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Liberty Ranch principal thankful Facebook

page has been removed from public view

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Dead fish float in the King Harbor area of Redondo Beach, south of Los Angeles, on Tuesday.

1 MILLION DEAD FISH

**Mass fish death fouls Southern California marina**

By [Author]

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 REDONDO BEACH — An estimated

one million fish turned up dead Tuesday

in a Southern California marina, creat-

ing a floating feast for pelicans, gulls and

other sea life and a stinky mess for har-

bor authorities.

 The sardines apparently depleted the

water of oxygen and suffocated after get-

ting lost in the marina, officials said.

 “All indications are it’s a naturally oc-

curring event,” said Andrew Hughan, a

California Fish and Game spokesman at

the scene.

 The die-off was unusual but not un-

precedented.

 “In the world of fishing this is an after-

noon’s catch,” he noted.

 Boaters awakened to find a carpet of

small silvery fish surrounding their ves-

sels, said Staci Gabrielli, marine coordi-

nator for King Harbor Marina on the Los

Angeles County coast.

 Authorities said there was also a 12- to

18-inch layer of dead fish on the bottom

of the marina.

 The scale was impressive to locals at

King Harbor, which shelters about 1,400

boats on south Santa Monica Bay.

 “The fishermen say they’ve never seen

anything this bad that wasn’t red tide,”

Hughan said, referring to the natural

blooms of toxic algae that can kill fish.

 Brent Scheiwe, an official of Sea Lab,

a Los Angeles Conservation Corps re-

search program at Redondo, said testing

of some of the water showed oxygen lev-

els near zero.

 Hughan said water samples showed no

oils or chemicals that could have con-

tributed to the deaths. He said some of

the fish were being shipped to a Fish and

Game laboratory for study but the cause

was likely to be uncomplicated.

 The fish appeared to have come into

the marina during the night and proba-

bly couldn’t find their way out, he said.

 “The simplest explanation is the fish

got lost. ... They get confused easily,” he

said.

 Hughan said there was no safety issue

at all but “it’s going to smell bad for quite

a while.”

 Fire Department, Harbor Patrol and

other city workers set to work scooping

up fish in nets and buckets. A skip loader

then carried them to big trash bins. Offi-

cials initially estimated there were mil-

lions of fish, but Fish and Game roughly

estimated about a million.

 City officials estimated the cleanup

would cost $100,000. Fire Chief Dan

Madrigal said the fish would be taken to

a landfill specializing in organic materi-

als.

 On the water, nature was tackling the

problem in other ways.

 “The seals are gorging themselves,”

Hughan said.

 A controversial Facebook

page publicly disparaging stu-

dents at a Galt high school was

removed Tuesday afternoon.

 It is not clear whether the

creator deleted the account or

Facebook disabled it, but

shortly before 2 p.m.

the page could not be

found.

 The so-called Liber-

ty Ranch Burnpage,

founded on Feb. 23,

has been creating is-

sues for the high

school’sprincipal.

Brian Deis said Mon-

day he has spent 20

hours over the last

week and a half try-

ing to determine the creator’s

identity and speaking with

students who have posted on

the page to warn them of pos-

sible repercussions.

 On Tuesday, he was hopeful

no further students will be de-

famed.

 “If indeed the page has been

taken down, we are relieved

that students here and at other

schools will not be targeted by

this person who has been so

quick to attack others while

cloaked in anonymity,” Deis

said, adding that if he receives

any new information regard-

ing the author’s identity, he

 will investigate fur-

 ther.

 Facebook could not

 be reached for com-

 ment regarding the

 latest development;

 however, a spokesper-

 son previously said

 the organization can-

 not comment on spe-

 cific pages or profiles.

 It does, however, re-

 spond to reports of of-

fensive pages on the Facebook

network. A trained team of re-

viewers will respond to re-

ports and escalate them to law

enforcement as needed, repre-

sentative Nicky Jackson

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‘REALLY NEED THIS. IT’S A LONG TIME COMING.’

**Salvation Army hopes to add family housing in Lodi**

By [Author Name]

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**NATURE CONSERVANCY AIMS**

**TO PROTECT ANIMAL HABITAT**

**Would Galt-area airport expansion**

**harm nearby Cosumnes Preserve?**

By [Author Name]

NEWS-SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

**TODAY’S MEETING**

When: 6 p.m.

Where: Board chambers, 700 H

St., Sacramento.

 GALT — Dick Bjelland wants to

expand his small airport northeast

of Galt, but the Nature Conservancy

says not so fast.

 Mustang Airport, northeast of

Galt on Arno Road, is near the Co-

sumnes River Preserve, its bird pop-

ulation and animal habitat. Addi-

tionally, Nature Conservancy offi-

cials are concerned that large birds

such as cranes and geese could

crash into one of the small planes

and cause a catastrophe similar to

the one that caused a plane to crash

into the Hudson River in 2009, ac-

cording to Sacramento attorney Bill

Yeates, who represents the Nature

Conservancy.

 The Sacramento County Board of

Supervisors, meeting at 6 p.m. today,

is scheduled to rule on the Nature

Conservancy’s claim that the Air-

port Land Use Commission hear the

application before the Board of Su-

pervisors.

 In Sacramento County, the Sacra-

mento Area Council of Govern-

ments sits as the Airport Land Use

Commission.

 The Sacramento County Coun-

sel’s Office says that it’s proper for

the Board of Supervisors to hear the

application first, according to Se-

nior Planner Cindy Storelli.

 Bjelland, who was born in Lodi

and graduated from Lodi High

School, said on Monday that his

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 Lodi’s Salvation Army is hoping to

add three new units at its Hope Har-

bor shelter to serve homeless fami-

lies who have nowhere to turn.

 Currently, families, especially

those with single parents, are some-

times turned away because no chil-

dren are allowed to stay in the men’s

section, and boys older than 11 can-

not stay with their mothers in the

women’s shelter.

 The Salvation Army is asking for

help from San Joaquin County, the

city of Lodi and local donors to raise

$480,000 to build the three new units

where children can stay with their

mother or father, and two classrooms

for adults at the shelter, Lt. Dan

Williams said.

 The units will include a bedroom,

a living room where parents can

sleep, and a bathroom.

 Right now, families with children

who cannot stay at the shelter have

to live somewhere else or find a place

for the children to stay while the par-

ent stays at Hope Harbor, Williams

said.

 He said the three new units will

provide an opportunity for the or-

ganization to help more families.

 “I would rather have my kids with

me,” he said. “It’s rough to be sepa-

rated while getting back on your

feet.”

 When the organization built the

shelter in 2003, it left a warehouse to

the south with plans to turn it into

the three rooms and classrooms. It

now houses bicycles, ladders and

boxes of supplies.

 The organization has already se-

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Salvation Army Lt. Dan Williams talks about converting a warehouse into

housing for parents and children, and classrooms for culinary and comput-

er training, on Tuesday morning at the Hope Harbor shelter.

cured $33,600 from the county’s Com-

munity Development Block Grant

funding. It also requested $288,000

from the city, but Williams expects to

receive between $205,000 to $215,000.

 The rest of the money — between

$231,400 and $241,400 — will be raised

through donations. The nonprofit

plans to start construction in July.

 “We really need this. It’s a long

time coming. ... I really believe the

community will come forward and

help,” Williams said.

 One example of the need: a father

who is a veteran and recently asked

for help from the shelter. They had to

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**SALVATION ARMY HOPE**

**HARBOR PROJECT**

**AT A GLANCE**

The Salvation Army is asking for

donations to build the three new

units where children can stay with

their mother or father, and two

classrooms for adults at the shelter.

The three new units will allow the

shelter to serve more families who

have children that cannot stay in

the main shelter.

How can you help? To donate, you

can mail checks to The Salvation

Army, Lodi Corps, P.O. Box 1388,

Lodi, CA 95241-1388.

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