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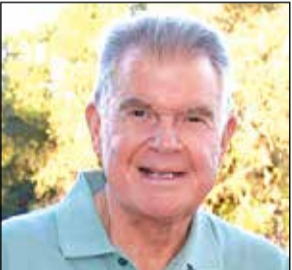


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Nature Fest Gets 'Wild'



Gabe Kerschner will bring a menagerie, likely to include alligator Spike to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center's NatureFest open day on June 8.

**Story and photo
by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Birds, reptiles and marsupials will be among educators during an open day at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Staged previously during the fall, NatureFest has been rescheduled as a spring attraction. The June 8 event is the center's largest educational event.

Many exhibits and shows are scheduled. Primo act is naturalist Gabe Kerschner's "Wild Things" show. Hundreds of TV and school appearances have featured rescued animals from Kerschner's Placer County sanctuary and ambassador critters will take center stage at the Carmichael event. Likely visitors include an alligator, a lemur and a kinkajou. Nature Fest visitors will also experience Kerschner's more regional menagerie.

Save the Snakes, a nonprofit organization that champions one of nature's most misunderstood species, will offer slithering serpents for supervised handling. Native Bird Connections volunteers will bring live avian stars to the stage.

Visiting "Mad Science" demonstrators will animate natural phenomenon such as volcanic eruptions, cyclones and hot air that sends balloons up, up and away. They will also explain how optical illusions work, launch model rockets and create chemical reactions. Cotton candy is the product of one demonstration.

If serious hunger results, lunch and snacks will be available from food trucks.

Hosted walks through the center's 100-acre preserve usually include deer and wild turkey sightings.

As the center is a hub for Native

American studies, Maidu Nisenan basketry and abalone necklace making will be demonstrations. Hands-on activities will be offered. Event organizers welcome youth groups.

NatureFest runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 8 at Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 2850 Lorenzo Way (Ancil Hoffman Park). Adult admission is \$12 (\$10 in advance) and \$6 for ages 4 to 12 (\$5 in advance). Children aged 3 and under are free. Parking is complimentary. Tickets are available online at www.effieyeawnature.org/naturefest2025.

Sponsors include American River Natural History Association; Fred and Betsy Weiland; SMUD; Eric Ross; Randy Getz; Dr Gabrielle Rasi; SARA; Carmichael Water District; Irish Iron; California Native Plant Society; and Sacramento Area Creeks Council. ★

**67th Art Fiesta
Features Local
Students**



Glass art by Cathy Canfield is part of the show. Photos courtesy of Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club

**Sacramento Suburban
Kiwanis Club
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club will host its 67th Art Fiesta on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Sacramento.

This two-day, family-friendly event is free to attend and features fine art, emerging student talent and a deep commitment to community, all while kicking off summer with a celebration of creativity and connection.

The artists in the juried arts show will be on site.

This year's Art Fiesta includes an exciting new addition: a student art exhibit showcasing the work of seventh- through 12th-graders from the San Juan Unified School District. These rising artists will have their pieces displayed and some 70 professional painters, photographers, ceramicists, glass and woodworkers, textile artists and jewelers from across the region will offer their work for sale.

The event has supported the Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club's mission since 1952, which is committed to changing lives, one community and one child at a time. The Art Fiesta was held at Town & Country Village for more than 50 years and at The Pavilions for 13 years. This year marks the third year indoors at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Every dollar raised through the Kiwanis Art Fiesta goes directly into the nonprofit Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Foundation. Proceeds from the Art Fiesta help fund Key Clubs (youth leadership programs) and Boys/Girls State, and vital support services, most notably for the Kiwanis Family House, located near UC Davis Medical Center and Shriners Hospital in Sacramento.

Other beneficiaries include River City Food Closet, Stanford House, Opening Doors, Next Move Homeless Services, Sierra Arden Neighborhood Food Closet, Coats for Kids, Crisis Nursery, Wellspring Women's Center, Process Theatre, Sacramento Children's Home

Memorial Day Recalls Heroes

**Story and photos
by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Fallen heroes were honored at Carmichael's Vietnam Monument on Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day). The 57-year-old tradition of community remembrance continued with flags, speeches and prayers in the Earl J. Koobs Nature Area.

More than 100 supporters, including Gold Star families, Kiwanis Club members and Scouts, gathered for observances. Speaker was Matthew Ceccato, a Purple Star veteran of Middle East conflict who now heads Congressman Ami Bera's staff.

The graves of war dead, said Ceccato "tell tales of heartbreak that make us richer as a nation."

"On a day like today, we stop and think of those we



Veterans and supporters gather at the Vietnam Memorial in Earl J. Koobs Nature Area for Memorial Day, May 26.

served with. In my case, some may have died in Baghdad. But their souls are here," Ceccato said.

At least 15 graduates of Carmichael's La Sierra High School died in the Vietnam War. As their names were read, a bell

chimed for each young man. Eagle Scout bugler Edward Stach and law enforcement chaplain Mike Koons played Echo Taps.

Heroes commemorated by the monument are Robert D. Anderson, Mark W. Burchard, Robert

S. Byrnes, Jerry Cowsert, Kenneth R. Escott, Gary R. Field, Herbert Frenzell, Frank Thornburg, Ralph Guarienti, Larry H. Morford, Thomas C. Pigg, Randall B. Rainville, Kim Richins, Jeffrey Tharaldson

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Sac State's Commencement Brings Joy and Gratitude

By Daniel Wilson,
California State University
Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State University recently celebrated thousands of new Hornet alumni as graduates, their families and their friends and guests packed into Golden 1 Center for spring commencement.

As more than 6,500 members of the Class of 2025 walked the stage across six ceremonies May 16 and May 17 in downtown Sacramento, each shook the hand of a representative of their college and President Luke Wood before celebrating their accomplishments with smiles, raised arms and other gestures.

They joined the more than 3,000 Hornets who graduated during winter commencement ceremonies in December, bringing the number of students receiving degrees this academic year to more than 9,000.

Among the graduates were this year's Dean's Award winners. During the final ceremony, Dean's Award winner and President's Medal recipient Jeffery Benson, who graduated in December, offered words of encouragement to his fellow Hornets.

"I would be remiss if I didn't salute every professor on stage with me, in the audience or watching via livestream - the program administrators who poured into me at Sacramento State, your wisdom helped me turn my vision into a reality," Benson said during the College of Education's ceremony on May 17.

"Thurgood Marshall once said, 'None of us got here by ourselves. We got here by being pulled up by someone else.' And I paraphrase, so don't forget where you come from and reach back and help someone else pick up their boots," Benson said.

In addition to the Deans' Awards, which are given each year to one student from each of Sac State University's academic colleges,



More than 6,500 members of the Class of 2025 walked the stage across six ceremonies May 16 and May 17 in downtown Sacramento. Photo by Nicole Fowler of California State University Sacramento

and the President's Medal, which is awarded to the university's top graduate, Sacramento State and the California State University (CSU) conferred honors upon individuals who have provided outstanding service to the university, higher education and beyond. Honorary doctorates were presented to Thomas L. Karlo and Paul Lau and the President's Medal for Distinguished Service was awarded posthumously to Randy Solorio.

Wood addressed graduates, including 5,342 bachelor's recipients, 906 graduate degree recipients and 312 credential recipients, reminding them that the end of one journey begins another.

"You've become experts not just in your fields but in persistence, because there's no such thing as the light that shines better than yours," said Wood, who throughout the two-day event took selfies with graduates, danced on stage and celebrated with energy and enthusiasm. "You wrestled with doubt, and you kept going. You juggled multiple responsibilities but one would have been enough. You stayed enrolled when it would have been easier to have walked away. You built a life while building a future. That's not



Sacramento State celebrated thousands of new Hornet alumni over the weekend as graduates, their families and their friends and guests packed into Golden 1 Center for the Spring 2025 Commencement. Photo by Nicole Fowler of California State University Sacramento

ordinary; that's extraordinary." Wood highlighted the university as an engine for opportunity, calling out first-generation and transfer students, top graduates, veterans and parents and caretakers who juggled school while raising families. He also acknowledged graduates' families and supporters.

The sea of students on the arena floor showed their styles and personalities with decorated mortarboards, colorful leis and footwear ranging from strappy sandals to Hokus.

One graduate's bright pink

mortar board read "Biologist Barbie," another's "Finally Done with This BS." Others carried phrases such as "My Turn to Teach," "To My Daughter, Mommy Did It," "Yeah Somebody Gotta Do It," and "A Dream begins with a Dreamer, 1st gen."

During a "Grad Jam" celebration prior to the ceremonies, Hornets and their loved ones grabbed a microphone and shared thoughts about their journeys.

"It's a great day to be a Hornet," one student said. "Thanks Mom! Thanks Dad! Sac State is the

place!" He blew kisses to his cheering family, shown on a big screen above him.

Some in the crowd waved cardboard replicas printed with their favorite graduate's face.

Jessica Ha, who earned her bachelor's degree in health science and plans to become a nurse, said she was glad to be at commencement after completing a challenging journey.

"I've always had a passion to help others, especially my mom," Ha said. "She had health problems while I was growing up, so she inspired my path. Going to college was hard, especially being first-generation and being Asian American."

Denyse MacMillan watched with pride as her daughter, Bryce MacMillan, graduated with a degree in speech pathology. Bryce will return to Sac State to pursue a master's degree.

"I love her and I'm super proud of her," Denyse MacMillan said. "She did this in three years. She never stopped. Winter classes, spring classes, summer classes. She was just very focused, very driven, just stayed in her room studying a lot."

At the health and human services ceremony, the college's Dean's Award winner Jesus Osvaldo Meza Nava told his fellow graduates that the education Sac State provides goes beyond the classroom.

"As a proud, first-generation Mexican American, I carry more than my own dreams across this stage today," he said during his speech. "I walk with the hopes, the struggles and the triumphs of generations who believed in something bigger and refused to give up. Here at Sac State, we weren't just educated. We were shaped by the values of compassion, inclusivity and excellence. Values we now have the responsibility to bring to the world."

Jennifer K. Morita and Cynthia Hubert contributed to this report. ★

6310 Tina Court, Carmichael, CA 95608 | Offered at \$509,000

This charming contemporary ranch is tucked away on a quiet cul-de-sac in the heart of Carmichael! Enjoy a bright, airy layout featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a spacious living room with a cozy fireplace - perfect for relaxing evenings. A generously sized family room with vaulted ceilings offers versatile space for entertaining, working from home, or simply spreading out and enjoying the natural light. The kitchen features stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, a dining bar, and a double sink. The backyard features a sparkling pool and patio seating that's perfect for summer entertaining. With possible RV access, low-maintenance landscaping, and plenty of opportunity to make it your own, this home is a fantastic opportunity to own a slice of Carmichael. All just minutes from shopping, dining, and convenient freeway access!

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Stylish and fully remodeled, this move-in-ready home shines with new vinyl plank floors, recessed lighting, and dual-pane windows. The kitchen boasts white quartz counters and stainless steel appliances. Major updates include new plumbing, electrical, roof, and a tankless water heater. The master suite offers a walk-in closet and modern step-in shower. Located near Hwy 80, shopping, and Haggin Oaks, this home blends comfort and convenience with a fresh, modern look.

At the end of a peaceful cul-de-sac, this 3-bed, 2-bath home offers charm, space, and privacy. Enjoy separate living and family rooms, a cozy fireplace, and an updated kitchen with new stainless steel appliances. The huge .34-acre lot features a covered patio, arbor, pergola swing, and tool sheds. Dual-pane windows, RV access, and thoughtful updates make this a rare find that's been lovingly cared for by original owners.

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4400 E Nichols Ave, Sacramento, CA | Offered at \$399,000

Located in the gated 55+ Destinations at Vineyard Point Village, this 2-bed, 2-bath home offers an open layout filled with light. Enjoy a modern kitchen with granite countertops and a spacious island. The primary suite features a walk-in closet and step-in shower. Relax in the private backyard overlooking a greenbelt. With energy-saving solar and access to a clubhouse, pool, spa, and more—this home offers resort-style living minutes from Bradshaw Ranch Golf Course.

Updated and full of charm, this 2-bed, 1-bath Oak Park home offers modern finishes and a great location near downtown and UC Davis Med Center. Enjoy an open-concept layout with laminate floors, a bright kitchen with granite countertops, gas cooktop, and white cabinets. The remodeled bath and spacious bedrooms add comfort. A private courtyard, landscaped yard, and large backyard with RV access and ADU potential round out this must-see home.

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More than 400 Students Receive California State Seal of Biliteracy



Anvitha Samineni proudly shows off her California State Seal of Biliteracy. She received recognition for her proficiency in English, Spanish and Telugu. Photo courtesy of San Juan Unified District

San Juan Unified School District News Release

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Anvitha Samineni, a 12th-grader from Mira Loma High School, was in the spotlight as a student speaker at the recent Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) 2025 California State Seal of Biliteracy Recognition Ceremony.

Samineni was one of the 400-plus students across the San Juan Unified School District to receive the California State Seal of Biliteracy. She received recognition for her proficiency in English, Spanish and Telugu.

"Language has always been a big part of my life," Samineni said.

Growing up with Telugu spoken at home, Samineni was motivated to gain proficiency in the language that allowed her to connect with her family in India. Meanwhile, Spanish has been a language that she has learned through school.

"A lot of my passion for Spanish has come from my Spanish teacher's encouragement for us to explore, not just memorizing vocabulary, but also going beyond that and diving deep into the culture," Samineni said.

Samineni emphasizes the importance of knowing different languages beyond English to communicate with others in her future endeavors. She encourages incoming high school students to recognize what language they intend to

pursue and create a plan that will lead them to gain the California State Seal of Biliteracy.

"It helps (students) add distinctions to their resumes and transcripts," added San Juan Unified School District's Seal of Biliteracy coordinator Gerardo Padilla, "but also affirms their culture by giving them a chance to showcase a language that they know."

At this year's ceremony, 19 languages were represented and more than 30 students received two or more seals.

Students interested in earning the California State Seal of Biliteracy must demonstrate proficiency in both English and another language. San Juan Unified School District offers a variety of world language courses for students in middle and high school, including Spanish, Japanese, American Sign Language (ASL), French and Chinese.

Multilingual students can also take exams offered by the Sacramento County Office of Education and the San Juan Unified District to demonstrate their proficiency in languages not offered through the world language curriculum.

For more information about earning the California State Seal of Biliteracy, go online to sanjuan.edu/academics/curriculum/world-languages. ★

El Camino Fundamental Students Take Lead in 24-Hour Broadcast



El Camino Fundamental High School's 24-hour annual Audiothon event supports KYDS 91.5 FM and the Eagle Eye newspaper, two student-led programs that offer real experience in broadcasting and journalism. Photo courtesy of San Juan Unified School District

San Juan Unified School District News Release

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Students at El Camino Fundamental High School recently took over the airwaves for 24 hours during their annual Audiothon, a live broadcast and fundraiser organized entirely by students.

The event supports KYDS 91.5 FM and the Eagle Eye newspaper, two student-led programs that offer real experience in broadcasting and journalism.

Throughout the course of the 24 hours, students worked in shifts to keep the station live. They played music, made announcements, managed the soundboard and engaged listeners around the clock. Weeks of preparation went into coordinating the schedule, promoting the event and helping raise donations.

Joanna, an 11th-grader and vice-president of KYDS, helped lead this year's planning. She said the funds raised will primarily support the school's newspaper printing and radio materials.

"It's a lot of behind-the-scenes work that people don't always see. We're



El Camino Fundamental High School students recently took over the airwaves for 24 hours during their annual Audiothon, a live broadcast and fundraiser organized entirely by students. Photo courtesy of San Juan Unified School District

balancing timing, communication and making sure everything runs smoothly while we're live," Joanna said.

This year's goal was set at \$8,000.

While the spring Audiothon focused on raising funds for the school's media programs, students have used past broadcasts to support local nonprofit organizations.

For Meribel, a ninth-grader, the event offered an opportunity to learn new skills and build confidence.

"I didn't know anything about broadcasting when I started," Meribel said. "Now I know how to run the sound system and feel more confident speaking on the spot."

Students aren't just participating; they're managing the entire process. Media teacher and station

advisor Matt Sumpter explained that his role is to guide but not take over.

"If they ask me how to do something, I turn it around and ask how they'd approach it. They take the lead and we build from there," Sumpter said.

The Audiothon also carries a sense of tradition. Inside the KYDS studio, a painted wall features the names of graduating students who have contributed to the station. Each year, seniors add their signatures, marking their final broadcast and leaving their legacy behind.

More than just a fundraiser, Audiothon gives students the opportunity to take ownership of a live, public-facing project. It brings together technical skills, collaboration, leadership and pride in their work. ★

Ancil Hoffman Park Temporarily Closes for Two Months



Ancil Hoffman Park will temporarily close for up to two months, starting May 28, for road and parking lots repairs. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Ancil Hoffman Park will temporarily close for up to two months, starting May 28, as Sacramento County Regional Parks repairs, repaves and restripes the roads and parking lots to ensure compliance with state and federal accessibility standards.

While the park will be closed to general vehicle traffic during construction, access to the Ancil Hoffman Golf Course and scheduled events at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, including NatureFest on June 8, will remain available.

Limited parking will be designated specifically for golf activities and Nature Center programming throughout June and visitors are urged to use caution while in the park as it will be an active construction site. Full vehicle access to the park is expected to resume by July,

after all parking areas are restored.

"We understand that this closure may be an inconvenience to residents who love Ancil Hoffman Park but these much-needed updates are essential for long-term access and safety," said Liz Bellas, director of Sacramento County Regional Parks. "We're excited to enhance the visitor experience and encourage residents to explore one of the many other beautiful parks along the American River Parkway during this time."

In addition to road and parking lot upgrades, the county will install new planting basins with root barriers to prevent future damage to paved areas. These basins will be planted with native shade trees to enhance the park's natural environment and sustainability.

For more information and updates, visit RegionalParks.saccounty.gov. ★

California Exceeds Four Million Myshake App Downloads

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - During Earthquake Preparedness Month, Governor Gavin Newsom announced on April 25 a major milestone: the MyShake app, which alerts Californians before an earthquake begins, has surpassed 4 million downloads, the equivalent of more than 10% of the state. This achievement is a significant step in expanding access to California's life-saving earthquake technology and building resilience across the state.

Launched under Governor Gavin Newsom's leadership, California's nation-leading Earthquake Early Warning system notifies residents in advance of shaking by using ground motion sensors across California. More than 60% of the 1,046 sensors have been installed since the program launched in 2019, making the system more accurate and able to deliver alerts faster.

Last week, the MyShake app distributed 693,044 alerts for the 5.2 magnitude earthquake near Julian in San Diego County, a subset of the total 7.5 million alerts sent out for that event. Some MyShake users received as much as 35 seconds notice before shaking occurred.

"MyShake provides Californians with life-saving seconds before earthquakes strike. This milestone is a proud moment for California, and a reminder that preparedness is a continuous effort. We urge everyone to spread the word to friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to download this critical tool," said Governor Newsom.

The California Earthquake Early Warning System combines the MyShake smartphone application with traditional alert and warning delivery methods such as Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). Now, with the integration of early warning technology within the most popular smartphone devices, the system can deliver alerts to most Californians.

Since its inception, MyShake has delivered more than 5 million alerts for nearly 170 earthquakes.

The MyShake app is free, easy to use and available in six languages (English, Spanish, Chinese (Traditional), Tagalog, Korean, and Vietnamese). It can be downloaded on iOS, Android and Chromebooks. The app contains earthquake and tsunami preparedness information not found in other alerting platforms and includes the secure Homebase feature which allows users to set a default location where they can receive earthquake early warning alerts even if location services are temporarily down or turned off.

Californians are also encouraged to pair earthquake early warning with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Earthquake Readiness Guide. This recently released comprehensive guide offers clear, easy-to-follow earthquake safety tips, explains essential preparedness steps and how Californians can take protective actions before, during and after an earthquake.

To learn more about earthquake preparedness and download the MyShake earthquake early warning application, visit earthquake.ca.gov. ★

Memorial Day Recalls Heroes

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and Robert A. Willis.
The Earl J. Koobs Nature Area and Vietnam Monument are located at 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael. For information on public access dates, visit www.kiwanisclubofcarmichael.com/events. ★



The Vietnam Monument plaque recalls La Sierra High School graduates who died in Vietnam War service.

Community Band Fest

U.S. Navy Band Commanding Officer Honors Retiring Musician



The Fred Morgan Big Band, led by Grant Parker (center with trumpet), is part of a Community Band Festival, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday in Carmichael Park.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Carmichael's spring/summer concert season continued last Saturday, with Carmichael Park resonating to funk rock hits from Hipper than Hip.

More than 1,800 fans enjoyed the 13-piece ensemble.

Music continues this weekend with two full days of the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association's festival. Hundreds of volunteer musicians travel hundreds of miles to participate in the annual event.

Festival lineup, beginning Saturday at 11 a.m., spotlights different ensembles every hour. The opening performance is by Sacramento Youth Band. Star turns include the Salvation Army Band, Sacramento Symphonic Winds and a jazzy dance set by the Fred Morgan Big Band.

Sunday concerts kick off at 11 p.m. and features musicians from Yolo, the Bay Area and Sacramento. Final acts are the Ben Ali Shrine Band at 6 p.m. and Capital

City Concert Band at 7 p.m. All performances are free to the public.

The Carmichael Park Spring/summer music season continues the following Saturday with local rock Band Wasted Space.

Downbeat for all remaining concerts is 6 p.m. Performances are scheduled as follows.

Wasted Space will be on June 7. Fast Times will be on June 14. Groove Thang will be on June 21.

Todd Morgan and the Emblems will be on June 28.

Concert sponsors include Carmichael Recreation and Park District, Carmichael Chamber of Commerce, Carmichael Improvement District, Food in the Hood 916, Buck Family Automotive, Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association, Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond, KZAP Radio, Carmichael Parks Foundation, Carmichael Kiwanis and Arthur Murray Dance Studio.

Carmichael Park is at 5750 Grant Ave. For more information, visit www.carmichaelpark.com ★

Navy Office of Community Outreach News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Capt. Robert "Seph" Coats, a Carmichael native, presents Master Chief Musician David Kolo, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin with a certificate on April 28.

The Navy Band hosted this ceremony to honor Master Chief Musician Kolo on his retirement. ★



Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy by Musician 1st Class Ava Conway

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Residents Paying Nearly Double for Power since 2015

Texas Electricity Ratings News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - California has seen the second largest increase in energy costs, with a 74% increase between 2015 and 2023. Maine has faced the biggest increase in energy costs for customers, with a 76% increase from 2015 to 2023. At the other end of the scale, Utah has had the smallest increase in energy costs at just 3%.

With inflation rising, it seems that our hard-earned dollars are traveling less distance every year, and as a result, there is a growing concern around the country with regards to the ever-increasing cost of utilities. With this in mind, a new study has uncovered the states where residential consumers have faced the biggest increases in energy costs over the years, with Maine topping the list.

Energy experts at Texas Electricity Ratings used the U.S. Energy Information Agency (EIA) to find the increase in each state's average electricity price in cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) that residential consumers paid from 2015 to 2023.

The ranking is based on, and ordered by, the states which have seen the biggest increase in this time frame with Maine seeing the largest increase overall, 75.7%, as opposed to Utah residents who have seen the smallest increase, 2.9%.

The Pine Tree State, Maine ranks top and has faced the biggest increase in energy costs in the U.S., with customers paying 75.7% more in 2023 than they were in 2015. The average electricity cost for consumers in 2015 was 15.61 cents per kilowatt-hour, which rose to 27.42 cents in 2023. Residential consumers saw the biggest increase in energy costs between 2022 and 2023, from 22.44 cents to 29.51 cents per kilowatt-hour, an



California has seen the second largest increase in energy costs, with a 74% increase between 2015 and 2023. Image by NickyPe from Pixabay

increase of 7.07 cents.

California is second, with an increase of 73.7% in energy costs from 2015 to 2023 for customers. In 2015, consumers in the Golden State paid an average of 16.99 cents per kilowatt-hour, which jumped to 29.51 in 2023. From 2022 to 2023, customers faced an energy cost increase from 25.84 cents per kilowatt-hour to 29.51 cents, which is 3.67 cents.

With a 52.2% increase in the average kilowatt-hour cost for customers New Hampshire ranks third. In 2015, residential consumers in the Granite State paid an average of 18.5 cents per kilowatt-hour, which rose to 28.15 cents in 2023. Energy customers saw the biggest increase from 2021 to 2022 from 19.85 cents per kilowatt-hour to 25.46 cents, which is a difference of 5.61 cents.

In fourth-place is Massachusetts where customers faced a 49.3% increase in energy costs from 2015 to 2023. In 2015, the average cost for

Bay Staters per kilowatt-hour was 19.83 cents, which rose to 29.61 cents in 2023. Customers saw the biggest increase from 2022 to 2023, from 25.97 cents per kilowatt-hour to 29.61 cents (3.64-cent increase).

Fifth on the list is Hawaii, with a 43.2% increase in energy costs for consumers between 2015 and 2023. On average, energy customers paid 29.6 cents per kilowatt-hour in 2015, which jumped to 42.39 cents in 2023. Aloha State consumers saw the biggest increase in costs between 2021 and 2022, from 33.49 cents per kilowatt-hour to 43.03 cents, which is a significant 9.54 cents.

Next is Connecticut where consumers paid 42.7% more for energy in 2023 than in 2015, ranking sixth overall. The average cost per kilowatt-hour in 2015 was 20.94 cents in the state, which rose to 29.88 cents in 2023. Nutmeg State customers saw the biggest increase from 2021 to 2022, from 21.91 cents per kilowatt-hour to 24.61 cents

per kilowatt-hour (2.7 cents increase).

With an increase of 40.1% in energy costs between 2015 and 2023, Rhode Island ranks seventh. In 2015, the average cost per kilowatt-hour for Ocean Staters was 19.29 cents, which rose to 27.02 cents in 2023. From 2022 to 2023, residential consumers saw the biggest difference in a year, from 23.21 cents per kilowatt-hour to 27.02 cents (3.81 cents).

West Virginia is in eighth-place, where customers have faced an increase of 39.4% in their energy costs. The average cost per kilowatt-hour in the Mountain State was 10.08 cents in the state, which increased to 14.05 cents in 2015. Between 2015 and 2016, residential consumers saw the biggest difference in a year, from 10.08 cents per kilowatt-hour to 11.44 cents per kilowatt-hour (1.36 cents).

Following in ninth position is Pennsylvania, with an

increase of 32.7% in energy costs from 2015 and 2023. On average, energy customers in the Keystone State paid 13.64 cents per kilowatt-hour in 2015, which jumped to 18.1 cents in 2023. The biggest increase in the state was between 2022 and 2023, from 15.94 cents per kilowatt-hour to 18.1 cents, which is a difference of 2.16 cents.

Completing the top 10 is Florida where energy costs increased by 31.4% between 2015 and 2023 for customers. In 2015, consumers from the Sunshine State paid 11.58 cents per kilowatt-hour on average, which increased to 15.21 cents in 2023. The most significant difference in costs was between 2021 and 2022, from 11.9 cents per kilowatt-hour to 13.9 cents (two cents).

At the other end of the ranking is Utah. Within the Beehive State, energy costs increased by just 2.9% between 2015 and 2023 for customers. In 2015, consumers paid 10.88 cents per kilowatt-hour on average, which increased to 11.20 cents in 2023.

The U.S. Energy Information Agency's "Electricity Data Browser" was analyzed to reveal the average cost per kilowatt-hour for customers in each state between 2015 and 2023. The ranking has been created, based on the states which have seen the biggest increase from 2015 to 2023.

"With rising energy costs putting a potential strain on household finances, it is important to track these increases throughout the years," said chief executive officer of Texas Electricity Ratings Karl Trollinger. "For the majority of states, the biggest increases that consumers have faced came during the more recent years of 2021, 2022 and 2023. Before that, energy costs didn't increase significantly and even decreased slightly at times." ★

Data Shows Slowing Decline in Overall School Enrollment

California Department of Education News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - On May 21, the California Department of Education released 2024 to 2025 school enrollment data on DataQuest (<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>), showing that the decline in public school enrollment has begun to slow.

While the overall decrease in school enrollment compared to pre-pandemic levels continues to be a source of strain on public schools, new initiatives such as transitional kindergarten (TK) show significant growth and signs of promise as local educational agencies (LEAs) work to reengage families, especially as California's families experience increased economic hardship.

"The overall slowing enrollment decline is encouraging and reflects the hard work of our local educational agencies across the state," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond. "While we have more work to do, the dramatic growth in transitional kindergarten is inspiring and shows that providing rigorous and quality programs can be a key ingredient to bringing more families back to our schools. One of our initiatives in this area is expansion of Dual Language Immersion programs as a strategy to drive future enrollment growth by providing school programs that are in high demand from California's families."

In the 2024 to 2025 school year, overall student enrollment declined by 0.54 percent compared to the year prior, representing a slowing of declining school enrollment. Though the change from the prior school year is minimal, the difference between current year enrollment and pre-pandemic enrollment remains significant.

The most significant trend in California's 2024 to 2025 school enrollment data reflects an increased demand for specific education initiatives, such as transitional kindergarten.

Even as overall enrollment has fallen, transitional kindergarten enrollment continues to boom, with



In the 2024 to 2025 school year, overall student enrollment declined by 0.54 percent compared to the year prior, representing a slowing of declining school enrollment. Image by febrion eka saputra from Pixabay

a year-over-year increase of 17.2 percent. The number of local educational agencies offering Transitional Kindergarten (TK) at all school sites has increased to 85 percent, and as transitional kindergarten expansion creates more spaces in state preschool, enrollment of 3-year-olds in state preschool continues to rise. Overall, more and more families are taking advantage of public opportunities for early learning.

This growth in preschool and transitional kindergarten shows that directly responding to California families' enthusiasm for specific educational initiatives is a strong path to reengaging families in schools.

Dual Language Immersion (DLI) programs have shown significant growth statewide: as of 2023 to 2024, there were 1,036 Dual Language Immersion programs in California, a 39-percent increase from 747 Dual Language Immersion programs in 2018 to 2019.

Recent local data shows that Expanded Learning program expansion mirrors trends in transitional kindergarten and dual language immersion expansion: as the number of seats increases, they are filled. In Elk Grove Unified, broadened access to Expanded

Learning programs has increased program enrollment from 3,300 to 12,000, a 264-percent increase.

These data points offer insights into in-demand educational initiatives and a potential path to reversing long-term school enrollment trends.

More information about Superintendent Thurmond's initiatives can be found on the California Department of Education Initiatives web page at cde.ca.gov/eo/in/. Another webinar about California's dual language immersion expansion is scheduled at 2 p.m. June 3 and can be viewed on the California Department of Education Facebook page at facebook.com/CAEducation. For more information on Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) and transitional kindergarten, see Universal Pre-Kindergarten frequently asked questions and transitional kindergarten frequently asked questions on the California Department of Education website. Transitional kindergarten is a core component of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program. It enrolls students in the first year of a two-year kindergarten program, using a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. ★

State-Specific Tools Highlight Small Business Tax Deduction Benefits

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, has released two new digital tools to help small business owners, policymakers and the public in California. These tools help with understanding the significant economic impact of the 20% Small Business Tax Deduction and what's at stake if Congress fails to make it permanent.

The new tools include an interactive map that allows users to explore how extending the Small Business Deduction would power job creation and gross domestic product (GDP) growth in every Congressional district across California. The National Federation of Independent Business also launched a tax calculator to provide small business owners in California with personalized estimates of how much more they could owe in federal income taxes in 2026 if the deduction expires.

"These new tools give small business owners and elected leaders in California real data about the economic stakes," said John Kabateck, state director for National Federation of Independent Business in California. "If Congress fails to act, millions of small businesses across the country, including right here in California, will face a massive tax hike. That means fewer jobs, less investment and slower growth for our communities. We urge Congress to make the 20% Small Business Tax Deduction permanent." ★

"We also applaud the United States House of Representatives passing the One Big Beautiful Act this morning. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act is one of the most pro-small business pieces of legislation in recent history, and Congress has a historic opportunity to provide more than 33 million small business owners with permanent tax relief," said Kabateck.

According to National Federation of Independent Business' interactive map, if the deduction is extended, California could see an increase of 272,292 jobs and \$20.2 billion in gross domestic product more than the next decade. The district-level data allow lawmakers and local leaders to understand exactly how small businesses in their communities stand to gain when the tax deduction is made permanent or lose if it is not.

The tax calculator helps individual small business owners project their potential tax increase if the deduction is not extended. For example, a California small business owner with a personal income of \$75,000 and qualified business income of \$150,000 could see a tax increase of more than \$13,000, depending on their full financial profile.

To explore the tools and learn more about how National Federation of Independent Business is working to protect California's small businesses, visit SmallBusinessDeduction.com.

Keep up with the latest California small-business news at nfib.com. Follow the National Federation of Independent Business on X @NFIB_CA and on Facebook @NFIB.CA. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says Making Better Decisions

or with too little information, is foolish and dangerous. But then, so is thinking yourself to death. If the impact of the decision is small, don't waste too much time making the call. But if it's big or risky, spend more time thinking it through. It also doesn't hurt to seek the counsel of someone outside your organization you trust and respect.

- **Gather several options** - Creativity may be problem-solving's best friend, but options are the fruit of creative thinking that lead to amazing solutions. You'll feel more confident when you gather information and ideas, and study what you're dealing with.

- **Learn how to delegate** - By doing this, you'll free up more brain space to make decisions. And most likely, make better decisions.

- **Set a deadline** - This will help you overcome procrastination, or freezing in fear of making the wrong decision. Put a target date on your calendar, and decide by that day. Period.

- **Play out the worst** - case scenario in your mind - This may sound counterintuitive, but when you think through the worst that possibly happen, you'll see that making the call probably won't kill you—even if you're wrong.

- **Remember, choosing**

not to decide is a decision - Sometimes, it's the best path you can take for the short term.

- **Commit to your decision** - Follow through!

- **And finally, take care of yourself physically** - Get enough sleep and exercise so you can think logically and be well-reasoned.

James Clear, the bestselling author of *Atomic Habits*, says, "Your problems adjust to their true level of importance after a hard workout and a good night of sleep."

Leaders lead. Always. When your team sees you taking steps to improve yourself and the company, they'll buy-in more easily to your vision for the future. They'll have added confidence in you. And it may just inspire them to undertake a journey of self-improvement, as well.

I hope this helps, Nikki!

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Dear Dave,

I own a small business, and over the years we haven't grown quite as much as I expected or hoped. We're doing okay, but I often find myself questioning my own decisions after the fact. Do you have any suggestions for an entrepreneur looking to improve their decision-making abilities?

- Nikki

Dear Nikki,

I'm glad you're taking the condition of your company, and the direction it's heading, so seriously. Believe it or not, developing your decision-making skills takes practice and hard work, just like anything else. Even the best thinkers and decision-makers look back from time to time and wonder if they really did the right thing for their businesses and their team members.

Now, you're not wrong if you're sweating a little at the thought of how much practice it takes to develop these skills. Developing finely-tuned decision-making skills isn't easy. And like any process, it takes time. Here are a few ideas that may help you develop into a better decision-maker in the future:

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Briana Joelle Vega, 4749 Pismo Beach Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Graceful Roots Birth Services" 4749 Pismo Beach Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with

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Newsom Funds Millions to Reduce Youth Homelessness

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Continuing California's success in reducing homelessness in youth, Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced May 23 \$56 million awards to help 52 California counties provide housing and supportive services to young adults at risk of homelessness.

The funds will help counties prevent homelessness by providing services for youth transitioning out of foster care or probation systems in California. Last year, California reduced the number of youths experiencing homelessness and saw a smaller increase in unsheltered homelessness than 44 other states. This is in part due to programs such as this program, which has helped 14,048 young adults since 2020.

"California will continue to support our local governments in their efforts to address homelessness. California has provided unprecedented resources to counties and local communities to help their residents in need. We will continue to work together to help them address these local issues and ensure those experiencing homelessness have the support and care they need," said Newsom.

There are currently an estimated 9,871 young adults between the ages of 21 and 24 in California who exited foster care at age 18 or older and another 3,000 young adults exit foster care in California each year. Studies have shown that those exiting the foster care or probation system face disproportionately higher rates of homelessness, with unaccompanied youth up to age 24 comprising 10 percent of California's homeless population. Researchers and advocates also cite lack of stable housing as a significant barrier to continuing education for current and former foster youth.

"These grants will provide vital services to our young adults as they transition out of foster care and probation system so that they are able to access housing and wrap-around supports," said Tomiquia Moss, Business, Consumer Services and Housing Secretary. "In partnership with counties, these state resources will create pathways to stable housing and independent lives."

The awards were granted by the Transitional Age Youth programs



The funds will help counties prevent homelessness by providing services for youth transitioning out of foster care or probation systems in California. Image by Cord Allman from Pixabay

administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, which include the Transitional Housing Program, the Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program, and the Transitional Housing Plus Housing Supplement Program.

"Many young adults exiting the foster care or probation systems face homelessness and need resources and guidance to thrive," said Housing and Community Development Director Gustavo Velasquez. "These programs, and the important partnership with our counties, helps our

vulnerable youth receive the tools and support they need to secure and maintain housing and succeed in the future."

The \$56 million in awards are allocated to counties based on need as demonstrated by each county's percentage of the statewide total of young adults who are currently or formerly in the foster care or probation systems. The awards are as follows:

Transitional Housing Program which helps county child welfare agencies identify and assist with housing resources and improve service coordination, received

\$33.3 million for 52 counties.

Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program, which provides counties funding to train child welfare agency social workers and probation officers working with non-minor dependents as housing navigators with a broad understanding of available housing resources, received \$13.7 million for 51 counties.

Transitional Housing Plus Housing Supplement Program, which allocates grants to assist young adults who have exited foster care on or after their 18th birthday in counties with the state's highest market-rate apartment rental costs, received \$9 million for six counties.

With the investment announced May 23, the three programs will have funded housing assistance for 14,048 young adults ages 18 to 24 since 2020. Of the counties eligible to receive Transitional Age Youth funding this round, 52 of 56 accepted Transitional Housing Program awards; 51 of 56 counties accepted Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program awards; and all six counties eligible for Transitional Housing Plus Housing Supplement Program accepted their awards. Counties that declined awards even after receiving technical assistance from Housing and Community Development indicated a combination of low Transitional Age Youth caseload and insufficient staffing for a new program. Consistent with previous years, any funds that were declined were redistributed to eligible counties with the highest demonstrated need.

The Point in Time Count for homelessness among the age group served by Transitional Age Youth dropped from 11,403 in 2020 to 9,908 in 2022, and again to 8,569 by 2024.

Counties receiving funding include Alameda, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yolo and Yuba. ★

LaMalfa Celebrates Senate Repeal of Extreme Vehicle Emissions Mandates



Doug LaMalfa

Office of Congressman
Doug LaMalfa
News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) -

On May 22, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) applauded the Senate's passage of three Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions that block California's sweeping vehicle emissions mandates from taking effect nationwide. The measures now head to President Donald Trump's desk for signature.

"I'm happy to see the Senate follow the House in pushing back on California's extreme vehicle mandates," said Congressman LaMalfa. "These rules are completely unrealistic and would have made it harder for working families to afford a reliable car or truck. Forcing California's failed model onto the rest of the country is bad policy and bad for consumers. Americans should be free to choose the vehicles that fit their lives and budgets, and I look forward to

seeing the President sign these resolutions into law."

Congressman LaMalfa co-led the resolutions with Representatives John Joyce (R-Pennsylvania), John James (R-Michigan) and Jay Obernolte (R-California).

Under the Clean Air Act, states are generally prohibited from setting their own tailpipe emission standards for cars and trucks. However, California has a unique exemption under Section 209, which allows the state to establish its own emissions regulations if it submits a waiver to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and receives approval. Once granted, these California standards can also be adopted by other states under Section 177 of the Clean Air Act. Currently, about a dozen states follow California's emissions policies, effectively turning the state's regulations into a nationwide mandate.

President Joe Biden's administration approved several controversial waivers requested by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), allowing the state to impose extreme emissions rules that impact car and truck costs and availability across the country. These include:

Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC2): Approved in December 2024, this regulation mandates that 35% of new car sales be zero-emission by 2026,

increasing to 100% by 2035. At least 12 states have already adopted Advanced Clean Cars II. Failure to meet this goal means a maximum penalty of \$25,000 per non-compliant vehicle sold to consumers.

Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT): Approved in March 2023, this regulation forces truck manufacturers and retailers to meet strict zero-emission quotas by 2035, including 55% of Class 2B-3 truck sales, 75% of Class 4 to 8 straight truck sales and 40% of truck tractor sales. At least 11 states have adopted Advanced Clean Trucks.

Omnibus Low-NOx Emissions Rule: Approved in December 2024, this regulation imposes aggressive emissions reductions on medium- and heavy-duty truck and other engines, requiring NOx emissions to be cut by 75% below current standards for Model Year 2024-2026 compared to 2010 levels and particulate matter emissions to be cut by 50%.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is the Congressional Western Caucus chairman and a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties. ★

Gavin Newsom's Off-The-Mark Budget Numbers Undermine His Credibility Again



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

Governor Gavin Newsom's revised state budget assumes California will see a sharp decline in projected revenue, largely because President Donald Trump's tariffs will slow the nation's economy.

Newsom blames a "Trump slump," as well as an anticipated increase in spending on Medi-Cal, California's medical program for the poor, for punching a \$12 billion hole in the budget.

Both of those factors, however, underscore a consistent trend in budgets Newsom has proposed and signed during the last six years, projections of income and outgo that miss the mark, often by many billions of dollars, thus undermining the credibility of the governor's financial depictions.

The most obvious example happened in May 2022, as the state's economy was recovering from the brief, but severe recession caused by shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Newsom presented a revised 2022-23 budget that was \$14 billion higher than his original proposal, boasting that the state was experiencing a \$97.5 billion surplus. "No other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this," Newsom said as he unveiled the revision.

The budget he signed a

month later added still another \$7 billion in spending with immense new commitments, including cash payments to poor families, expanded health care for undocumented immigrants and new funds for early childhood education.

The surplus Newsom extolled, however, was an illusion. He and his budget advisors had assumed that a one-time spike in state revenues would be permanent, setting a new base of personal and corporate income taxes and sales taxes well in excess of \$200 billion a year.

But it didn't happen. A year ago, a brief passage in Newsom's 2024 to 2025 budget revision acknowledged the error.

"Due to the revenue spike from 2019 to 2020 to 2021 to 2022, the budget acts of 2021 and 2022 were based on forecasts that projected substantially greater revenues in the last two fiscal years than occurred," the budget declared.

"Substantially greater" indeed.

An accompanying chart on revenues from the state's three major tax sources revealed that "The total difference across the four fiscal years is a negative \$165.1 billion," meaning the error was \$40 billion or more a year.

However, the fiscal damage was done. Newsom and the Legislature had already committed the state to tens of billions of dollars in new spending based on revenues that didn't exist. They created what's called a structural deficit, a chronic gap between income and outgo, that's currently estimated at \$10 billion to \$30 billion a year.

One might think that, having made such an immense error of fiscal judgment,

Newsom and his Department of Finance would be ultra-careful in projecting revenues and spending.

Apparently not. Last year, one of those 2022 commitments based on the erroneous surplus projection, the extension of Medi-Cal coverage to everyone in the state, including undocumented immigrants, took effect. Early this year, the administration revealed Medi-Cal costs were outpacing expectations by more than \$6 billion, mostly due to the coverage expansion.

In other words, it's a double whammy. The false assumption of budget surpluses has been compounded by a false assumption about Medi-Cal costs, thereby worsening the structural deficit that, if left to fester, would compound itself even more. The Legislative Analyst's Office says the deficit could reach \$42 billion by 2028-29.

The administration's sorry record on income and outgo projections should make the Legislature and the voting public very skeptical of Newsom's current assumption that the "Trump slump" from tariffs will punch an even larger hole in the budget.

That certainly could happen, but with tariffs and their impact shifting day-to-day, putting any number on the revenue impacts is nothing more than guesswork. And we already know that the administration's fiscal guesses are unreliable.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and 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. ★



67th Art Fiesta Features Local Students

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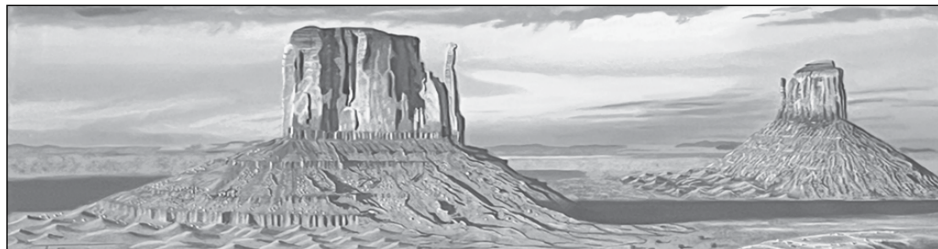
"This event is a perfect blend of art, community and purpose," said Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club President Tom Fleishmann. "By simply showing up, you're making a difference, supporting students, uplifting local artists and helping families in need. Plus, it's a great way to kick off the summer with something truly meaningful

and beautiful. The artwork makes a wonderful addition to your home or as a valued gift."

Admission and parking are free for the event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St., Sacramento.

Food vendors will be there both days.

For more information, visit sacramento-suburbankiwanis.org.



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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



What do the Dallas Mavericks and the Sacramento Kings have in common? Both teams traded away inexplicably the face of their franchises, and both were in the recent lottery draft with almost impossible odds to acquire the #1 pick.

The Dallas Mavericks traded beloved Luka Doncic to the L.A. Lakers, and GM Nico Harrison somehow retained his job. The Mavericks came to the NBA lottery night with a 1.8 percent chance of acquiring the #1 pick. Fans know that the lottery is anyone's guess, as the Dallas Mavericks defied the odds and are poised to choose 6'9" Cooper Flagg out of Duke.

At 6'9" and 225 pounds, as impossible as it may seem, the Mavericks are poised to replace Luka with a carbon copy that is 3 inches taller and 8 years younger.

After Harrison's Lakers trade, nothing's certain in Dallas, but it's hard to imagine anyone botching the most obvious pick since, dare I say, Luka Doncic, who was acquired via trade after being drafted #3 by Atlanta.

Dallas has come close but has brought home a championship since Luka was acquired from Atlanta in 2018. Now, with Kyrie Irving at the point and Anthony Davis in the paint, 18-year-old Cooper Flagg might just be the missing piece.

The Sacramento Kings Monte McNair was not as fortunate, as his trade of DeAaron Fox was too much to overcome, and Sacramento fans must wait to see what basketball acumen new GM Scott Perry will bring to the table.

Perry finds himself immediately on the hot seat, as there is no time to make any more mistakes.

Pundits say Jure Holiday may become available as the Boston Celtics look to fine tune their lineup, and Holiday is a player that can help on both ends of the floor.

The Kings have improved their team defensively, and that is in no small part to building from within, as Keon Ellis continues to raise eyebrows with his defensive skills, and Keegan Murray has made similar strides over the past two seasons.

Holiday commands a steep paycheck at over 40 million a year, so at least one

high priced King would likely have to go. Many believe that would point to a trade involving DeMar DeRozan, but a trade involving 3-point specialist Zach Lavine can't be ruled out.

Whether the Kings make a play for Holiday or someone else, it's certain that Scott Perry and assistant B.J. Armstrong will be looking to add a true NBA point guard, and not just a capable fill-in.

King's fans would love to see Devin Carter make a leap forward and show fans why he was drafted in the first round a year ago. Carter had many moments last season that gave rise to the notion that this could be the Kings point guard of the future. Only time will tell, but it's unlikely that the new front office will be in wait mode.

Sacramento is looking for some of the Dallas lottery magic, and if there's anything we've learned about the NBA, nothing is taken for granted.

Scott Perry and B.J. Armstrong deserve to show what they can bring to the table, and just how well they can assess talent. A new culture is brewing, and fans are going to have to wait to see what that will look like.

I'm guessing that next season will bring a renewed focus on defense, and even without a trade, the Kings have a roster that can either start or bring players off the bench that can play defense at a high level.

Expect to see changes in the roster, sooner rather than later. If Jrue Holiday is among those changes, he gets my vote, as I believe Holiday's game would be a natural fit for the Kings, and he checks multiple boxes.

For many fans, it's not hard to remember the agonizing 20-win seasons, so despite the disappointment that 40 wins created last year, don't lose heart.

There is real talent on this team, and has been stated many times before, Domantas Sabonis is the real deal. I hope Scott Perry realizes what he has, because this is one big man to build a team around, and I want to see Sabonis in the paint next season leading the NBA in rebounds and double doubles once again!

All the best Kings fans and keep the faith! ★

Social Security Matters

Will "DOGE" Hurt our Social Security or Medicare Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am a new AMAC member and have an important question for you, and your answer will be greatly appreciated. My question is: Is the new DOGE effort going to help us, or hurt us, all those living on Social Security and receiving Medicare benefits? Please let us know soon. **Regards: Worried Senior**

Dear Worried Senior: Here at the AMAC Foundation, we offer free access to everyone, the public as well as AMAC members, for our acclaimed Social Security Advisory Service, at which we answer all inquiries from anyone with questions about Social Security and enrollment in Medicare. As you can imagine, we very closely watch all action in Washington, D.C. which will affect Social Security and Medicare, especially any Congressional legislation being considered.

The new "DOGE" (Department of Government Efficiency) organization is tasked with uncovering and eliminating fraud and waste in all areas of the Federal

Government, and that includes Social Security and Medicare. But the important thing to remember is that DOGE is seeking only to discover fraud and government waste.

Recently a great deal of visibility has been given to DOGE's efforts to discover potential fraud (and waste) in the Social Security Administration. Everything we have seen thus far indicates that DOGE's efforts have identified opportunities for reducing fraud and waste at the Social Security Administration, so our expectation is that DOGE's efforts will tend to help the Social Security Administration become more efficient but not endanger anyone's Social Security benefits. Indeed, President Trump and the DOGE team have repeatedly said that no cuts in Social Security benefits will occur as a result of DOGE's efforts. Reducing fraud and waste at the SSA would tend to improve the agency's financial posture and improve their ability to pay full benefits longer. The same is true for Medicare. Actually, DOGE is very transparent and posts everything they find on this website: www.doge.gov. A quick look at this website reveals that none of what they have found at the SSA indicates any threat to SS or Medicare benefits.

I suggest that any negative news media and social media accounts of DOGE's activities be taken

with a grain of salt. All such articles are largely meant to attract attention to unlikely "doomsday" scenarios. The reality is that our government is over \$36 trillion in debt, and that debt is growing, which is an unsustainable financial path for our country. DOGE is specifically tasked with eliminating the deficit gap by reducing frivolous government spending and fraud. But reducing crucial benefits for seniors on Social Security and Medicare are NOT part of DOGE's efforts, nor their goal.

Rest assured that here at the AMAC Foundation we are watching all current DOGE efforts very closely and will vigorously oppose anything which will negatively affect Social Security and Medicare. Indeed, AMAC's stated goal is to strengthen and preserve Social Security for all future generations.

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Introducing the Trump Doctrine

President Donald Trump gave an important speech in Riyadh that may come as close to outlining a "Trump doctrine" as we'll probably see. It was a direct counterpoint to George W. Bush's second inaugural address. The simplistic way to put it is that what liberty was for Bush, money is to Donald Trump.

That's not quite right, though. The speech had values, they just weren't typical values -- accountable government, human dignity -- but simply prosperity and peace. If Bush wanted to spread freedom, Trump wants to spread gleaming high-rise buildings.

He hailed the rise in the Gulf of a Middle East "defined by commerce, not chaos, where it exports technology, not terrorism, and where people of different nations, religions and creeds are building cities together."

Notably, there is no liberty in this affirming sentence -- it's all economic activity. The speech was very critical of Iran, but his critique was that it isn't constructing anything. Instead, its landmarks "are collapsing into rubble and dust."

Trump's speech wasn't isolationist, or alien to American traditions. The address ran in the slipstream of the Hamiltonian tradition as famously outlined by Walter

Russell Mead, with its emphasis on the role of commerce in foreign affairs. And there was, as always, a Jacksonian element, as Trump spoke of smiting America's enemies. There was, however, no Wilsonianism. In a passage that got attention, Trump rapped neocons and liberal nonprofits for trying, but failing, to develop the Middle East because they didn't know or respect the culture of the region.

There is merit in this charge. We had no idea what we were getting into in Iraq and Afghanistan, while George W. Bush's vision for the spread of democracy systematically failed to account for the influence of culture, and for the centrality of order to liberty and other social goods.

That said, both Afghanistan and Iraq were originally conceived as wars of self-defense in the wake of a terror attack that shook America to its core. It's also unpersuasive to hold up the Gulf states as a counterexample of development -- anyone can run an emirate sitting atop gobs of oil and living under the U.S. security umbrella.

Trump's vision is actually as universalist as Bush's; Bush believed every country could become a democracy, and Trump believes that every country can prosper.

Iran can be "a wonderful, safe, great country, but they cannot have a nuclear weapon." Lebanon, too, can embrace "a future of economic development and peace." He'll reach out to anyone and bring them into this charmed circle of commerce and comity. "As I've shown repeatedly," he

said, "I am willing to end past conflicts and forge new partnerships."

For Trump, it's the results that matter -- the prosperity and peace -- not how a given government achieves them. That's none of our business. "I believe it is God's job to sit in judgment," he pronounced. Trump's job is to promote "stability, prosperity and peace."

In sum, the speech was a deal-maker's realpolitik, or a doctrine that we won't really have a doctrine except for trying to get everyone rich and to get along with as many people as possible.

The address was certainly bracing. But values do matter. Liberal societies are, as a general matter, more reliably our friends, and more reliably achieve prosperity. If Bush's vision advanced an unrealistic view of what motivates mankind -- all yearning for liberty, no yearning for power or revenge -- Trump drastically simplifies human motivation in his own way. As history has shown, people will fight and die for faiths and ideologies when these have nothing to do with prosperity, or actively destroy it.

Also, it should be said that standing for democratic ideals is an enormous part of America's appeal around the world, and if we get into a competition with China purely over who is richer and can cut more deals, we are kicking away a major advantage. That's likely an insight for another president, though. Trump has his doctrine.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Ask DR. UNIVERSE

Why do we Lose our Hearing when we Get Older?

— David, 10, Wisconsin

Dear David,

I love visiting with my grandcat. But sometimes I have to talk loudly so she can hear me.

I asked my friend Christine Portfors why that is. She's a biologist at Washington State University.

She told me it's all about the hair cells inside our ears.

They aren't really hairs. They're sensory cells. Hair cells have tiny, bristle-like tufts that stick out—called cilia—that look a little bit like hairs.

Those hair cells are why we can hear.

First, sounds funnel into our ears. They bonk into the ear drum and make it vibrate. Then, three itty, bitty bones make those vibrations bigger. They send the vibrations to the inner ear. There are tons of hair cells there. The vibrations ripple over our hair cells, making the cilia move or bend. It's like turning on a switch. Electrical signals zoom up the auditory nerve to our brains. Then, our brains make sense of what we're hearing.

But, as we get older, our hair cells start to break down. After years and years of responding to sound vibrations, they simply wear out.

"The real problem is that hair cells can't repair themselves or regrow," Portfors said. "So, once they wear out, they're gone—and you lose your ability to hear all those different types of sounds."

Besides normal wear and tear, there are other ways our hair cells can take damage. Sometimes ear infections, head injuries and other diseases harm them. Sometimes medicines damage hair cells as a side effect.

Sounds that are too loud also hurt your hair cells. That's extra true if the loud noises go on for a

long time or happen regularly.

Maybe you've been somewhere super noisy or had your headphones cranked up mega loud. When things were quiet again, you may have heard a ringing sound inside your ears. Portfors

says that's your hair cells alerting you that loud sound is damaging them.

Luckily, it's usually easy to protect your hair cells from loud noise. You can avoid very loud places—or only stay a short time. You can wear ear muffs or ear plugs when it's loud. You can turn down your

headphones. I learned that if someone else can hear my headphones while I'm using them, that means they're definitely too loud.

Someday scientists will probably be able to fix damaged or worn-out hair cells.

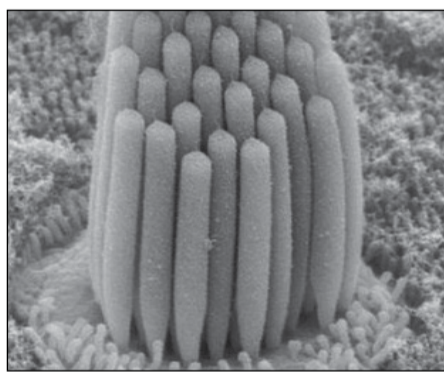
"What's interesting is birds and reptiles regrow their hair cells," Portfors said. "So, there's lots of research trying to understand why mammals don't. Is there a way that we can understand the different genetics and help humans regrow their hair cells? That's a huge area of study."

In the meantime, use your ear protection—just like you use other safety gear like seatbelts and helmets. And if you're lucky enough to have an older person in your life, help them stay connected.

It can be lonely to lose your hearing due to age, but spending time with you is ear-resistible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



This hair cell is in the inner ear of a frog. The long bits that look like hairs or bits of spaghetti are the cilia. Image: NIH Image: NIH



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Roger Niello

Roger's Review

By State Senator Roger Niello

In the last couple of months, the State Capitol buzzed with a series of pivotal committee hearings. Out of the legislative proposals that I have introduced, I wanted to highlight four that have recently passed committee hearings or the Senate floor. For the full list of my bills, visit my website at sen.ca.gov/niello and go to "Legislation."

Senate Bill 657, 529s and Tax Conformity (Passed the Senate Revenue and Tax Committee).

Families often worry that saving in a 529 account could lead to penalties or taxes if their child does not attend college or has leftover funds. Senate Bill 657 eliminates that concern by aligning state law with federal law to allow families to roll over unused 529 savings into Roth Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) for the benefit of the student, and it would be tax- and penalty-free. By providing this flexibility, parents can confidently invest in their child's future without fear of losing their hard-earned savings.

The reassurance of knowing that every dollar saved can be used in a meaningful way encourages more parents to open 529 accounts and contribute more. My proposed change would allow individuals and families to start investing towards their children's retirement.

Senate Bill 765, State Snake (Passed the Senate Governmental Organization Committee).

One unique legislative idea I introduced this year is the proposal to designate the giant garter snake as California's official state snake. This unique species is found nowhere else in the world and plays a vital role in the state's ecology, agriculture, and water resources. With its population having declined by over 90% in the past century, the snake has been federally recognized as threatened since 1993, spurring conservation efforts in wetlands and rice fields.

Michael Starkey, the founder and executive director of Save The Snakes, said,

"Designating the giant garter snake as California's official State Snake is more than a symbolic gesture; it's a crucial step in raising awareness about this vulnerable species and its vital role in our state's ecosystems." He continued, "This designation will amplify conservation efforts, fostering public education and ensuring the protection of this unique and ecologically significant reptile for generations to come. It's a chance to highlight the importance of wetlands and the delicate balance of nature within California."

California Rice Commission President and Chief Executive Officer Tim Johnson expressed the commission's support, "With 95% of California's wetlands now gone, rice fields and the canals that feed them have become valuable habitat for the giant garter snake. Our farmers are working with researchers and water districts to understand how our fields can provide even more habitat to this iconic species."

Senate Bill 517, Home Improvement Protection (Passed the Senate Floor).

This proposal improves basic fairness and transparency for homeowners hiring workers for projects at their homes. When homeowners sign a contract, they deserve to know who is actually doing the work on their home. In our own community, we have seen the consequences of this lack of transparency firsthand. A company advertising itself as a full-service Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) builder was actually handing off the entire project to a single subcontractor without informing the homeowners. Customers thought they were working with the original company from start to finish, but in reality, all the work was outsourced. When things went wrong, there was no accountability. Unfortunately, this isn't an isolated case.

Senate Bill 517 would allow consumers to make an informed decision regarding their home improvement project because it will require a home improvement contractor to use better disclosure if using subcontractors.

'Mr. Carmichael' Stan Atkinson Dies

Column and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)

- A long-time friend of Carmichael, Stan Atkinson died last Saturday, aged 92.

The town's nationally-lauded neighbor was an everyday figure during much of his KCRA anchoring career. Stan to everyone, he haunted neighborhood coffee shops, markets and golfed at Ancil Hoffman Park. Although he served in Korea and saw the horrors of many conflicts, a smile wreathed his face as reliably as Mount Rushmore's profiles.

He and my late husband, John Skinner, were buddies. The Atkinson bear-hug welcomed me as a new bride. He was attentive, courtly and kind. Handsome and polished. As comfortable in tuxedo as in battledress.

My Vietnam veteran and bandleader husband was cut from the same khaki. We often met Stan at galas, where he'd call "Hey, Skinner!" as eagerly as greeting a city mayor. With unfeigned respect for



Stan Atkinson lived close to Ancil Hoffman Park, Carmichael during much of his Sacramento television career.

veterans, Stan was a pal to anyone who had worn a uniform. On top of that, he dug musicians. When Skinner played Glenn Miller, Stan and his pretty wife, Kristen, tripped light and fantastic.

"Mr. Carmichael" was a journalist's dream. He would pick up the phone and provide a good quote any time you called. I inevitably included the celebrity in my book on Carmichael. Back then, Stan was helping The First Tee, a nonprofit that taught the skills and etiquette of golf to children. Calling

this community course his favorite, Stan posed for my Ancil Hoffman Park photo with a bunch of First Tee kids.

"Geese honking, coyotes loping, does and bucks elegantly poised, you never know what you'll encounter playing golf here," Stan enthused.

Here, and all over our town, so many Carmichaelites remember encounters with dear Stan. A great neighbor, a great old-school newsman and a great American.

The Atkinson family plans a private funeral. ★

Senate Bill 84, Disability Access and Right to Cure (Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee).

Many small businesses have been targeted by opportunistic attorneys who file drive-by lawsuits. My intent with Senate Bill 84 is to protect the rights of the people with disabilities to have physical access while also protecting the rights of business owners to have access to justice, equal representation, and protection from meritless litigation. This bill gives businesses a "right to cure" or an opportunity to fix construction-related deficiencies that fail to meet disability access provisions before penalties are issued.

Thank you to the local businesses and

chambers of commerce in Senate District 6 for your support. Because of your fierce advocacy, this bill is swiftly moving forward!

State Sen. Roger Niello represents District 6, which includes Antelope, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Clay, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Foothill Farms, Franklin, Galt, Gold River, Herald, Mather, Orangevale, Rancho Cordova, Rancho Murietta and Wilton in Sacramento County. The district also includes Auburn, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Loomis, Newcastle, Penryn, Rocklin, Roseville and Sheridan in Placer County. To reach the senator, call 916-772-0571 or email senator.niello@senate.ca.gov. ★

Lunch with Assemblyman Hoover

Luncheon Highlights State Budget, Homelessness, and Public Safety

Story and photos by Ornella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Cordova Luncheon, a staple of local community engagement for more than 64 years, once again brought together business leaders, residents, and policymakers for an informative gathering on May 16.

Hosted monthly by the Cordova Community Council and the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce, the event provides a platform for community members to hear from local newsmakers. This month's luncheon, held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rancho Cordova City Hall, featured Assemblyman Josh Hoover, who represents California's 7th District.

Hoover addressed several key issues impacting his district, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom and Rancho Cordova, and the unincorporated communities of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Mather, McClean Park, North Highlands, Orangevale and Rosemont.

"I have been privileged to see Josh in action, he walks his talk, and we are very fortunate to have him representing Rancho Cordova," said Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Diann Rogers.

Hoover, who was re-elected to a second term in November, shared his thoughts on the state of California's political landscape and highlighted several priorities for his office. He began by emphasizing his deep connection to the region.

"It's wonderful to be back here today," Hoover said. "It's an honor to represent the community where I grew up. I've had the pleasure of living and working around the Sacramento area and I truly believe this is a place with a bright



From left are Shelly Blanchard, executive director of the Cordova Community Council; Assemblyman Josh Hoover; and Diann Rogers, Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce president & CEO.

future ahead."

During his presentation, Hoover discussed the bipartisan efforts he is involved in, particularly through the California Problem Solvers Caucus, a group of legislators working across party lines to address the state's most pressing issues.

"The mission of California Problem Solvers Caucus is to educate elected officials, legislative staff, members of the public on policy and issues to, and I quote, "Encourage political leadership that puts the public good above partisan political ideology. Their goal is to create the infrastructure that will advance leadership by promise solvers who are principal, pragmatic, and committed to reaching across the aisle to issues facing California," said Rogers.

Hoover said, "one of the topics we're focused on this year is energy policy. How can we transition to a clean energy future while also protecting our economy?"

Hoover also spoke on his involvement in immigration reform discussions, stressing the need for collaboration on what is often a divisive issue.

"There are a lot of different opinions on immigration," Hoover said. "But we're trying to come together to create a bipartisan approach that considers workforce

needs and border security."

A key topic of Hoover's address was the recent revision of Governor Gavin Newsom's state budget. Originally projecting a budget surplus in January, the latest revision revealed a \$12-billion deficit.

"The legislature is currently reviewing the budget and engaging with the governor's office," Hoover said. "Education is a priority for me and I'm glad to see that the proposed budget does not include cuts to education. But we will have to make some tough decisions."

Another priority that Hoover discussed was homelessness. Despite spending billions in taxpayer funds over the past several years, the state's homelessness crisis continues to worsen. According to Hoover, California now accounts for half of the nation's unsheltered homeless population.

"We've spent over \$24 billion on homelessness programs, and when you look at our homelessness population in California from 2019 and compare it to 2024, which is our latest count, we were at 151,000 homeless individuals in 2019 and today, we're at 187,000 homeless individuals. Now, that's statewide but that accounts for 50% of the nation's unsheltered homeless population just in one



Assemblyman Josh Hoover speaks with constituents at the Rancho Cordova Luncheon on May 16.

state," Hoover said. "We need to focus on accountability and treatment, not just housing. Mental health and substance abuse treatment are critical to addressing the root causes of homelessness."

On the public safety front, Hoover highlighted Proposition 36, which passed in November with more than 70% voter approval. The measure is aimed at addressing retail theft and holding fentanyl dealers accountable. Hoover stressed the importance of ensuring law enforcement has the resources it needs to implement these provisions.

"I was proud to advocate for Prop 36," Hoover said. "But to be successful, we need funding to support law enforcement and prosecutors."

Hoover also shared his passion for education, noting his background as a former school board member. He discussed his recent work on legislation like the "Phone-Free Schools Act," which aims to limit smartphone use in schools to combat rising mental health issues among students.

"Smartphones are a big part of the problem," Hoover said. "We're seeing rising rates of depression and anxiety, and much of it is linked to social media. We need to take action to protect our kids."

Following Hoover's address, attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions. One attendee raised concerns about Governor Newsom's mandate for state workers to return to the office by July.

"I think it's important to embrace remote work where it makes sense," Hoover said in response. "Many state workers have optimized their work from home and bringing them back could be detrimental to productivity. It would also increase costs for workers in terms of commuting and parking."

Another question focused on the issue of electric vehicle (EV) owners contributing to road maintenance through taxes. Hoover acknowledged the growing role of EVs on California roads but pointed out the disparity in funding for road repair.

"EVs are becoming a substantial portion of the vehicle fleet. They don't contribute to the gas tax, which funds road repairs. I support a vehicle mileage tax for EVs to help ensure they pay their fair share for infrastructure," Hoover said. "We need to stop raiding the gas tax and sending it to other priorities. It should be going to our roads, that's what drivers pay for, and that's what we should be getting. We currently pay the highest gas taxes in the entire country and we drive on the 46th-worse ranked roads in the country."

The next Rancho Cordova Luncheon will take place on June 20, featuring California Senator Roger Niello. Reservations are required, with tickets priced at \$20 for members of the Cordova Community Council and the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce, and \$30 for non-members and walk-ins.

For more information on how to become a member or to purchase tickets, visit cordovacouncil.org. ★

Washing Away Mental Health Stigma



Sacramento County is making a splash to raise awareness about mental health through the #SpeakYouMIND Ice Bucket Challenge for Mental Health Awareness. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA - This May, Sacramento County is making a splash to raise awareness about mental health.

In a powerful show of leadership, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Patrick Kennedy and Pat Hume participated in the University of South Carolina's #SpeakYouMIND Ice Bucket Challenge for Mental Health Awareness, demonstrating that addressing mental health should be

seen as strong, courageous and community-driven.

Mental illness impacts every ethnic, racial, economic, religious and age group. Roughly one in every five adults will experience a diagnosable mental health condition during their lifetime, yet many never seek the support they need due to stigma, discrimination or shame. In Sacramento County, there is a belief that has to change. If you had a general health issue, you would seek help and it should be the same for mental/behavioral health.

Sacramento County is proud to offer a range of behavioral health services that address both mental health and substance-use needs. Individuals have different experiences, needs and paths to recovery, and Sacramento County services reflect that. Whether it's prevention, treatment or ongoing support, Sacramento County is committed to helping individuals access the care that fits their unique journey.

To determine treatment needs and level of care, Sacramento County offers confidential

brief screenings through the Behavioral Health Services-Screening and Coordination (BHS-SAC) Team with no appointment necessary. Clinical staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to help residents connect with the appropriate provider. Individuals should call 916-875-1055 to begin screening. For a behavioral health crisis, call 988.

Additionally, the county's Stop Stigma Sacramento campaign continues to challenge misconceptions and build understanding through education and

community dialogue. The campaign highlights real voices and real stories, proving that recovery is possible and that support makes a difference. Learn more at stopstigmасacramento.org.

Mental health is health. With the right support, individuals can and do recover and thrive.

This month, and every month, let's work together to wash away the stigma. For more information on Sacramento County Department of Health Services, visit dhs.saccounty.gov/BHS/Pages/BHS-Home.aspx. ★

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<p>For 6 people \$95.00 + Gratuity 3Hours Karaoke + Pizza + Pitcher Soda + 2 Main Dishes (Steak House)</p>	<p>For 18 people 295.00 + Gratuity 3Hours Karaoke + 3Pizza + Pitcher Soda + 7 Main Dishes (Large Room)</p>
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<p>For 14 people \$230.00 + Gratuity 3Hours Karaoke + 2Pizza + Pitcher Soda + 5 Main Dishes (Family Room)</p>	

Dishes To Choose From: Beef, Pork, Chicken, Fish, Seafood, Vegetarian, etc.

FROZEN & FISH DEPT

<p>Red Abalone Sashimi Grade 2.2 lbs REG. \$49.99/EA \$26.99/ea</p>	<p>Cleaned Salted Rex Sole 340 g REG. \$5.99/EA \$3.99/ea</p>
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WEEKLY MEAT SPECIALS

<p>Beef Rump/Bottom Round Roast-Bnls \$4.99/lb</p>	<p>Beef New York Roast - Bnls \$7.49/lb</p>	<p>Chicken Drumsticks 89¢/lb</p>
<p>Pork Cushion Meat-Bnls \$2.99/lb</p>	<p>Pork Loin Ribs (country style)- Bnls \$2.99/lb</p>	<p>Pork Spare Ribs \$2.99/lb</p>

WEEKLY HALAL SPECIALS

<p>Chicken Drumsticks 99¢/lb</p>	<p>New Zealand Lamb Stew Meat Bone-in \$4.59/lb</p>	<p>Beef Rump/Bottom Round Roast \$4.99/lb</p>
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FRESH PRODUCE

<p>Red Pear \$1.49/lb</p>	<p>Lemon 3 lbs bag \$2.79/bag</p>	<p>Russet Potato 10 lbs bag \$2.59/bag</p>	<p>Whole White Mushroom 8 oz \$1.99/ea</p>
<p>Carrot 25 lbs Bag \$12.99/bag</p>	<p>Walnut 8 lbs Bag \$15.99/bag</p>	<p>Seafood Mushroom 150 g \$1.19/ea</p>	<p>Ginger \$1.69/lb</p>

AMERICAN/HISPANIC GROCERY

<p>REG. \$4.99 \$2.99/ea Kool Aid Fruit Drinks 10pk 10 x 6.1oz</p>	<p>REG. \$2.59 \$1.99/ea Corazon Sea Salt (no additives) 24.64 oz</p>	<p>REG. \$4.99 \$1.99/ea Gamesa Marias Cookies 19.7 oz</p>	<p>REG. \$2.99 \$1.49/ea Sour Punch Gummies (flavored candy) 6.75 oz</p>	<p>REG. \$3.49 99¢/ea Crunchy Giant Inka Corn (w/ sea salt) 4 oz</p>
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ASIAN GROCERY

<p>REG. \$4.49 \$3.99/ea Excellent Bihon Rice Sticks 16 oz</p>	<p>REG. \$9.99 \$7.69/ea Lee Kum Kee Pure Sesame Oil 15.1oz</p>	<p>REG. \$1.99 \$1.59/ea Lucia Whole Green Mung Beans 14 oz</p>	<p>REG. \$12.99 \$9.99/ea Knorr Chicken Bouillon Powder 35.2 oz</p>	<p>REG. \$5.99 \$1.99/ea +CRV Tea's Tea Jasmine Green Tea 67.6 f.oz</p>
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<p>REG. \$17.99 \$15.99/ea Dunar Extra Long Basmati Rice 10 lbs</p>	<p>REG. \$8.99 \$6.99/ea Tayas Damla Assorted Chewy Candy 850 gr</p>	<p>REG. \$7.99 \$5.99/ea Zacusca Romanian Style Ajvar Spread 540 gr</p>	<p>REG. \$7.99 \$6.99/ea OT Marina Sunflower Seeds 500 gr</p>	<p>REG. \$4.69 \$2.99/ea Franzeluta Waffles w/ Halva 300 gr</p>
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KOREAN/JAPANESE GROCERY

<p>REG. \$2.99 \$2.99/ea Cake Coque Cream 154 g</p>	<p>REG. \$49.99 \$24.99/ea Alaska Pink Salmon Ikura per pack 500g</p>	<p>REG. \$4.99 \$2.99/ea Layer Seasoned Woori 12 x 4 g</p>	<p>REG. \$5.99 \$1.99/ea Rice White Cooked 3 x 210 g</p>
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<p>FROZEN & FISH DEPT</p> <p>Dried Cod Fish 500 g REG. \$16.99/EA \$12.99/ea</p>	<p>EUROPEAN DELI</p> <p>Columbus Applewood Ham REG. \$17.99/LB \$6.99/lb</p> <p>Belmont German Ham REG. \$6.99/LB \$5.49/lb</p>	<p>Green Olives Stuffed w/ Almonds REG. \$7.99/LB \$6.39/lb</p> <p>Kalamata Olives w/ Garlic & Pepper REG. \$7.99/LB \$6.39/lb</p>
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