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United Way to Hold Gala Fundraiser



United Way California Capital Region held its inaugural gala last year to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Tickets are on sale for United Way's 2024 United in Purpose Gala on April 20. Photo courtesy of United Way

United Way California Capital Region News Release, Kristin Thebaud Communications

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Community members are invited to come together on April 20 for an evening of impact at United Way California Capital Region's United in Purpose Gala, presented by U.S. Bank. The event, which will take place at Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento, will raise funds toward

United Way's Anniversary Goal to raise \$3 million to help 10,000 local children excel in school by 2025. The evening will include dinner, an inspirational program, fund a need, silent and live auctions, Golden Ticket Raffle, VIP reception with a chance to win a trip to New Orleans, and more. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities: <http://www.uwccr.org/gala>.

"The United in Purpose Gala is more than just a celebration; it's an

opportunity for us to come together as a community and make a tangible impact on the lives of local children," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "With your support, we know our ambitious goal of raising \$3 million to help 10,000 children excel in school by 2025 is entirely achievable. Together, we can create a brighter future for our children and build a stronger, healthier,

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Free Skills Training Opportunity with Yolo County

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County residents impacted by layoffs are encouraged to take advantage of a free skills training opportunity with the Yolo County Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program. The program supports displaced workers by offering financial support for vocational training and certification programs to enhance job prospects. The deadline to engage with the program is April 15.

The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program collaborates with eligible training providers to support dislocated workers with receiving training. Vocational schools in this network include AAA Academy, Asher College, Cal-Trade Welding, California Human Development, Campus, Charles A. Jones Career and Education Center, Colusa County Office of Education, Curam College, Dronitek Flight Academy, Elk Grove Adult and Community Education, Fair Oaks Massage Institute, I-Tap, MTS Training Academy, National Career Education, New Horizons, Security and Firearms Training Academy, UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education, Western Truck School and Western Pacific Truck School.

The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program offers the Yolo County workers who meet eligibility requirements funding of up to \$7,000 for eligible training and education programs; leads regarding employment opportunities and events; guidance in career development and interview preparation; and referrals to support services.

Some eligibility requirements include being a Yolo County adult (18 years old or older) laid off from an employer in the surrounding area and, for males only, being registered for the Selective Service (or have a documented exemption).

For more details or to enroll in the free skills training program, interested individuals can reach out directly to the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act program at WIOAprogram@yolocounty.org or by calling 530-661-2710. ★

West Sacramento's Earth Day is a Spring Celebration

Professional Events News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Join the City of West Sacramento as we celebrate Earth Day and Spring at Bryte Park. Learn about conservation while enjoying music, food, shopping, and interactive activities at one of West Sacramento's featured city parks. This free, family event will have fun and activities for all ages, ideas and resources for living more sustainably, unique craft items from local artisans and flavorful creations from local fresh food vendors, and the kids will be hunting for 2500 eggs!

Highlights include: FREE Chando's taco to the first 50 people who arrive to the Info Booth at 10 a.m., limit four tacos per family; first 50 people to visit the River



West Sacramento's Earth Day & Spring Celebration will take place on March 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Photo courtesy of Professional Events

Cats booth and sign-up for the newsletter get a FREE ticket to the April 26 Arbor Day Game,

limit two per fan; arts and crafts for the kids by ReCREATE; meet non-leasable Birds of Prey

Ambassadors from Hawks, Honkers & Hoots; SABA E-Bike Experience: e-bike

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Sip and Paint to Raise Youth Funds

SACOG Receives \$22.5 Million for Green Means Go Program

Make It Happen for Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - West Sacramento residents are invited to Sip and Paint, a wine and painting fundraiser at the Pence Gallery in Davis on April 6, to benefit Make It Happen for Yolo County.

The nonprofit Make It Happen for Yolo County organization works with youth ages 16 to 24, moving into independent living situations from group or foster homes, or from being formerly homeless.

Funds raised at the April 6 Sip and Paint will help the nonprofit organization provide furniture, household goods, cleaning supplies and essential items needed to establish a first home.

Sip and Paint guests will enjoy wine, beer and other beverages as they create a painting guided by Davis artist and teacher Joanne Andresen from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Small bites will also be served. Admission is \$75 per person and tables of four are available for \$300. Seating is limited and tickets can be bought at MIHYolo.org.

"We are excited to bring the community together for this fun event that will ensure we can serve even more under-resourced transition age youth in Yolo County who are moving out on their own this year," said Make It Happen for



Guests at Make It Happen for Yolo County's Sip and Paint fundraiser at the Pence Gallery will enjoy wine and food while creating this painting with local artist Joanne Andresen to raise funds for transition age youth across the county. Image courtesy of Make It Happen for Yolo County

Yolo County executive director Cathi Schmidt. "We hope to meet new friends and raise awareness as we gather for an afternoon of wine and painting with the incomparable Joanne Andresen. Everyone will go home with a beautiful painting in hand and a warm heart knowing that they have invested in the future of this particularly vulnerable population that is often overlooked."

Event sponsors include the Pence Gallery, Nugget Markets, Holly's Hill Vineyards and J. Lohr Vineyards and Wines.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Make

It Happen for Yolo County receives furniture donations from the community and buys new appliances and household items to help youth move into independent living situations. The youth are referred from Yolo County child welfare services, mental health and probation divisions, as well as the UC Davis Guardian Scholars program and other local groups involved with this population.

Since its founding in 2014, Make It Happen for Yolo County has helped more than 250 transition age youth. To make a financial or furniture donation, visit MIHYolo.org ★

SACOG News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Grant will advance transportation design and planning projects to address barriers in disadvantaged areas.

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has received \$22.5 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the next phase of SACOG's award-winning Green Means Go program. The planning investment will accelerate infill development in ten areas across the region in designated Green Zones, or areas that have been identified for infill development, to reimagine neighborhoods and address transportation needs. By pairing transportation planning and housing investments together in Green Zones, it will help build more complete communities where residents can meet their daily needs more holistically within their neighborhoods.

The planning projects span various rural and urban areas within the counties of Sacramento and Yuba, and the cities of Citrus Heights, Isleton, Marysville, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, West Sacramento, Woodland, and Yuba City. These ten areas share similar issues, busy roadways that limit the ability of community members to safely walk, bike, or roll in their neighborhoods and connect to services and jobs without a car. These investments will help increase connectivity and reduce the reliance on driving, which helps the region meet greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Equitable community engagement is a significant emphasis of the project to ensure the involvement of communities who have been traditionally left out of planning processes. SACOG will create a Community-Based Organization (CBO) Working Group and leverage the model created by the agency's Engage, Empower, Implement program to build capacity, trust, and partnerships with CBOs from across the region.

Another element of this grant is workforce



development in which Valley Vision, a nonprofit focused on building a livable region, is leading the efforts to create a pipeline of skilled workers. This effort aligns with the region's Prosperity Strategy and considering the long-term needs as development ramps up in Green Zones once planning has been completed, ensuring that available jobs go to our local skilled workforce.

"Our region is like many in the nation struggling with aging infrastructure that no longer serves us, and local governments who want to reinvest in areas to meet the needs of communities today and into the future," said Michael Saragosa, SACOG board chair, and councilmember for the City of Placerville, "A huge thanks to the U.S. Department of Transportation for recognizing Green Means Go efforts and for investing in the Sacramento region."

Planning Projects

Below is a list of projects that are subrecipients of the grant. These ten projects across the six-county region all serve a federally designated disadvantaged community.

City of Sacramento—Reconnecting Old North Sacramento (Del Paso)

Sacramento County—Sacramento County Re-Imagine North Watt Corridor

Yuba County— East Linda Gateway: Lindhurst Corridor Revitalization project

Yuba City— Central City Green Zone Revitalization Plan

City of West Sacramento— US 50

Community Connectivity Project & Sycamore Trail Project

City of Citrus Heights—City of Citrus Heights Sunrise Tomorrow Project

Rancho Cordova— Folsom Blvd: Transforming Old Lincoln Highway Plan

Marysville— Re-Envision Downtown Marysville Plan

Woodland— East Street Corridor Complete Streets

Isleton— SR 160 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge Design

About Green Means Go

Green Means Go is the Sacramento region's commitment and solution to California's housing, climate, equity, and transportation problems.

The program aims to lower greenhouse gas emissions within its six-county region by accelerating infill development and reducing and electrifying vehicle trips. Green Means Go is a mechanism to target investment in locally designated Green Zones - areas that cities and counties have identified for infill development that also show a reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Since launching the program in 2018, twenty-six SACOG member jurisdictions have identified and adopted Green Zones. To date, SACOG has deployed over \$38 million in state funds to support Green Zone investments that explore the intersection of land use, housing, economic and workforce development, transportation investments, equity, and travel choices. ★

MEMORIAL

BARBARA BETTY BUNTING BAKER -12/17/1920-2/29/2024

Barbara Betty Bunting was born December 17, 1920 in Bakersfield, Kern County, California. The third child and only girl in the Bunting family. She died on February 29, 2024 at the age of 103 years from causes related to age. She was pre-deceased by her father, John Slater Bunting Jr. and mother, Maud Allen and her brothers, John "Jack" Allen Bunting and Reid Slater Bunting. After her mother died, her father, John Bunting married Ellen Smith in 1943 and they had 4 children: Katherine, Karl, David and Leo.



Barbara attend Bakersfield schools: Union Avenue Elementary and Kem County High School and graduating in 1938. She attended and graduated from Bakersfield Jr. College in 1940.

She married J. Ray Baker on February 26, 1941. They were married and sealed in the Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. A year and a day later, Barbara Jane Baker - "Janey" was born in 1942, followed by Becky in 1944, Barry in 1946, Carolynn in 1948, Diane in 1951 and finally as an explanation point, twin daughters, Pamela and Peggy were born in January 1958. Seven

Baker children. All taught to "Sing" and be "doers" at home and in their communities.

She lived in Bakersfield, Wasco, Escondido, and West Sacramento, California. In the late 1960s, Barbara returned to college attending Palomar Community College, San Diego State University, and Sacramento State University from which she graduated in 1971.

She taught school as a Music Teacher for Sacramento City School district and retired in 1993. She serve an LDS Senior Mission in Salt

Lake City 1993-1994.

She loved to sing and help other's to sing, especially children. She loved California, the USA and to travel domestic and throughout the world. Her motto was: "Always have something to look forward to."

Service will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2667 Linden Rd, West Sacramento, CA on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10 a.m. Viewing from 9:00 -9:45 a.m. Internment in Sunset Lawn Cemetery Sacramento, 2 p.m.

West Sacramento News Briefs

By MPG Staff

West Sacramento Repair Café - The West Sacramento Repair Café has relocated to the new Bryte/Broderick Community Center, located at 1708 Lisbon Avenue, (Bryte) West Sacramento! In addition to the change in location, the Repair Café has expanded and will now be offering instruction and guidance on Bicycle Repair, Sewing Repair, Jewelry Repair, Small Appliance Repair and Computer Diagnostic and Advice! West Sacramento Repair Café will take place on March 30, 2024, from 9 am - Noon. No new repairs will be accepted after 11:30 am.

Yolo County Strategic Plan - Yolo County residents are invited to provide their valuable insights on Yolo County's 2024-2028 Draft Strategic Plan at www.YoloCounty.org/StrategicPlan. Your insights are important, so please share your feedback and be part of this process! The creation of the 2024-2028 Yolo County Strategic Plan is a dynamic and continuous effort. Annually, we review and adjust our Strategic Plan to ensure it remains responsive to the evolving needs of our diverse community, economic landscape, and strategic initiatives. Help shape the future of Yolo County.

The People of the State

of California v. Carlos Reales Dominguez - In a press release from Yolo County District Attorney's Office Dominguez entered a plea of Not Guilty on the charges of : Two counts of Murder - both with an enhancement for pre-meditation, one count of Attempted Murder - with an enhancement for pre-meditation, Use of a deadly weapon, Infliction of great bodily injury, case enhancement for multiple murders and an additional enhancement due to the "degree of cruelty" used, The defendant being armed at the time of the commission of the crime and the crime carried out indicated planning and sophistication. ★

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Senator Dodd Names Yolo County Woman of The Year

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Bill Dodd named Rhonda Morningstar Pope Flores on March 7 as Yolo County's Woman of the Year.

Dodd represents portions of Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Contra Costa, Sacramento and Yolo counties.

"Rhonda has dedicated her life to empowering Native Americans and preserving cultural traditions," Dodd said. "Through perseverance and commitment, she's now provided this vital resource for West Sacramento, which will greatly assist our youth and seniors, among others. I am honored to know her and to present her with this well-earned recognition."

Morningstar Pope Flores is chair of the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians, a tribe that her great-grandfather founded. Morningstar Pope Flores has played a central role in improving services for Native Americans and West Sacramento residents.

Growing up in West Sacramento, specifically Broderick, Morningstar Pope Flores has actively helped communities for years. She formed the Jesse Flyingcloud Pope Foundation, in honor of her father, in 2007 to support programs designed to help community members with educational opportunities, bringing tribal traditions and cultural awareness to the community. In 2008, Morningstar Pope Flores opened Little Big Time Child Development Center to serve low-income Native American families with a curriculum based in Native American culture.

Morningstar Pope Flores developed plans for the construction of the Upusani Cultural Center that was completed in 2016. She led the tribe in a legal fight against Amador County to allow the development of a casino in 2016. In 2018, Morningstar Pope Flores secured financing for construction of Harrah's Northern California casino.

Morningstar Pope Flores actively participates in community events. She is a financial supporter of the annual Native American Indian Day at the State Capitol, where Little Big



Rhonda Morningstar Pope Flores was awarded Yolo County Woman of the Year on March 7, 2024 by Sen. Bill Dodd. Photo provided by Rhonda Morningstar Pope Flores

Time has been showcased. Morningstar Pope Flores hosts the annual Elders Dinner. Morningstar Pope Flores also hosts an annual Children's Christmas Event for low-income Native American children and foster care children.

In 2019, Morningstar Pope Flores joined the BBcan (Bryte & Broderick Community Action Network) to advocate for bringing a recreational pool back to the Broderick/Bryte area. As the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians chair, Morningstar Pope Flores advocated the Buena Vista Community Fund to donate \$20,000 to the West Sacramento Police Department in 2021 for the Mercy Housing Project and other programs as well as \$185,000 toward the construction of the Broderick/Bryte pool.

In 2022, Morningstar Pope Flores utilized resources from the Me-Wuk tribe to purchase the former Bryte Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) on Lisbon Avenue and turned the building into a community center. The community center will provide free tutoring, games and socializing for children. The center will also offer activities, including free yoga classes, free CPR classes and family dances.

"When you see needs in your community, you

inspire one another to bring about the positive changes needed for your community," Morningstar Pope Flores said.

West Sacramento community members familiar with Morningstar Pope Flores are not surprised that she was named Woman of the Year.

"Rhonda deserves this award because of her determination. She is someone that does not back down," said Joe Ramirez, her former softball coach. "It is nice to have someone in our Northside corner. She is someone that is so small with so much courage. She is a great inspiration to Bryte and Broderick. A little keg of dynamite."

West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero was pleased with Dodd's announcement.

"I was delighted by Senator Dodd's announcement honoring Chairwoman Rhonda Morningstar Pope Flores as Yolo County's Woman of the Year," Guerrero said. "Rhonda embodies the spirit of community by continuously extending support and love to neighbors in need and giving her time and energy to projects that exemplify the words of John F. Kennedy of a rising tide that lifts all boats. Congratulations, Chairwoman Morningstar Pope Flores, on this well-deserved recognition of your accomplishments!" ★

West Sacramento's Earth Day and Spring Celebration

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test rides and information; West Sacramento Fire Department with engine; great food provided by Chando's Tacos; and a free raffle with great prizes including tickets and swag from the Sacramento River Cats and Sacramento Republic FC.

Egg Hunt for the kids!

10:30 a.m. - ages 4 & under
11:00 a.m. - ages 5 to 7
11:30 a.m. - ages 8 - 12

Join us rain or shine! Ride your bike to the event and park for free with the Bike Valet. Get to the event by carpool, JUMP or Via Rideshare. Details at <https://recyclingfun.org/>

WHEN: Saturday, March

30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Bryte Park, 1225 Carrie Street, West Sacramento

INFORMATION: Join us to be a part of the fun and learn how you can make a difference for the environment while improving your home and community! For more information visit <https://recyclingfun.org/> ★

Blood Donors Urged to Spring into Action in March

Vitalant Donors Can Get in on Celestial Celebration

Vitalant News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Nonprofit Vitalant is shining a light on the urgent need for blood donors with a special solar eclipse-themed thank-you gift to all who answer the call. Donors who come to give March 3-16 will receive an email to claim free solar eclipse glasses and an exclusive T-shirt while supplies last ahead of the April event, plus, through March 31 all donors will be automatically entered to win one of four \$5,000 gift cards in the Celestial Giveaway.

An adequate blood supply must be ready for patients every day before it's needed. Spring storms can cause blood drive cancellations and keep donors from coming out. Eligible donors of all blood types, especially type O, are urged to give to ensure the blood supply is sufficient before the unexpected occurs.

March is Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month, a reminder that blood donations are needed not just for emergencies, but for patients who have ongoing needs. The most common bleeding disorder, von Willebrand disease, affects the blood's ability to clot and can cause excessive bleeding and pain.

Learn more and make an appointment to give at vitalant.org, download and use the Vitalant app, or call 877-25-VITAL (877-258-4825 or local 530-243-0160).

Mon. March 25
Dixon Community American Legion Hall
Veterans Memorial Hall
Dixon, CA
3PM - 6PM
95620
Blood Drive Code: SMFM014
Wed, March 27
Vitalant - Reed Ave.
Inside
3240 Reed Ave.
West Sacramento, CA

12PM - 3:15PM
95605
Blood Drive Code: SMFT151
Thurs. March 28
Woodland Community - Day 1
Elks Lodge
Community Room
500 Bush St.
Woodland, CA
1PM - 4PM
95695
Blood Drive Code: SMFM052
Fri. March 29
FBC Davis
Fellowship Hall
38141 Russell Blvd.
Davis, CA
12PM - 5PM
95616
Blood Drive Code: 3183882
Fri. March 29
Woodland Community - Day 2
Elks Lodge Community Room
500 Bush St.
Woodland, CA
1PM - 4:15PM
95695
Blood Drive Code: 95695 ★

WEST SACRAMENTO'S EARTH DAY - DAY - & SPRING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Bryte Park, 1225 Carrie Street, West Sacramento

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AND SPRING!

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FREE Chando's Taco to the first 50 people that arrive at 10AM to the Info Booth! *Limit 4 per family.*

First 50 people to visit the **River Cats** booth & sign-up for the newsletter get a **FREE ticket to the April 26 Arbor Day Game.** *Limit 2 per fan*

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- SABA E-Bike Experience: e-bike test rides + information
- Chando's Tacos food truck
- Meet non-releasable Birds of Prey Ambassadors from Hawks, Honkers & Hoots
- Music and fun activities for all ages
- Arts & Crafts for the kids by ReCreate
- Free kitchen pail while supplies last
- West Sacramento Fire Department with Engine and Interactive Fire Prevention Trailer
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Many Californians Rely on this Farmers Market Program. Newsom Wants to Cut It

By Sarah Portnoy

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When we think of a farmers market in California, we usually picture vibrant displays of beautiful, albeit expensive, fruits and vegetables, and perhaps a tempting array of pricier prepared foods. However, the roots of farmers markets in California trace back to the late 1970s, when they first emerged in low-income areas.

They were designed to facilitate a direct connection between farmers and consumers, an arrangement that proved to be a win-win for both small-scale farmers and those seeking affordable, fresh produce.

Today, farmers markets may be more prevalent in affluent neighborhoods, but a key program has been working diligently to uphold their original spirit, making fresh fruits and vegetables accessible to all Californians. The Market Match program has successfully placed fresh produce into the shopping bags and kitchens of low-income Californians at more than 293 farmers markets across the state. Since 2010, this program has empowered shoppers who receive CalFresh benefits, allowing them to double their funds for exclusively California-grown fruits and vegetables.

Frank Tamborello, the executive director of Hunger Action Los Angeles, aptly describes the Market Match program as a “win-win-win.” It helps fight hunger while promoting healthy eating habits and supports California farmers, boosting the small-farm economy and contributing to environmentally sustainable agriculture.

Despite its evident benefits, the program faces a looming

threat from budget cuts as state leaders work to close a multibillion-dollar deficit. Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed a \$33.2 million cut from the three-year, \$35 million California Nutrition Incentive Program, a move that would effectively end Market Match once the remaining funds dry up. Since 2015, the state has supported the program by matching federal funds through a grant from CNIP, enabling substantial expansion over the past nine years.

Market Match has routinely reported increases in low-income shoppers using their benefits at farmers markets. Last year, 9% of the roughly 574,000 visits were first-timers, underscoring the program’s positive impact on both consumers and local farmers.

The potential loss of this program threatens low-income Californians’ nutrition, especially those who live in food deserts where corner stores and vacant lots are more prevalent than full-service grocery stores. In such neighborhoods, an orange can cost more than a soda, highlighting the disparities in accessing affordable, nutritious food.

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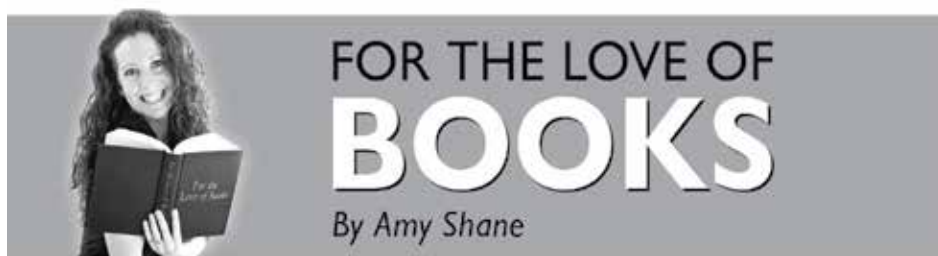
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The proposed cuts would also significantly impact rural farmers who rely on the revenue generated from weekly market sales. It’s a steady source of income in an era defined by its unpredictability.

In the wake of the pandemic, the number of food-insecure households in California surged as costs for fresh produce increased. A USC study last year revealed that 1 in 3 households in Los Angeles County experience food insecurity, indicating a dire need for programs like Market Match. Cutting this essential program would exacerbate the challenges faced by low-income shoppers in bringing home nutritious food for their families, compounding the intense pressure to simply put food on the table.

Access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food is a fundamental human right. As Californians confront the potential loss of the match program, we must recognize its profound impact. In a state known for its agricultural abundance, we cannot allow budgetary decisions to compromise the well-being of others in our community. ★



The Mystery of Locked Rooms by Lindsay Currie

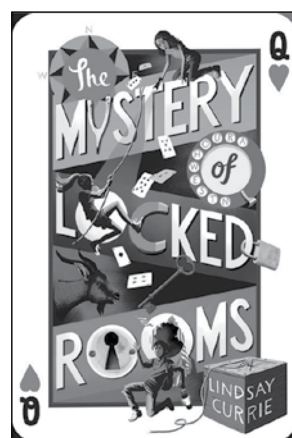
Fortune favors the bold in this high-stakes, middle-grade adventure where turning back is not an option.

The “Delta’s,” Sarah, West, and Hannah, were masters of escape rooms, landing on many leaderboards above adult teams. But they are about to face their toughest challenge yet.

When Sarah discovers a yellow slip of paper taped to her front door, her life quickly changes. Now, with her family’s impending move, Sarah knows she will have to come up with something big to save her house. As big as the legend of “The Triplet Treasure—” A fun house created decades before with an unknown famous prize for anyone who solves it. But tragedy struck before the completion, and all that is left is an abandoned house and a decades old legend.

However, no job is too big for the Deltas, and if Sarah was going to save her family, they would have to act fast. The Deltas had been through every type of escape room, but nothing prepared them for what lay ahead.

The moment they found the secret passage that led inside, they realized this



- ◆ Publisher: Sourcebooks Young Readers
- ◆ Intended Audience: Middle Grade (Ages 8-12)
- ◆ Release Date: April 2, 2024

wasn’t a typical escape room. This was a circus-themed house, where they weren’t just looking for clues but would have to attempt dangerous acts while facing their greatest fears in order to move forward.

The 16 locked rooms, were not for the faint of heart. They would have to face swinging ropes, hanging boxes, grand illusions, giant statues, and even one lipstick wearing goat. The deeper they went, the crazier it became, and the more they realized there was no turning back; in fact, they would have to solve it in order to get out.

Goonies meets Escape

from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library meets Willy Wonka, in a middle-grade mystery adventure that combines the most brilliant and unique challenges with a bit of wit and lots of excitement. The Mystery of Locked Rooms is the perfect mystery adventure for today’s reader that combines real-life events and problems with high-caliber riddles and clues that will stump even the most experienced escape room player.

Thoroughly thought out, with no detail left unturned, Lindsay Currie delivers a fast-paced, high-tempo book that will keep readers up way past their bedtime, trying to uncover the mystery for themselves. Every item is a clue, and every clue is its own riddle, proving that the impossible is not truly impossible if you work together as a team.

This book is sure to be a top read of the season, proving that adventure, friendship, and solving mysteries is still the winning combination. Find this wherever books are sold, and for more information, quizzes, and the chance to win an exciting adventure pack, head to <https://www.lindsaycurrie.com> ★



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Dave Ramsey Says

grades will go down if he holds a job while in school. Research actually shows that, on average, kids who work while in college carry higher grade point averages than those who don't.

The reasons for this differ, depending on who you ask, but I think a lot of it has to do with them having to learn to manage their time—and their lives—more effectively. Lots of kids could pay their way through school, and not have to worry about student loans, if they just used some of the time they spend watching television and on social activities at a job.

We never required our kids to work during the school year, but they were self-starters. And when they came home for the summer, there was no such thing as just lying around the house all day. They had jobs, and they made money. Of course, some of it went toward having a little fun during their time

off. But we made sure they set some aside for the next school year, too.

Long story short, the philosophy of not wanting kids at college to work so they can spend all their time studying is well-meaning, but misguided. For the most part, kids who work while they're in school will make better grades and develop into more mature and well-rounded individuals.

I hope this helps, Brenda!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions ★

Well-Meaning, But Misguided

Dear Dave,

Our son will be graduating from high school in May, and then heading off to college in August. He will also be working during the summer to save up money for school. When classes begin, do you think he should continue working a part-time job, or would it be better for him to focus solely on his studies?

— Brenda

Dear Brenda,

There's really nothing wrong with either approach, especially during a kid's first semester in college. As a parent, though, I'd urge you not to fall into the trap of thinking his

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



- 2-28-24 ERIC PAULY Arrested for Vandalism (\$400 or more) after allegedly throwing a water bottle at the victim's front windshield estimated replacement cost is \$600-\$900.
- 2-29-24 KEISHON EVANS Arrested for trespassing:Refusing to leave property.
- 3-1-24 VANESSA JACKSON Arrested for Obstruction, Disorderly conduct:Under the influence of drug and Bribing an Officer.
- 3-2-24 RICKY HARDING Arrested for Parole violation and Possession of controlled substance.
- 3-2-24 KURONE FRAZIER Arrested for Petty theft and Possession of a controlled substance.
- 3-3-24 JASDEEP SINGH Arrested for DUI Alcohol 0.08 percent.
- 3-12-24 CASSANDRA OWENS Arrested for Possession of a stolen vehicle after responding to a call about suspicious circumstance.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 1-05-24 Former employee of US Bank was allegedly taking money from his drawer for approximately a month. Eventually management performed a surprise audit of the bank and discovered that the employee had \$19,000 missing from his drawer. \$19,000 loss. Grand theft.
- 2-11-24 Reporting party stated that he found his vehicle with a broken driver window with a brick in the passenger window. Burglary.
- 2-14-24 Online report for theft from vehicle. \$5,700 loss. Grand theft.
- 2-17-24 Electric bike (unknown serial #) was stolen from side of house. \$2,500 loss. Grand theft.
- 2-24-24 Two locks broken from large bin, cut fence and items taken. \$800 loss. Burglary.
- 2-24-24 Unknown suspect(s) broke into victim's vehicle and stole sunglasses. Damage costs totaling approximately \$1,200 and sunglasses replacement would be \$200. \$1,400 loss. Burglary.
- 2-29-24 Unknown suspects burglarized bar and stole ATM machine. \$1,680 loss. Burglary, Grand theft and Conspiracy to commit crime.
- 2-29-24 Theft from vehicle. \$260 loss. Theft of personal property.
- 2-29-24 Vehicle window broken and \$800 was taken from the glove compartment. \$801 loss. Burglary.
- 3-01-24 Unknown suspect fraudulently used victim's card on multiple occasions. Theft by use of card.
- 3-02-24 Vehicle burglary from an unknown suspect. \$300 loss. Burglary.
- 3-02-24 Multiple unknown suspects forcibly entered a residence when no one was home. Burglary.
- 3-03-24 Mailbox was broken into and mail was stolen out of it. Theft of personal property and Mail theft.
- 3-04-24 Victim was scammed out of \$2,000 by an unknown suspect claiming to be a Sergeant with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office. Victim wants to pursue prosecution. \$1,980 loss. Impersonating Police Officer and Obtain money under false pretenses.
- 3-04-24 Victim left wallet in car and left car unlocked. Found it missing the next morning. \$106 loss. Theft of personal property.
- 3-04-24 Online report for theft from vehicle. \$254 loss. Petty theft.
- 3-04-24 Reporting party stated that he came in to start his work truck up and it would not start. It was out of diesel. \$1,290 loss. Grand theft.
- 3-05-24 Traffic stop on a Ford truck with no plates. Vehicle failed to yield and fled from Officers. Pursuit was terminated and suspect is still outstanding. Evading Police.
- 3-05-24 An employee was working the drive thru window when an unidentified suspect in rear passenger seat of vehicle ripped the chain off of the employee. Approximate value of the chain was \$4,000. Robbery.
- 3-06-24 Reporting party stated that she found her mailbox broken into. She did not know if she was missing mail. Petty theft and Theft of property used by Postal Service.
- 3-10-24 Two bikes taken off of a patio by an unknown suspect. \$1,200 loss. Grand theft.
- 3-10-24 Online report for stolen children's bikes. \$500 loss. Petty theft.
- 3-11-24 Police was dispatched to a call where multiple debit cards were found on the ground. Officer collected them and booked them under found property.
- 3-12-24 Two unknown subjects cut the lock to enter the property and loaded up an unknown amount of shingles/bundles. Burglary.

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Striping Work Along Old River Road Ends Soon

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Department of Community Services' Public Works Division will replace striping along Old River Road, about one-half mile east and west of the County Road 124 intersection, located about five miles east of Woodland. Yolo County's contractor is scheduled to undertake this project from March 21 through March 23, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., depending upon the weather.

Motorists should anticipate intermittent lane closures and possible delays during this period. It is recommended to consider alternative routes or adjust speed accordingly. Adhere to all construction signs and

directions from flaggers when navigating through the work zone. Local access to properties and businesses along affected road sections will be maintained throughout the construction process.

This effort will improve the clarity of road striping in an area of Old River Road that has curves, driveway entrances, a railroad crossing and transitions from the top of the Sacramento River levee. Residents are encouraged to stay informed throughout this process by utilizing resources such as Yolo County's Road Closures Map, available at www.YoloCounty.org/Road-Closures or by contacting the Department of Community Services at 530-666-8811 for any inquiries or assistance. ★

United Way California Capital Region to Hold United in Purpose Gala Fundraiser

Continued from page 1
more compassionate community."

More than 450 community members came together last spring for United Way's inaugural gala to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary and to raise \$640,000 to help local children succeed in school.

Founded in 1923, United Way California Capital Region has been a transformative force in the Sacramento community for more than a century, serving

Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, and Yolo counties. The local United Way's Square One approach to ending poverty is grounded in a public health model and uses a threefold strategy to address community needs from birth and beyond: helping kids excel in school, investing in families and strengthening schools. At United Way's core is the philosophy that families possess the blueprint for their success. United Way supplies books to young

children, provides literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, and launched Sacramento's first guaranteed income program. United Way works across diverse school districts, providing case management for foster youth and leading the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org. ★

Support Local Girl Scouts - Donate Cookies Through Cookie Share Program Today!



Girl Scouts gain valuable life skills selling cookies, including money management, team building, public speaking and decision-making. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Did you know that even if you've already stocked up on your favorite Girl Scout Cookies, you can still spread joy and support local Girl Scouts through Cookie Share, a Girl Scout community service project? Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) is excited to invite you to participate in this meaningful initiative, which offers opportunities to donate cookies and make a significant difference in the lives of young girls in the community.

Cookie Share allows girls to offer virtual

"Cookie Share" cookies that are distributed to the nation's soldiers, local food banks and other charitable organizations. This unique approach spreads cheer through delicious treats and also shows gratitude and support for those who serve local communities and the country.

"Even if you've already indulged in your favorite Girl Scout Cookies, you can still make a difference in the lives of local girls," said Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Linda E. Farley. "Through Cookie Share, we offer a unique opportunity to show gratitude to those who support our communities, all while uplifting young girls. Join us in making a lasting

difference and empowering the next generation of female leaders."

Cookie Share proceeds remain within the local community and are dedicated to funding a variety of enriching activities and experiences for girls throughout the year. These include field trips, community projects and outdoor adventures. Moreover, the Girl Scout Cookie Program is one among numerous programs offered throughout the year, all designed to expand the horizons of Girl Scouts, impart vital life skills, and equip them for future leadership roles.

If you're interested in learning more about Girl Scouts Heart of Central California and how you can get involved, visit www.girlscoutshcc.org. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240106
The following person(s) is doing business as: Anderson Automotive Refinishing, 2446 Rice Avenue Suite A, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Troy Wayne Anderson, 2518 Aspen Valley Lane, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 2, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 6, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
ANDERSON 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240157
The following person(s) is doing business as: Agile Motor Sales, 738 Elm Street B, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
Jamal Hassan, 738 Elm Street B, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 20, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240122
The following person(s) is doing business as: Honest Inc, 1800 Enterprise Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Seej Inc., 1800 Enterprise Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 5, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 9, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
HONEST 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240061
The following person(s) is doing

business as: Tax Pro Solutions, 840 Sacramento Avenue Apt 139, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

Lance C LeClair, PO Box 1383, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 22, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 22, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024
TAX 4-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240232
The following person(s) is doing business as: Pakpour Banks Divorce Lawyers, 1712 Picasso Avenue Suite B, Davis, CA 95618.
Brian Pakpour and Keith Banks, 1712 Picasso Avenue Suite B, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by A General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 12, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024
PAKPOUR 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240219
The following person(s) is doing business as: Muffler Express, 2415 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 7, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024
MUFFLER 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240203
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LIFETIME

GREEN COATINGS 041 042 CA, 1757 Cannery Loop, Davis, CA 95616 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 1757 Cannery Loop, Davis, CA 95616 SILICON VALLEY ECO FLOOR COATINGS LLC, 3400 COTTAGE WAY, STE G2, SACRAMENTO, CA 95825 This business is conducted by a limited liability company The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. SILICON VALLEY ECO FLOOR COATINGS LLC S/ Raymond Kung, Managing Member, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 03/05/2024. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder KQUAM, Deputy 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12/24 CNS-3787406# NEWS-LEDGER 4-12-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-0536
Sunshine Elise Faiad has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sunshine Elise Faiad to Sunshine Elise Flores.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 1, 2023
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024
FAIAD 4-12-24



NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by **CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC** as Agent for Owner 541 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento Ca, 95691 to satisfy a lien on April 11, 2024 at approx. 12:00PM at www.storagetreasures.com: Richard Flores, Mario Duran, Aicha Fousshi-Fischel, Michael J Stewart, Corazon Fernandez, Anicto Mendoza, Michael J Stewart.
West News Ledger 3-22-2024

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

April 4, 2024
Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday April 4, 2024, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas/planning-commission>), or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on April 4, 2024.

Any interested person or authorized agent may appear and be heard. To submit a comment in writing, please email dianac@cityofwestsacramento.org and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 4:00 PM will be provided to the Planning Commission and posted on the City's website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

6:00 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Conditional Use Permit for an Electric Security Fence at 3006 Evergreen Avenue (Ortega)

This item is a public hearing regarding the consideration of a Conditional Use Permit for a new electric security fence at 3006 Evergreen Avenue (currently occupied by Enterprise Rent-A-Car). Applicant is proposing to construct a 10-foot-tall electric fence to further secure the property and deter future criminal activity. If approved, the new electric fence would be located directly behind the existing wrought iron fence on the property. This project falls under both the Class 3 and Class 32 Categorical Exemptions according to the California Environmental Quality Act. Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited number of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. This includes example (e): accessory structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Section 15303, CEQA Guidelines). Class 32 consists of projects characterized as in-fill development where the project is consistent with the general plan and zoning, the project occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than 5 acres substantially surrounded by urban uses, the project site has no value as habitat for endangered or threatened species, approval of the project would not result in significant effects to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality and the site can be adequately service by all required utilities and public services (In-Fill Development Projects, Section 15332, CEQA Guidelines). Applicant: Amarok LLC, 550 Assembly Street, 5th Floor, Columbia, SC 29201. Owner: George Pappas (George Thomas), 360 Edinburgh Circle, Danville CA 94526.

2. Public Hearing on 1990 Lake Washington Blvd. Conditional Use Permit and Design Review (HARDY)

The applicant is requesting approval of conditional use permit for a 152-unit affordable all residential project in the Mixed-Use Neighborhood Commercial (MU-NC) zone and design review on ±2.95 gross acres. The project site is located at 1990 Lake Washington Blvd., just east of Fire Station 45 (APN 046-010-037). The proposed Project is consistent with the GP 2040 land use designation for the Project site, and all potential impacts associated with buildout were anticipated by and addressed in the GP 2040 EIR/SEIR. There are no significant effects peculiar to the Project or Project site; additionally, there are no significant impacts that were not analyzed or discussed in the GP 2040 EIR/SEIR or that substantial new information shows would be more severe than discussed in the GP 2040 EIR/SEIR (see PRC Section 21083.3 (b); CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 (b)). APPLICANT: Danco Group 5251 Ericson Way, STE A Arcata, CA 95521 Attn: Cameron Dart. OWNER: Fair Plaza II LDT and JGE Property Management, LLC and Loki Investments, LLC Attn: Mark Engstrom.

David Tilley

David W. Tilley, Secretary
West Sacramento Planning Commission

If you disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission, you have a right of appeal. Only persons who participated in the review process by submitting written testimony or oral testimony at the public hearing, may appeal. Appeals are limited to those issues raised at the Planning Commission meeting. If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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New Exhibition Opens at the Gibson House

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Gibson House has a new temporary exhibition, "Pathways of Resistance: Women at the Turn of the 20th Century."

This new exhibition, part of the Yolo County Historical Collection, delves into how women

achieved independence through increased access to education, voting rights, and liberation from restrictive clothing, enabling them to pursue new opportunities, carve out a place in society, and amplify their voices.

Recently reopened is the second floor of the Gibson House. Both floors feature newly-curated rooms

showcasing objects from the Yolo County Historical Collection.

"Pathways of Resistance: Women at the Turn of the 20th Century" will be on display until June 2, with regular open hours from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Admission is free.

The Gibson House is located at 512 Gibson Road in Woodland. ★

Social Security Matters

How Do Survivor Benefits Work for a Married Couple?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: How does Social Security handle the death of one spouse? Say, for example, the husband receives \$2,000 per month in Social Security and his wife receives \$1,000 per month. How is the death of either spouse handled?

Signed: Concerned spouse

Dear Concerned: Benefits to a deceased beneficiary stop as soon as Social Security (SS) is notified of the death (notification usually done by the funeral director who handles arrangements). Benefits are not paid for the month of death, only for the preceding month when the beneficiary was alive for the entire month.

A surviving spouse is entitled to the higher of two benefits – their own personally earned SS retirement benefit, or an amount based on the deceased spouse's benefit at death. In the example you cite, and assuming the surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (FRA): if the husband dies first the wife will receive the husband's \$2,000 monthly benefit instead of her previous \$1,000 amount. But if the wife died first, the

husband would continue receiving only his \$2,000 monthly amount because that is more than his deceased wife was receiving. Note in either case, the surviving spouse would be entitled to a one-time lump sum "death benefit" of \$255.

The surviving spouse would need to contact Social Security to claim the "death benefit" and - unless the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit – also to claim the higher monthly amount, if eligible. If the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit from the deceased (and not entitled to SS retirement benefits on their own), then Social Security would automatically award their higher survivor amount when notified of the death.

If a surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on year of birth) and is eligible for a survivor benefit, the amount of the survivor benefit will be 100% of the deceased spouse's benefit. But if the survivor claims the benefit before reaching FRA, the amount of the survivor benefit will be reduced (by 4.75% for each full year earlier). The survivor's benefit reaches maximum at the survivor's full retirement age.

If a surviving spouse has not yet reached their FRA, and if they are entitled to (not necessarily collecting) their own Social Security retirement benefit, the surviving spouse has the

option to delay claiming the survivor benefit until it reaches maximum at their full retirement age. And if the survivor's personal SS retirement benefit will ever be more than their maximum survivor benefit, the surviving spouse also has the option to claim only the smaller survivor benefit first and allow their personal SS retirement benefit to grow (to maximum at age 70 if desired).

With Social Security there is hardly ever a simple answer to a question but, in the example you use, if both are over their SS full retirement age:

- If the husband dies first, the wife will get 100% of the amount (\$2000) the husband was receiving, instead of the small amount (\$1000) she was previously receiving.

- If the wife dies first, the husband's monthly benefit will remain at \$2000, and he will get no increase in his monthly amount.

- In either case, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255.

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-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. ★

Yolo County and Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps Clean Tule Canal



Yolo County Integrated Waste Management Division staff and Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps Staff together undertook a multi-day cleanup effort to restore the Tule Canal area, located east of Woodland along County Road 22, from litter and illegal waste dumping. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

County of Yolo News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In a joint effort to preserve the natural beauty of the region and protect the environment, the Yolo County Department of Community Services' Integrated Waste Management Division teamed up with the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps (SRCC) in February.

Together, they undertook a multi-day cleanup effort to restore the Tule Canal area, located east of Woodland along County Road 22, from litter and illegal waste dumping.

The cleanup effort yielded impressive results, with more than 3,900 pounds of waste collected. Among the waste were 29 tires, four TVs, a mattress and 165 pounds of hazardous materials, including paint, fluorescent bulbs and motor oil.

This collaborative effort underscores Yolo County's commitment to environmental stewardship and highlights the importance of responsible waste management practices for

residents. Yolo County encourages residents to utilize the opportunity for hazardous waste disposal, available every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at the Yolo County Central Landfill, 44090 County Road 28H in Woodland. The landfill also offers free disposal services daily for mattresses and TVs to all California residents and businesses.

Yolo County Supervisor Mary Vixie Sandy emphasized the multifaceted repercussions of illegal dumping in the Tule Canal, stating, "Illegal dumping is not only unsightly and casts a perception that people do not care enough about their community to properly dispose of waste. It also can be harmful to our wildlife and their ecosystems when hazardous waste gets washed into our waterways after a big storm. I am very proud of our team at the landfill for taking the initiative to clean up this area."

In a proactive measure to deter future illegal dumping, the Yolo County Central Landfill is pursuing funds under

CalRecycle's Farm and Ranch grant to deploy surveillance cameras along County Road 22. These cameras will monitor the fishing access area along Tule Canal and deter further illegal dumping in the Elkhorn vicinity. The landfill will collaborate with the Yolo County District Attorney's office to identify and prosecute offenders as necessary.

"As we work tirelessly to protect and preserve the natural beauty of our region, it's imperative that we address the issue of illegal dumping head-on," said Supervisor Angel Barajas. "Together with the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, we've shown what can be achieved through collaborative efforts. Let's continue to champion responsible waste management practices and safeguard our environment for future generations." For more information regarding the Yolo County Department of Community Services' Integrated Waste Management Division, visit www.YoloCounty.org/YCCL. ★

Five Solutions to Some of California's Woes



Commentary by Ted Gaines

California's biggest problem is up for debate. Sadly, there are many contenders vying for that dubious distinction. But instead of focusing on the problems, we need to be focused on solutions. Without rank, here are five chronic California problems where state leadership has completely failed and one simple idea for each to help improve governance and boost our quality of life.

Budget: This budget year, California faces a nearly \$40 billion deficit. To avoid such massive shortfalls, California should adhere to the state's "Gann Limit," a law passed by the voters in 1979 that limits annual budget growth to a combination of population growth and inflation. The Gann Limit is ignored or avoided by legislative trickery, but it provides a simple structure that would avoid the massive budget growth that contributes to massive deficits whenever state revenues drop. Gann addresses California's spending problem.

Housing: One of many reasons housing is so expensive is excessive government fees, which can run as high as \$135,000 for

building a single-family residence. Right now, an El Dorado County man is battling these fees in his *Sheetz v. County of El Dorado*, California case currently before the US Supreme Court. I hope he wins, but the state doesn't need to be forced into fairness by a court decision. Developer fees serve a specific purpose but have morphed into a revenue source for governments. They should all be reviewed to ensure they are meeting their purpose only and not as a backdoor funding source for general government operations. This could help lower housing costs.

Crime: California's empowered criminals do not fear punishment and retailers are paying the price. Governor Newsom just recently witnessed this himself at a Target store. Thieves can afford to be cavalier, and casually stroll out of stores with arms full of merchandise because we've essentially eliminated punishment for shoplifting anything under \$950 in value. I'm encouraging Californians to sign the petition to repeal Prop. 47 that has wreaked havoc on our state and give prosecutors the ability to charge smaller retail thefts as felonies once again.

Insurance: The only thing leaving the state faster than its residents might be its insurers, who are pulling out of all or some of California's markets seemingly by the day. California must repeal Prop. 103 and make it easier for insurance companies to adjust rates and offerings. While this may lead to some price

increases in the short term, providing a framework for more insurers to write policies here will lead to more competition, more choice, and more options for consumers.

Homelessness: This problem may be most emblematic of the California Way, where taxpayers pay the most but get the least. Cities in some of the state's most beautiful and valuable areas have been overrun by a permanent cadre of homeless, many of whom are obviously mentally ill and who, by their own admission, are addicts. The state must dramatically expand the concept of forced care in Governor Newsom's "Care Court" proposal, to promote the health and safety of the homeless, but also to reclaim our streets, parks, and sidewalks for their intended purposes.

President Reagan once said there are no easy answers, but there are simple answers. And it won't get better overnight. California holds all the promise it ever did and it can again be a national leader in all that is right and good. It has been in decline, but this can all be turned around by showing the political will to implement simple ideas that would reverse some of the state's chronic problems. With the right choices, our future is bright.

Sen. Ted Gaines (Ret.) is a member of the State Board of Equalization representing 34 counties in Northern, Eastern and Southern California. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines. ★

Local Businesses to Help Youth

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The city of West Sacramento is looking for local businesses to participate in the Home Run Internship program. By participating in the program, companies will help youth gain work experience and become a productive part of the local work force.

The program runs from June 10 to Aug. 2. Interns are paid by the city, not out of the company's budget. There is no cost to businesses.

The Home Run program will provide a Home Run Internship Supervisor Handbook for the business to review before signing up for the program. The handbook includes information about the program's expectations, as well as guidance in plans for the intern. Intern requests must be received by April 3 and all internships must be approved by the Home Run team. If the job for the intern does not appear to support the internship program's educational goals,

businesses might be asked to revise the planned tasks.

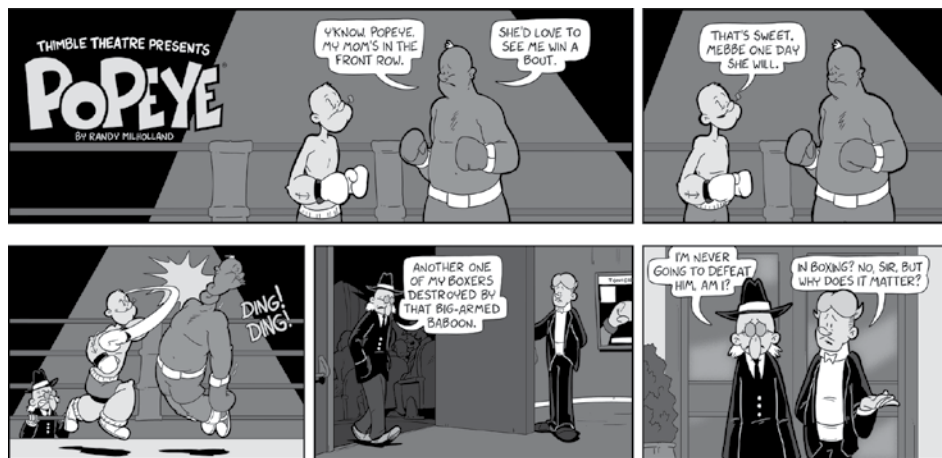
Prospective employers can learn more about the internship program, including past employers, student experiences and professional development at <https://www.wshomerun.org/internships>. To request an intern, visit <https://www.wshomerun.org/intern-request>. For more information or for any questions regarding the program, email jeffm@cityofwestsacramento.org. ★



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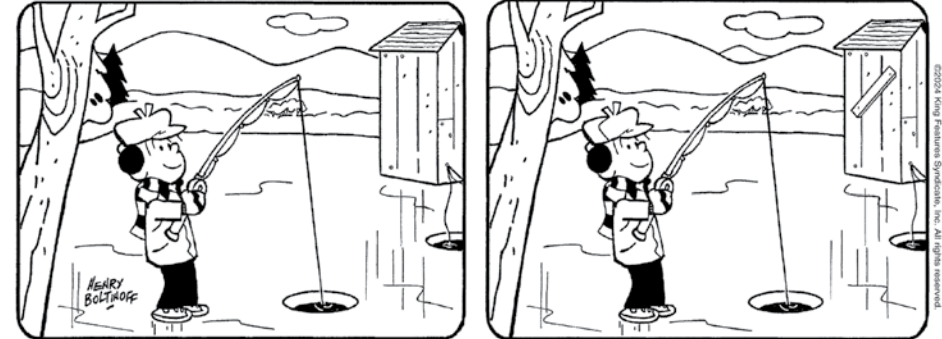
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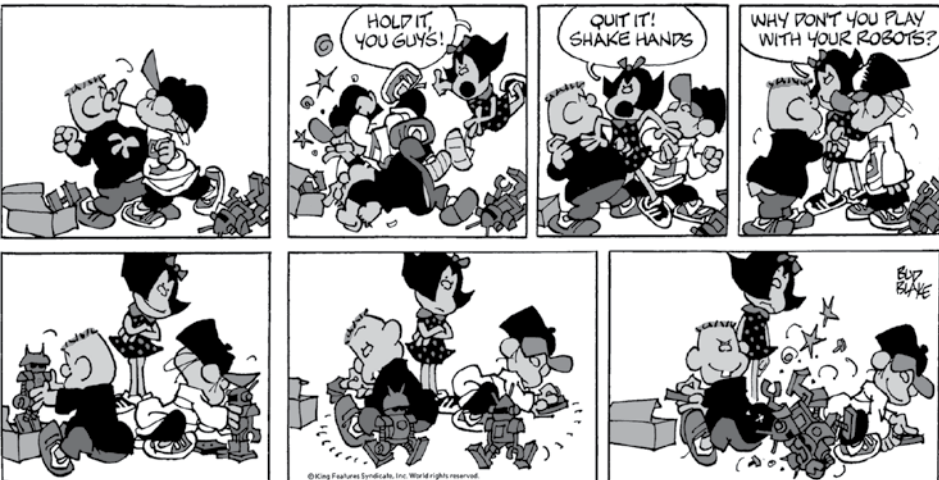
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by BUD BLAKE



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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 - Simon & Garfunkel, e.g.
 - Popular winter boot brand
 - Ohio city
 - Lodge
 - Squirrel away
 - *Glenn Frey: "The pressure's high just to stay alive 'cause _____ is on"
 - *John Travolta in "Grease": "I got _____ they're multipliyin' _____"
 - Automated teller
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 - Bad-mouth, slangily
 - Stag
 - Tartans
 - "I'm _____ you!"
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 - Monocot's alternative
 - Road's edge
 - Living room centerpiece?
 - Prefix meaning "left"
 - Deadly snake
 - Sasquatch's cousin
 - Court petitioner
 - Blood infection
 - Indian flatbread
 - Opposite of post-
 - Sound of impact
 - *Duran Duran: "Her name is _____, and she dances on the sand"
 - *The Beatles: "Take a sad song and make it _____"
 - *Elvis: "We're caught in a trap, I can't _____"
 - Relating to a mode
 - Scrooge's exclamation
 - Memory failure
 - Bouquet thrower
 - Number of candles on a cake
 - Musketeers' weapons
 - Picnic invaders
 - *"Just kidding!"
 - Did, archaic
- DOWN**
- *The Go-Go's: "They got the _____"
 - 100,000, in India
 - Cameron Diaz' Fiona, e.g.
 - Hula dancer's hello
 - These are held to be true
 - Miners' passage
 - *Tainted Love: "Once I ran to you, now I _____"
 - "Lord of the Flies" shell
 - Like the other side of the pillow?
 - Certain kind of exam
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Kings Korner
 By V.G. Harris

SACRAMENTO KINGS

Overall, it was an auspicious week for our Sacramento Kings, in spite of a frustrating loss to the New York Knicks. The difference was defense, and it was a noticeable change in the way the team collectively played defense. Davion Mitchell brought his usual tenacity to the hardwood, but Keon Ellis joined him in bringing a ferocity that was contagious, and resulted in a three-game stretch that was undoubtedly the best defense by the team this year.

Back-to-back wins over the Milwaukee Bucks and Los Angeles Lakers had pundits gaping, and wondering who are these guys? I have to repeat what has been expressed over and over again, and that is this team can beat any team in the NBA on any given night.

The playoffs are still a new phenomena for this team, and whether they can bring that same intensity to the court over a seven-game stretch remains to be seen, but for the naysayers out there I say, do not count this team out!

Our 2022 acquisition Domantas Sabonis not only is leading the league in double-doubles and triple-doubles, he is currently 5th overall in assists. If you're a fan that watches from home and you haven't been to Golden 1 to see Domantas in action, you're missing a real treat. Grab a ticket while you can and get out to see this gladiator of the hardwood work his magic.

Currently the Kings are in a tenuous 6th place position in the Western Conference, with the Memphis Grizzlies coming in Monday night, followed by a road trip with stops in Toronto, Washington, and Orlando. As always, this road trip will loom large, but if the Kings can somehow manage a winning record in the three-game trip, 6th or even 5th place is not out of the question.

I have been critical, and rightfully so, of coach Brown's inability to win challenges this season, but whether skill or luck, recently the Kings have been coming out on top. Keep up the good work Coach Brown. And, what is going on with the free-throw shooting? All of a sudden, the Kings are outperforming opponents, and actually looking like professionals from the charity stripe. With less than 20 games remaining in the regular season, finding a rhythm going into the playoffs couldn't come at a better time, and will be critical if the Kings want to advance to the second round.

So, the question many are asking: Can the Kings match or surpass last year's 48-win total? Surprisingly, I have talked to a lot of fans that don't believe they can do it, but I am firmly in the other camp. I think this team has a higher level to their game, just as they've shown in the recent improvement on defense.

Although I have not been a big Keon Ellis fan, I am all about giving out credit where credit is due, and this young man has been bringing a real NBA game to the court. His defense at times is smothering, and it was never so evident than last week, when he threw a blanket over perennial all-star Damian Lillard in last week's blowout win against the Bucks.

If 2nd-year forward Keegan Murray and veteran Harrison Barnes can harness some of the scoring they're capable of, the next 16 games could be a rocket launch into the playoffs.

Both Keegan and Harrison have shown signs of the players we know them to be, so keep your fingers crossed.

Coach Brown remains committed to Kevin Huerter for reasons that remain a mystery to me. He has obvious other options, and I remain puzzled as to why he's not employing the principle of playing the best player, or even who is hot at the moment.

Fans are all over the board as it relates to Huerter, and I would love to see him find some of the magic he displayed last season. ★

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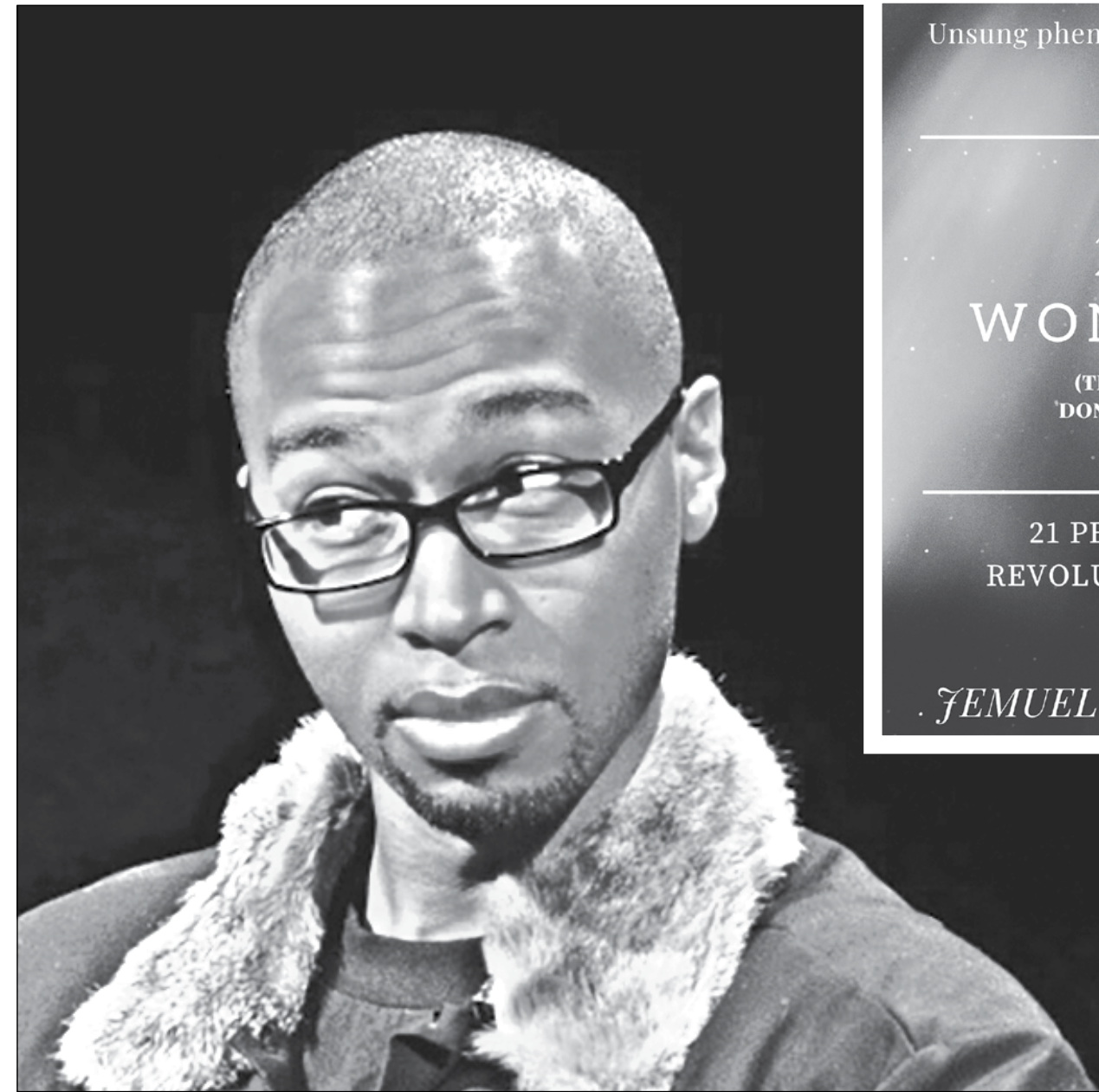
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Jemuel Johnson Shares Society's Wonders with Readers



Jemuel Johnson. Courtesy photo

By Tamara Warta

Sacramento author Jemuel Johnson's new book, "21 Wonders (That You Don't Know)," tells the tale of influential figures that time has forgotten, including Nikola Tesla, Benjamin Banneker and John Brown.

Johnson also wrote the romance novel, "And The Tears Revived" in 2013,

and a collection of suspense tales, "Needles" in 2021.

Now, he has added historical accounts, recognizing heroes of the past to his repertoire.

"21 Wonders (That You Don't Know)" revolves around 21 unsung revolutionaries of yesteryear.

"I'm essentially giving them their flowers. Isn't that a wonderful thing?" Johnson said.

He is proud to provide recognition to those who did not necessarily receive it in their lifetime or ever for that matter.

"Unfortunately, many figures of massive influence are relegated to the shadows of history or are eventually acknowledged 200 years later," Johnson said. "Better late than never, I suppose."

A busy entertainment entrepreneur, the



Jemuel Johnson's latest book cover is shown here. Courtesy image

within a week during someone's lunch breaks," Johnson said. "This book is for people who have a lust for life, who engage with nonfiction, love harrowing, inspirational and aspirational storytelling, and are honest with themselves that they don't read 500-page books anyway."

Readers will find stories that tell the true struggles and dreams of each of the 21 individuals featured.

"I'm obsessed with people who have been through the fire for a desired result," Johnson said. "I want people so badly to own and develop their gifts. These gifts are their upper hand in life. This is not taught in our schools in a dynamic way."

Outside of his creative

endeavors, Johnson works in ride-sharing for both Uber and Lyft from 3 to 8 every morning for the past five years. The job includes airport drop offs, chatting with truck drivers and assisting those going to and from dialysis appointments.

The wide range of individuals that he interacts with daily serve as inspiration. Through these conversations, which include challenging circumstances such as dialysis treatments, Johnson receives inspiration by hearing and observing how everyone's life counts and the desire that others have to share their perspectives.

"It's an excellent way to meet new faces constantly in a private setting and receive massive amounts of information from people from all over the world," Johnson said.

If you're a history buff, love inspirational stories or just want to support a local author, consider adding "21 Wonders (That You Don't Know)" to your reading list.

Johnson focuses on speciality sales and corporate bulk orders, and has a collaboration with Forever 21.

And if you run into Johnson himself around town, you'll be able to land a signed copy of his latest venture.

"Catch me in traffic! I keep copies and a Sharpie on me at all times," said Johnson with great enthusiasm.

"21 Wonders (That You Don't Know)" can also be bought at thebookpatch.com, a marketplace for self-published books. ★

Arden-Arcade-based Johnson is a novelist and also a former TV host and producer of "Half Circle," which broadcast on Comcast On Demand (Channel 17) from 2009 to 2014.

Johnson values his readers and tries to write with the knowledge that many don't have much spare time.

"Wonders" is a book that can be finished

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