Republicans turn more negative toward refugees as number admitted to U.S. plummets

Pew Research
Opinions about whether the United States has a responsibility to accept refugees — which were already deeply polarized — have grown even more so, according to a Pew Research Center survey conducted in April and May. The survey comes as the nation is likely to admit its smallest number of refugees in decades.

Roughly half of Americans (51%) say the U.S. has a responsibility to accept refugees into the country, down from 35% in February 2017, a few weeks after President Donald Trump took office.

Opinion among Democrats and Democratic leaners has changed little over this period: Currently, 74% say the U.S. has a responsibility to accept refugees, about three times the share of Republicans saying this.

The recent shift among Republicans has been driven by conservatives. In 2017, a third of conservative Republicans said the U.S. has a responsibility to accept refugees. But today, an even smaller share (19%) says this. There has been less change among moderate and liberal Republicans: Currently, 40% say the U.S. has a responsibility to accept refugees.

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Promising new research enables scientists to use a blood test to screen for different types of cancers at early stages. The test, known as a liquid biopsy, is used to screen for DNA from cancer cells and was able to detect 10 different cancers with good accuracy. Dr. Eric Klein from the Taussig Cancer Institute at Cleveland Clinic in the United States led the research, which is to be presented at the annual conference of the American Society of Clinical Oncology in Chicago, the largest gathering of oncologists worldwide.

Most cancers are detected at advanced stages when treatment is more complicated and cure rates are low, the conference abstract states. The non-invasive DNA blood test isn't yet ready to use in practice, but the test would enable cancers to be detected in the early stages, before symptoms begin, when treatment is more likely to succeed. These types of tests could become part of a universal screening process for cancer.

Detecting cancer early, before it has spread is one of the most powerful ways to ensure more people are offered treatments which give them a better chance of beating the disease,” said Fiona Ogün of Cancer Research UK, who was not part of the study.

This blood test may be able to detect 8 types of cancer, study says

The research sampled 1,627 participants, of which 749 were cancer-free and 878 had various types of newly detected, untreated cancer. The blood test involved three tests on the participants’ blood samples and showed sensitivity in detecting 10 different types of cancer, including pancreatic, ovarian, lung and esophageal cancer, among others.

The results showed that the test most accurately diagnosed ovarian cancer, with 90% accuracy, followed by hepato-biliary -- a highly lethal cancer that attacks the liver and gallbladder -- and pancreatic cancer, with 80% accuracy.

The test’s high sensitivity to pancreatic cancer is especially promising. Pancreatic cancer is usually diagnosed when the cancer is too advanced to be operated on, said Dr. Chris Abbosh, a clinical research associate at University College London’s Cancer Institute.

However, it’s important to note that the number of people in which these cancers were detected was small. For both ovarian and pancreatic cancer, only 10 cases were detected, while only five people with hepatobiliary cancer were identified.

But the results are promising. The ability to diagnose cancer early on and then offer patients effective treatment for their disease will likely save many lives, according to Dr. Nickolas Papadopoulos, professor of oncology and pathology at Johns Hopkins Medicine and senior author of a study on blood tests for the early detection of cancer.

For many common cancers, rates of survival triple when diagnosed at an early stage, according to Cancer Research UK. There's more work to do before it can be used regularly, though.

There's still a lot more research needed to achieve this goal. This blood test was better at picking up certain cancers than others so we need further trials to test its accuracy and also determine whether it will help save lives,” said Ogün.

Gerhardt Attard, John Black Charitable Foundation Endowed Chair in Urological Cancer Research at University College London, believes that this may soon become a common method for cancer screening.

“This is moving exceptionally fast. I think that in the next few five to 10 years, if this continues to work like this, we may see this coming through into normal practice,” Attard said. But Abbosh notes several caveats around the research.

To match the promise of being able to screen for cancer, this test must be able to identify patients who do not have symptoms or signs of cancer. Finally, it will be important to establish how good this test is at identifying patients with the earliest stage of cancer. In stage I disease, surgical interventions are most likely to remove all a patient’s cancer and result in a cure -- this data is no yet available,” Abbosh said.

Dr. H. Gilbert Welch, professor of medicine at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, said in a previous CNN report that the analysis involved in these tests is “extraordinarily complex.”

“There are a lot of steps in a liquid biopsy and much potential for things to go awry,” he said.

Blood test offers hope of finding cancers before symptoms develop
frentar el desafío de la innovación y la tecnología y de cómo está impulsando nuestra industria.”

Más de la mitad de los empleados de Collins Electrical son hispanos, un hecho que no se pierde en Gini y su familia, que son de Stockton y han sido propietarios y operadores de la compañía durante muchos años.

“La cultura latina es tan grande y vasta y en muchos negocios en nuestra comunidad,” dijo Gini. “Yo diría que más de la mitad de nuestros empleados son hispanos y son hombres y mujeres trabajadores. Solo quiero asegurarme de que tengan una representación de lo orgullosos que estamos de lo que hacen por nuestra empresa.”

Collins Electrical Company fue fundada por Willard Collins y luego fue dirigida por la familia Sanguinetti. La compañía navegó altos y bajos económicos y se adaptó a los cambios en la tecnología a través de la innovación. Lo que siempre se ha mantenido constante es el compromiso de la compañía con el servicio al cliente y el trabajo de calidad.

Para reflejar la cambiante marea del negocio, Gini dijo que en las décadas de 1950 y 1960, Collins Electrical empleaba a unos 1,200 electricistas. Hoy en día, la compañía tiene alrededor de 400 electricistas, aunque el volumen y el alcance del negocio ha aumentado.

“Era una compañía muy diferente en ese momento,” dijo Gini. “En los años 50 y 60, nuestro trabajo era mucho más laborioso de lo que es ahora. Hay nuevas herramientas, nuevas técnicas, nuevas formas de construir edificios. Hoy tenemos alrededor de 400 electricistas y probablemente estamos haciendo el mismo volumen. Pero las cosas cambian con el tiempo con la tecnología y las herramientas, etc.”

Brian Gini es el hijo del medio de tres hijos de Gene, el presidente y director ejecutivo de la compañía, y Dianne Gini, quien se desempeña como vicepresidente superior. El hermano mayor de Brian, Kevin, es vicepresidente y gerente de la sucursal en West Sacramento, y el hermano menor de Brian, Craig, es vicepresidente y gerente general de renovables en West Sacramento.

Collins Electrical se enorgullece de sus empleados y la participación de la comunidad. La compañía ayuda a apoyar varias causas valiosas, incluidos programas de aprendizaje, Mary Graham Hall, hospitales locales y el comedor St. Mary’s. Brian Gini dijo que la compañía les permite a los empleados un día libre pagado para contribuir con proyectos comunitarios.

Póngalo todo junto y usted tiene una empresa familiar que ha prosperado en un negocio competitivo durante 90 años. “Somos los primeros en el trabajo y los últimos en dejar el trabajo como contratista eléctrico,” dijo Brian Gini. “Eso es algo que tenemos en mente en todo momento.”
RTD CEO Donna DeMartino Wins Award from Sierra Club

By Terry Williams

Stockton, CA — Chief Executive Officer Donna DeMartino of San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) was recognized as the Outstanding Public Official of the Year by the Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter.

The award was given for DeMartino’s leadership in developing zero-emission, all-electric bus transportation in the City of Stockton. “Despite our very impressive record of emissions reductions with our existing fleets, we have been eagerly stepping into the next arena of 100% zero-emission bus (ZEB) technology, in alignment with our Governor’s vision for the state,” said DeMartino, as she accepted the award. “I am proud to say RTD is one of the first agencies to deploy Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor in the nation, right in Stockton. Our Board and our Mayor signed a commitment to have an all-electric bus fleet in Stockton by 2025. We are committed to moving forward with bus manufacturers, funding partners, and utility providers to ensure we can make the goal of 100% zero emissions a reality.”

DeMartino received the award at a banquet held at the Dante Club of Sacramento on Saturday, June 2. She was joined by family, friends, and RTD employees.

San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is the regional transit provider for San Joaquin County. RTD’s mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system for the region. For more information, visit sjrtd.com, follow RTD on Facebook and Twitter, or call (209) 943-1111.

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"It was a much different company back then," Gini said. "In the 50s and 60s, our work was much more laborious than it is now. There are new tools, new techniques, new ways of building buildings. Today, we have about 400 electricians and we're probably doing the same volume. But things change over time with technology and tooling and so forth."

Brian Gini is the middle son of three boys born to Gene, the company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, and Dianne Gini, who serves as Senior Vice President. Brian’s older brother, Kevin, is Vice President and Branch Manager in West Sacramento, and Brian’s younger brother, Craig, is Vice President and Renewables General Manager in West Sacramento.

Collins Electrical prides itself on its employees and community involvement. The company helps support several worthy causes, including apprenticeship programs, Mary Graham Hall, local hospitals and St. Mary’s Dining Room. Brian Gini said the company allows employees a paid day off to contribute to community projects. Put it all together and you have a family-owned company that has thrived in a competitive business for 90 years.

“We are the first ones on the job and the last ones to leave the job as an electrical contractor,” Brian Gini said. “That is something we keep in the forefront of our minds at all times.”

The Latino culture is so large and vast and into a lot of businesses in our community," Gini said. "I would say more than half of our employees are Hispanic and they are hard-working men and women. I just want to make sure they have representation of how proud we are with what they do for our company.”

Collins Electrical Company was founded by Willard Collins and then was run by the Sanguinetti family. The company navigated economic highs and lows and adapted to changes in technology through innovation. What always has remained steady is the company's commitment to customer service and quality work.

To reflect the changing tide of the business, Gini said in the 1950s and 1960s, Collins Electrical employed some 1,200 electricians. Today, the company has about 400 electricians, though the volume and scope of the business has increased.

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U.S. has a responsibility to accept refugees. As was the case last year, liberal Democrats (65%) are more likely than conservative and moderate Democrats (65%) to say the U.S. has a responsibility to accept refugees. Earlier this year, a Pew Research Center analysis of State Department data found a sharp decline in the number of refugees who have entered the U.S. so far in fiscal year 2018 compared with prior years. This is partly due to an admissions cap the Trump administration placed on refugee resettlements, which now limits the number who may enter the U.S. to 45,000, the smallest total since Congress created the current refugee program in 1980.

Demographic divides in views of U.S. responsibility to admit refugees

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La Bella Notte It Was! Community Hospice Foundation Celebrates 17th Annual Gala

Modesto, Calif. - On May 19, 2018 over 600 community members gathered at the home of Jessica and Greg Coleman in Ripon, California for the 17th Annual Community Hospice Foundation Gala. Guests enjoyed Live and Silent Auctions, a raffle, appetizers and dinner by Chef Michael Midgley and dancing to The Nines, a band made up of local folks.

Several community members were recognized for their dedicated service and support in advancing the organization’s mission. Mary Ann Wood was awarded the John and June Rogers Philanthropic Award. Mary Ann embodies the heart of hospice by giving and raising funds to assure that the mission of Community Hospice continues, regardless of the patient’s or family’s ability to pay. The Julio R. and Aileen Gallo Leadership Award was awarded to Claudia and Mick Krausnick for their passionate commitment and enthusiastic leadership. The Harold A. Peterson, III Heart of Hospice Award was presented to Friends of Community Hospice member, Pat Saunders for her long-standing commitment to the mission of Community Hospice.

Past camper Zibby Madill shared her story and camp experience prior to kicking off this year’s Cash for the Cause to raise needed funds to support Camp Erin of the Central Valley. A generous anonymous donor agreed to make a $50,000 donation match if the Cash for the Cause raised more than $50,000. Thanks to our generous community, Cash for the Cause raised over $108,000 to support many children in our community who have experienced a loss.

Community Hospice Foundation Executive Director, Monica Ojcius said, “We are thrilled with the outcome of our 17th Annual Gala; it was truly La Bella Notte! It is humbling to know so many people from our community support the mission of Community Hospice. We would not be able to provide the service and programs offered without the generosity of our community, we are very grateful.”

The La Bella Notte Gala was a great success raising more than $350,000 to support the patients, families and programs of Community Hospice.

EL CONCILIO CHOSEN AS NON PROFIT OF THE YEAR BY EGGMAN

El Concilio is proud to announce it has been selected as a 2018 California Nonprofit of the Year by Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman.

Jose R. Rodriguez, El Concilio’s President/CEO and Founder Irene Killian de Ojeda from El Concilio will travel to Sacramento next week to join with one hundred other nonprofit leaders to be honored by their state senators and assemblymembers during a celebration luncheon as part of California Nonprofits Day on June 6th.

“El Concilio is celebrating 50 years of being in the community and providing valuable resources and services to children, parents, youth, adults and seniors. El Concilio has transform the lives of so many people every day, and we are deeply humbled to be recognized by Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman as a Nonprofit of the Year,” stated Jose R. Rodriguez, El Concilio President/CEO.

“Nonprofits make California communities stronger, yet we’re often so busy that we don’t toot our own horns about the work we’re doing,” explains Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits). “California Nonprofits Day is an opportunity for our elected officials to recognize the good work they see nonprofits doing in their districts, and it also demonstrates the larger collective impact of nonprofits throughout California.”

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Rising share of U.S. primary schools have sworn officers on the premise

By Abigail Geiger

A growing share of public primary schools in the United States have sworn law enforcement officers on site, according to a recent government report that comes amid renewed attention to school security.

An estimated 36% of U.S. public primary schools had sworn officers on site at least once a week in the 2015-16 school year, up from 21% a decade earlier, according to the report from the National Center for Education Statistics and the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The share of primary schools with an officer present grew much faster during this period than the share of secondary schools with an officer on site, which increased from 58% to 65%. (The most recent available data for both types of schools are for the 2015-16 school year. Primary schools are defined as schools where the lowest grade is not higher than grade three and the highest grade is not higher than grade eight. Secondary schools include middle and high schools, as well as combined schools.)

The presence of officers at primary schools differed by the size of the school: A quarter of schools with fewer than 300 students reported officers on site, compared with 42% of schools with 500 to 999 students. (Comparable data for primary schools with 1,000 or more students are unavailable.)

Few primary schools with officers on site at least once a week reported that officers were at school for all instructional hours every day (13%). In contrast, 85% of primary schools with officers present said these officers were on site at some point during school hours, while smaller majorities said officers were at school when students were arriving or leaving (67%) or at selected school activities, such as science fairs or athletic events (60%).

While only 36% of U.S. primary schools had officers on site, the vast majority of those schools (86%) reported that officers routinely carried a firearm. (By comparison, 93% of secondary schools with officers present said officers carried a firearm.) Primary schools in cities were less likely than those in towns and rural areas to report that officers carried a firearm. Across all community types, 32% of primary schools with officers present reported having formalized policies or written documents specifically about officers’ use of firearms.

The recent study also found that most primary schools report being prepared for certain crisis scenarios. The vast majority of primary schools overall (91%) had written procedures to be followed in a shooting scenario, up from 76% in 2003-04. Similarly large majorities of primary schools had written procedures for bomb threats or incidents (93%) and natural disasters (96%). Furthermore, large majorities of primary schools conducted lockdown (96%), evacuation (91%) and shelter-in-place (75%) drills during the school year.

Regarding general school safety, majorities of primary schools offered training to classroom teachers or aides in safety procedures (93%) and crisis prevention and intervention (72%), according to the report.

Tiffany Wiggins, a school police officer in Baltimore, talks with a student at Thomas Jefferson Elementary/Middle School
Trump persigue a trabajadores indocumentados pero accede a presión corporativa para más visas H2B

La doble retórica del presidente Donald Trump nuevamente vuelve a caldear los ánimos en la comunidad inmigrante.

Defensores de los inmigrantes arrecian sus críticas contra la administración del presidente Donald Trump por su persecución a la mano de obra indocumentada, mientras aumenta nuevamente el número de visas H2B para trabajadores temporales.

Los reproches de los activistas se dan tras el anuncio del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS) y del Departamento del Trabajo (DOL), la semana pasada, de adicionar 15,000 visas a trabajadores no inmigrantes H2B para el año fiscal 2018, que culmina en octubre.

“El gobierno está accediendo ante los intereses corporativos una vez más, en vez de reconocer a los trabajadores indocumentados que tienen años apostados a la economía del país y que son una mano de obra necesaria”, dijo a Efe Christine Neumann-Ortiz, directora de la organización Voces de la Frontera.

“Es una contradicción total. Mientras el país necesita trabajadores que hacen lo que los estadounidenses no hacen, los intereses corporativos una vez más, se prestan a la persecución a la mano de obra extranjera, como el negocio de Nickerson.”, explicó Neumann-Ortiz.

Aún con las 15,000 visas adicionales, decenas de empresas enfrentan la posibilidad de quedarse sin la fuerza laboral necesaria para prestar los servicios que ofrecen en verano.

“En pocas palabras, muy pocos restaurantes y hoteles exitosos podrán funcionar, para llevar a cabo negocios, sin trabajadores extranjeros”, explica en un comunicado Nate Nickerson, dueño de Arnold’s Lobster & Clam Bar, en Eastham, Massachusetts.

De costa a costa, dueños de empresas reconocen que dejaron atrás sus labores administrativas a un lado para sacar la basura, mientras que otros de los copropietarios limpiaban piscina, y atendían las mesas ante el escasez de trabajadores. Este año la situación podría repetirse, advierte el empresario.

Diane Risa, directora de Relaciones Gubernamentales de la Asociación Americana de Abogados de Inmigración (AILA) explicó a Efe que la actual tasa de desempleo del 3,8% está aumentando el problema que tienen las empresas estadounidenses para satisfacer sus necesidades de mano de obra.

“Sin suficientes trabajadores H-2B, las empresas estadounidenses pueden ser incapaces de cumplir con los contratos, verse obligadas a rechazar clientes, e incluso despedir a los trabajadores estadounidenses”, advirtió Risa.

Los dueños de Singing Hills Landscape, de Aurora, Colorado, ya están sintiendo el efecto con las contrataciones. La compañía necesita 40 trabajadores temporales para los meses de verano, según indicaron, pero todas esas visas le fueron negadas.

En Colorado, 380 compañías buscan trabajadores extranjeros, la mayoría de ellas (247) dedicadas a jardinería o mantenimiento, seguidas por 62 compañías de construcción y por 36 de hoteles y restaurantes.

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3 Key Things to Know About Asthma

Breathing is a breeze for most people. But asthma can undermine this simple act. If you’ve recently been diagnosed with asthma, learning about the disease and its treatments can help you stay in control. Start here with these three key facts:

1. Asthma doesn’t go away. Asthma is a chronic lung disease that develops in people of all ages. When you have asthma, you won’t always have symptoms. But the airways in your lungs are always inflamed. They become tight and narrow if you breathe in what’s known as a trigger, such as pollen, smoke, pet dander or dust. This can cause your asthma to flare up. As a result, you might cough, wheeze, become short of breath or feel your chest get tight.

2. Asthma needs an action plan. Ask your doctor what specific steps you need to take to control your asthma. You should be able to lead a normal life with few (if any) symptoms. As part of your care, you should follow an asthma action plan. Among other things, your plan will help you understand how to avoid your specific asthma triggers. And it will include a list of the medicines you need to take.

Dr. Silvia Diego, MD

Medicines called long-term controllers help control asthma symptoms. If they’re prescribed for you, it’s important to take them even when you feel fine. You will also need a quick-relief medicine—often called a rescue inhaler—that can help stop an asthma attack once it starts. Carry your inhaler with you at all times in case you have a sudden attack.

3. Asthma can be severe, even life-threatening. Never underestimate the seriousness of this disease—people do die from asthma. That’s why it’s important to get emergency medical help for a severe asthma attack. Your action plan will spell out when to do that. For instance, it may advise you to seek emergency care if you become very short of breath or if your symptoms do not get better when you take your quick-relief medicine.

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Los activistas hacen notar cómo el gobierno excluyó a trabajadores haitianos para poder aplicar a las visas H2B, argumentando fraude, aunque las solicitudes de estos trabajadores no llegaban al 1%. Por su parte, Wendy Northcross, directora ejecutiva de la Cámara de Comercio de Cape Cod, en Massachusetts, dijo a EFE que a pesar de que el anuncio de más visas H2B es una buena noticia, “puede haber demasiado tarde para ayudar a abordar el ciclo comercial de este verano”.

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San Joaquin General Hospital announces cancer research day June 27th

San Joaquin General Hospital will welcome local physicians and surgeons to attend its first annual Research Day on June 27th at the Hospital in French Camp. The event will feature nationally respected guest speakers informing the local medical community on innovations and current research into early cancer detection and cancer treatment. The event is being hosted by Dinesh Vyas, MD, Director of the General Surgery Residency Program, San Joaquin General Hospital in conjunction with Sheela Kapre, MD, SJGH Chief Medical Officer. The presentations begin at 8 AM and carry through Noon.

Four nationally respected cancer surgeons will speak from 8 AM till Noon on a variety of subjects including cancer surgery, genetics and basic science. Presentations will be given by:
• Anthony J. Senagore, MD, MS, MBA, Professor and Vice Chair Clinical Operations Chief of GI / Oncology University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston.
• Ishwarlal Jialal MD, Ph.D, Assistant Dean of Research, Professor of Physiology, Metabolism and Clinical Pathology California Northstate University- College of Medicine.
• Lakshni Shankar Chaturvedi, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Clinical Research and Genetics San Joaquin General Hospital Dept of Surgery
• Phillip Mack, Ph.D, Vice President Research CNSU and professor at UC Davis Medical School.

The event will also offer special presentations by SJGH surgical resident physicians: Drs. Nitasha Sharma, Keith White, Michael Orloff, Nick Druar, Jose Candelario, and Akhila Sure.

Research Day 2018 is planned to be a venue that will allow an open exchange for County area physicians with conversations regarding all phases of general medical science, procedures and medical law. Physician attendees will also be welcome to tour the San Joaquin General Hospital medical campus to get acquainted with the Hospital’s technology, equipment and facilities at their professional disposal.

Research Day at San Joaquin General Hospital is aimed at assisting local physicians gain and exchange practical knowledge with national surgical leaders specializing in cancer treatment. It is the intent of the Hospital to make this event a yearly activity that will advance medical care for all residents in Northern California.

The presentations begin at 8 AM and carry through Noon on Wednesday June 27th. For more information and to RSVP contact Jessica Kolatch, SJGH Department of Surgery Graduate Medical Education (209) 468-6622.

CAL WATER EMPLOYEE NAMED SAFETY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR BY CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SAFETY COUNCIL

STOCKTON, Calif. — California Water Service (Cal Water) employee Curtis Reynolds was named the Safety Employee of the Year yesterday by the Central California Safety Council. Reynolds, who has been with Cal Water for 34 years, currently serves as Foreman for Flushing and Valve Maintenance in the utility’s Stockton District.

The Central California Safety Council selected Reynolds for the award for demonstrating a sustained, outstanding occupational safety record and being a positive influence and role model, promoting healthy and safe practices in his leadership role as a foreman. According to Cal Water District Manager John Freeman, Reynolds has not had a single lost-time incident in his career with the company. “I am extremely proud of Curtis and his commitment to safety,” Freeman said. “We are committed to ensuring our employees can work safely while providing safe, high-quality, reliable water service to our customers. Employees like him set an exceptional example for others to follow, and enable us to consistently deliver the quality, service, and value to our community that we promise.”

Cal Water serves about 172,100 people through 43,300 service connections in Stockton and about 2 million people through 484,900 service connections in California. The utility has provided water service in the area since 1927. Additional information may be obtained online at www.calwater.com.
SOUNDS OF SWENSON CONCERTS IN THE PARK BEGIN JUNE 2018

Stockton, Ca - Sounds of Swenson Concerts in the Park Series to Start June 14th, 2018 at 5pm, Alexandria Place, across from Lincoln High School. We are pleased to announce the Sounds of Swenson concert series will begin on Thursday June 14th, 2018 at Swenson Park (recreational area). Come enjoy the warm summer nights and sweet sounds of local musicians against the backdrop of our beautiful park! Parking for this event will be plentiful as Lincoln Unified School district has graciously allowed use of the Lincoln High parking lot. This will undoubtedly be an event you won’t want to miss!

Wood Fired Pizzas by David’s Pizza; BBQ by Mike Linker, of Victory Grille or bring your own picnic dinner. Vocal Stylings of Riley Jane Richmond, local artist, kicks off the 1st in our series starting at 5pm. Austin James follows at 6:15pm. Come out and enjoy a relaxing evening of pop and mild country. Concerts will be 2nd Thursday of every month of Summer through September and include 2 different bands or artists. Line Up includes July 12th, Acoustic Measures and Mystic Moon (music of Fleetwood Mac.) August 9th - Latin Sounds with Levi Huffman and TBD, September 13th, Blues and BBQ with Sweet Taunts and TBD.

Sponsorships Available. For more information contact: Suzie Bowers, contact@friendsofswenson.com or visit soundsofswenson.com.

Jesús Andrade named new CEO of the San Joaquin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

STOCKTON, CA— The San Joaquin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SJCHCC) announced today its Board of Directors has unanimously selected Jesús Andrade as the Chief Executive Officer to lead the organization. Andrade will assume the leadership role June 8th.

“After a thorough search that yielded a pool of highly qualified candidates, the board is pleased to have found the best person to lead the organization through its next phase of program expansion and membership growth,” said Bob Gutierrez, SJCHCC Board President and lead principal of BG Strategies. “Jesús has strong local roots and a proven track record in government affairs and advocacy. His deep commitment and passion to expanding economic opportunities and entrepreneurship in the region offers a clear vision to the organization’s next era of growth.”

“I am honored to lead an organization with so many respected business members and community leaders,” said Jesús Andrade.

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