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**Outlet:** Sacramento Bee

**Title:** Pregnant? You might be paid for 6 weeks if you work at a school

**Publication Date:** May 26, 2017

**Summary:** California public school employees would be fully paid for at least six weeks during their maternity leave under a bill moving through the California Legislature.

In a move that would apply to those working for school districts and community colleges, pregnant certificated, academic and classified employees would not need to spend their accrued leave to compensate for those days. The measure passed the state Assembly on Monday and will next be considered in the state Senate.

The bill's passage also would mean changes at California community colleges. **Los Rios Community College District**, which controls American River College, Cosumnes River College, Folsom Lake College and Sacramento City College, currently allows its employees about 18 weeks of maternity leave and requires them to use accrued leave for payment.

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**Outlet:** Sacramento Bee

**Title:** Virtual reality volunteers bring roller coasters and exotic travel to assisted living

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**Summary:** Marianne Shores was one of a dozen seniors who tried out the goggles provided by the nonprofit group Gamers Gift, which visits assisted living facilities and children's hospitals around Sacramento. Run by Northern California college and high school students, Gamers Gift has visited Atria Carmichael Oaks at least once every month since its founding in February 2016.

"I'm not really a gamer myself, but it was really eye-opening to see how gaming can change people's lives," said Kirsten Chrisco, director of outreach at Gamers Gift and an **American River College** freshman. "It's really satisfying to visit those who are in such bad situations and just bring a little bit of happiness even for a short while."

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**Outlet:** Capital Public Radio - Insight

**Title:** Best-Selling Author Edan Lepucki Returns To American River College For SummerWords 2017

**Publication Date:** May 25, 2017

**Summary:** Best-selling author Edan Lepucki returns to **American River College** for SummerWords 2017. Lepucki was plucked from obscurity when Sherman Alexie promoted her debut novel "California" on an episode of the Colbert Report, and Stephen Colbert demanded his viewers buy her book to send a message to Amazon over the e-commerce giant's refusal to pre-order titles from Hachette.

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