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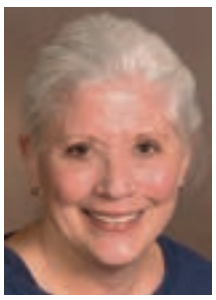
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THIS 'n' THAT

by Carol Bogart

So Many Goodhearted People

Early on in my news career, a poster by the assignment desk read: Good News Is No News. Well, having been raised by a mom whose worldview was: "If you can't say something nice, say nothing," I try to live by that. Not always successfully.

Back in the day, when all news was bad news, people who abused cats or kids got a pass. Animals 'weren't news' and child 'discipline' was a 'family matter.'

It may not surprise you to learn I tend to march to my own drummer. Starting with my very first on-air job, I won a first place AP Award for a series on child abuse I self-assigned. In Chicago, the U.S. SPCA honored me with an award for my story on a dog shot with an arrow. The dog survived. His adopter named him 'Bogie'. And I have to tell you, that meant more to me than any certificate or trophy.

'Feel good' stuff wasn't considered 'news', either.

Aiming for a more balanced image of our country via its news reports, I pitched the feel good stories. I figured if someone's unselfishness touched my heart, it would also touch my viewers. The result? "Positively Chicago" – a brand new beat at WLS. I was the reporter.

The Emmy nomination for "Outstanding Individual Achievement" (for the body of my work) was nice, but what mattered most to me was this: ABC's 20-20 picked up a couple of my stories and did their own. Across the nation, reporters were being assigned stories on kids, animals, and unselfish people.

So, that said, I want to tell you about a couple things I'm following now on NextDoor. First off, congratulations to West Sac and area for making it through the 4th with a minimum of fires sparked by illegal fireworks., or by revelers who forgot to douse spent stuff in water before they trashed it. In Sac, someone who threw spent fireworks in the trash caught their house on fire. I've only read of one wildfire CalFire blames on fireworks. Lightning strikes, it says, caused the others. So, extreme noise aside, credit's due all those who were extra careful. And I have to say, we have a great many goodhearted people in our area.

Let's start with Southport. Where, recently, a woman, Kassie, noticed a small skunk stuck in pipe with slippery sides, she went and got tongs to pull it out. Terrified, the skunk sprayed twice inside the pipe, she said on NextDoor.

Once out, it just seemed grateful. Kassie said it didn't spray her. Wildlife Care Association (WCA) across the river took in the skunk; picked off a bunch of ticks; and assured Kassie and her husband the half-grown animal would make a full recovery. (A side note: Infected ticks can transmit heartworms to a dog. Might want to check yours.)

Here's another story. A Sacramento apartment dweller's been trying to capture a recently fledged, limping Canada Goose she sees dragging three feet of nylon fishing line. She's worried the goose might lose its foot. If she can catch it, WCA will take it. The parent geese, she says, are very .. protective .. and they scare her.(https://wildlifecareassociation.com).

Several on NextDoor have offered advice, and the last I checked, one was trying to find a long-handled fishing net. Not seeing the goose post when I looked again, I'm the NextDoor group effort worked, and, if

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Buddhist Church of Sacramento Online "Bazaar – At Home Edition" set for Aug. 14

By Brian Hatano

The Buddhist Church of Sacramento is once again hosting a live-streamed telethon event, "Bazaar - At Home Edition," on Saturday, Aug. 14, from noon to 5:00 pm. Watch the live event on Facebook (@buddhistchurchofsacramento).

Viewers can tune in to the program any time during the five-hour period. The schedule and updates will be posted on the church's website (www.buddhistchurch.org) and on its Facebook page.

Last year, for the first time since its inaugural event was held in 1947, the Buddhist Church of Sacramento's Annual Japanese Food and Cultural Bazaar was canceled due to the pandemic.

In 2020, despite not being able to stage the annual two-day bazaar to the community as it had for 73 years, the temple organized a virtual program online featuring an assortment of talented performers and interviews. This year, the format of the Bazaar-at Home Edition (B@HE) is similar with a variety of special participants enlisted to commemorate the 75th Bazaar, albeit virtually.

"The program will honor some of our temple's members and leaders, as well as spotlight some of the local businesses that have supported our temple throughout the years. We will feature performances and demonstrations by cultural groups seen at our bazaars," said B@HE Chairperson Karen Adachi.

Included with many others are:

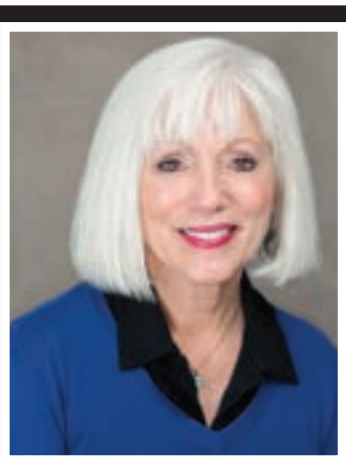
- Temple members (all professional artists) showcasing their musical talents--Merv Maruyama, Alexi Ishida and Kendyl Ito
- Stories about local businesses affiliated with the temple--Kiyo's Florist, North American Food Distributing, Osaka-Ya, and the Asian Community Center
- Cultural and cooking demonstrations
- "Where are they now" stories of our former students who have embarked on successful careers

Once again, the on-air co-hosts are temple members Koichi Mizushima and former local TV news anchor Sharon Ito, providing lively banter that's sure to keep the program entertaining.

An assortment of savory Bazaar favorites consisting of sesame chicken, teriyaki beef, korokke, gyoza, edamame, rice, and California roll is also part of this year's Bazaar as a bento. Proving that the food was missed last year, the bento quickly sold out.

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Commemorative t-shirts, aprons, hoodies, reusable insulated grocery bags, and sticker sets with this year's Bazaar logo are available for ordering through August 22; pick-up at the temple and ship dates estimated between Sept. 18-Oct.3.

Merchandise can be ordered on-line at Betsuin's website at www.buddhistchurch.org by clicking on the Online Store button on the home page.

This is the church's biggest fundraiser of the year. The temple welcomes and appreciates your donations. Donating to the telethon is easily accomplished using one of these methods:

1) Mail a check or money order to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818

2) Call in during the live program (916-446-0121) and contribute using your credit card

3) Pay online using the DONATE button on the church's website www.buddhistchurch.org

Since 1947, the bazaar has grown to be one of the largest Japanese cultural events in the Sacramento region, featuring a variety of Japanese food, cultural exhibits and demonstrations, and games for the kids.

Last year's global pandemic caused a situation that made the temple pivot and repurpose the bazaar, its major fundraiser of the year. Proceeds support the many programs and activities offered at the church and fund general operating expenses.

"Foremost in our planning as always has been and will continue to be is everyone's safety," said Board of Trustees President Gordon Nitta."Our decision (to cancel our regular Bazaar) was based on the Church leadership's responsibility to keep not only our members safe but also our friends in the community.

"We were very fortunate last year that dedicated Board of Trustee members undertook the challenge of presenting our first virtual bazaar, which was successful beyond our expectations," said Nitta.

The B@HE committee consists of a small group of temple members who are now in Year 2 of staging this virtual event with a myriad of moving parts. Although much of the learning curve has been flattened due to last year's experience, the process is still Learn-as-They-Go and requires hours of work recording, editing and coordinating the five-hour broadcast on Facebook Live.

"We have a small group of core committee members who have been working diligently and meeting weekly on Zoom since February to produce what we hope to be an informative, entertaining program for our viewers," said Adachi."

The program's schedule by the hour will be posted on the church's website (www.buddhistchurch.org) the week before the event.

INTERVIEWS

- Reverend Matthew Hamasaki, resident minister
- Minister's Assistant Sensei Grace Hatano
- Temple Board of Trustees Member Tristan Brown
- Cliff Adams – interview & musical performance
- Roy Imura, church elder
- Reiko Kurahara—longtime member and chef extraordinaire
- Aileen Niizawa-Morris—kendo demonstration
- Harry Noguchi—interview about Japanese-American history
- Jim Watkins—woodcraft expert
- Sakura Gakuen—Japanese language school
- Sacramento Jr. YBA--co-presidents Allison Goi and Cara Ishisaka
- Leann Castle – former Dharma School student
- Jolene Nakao – former Dharma School student
- Julie, Troy, and Tricia Ota – "Strive for Strength & Teens Create Dreams"

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESSES

- ACC Senior Services – Derrick Lam
- Kiyo's Florist – Lisa Taira
- North American Food Distributing Co. – Harley and Judy Inaba
- Osaka-Ya – Linda Nakatani

CULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS/ PERFORMANCES

- Bonsai by Lucy Sakaishi-Judd – Featuring a demonstration on Accent Kusonomo
- Craig Takehara, Chef, and Owner of Binchoyaki –cooking demonstration
- Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association – sushi-making demonstration by Nancy Hashimoto and Loleen Nakano
- Sacramento Minyo Doo Koo Kai dance group

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

- East Wind Band – interview and video of Bazaar performances
- Brian Hatano - trumpet
- Alexi Ishida - singer
- Kendyl Ito - singer
- Alan Kobayashi – ukulele ensemble
- Merv Maruyama--singer
- Henry and Ellie Mizushima – grandfather/granddaughter singing duet
- Sacramento Betsuin Choir Quartet – Sue Ann Kashiwagi, Julie Kawaye, Rod Nishikawa, and Stephen Kashiwada
- Sacramento Taiko Dan Youth Performing Ensemble

LOOKING BACK

- Bazaar Memories – history of the bazaar by Alan Kobayashi
- History of the Nokotsudo (columbarium at the church)

Brian K. Hatano is the Past President of the Sacramento Buddhist Church Board of Trustees.



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needed, WCA can rehabilitate the limping goose.

If you like stories with happy outcomes, you'll like NextDoor. It's free, and you'll find lots of people who have skills for helping others – wildlife, pets and people (https://nextdoor.com/find-neighborhood).

Now, to wrap up, here's some news from Front Street Shelter. Even before the 4th, Front Street was full. But now through the end of the years, if your missing cat or dog is at Front Street you can get it back – no fee. Just bring a photo/documents that prove it's yours. The shelter says 44 percent of the animals it gets it reunites with the owner. To open up kennels for hurt, lost, abandoned animals desperate for 'forever' homes, it hopes, with no fees, the number claimed will be even higher.

Know of a 'feel good' animal or people story in West Sacramento? Please share it with News Ledger Editor Monica Stark (editor@valcomnews.com) for possible assignment. Carol Bogart welcomes questions and comments. Contact her at carol@bogartonline.com.

Historic electric plane flight to Executive Airport canceled

Local pilots speak about e-planes as the wave of the future

By LANCE ARMSTRONG



Photos by Mark Huntley

This Pipistrel Alpha Electro electric plane was flown by Joseph Oldham during his historic flight last week.

While a small group gathered inside a hangar at the Sacramento Executive Airport on July 15, they eagerly awaited to witness aviation history. But the plane making that history never arrived.

During the previous morning, pilot and aviation instructor Joseph Oldham, of Fresno, took off from the Fresno Chandler Executive Airport in an electric aircraft bound for multiple cities.

After making stops in Madera, Merced, Modesto and Lodi, the two-seat plane – a Pipistrel Alpha Electro – was scheduled to arrive at the Executive Airport on Freeport Boulevard, during the morning of July 15.

However, Gill Wright, vice president of Region 2 of the California Pilots Association, announced at the hangar that the plane would not be arriving.

"(The plane) ran into some technical difficulties (causing it to) not be able to do the final leg up here to Sacramento," he said. "It happens in aviation. You know, safety first, because there's a truth in aviation: 'Take offs are optional, landings are mandatory.' We want a landing to be in a controlled environment in the pilot's choice."

Wright, who lives in South Natomas, added that had the plane arrived in Sacramento, the capital city would have played a direct role in the setting of the pioneering aviation record for the longest solar-powered flight in a production, electric aircraft.

"(The plane is) traveling by the sun's energy," he said. "This is like the Wright brothers' first hop at Kitty Hawk on Dec. 17, 1903. These hops that Joseph has done here in California's Central Valley is the first that we know of by solar power. That's huge, absolutely huge."

In Oldham's preflight log, he recorded plans to total 270 miles after returning to Fresno.

Even without his flight to Sacramento, Oldham made history with flights to the other cities. He returned to Modesto, Merced and Madera before landing in Fresno to complete his journey.

Because Oldham was unavailable for an interview for this article, Wright shared some details about this pilot of electric aircraft.

"He has a consortium of people to help buy these aircraft and he's working with the (Federal Aviation Administration) to get them certificated, so that they can do flight training with these birds," he said. "Pipistrel Alpha Electros are being used for flight training in Europe."

He added that an Alpha Electro electric airplane is a production plane, as opposed to an experimental aircraft, which is a one-of-a-kind crafted machine.

"This is something anyone could purchase and use for flight," he said.

Wright mentioned that these electric planes fly for about an hour on a single charge, and depending on the charge rate, it can take from 50 minutes to two hours to charge a battery to full strength.

The electric airplanes that Oldham charges, Wright emphasized, are completely powered by the sun – with no power coming from the electric grid.

Wright stressed that electric airplanes are the wave of the future in aviation.

"A good example is I saw some photos of what was Easter on Park Avenue (in) 1900," he said. "Horse-drawn carriages everywhere in New York. A decade later, it was cars that people were going to Easter Sunday with, and we're at that kind of inflection point right now with the electrification of aviation.

"That is very parallel to what aviation went through in the late 1920s through the mid-1930s, with incredible changes of air frames, power plant systems. Because, prior to (the legendary aviator) Charles Lindbergh, aircraft were basically made of wood or welded tubes covered with fabric."

After that point, sheet aluminum began being used in the construction of aircraft.

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Wright mentioned that the Redmond, Washington-based firm, MagniX, is flight testing an electrical-powered Cessna Caravan aircraft with batteries.

He noted that the same company is interested in using hydrogen fuel cells as an energy source to power planes.

Wright also said that in the future, aviation companies will financially benefit from electric aircraft.

"One of the important things to consider is the cost of jet fuel, plus maintenance of these aircraft are quite high," he said. "Electric aircraft are much, much simpler, and operators of these air firms are looking to be able to have these operating costs cut by anywhere from 50% to 75%, and to reduce their maintenance cost by 50%."

The Associated Press reported last week that United Airlines is investing in the Sweden-based Heart Aerospace, which is seeking to build electric-powered aircraft that United believes could potentially carry passengers short distances by the end of this decade.

It is noted in that report that United has "conditionally agreed" to purchase 100 of these 19-seat planes.

Under that condition, those planes would need to meet certain standards and needs of that airline.

Wright also referred to electric aviation as "profoundly transformational."

"There are a lot of very smart people and a lot of deep pools of capital that are realizing they can make a better product, and to be able to bring it to make transportation and commerce work better for people," he said. "And that's what is really, really amazing to see."

Bill Wheelock, a Mather resident who resides on land formerly occupied by base housing at Mather Air Force Base, was among the people who waited at the Executive Airport for the electric airplane to arrive.

He told the Land Park News that he was disappointed that he did not have the opportunity to witness an electric plane landing in Sacramento.

"I'm disappointed it's not here yet, but that's not unusual for small aircraft," he said. "Not that anything bad happened. Stuff happens and schedules change, and one thing leads to another and here you are."

Wheelock added that he is excited about the technology of electric planes.

"I've been a pilot for over 40 years," he said. "I have an interest in aviation, obviously, and I'm always interested in new technologies. An electric airplane, even though it won't replace getting from here to the East Coast, it will at least get me from small airport to where the big airplanes go.

"I'm really thrilled with the prospect of electric airplanes, which will mean more economical and cleaner ways to generate electricity. That's a great benefit. Right now, I don't see how they're going to do it."

Elk Grove resident Thom Taylor, who owns a hangar at the Executive Airport, also awaited the electric plane that never arrived.

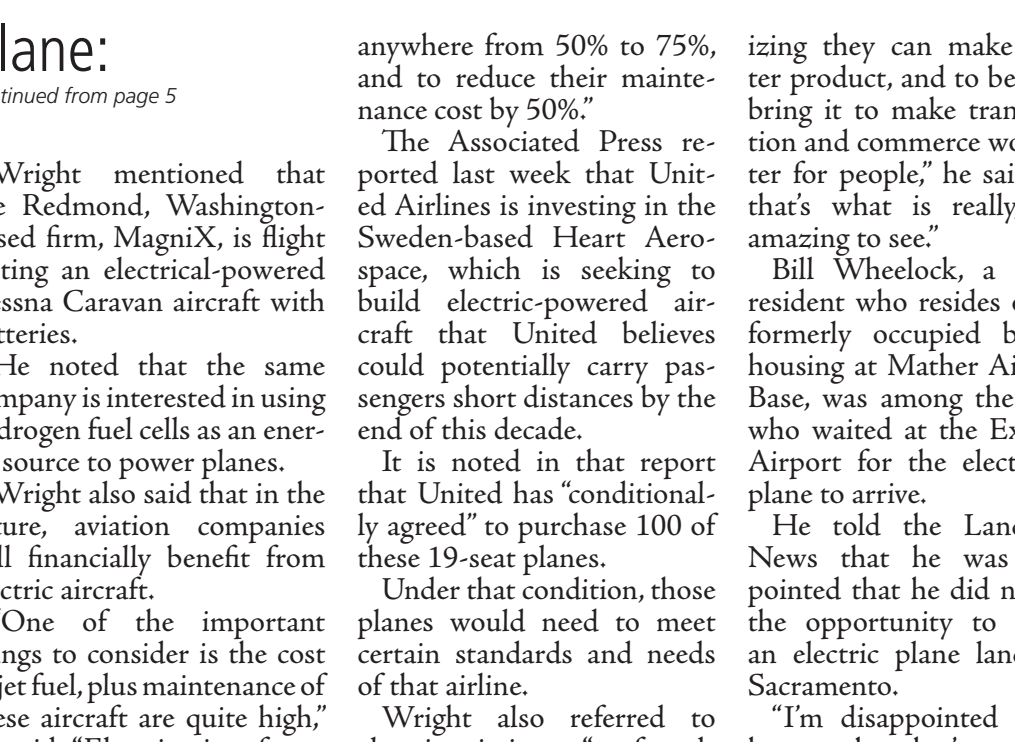
Taylor noted that he is a proponent of the concept of powering an electric airplane through solar-generated electricity.

"If you can get (the energy) from the sun, that's all free; it's cost effective," he said. "The idea of solar power then being transferred into aviation, I think that's going to be a very new industry coming up.

"There's going to be a lot of testing, there's going to be a lot of trials and errors of running an efficient aircraft or even an airline using electric power. It's in its infancy. It's just being born, so it's just going to have to take time to grow, and it will. It's a viable project that I think is going to take over a lot of the old gasoline or diesel propulsion (airplanes)."

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Pocket residents share support for full public access of river levee

Project concerns some residents of the area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

As efforts to have a public bicycle and pedestrian trail constructed on the Sacramento River levee in the Pocket continue, several área residents last week shared their support for the project.

The future, $16.5 million Sacramento River Parkway, which will extend from downtown Sacramento to the southern edge of the city, includes a 3.5-mile stretch from Garcia Bend Park to Zacharias Park.

That stretch of the levee currently includes both public and private properties, and has for decades included several cross-levee gates and fences – some of which were removed this year.

Those gates and fences were added to prevent public access through private sections of the levee.

While many people share an excitement for creating an unobstructed, public thoroughfare along the levee in the Pocket, there are also those who are concerned with safety issues that they believe are associated with the removal of the levee gates.

For instance, Steve Lightstone, a co-coordinator of the West Pocket Neighborhood Watch, told the Pocket News in May that since some of the Pocket's levee gates were removed, cars and motorcycles have illegally accessed a 2.2-mile section of the levee.

Don Murphy, who lives along the Pocket section of the levee, told the Pocket News that removing the private sections of the levee would "compromise the security and safety of all properties – public and private."

"There is already evidence of this with homeless camps up and down the Sacramento River," he said. "A bike trail will become a thoroughfare for crimes, drug usage and homeless activity."

Murphy also expressed concerns with a potential decrease in property values along the levee, the use of eminent domain to cease private properties for a recreational trail, and the use of tax dollars for a project that could "fund more significant issues."

Jim Houpt, lead member of the Friends of the Sacramento River Parkway, told the Pocket News that he believes that fighting the levee trail project would be a losing battle.

"In my opinión, it's not worth fighting, because the city can create the Sacramento River Parkway by obtaining recreation easements by eminent doman, which is a much simpler process than fighting people about what they own and do not own," he said.

Houpt, who lives about a mile from the Pocket levee, commented on the claim made by some property owners along that portion of the levee that their properties extend into the river.

"If they own anything, they don't own any lower than a mark called the ordinary high-wáter mark, on the levee," he said. "And all of the people who live on the levee have heard this before. It's California state law. The land from the ordinary high-wáter mark to the river is owned by the state, in trust for the public. So, they clearly don't own (property into the river)."

He added that property ownership along the levee dates back to more than a century ago.

"Originally, this was all ranch land, and when the state came in back in the early 1900s, to build the levees, they didn't ask for the ranchers to give up rights to the levees. And so, they obtained an easement and perpetual right away.

"What exactly that means, nobody is really 100% sure. Whether people really own any of the levee or not is subject to question."

Houpt noted that the master plan to develop the Sacramento River Parkway, including the multi-use trail in the Pocket area, dates back to the 1970s. Thus far, the trail has been completed from Old Sacramento to about Scott's Seafood Restaurant, near Captain's Table Road.

He said that the cross-levee fences in the Pocket date back to the late 1960s and early 1970s.

"(The original, allowed fences across the levee were) very short," he said. "(They) did not go down to the water. (They) went down only like 3 feet down the levee face. Over time, people have extended their fences. They've extended them onto the state property that's protected by the public trust documents. So, their fences are actually trespassing on state land.

"In the past year, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (the permitting authority of the levees) has made it clear that fences and gates are coming down to accommodate the (Army Corps of Engineers') levee work that needs to be done. I believe they have also made it clear that it is going to be next to impossible to get a new encroachment permit for fences and gates, in much part because the Department of Water Resources has announced that it is opposed to the fences and gates for various reasons?"

One of those reasons, he added, is that the fences extend to the water's edge.

As for the issue of any motorized vehicles traveling on top of the levee, Houpt believes that a public trail would lessen such occurrences, as well as any other crimes, considering that the levee could be patrolled by police officers and park rangers, and more citizens would be present to report violations.

"(The private levee areas are not patrolled) now, because they don't have access," he said.

Michael Dryden, a 33-year resident of the Pocket, referred to the plan to pave the levee for a public, multi-use trail as "long overdue."

He also believes access to the entire levee is already a public right.

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Photo by Lance Armstrong
This cross-levee gate and fence are located west of Benham and Riverbrook ways.

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Regional Water Authority Urges 15 Percent Water Reductions Throughout the Sacramento Region

The Regional Water Authority (RWA) Board of Directors unanimously adopted a resolution urging its 20 water provider members to take actions to voluntarily reduce water use by a minimum of 15 percent.

The action follows RWA's call for 10 percent conservation in May and Gov. Gavin Newsom's July 8 executive order that expanded the drought to 50 of the state's 58 counties and asked residents to reduce water use by 15 percent.

"This is the worst drought since 1977," said RWA Executive Director Jim Peifer. "Water providers are doing a good job of shifting to environmentally-friendly and sustainably-managed groundwater for water supplies, but continued dry weather into winter could pose a challenge."

Folsom Lake levels are currently at 27 percent. Natural inflows into Folsom are zero and expected to remain that way through September. "For comparison, even in 2015 during California's most recent drought, water was still naturally flowing into Folsom," Peifer said.



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Local water providers are asking customers to consider taking the following actions:

Stress Your Lawn and Save Your Trees. Try reducing lawn watering times by two minutes, but remember to take steps to protect your trees. Lawn can handle less water and eventually recover while trees can be lost forever. You can find tips and videos for efficiently watering trees at BeWaterSmart.info/trees or sactree.com.

Check soil moisture with a moisture meter before turning on sprinklers—saves 80 gallons of water per day.

Water plants early in the morning to reduce evaporation—saves 50 gallons of water each time you water.

Begin the transition to a beautiful low-water garden by removing half of your lawn this summer. You'll be ready to add low-water native plants and drip irrigation this winter—saves 90 gallons of water per day per 1,000 square feet of lawn removed each time you water.

Contact your water provider about rebates to replace older irrigation equipment, fixtures and appliances with high-efficiency models, including rebates on smart sprinkler timers, high-efficiency sprinklers, drip irrigation and more. Many have increased rebate amounts to help offset costs.

Information about how to implement these actions, additional water-saving tips and a continuously updated map with watering guidelines for each agency are available at BeWaterSmart.info.

The Regional Water Authority (RWA) is a joint powers authority representing 20 water providers serving 2 million people in the greater Sacramento region. Formed in 2001, its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources. Learn more at rwah2o.org.

Levee:

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"We believe, first and foremost, that the levee (has) a public access, paid for by the federal government, state government and local government, and therefore belongs to the public – not to individuals," Dryden said.

Dryden added that the private portion of the levee near his home was already accesible before its cross-levee gate and fence were removed last April.

"My neighbors disliked (the fence), so they kept cutting holes in the fence, and we would just march right on through, and continue on our walks," he said. "And we've done that for years and years until probably about two years, when finally the homeowner who was putting up that stupid fence acquiesced and quit trying to repair the fence."

Another Pocket resident Suzanne Blanchette, said that she has been waiting for the project to be completed for nearly four decades.

"When we moved (from Davis to the Pocket), it was one of the selling factors that this bikeway was supposed to be finished pretty soon," she said. "Well, that was 1982. I mean, it doesn't make sense that after 1982 to now, it's still not completed.

"I am for the completion of it all the way, so we can connect. The general plan for the Sacramento (River levee) was it was supposed to be like a circle that we could bicycle all the way around Sacramento to the different areas. I'm really frustrated."

Rich Yamada, a 1972 graduate of C.K. McClatchy High School, said that he remembers when the cross-levee gates began appearing along the leveee in the Pocket.

"That had to be in the late 1960s, maybe 1968, 1969, 1970, when I was a kid," he said.

Yamada, who lives in South Land Park, added that he gets upset with property owners who fight for preserving private portions of the levee.

"They get me mad, because you've gotten a free ride ever since you've been there," he said. "And now you're crying? Get out out of here. Take your (cross-levee) fence down. If you want security, you've got to build a fence. You want cameras, put them up. You want to put ADT Security (Services equipment), do it. You've got to be like the rest of us. Why are you excluded from all this?"

Although he noted that he is generally content using the trail south of Garcia Bend Park, Pocket resident Jim Rueth mentioned that he is interested in having the trail paved north of his home, where Riverside Boulevard becomes Pocket Road.

"It would be nice, actually, once in a while to actually jump on a bike and ride all the way downtown," he said.

"I don't like (the cross-levee gates). I think the levee should have access to all the public."

But it is evident with a simple walk along the levee in that area that not everyone feels the same way.

During the Pocket News' visit to the levee last week, many "private property" signs were present.

Additionally, one property includes motion sensitive detector-equipped sprinklers that fire like water canons at anyone who happens to walk on the levee along that property.

Jesse Gothan, the city's supervising engineer, told the Pocket News that federal environmental reviews for the project will commence this year, and that construction on the parkway project will begin after the Army Corps of Engineers completes their levee improvements, which are scheduled to conclude in 2024. He projects that the multi-use trail in the Pocket would be completed in 2024 or 2025.

Three Sisters Gardens fundraiser set for July 31

Three Sisters Gardens will be holding a fundraiser on July 31 from 4 to 9 p.m. at River City Farm, 485 Regatta Lane in West Sacramento. The event will include a farm tour and a live performance by a local Reggae band, Steadydrop, and other local talents.

The crew is looking forward to showing the public what they've been up to at the beautiful River City Farm site, as they have been weeding, low tilling, prepping the soil and planting for a bountiful summer harvest.

"Three sisters" refers to the trio of beans, corn, and squash that Native Americans planted together to strengthen and support each other's growth. The nonprofit is based on "traditional native teachings of protecting our Mother Earth and respecting all living things."

Additional live music will be performed by Steadydrop, Sacramento Local, Feel Good Reggae, rocksteady, ska band and folk singer/songwriter Beti Masenqo. There will be an opening prayer and acknowledgment by Ivory Albizo. Spoken word by Tynya Beverly. Live paintings will be performed by artists Lazzlo and Mindy Galloway. Additionally, food vendor Boka671 will offer up "Guamanian grub and good vibes."

Tickets are available in advance by Eventbrite and will be available on event day at registration. All funds raised through donations and food sales will go towards fulfilling the vision and mission of Three Sisters Gardens.

Tickets are available at Eventbrite by searching for the 3 Sisters Gardens Farm concert fundraiser. Opportunity to donate can be done on Paypal at: https://www.paypal.me/3sistersgardens

Three Sisters Gardens can be found on Instagram and on Facebook.



Public Invited to Learn About a New Project to Restore Crucial Salmon Habitat at Ancil Hoffman

The public is invited to learn about a new project designed to restore crucial habitat for native salmon and steelhead trout in the river at Ancil Hoffman, near Effie Yeaw Nature Center, in Carmichael.

Fall-run Chinook salmon migrate to the Lower American River as adults to spawn from October through December. In the egg-laying process, females create a "nest" (called a redd) in loose gravel in flowing water, depositing their eggs and then covering them up with more gravel. Once hatched, young salmon move to the river's shallow, slower moving side channels to find protection from predators and grow before swimming back out to the Pacific Ocean.

The Ancil Hoffman Habitat Restoration Project will recreate spawning and rearing areas by laying approximately 15,800 cubic yards of clean gravel into the flowing river and carving a new alcove in the existing gravel bar, parallel to the river.

The project is expected to begin in late-August and finish by late-October, before anadromous Chinook salmon return in high numbers from the Pacific Ocean to the Lower American River. Crews may be on site Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (noise starting at 7 a.m.) with in-river work occurring only on weekdays (and not on Labor Day).

Three open houses are scheduled for July to share information about the project:

·Virtual open house: Thursday, July 15, 2021, 6-7 p.m. (Please register here or via waterforum.org/AH)

·Hosted by the Effie Yeaw Nature Center: Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 6-8 p.m. (2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael, CA 95608)

·Hosted by Ancil Hoffman Golf Course: Monday, July 26, 2021, 6-8 p.m. (6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608)

More information, including a project Fact Sheet with Map and list of Frequently Asked Questions, is available at waterforum.org/AH.

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