know that Chispa Project needed those pencils for the inauguration of their 88th Honduran library at Pedro Nufio Elementary School.

I know I'm not the sharpest stick in the pencil box, but still I expected the project director to match me to something more in line with my talents.

After all, the director is my daughter, Sara Brakhane. She knows that I've spoken to dozens of U.S. audiences. I thought she might arrange a speaking gig in a Honduran soccer stadium.

At the very least, she should have arranged for me to mentor the school's principal and share the B.F. Skinner Psychology of Education I learned in seminary.

I mean, what's the harm in a little nepotism?

A lot, apparently.

She assigned me to count pencils, sharpen them, and drop said writing instruments into 421 of the new

school backpacks.

Of course, I wasn't the only volunteer that arrived on the Dallas connection. The less jet-lagged and talented ones were slotted for important jobs.

Under the direction of Lester Reconco, an artistic Chispa employee, volunteers helped paint a large mural onto the library wall. It was no Banksy or Wyland Whale, but in quick time, our fledgling artists brought the room to life with bright primary colors.

Designed to inspire, the drawing features a Honduran boy in an oceanside scene. He's reclined on a wave of books while reading. On a field of blue, volunteers added a sailboat, a swan, and multiple fish.

Other artists meticulously painted a line of books that encompassed the room. (Photo on my website.)

Meanwhile my pencil sharpener overheated and forced Sara to assign me to the painting team. However, it was still not the fame I sought.

My job was to pour various paints into red Solo cups, lug them to the talent, and wash their brushes. My nickname was Pour-Pour-Norris.

Suddenly, I became a truly irreplaceable member of the team.

I know this because I begged others to replace me. They would not.

But finally, after two days of painting, the moment came to shelve the books in the new library.

From the school parking lot, our volunteers worked an assembly line offloading 850 new books from our bus. We carried the books through a bustling playground of kids playing soccer and girl-chase-boy games.

Still, several stopped to hug us, sharing broad and cheeky smiles that stretched

for miles and miles. Suddenly we were surrounded by a gaggle of schoolgirls and boys, all grinning with unrehearsed wonder. They weren't subtle. They wanted to see the new books we were shelving.

If you know the excitement U.S. children express over a new video game, you can conceive the enthusiasm building in these students as they saw their first children's picture book.

On the final two days, Chispa volunteers hosted the library inauguration, a sort of all-day birthday party. Students rotated among classrooms for hands-on-fun that included puppets, science experiments and storytelling.

I never did get to deliver my Skinner lecture. But I can share with you that, like Skinner, Chispa believes that changing the environment can make education enjoyable and effective for all students.

Books are used to affect that change.

And the school where we were is definitely an environment that needed changing.

This rural school sits near the city's landfill where many parents work to collect trash, operate the landfill's incinerator, or commute by bus to a day laborer job.

When we left Honduras, the new library we had painted and filled with rows of new books had changed their environment for the better.

Chispa's challenging slogan suggests we all "Help change the story." I like to think that sometimes their stories can be changed, and a sharpened pencil can write that new story.

So, with more libraries coming soon, shall I "pencil you in" for the next volunteer trip? In the meantime, I guess you can say, it's back to the grind for me. ★

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Kings Korner
 By V.G. Harris

Wow, Kings fans, a busy week for the NBA, and to a lesser extent for our own Sacramento Kings.

The much anticipated #13 pick consummated in the Kings choosing a 6'2" guard from Providence. Devin Carter by all accounts is a bonified first round pick, and many pundits had him going in the top ten. This may have been the primary reason the Kings chose to select Carter at #13, as opposed to taking a lesser talent at one of the big man positions.

Make no mistake about it, the Sacramento Kings are not big up front, and Domantas Sabonis may be the quintessential rebounder in the NBA, but that doesn't mean he can't use some help alongside. Our forwards are on the small side, and since we didn't address this issue with the first-round pick, free agency or a trade will be the only avenue left for Sacramento to shore up its front line.

For me, the player that I believed would fit the puzzle best was Jonas Valanciunas, as he would play nicely alongside Domantas, allowing Sabonis to slide into the #4 spot.

That unfortunately will not happen, since the Washington Wizards just signed Valanciunas to a three-year, \$30-million deal.

I am at a loss to explain why the Kings weren't in the mix and giving it an all-out effort to sign this talented big man, but I remain hopeful that Monte McNair has a plan in place to fix the Kings ever-present needs at power forward.

In a somewhat surprising move, the Kings traded heralded and ever-popular Davion Mitchell along with benchman Sasha Vezenkov to the Toronto Raptors for Jalen McDaniels. Sadly, the Kings second-round pick Jamal Shead was included in the deal, so from the 2024 draft Sacramento rests their hopes on Devin Carter.

I am convinced there is more to come, and I withhold any grade with regards to Monte McNair's offseason moves at this point.

Former GMs have done far worse, and free agency can be a panacea for a team that may not have solved all their needs in the draft.

To be sure, there were players on the board at #13 that fit the mode for the type of front-line player the Kings need, but the question is whether they had the skill set to make a difference, and step into the starting lineup.

In all likelihood Devin Carter will come off the bench in much the same way that Davion Mitchell did, and I for one am going to miss Davion's fiery spirit and tenacious defense, but at the same time I don't want to diminish the potential that Devin Carter brings to the team.

Carter's 6'9" wingspan helped him garnish 8.7 rebounds last season for Providence, while claiming Big East player of the year honors. Devin Carter, son of former NBA player Anthony Carter, plays with a confidence and swagger that will fit in nicely to a league that eats up players that lack tenacity.

Sacramento, barring injury, is replete with talented and multi-dimensional guards, so what remains is Monte McNair's ability to fix the Kings undersized front line.

Reportedly, Sacramento is interested in Brandon Ingram, and the real question is whether they are willing to pay the high price he demands. Ingram is considered one of the premier forwards in the NBA coming off a season in which he scored 20 points per game with 5 rebounds and nearly 6 assists. In 2016 Ingram was the #2 overall pick in the NBA draft, so adding this already proven NBA forward would be a welcome addition to a team that is hoping to become a perennial play-off team.

Also, a contender for the Kings starting lineup could be Laker forward Kyle Kuzma, who if signed would come at a much more affordable price for Sacramento. At the end of the day, payroll plays its part, so don't be surprised if Kuzma is in the mix.

Stay tuned all you Kings fans, because Monte McNair is not by any means finished with the 2025 roster. This will be interesting at the very least so hang onto your seats!

Enjoy the summer and look forward to an exciting 2025 upcoming season! It could be special.

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com ★

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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 June 10.

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:

ALLOWS FELONY CHARGES AND INCREASES SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND THEFT CRIMES. INITIATIVE

STATUTE.

Allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs, including fentanyl, and for thefts under \$950—both currently chargeable only as misdemeanors—with two prior drug or two prior theft convictions, as applicable. Defendants who plead guilty to felony drug possession and complete treatment can have charges dismissed.

Increases sentences for other specified drug and theft crimes.

Increased prison sentences may reduce savings that currently fund mental health and drug treatment programs, K-12 schools, and crime victims; any remaining savings may be used for new felony treatment

programs.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Increased state criminal justice system costs potentially in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually, primarily due to an increase in the state prison population. Some of these costs could be offset by reductions in state spending on local mental health and substance use services, truancy and dropout prevention, and victim services due to requirements in current law. Increased local criminal justice system costs potentially in the tens of millions of dollars annually, primarily due to increased

court-related workload and a net increase in the number of people in county jail and under county community supervision. (23-0017A1)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1959 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 23-0017A1.

The proponent of the measure is Thomas W. Hiltachk. They can be reached at (916) 442-7757. The address for the proponent is 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 600, 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/>.

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FINAL BUDGETS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/25

The Board of Directors of the Cordova Recreation and Park District, on June 19, 2024, by Resolution, adopted Fiscal Year 2024/25 Preliminary Budgets for:

- Cordova Recreation and Park District General Fund
- Independence at Mather Landscaping and Lighting District
- Villages of Zinfandel Community Facilities District
- District-wide Facilities / The Center Property
- Sunridge Community Facilities District
- Cordova Golf Course
- Montelena Community Facilities District
- My Parks Enhancement Fund
- Park Maintenance and Recreation Improvement District
- Park Facilities and Services Community Facilities District

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The proposed Final Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024/25 are scheduled to be adopted by the Board of Directors at a regularly noticed meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at the District Meeting Chambers located at 11070 White Rock Road, Suite 130, Rancho Cordova, California 95670.

The public is invited to this meeting to be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item(s) of each budget or for the inclusion of additional item(s).

The Preliminary Budgets are available for public inspection online at www.cordova-rpd.gov through the Public Hearing on August 21, 2024.

Signed,
 Patrick Larkin
 General Manager
 June 25, 2024

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City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Monday, July 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**, to consider the following:

AUTHORIZING DELINQUENT RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE SERVICE CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE PROPERTY TAX ROLL

The purpose of this public hearing is: **To assist Republic Services in the collection of delinquent residential solid waste services charges by authorizing the charges to be collected on the 2024-25 property tax rolls pursuant to Government Code Section 38790.1 and 25831.**

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the **City of Rancho Cordova Finance Department at (916) 851-8730.**

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

IN THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA

Notice is hereby given that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Rancho Cordova on Thursday, the 5th day of November, 2024.

The offices for which candidates may be nominated are:

City Council Member District 1	Full Term of Four Years
City Council Member District 3	Full Term of Four Years
City Council Member District 4	Full Term of Four Years

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS: Each candidate must meet the following minimum qualifications for office as specified in the principal act or applicable code:

- Must be a citizen of the United States;
- Must be a registered voter, reside in the eligible District, and are otherwise qualified to vote for the office of City Council Member at the time that the nomination papers are issued.

CODE REFERENCES: California Elections Code Sections 201, 10220, 10227, and 12101.

Official nomination documents for candidates may be obtained from and filed with the Rancho Cordova City Clerk's Office at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The documents will be available on and after July 15, 2024 and must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024. Appointments are recommended by calling (916) 851-8805.

In the event there are insufficient or no nominees for any office, the City Clerk shall submit a certificate of these facts to the Rancho Cordova City Council, and the City Council, at a regular or special meeting, shall adopt a course of action prescribed by the California Elections Code §10229.

(Vote Center locations will be open on November 5, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. See County of Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections Department Website for additional dates, hours of operation, and locations of Vote Centers)

Dated this 28th day of June, 2024.

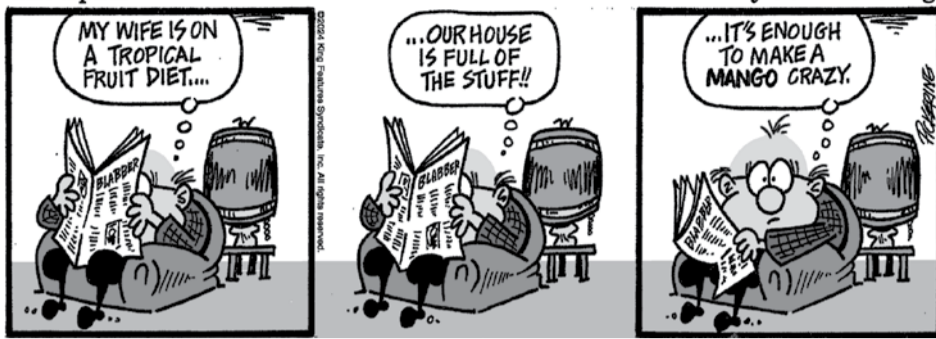
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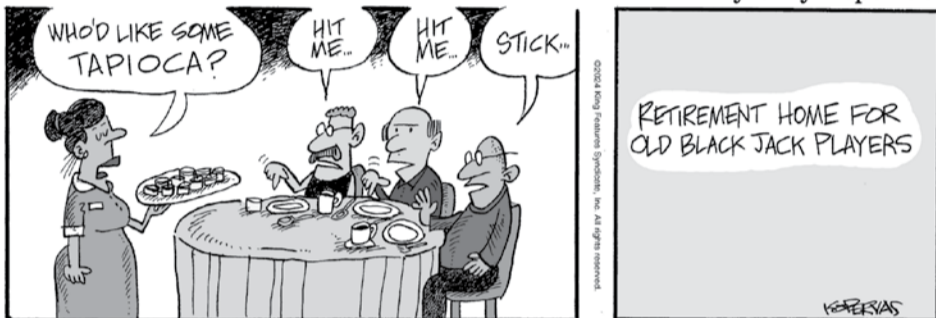
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- Not hit
- More than a scuffle
- "That is to say"
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- Storm centers
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- Neural transmitters
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- They're often described as disc-shaped
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- Razz
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- Saffron-flavored rice dish
- Street urchin
- *48th State
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- Animal doctor, for short
- Water balloon sound
- Alluring maiden
- Add a touch of color
- Spiritual leader
- *Boy Scout's ___ badge
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Hoover's Bill Limiting Smartphone Use in California Schools Approved

Office of Assemblyman
Josh Hoover News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On June 26, the Senate Education Committee unanimously passed landmark legislation authored by Assemblymembers Josh Hoover (R-Folsom), Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance), and Josh Lowenthal (D-Long Beach) to limit the use of smartphones in schools. AB 3216 would require school districts in California to adopt a policy no later than July 1, 2026, that limits or prohibits the use of smartphones by students during the school day. It was approved on a unanimous 7-0 vote.

"This is a critical step toward protecting and improving the mental health and academic outcomes of students across California," said Assemblyman Josh Hoover. "Research continues to demonstrate the potential harms of smartphone use among children. The growing use of these devices in a child's everyday life can contribute to lower test scores, anxiety, depression, and even suicide. Our state must take action to limit the use of smartphones during the school day and protect kids from these potential harms."

The previous week, Governor Gavin Newsom came out in support of reducing smartphone use in schools and LAUSD, California's largest school district, passed a new policy prohibiting smartphones during the school day.

"I am pleased to join Assemblymember Hoover in this bipartisan effort to require California school districts to place limits on student smartphone use on campus

during school hours, unless approved by teachers or administrators for academic, emergency, or other purposes," said Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi, joint author of the bill and Chair of the Assembly Education Committee. "In 2019, I authored Assembly Bill 272, which was signed into law to encourage school districts to consider such limits. Since then, growing research shows excessive smartphone use not only interferes with learning but also contributes to teenage anxiety, depression, and cyberbullying. This bill will require all districts to develop their own appropriate policy to balance appropriate student use of smartphones at school with curbing the impact of excessive smartphone use on a student's educational, social, and emotional well-being."

Under current law, school districts are authorized to limit or prohibit smartphone use by students during the school day and many have done so with resounding success. Administrators have reported increased social interaction among peers, decreased instances of bullying on campus, and improvements in academic outcomes. A 2016 study found that when smartphones were removed from classrooms standardized test scores increased by an average of six percent, with even greater improvements among low achieving students. AB 3216 would continue to build on this success by expanding limitations on smartphones statewide.

A recent piece published in The Atlantic by NYU social psychologist Jonathan Haidt described a number of the potential harms that smartphone use is

contributing to in children:

Grades suffer when learning is disrupted as a result of smartphone distractions in the classroom.

Up to 15% of teenagers engage in "problematic social media use," which includes symptoms such as preoccupation, withdrawal symptoms, neglect of other areas of life, and lying to parents and friends about time spent on social media.

The latest Gallup data found that American teenagers spend around 5 hours per day on social media platforms alone.

As smartphones have become ubiquitous since 2010, we have seen a 70% increase in the number of high school seniors expressing that "life often feels meaningless (now more than 1 in 5 seniors express this).

Rates of anxiety, depression, and suicide are on the rise among young people.

Poor mental health outcomes and smartphone use are most strongly correlated in kids under the age of 14

AB 3216 is critical legislation that prioritizes the needs of California students by limiting these potential harms during the school day, increasing social interaction among peers, reducing bullying, and improving academic outcomes. It will next move to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Josh Hoover represents Assembly District 7, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova and the unincorporated communities of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Mather, McClellan Park, North Highlands, Orangevale, and Rosemont. ★

Cal Expo to Host Military, Veteran and First Responder Appreciation Day

Cal Expo
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, July 24, join Cal Expo for a day full of fun for the whole family in honor of our Military, Veteran & First Responder personnel, complete with special exhibits, interactive activities and entertainment. Guests will enjoy a Dinner 911 Cooking Challenge at Save Mart California's Kitchen, while representatives from military and first responder organizations will provide valuable resources and special displays.

Military, Veteran & First Responder Appreciation Day focuses on paying gratitude and celebrating the individuals and organizations that keep our country and

communities safe.

For a day revolved around immense appreciation, we invite active duty, reserve and veteran personnel from all branches of the military as well as active members of law enforcement, firefighters and first responder units to enjoy free Fair admission. Active-duty military spouses and dependents are also included in free admission on this special day.

Request your free tickets through Veteran Tickets Foundation at www.vettix.org or First Tickets at www.1sttix.org. You must create a new or use an existing account.

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County 2024-25 Recommended Budget Approved

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on June 5 to approve the \$8.8 billion Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25.

The \$8.8 billion spending plan consists of \$3.5 billion in Enterprise and Special Revenue Fund appropriations (utility rates, fees and other dedicated revenue), \$3.8 billion in General Fund appropriations (funded with \$990 million in discretionary resources, \$1.5 billion in reimbursements from restricted funds, and the remaining \$1.3 billion in Federal, State and fee revenue dedicated to specific purposes), and \$1.5 billion in Restricted Funds.

The Recommended Budget recognized new or enhanced areas of growth, including:

Health Services increased by \$28.4 million for increased acute psychiatric inpatient costs, Behavioral Health Bridge Housing funding, increased capacity and services at Permanent Supportive Housing units, and behavioral health services at the Youth Detention Facility.

Child, Family and Adult Services increased by \$5.7 million (\$4.5 million Net County Cost) for Child Protective Services welcome and assessment center services and family resource center court-mandated parenting workshops.

Human Assistance increased by \$4.2 million (\$100,000 Net County Cost) for childcare payments for CalWORKs participants and funding for a position in the County Veterans Services Office.

The sheriff increased by \$3.9 million (\$1.2 million Net County Cost) for a mobile command vehicle, required software expenditures and required body-worn camera licenses and equipment.

Correctional Health Services increased by \$3.4 million (\$300,000 Net County Cost) for a Medication Assisted Treatment Program, additional pharmacy positions (both of which support the County's obligations under the Mays Consent Decree

Remedial Plan) and a new electronic health record system.

Community Development increased by \$1.2 million (\$1 million Net County Cost) to support the Infill Acceleration Program, the Climate Action Plan and two Planning Technician positions.

Homeless Services and Housing increased by \$1 million (before reimbursements) to fund beds at a planned Safe Stay Community and three new positions and services supporting administration for the department.

This year's reductions totaled \$6 million, which will result in the deletion of 31 vacant full-time equivalent (FTE) positions as well as other budget reductions across several departments. No filled positions were recommended for deletion.

The Recommended Budget's most significant reductions include:

Health Services reduced by \$2.2 million including consulting contracts, operational supplies and the deletion of 14 vacant FTE positions.

Child, Family and Adult Services reduced by \$1.8 million, including the deletion of 16 vacant FTE positions.

In addition to staff recommendations, the Board added two full-time equivalent positions: a criminal attorney in the District Attorney's office and a criminal attorney in the Public Defender's Office. The funding for those two positions will come out of the appropriation for contingency, reducing that appropriation from \$15.1 million to \$14.5 million.

The Board also supported a three-year funding commitment to the Black Child Legacy Campaign in future budget recommendations through Fiscal Year 2026-27.

By the Numbers:

Total Budget: \$8.8 billion
 General Fund: \$3.8 billion
 Enterprise and Special Revenue: \$3.5 billion
 Restricted Funds: \$1.5 billion
 Number of Employees: 13,646 ★

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