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Two Days for Glorious 4th



Grand Marshal for the 2023 Carmichael Elks July 4 parade, Izzy DeLancey (with bouquet) gets in patriotic spirit with her dad, 93-year-old Raymond Ybarra (seated right), five of her eight siblings and their spouses.

**Story and photo
by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Carmichael will this year parade its patriotism on July 1 and July 4.

Carmichael and Mission Oaks Park Districts will fanfare the nation's 250th birthday on July 1 (Saturday) with a \$20,000-plus fireworks show at La Sierra Community Center. A concert by rock band Fast Times will herald the "Red, White and Blue" celebration. Music starts at 6:30 pm.

Ten food trucks and a beer garden will offer sustenance; a free

kids zone will feature inflatables and face-painting. Fireworks and the 1812 Overture will thunder at 9:30 pm. Organizers recommend dogs should stay home. No private fireworks are permitted.

On Tuesday, July 4, Carmichael's famous parade will cover two miles of hot tar between Marconi and Cypress Avenues. The Carmichael Elks Lodge has orchestrated this tradition since 1959.

Carmichael Chamber of Commerce President Izzy Delancey will be Grand Marshal. According to Elks member Jim Warrick, the

VIP personifies a 2023 "Community Spirit in America" theme. "Izzy's been working for Carmichael since she was a little girl," Warrick explains. "She's been Honorary Mayor; she sits on the Carmichael Improvement District Board. It's wonderful what this lady has done for her community."

The 1974 La Sierra High homecoming Queen has loved her hometown's pageant since childhood. "I remember waving to important people in the parade and never dreaming I'd be part

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Comic Con Promises to be a Blast at Sunrise Mall

By Tamara Warta

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The Sunrise Mall will play host to a Comic Con event on June 24 and 25. Entitled 'The Weekend Blender,' the event is being organized by Diehardz and Son, a California-based event coordinator and collectibles shop owner.

The Weekend Blender, which was previously held in various locations in Northern California including Tracy, touts itself as "Not Your Typical Comic Con" and is making itself free to the community. This is a breath of fresh air to budget-conscious anime lovers, as other larger local events like Sacramento Comic Con usually cost upwards of \$15.00 per person. For cosplaying families, some free admission can really make a difference and allow more financial freedom to spend on costuming and onsite vendors.

The Weekend Blender was founded in 2009 in Clovis, Calif., as a small vendor weekend for toy collectors, and began to evolve into a more Comic Con-inspired event around 2016. The latest incarnation at the Sunrise Mall will include interactive exhibits, vendors with various collectibles for sale, and a chance to meet some celebrities from the Comic Con world.

Special guest Nick Palma, who has worked as a stuntman in various films including Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles films, will be in attendance on June 25 to speak about his career and interact with fans. Other notable guests include Sindiroo Cosplays, Jon Rego, and Hay's Hobbies. Several other notable cosplayers are also expected to be in attendance.

A cosplay contest has also been listed on the event's Facebook page, signaling that everyone is welcome by using the hashtag #cospositive. By holding body-positive cosplay events, all shapes, sizes, and ages feel comfortable in participating and joining in the fun.

Costumes should be family friendly, but do not have to be completely horror-free. When asked this exact question on social media, Diehardz and Son responded, "Horror is okay. We stay away from gore."

Events like The Weekend Blender are a welcome addition to the Sunrise Mall, which has struggled in recent years to retain business. The mall now contains stores on only one half of the expansive building, with a few more shop closures

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Water District Holds Discussion on Possible Two District Merger

**Story and photo
by Tamara Warta**

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - On the evening of June 15, every seat was filled at the Carmichael Water District (CWD) as the public was invited to hear updates and weigh in on what they believed was best for the future of local water. With many concerns and opinions from the community shared, it became clear the current executive board, hoping to move forward with combining CWD with Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) has an uphill battle ahead of them.

Cathy Lee, the General Manager of CWD, opened the meeting with a presentation of a five-step strategy to determine whether it will be beneficial for Carmichael to combine with other water agencies. The plan to merge was presented with a variety of pros and cons, including information on rates, revenue, capital



Carmichael Water District (CWD) and Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) held a meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, to discuss a study exploring the merging of the two water utilities.

improvements. The presenting team erred on the side of optimism, assuring those in attendance that customer rates were likely to remain the same while taking advantage of upgraded water collection systems. Lee also noted a

projected benefit to both the employees of CWD and Carmichael residents.

"With a larger district, employees will have upward mobility," stated Lee. "A larger organization that covers a bigger area will also allow for

political advocacy."

The need for political leverage was mentioned several times throughout the evening, as presenters explained the possibility of a future where the State of California will place

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Fair Oaks Hero Rescues Owls

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Untimely tree-felling led to a recent urgent rescue of three Western screech owlets.

Fair Oaks-based wildlife rescuer Ben Nuckolls saved the chicks; they are now in an Auburn wildlife rehabilitation facility and will be released when they are able to fly.

“These owls are not rare,” says Nuckolls. “But because of their nocturnal activities, they’re seldom seen.”

“Everybody has a soft spot for owls. They’re associated with mystery and wisdom and they’re adorable to look at. But no matter what the species, I always do my best for wildlife in difficulty.”

The drama occurred when an Arcade family decided to remove an old tree on their property. The hoary maple was rotting and deemed dangerous. As contractors felled its limbs, they saw several creatures hit the ground. Examination revealed three owlets, each about two weeks old. The mother was seen escaping the worksite.

“The homeowners were terribly upset,” noted Nuckolls. “It is actually a Federal and State offence to knowingly disturb an active nest but because these owls are crevice dwellers, no one knew they were there.”

“The result of this innocent mistake shows why major tree trimming is best avoided during spring and early summer. That’s baby season for most wildlife families.”

The property owners gathered the raptor chicks in a box and called California Wildlife Encounters founder Nuckolls. “They knew these creatures needed help,” says Nuckolls. “I came at once. I could see they were very young indeed – each



During a re-nesting attempt, Ben Nuckolls places the owlets in a surrogate nest.



Ben Nuckolls prepares three dislodged Western screech owlets for transportation during an Arden Arcade rescue.

smaller than a dollar bill.

“I only remove animals from the wild as a last resort. We knew the parents were nearby, so my goal was to reunite them. I first took the owlets to Gold Country Wildlife Rescue (Auburn), where they were examined for injury and fed cut-up mice. Then I returned them to the Arcade location.

“Following my instructions, the property owner built a re-nesting box. I secured it in a tree just feet from his original maple. Then we carefully laid the babies in it.”

Nuckolls mounted cameras to monitor the site. These recorded the mom’s nighttime arrival. She fed the babies in their surrogate nest but did not return. “Unfortunately, not all re-nesting efforts succeed,” he concedes. “For the safety of the owlets, I decided to remove them for rehabilitation. I did this with a heavy heart: I always hate to separate babies from moms. But they would not have survived another night in the open.”

Nuckolls returned the trio to the rehab sanctuary, where they are still receiving care. “They were placed with another Western screech orphan of same age,” he reports. “Individuals always rehab better as part of a group. When they’re ready for release, they’ll be taken back to the neighborhood they came from.”

“This was an unfortunate incident. But we still hope for a happy ending – that they’ll return to their home range and find their family.”

Footnote: Ben Nuckolls has 30 years of wildlife rescue experience and performs more than 700 rescues per year. To assist his work, donations may be made to California Wildlife Encounters or to Gold Country Wildlife Rescue. Felling or heavy trimming of trees should wait for autumn or fall. ★

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Parade Route: Fair Oaks Blvd from Marconi to the Elks Lodge on Cypress Ave.

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*After the parade, celebrate the 4th with free swimming, children’s games, food available for purchase, air-conditioned indoor live music and dancing to the “Crystal Image Band” live music at the Carmichael Elks 5631 Cypress Ave.

To Enter Your Float Or Organization in the Parade contact
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SMUD to Hold Public Workshops on Proposed Rate Action

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The SMUD Board of Directors is holding two public workshops and a public hearing to discuss proposed rate changes.

The Chief Executive Officer & General Manager's Report and Recommendation on Rates and Services, released by SMUD CEO & General Manager Paul Lau, outlines a proposed rate increase of 2.75 percent on January 1, 2024; May 1, 2024; January 1, 2025; and May 1, 2025. The proposed changes also include additional non-retail rate revenue to assist qualified customers on the Energy Assistance Program (EAPR) rate at 0-50 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, and other miscellaneous rate changes.

While SMUD works hard to control costs and operate efficiently, the need for a modest rate increase is attributed to several factors including wildfire prevention and mitigation, new generation projects, higher commodity costs for California clean energy compliance, infrastructure investment to maintain a reliable grid, customer programs, inflation and

increased operating costs.

SMUD is committed to keeping rate increases within inflation, and if the proposed changes are approved, SMUD's rates would remain among the lowest rates in the state—currently on average about 47 percent lower than neighboring PG&E's rates.

Detailed information on the proposed rate action and a complete copy of the Chief Executive Officer & General Manager's Report and Recommendation on Rates and Services can be found on smud.org/RateInfo.

SMUD will work closely with customers and other stakeholders—including community groups, service organizations, business groups, elected officials and more—to discuss these changes.

In addition, two public workshops and a public hearing will be held for customers to learn more about the process and comment on the proposed changes. Meetings will be held in-person and virtually via Zoom.

Public Workshop
Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

Public Workshop
Thursday, August 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing
Wednesday, August 30 at 6 p.m.

Accommodations are available for disabled individuals. If you need a hearing assistance device or other aid, or have questions about the proposal, please visit smud.org/RateInfo or call SMUD at 855-736-7655. Written comments can be emailed to contactus@smud.org or mailed to SMUD, P.O. Box 15830, B256, Sacramento, CA 95852-0830.

As the nation's sixth-largest, community-owned, not-for-profit electric service provider, SMUD has been providing low-cost, reliable electricity to Sacramento County residents for more than 75 years. SMUD is a recognized industry leader and award winner for its innovative energy efficiency programs, renewable power technologies and for its sustainable solutions for a healthier environment. Today, SMUD's power supply is on average about 50 percent carbon free and SMUD has a goal to reach zero carbon in its electricity production by 2030. For more information on SMUD's Zero Carbon Plan and its customer programs, visit smud.org. ★

Water District Holds Discussion on Possible Two District Merger

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heavier restrictions and regulations on small water districts if faced with another drought.

Despite presenting the potential of combining the water districts, few in attendance agreed. Joel Levine, a Carmichael Colony resident whose family has lived in the area for over 100 years, expressed concern over the possibility of Carmichael residents' pocketbooks filling any gaps SSWD causes.

"If SSWD infrastructure is crumbling, would CWD be fixing that at our expense? Has there been quality research done to ensure that SSWD has the same or similar infrastructure?" Levine asked.

SSWD General Manager Dan York responded that SSWD has spent over \$100 million in infrastructure and the merge intends to keep operations on both sides running smoothly.

In favor of the combined districts, Greg Zlotnick, who stated he's worked in the water business for 25 years said, "I started this process as a skeptic... but I think it's important to remember that if you don't do this, what does your future look like?"

Despite CWD representatives sounding the alarm over Carmichael's potential loss of autonomy due to anticipated state mandates, Zlotnick seemed to be one of very few voices in favor of the merge. Some in the room were seen shaking their heads in disappointment and calling out from the audience when they felt a question was being dodged. The planning board furthered their attempt to win approval by noting the larger the organization, the better resources there would be to serve customers well.

Joan Kline has been through a similar merge before and shared her experience with the group.

"I have a house in Truckee. Our water was delicious. Then we combined with Donner, and now the water just doesn't taste as good," Kline stated. "And as for combining and having better customer

service from a larger company, when in the history of the United States has this been true?"

Her feedback was met by applause by the crowd, while another resident spoke up to share some of her own research. "This report was written like something a high school student could've thrown together," stated Cynthia Campbell, "This is garbage."

The report in question was distributed to each person in attendance, and is also available online at both carmichael.org and sswd.org. It covers both the presented advantages and disadvantages of combining. The report was written by two independent firms Raffelis and Zanjero.

Campbell went on to note that the writers of the report were not local to the Sacramento region, and argued that distance made them unfit to represent the voices of Carmichael. After asking how much was paid to the third-party consultants, Lee ballparked the fee at around \$150,000, paid by CWD and SSWD.

As CWD and SSWD move forward to the next step of their strategic plan, Martin Ross, a longtime Crestview resident asked the question weighing on many locals' minds.

"Carmichael has some older water rights. Would we lose those? Carmichael has a 100-year-old water agreement. Does SSWD? If there is a shortage, will we lose our rights?"

CWD Board of Director representative Jeff Nelson replied, "Carmichael is only 17% of the population [being served under the merge]. Combining is not a threat. We have been curtailed by the state. Combining actually helps us to keep our rights. We want to develop infrastructure to meet the demand of supply."

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 6:30 PM. It will be hosted by Sacramento Suburban Water District at the SSWD Boardroom located at 3701 Marconi Ave, Sacramento, CA 95821. ★

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says DeLancey. "It's an honor to represent Carmichael in this way." Transported by a red '66 Mustang, the Grand Marshal will roll at 10:30 am. A Sons of the American Revolution color guard marches in advance; up to 100 more units – Go-Karts, Boy Scouts, belly dancers, classic cars, floats, bicycles, Keystone Kops, politicians and clowns – will follow the siren whoop of fire trucks.

Bringing up the rear, Del Campo High School student body fields a mighty vanguard of athletes and flag-bearers.

Fair Oaks Boulevard closes from 10 am till noon for the cavalcade. Thousands of spectators applaud from sidewalks (the biggest crowds accumulate in shade near Carmichael Park corner) and street medians. At the park

clubhouse, Carmichael Kiwanis fortify celebrations with a \$5 pancake breakfast.

In this celebration, all roads lead to Carmichael Elks Lodge. Here dancing, barbecue lunches and swimming are offered. The Lodge is located at 5631 Cypress Avenue. La Sierra Center is at 5325 Engle Road. Carmichael Park Clubhouse is at 5750 Grant Avenue.

Parade supporters include: Kovar's Karate, El Rancho School, Carmichael Kiwanis, the Carmichael Times, the American Legion and VFW, Carmichael Chamber of Commerce, Blain Stumpf Fencing, Carmichael Improvement District and Carmichael Elks. Fireworks sponsors include Mission Oaks and Carmichael Park Districts, GCC Virtual Academy, Food in the Hood, Carmichael Parks Foundation, Buck Family Automotive and K-ZAP.org ★

Medical Director Under Arrest for Sexual Assault in Facility

Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept. News Release

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - On April 26, 2023, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office received a call for service at the River Pointe Post-Acute Care Facility on Fair Oaks Boulevard regarding a report of a sexual assault. The victim, an employee at the facility, alleged that her boss, Dr. Rachandeep Singh, touched her sexually against her will.

Dr. Singh was removed from the facility by their administration. Singh was identified as the facility's medical director, and detectives learned he oversaw at least two other facilities as the medical director in the City of Stockton and the San Joaquin County areas. Based on the subsequent investigation results, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office elected to file felony

sexual battery charges against Singh and issued a warrant for his arrest.

Singh was arrested on June 17, 2023, by the San Francisco Police Department at the San Francisco International Airport. He was booked into custody at the San Mateo County Jail but released on bail the same day. He is scheduled to appear in court in Sacramento on August 17, 2023, at 3:00 PM. Due to Dr. Singh's position in several areas throughout the region, Detectives are looking for other potential victims.

Detectives are asking anyone with information about this incident or other incidents to contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP. Tip information may also be left anonymously at www.sacsheriff.com or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★

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African Lion Kamau Passes Away at Sacramento Zoo



Kamau. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Zoo

Sacramento Zoo News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

The Sacramento Zoo is mourning the loss of one of our most charismatic and iconic animals, an African lion named Kamau. At nearly 17-years-old, Kamau was considered elderly. His longevity here at the Zoo is a testament to the care he received from his dedicated animal care professionals and veterinary team including specialists from UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

Our staff did everything possible to make Kamau

comfortable and gave him the best quality of life in his golden years. Over the last few weeks, Kamau had developed worsening gastrointestinal problems with decreased interest in food, and the difficult decision to proceed with humane euthanasia was made when medical treatment options failed to provide sufficient relief from his condition.

Kamau came to Sacramento Zoo from the San Diego Zoo in 2008. For the 14 years that he called the Zoo home, visitors (and many Land Park neighbors) enjoyed his impressive roar. He would draw crowds from every

corner of the Zoo. In 2014, Kamau sired a litter of cubs and in 2019, his habitat doubled in size and a glass viewing wall allowed our guests to get “nose-to-nose” with both Kamau and his mate, Cleo.

Cleo, our nearly 18-year-old lioness is doing well. Our carnivore care team will be monitoring Cleo closely to ensure her wellbeing. She enjoys her regular training sessions and one-on-one time with her care team.

Kamau was adored by many over the years, and we appreciate the love and support of our Zoo family. ★

Aerospace Museum of California Named 2023 Nonprofit of the Year

Office of Assembly Member Josh Hoover

MCCLELLAN, CA (MPG)

The Aerospace Museum of California is honored and deeply grateful it has been selected as a 2023 California Nonprofit of the Year by California State Assembly Member Josh Hoover, District 7. The museum is recognized for its exceptional contributions to STEAM education in the Northern California community.

The Aerospace Museum of California is an inspired place of learning, located in the heart of an underserved community. The museum is deeply committed to engaging the children and families that need it the most, seeking to ignite children’s curiosity and inspire discovery and exploration through hands-on STEAM education.

Linda Martin, the Aerospace Museum of California’s Board President, stated, “The museum is a testament to the generosity of numerous donors, the enthusiasm of over a million visitors, and the unwavering commitment of the Sacramento region over the last 40 years. The collective involvement of thousands of volunteers, staff, and board members exemplifies our community spirit. By preserving and celebrating our diverse history, the museum has positively impacted our community and enriched the lives of countless children and families. The Aerospace Museum’s mission—to



From Left to Right: Tom Jones, Aerospace Museum of California Executive Director; Karen Jones, Advancement Director; Assemblyman Josh Hoover; Linda Martin, Aerospace Museum of California Board President. Photo courtesy of Assemblymember Josh Hoover

honor the past, inspire the future through STEM education, and spark children’s learning—is truly transformative.”

On June 7th, the dedicated Aerospace Museum of California leadership will be presented with the 2023 California Nonprofit of the Year award at an exclusive ceremony held at the California State Capitol. “We are humbled by this award and extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Board of Directors, our remarkable staff, the outstanding museum volunteers, our invaluable aerospace and education partners, and the countless students and families who have embraced STEAM education at the Aerospace Museum,” said Tom Jones, Executive Director of the Aerospace Museum of California.

The community’s commitment and support are key to the Aerospace Museum of California’s success in igniting a passion for science, technology, engineering, arts,

and mathematics among students. This recognition as the California Nonprofit of the Year for 2023 further inspires the Aerospace Museum of California team to keep advancing its mission to deliver impactful STEAM educational experiences to help dreams take flight!

For more information about the Aerospace Museum of California visit aerospaceca.org

About the Aerospace Museum of California (AMC): Explore, discover, and be inspired by aviation and aerospace history. With a 40,000-square-foot exhibit hall, over 40 aircraft and rockets, a 4-acre outdoor Air Park, incredible exhibits, and free parking, families can engage in STEAM activities for all ages and let their imagination soar. As a Smithsonian Affiliate® and member of North American Reciprocal Museum Associate®, the Aerospace Museum is truly a place where dreams take flight! ★

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recently announced. The mall has recently been home to various other events including a back to school fair and Easter Bunny pictures in an attempt to use the space outside of normal retail operations.

The Weekend Blender will be open to visitors 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 24, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 25. Those wishing to participate in the costume contest can check it out at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. ★

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DAYS AND TIMES:

- Starting November 29th
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

- La Sierra Community Center (5325 Engle Rd)
- Johnson Gymnasium

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Sac County Opens Welcoming Centers for Foster Youth

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On June 16, 2023, Sacramento County's Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) will open three Welcoming Centers for foster youth to stay while the department searches for suitable homes and therapeutic programs to meet their needs. The centers are homes located in residential neighborhoods and staff will provide temporary shelter care for up to six children. The goal of the Welcoming Centers is to ensure a safe and supportive environment during the transition process.

DCFAS has submitted licensing applications to the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing (CCL) division for each of the houses. The centers will be operated by County staff temporarily while we increase capacity in home-based settings that have trained resource parents who are equipped to meet the needs of our youth. The centers are part of a larger effort by Sacramento County to facilitate timely placements, especially for teens and siblings who may take longer to find suitable home-based settings that fit their needs.

The County has been making significant efforts to transition youth out of the Warren E. Thornton Youth Center (WETYC) and into appropriate home-based placements. Placements are currently being identified or have been identified, for all youth at the facility. Unfortunately, a number of youths have chosen to exercise their right to refuse placements that have been located. These youth have experienced significant past traumas with their families and in home-based family settings that have been unable to meet their needs. Many have also been ejected from congregate care settings and may experience significant stress and difficulty when moving to new environments.

We acknowledge that children thrive in family environments, but we must respect their rights and provide them with the supports they need to increase their willingness to go to a placement. We work collaboratively with the child's counsel, community-based providers, advocates, and natural supports to accomplish this mutual goal. For the few youth that refuse identified placements, or for whom it takes

longer periods of time to find a placement, the Welcoming Centers will provide a safe community-based environment, while the department continues to work diligently to find placements and supports that can meet their needs.

Sacramento County is in the process of building a comprehensive system of care, supervision and supports for youth needing to be in short-term, safe, temporary care. Over the next six months, we will establish a number of emergency family homes that will be able to support individual children, sibling groups and youth with complex needs. We are grateful to our community-based partners who have stepped up to help us build this continuum so we can better support our youth.

"Sacramento County is not alone in facing difficulty finding safe, service-rich placements for youth with significant trauma and service needs that cross multiple systems," said Cathy Senderling-McDonald, Executive Director of the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA). "This is a significant issue both statewide and across the nation." Find the full statement from CWDA regarding the need for service-rich placements for foster youth with complex needs here

In addition, DCFAS is developing prevention and early intervention strategies that will build on our long-term community-based investments in prevention services. The goal is to align with the statewide and national effort to establish a comprehensive framework that promotes child and family well-being by addressing social determinants of health, supporting families and addressing childhood trauma at an early age, while also connecting children and families to services and natural supports. Taking this approach can help prevent contact with the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

We have been working closely with other child and family serving partners, including education, behavioral health, human assistance, juvenile justice, Alta Regional Services and many community-based providers to meet the immediate needs we are facing, while also developing the comprehensive system of prevention and early intervention. ★

Sacramento County's Recommended Budget Approved

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on June 7 to approve the \$8.4 billion recommended budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24.

"The approved budget stands as a testament to the County's commitment to addressing the critical and urgent needs of our community," said County Executive Ann Edwards. "The budget prioritizes funding programs that tackle pressing issues like homelessness, the improvement of road conditions in the unincorporated areas of our County, Health Services and Child, Family, and Adult Services. It is important to continue investments in these key areas to ensure the well-being of all residents."

The \$8.4 billion budget consists of \$3.2 billion in Enterprise and Special Revenue Fund appropriations (utility rates, fees and other dedicated revenue), \$3.9 billion in General Fund appropriations (funded with \$979 million in discretionary resources, \$1.3 billion in reimbursements from restricted funds, and \$1.7 billion in Federal, State and fee revenue dedicated to specific purposes), and \$1.3 billion in Restricted Funds.

The recommended budget recognized new or enhanced areas of growth, including annual commitments of:

Mays Consent Decree Jail Population Reduction - The Recommended Budget includes \$34 million in appropriations, with \$7 million in Net County Cost to fund new or enhanced programs aligned with the County's jail population reduction plans to comply with the Mays consent decree.

Mays Consent Decree Remedial Plan - \$10 million in Net County Cost included in the Recommended Budget in the Sheriff and Correctional Health budget units to fund continued efforts to meet the County's obligations under the Mays consent decree remedial plan, including additional staffing and services.

Addressing Homelessness - \$2 million in Net County Cost to fund new programs and services addressing homelessness in the County.

Health Services - Overall, the Health Services budget includes \$84 million of Growth funded almost entirely by State, Federal and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revenue. ★

In addition to the Growth identified in the Mays Consent Decree Jail Population Reduction and Addressing Homelessness sections above, recommended Growth includes \$14 million for Cal-AIM performance-based incentive programs, \$14 million to construct a new Children's Mental Health Psychiatric Health Facility and Crisis Stabilization Unit, \$10 million to construct a new Mental Health Rehabilitation Center, \$5 million to increase the Children's Mental Health Flexible Integrated Treatment contract pool, and \$2 million to increase existing Full Service Partnership contracts.

Child, Family and Adult Services - \$3 million in Net County Costs to support Child Family and Adult Services' programs to implement the Families First Prevention Services block grant program, and \$2 million in Net County Cost to provide additional funding for Child Protective Services welcome and assessment center contracted services.

During Board deliberations, the Board added additional items totaling \$7.6 million:

\$5 million to address road repairs/improvements in the unincorporated County; \$1.7 million to Regional Parks to fund ongoing contracted trash pickup and removal and for necessary equipment expenses; \$300,000 to Water Resources for staff time or contracted services to manage flood mitigation efforts in the south County; \$463,150 to the District Attorney for two additional attorneys; \$168,000 to Human Assistance for Cal-Fresh benefits at farmer's markets.

For more details on the recommended budget, read the County Executive's Budget Letter or view the budgets documents on the Office of Budget and Debt Management's website.

The numbers on the Recommended Budget will change between now and September, when the County receives new information, including the impact of the State Budget and updated revenue totals. The Final Budget will come back to the Board of Supervisors in September for review and adoptions.

By the Numbers:
Total Budget: \$8.4 billion; **General Fund:** \$3.9 billion; **Enterprise and Special Revenue:** \$3.2 billion; **Restricted Funds:** \$1.3 billion; **Number of Employees:** 13,611. ★

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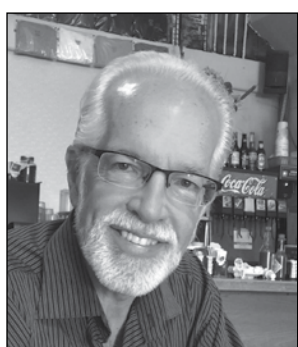
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SacTax Challenges Pay Increase for Board of Supervisors



Commentary
by W. Bruce Lee

On June 8, 2023, the Sacramento Taxpayers Association (SacTax) Board of Directors formally rebuked the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for their recent decision to grant themselves a substantial 36 percent pay raise. Compensation would increase from \$127,000 per year to \$173,000 per year or by \$46,000. This action has captured the attention of the public and two primary reasons were given for this rebuke. First, considering the economic challenges the county is currently facing, the timing of the pay raise could not have been more inopportune. Second, the process of using the “consent calendar” for the passage of the pay increase in order to avoid public scrutiny is highly inappropriate. SacTax is dedicated to the highest levels of government transparency and meaningful government oversight by members of the public and media.

It is worth noting that while the vote in favor of the salary increase was nearly unanimous, one supervisor, Sue Frost, stood against the decision. Supervisor Frost recognized the inappropriateness of the pay raise given the burden of the recent pandemic and current inflation on the economy. In contrast, the remaining board members chose to reward themselves, which can be seen as a selfish move by many. Even more troubling, median income in Sacramento is only \$36,152 — so

a County Supervisor will make nearly 500% more than their constituents. In fact, the pay raise they just voted for themselves is \$10,000 more than the ENTIRE ANNUAL INCOME of many of their hard-working constituents.

This vote is an issue that is bound to generate controversy and divide opinions. On one hand, the board members justified the pay raise by citing the County Executive’s advice to the Board that a substantial increase was necessary as some media outlets quoted that Supervisor pay had not increased since 1991. However, in examining the public record it is discovered that from just 2012 to 2022 (or 10 years) the Supervisors’ base pay went up by \$34,000 a year, not counting a car allowance, pension, and higher pay for serving on regional committees and commissions that they appoint themselves to. That is a far cry from the claim that “Supervisors’ pay hasn’t changed since 1991.”

Many Californians who have lost jobs during the pandemic will likely view the decision as tone-deaf at best and unjust at worst. The Board might argue that their work, which ensures Sacramento County is taken care of, should not go unrewarded, but the optics of their move in the present context could bring into question the decisions made by the supervisors. For example Alameda county was cited as compatible with Sacramento in population and was the basis for the 36% salary adjustment, yet housing prices which represent 40% of a household budget are double Sacramento County housing prices (\$1.1 million in Alameda vs \$550,000 for Sacramento County). The duplicity comes when the County Executive recommends raises for County staff using neighboring counties with lower costs of living than Alameda

County to justify smaller staff wage increases. Also shocking are the rumors of 25% wage increases for County Executives. This is outrageous.

According to SacTax President W. Bruce Lee, “Being on the Board of Supervisors is a public service, not a way to pad one’s own pockets. We are not attracting candidates for public office because we offer a big salary. We are not trying to hire employees away from other companies as is done in the general marketplace. A reasonable wage is appropriate, but elected office is a service to the community and so many candidates run for public office for all of the wrong reasons — including money, ego, and fame. That’s how we get career politicians. Our electeds need to serve in office out of sense of duty — not out of a sense of personal gain. I can guarantee you that if we pay \$173,000 for a county supervisor, we will not get a better supervisor than if we pay \$127,000. And, we can find highly qualified people to serve for \$110,000. Money is not the issue and should not be the motivation. Public duty and service should be the reward in itself. Remember, that US Senators and Congressional Representatives are paid \$174,000 per year.”

The Sacramento Board of Supervisors’ decision to grant themselves such a huge pay raise is just inappropriate and wrong. Supervisor Frost, who vocalized her concerns and voted against the raise, deserves commendation, and the board needs to question County staff conclusions more and consider their constituents when making such decisions. SacTax hopes that during this budget season at the County the Board of Supervisors would revise downward their large spike in pay.

W. Bruce Lee is the President of Sacramento Taxpayers Association. ★

Workplace Angst Helping ‘Job Killer’ Bills Survive In California Legislature



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

In the 27 years of the California Chamber of Commerce’s “job killer” project, it has followed a fairly predictable pattern.

The chamber would annually designate several dozen legislative bills that business and employer groups considered to be particularly onerous — usually the highest priority measures of labor unions, environmental groups, consumer advocates and personal injury attorneys.

One-by-one, most of the targeted bills would fall by the wayside and only a few, if any, would reach the governor’s desk and be signed into law. Overall, the chamber and its allied business groups have achieved about a 90% kill ratio.

This pattern continued even after Gavin Newsom, arguably the most liberal governor in California history, took office in 2019. In the first four years of his governorship, the chamber tagged 94 bills as “job killers.” Just eight of them landed on Newsom’s desk and he signed six.

So far, 17 bills have made this year’s list — an unusually small number — and more than half have already faltered, mostly failing to clear committees.

One has reached Newsom

and been signed, but it’s a faint shadow of its original thrust. Newsom wanted to either tax or penalize oil companies for what he characterized as price-gouging, but settled for giving the California Energy Commission the power to investigate gas prices, set allowable profit margins and levy fines on those which exceeded them.

There are two tax increases on the chamber list, one imposing a wealth tax and another increasing corporate income taxes. Both, however, are nonstarters.

The unusual aspect of this year’s “job killer” battle is that the eight bills still viable, having cleared their first legislative houses, all relate to one topic — wages and workplace conditions — and are sponsored by unions or personal injury attorneys.

They are the political manifestation of what has become a very contentious labor relations atmosphere this year, not only in California but across the nation, due to high inflation and an overall shortage of workers.

In the main, the employment bills’ sponsors contend they are needed to bring more equity to workers while the chamber and other opponents say they will raise costs and thus reduce the financial ability of employers to expand payrolls.

The eight, in brief:

•Assembly Bill 524, which would outlaw discrimination against a personal caregiver in employment, similar to the protection granted to persons on the basis of gender, age and other

personal characteristics;

•Assembly Bill 647, which would enhance the job protections of grocery industry workers who are displaced by mergers, sparked by the pending merger of the Kroger and Albertsons grocery chains;

•Senate Bill 365, which would make arbitration of employment disputes, which employers generally favor, less viable by allowing lawsuits to continue while employers seek judicial approval of arbitration proceedings;

•Senate Bill 399, which would prohibit employers from disciplining any worker who refuses to listen to employer presentations on political or religious issues;

•Senate Bill 525, which would increase minimum wages in the health care industry to \$21 an hour in 2024 and then \$25 in 2025, with cost-of-living increases thereafter;

•Senate Bill 616, which would increase the amount of paid sick leave employers must offer from a minimum of three days a year to seven days;

•Senate Bill 627, which would require retail and service chains, such as restaurants, to use seniority when deciding which workers to retain or transfer when closing outlets;

•Senate Bill 723, which would make permanent a temporary law passed during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect return rights of workers in the hospitality industry who are laid off.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

Social Security Matters

Will Work Earnings Affect My Social Security at Age 80?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 80 years old, and I receive monthly Social Security benefits, but I’m thinking about returning to work. At this age, am I limited in how much income I generate without affecting my benefit? If so, how much can I earn without affecting it? Signed: Spry Octogenarian.

Dear Spry Octogenarian: Since you have already reached your full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security’s purposes, you can earn as much income from working as you like without your monthly Social Security payment being affected. Social Security’s earnings test applies only to those who collect benefits before reaching their full retirement age, which is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on

year of birth.

However, although the earnings test will not apply to you, it’s important to know that Social Security benefits are subject to income tax if your annual combined income from all sources (also known as your “Modified Adjusted Gross Income” or “MAGI”) exceeds certain thresholds. Your income tax filing status is an influencing factor - if you file as a single and your MAGI is more than \$25,000, or if you file as “married/jointly” and your MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income. And if your MAGI as a single filer is more than \$34,000 or, as a married filer more than \$44,000, then up to 85% of the SS benefits you receive during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your standard IRS income tax rate. Thus, returning to work may result in Social Security benefits unexpectedly becoming taxable income.

For complete clarity, your “MAGI” is your regular Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on your income tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits

you received during the tax year, plus any other non-taxable income (except Roth IRA withdrawals) you may have had.

So, while your earnings from working at age 80 (and beyond) will not affect your monthly Social Security benefit payment, you may - depending on your total income or “MAGI” - find that your Social Security benefits will become taxable if your combined income from all sources exceeds the above thresholds. And if your benefits will become taxable, you may wish to consider having income taxes withheld from your monthly Social Security payments, which you can do by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security field office. This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation’s staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisors) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME 23CV001603
Inna Gaydyk has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Inna Gaydyk to Inna Guydek and William Guydyk to William Guydek and Luke Guydyk to Luke Guydek and Vadim Guydyk to Vadim Guydek.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME 23CV001943
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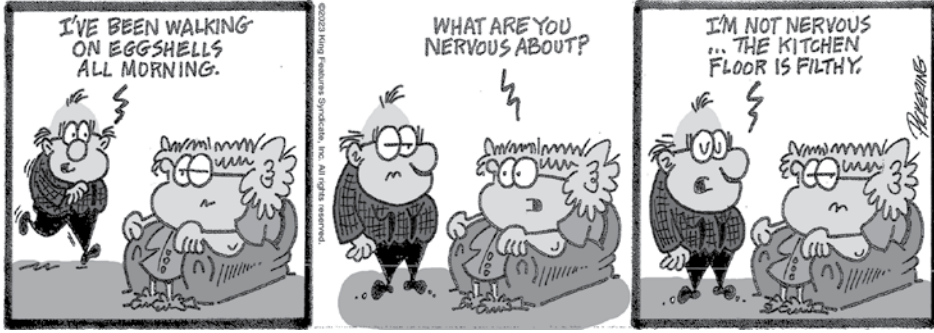
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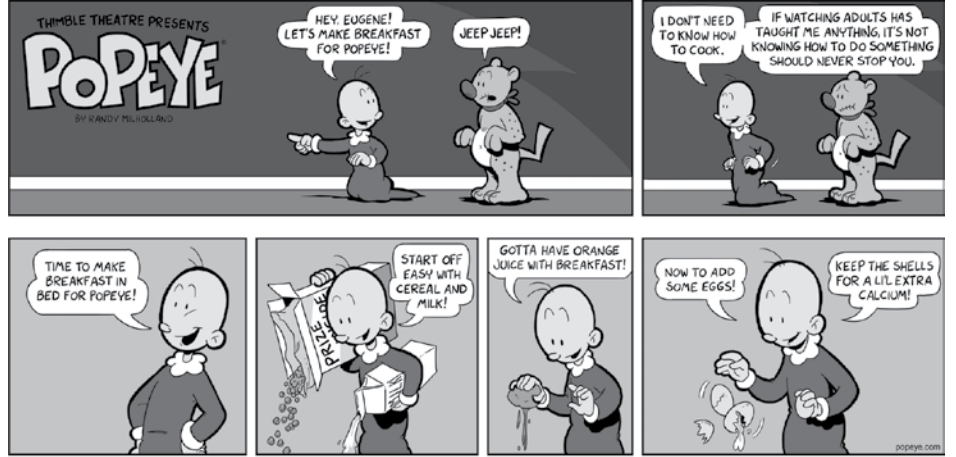


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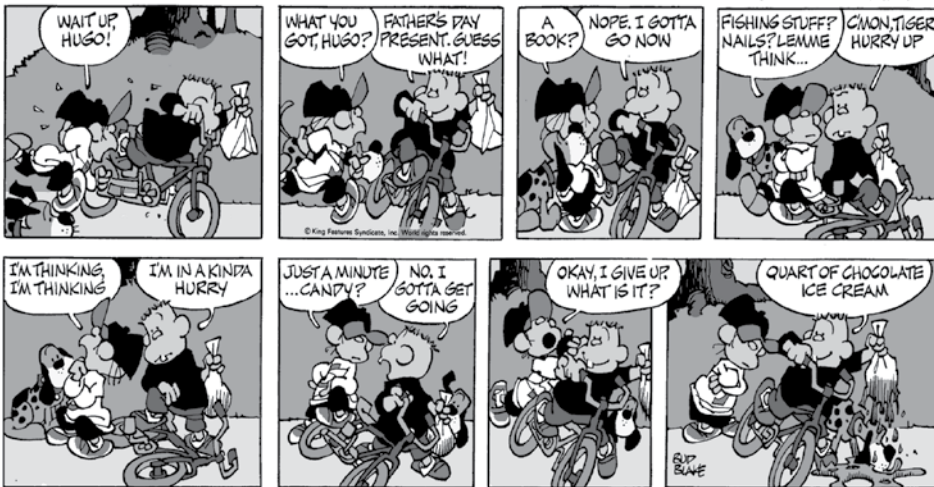
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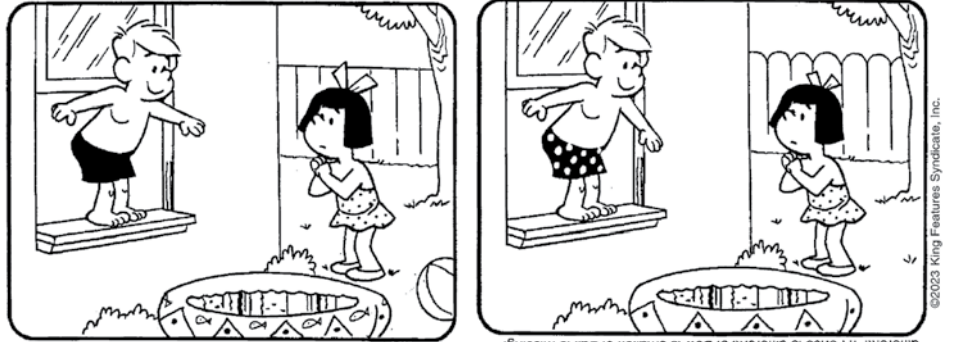
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- Many, many years
- Scott Hamilton's "court"
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- Bakery unit
- Cutlass maker
- Two in eighteen
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- Muslim ruler honorific
- Hyperbolic sine
- Iranian money, pl.
- Nancy Sinatra's boots
- Fill to satisfaction
- "Certain Doodle
- Argo's propellers
- Feather glue
- Give temporarily
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- "Roman firework
- "The Star-Spangled Banner"
- Opposite of neo-
- Glass margin
- Continental money, pl.
- Opposite of #17 Across
- Go for the gold
- "Silas Marner" author
- Mexican money
- Not yang
- Down and out

DOWN

- constrictor, anagram
- Word on a door
- Duet plus one
- Angry
- Large California bird
- Smelting waste
- Stuff of inflation
- Adagio and allegro, e.g.
- German city on Rhine river
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- Not of the cloth
- Down with a bug
- ... someone ... bed
- Satirical publication, with The
- Calligrapher's purchase
- "From the ... forest to the Gulf Stream waters"
- "Old ...
- Waterwheel
- Hymn of praise
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Defendant Convicted for Drive-By Shooting Murder

Sacramento County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Devonte White was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder and felon in possession of a firearm. The jury also found true the special circumstance that in the commission of the murder, White intentionally and personally discharged a firearm from a motor vehicle causing death.

On January 25, 2022, Matthew Keen was

murdered on the front porch of his residence in a targeted drive-by shooting. He was shot at eight times and hit three times. Surveillance video showed a vehicle passing the victim, making a U-turn, passing the victim a second time before backing up and the driver shooting the victim at point blank. A stolen handgun was located at Devonte White's apartment. The District Attorney's Crime Lab matched the gun to expended shell casings on scene and in the car used in

the shooting. White's DNA was also located on the firearm. Two weeks prior to the murder, White got into an argument with people the victim was with at a market near the victim's residence. White left the scene and returned with a firearm that he brandished at the victim.

White faces a maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Sentencing is set for September 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11 before the Honorable James McFetridge. ★

Defendant Sentenced for DUI-Involved Murder of Bicyclist

Sacramento County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Allen Sumner sentenced Armando Moreno-Rodriguez to 16 years to life in prison. On March 20, 2023, a jury convicted Moreno-Rodriguez of the second-degree murder of Michael Dodson, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, hit and run, and driving on a suspended license.

Moreno-Rodriguez had three prior misdemeanor convictions for DUI and was given a Watson advisement, which is an advisement that driving

under the influence is extremely dangerous to human life and might lead to a charge of murder if someone is killed as a result. In June 2021, Moreno-Rodriguez drove through a main gate and onto the American River bike path. He drove at speeds of 35 mph for approximately 4 miles before colliding with a cyclist, who was a member of the Sacramento Wheelman. After the collision, Moreno-Rodriguez kept driving until his car shut down due to the damage. The victim suffered major injuries and eventually died one month later. Moreno-Rodriguez's blood alcohol level was .27. ★

Officer Pleads No Contest to Submitting False Police Reports

Sacramento County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On June 5, 2023, Alexa Palubicki pled no contest to two felony counts of submitting a false police report. The charges relate to an incident that occurred on July 11, 2020, while Palubicki was an officer with the Sacramento Police Department, which involved falsifying the probable cause for stopping a vehicle. Sentencing is set for June 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 25 before the Honorable Shauna Franklin. If Palubicki does not commit another criminal offense before the sentencing, the judge will reduce the felony counts

to misdemeanors and she would face a maximum sentence of 2 years in county jail.

The Sacramento District Attorney's Office objected to the plea bargain offered by the judge and argued that Palubicki should receive felony convictions for her conduct and the charges should not be reduced to misdemeanors at sentencing. With felony convictions, Palubicki would face a maximum sentence of 3 years and 8 months in state prison.

District Attorney Thien Ho stated, "Any time a police officer falsifies a police report, it is an affront to justice and taken very seriously. As prosecutors, we must proceed only on cases where the

evidence is trustworthy and legally obtained. We have the solemn duty to ensure that justice and fairness remain the touchstone of our criminal justice system."

Immediately upon being notified of Palubicki's conduct, the Sacramento District Attorney's Office conducted an internal case audit to identify cases we had filed in which she participated. Pending cases in which her participation was material and necessary for prosecution were dismissed. In other cases where Palubicki participated in some manner but was not a necessary witness for trial, we notified the defense of this investigation consistent with our ethical obligations. ★

Detectives Arrest Citrus Heights Man for Internet Crimes Against Children

Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept. News Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On June 7, 2023, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) detectives from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office arrested Ryan Coats (48), of Citrus Heights.

In April of 2023, Coats began communicating with an undercover (UC) detective who posed as a 13-year-old child. During the course of communication, COATS sent explicit pictures and videos of himself to the UC and expressed desire to teach UC about sex. Additionally, he offered to meet with UC, described his sexual experiences in graphic detail, encouraged UC to view pornography and to conceal their communication from the UC's mother.

Investigation revealed that Coats is a registered sex offender and has been

previously convicted in 2014 for sending harmful matter (pornography) to a minor. Coats has also been previously convicted, in 2016, for communicating with a minor to commit a sex offense and attempted lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14.

ICAC detectives coordinated with the Citrus Heights PD Sex Offender Registration Unit and determined Coats had moved out of his residence, purchased a different vehicle, changed his telephone number, and was preparing to move to Oregon. ICAC detectives intercepted Coats just prior to him moving out of California.

If you have information regarding unreported crimes or if you believe a child may have had inappropriate communications or contact with Coats, please contact your local law enforcement agency. ★



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