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South Land Park native Dr. David Yee is sworn in as a commissioner of the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs by California State Controller Betty Yee.

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# The Trap to have new owners

## Pocket, East Sacramento residents to purchase historic, Pocket area bar

**By Lance Armstrong**

One of Sacramento's oldest bars, The Trap, will soon be under new ownership.

This beer- and wine-only bar is located at the northeast corner of Riverside Boulevard and 43rd Avenue in the historic Riverside-Pocket area.

Set to purchase this business are Pocket residents Ben and Kim Lukenbill and East Sacramento resident Mariah Lukenbill. The building and its property were recently sold to Gregg and Sally Lukenbill.

In an interview with this publication on June 9, Ben Lukenbill – whose father is Gregg Lukenbill, an original owner of the Sacramento Kings – spoke about the sale of the business and the sale of the property.

"I believe the sale of the land and building will be closing today," he said. "The business transaction portion of that, it's all (Alcoholic Beverage Control-) driven, so we have our (ABC) sign up in the window. I think it's 30 to 60 days until we can actually close on the business side and take control (of the business)."

In a June 10 update, Ben Lukenbill told the Pocket News that the sale of the property and its building was completed earlier that day.

Utilizing their temporary, pending business license, the Lukenbills will begin operating The Trap on June 20.

Pocket resident Veronica Crudo, the current owner of this business, will host a farewell event at The Trap on June 18 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Crudo told the Pocket News that it will be a great opportunity to express appreciation for her many loyal customers.

"I appreciate every single one of them," she said.

Ben told this paper that he is well aware of the legacy of The Trap.

"Me and my wife have lived in this neighborhood for just about 20 years, and The Trap is historic in the Greenhaven-Pocket area," he said.

He recalled introducing the idea of purchasing this historic bar to other members of his family.

"I was returning tables and chairs that we had borrowed for Christmas for my house from my dad's house," Ben said. "I put them all away and walked inside and my father and my sister were sitting having a discussion about a piece of property they were going to look at in East Sacramento.

"I said, 'By the way, The Trap is for sale.' My dad almost fell off his rocker. He said, 'Are you kidding me?'"

That conversation ultimately led to the Lukenbill family's placement of an offer to purchase The Trap and its property.

Regarding his family becoming The Trap's new owners, Ben said, "I think it was meant to be. It really was."

Ben, a 1997 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, told the Pocket News that there are various improvements that his family will be making to The Trap, and he specifically noted that the place will eventually offer a menu of food prepared on the premises. He said that as a fan of the former Sacramento restaurant, El Chico, he plans to introduce broasted chicken to that menu.

A food menu will not be made available in the near future, since The Trap does not currently have a kitchen.

But the Lukenbills have a

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Photos by Lance Armstrong

Shown left to right are The Trap's soon-to-be owners, Ben Lukenbill, Kim Lukenbill and Mariah Lukenbill. Pictured directly to the right of Mariah Lukenbill is Gregg Lukenbill, who recently bought the historic bar building and its land with his wife, Sally Lukenbill (not pictured).

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# The Trap:

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place in mind for a future expansion that would include a kitchen. That expansion would occur on the site of a later addition to the building, near Brookfield School.

The Lukenbills plan to improve the property's side yard with a dining area, a covered barbecue area, and decomposed granite on the ground.

Kim Lukenbill, a 1993 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, mentioned that her family is also considering offering live music in that outdoor area.

In a get-to-know-the-soon-to-be-new owner approach, Kim, who is a Pocket native, shared details about herself for this paper.

"I am a mother of five," she said. "I have coached my daughter's Greenhaven Soccer (Club) team for 10 years. I played Greenhaven soccer, and so it's been a huge part of my life."

She added that she is a former preschool teacher, turned real estate agent.

Mariah, who is Gregg's daughter, is a 2017 graduate of El Sereno High School in Fair Oaks and a 2020 graduate of California State University, Monterey Bay.

She told this publication that she is currently gaining experience bartending at The Trap, while also working at Gunther's Ice Cream.

Mariah additionally noted that she has experience as a server at a busy restaurant in Monterey.

"I was only 19 at the time, so I could carry (alcoholic beverages), but I couldn't pour or anything," she said. "Definitely, this is different, but I'm excited. It's fun."

Mariah added that she had dreamt of having her own small business for a long time.

"We (eventually) came over to The Trap and I really had a vision for it, and I was just like, 'Wow,'" she said.

## The Trap operates in one of area's oldest structures

Regarding its history, The Trap is located in one of the oldest structures in the Pocket area.

Whether they have or have not stepped inside this historic watering hole, people throughout the Pocket area have many stories to tell about The Trap and its iconic building.

While a sign on the building reads, The Trap, Circa 1860's," the exact age of this structure has been a subject of debate for years.

By this structure's appearance alone, there is no doubt that this building is very old.

Ben Lukenbill mentioned that he has heard that the building dates back to somewhere from 1860 to 1890.

Research for this article did not result in any historical reference to support that the building existed by 1890. But its history easily dates back to more than a century ago.

One thing that cannot be disputed about the building is it was part of the rich Portuguese history of the area.

Because of the high concentration of Portuguese who were once residing in the Riverside-Pocket area, the bar was mainly a place of socialization for Portuguese men of that area.

Frank Lewis – who was Portuguese, a Pocket resident and a former manager of a bar in this building for years, told The Sacramento Bee in 1977 that this structure was a house that was converted into a bar "about a half-century ago."

In addition to this wood-frame building's use as a bar, groceries were once displayed for sale in another portion of this structure.




The Trap's historic sign will soon have a makeover. This bar is located at 6125 Riverside Blvd.

There were also two entrances to the building, so that women and children did not have to walk through the bar.

Throughout the history of this bar, which became known as The Trap in 1964, the place has had many owners, including Kim's parents, James and Barbara Beard. The Beards owned the bar with Scott and Kittie Buchanan from about 1978 to about 1980.

Gregg Lukenbill, who purchased the bar's property from Crudo and John Sittner, shared a bit of history about The Trap from his own life.

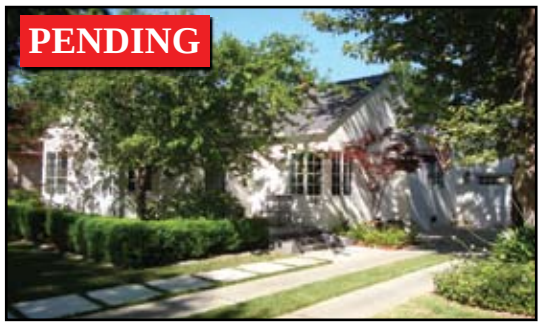
"Before the (Interstate 5) freeway was built, Riverside Boulevard was the only way to get down here," he said. "So, there's a right turn right here, and this is it, and this building was sitting in the exact same place. And you could get sandwiches here back then. So, I used to come down here. It was kind of like a road trip – an out-of-town trip like the old days."

Gregg added that preserving The Trap means more to him than solely allowing an old-time business to continue. He also desires to preserve a historic building that is rich with local Portuguese history.

"The Portuguese, of course, were a huge part of that Sacramento melting pot," he said.



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# South Land Park native appointed to state Asian, Pacific Islander commission

**By Lance Armstrong**

Dr. David Yee, a native of South Land Park and a sixth generation Californian, is among the newest commissioners of the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs.

He was appointed as a commissioner by Gov. Gavin Newsom, and sworn into that position by State Controller Betty Yee during a ceremony at the state Capitol on April 23.

The mission of this commission is to raise "the political, economic and social issues of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by contributing to and strengthening how state government addresses the needs, issues and concerns of the diverse and complex Asian American and Pacific Islander American communities."

Yee, who is a urologist, spoke to this publication last week about his recent swearing in to this position.

"It's my honor to be a part of this (commission)," he said. "I was very thankful, appreciative and in awe of the moment.

"I felt this commission would be an opportunity to serve in this capacity (with) my interest in this particular field, with my background in medicine, public health and high school and college journalism; that I could really help in this regard.

Attending the ceremony with Yee was his wife, Kathy, and his children, Sarah, Samantha and Henry.

Yee has a history of being active in various circles in the Sacramento area, having worked professionally at Sutter Memorial Hospital in East Sacramento, and attended the Chinese Grace Bible Church in the Pocket area. He was also a member of the now-defunct Southside Improvement Club, and he is a current member of Del Paso Country Club.

He currently serves as a board member of the Yee Fong Toy family association, and he is a member of the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Association.

Yee also serves as a physician mentor and volunteer at the Paul Hom Asian Clinic, and he is on the clinical faculty of both the University of California, Davis School of Medicine and the California Northstate University College of Medicine.

His educational background includes graduating from C.K. McClatchy High School, completing medical school at the University of California, Davis, and earning a master's degree in public health from the University of California, Berkeley.

In his professional life, Yee serves as the director of the Urology and Genitourinary Oncology Services at Sutter Roseville Medical Center and is a principal investigator of prostate cancer clinical trials at Sutter Health. He additionally serves on multiple medical boards.

Yee was also an advocate for the state's recent three-year,

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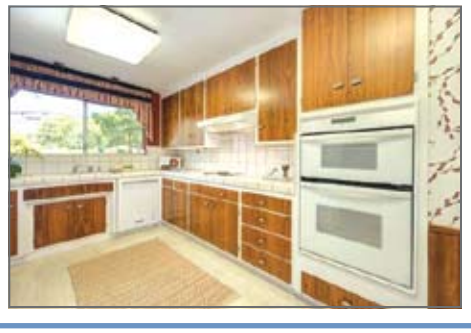


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$166.5 million investment in the Asian, Pacific Islander community. Those funds provide resources in response to increases in Asian hate, and address racial inequities in that community.

In helping to emphasize the importance of his new, state position, Yee noted that one in every six Californians are of Asian descent.

Yee highlighted some of the historical contributions made by Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

"From building the transcontinental railroad, developing farmlands, forming civic infrastructure, and defending our nation, our forefathers have shaped and lived the American dream," he said. "It is our duty to share their stories in our schools and to continue to build on the solid foundation that they have provided."

Yee told this publication that he was appointed to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs partially based on his interest in Asian, Pacific Islander American history, and his background in volunteerism and other community service.

For Yee, learning about Chinese history – in particular his family heritage – has been an important part of his life since his childhood.

His mentor for learning about his family's history was his grandfather, Dr. Herbert Yee, who attended Sacramento's schools in his youth and later became a well-known dentist, philanthropist, and historian of his family's history.

"I spent a lot of time with grandpa," Dr. David Yee said. "He always encouraged us to learn about our heritage, to support our heritage," he said. "He took me to Fiddletown, which was kind of fascinating. It's a real time capsule into the mid-19th century."

Yee has a direct connection to Fiddletown, as his great-great-great grandfather, Dr. Yee Fung Cheung, operated his practice and had an herb store there during the Gold Rush.

Herbert, who died last year, graduated as a dental surgeon from Stanford University's College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1948, and set an example for many of his family members who sought higher education and profesional careers.

Dr. David Yee mentioned that the timing of his appointment presented a nice transition into Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which has been celebrated in the United States each May since 2009.

"May was chosen (for that celebration), because that's when the first-known Japanese immigrant to the U.S. arrived, on May 7, 1843," he said. "It also kind of commemorates the completion of the (first) transcontinental railroad, which was finished on May 10, 1869. Twenty thousand Chinese workers participated in the (construction of) the railroad."

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is additionally special to Yee, considering that this month-long celebration was inspired by one of his relatives.

"It was actually my Aunt Jeanie on my mom's side," he said. "Her name is Jeanie Jew. (She) was a former Capitol Hill staffer that had experienced the U.S. bicentennial celebration in 1976. She was concerned about the lack of recognition given to Asian, Pacific (Islander) Americans.

"At that time, there was already Black History Month. There was also Spanish Heritage Week. But there was really nothing to commemorate Asian, Pacific Islander contributions to the United States. She worked with her congressman, Frank Horton, and over time they were able to get initially a week (celebration in 1978), and then followed by a month(long celebration)." Also instrumental in establishing Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month was the late Norman Mineta, former U.S. secretary of transportation.

Moving forward as a commissioner of the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs, Yee expressed excitement for his new role.

"As a commissioner, it is my hope to continue my family's long history of service to our state and to advise our elected officials in crafting effective policy addressing the concerns of the state's Asian and Pacific Islander American communities," he said. "I think that's incredibly important."



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Dr. David Yee is joined by his family – his wife, Kathy, and his children, Sarah (furthest to the left), Samantha, and Henry – at the California State Capitol on April 23.


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# Founder of innovative music lending library used 'every single class' at Sac State to realize his vision

**By Jonathan Morales**
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Buddy Hale '17 (Entrepreneurship) started small – just 25 instruments in a tiny apartment in Sacramento – but his idea was big: Create a lending library where anyone could borrow musical instruments or equipment for as long as they needed.

Hale has channeled his lifelong love of music and desire to make music accessible to everyone into The Library of MusicLandria. Billed as the largest musical lending library in the country, it boasts more than 2,000 items to loan and community space for classes, performances, or recording.

It wouldn't have happened without Sacramento State, Hale said.

"The timing was spot on," he said. "I get into Sac State, and I thought, 'How can I really make good use of my time here? What can I do to make it so, by the time I'm done with my degree, I've got something solid?' "



Photos courtesy Sacramento State/Andrea Price
Buddy Hale developed a vision for spreading access to music, coupled it with a savvy plan, and is making the impact he sought.

Hale's childhood was difficult. When he was just 8 months old, his mother left him with his father, who was in his 60s and had Alzheimer's disease. Hale entered the foster care system, eventually became an emancipated youth, and struggled with isolation.

Unsure of his place in the world, music helped him find it.

"One of my earliest memories is banging on my desk as a 2-year-old or something like that," Hale said. "Just this teeny little me banging on my desk thinking I'm creating the most epic drum solo ever."

Drums were his entry point into music. By the time he was 8, Hale was writing his own songs. He eventually learned how to play other instruments and record, and he connected with other musicians.

"I slowly realized that making music or making songs or writing songs and recording, learning how to record, learning how to play an instrument, was sort of how I could express all that gnarly crap that I had to deal with growing up," Hale said. "Music became like my therapy."

He wondered, though, what might have happened if he had access to not just equipment but the music community sooner. That's where he got the idea of for The Library of MusicLandria, which draws its name from the ancient Library of Alexandria and ultimately launched as a nonprofit in 2014. Hale serves as executive director and board chair.

About the same time, wanting to flex a different part of his brain, Hale enrolled in Sacramento State's undergraduate business program with a fairly clear goal.

"Day one, I was like, I'm starting a nonprofit. I'm going to use every single class, every single homework assignment, to develop the foundation of this nonprofit for the business," he said.

He followed through on his "every assignment" pledge. Develop a business plan? He made one for MusicLandria. Assignments related to marketing, human resources, and financial reports were put to the same purpose. Hale received advice from mentors such as George Paganelis, who curates Sac State's Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection and taught Hale about what it takes to run a library.

During his time on campus and after, MusicLandria grew exponentially, from the initial 25 instruments – Hale's personal collection, which he donated along with his "life savings" of about $60 – to hundreds today. Much of the inventory is donated by people who, like Hale, want to make sure it is put to good use.

"Musical instruments are super expensive, and that's a big barrier for people," Hale said.

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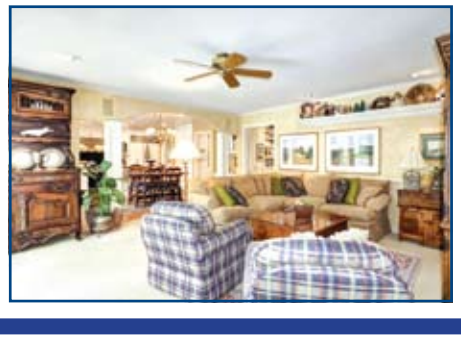
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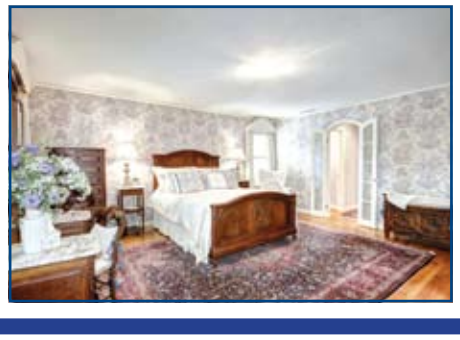


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out as many as seven items for as long as they need. The library even has no-expiration "forever loans," benefiting, for example, local school teachers who need instruments for their students every year.

MusicLandria is more than a lending library, however. It also is a practice space for people who need one, and an all-ages venue where local musicians can perform. It also recently became home to Sacramento Dirt Radio, an online radio station featuring exclusively local artists.

Once the lending program succeeded, Hale realized he needed to keep building, considering that a free instrument isn't much use to someone who doesn't know how to play it. So the library began offering educational programming, then provided space for musicians to gather and perform. Next came professional development support for musicians pursuing a professional career.

"It's basically a musician's hierarchy of needs, another thing that I would not have known about if I didn't go to Sac State," Hale said. "That was definitely part of the education there."

Similarly, music has a way of bringing the community together in cascading ways, he said. A single musician can learn to play an instrument and then team up with others to form a band. That band can bring people together at a concert. Multiple bands can join efforts to put on a festival, highlighting the artistic diversity for even wider audiences.

That effect can be especially important now, he added, as the region and world emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Everyone knows that there's potentially a lot of isolation right now, and music is a great way to bring people together," Hale said. "I really think that community is important and that it's important to reduce isolation, to bring people together to build communities, and to share and learn from each other."



Drums were Buddy Hale's first instrument, an interest he developed as "little me banging on my desk."

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# Sacramento Zoo edges closer toward relocating to Elk Grove

**By Lance Armstrong**

A proposal to relocate and expand the Sacramento Zoo in Elk Grove moved further toward becoming a reality last week when the Sacramento Zoological Society and the city of Elk Grove entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

The MOU defines these parties' separate roles and responsibilities for the development of the proposed new zoo. It also allows the Sacramento Zoological Society to begin fundraising efforts for this proposed project in Elk Grove.

The Sacramento Zoo has been located in William Land Park, off Land Park Drive, since 1927. However, due to the small, 14.7-acre size of the zoo and the facility's lack of its own parking lot, the zoological society has made multiple attempts to move the zoo to a suitable, expanded site in Sacramento.

Jason Jacobs, the zoo's director, said that a 2019 relocation viability study found that no available sites within Sacramento met those needs, which include meeting the "ever-evolving standards of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' accreditation guidelines."

If built, the new zoo would be located on Elk Grove city-owned property off Highway 99 at the northwest corner of Kammerer Road and Lotz Parkway in that city.

That land was purchased by the city of Elk Grove earlier this year. The property totals 100 acres, of which about 70 acres is proposed for the zoo – about 60 acres for animal habitat and 10 acres for parking.

In addition to the MOU agreement, a six-month feasibility study was completed earlier this year. It identified a potential relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove as a viable option.

During the next 18 to 24 months, a facility master plan, conceptual and schematic design and financing plan will be prepared, and an environmental impact report will be completed.

These efforts could lead to an approval of this proposed project by the city of Elk Grove and the zoological society in late 2023, notes a city of Elk Grove press release. That approval would be followed by the commencement of construction of a new zoo on the Elk Grove property.

The site's master plan will designate what features would be included in a zoo at that site.

Prior to the Elk Grove City Council's May 25 agreement for the city of Elk Grove to enter into the memorandum of understanding with the zoological society, Elk Grove City Council Member Kevin Spease stressed that the MOU does not provide a guarantee that a zoo will be constructed in Elk Grove.

"I think it's important for people to know that this is a thoughtful, collaborative process that we are going through to make sure that this works out in the interest of Elk Grove and, of course, the animals,"

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# Recognizing and Supporting the Mental Health of the Black and African American Community

Many members of the African American and Black community live with symptoms of trauma, anxiety or depression as a result of systemic racism and discrimination, but only 1 in 3 Black adults who need mental health care receive it. Honoring Juneteenth, June 19, and the liberation of enslaved Black people in the United States is central to Black American mental health and well-being. It provides an opportunity to reflect on all that the community has been through, and it continues to promote efforts that build a more compassionate, understanding and healthier community.

Marielle Vaughn-Hickman, MA Counseling and Senior Mental Health Counselor with the Sacramento County Department of Health Services, explains that mental healthcare is disproportionately inaccessible to Black Americans for many reasons:

-There may be stigma within members of the community against having and seeking treatment for a mental health condition.

-Insurance may not cover mental healthcare, and the out-of-pocket costs are expensive.

-There is a lack of diversity among mental healthcare providers, and many patients, especially Black and African American, want to see providers who can relate to them.

-There are few mental healthcare facilities in Black neighborhoods, and sometimes patients lack transportation to and from appointments.

-Continual experiences of medical racism have led some Black Americans to distrust the healthcare system.

**Ways to improve:**

-Communities are going to have to build trust with the Black



community, to reduce health disparities and create a safe and equitable health care system.

-Raise awareness of mental health in Black community spaces (churches, barbershops/hair salons, Black neighborhoods, online platforms)

-Place mental healthcare in Black communities, with providers who can relate to the community.

-Encourage and support Black students to seek higher education and go into psychology/psychiatry/therapy

"For many in the African American/Black community, even discussing mental illness is shrouded in misunderstanding and stigma. Many believe that a mental health condition is a personal weakness or some sort of punishment from God. In fact, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) only 16.2% of Black and African American adults in the US sought treatment for their mental health," Vaughn-Hickman said.

She said that in Sacramento, there are mental health resources available for African American and Black community members, however, many community members in Sacramento do not seek out help due to shame, stigma or just not being aware of the resources around them."By reducing stigma and sharing resources that provide culturally competent care, we can take even better care of our Black and African American community in Sacramento," Vaughn-Hickman said.

She argues that Black and African American community members should know that Sacramento County offers a variety of services for them to seek help that are free or low-cost on the Department of Health Services' website, dhs.saccounty.gov. Additionally, the "Mental Illness: It's not always what you think" project provides resources on their website, (StopStigmaSacramento.org, to direct individuals to the help they may need and start reducing stigma around mental health.

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services' website also offers a list of several mental health providers, focused on treating and helping Black and African American community members struggling with mental health.

Additionally, members of the Sacramento Black and African American community can find additional help through the following resources:

-Trauma-Informed Wellness Program – call (916) 993-7701 to learn more.

-The Living Room operated by A Church For All - call (916) 234-0178 for an appointment

-Community Support Team – Available Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at (916) 874-6015

-Mental Health Access Team (offered in multiple language options)– Available Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., (916) 875-1055

-Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic – Available Monday – Friday, 10 am – 10 pm (last walk-in at 9 pm); Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, 10 am – 6pm (last walk-in at 5 pm) – call (916) 520-2460

-Youth Help Network – call/text Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. for free, short-term services and support to all youth ages 16-25 – (916) 860-9819

-Consumer-Operated Warm Line – Available Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at (916) 366-4668

-The Source – 24-hour call/chat/text for individuals up to 26 years old and/or their caregivers – 916-SUPPORT (787-7678)

Just like other health conditions, mental illness will most likely never end. However, the stigma that surrounds mental illness – especially in our Black and African American communities can. According to the California Department of Health, suicide rates among Black and African American youths ages 10-24 increased in 2020. While the pandemic lulls on and constant mass tragedies affect our communities, Black and African American youths also face other traumas such as, violence, disparities in the community, poverty, racism, negative stereotypes, and discrimination. It is vital that instructors and faculty pay attention to these students, and provide them with resources like The Source, the Youth Help Network or simply encourage students to talk to a teacher privately in order to help Black and African American students living with mental health struggles.

## Letters to the Editor

**Dear Editor,**

In your May 20, 2022 edition of Pocket News the article on the Del Rio Trail offers up a one-sided view of this upcoming "transportation route."

Has any consideration been given to this trail's possibility of becoming a thoroughfare for the homeless? There are already a number of camps along that area. Every picture of a homeless camp shows a bicycle.

What action(s) will the city take to ensure the safety and security of the neighborhoods along the trail? The American River Parkway has become a travesty - fires, garbage, crime, etc. How will these problems be prevented on the Del Rio Trail? How will the city patrol the trail?

The City's Bikeway Master Plan is emphasizing alternative methods of travel (bikes) to get people out of their cars. Just how many people will forego driving a car and riding a bike to work? Sacramento is, and has always been a car-based culture. Do you really think this trail will change that?

***Don Murphy***





Photo courtesy of Tim O'Hara

Shown above is an aerial view of the Sacramento Zoo's proposed new zoo site off Highway 99, at the northwest corner of Kammerer Road and Lotz Parkway in Elk Grove.

# Zoo:

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he said.

The zoo currently houses 433 animals across 110 species.

Jacobs noted that with a larger zoo campus, the zoo could return to the housing of iconic, larger animals.

He added that the zoo would be constructed in two phases, with the majority of the first phase focusing on African wildlife. That phase would feature the African Savannah exhibit, with animals such as white rhinos, giraffes and zebras.

In addition to initiating its capital campaign for raising project funding with potential corporate partners, donors and community organizations, the zoological society will begin the master planning process and determine estimated costs and financial and schematic plans. Master planning involves planning for roadway, sewer and water connections, and schematic plans include infrastructure demands such as water and sewer capacity and electrical needs.

Christopher Jordan, the city of Elk Grove's director of strategic planning, noted in that city's May 25 City Council meeting that during the MOU period, it will be determined what Elk Grove's role would be in the construction process.

Jacobs told the council that the zoological society recently retained the services of the Seattle-based landscape architectural firm, SHR Studios, to create the conceptual plan for the proposed zoo.

"They specialize in designing zoos," he said. "They have extensive work at the zoos in Fresno, Houston, and zoos throughout Australia and New Zealand. And it's not just designing a zoological park, but designing a sustainable campus with biohabitats using biofiltration systems, and really looking at our precious resource of water."

He added that SHR Studios will work toward making sure that the conceptual plan would be one that would fit well with the Elk Grove property.

"We look forward to engaging the entire (Elk Grove) community about this (proposed zoo)," Jacobs said. "I keep saying, 'You know, we want to hear from the children of your community, and see what they want to learn about and what they want to experience at a zoo.'"

Jacobs mentioned that the current zoo is being operated under the assumption that a new zoo will be opening.

"It takes years to get the animals where we need them," he said. "We just got some Galapagos tortoises in. Next year, the first white rhinoceros will arrive, because we have to quarantine these animals and get them set up. And so, it's presumptuous on our part, but we have to move with the best foot forward."

Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen noted that while the MOU does not assure that the zoo will be relocated to Elk Grove, it will give that city and the zoological society a "clear understanding" of their roles with a potential zoo in Elk Grove.

"I'm happy to see we're moving in this direction," she said. "But, you know, folks, this is a memorandum of understanding to continue the conversation and to continue to move, hopefully, in a positive direction."

For further details on the potential relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove, visit the project website, www.ElkGroveCity.org/Zoo.

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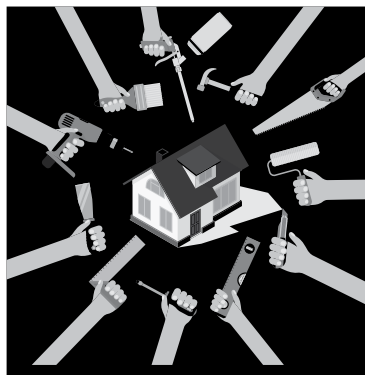
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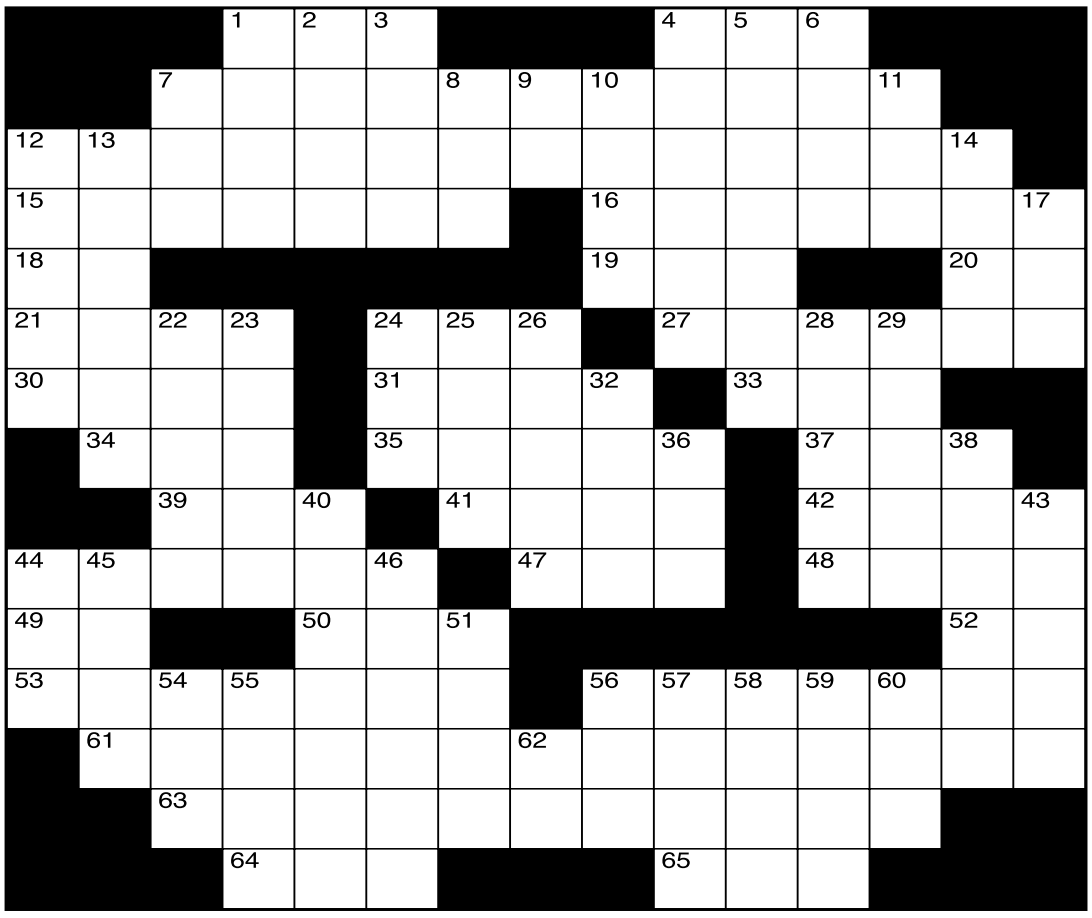
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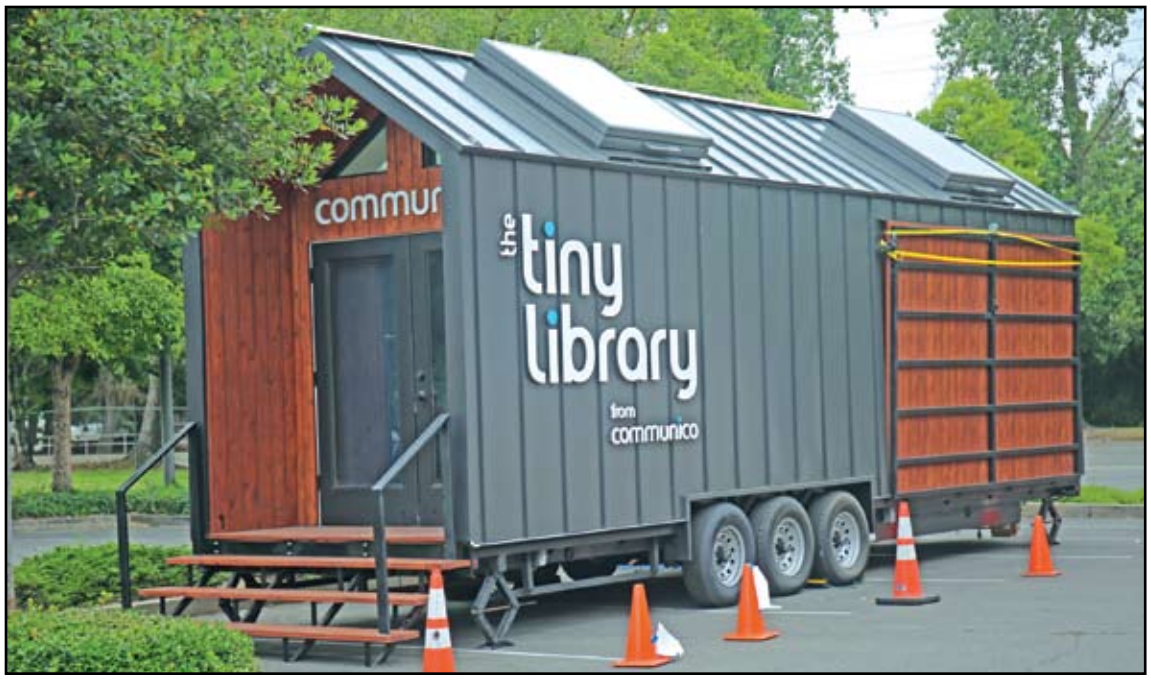


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21. Strays
24. Swedish currency (abbr.)
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30. Soap product
31. Traditional fishing boat
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34. Spy organization
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37. Married woman
39. Blood relation
41. German river
42. Genus of clams
44. Parts of a movie
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5. Type of weapon
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7. Microgram
8. Hair product
9. Health care pro
10. Holy fire
11. Military ID (abbr.)
12. __ the ante
13. Containing nitrogen
14. Green citrus fruit
17. Male parent
22. Bring up
23. Murdered
24. Soviet Socialist Republic
25. Supreme ruler Genghis
26. Social media hand gesture
28. Semitic Sun god
29. Land
32. Database management system
36. Similar
38. Nice to look at
40. Covered with mud
43. Simple dry fruit
44. Title of respect
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46. Most lucid
51. Exam
54. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
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Trucks and Such is an ongoing event put on by City Council Member Rick Jennings' office every third Friday of the month at Garcia Bend Park, 7654 Pocket Road with food trucks arriving by 5 p.m., followed by entertainment. On July 15 and Aug. 19, there will be Jazz performances; and a movie TBD will be shown on Sept. 16.

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