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SMUD is leading the way to a sustainable, zero-carbon future



By Gregg Fishman
SMUD Ward 3 Director

The SMUD Board of Directors recently approved a groundbreaking Zero Carbon Plan that commits us to removing all carbon emissions from SMUD's power supply by 2030. It's the most aggressive clean-energy plan of any large electric utility in the United States.

There are many reasons why we set such an aggressive path after receiving months of public input.

Sacramento's poor air quality and the growing effects of climate change through drought and wildfires prompted us to act as quickly as we can. In the American Lung Association's "2020 State of the Air" report, Sacramento was ranked the sixth-most polluted city in the country based on days of unhealthy levels of air pollution in the ozone layer. The public health implications are real - the Sacramento region's childhood asthma rates are more than 20 percent higher than the national average. That's unacceptable.

SMUD's Zero Carbon Plan will focus on proven and new clean technologies, new business models and partnerships, the remodeling and retirement of our natural gas plants, and regulatory and financial strategies. While SMUD is one of the greenest utilities in the country, we currently rely on natural gas for about half of our power generation. We plan to close two of our gas plants by 2025 and re-tool the others.

At the same time, we're committed to maintaining reliable, around-the-clock service while keeping any rate increases at or below the rate of inflation. As much as they support our clean-energy efforts, our customers tell us that affordable rates and reliable electricity are their top two priorities. We will not sacrifice either of those.

The electrification of buildings and vehicles is a key part of the Zero Carbon Plan. As SMUD's power mix incorporates more renewable sources such as solar and wind, powering our homes, offices and cars by electricity will reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly. And we'll have the infrastructure in place to support the plan and transition.

One of the biggest strengths of the Zero Carbon Plan is its flexibility. We're not taking such a large step in any one direction that we can't pivot if we need to, based on new technologies or market conditions. We know where we're going, in other words, but our path is flexible. This plan gives us the adaptability to choose the best route.

We realize we can't accomplish our aggressive goal by going it alone. We need the support of a wide range of players, including our residential and business customers, elected officials, local business groups, community leaders, technology companies, car manufacturers, solar companies, and more. We're committed to full transparency and to making sure that all of our customers, including those living in historically under resourced communities, reap the full benefits of our effort.

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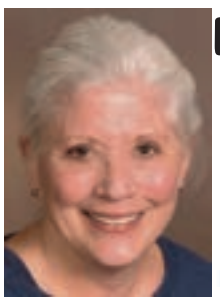
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THIS 'n' THAT

by Carol Bogart

They Never Forget Who Saved Them

First let me say I played only a supporting role in the rescue of the West Sac duckling. My son, then living with me as my caregiver, and a warm-hearted neighbor, Lydia, took turns caring for the tiny duck. It attached to both of them. Lydia fed it and soothed it with lullabies. When it perched on Mike's neck, it 'groomed' his hair.

Lydia gave it a name that, in Belarus, she said meant "Stephen." Michael named it Howard. It mostly lived with Lydia but Mike had privileges. (It was he who actually rescued 'Howard' from a manhole drain pipe in our parking lot.) Hanging upside down, showed it how to get out of the pitch black pipe using a pen light and tapping to guide it to the entrance. When it came out, he handed it up to me and I handed it to Lydia.

I thought two 'moms' (Lydia and Mike) were enough. I'm a believer that wildlife should stay wild. Within two weeks, the duckling, who'd been following Lydia around in her apartment, was in a pen. Too many 'accidents' on her carpet.

The then-manager said the ducking had to go. A Wildlife Care Association (Sac County at McClellan) volunteer came and got the duckling. We knew it was for the best. And tried not to cry.

The duckling was transferred to International Bird Rescue in Cordelia. When she (yes, Stephen-Howard proved to be a girl) could fly, she was released with others about as big as she was. And that, we thought, was the end of the duckling saga.

Nope.

One spring, several years ago, before our pool was open for the season, two Mallards – male and female – showed up. That evening, the duck couple was at one end of the pool; Lydia went to the other, and began softly singing the lullaby she

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Clunie Pool now open

Clunie Pool is now open for recreational swim and lap swim. Visit the links below for more information.

There will be a summer kick-off weekend with $1 admission all weekend, June 18-20.

The city of Sacramento proudly offers financial assistance for anyone who can demonstrate need. Email aquatics@cityofsacramento.org or call the aquatics office at (916) 808-2306 for more information.

Swim lessons cost $56 and the program provides participants with a positive learning experience and teaches lifelong swimming skills as well as sun and water safety information. Lessons utilize components of the American Red Cross and other Learn-to-Swim programs.

In an effort to continue to keep our participants, staff, and community safe, and in conjunction with County guidelines, parents or guardians will be required to participate in the swim lesson along with their child. Instructors will be teaching the class, however, parents will be required to be in the water to ensure their child remains holding onto the wall safely and maintains social distance from other participants. All participants will be required to maintain 6 feet of Social Distance from each other at all times. Instructors will wear masks, and come in contact with class participants in order to teach your child and help them perform the appropriate skill. Parents are encouraged to practice with their children until it is their turn.

About Clunie Pool

Clunie pool is located at 601 Alhambra Boulevard in McKinley Park. To phone this facility, call (916) 264-5301. Amenities at Clunie Pool include: Shallow depth play pool, low spring diving board into a diving well up to 12 feet deep, two enclosed flume slides that drop off into a 12-foot catch pool, large open swim areas for tons of recreational fun, pool house with changing rooms and restrooms, shaded deck area, picnic tables and benches, park with additional amenities outside. There is limited street parking available.



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once sang to a frightened duckling.

The female Mallard came right to her.

I tried speaking to the ducks. The duckling knew my voice, too, from the time it spent with Michael. Sure enough, it paddled close. I smiled and said, "Hi, Howard."

What would happen this year, I wondered.

Last spring, Stephen-Howard hatched a brood and took her ducklings in the pool. Soon after, I heard Howard's frantic quacking. She was standing next to Lighthouse as the then-manager crossed it carrying a big cardboard box. The box was peeping. A car was coming.

I ran past Howard, held out my arms, and she started walking across the street. Seeing me, the car slowed down. I pointed to the duck following the peeping box. The driver smiled and stopped. The manager, on his side, waited. A kind man, he was red in the face and frustrated. "I've been at this for two hours!!" he told me and kept on going. Howard was right behind him.

At the far end of what was then an old parking lot, he set the peeping babies free. Would they survive in an abandoned golf course full of predators – hawks, raccoons, skunks, coyotes, feral cats? I thought, "God, please protect them."

So. Would there be ducks on the pool this year? In April, there were three. A stunning drake, a younger male, and a full grown female. After a few days, the big drake left. A week or so later, the pandemic-closed pool was empty.

Last week, coming from the garden about 8 p.m., I saw a Mallard drake and hen pecking around in the grass. Slowly, I approached them. About a foot away, I stopped. The female duck made eye contact. "Howard?" I said. The male backed away and quacked, alarmed. Howard peeped. Her baby voice. She knew me.

The two pecked around a little more. Howard flew off. Her youngster followed her. Headed, I think, to the private lake at the Rivers.

Need advice on what to do if you rescue a baby bird or animal? First, give the parent bird or animal time to help it. If it's truly orphaned (or injured), call WCA (the Wildlife Care Association 1-(916) 965-9453) for the best time to bring it. Questions, comments? Contact Carol Bogart at carol@bogartonline.com.

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The story behind the name Español Restaurant

East Sac eatery was known for confusing name, tasty Italian cuisine

By Lance Armstrong
VCN Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of Perry Luigi

A SIGN OF THE TIMES: Español Restaurant's old, neon sign rests on the back of a flatbed truck last December. It was sold to a local, private collector following the business's August 2020 closure.

With nearly a year gone by since the closure of Español Restaurant – one of East Sacramento's most storied businesses – it is a fitting time to reflect on one of its most unusual aspects: its name.

As a longtime operating eatery, the Español was locally famous for its Italian food, which ranged from minestrone soup, a spaghetti/ravioli dish and cheese ravioli pesto to Fried Chicken a la Luigi (fried chicken with garlic), eggplant parmesan and spumoni ice cream.

But with the name, Español – which is translated as "Spanish" – it would seem logical that this restaurant would have been known for a menu with Spanish food offerings with names such as paella, gazpacho, tortilla Española and gambas al ajillo.

So, the obvious question is 'Why would a restaurant with the name, Español, serve Italian food?"

Perry Luigi, who co-owned the restaurant with his sister, Paula Serrano, at the time of its closure 10 months ago as a direct result of economic struggles related to the COVID-19 pandemic, responded to that inquiry last week.

"If someone were to ask why the name – (because) it seemed Spanish, but a lot of people confused it with Mexican – I would say, 'Well, the answer is really simple. It was a Spanish Basque restaurant. And when my dad (Frank "Babe" and uncle, Mario) bought it (in 1959), we just changed some of the entrées, changed some of the side dishes and made it Italian, but kept the (Español) name."

Luigi mentioned that the change from a Basque menu to an all-Italian menu did not occur immediately.

"We still served the Basque-style (food)," he said. "We just changed the entrées and the recipes of the Basque food a little bit. It took over four or five years to kind of make the whole move all the way to Italian."

At the time of its closure, the Español was Sacramento's oldest continuously operating restaurant.

Luigi shared details about the Español's long history.

"(The restaurant's roots began) in 1919, I think," he said. "They actually got their business license in 1923. They were serving (food) prior to 1923. They just weren't a restaurant yet. Things were a lot easier back then, I guess."

The restaurant was originally located in the Hotel Español, which made its debut at 925 Front St. in today's Old Sacramento.

Research for this article revealed that this hotel was operating at that site as early as 1916. Its original proprietor was Victoriano Urrutia (1880-1939), who emigrated from Spain in 1905.

The Hotel Español, which primarily operated as a Basque boarding house, was initially home to Basque sheepherders who were hired out to local ranchers.

On the ground floor of the hotel, food such as oxtail stew, pig knuckles, lamb fries, lamb chops, tripe, chicken and veal were prepared and cooked for the Basque tenants.

News of those meals eventually made its way to many outsiders of the hotel, as others were introduced to the boarders' food, and the eatery increased in popularity.

An article in the April 17, 1920 edition of The Sacramento Union notes that the old, three-story, brick Hotel Español, had been condemned as unsafe and would be demolished.

By that time, the hotel had already relocated to 112 J St., where the Tremont Hotel had operated for many years. The 1919 city directory is the first such directory

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to recognize Hotel Español's J Street site.

A reference to that location change and the hotel's restaurant are referred to in reminiscent fashion in the Aug. 30, 1935 edition of The Sacramento Bee as follows: "The Hotel Español, still frequented by Sacramento people for its Basque cooking, originally was the Tremont Hotel, a popular spot for the statesmen of California to hold forth in serious discussion and drinking."

A reference to a dinner gathering at the Español on Feb. 16, 1937 was found in the following day's edition of The Bee. It was reported that the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority alumnae chapter "entertained at a Spanish dinner in the Español."

With the 1952 sale of the Hotel Español building, the Español Restaurant was relocated to the former Commercial Hotel building, which was constructed at 231 I St. in about 1905.

With plans to demolish the Commercial Hotel building, which stood in the path of the then-future Interstate 5 extension on the west side of downtown Sacramento, Español Restaurant was relocated to East Sacramento, in 1965. And as is often said, "The rest is history."

The Español built a strong following in a very fitting place: East Sacramento's historic Little Italy neighborhood.

After more than a half century in East Sacramento and an overall history many more decades long, the old Folsom Boulevard building that housed the Español is now home to Mattone Ristorante.

Last December, the old, neon Español sign was sold to a local, private collector who had been interested in acquiring the sign for years.

The sale of the Español's classic sign is among the solid indications of the Luigi family's lack of interest in attempting to reopen the business in a different location.

"We're done; that's for sure," Luigi told the East Sacramento News last week. "The main thing is my wife might retire next year. She's a teacher, and (she has been) teaching over 30 years. If she retires, she doesn't want me to go back to work. So, I might as well hang it up. I've worked all my life. Time to enjoy a little life. I was working 70 hours a week or more."

He added that his children were not interested in continuing the operation of the restaurant.

Although the Luigi family is disinterested in reopening the Español, Luigi mentioned that this eatery could one day reemerge under a different ownership.

"I sold my liquor license to Mattone (Ristorante) – the people that are there now, but I'll see if I can still keep the (Español) name just in case I'm approached (by) somebody that wants to start up something like that." However, Luigi believes that the restaurant would need to have a different approach.

"The way we served and stuff was outdated," he said. "There are no family-style restaurants anymore that serve soup, salad (and) everything for one price. It's just too much work to make money."

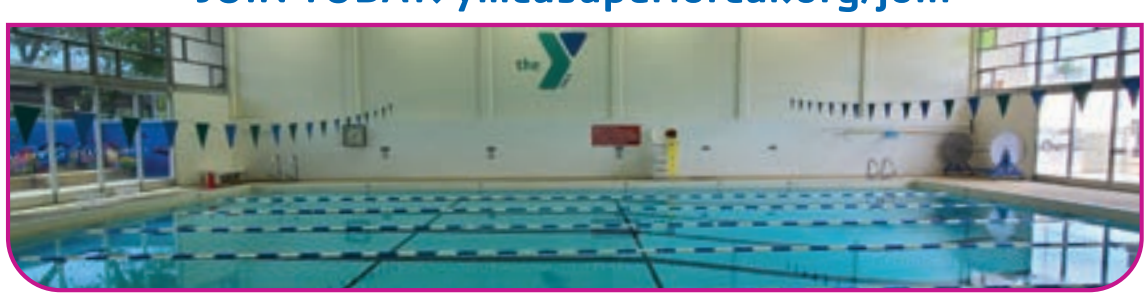


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‘No fishing’ rule at William Land Park draws further reaction

Locals, others hope for lifting of fishing ban at park

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

A group of local residents and former Sacramento area residents, with experience fishing at William Land Park, last week spoke against the ban on fishing in the park’s ponds.

In an article published in the May 13 edition of the Land Park News, Tony Ulep, Sacramento city parks superintendent, noted that the park’s fishing ban was instituted two years ago, and that additional “no fishing” signs were recently posted at this park.

He also explained why the decision was made to prohibit fishing at William Land Park.

“Two years ago, we had a meeting – so, the parks’ department; the manager (and two superintendents) – with the (city) animal control manager,” he said. “We were getting a lot of complaints that the ducks and geese were getting (fishing hooks) impaled into their beaks or their bills (and) their feathers and their wings, and they were getting wrapped up with fishing line.”

To emphasize this issue, Ulep sent this paper a link to an online news story about a Canada goose that was impaled by a fishing hook and rescued at William Land Park last March.

The same report, which was published by CBS13, mentions that two weeks earlier, another bird was rescued after it was found dangling by fishing line in Elk Grove.

Ulep this week told the Land Park News that he was recently informed that people continue to fish at William Land Park, despite its posted “no fishing” signs.

“We have a concerned citizen that cares for the wildlife at (William) Land Park (who said) there is still fishing going on there and it’s still harming the wildlife by (people) not picking up the hooks or the fishing line,” he said.

Land Park native Ronald Fong, who organized the group that is protesting the park’s fishing ban, told the Land Park News last week that he is very concerned about the park’s ban on fishing.

“The kids don’t have any place to go to,” he said. “It’s urban fishing. You don’t have to go to the river. Your parents can drop you off (at the park). It’s a safe zone.”

Fong, a 1967 graduate of C.K. McClatchy High School, noted that he began fishing at the park when he was 6 years old and that his memories of fishing there are very special to him.

“It basically taught me the basics of fishing,” he said. “You started catching carp and bluegill and all that. It started my love of fishing. So, it’s very sentimental to me, and you can start the joy of fishing right there, catching small fish that are planted (by birds) in the pond.

“(Fishing at the park) keeps you out of trouble, because you’re not doing anything that’s wrong.”

Also memorable to Fong is the park’s former fishing derby event. He said he would donate $500 per year to the derby, if it returned to the park.

Fong, who most recently fished at William Land Park last year, added that he never used to hear anything about fishing being an issue at this park.

“I’m 72, so the first 50 years, no one complained about this, at least,” he said. “So, what’s happening is more and more people are using the park, and more and more people are feeding the geese that are wild geese that really don’t belong here.



Photo courtesy of Maury Hatch

Land Park resident Asher Drucker holds a fishing pole near a pond at William Land Park last week.

“I’ve seen the population of geese maybe go up from, I don’t know, 50 to 300 during the pandemic. Everybody’s got no place to go, so the free zone is the park, and everybody goes down there and feeds the geese. So, that would lead to more geese getting injured, because you’ve got more geese and ducks there that normally aren’t there.”

Kacie Young, who grew up in the Pocket area and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 2008, fished with her father and uncle at William Land Park during the early 1990s.

Young addressed the topic of birds getting injured by fishing line and hooks at this park.

“I understand both sides that it is a safety concern for the environment and for the people that go to the area, but I also feel like the fishermen are pretty responsible or at least should be held responsible in certain cases like that,” she said. “I do think fishing is an important part of (William) Land Park. I think it adds to the family values of the area.”

South Land Park resident Willie Louie, a 1967 graduate of McClatchy High, also spoke against the park’s fishing ban.

“Many of us in our generation learned to fish there, and that’s why it kind of surprised me that somebody can come along and put a ‘no fishing’ sign up there without discussing it with the public,” he said. “I know there are a few individuals that are (dedicated) to that, having to protect this, this and that, but they overlook the memories of kids.

“I can’t believe there’s that many ducks and birds that are getting killed by fishing hooks. It can happen, yes, but to put a restriction on fishing there because of that, I’m not a believer in that.”

South Sacramento resident Rich Alcartado, a 1968 Hiram W. Johnson High School graduate who grew up visiting William Land Park in the 1950s and 1960s, noted that he was surprised to learn about the park’s birds being injured by fishing lines and hooks.

“I’ve never seen that when we were down there, and there were always ducks and geese down there,” he said. “Where do these kids go now (to fish)?”

South Land Park resident Kim Deeks-Lederer, a 1998 McClatchy High graduate, grew up participating in fishing events at the park.

Deeks-Lederer mentioned that she is disappointed that she cannot take her son to fish at William Land Park.

“A lot of places along the river aren’t exactly safe,” she said. “Homelessness is a huge problem in Sacramento, and so, I don’t feel comfortable taking him down to (the west end of) Broadway, where the boat ramp is there, especially by myself as a single female.”

She also spoke about the issue of birds getting injured by fishing line and hooks at the park.

“If it was a big of a deal as they say it is, we never heard it,” Deeks-Lederer said. “It’s never been in the news, it’s never been in a newspaper. I take my kids to Fairytale Town and the zoo all the time. They have never seen a duck or a goose or anything with fishing line in it.”

Pocket area resident Cecilia Lew also shared her thoughts on the park’s fishing ban.

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Lady of the Lake decries McKinley Pond liner

Says its placement brought on tix algae blooms

(Editor's Note: What follows is an open letter to city officials from Judy McClaver, McKinley Pond's Lady of the Lake -- a volunteer who for years has been cleaning the pond daily and who has been advocating for the health of the pond and its wildlife.)

When McKinley Pond was renovated 2016-17 a liner was put in the pond essentially making it a pool. Thus, the water has no method to filter out debris into the ground. Debris sinks to the bottom and is stirred up by the aerators. There used to be plants in the pond to help with filtration. The only plants there now are in a planter with no access to the bottom of the pond. They only act as a barrier to people accessing the pond on the one side. Look at the water clarity at Duck Pond in Land Park where the lotus is growing in the pond! This pond has not been renovated with a liner and has the same number of waterfowl as other ponds.

Last year when the pond water heated up, Cyanobacteria & Euglena algae bloomed making it a toxic soup per CA State Water Board test results, and subsequently, the warning signs were posted around the pond.

Last year, the City Department of Utilities came out a couple of times and vacuumed lots of the red algae off the top of the pond, but this was only cosmetic only. It did not clean up the problem. This year the heat has set in early and the problems with the water have started 2 months earlier. Additionally this year, there is an issue of a foul smell coming off the pond. It resembles methane. Methane is produced by rotting leaves and other debris on the bottom which is then circulated up by the aerators. I understand PGE has been out to check for other sources of the smell and found nothing. Given the sewer vault has not been used, there is no reason for a methane odor in park to come from there. I walk my dog in the early morning before sunrise when the aerators are not on. The smell is there and the green color of the water is visible in the dark.

Prior to the approval of the contractor's renovation plan for the pond to put in a liner, a proposal was obtained from a pond expert with nothing to gain, explaining the issues a pond liner would cause and it was presented to Parks and Mr. Harris. In this proposal was included a recommendation for putting in a pump to use the pond water to irrigate the park and add the freshwater to the pond. This would also have provided the park with natural free fertilizer for the grass/trees. This proposal was rebuffed saying the contractor was the expert and the estimated cost of $50,000 was too much, though the renovation cost near $1mil.

Well, 3 years after the pond renovation problems started and are now worse 4 years post renovation. One can only see things getting worse in subsequent years since there is no water circulation or filtration. Vacuuming the top of pond is not a solution, but a yearly expense without solving a worsening problem. Park visitors ignore the signs about toxic algae or don't see them. Children play in the water. Dogs drink it. There is no barrier keeping people and pets away.

Adding beneficial bacteria to the pond is not going to clean up a pond in this bad of shape, only add to the expense of maintenance. Adding pond dyes also is cosmetic not a solution. The pond was dug 9.5 feet deep per contractor to make it cooler but obviously this did not work. Given the pond is so deep, plants cannot be put in the pond to help with filtration. The water needs to be exchanged on regular basis. This will keep it cooler and cleaner. Also, there are floating island pond planters that could help reduce nutrients in the water. They might be damaged with use by waterfowl and all the turtles now abandoned in the pond.

I welcome a response as to what the Park's plan is to cure this problem not cosmetically treat before it gets even worse. It definitely is not getting better with vacuuming.

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"It's not good," she said. "When (her kids) were little, I used to take them with my friend's kids (to William) Land Park to the little pond and also to Southside Park. I think it's beneficial to the children that they have some place close by that they can learn how to fish."

Lew suggested that the park district limit fishing to kids, 12 to 15 years old and younger.

"It would be good for the kids to continue (to) fish there, instead of closing the whole area for anybody to fish," she said.

Galt resident Jean Warren mentioned that she has fond memories of bringing her children to the park to go fishing in the early 2000s.

"It was a wholesome, easy outing that I could do with my kids that I felt comfortable doing," she said. "They love fishing, but to go to the river, that's a lot of work to go to the river.

"(The ban on fishing at this park) upsets me, because it's a wholesome-type activity that anyone can do with their kids, and it was a place that was safe."

Land Park resident Maury Hatch, a 1982 graduate of McClatchy High, said that he used to fish at William Land Park twice per week, and that before the COVID-19 pandemic, he provided fishing instruction for kids at the park.

Hatch, who makes a living in the fishing industry, shared his initial reaction to learning about the park's fishing ban.

"When this thing first came to light, I saw the signs and just thought it was another thing that happened in California, that they're cracking down on everything," he said.

Hatch added that he observed a change in the type of people who fish at the park.

"Over the years, especially the last 10 years, it seems like it went from a place where kids fished there to a place that adults fished there, kind of for subsistence fishing, instead of fun fishing," he said. "It's my understanding that there was so much 'catch and keep' fishing by this new wave of fishermen that they kind of fished the place out.

"When we were little kids, we never kept the fish there. We hooked the fish, took a good look at it, studied it a little bit and threw it back to catch it another day."

Hatch concluded that his "strongest suggestion" would be for the park district to allow fishing for kids, 16 or 17 years old and younger.

"It seems like it would bring it back to more of a fun thing, less serious, and you wouldn't get the crowds there (fishing). I think it should be a catch and release fishery, and all for the youth."

Asked whether fishing will ever be allowed at William Land Park again, Ulep provided some hope to those who support that action.

"As of currently, probably not, and that's just because of the fishermen not being responsible by being careless and leaving their hooks out and entangling the wildlife (with fishing line), and now we have rescue groups getting involved," he said. "As of today, no (fishing at William Land Park), but it could possibly change later."



Photo courtesy of Ronald Fong

Land Park resident Ronald Fong holds a fishing pole near a "no fishing" sign at William Land Park.

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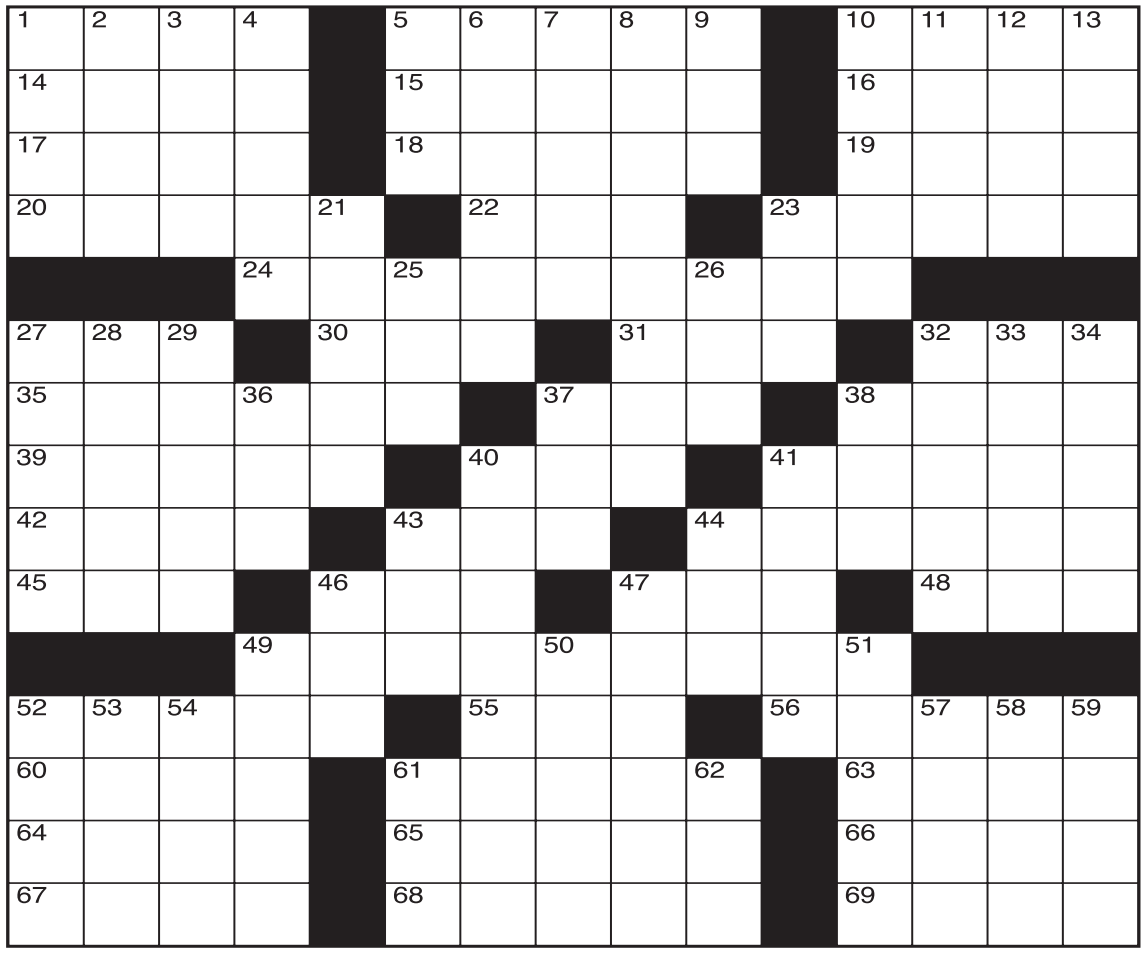
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Fashion accessory
5. Subatomic particle
10. Ethnic group of the Philippines
14. Popular cookie
15. Fabric
16. Alcoholic liquor
17. Peter __, Dutch portrait painter
18. Longtime Chicago mayor
19. A famous "Lady"
20. Islamic calendar month
22. Rocky peak
23. Polio vaccine developer
24. Songs sung in open air
27. Military movements
30. Male parent
31. Beloved hot beverage
32. Female sibling
35. Tackled the QB
37. Set a dog on someone
38. Long live! (Spanish)
39. Porticos
40. Pouch
41. Smooth fabric
42. Enough (archaic)
43. Institute legal proceedings against
44. Scarred
45. Draw from
46. Brother or sister
47. Body part
48. Commercials
49. London soccer team
52. Satisfied
55. Surgical technique (abbr.)
56. Fencing sword
60. French industrial city
61. Intellectual property organization (abbr.)
63. Helps to carry food
64. "Rule, Britannia" composer
65. One-time Empress of the Roman Empire
66. Intestinal pouches
67. None better
68. "WandaVision" actress
69. Comedic actress Kathryn

CLUES DOWN

1. Fifth notes of major scales
2. Region
3. Your consciousness of your own identity
4. Georgetown athletes
5. They follow A
6. Spoke
7. Hairdressers' domain
8. Extravagantly theatric
9. End-blown flute
10. Heroic tales
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Members of a priestly caste
13. Southern Ghana people
21. Counsels
23. Body of water
25. Awesome!
26. Calendar month
27. Native of region in Caucasus
28. Indian city
29. Exclusive
32. Alaskan town
33. Covered with ivy
34. Loose granular substances
36. Native American tribe
37. Written American English
38. Holiday (informal)
40. Add up
41. Small brown and gray rails
43. Get off your feet
44. Express disgust
46. Surface of the ground
47. Put into a silo
49. Belief
50. British noblemen
51. Tennis game
52. Dry, protective crust
53. Swiss river
54. Large integers
57. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
58. Every one of two or more
59. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds
61. Earlier
62. Peter's last name

Jenn Galinato Elected Student Trustee for Los Rios Board

Sacramento City College student Jenn Galinato has been elected by her Los Rios Community College District peers to serve as the Student Trustee for the District's Board. Galinato was sworn in at the Board's June 9 meeting and her term of office will run from June 2021 to May 2022.

Galinato was elected during online student elections on April 20-21. She is a triple major in business administration and management, communications and marketing, and pre-law at Sacramento City College. She is a passionate advocate for all of the students in the Los Rios Community College District.

Prior to her new role, Galinato previously served in multiple positions within Sacramento City College's Student Senate in addition to serving students on the statewide level through Region II in the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC). In her work throughout these roles, she advocated for increasing ethnic studies resources and continuing diversity, equity and inclusion work.

During her time as this year's Student Trustee, she hopes to emphasize the importance of student advocacy, especially with the slow return to normalcy following the pandemic. She is a strong advocate on a number of important student issues: basic needs and financial aid, mental health resources and sustainability amongst all four campuses for students. With students truly being at the forefront of change, she hopes that she can continue empowering and encouraging students to take the lead to inspire the next generation of student leaders.

Following her time with Los Rios upon graduating, Galinato plans on transferring to a four-year university to continue her studies. She then hopes to attend Stanford University for law school where she wishes to continue serving the people of her community and beyond, either in the courtroom or in public service.

To be eligible to run for student trustee, a student must be enrolled in at least five units at any Los Rios college. Student trustee elections are held during the spring semester every year. The student trustee represents the interests of the entire community and provides perspective to ensure that future students will be well-served. In addition to serving on the board of trustees, the student trustee chairs the Los Rios Student Advisory Committee (SAC), which provides a forum for communication and exchange of ideas, information, and concerns among students.



The SAC is comprised of student leaders from each of the colleges' student senates (typically the Student Senate president) and chaired by the student trustee. The SAC meets each month, before each regularly scheduled board of trustees meeting, to address issues that affect students. It provides a forum for communication/exchange of ideas, information, and concerns among students.

One key responsibility of SAC is to ensure students participate in district/college governance, and that students have a voice in the development of policies and processes that have a significant effect on students.

For more information on the Los Rios Board of Trustees, visit losrios.edu/about-los-rios/board-of-trustees.

New local home sales ease back in May, but still above the monthly average

By John Firth

New home sales in the Sacramento region eased back during May from the frenetic pace reported during the past 12 months, but still were well above historical averages for the month, the North State Building Industry Association reported.

During May, area builders reported selling 570 new homes in the greater Sacramento region, including Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Sutter, Yuba and Nevada counties. That is the lowest number since November, when 523 sales were reported and down sharply from the 760 sales reported in April, said Michael Strech, the BIA's president and CEO.

"Despite the modest drop-off in sales last month, the demand for new homes in our region remains incredibly strong," Strech said. "Sales during the month were far above the 448 builders have seen on average during May since 1997, and historically, March and April have been the strongest months for sales, which then gradually fall off through the rest of the year.

"It's also important to note that last month's sales were higher than all but one May's figures since 2006 and that year -- 2019 -- was a five-week month." Sales that month totaled 585.

Strech said that even as pandemic restrictions are easing, many buyers are still looking for homes that provide the space and amenities they need, and today's new homes -- particularly in the Sacramento region -- meet those needs.

Still, builders are seeing headwinds, including the high price of lumber, other supply chain constraints and now a growing concern about available lots in the region as builders have ramped up production. It can take years to get government approvals to build new communities which hinder builders' ability to keep pace.

In addition, he said the excessive fees charged to builders in the Sacramento region mean some communities simply aren't feasible.

"The fee study we released last week shows that government fees average $95,000 per home in our region, which is $40,000 more than comparable fees in the Central Valley and the Inland Empire region in Southern California. These other jurisdictions have cracked the code and everything should be on the table. We will work closely with local officials around the region in the months to come to find ways to reduce these fees and still ensure that new communities include needed amenities."

John Firth writes for The Write Stuff Communications on behalf of the North State Building Industry Association.

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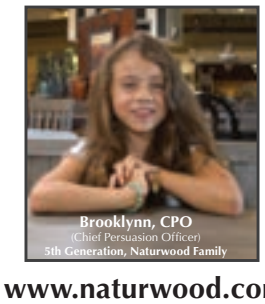
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