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Invasive carp found near Lake Michigan

Bipartisan call to restart stalled protective project

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Great Lakes groups are urging an immediate restart of the billion-dollar project to keep invasive carp out of the

Great Lakes after hundreds of juvenile carp were found 80 miles from Lake Michigan – the closest they’ve ever been detected to the lakes.

On July 29, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stopped work on the Brandon Road Interbasin project as President Donald Trump’s administration reviews the work. The reason for the stoppage remains unclear, despite repeated inquiries from bipartisan lawmakers

around the region, Illinois and Michigan state agencies and several Great Lakes organizations.

The \$1.1 billion project is a state-of-the-art barrier system located at a crucial bottleneck – the Brandon Road Lock and Dam on the Des Plaines River in Joliet, Illinois. There, the Army Corps is building a system of electric, acoustic and bubble barriers intended to stop invasive carp from advancing toward the

Great Lakes.

The federal government is providing \$1 billion for the Brandon Road project, while Illinois and Michigan are covering the rest.

The project has faced a series of delays amid a contentious standoff between Illinois and the Trump administration, marked by funding

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Monument to service gets sword returned to stone



Chris Rute of Juneau Park Friends is helping lead the restoration of the Spirit of Service Monument, a literary-themed memorial at the park. That includes installing a sword protruding from the monument base — inspired by the Arthurian legend. TOM DAYKIN/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Replacement crafted for 100th anniversary

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The legend of King Arthur says he was enthroned after pulling the sword Excalibur from a stone.

Now, an Excalibur replica is returning to an Arthurian monument in downtown Milwaukee’s Juneau Park – around 80 years after its sword vanished.

Known as the Spirit of Service Monument, the literary-themed memorial was installed in 1926 in the park, near the intersection of North Prospect Avenue and East Wells Street.

The granite block base features carved sentiments about individuals serving the common good, such as: “He

who seeks to serve another best serves himself.”

The monument was donated by the Milwaukee Loyal Knights of the Round Table, an early 20th century fraternal service organization inspired by Arthurian legend.

It included a brass sword protruding from the top – until the sword was swiped, according to a 1947 article in The Milwaukee Journal.

Now, Juneau Park Friends, a non-profit group that supports park improvements, is paying around \$5,000 to have a sword crafted and again sunk into the monument – preferably for much longer than the original sword’s roughly 20-year display.

“Hopefully, the sword isn’t going to be stolen,” said Chris Rute, a Juneau Park Friends board member who’s leading the restoration effort.

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A model of the sword to be installed at Juneau Park’s Spirit of Service Monument. The actual brass sword could be installed by the end of 2026 at the downtown Milwaukee park. PROVIDED BY JUNEAU PARK FRIENDS

Ongoing war takes toll on Iranian diaspora

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LOS ANGELES – When the war with Iran began, Freddy Kashani would set his alarm for 6 a.m., wake up and turn on the news, monitoring reports all day until bedtime.

Kashani co-owns Saffron & Rose, a Persian ice cream shop in Los Angeles. His family is from Iran, and some of his employees have family there.

A part of him was excited to see potential change in Iranian leadership. But as a war originally touted to last just weeks reaches its six-month mark, he has only questions – and a feeling like nothing is happening.

“What are we doing?” Kashani said. “Is there a plan?”

With no end in sight to a conflict that has seen neither side willing to concede much ground, Iranian American sentiments range from frustration and disillusionment to defiance and flickering hope – and, for many like Kashani, concern for loved ones still there.

The regime some hoped would topple has remained stubbornly in place and increasingly emboldened, an outcome predicted by observers such as the National Iranian American Council in Washington.

“Our feelings leading into the war have been completely validated, I’m sad to say,” said council President Jamal Abdi. “We’ve warned for two decades against war, especially the notion that military action would liberate the Iranian people.”

A council-commissioned poll of Iranian Americans at the war’s outset found the community evenly divided for and against the U.S. attack – a result the council found surprising given Iranian Americans’ longstanding opposition to war. Abdi believes people were still upset over the regime’s deadly January crackdown on civilian protests.

A month later, a second poll found two-thirds of the community against the war.

The effects of the war are easily measured in terms of lives lost, livelihoods ruined and worsened inflation. At least 3,400 Iranian civilians had been killed as of June 30, according to the United Nations Office for the

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