

Quarterly Community Issues

2022: October - December

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10-4-22: STOCKTON SERIAL KILLER

Stockton Police held a news conference this afternoon [Tuesday] to give the public more information on what they know about the serial killings happening in the city...and at least one elsewhere.

10-4-22: CAPRADIO VALLEY VISION LIVABILITY POLL

Sacramento area residents believe the region is a good place to raise a family. But they're less likely to rate the region as a good place to buy a house. That's according to a new poll out today [Tuesday, Oct. 4th]. The survey was conducted by research and action group Valley Vision. Evan Schmidt is Valley Vision's C-E-O.

10-5-22: SKYROCKETING CA GAS PRICES

Governor Gavin Newsom has given California oil refineries permission to make the switch to cheaper winter-blend gas ... which will likely help bring prices down at the pumps. Tracking service GasBuddy says the average price for a gallon of gas in the Sacramento area right now is six-dollars-29-cents [\$6.29].

11-3-22: POLITICAL VIOLENCE

A new report from researchers at UC Davis found that Republicans who supported former president Donald Trump were more likely to hold extreme and racist beliefs and to endorse political violence.

11-7-22: LAST MINUTE VOTE

Anyone 18 or older who's a California resident and a U.S. citizen is eligible to vote... including people formerly incarcerated and those experiencing homelessness. California allows same-day voter registration ... so you can cast a "provisional ballot" by visiting any vote center in your county up to and on Election Day.

11-8-22: SACRAMENTO VOTERS

I just feel like it's important that we invest in our children and make them a priority. If we say they're a priority, we need to act like they're a priority. For 23-year-old Denisse Ruiz, coming out to vote was nonnegotiable. I think in certain senses, I view it as a privilege. I think that a lot of people don't acknowledge the privilege. We have to even be able to vote. Dionne Johnson Senior is 54. He says he's been voting regularly since he realized what his ancestors went through to give him the right. I will say this is something that you need to do because it was people that died for the fact that you be able to do it right now. So, your vote matters. It counts. As for counting the ballots, that could take a few more weeks.

11-8-22: BEAVERS AND THEIR ROLE IN WATER QUALITY

The study, published in the scientific journal Nature, took place along the Colorado River. This river is an important water source for a number of states besides Colorado like Arizona, Utah and California. Researchers were studying water quality along the river. But then, in the middle of their research site, a beaver started building a dam. After that, they noticed an improvement in the water quality.

11-14-22: WILDFIRE SMOKE STUDY

The report offered a summary of what the state has learned about wildfire smoke in the last few years. One important lesson: Wildfire smoke isn't inherently unnatural. Before European settlers arrived in what would become California, naturally-occurring fires and burns led by Indigenous communities were a normal part of the ecosystem.

12-2-22: CITY AND COUNTY SIGN AGREEMENT TO WORK TOGETHER ON HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGES

For years, Sacramento city leaders have urged the county to do more to solve the homeless crisis. County officials have said they're working on the problem, but sometimes have a different approach. On Thursday, the two sides came together — and released a joint plan for tackling the problem.

12-2-22: A MUSIC OF THEIR OWN

I was trying to embrace what is so naive and simple and ridiculous, and it's only half notes and nobody will take it seriously. And, you know, there's just like these pretty chords. It was like I was just, like, simply fucking not nervous. Like, I can't write this. I mean, I would never literally never be allowed to write that when I was in grad school. So I was, you know, in grad school. So anyway. But it was just like and I had all these ideas of what the critics would be saying in my head. You know, it's like people are just going to laugh at this is girl music, you know, this is like, this is like high school chick or something.