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Flights of Independence



Establishing their American River territory in 2016, a bald eagle couple has hatched 13 babies.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Flips, fumbles – even a 24-hour missing eaglet alert – punctuated maiden flights for 2022 bald eaglet twins Phoenix and Flame. (Note: these names were coined by this observer. Scientific observers identify the two females hatched close to Sacramento as eaglets 12 and 13.)

Built in 2016, their parents' eyrie was considered the closest to Sacramento in recorded history. The fact that bald eagles were nesting in unaccustomed territory underscored a comeback for the species that was near extinction in the 1970s. The American River nest has since accommodated 13 babies.

Eaglets fledge at around 12 weeks after hatching. To reach adult size in less than three months, babies are fed

nonstop. They must also be sheltered from cold and parching canyon heat and predators. This year, the parents routed a bobcat that climbed almost to nursery level.

Mama and papa worked in relays to deliver prey. The hatchlings were delicately beak-fed at first. Later, as eaglet instinct developed, beaks and talons tore at prey. Fish and waterfowl provided most of their nutrition. Older by at least four days, Phoenix was the first to scramble outside the nursery and begin the process of branching. Flapping and building flight muscle, she moved around the nesting tree.

One windy June morning, she ventured a jump; missed her footing and fell. A soft landing on bluff grasses prevented injury. But solid ground was a whole new deal. Tripping over clown-sized feet, Phoenix stomped about

her new domain. She tumbled down a bank. Odds favored survival but achieving first flight from ground level seemed a big ask.

Phoenix found a low, horizontal branch. Leaping up, she gained two feet of height and paused to consider. Her papa watched from the nest. Fifty yards away, mama perched in another bluff pine. Phoenix flapped and flawlessly rose. In 50 yards, she gained 50 feet of elevation and landed (20 feet above her mama) in a tangle of talons and slapping wings. Here the juvenile perched all day. A maiden flight is a leap of faith at the best of times; accidental fledging perhaps requires recovery time. One or both parents sat below her for most of her first day out of the nest.

A week later, sibling Flame's debut *Continued on page 3*

Board of Supervisors Pass Homeless Action Plan

By Janna Haynes, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Tuesday, June 14, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the Local Homeless Action Plan, which was created by the County of Sacramento, the City of Sacramento and Sacramento Steps Forward – the lead agency for the local Continuum of Care (CoC).

Background on State funding for homeless response – On July 19, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 140 (Chapter 111, Statutes of 2021), which allocated \$2 billion over two years in Homeless, Housing, Assistance And Prevention (HHAP) Round 3 (HHAP-3) and HHAP Round 4 (HHAP-4) grant funding. In HHAP-3, Sacramento County is eligible for \$7,768,228 in funding.

As a condition of receiving HHAP-3 funding, jurisdictions and CoCs must develop and formally approve a Local Homeless Action Plan (LHAP) that reflects strategies to address State developed Outcome Goals. Sacramento County worked collaboratively with the CoC and the City of Sacramento to develop the Action Plan. This plan reflects strategies that align with best practices to prevent and end homelessness, and are intended to help address gaps in the local homelessness system of care over time.

In addition to ensuring that Sacramento County can draw down these critical State funds, the LHAP also serves as a strategic framework for future investments and reflects best practices in preventing and ending homelessness. Guided by a local gaps analysis that quantified the estimated needs in prevention, sheltering and housing, the LHAP is oriented around five broad strategies:

Build and scale a countywide Coordinated Access System; Ensure sheltering programs are focused on re-housing; Increase permanent housing opportunities; Expand prevention and diversion resources; Invest in community capacity building and training.

The LHAP also stresses the need to identify and mitigate racial disparities within the homelessness programs and system. While persons identifying as Black only represent 11% of the population in our CoC's geographic

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Opportunity Awaits to 'Join the CHP 1,000'

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is embarking on a multiyear recruiting campaign to fill 1,000 vacant officer positions by hiring qualified individuals from California's diverse communities.

The "Join the CHP 1,000" campaign is the Department's attempt to appeal to a wide array of prospective applicants who may not be aware of the life-changing opportunity that awaits with a career with the CHP.

"To meet the increasing demand for our services throughout the state, over the next few years our law enforcement family will be growing exponentially," said CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray. "We are excited to welcome new members

to the team so that the CHP can continue to provide the level of service the public has come to expect."

To qualify as a CHP cadet, applicants must be a United States citizen or a permanent resident who has applied for citizenship, be between the ages of 20 and 35, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, be able to pass a physical abilities test and written exam, and complete a thorough background check with no felony convictions on record.

"It requires a special kind of character and special brand of bravery to

be a California Highway Patrol Officer," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "Our entire way of life – our freedoms, our peace, our pursuit of happiness – depends on those fearless, faithful few determined to protect it. I look forward to welcoming the next set of officers committing to serve California."

A career with the CHP includes paid training. Cadets earn a salary of \$5,563 each month throughout their 26 weeks at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. After graduation, new officers are assigned to communities throughout California and can expect to earn more

than \$100,000 in their first year with the Department.

"Anyone who may be wondering if they have what it takes to become a CHP officer, let me be the first to tell you that you do," added Commissioner Ray. "If you are compassionate, driven to serve, and have a desire to learn, the CHP provides some of the best law enforcement training in the world and we will do all we can to ensure your success."

Joining the CHP family is an opportunity to be the change and make a difference in the community and the lives of those you serve. For more information about the "Join the CHP 1,000" or to apply, visit www.chpcareers.com or call the statewide Recruitment Unit at (916) 843-4300 today.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★



3 CHP Officers Honored for Heroic Actions

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Three California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers received the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor during a ceremony hosted by the U.S. Department of Justice on May 16 in Washington, D.C.

The award presented to CHP Officers Ryan Smith, Vince Mendoza and retired CHP Officer Robert Paul is considered the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer.

“Our entire way of life – our freedoms, our peace, our pursuit of happiness – depends on the rule of law and those fearless, faithful few willing to stand watch,” said Governor Gavin Newsom. “I applaud the bravery and selflessness of these California Highway Patrol officers as they are recognized nationally for their heroism. They exemplify California values and represent the very best of our state’s law enforcement.”

On August 12, 2019, Officer Paul was assisting CHP Officer Andre Moye Jr. with an enforcement stop and vehicle impound near Interstate 215 in Riverside



CHP officers Robert Paul, Vince Mendoza and Ryan Smith received the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor during a ceremony hosted by the U.S. Department of Justice on May 16 in Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy of the California Highway Patrol.

when the suspect suddenly retrieved a rifle from his car and opened fire without warning. Officer Moye was struck and killed, and Officer Paul immediately drew his weapon and engaged the suspect before

radioing “Officer down.” Additional Riverside Area CHP units immediately responded along with units from the Riverside Police Department and Riverside County Sheriff’s Department.

Officer Paul was shot multiple times in his legs and, despite the life-threatening injuries, held off the suspect until backup arrived.

Officer Smith arrived after several minutes, and his patrol vehicle immediately took rounds

from the suspect. Officer Smith exited his vehicle and returned fire and pulled Officer Paul to safety as he was wounded in both legs. Officer Mendoza then arrived and shot at the suspect with a rifle, drawing fire away from Officers Smith and Paul. With the assistance of allied agencies, the gun battle continued for more than 12 minutes until the suspect was fatally shot.

“The actions of these men that day were noble, courageous, and crucial to getting another officer to safety,” said CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray. “I am incredibly proud of these officers for their teamwork and the numerous acts of bravery which took place during this horrific incident.

While we tragically lost one of our own that day, countless other lives were saved because of their heroism.”

Sworn to serve and protect the people of California, CHP officers vow to “assist those in peril or distress, and, if necessary, lay down their [my] life rather than swerve from the path of duty.”

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CHP Graduates Pave the Way for Future Applicants

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol’s (CHP) 128 newest officers graduated from the CHP Academy in West Sacramento on Friday, June 10 after completing 27 weeks of training.

Cadets crossed the stage to receive their badge and assignment at one of the CHP’s 103 Area offices throughout the state, as family and friends packed the gymnasium in

support of the new officers.

“Completing Academy training is a tremendous achievement,” said CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray. “These women and men are not just starting a new job, they are embarking on a lifelong career that requires extreme dedication and a passion for service.”

At the CHP Academy, cadet training starts with nobility in policing, leadership, professionalism and ethics, and cultural diversity. Cadets receive instruction on mental illness response

and crisis intervention techniques. The training covers vehicle patrol, crash investigation, first aid, and the apprehension of suspected violators, including drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The cadets receive training in traffic control, report writing, recovery of stolen vehicles, assisting the motoring public, issuing citations, emergency scene management, and knowledge of the California vehicle code, penal code, and health and safety code.

The CHP’s newest officers join the ranks of the more than 6,700 uniformed personnel serving in communities throughout the state.

A new cadet class is scheduled to begin training at the CHP Academy on June 20. Another class of more than 100 cadets is expected to complete training and graduate in early August.

On Thursday, the CHP launched a multiyear recruiting campaign to fill 1,000 vacant officer positions by hiring qualified individuals from diverse

communities. For more information about the “Join the CHP 1,000” campaign, or to apply, visit <https://recruitment.chp.ca.gov/> or call the statewide Recruitment Unit at (916) 843-4300.

“Joining the CHP family is an opportunity to be the change and make a difference in the community and the lives of those we serve,” added Commissioner Ray.

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The bald eagle nest-sits as 2022 Alpha chick Phoenix tests her wings.

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flight and unobserved landing was another drama. Volunteers combed creation for her. The eaglet's exit from the nest aimed for a distant bluff tree where sibling Phoenix was being fed. Flame belted to her goal; missed her landing; snatched at a limb and hung upside down before falling below the bluff. Then she disappeared. A day-long volunteer

search in triple-digit heat could not locate the juvenile. Disoriented fledgers are wise to lay low and stay silent. By daybreak, a recovered Flame ignited. I photographed her dusky profile in a waterside pine, not far from her botched landing. An oddity I'd observed during the previous day's search suddenly made sense: Flame's parents had alighted on a mid-river island and sat

shoulder-to-shoulder for 30 minutes. Their perch was in view of where Flame eventually materialized. At no point did her parents seem agitated. They evidently knew where she was and had faith in her return. At dawn, the debutante beheld sister Phoenix awaiting a feed on the feeding branch that lured the previous day's fledge. Hungry and motivated, she launched

a mile-long journey to gain 120 feet of height needed for breakfast approach. Her trajectory included crossing the American River. After resting on the opposite bank, Flame barreled back, wing-tips slicing the dark mill pond. The juvenile landed brilliantly near papa on the feeding branch. Her sibling had already breakfasted and regained the eyrie. Mama approached with

a second fish and the prodigal screamed welcome. By devious ploy, the huntress wafted over the outraged tyke and baited the way home. Flame shot off in a piebald blur and soon slam-dunked the nursery. Her food-frenzy screams reached me from half a mile away. Hindsight: For almost 24 hours, fledgling Flame was merely invisible to

the searchers. Nature cloaked her. Wariness kept her silent. Vigilant parents kept her in sight. Instinct guided her flawless homecoming strategy. She was never lost. It's we who were lost without her. Thanks to everyone who searched, prayed, and became even more aware that this American River family is part of our hearts. ★

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‘Speak on It,’ Mike Brown is ‘Here to Win’

Kings formally introduce new head coach

Story and photo by Shaun Holkko, sports editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Hours after parading through the streets of San Francisco to celebrate the Golden State Warriors’ fourth championship in eight years, Mike Brown was formally introduced Tuesday afternoon as the new coach of the Sacramento Kings.

Brown is the 20th head coach in Sacramento franchise history and the 12th since Rick Adelman departed the organization in 2006. Adelman is currently the only Sacramento coach to lead the team to a winning record. The Basketball Hall of Famer had a (.633) regular season winning percentage along with eight playoff appearances in eight years.

“I’m excited about being here,” Brown said at his introductory press conference. “The fan base is tremendous. I remember back in the day, them damn cowbells just use to ring in my ear and use to drive me crazy. I hope we get back to that point because now I’d love to hear them cowbells every game.”

“I’d be the first one raising the roof and telling everybody to get up and ring those things all day



New Kings head coach Mike Brown (right) smiles and answers a question alongside general manager Monte McNair at his introductory press conference on Tuesday, June 21 at Golden 1 Center in Sacramento.

long. The fans, they’re extremely passionate, they’re knowledgeable and I’m just looking forward to being around them.”

Brown has been as an NBA head coach on three separate occasions, with the Los Angeles Lakers (2011-12) and twice with the Cleveland Cavaliers (2005-10 & 13-14). In seven full seasons as the leading man, Brown has led his teams to the playoffs six times, without a single first round elimination. Brown was named the

NBA Coach of the Year in 2009 after leading Cleveland to a 66-16 record and a trip to the Eastern Conference Finals.

“We conducted a very robust, thorough, comprehensive process and we wanted to ensure that we found the right coach,” said Kings general manager Monte McNair. “We did a lot of research, and it came down to really three key things for us: experience, successful head coaching experience; relationships, the ability to build

relationships across the organization; and leadership, as a head coach and leadership for everything that we’re trying to do here.”

During seven plus seasons as a head coach in the league, Brown has a winning record in both the regular season (.616) and playoffs (.566). The 52-year-old spent the last six seasons as an assistant coach with the Warriors, adding three rings to the one he earned as an assistant with the San Antonio Spurs in 2003.

“We gotta get one for the thumb, I only got four!” Brown said to a media member while pounding the table with a laugh and a smile.

Brown expressed three areas of focus as he enters his new role: 1. An alignment of trusts within the organization. 2. A set of values upheld by leadership. 3. An embracement of your role.

“I was brought here to bring some leadership in a lot of different areas,” Brown said. “I’ve been with a lot of different teams in my 30 years, and I’ve experienced what I believe is something that can get organizations over the top, not just in one year, but year in and year out, and that’s having a winning culture. Every organization out there in my opinion has a soul. A strong soul in my opinion equates to a winning culture.”

It’s well chronicled that the Kings’ active playoff drought is the longest in NBA history at 16 seasons. Some new coaches may try and avoid questions about it, but not Brown.

“There ain’t no elephant in the room, you can speak on it,” Brown said. “We’re going to embrace that. I’m not coming here to ‘have fun and be excited enjoying the area.’ I’m coming here to win!” ★



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Supreme Court Gives Business a 'Tort Wars' Win



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

"Tort wars" is the term Capitol insiders apply to the perennial political conflict over the rules governing personal injury lawsuits.

Lawyers who file such suits seek to expand opportunities for litigation, often in concert with other interests, such as unions and environmental activists.

Business and employer groups and their insurers resist such expansion and occasionally propose ways to reduce exposure.

The conflict plays out in the Legislature, in the courts and in ballot measures with countless billions of dollars at stake in outcomes. Earlier this year, a 44-year-long dispute over medical malpractice compensation was resolved in a compromise that averted a ballot measure battle.

However, there are many other fronts in tort wars, including one that resulted in a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last week.

In 2003, just four days after California voters decided to remove him from office, then-Gov. Gray Davis handed personal injury lawyers and unions a major victory by signing legislation called the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA). It enabled workers who had disputes

with their employers to file class action lawsuits even if they had signed pre-employment agreements to submit such disputes to arbitration.

Advocates said it was needed to protect workers' rights and make up for the state labor department's inability to keep up with disputes over wages and other working conditions. Business and employer groups said it gave greedy lawyers a license to demand big settlements of cases and earn big contingency fees.

Ultimately, business interests spent millions of dollars to qualify a ballot measure that would gut PAGA. The initiative petitions have been submitted for signature-counting, but probably too late for the 2022 ballot. Most likely it will go to voters in 2024.

Meanwhile, a case challenging PAGA's provisions has been winding through state and federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court last week declared that some important features are void because they conflict with the Federal Arbitration Act, which encourages civil disputes to be arbitrated rather than litigated.

The case involved Viking River Cruises and one of its employees, former sales representative Angie Moriana. Essentially, the Supreme Court declared that California's Supreme Court had erred in a previous PAGA case and state courts had applied that erroneous decision, involving the division of individual and class action complaints, to Moriana's case.

The decision was not unexpected, given the tenor

of oral arguments, but surprisingly did not reflect the court's much-discussed 6-3 ideological split. The vote was 8-1 with only the court's most conservative member, Clarence Thomas, fully dissenting, saying state issues should be left to state legislatures and courts.

Predictably, even a Supreme Court decision does not end the battle over PAGA because it was decided on technical legal points rather than the broader issue.

Unions, lawyers and their political allies immediately pledged to write new legislation to get around the Supreme Court decree. Sen. Dave Cortese, a San Jose Democrat who chairs the state Senate's labor committee, said the ruling "has provided a roadmap as to how we can create for employees a new pathway to legal standing as well as safeguard the protections that state law puts in place for our workers."

Because the Supreme Court did not strike down all of PAGA, the business coalition backing the ballot measure, dubbed the California Fair Pay and Employer Accountability Act, pledged to continue its campaign. "Even with the SCOTUS ruling on Viking River Cruises, PAGA will still be an avenue for shakedown claims against businesses where trial attorneys take a huge portion of the recovery, leaving employees with a reduced amount," it said.

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

44th Fair Oaks Honorary Mayor Race Underway



Judy Andrews. Photo courtesy of Chrysti Tovani

By Judy Andrews,
Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - Who will become the new 2023 Honorary Mayor of Fair Oaks? The race for this coveted (non-political) title is just getting started. This year there are three candidates in the running!

The Fair Oaks Honorary Mayor campaign was initially created in the late 1970s as a means to help raise money for the Fair Oaks community. The first Honorary Mayor, Bill Withrow, was elected in 1979. Since then, past Honorary Mayors have raised more than \$473,000!

How it Works

Candidates in the running select a local charity of their choice. Each dollar they raise for the charity counts as one vote. Simply, the candidate who brings in the most money at the end of the campaign wins. Proceeds raised from each individual are split 50/50 between their charity and the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce.

The current Fair Oaks Honorary Mayor is long-time local resident Penny Howard who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Penny was also the Fair Oaks Honorary Mayor in 2006 and has earned numerous awards and accolades over the years for her on-going involvement with the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce.

Meet the Candidates

Wesley Collins is new to the chamber and works at Essex Mortgage. At 19-years old, he's also one of the youngest candidates to run for Honorary Mayor. Wesley is raising money for two charities – the chamber's Fair Oaks Youth Outreach (FOYO), a group of young and bright adults who live or attend school in the Fair Oaks community; and the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank.

Jen Rodriguez is also a new member and the owner of Skinned & Lashed facial spa in Fair Oaks. Jen is raising money for the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District's Fair Oaks Youth Advisory Board (FOYAB), a youth-oriented program that promotes leadership skills and provides programs and events that benefit the community.

Dr. Elizabeth "Betty" Swan is a long-time chamber member and owner of Swan Family Optometry in Fair Oaks. In 2006 she was awarded Business of the Year by the chamber. Betty is an on-going corporate sponsor of the chamber's Concerts in the Park series. Her charity of choice is the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank.

The campaign ends on Sept. 30 and the winner

will be announced and crowned at a gala event held at North Ridge Country Club on Oct. 13.

Good luck to all three! To learn more about the chamber's programs and upcoming events, please visit FairOaksChamber.com.

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Wesley Collins



Jen Rodriguez



Dr. Elizabeth "Betty" Swan

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Sometimes the turmoil in our world causes me to wonder why He sent His Beloved Son to rescue any of us from hell. In Old Testament times when man broke God's rules and law, His justice would wipe them off the face of the earth. He left those alone who continued to honor them because they honored God.

God desired to teach every single one of us to honor and love Him "first" in our lives and it is proven by our character and the way we treat

God's Justice

others. Yes, the way we treat others with a different color of skin, hair, traditions, etc. We are all created by God regardless of our differences and He loves every single one of us! When we have grown in intelligence, spiritual and emotional maturity we then will understand the depth of His love. Many will never experience the fullness and appreciation for life given or love showered on all of us because they are centered on self gratification and not focused on our Creator/God.

Watching the news most recently causes my eyes to tear up and I ponder just how we became a world of war and hatred! Does anyone realize we are breaking the heart of God?

How long will He put up with our rejection of His laws? How much more pain will He endure before He steps in and moves to eradicate the hatred and strife we hear about every day?

When will His mighty power fall on those who disregard His Deity as Creator/God and stop this inhumanity to man? Must we regress to a God of the Old Testament to know and understand His mighty power? How long will mankind disregard actually knowing and seeing how powerful He is? When? When? When?

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area, they represent approximately 39% of individuals who are experiencing homelessness and approximately 39% of families with children experiencing homelessness have a Black head of household. Additionally, local data reflecting persons identifying as American Indian/Alaskan Native are not accessing homeless services in proportion to the number of people believed to be experiencing homelessness from that community.

Through the County budget and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, the County has made significant investments in programs that align with these strategies. The LHAP will serve as the countywide strategic plan, reflecting the collective efforts of the County, City of Sacramento, the CoC and other collaborative partners.

What happens now?

With this approval, the Department of Human Assistance (DHA) will submit an application for the County allocation of HHAP-3 funding on or before June 30, 2022. Notification of award is expected by Sept. 28, 2022. Efforts under HHAP are intended to be invested in evidence-based solutions that resolve or prevent homelessness and which align with the LHAP. The plan document will be updated over time with measurable action steps as County, CoC, and City investments are made and new projects and programs are implemented, including those funded under HHAP-3.

Review the PowerPoint about the LHAP at www.saccounty.gov/news/Documents/PPT_HHAP_Action_Plan.ppt.pdf.

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One original or certified proof of identity.*

Examples: valid passport, birth certificate, valid permanent resident card.

*If your name on your proof of identity is different from the name on your other documents you will need a legal name change document (Examples: marriage certificate, adoption papers)

Two different printed proofs of California residency

• Examples: utility bill, bank statement, insurance documents, tax return, rental or lease agreement, school documents

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Big Pharma Approves mRNA COVID Shots in Babies

Liberty Council Press Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On June 17, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted emergency use authorization (EUA) for mRNA COVID shots to be injected into babies as young as six months of age. All this despite the evidence that these shots are not safe or effective for babies and toddlers. Nor are they necessary for this young age.

For the Moderna COVID-19 injection, the FDA amended the EUA to include use of the vaccine in individuals 6 months through 17 years of age. The vaccine had been authorized for use in adults 18 years of age and older. For the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, the FDA amended the EUA to include use of the vaccine in individuals 6 months through 4 years of age. The vaccine had been authorized for use in individuals 5 years of age and older.

The announcement came just two days after the FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the agency authorize the mRNA COVID injections for children under five years of age and as young as six months. Previously, only children five years of age and older were allowed to get jabbed, and only with the Pfizer injection, while people 18 years of age and older were allowed to take Moderna. Now, infants can have their DNA permanently destroyed with either brand, thanks to the FDA.

Then on June 18, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Rochelle P. Walensky, endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendation that all children six months through five years of age should receive a COVID-19 shot.

Research shows that there is no benefit

to children receiving a COVID shot and the injections can cause potential harm, adverse effects and death. According to Pfizer's own study trial data, the chance of death in children from the shot is 107 times higher than death from COVID.

In addition, an analysis by two Israeli researchers shows that at least 58 life-threatening adverse events from the shots in infants and toddlers under three years old were reported to VAERS. The most common serious adverse events were life-threatening bleeding, anaphylactic shock, anticholinergic syndrome, encephalitis, hypoglycemia, and neuroleptic syndrome. In most of the reported cases, these children had multiple injuries. During the analysis, cases were removed in which it was stated that the exposure to the COVID shot was through breastfeeding.

The FDA's briefing document released before the FDA's committee meeting last week claimed that the vaccine efficacy in children under five years is 80.3 percent. However, even though the study to "determine" this included 1,678 children who received three doses of the formulation, the stated 80.3 percent efficacy claim is based only on "10 symptomatic COVID-19 cases identified from seven days after the third dose and accrued as of April 29, 2022" (emphasis added).

A recent study also suggests that the effectiveness of COVID-19 shots in children is low in the beginning and wanes rapidly to statistical insignificance. Moreover, the data suggests that vaccine effectiveness in children actually becomes negative within several months after the second dose.

Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, "There is no significant benefit and all risk to inject a baby with an experimental COVID shot. The FDA has discredited itself." ★

4th of July Reminder: Keep it Safe, Keep it Legal

By Janna Haynes, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - With Independence Day coming up, please remember to know the risks of fireworks, only use legal fireworks and stay safe when using. If you see or suspect illegal firework usage, please report it! See reporting contact information below.

The County has teamed up with our cities, fire and law enforcement jurisdictions to educate our community members on how to celebrate safely, how to spot a safe and sane firework and how to report illegal fireworks usage. In addition, many jurisdictions are enforcing stricter penalties this year for illegal fireworks usage.

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors adopted a social host ordinance that levies fines, starting at \$1,000, against property owners that either use or allow use of illegal fireworks on their property, in addition to fines for use in places like the American River Parkway. Read more about the Social Host Ordinance.

Calls for service throughout the County increase dramatically on July 4, and emergency response resources are stretched extremely thin. During the holiday weekend, please use 9-1-1 for emergencies only – like an active fire or injury or immediate threat to persons or property. Each jurisdiction has provided an alternative method to report illegal fireworks sale and usage.

Together, we can ensure that

Independence Day celebrations are fun, safe and do not cause undue injury or fire in our communities.

Know the Risks

The unsafe use of fireworks can cause severe burns, amputations, blinding and even death; Damaging fires may occur when children use fireworks unsupervised by adults; Parents are responsible for any property damage or injuries caused by all fireworks.

Keep it Legal

All legal fireworks in California are called Safe and Sane Fireworks and must bear the State Fire Marshal's seal; Safe and Sane Fireworks may only be used and sold from noon June 28th through midnight on July 4th; Any firework that goes up in the air or explodes is illegal and dangerous.

Keep It Safe

Always have a bucket of water to dispose of fireworks and leave in the water overnight before disposing; Always have a hose connected to water available in case of fire; Do not use fireworks near dry grass or other flammable materials; Do not use fireworks while under a canopy, covered balcony, covered patio or under a tree or bushes.

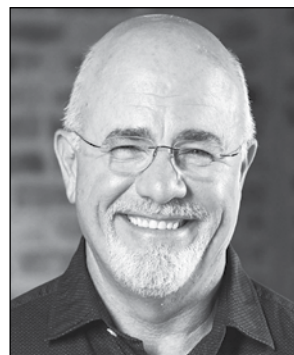
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Dave Ramsey Says

Doesn't Sound Like Fun to Me!

Dear Dave,

Sometimes on vacation trips I like to check out casinos. I always account for the money I wager in my budget, and I never spend more than I've allotted. How do you feel about gambling at a casino, as long as you limit your spending this way?

– Carson

Dear Carson,

Ok, I'm going to be honest about this. When someone tells me they gamble for fun or recreation, my first thought is they're crazy – crazy enough to think they'll actually come out ahead. I mean, you might see a news story once in a while

about someone winning big money in a casino, but that almost never happens. Think, too, about how much cash those folks flushed down the toilet previously while gambling. In reality, there's a strong chance they didn't really "win" anything. They probably just recouped a small portion of their previous, substantial losses.

I know, all this probably makes me sound old and out of touch. But I just don't get the concept of gambling "for fun." I don't find it thrilling or exciting to lose money I've worked hard to earn, even if there are flashing lights and a party going on. Don't get me wrong, my wife and I include "fun money" in our budget every month and do things we enjoy. But, to each his own, I guess.

Still, my advice would be don't waste your time and money on that stuff. One way or another, the house always wins. It's your

money, and you can what you want with it, Carson. But think about this: Why do most of the folks sitting at slot machines and card tables look like they can't afford to lose money? The majority look desperate, some even angry, and that's sad. I don't know, maybe it's the lighting or some other strange coincidence.

Yeah, I don't think so..

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

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Defendant Sentenced for Human Trafficking, Pimping/Pandering

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Ernest Sawtelle sentenced Johnnie Cokley to 55 years and eight months in prison.

On May 11, 2022, a jury convicted Cokley of assault with a deadly weapon, human trafficking, pimping, pandering, kidnapping, two counts of felony evasion and being a felon in possession of ammunition. The jury found true four allegations that Cokley caused

great bodily injury. An allegation that Cokley has a prior strike conviction for carjacking was also found true.

On March 22, 2020, a female with a life-threatening stab wound to her stomach appeared at a Sacramento Fire Department firehouse. The victim was transported to a hospital, where she reported to a sheriff's deputy that Johnnie Cokley had stabbed her. The victim later explained that she had been trafficked by Cokley for almost one year and was trying to get away

from him when she was stabbed. An arrest warrant was issued for Cokley. On April 9, 2020, detectives attempted to stop Cokley while he was driving his car. Cokley fled and sped through a residential area until he abandoned his car and fled on foot, evading arrest. Deputies located multiple boxes of firearm ammunition in Cokley's car. Two days later, Cokley was located again and fled from deputies by car. Cokley drove erratically onto the freeway before leaving that car in a community center parking lot and

fleeing on foot. Cokley was found in a nearby apartment complex and taken into custody.

A lengthy investigation uncovered contacts the victim and Cokley had with law enforcement in California and Phoenix, Arizona from June 2019 to March 2020, all related to prostitution. The Phoenix investigation revealed a surveillance video of Cokley beating the victim to the point of unconsciousness at a convenience store and leaving her there. This investigation helped to establish a timeline

of the relationship and Cokley was engaging in a continuing course of pimping, pandering and human trafficking over an extended period of time. The victim testified that Cokley stabbed her and that they had a pimp/prostitute relationship. She also testified that Cokley kidnapped her in a shopping center parking lot in an attempt to get her back under his control.

Cokley has prior convictions for vehicle theft, resisting officers, domestic violence and felon in possession of a firearm. ★

Defendant Convicted of Killing Homeless Man

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Deante Whitaker was convicted by a jury of the first-degree murder of George Kouklis. The jury also found true a use of deadly weapon allegation.

On August 24, 2019, Whitaker was driving on North 16th Street by Capitol Casino when the victim, a local homeless man, walked in front of his car. Whitaker stopped and the victim yelled at him. Whitaker then drove around the victim and proceeded

to drive around the block. When Whitaker saw the victim standing at the same intersection, he drove right into him. The victim was launched across several lanes of traffic, suffered blunt force trauma and died the next day. Whitaker was arrested a little over a week later after calling to report his license plates were stolen.

Whitaker faces a maximum of sentence of 26 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for August 5, 2022, in Department 12 before the Honorable Maryanne Gilliard. ★

Defendant Sentenced for Child Sexual Assault

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Laurel White sentenced David Belmares to 68 years to life in prison.

On April 29, 2022, a jury convicted David Belmares of 9 counts of child sexual assault and his brother, Jared Belmares, was convicted of 4 counts of child sexual assault.

A family member of the defendants operated a foster care and daycare out of her home. Over a period of years between 2011 – 2013, the defendants molested

children who were in the daycare. At the time of the abuse, the defendants were adults and the children were all under the age of 10 years old. Both defendants had previously molested several young girls who were in foster care at the home from 2008-2011, but information about the daycare abuse did not come to light until later disclosures by the children.

Jared Belmares faces a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison. He will be sentenced on July 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 33 before the Honorable Laurel White. ★

Defendant Convicted of Sexually Assaulting 4 Children in Daycare

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Miguel Orozco pled to sexual

penetration or oral copulation of a child under 10 years of age and multiple counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14 years of age.

Orozco's girlfriend was running a daycare out of her apartment. Between 2006 and 2012, Orozco sexually assaulted four children he had access to through his

girlfriend's daycare. Two of the victims were 4 years old when the abuse started, the third victim was 5 years old and the fourth victim was 7 years old.

Orozco faces a maximum sentence of 22 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for July 13, at 1:35 p.m. in Department 63 before the Honorable Carlton Davis. ★

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Enter Your Masterpiece Dish for the Salsa Cookoff FUNdraiser

By **Sydnie Anderson,**
Helping Hands OV

ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG) - Tuesday, August 9th from 6 – 7:30pm at La Placita located at 9272 Greenback Ln, Orangevale, CA 95662, Helping Hands OV is turning up the heat with their first ever Salsa Cookoff FUNdraiser!

This competition is sure to make your taste buds go wild! Is your home-made salsa one to make eyes water, or maybe the mix of chunky veggies makes everyone say “yummm”? Well; This is your chance to be crowned the best of the best in Orangevale and Fair Oaks! Enter your culinary masterpiece online at helping-hands.ov.square.site or day of in person.

Salsa entries are \$20, and \$15 for any additional salsas. Be sure to bring a gallon of each and a serving spoon, because our community is coming HUNGRY! If the word “salsa” makes your mouth water, this is where you must be! Just \$5 gets you in to taste all the local flavors and vote for who you think is best.

Enjoy live entertainment, photo ops and a table full of drawing prizes. If the heat is too much for you, you might get caught over at the booth of flame, where you can cool your whistle... for a price. Come on out, bring your friends and family and let them eat salsa!!!

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Oh Beautiful



That’s how it all began... “Oh beautiful for spacious skies for amber waves of grain” a description of a wondrous new land.. We celebrate the Fourth of July with parades and picnics and fireworks where permitted, but sometimes we don’t really think about what it really means. This day is the official beginning of our country and its growth to be what it is today. But how much do we know about this special day and the founders? I thought it would be fun to do a “did you know” column of facts we don’t think of, as we celebrate to the Max! So here we go on the lighter side.

1. Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4: John Hancock and Charles Thomson, secretary of Congress. Most of the others signed on August 2.
2. Not everyone was on board with celebrating on July 4, the day Congress approved the Declaration. John Adams who became our second President, wanted to celebrate on July 2, the day congress voted for independence. He refused to attend festivities on July 4.
3. One U.S. President, Calvin Coolidge, was born on July 4. So were Nathaniel Hawthorne, George Steinbrenner, and Malia Obama.
4. July 4 wasn’t deemed a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years

5. after the nation was founded, and a paid holiday for federal employees in 1941.
6. On July 4, 1778, George Washington ordered a double ration of rum for his soldiers to celebrate the holiday.
7. Fireworks have been a major part of Fourth of July since the earliest celebrations. In 1884, miners blew up the post office in Swan, Colorado because it wasn’t supplied with fireworks.
8. The Philippines gained their own independence from the U.S. on July 4, 1946 by signing the Treaty of Manila.
9. Other countries...including Denmark, England, Norway, Portugal, and Sweden celebrate the Fourth of July because so many of their citizens moved to the U.S. or simply to attract American tourists.
10. Americans consume around 150 million hot dogs on the Fourth of July.
11. Americans also spend more on beer on the Fourth of July than any other national holiday.
12. The first annual commemoration of July 4 was in 1777 in Philadelphia.
13. Thomas Jefferson was the first President to celebrate July 4 at the White House in 1801 featuring horse races, parades, food and drinks.

Fun to look at the lighter side of the Fourth of July, but it was serious business at the beginning. Some colonists celebrated Independence Day during the summer of 1776 by putting on mock funerals for King George III of England. They symbolized the death of the Crown’s rule in America. The main purpose of this holiday is to honor all those who fought to make this new land America, the land of the free! Enjoy your July 4 with family and friends, but don’t forget to remember how it all started!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!!

Ask Toni

Why Is My Medicare Premium an Extra \$499?



Toni King

Toni:
My husband, John and I need your guidance because I believe I have made a mistake enrolling in Medicare. Last year, John was laid off and lost his employer health insurance. I have enrolled in Medicare since I am turning 65 in August. John is a Veteran and is receiving his healthcare from the VA, so he did not have to enroll in Medicare and his healthcare is not costing us anything.

Why is my Medicare costing me an extra \$499 for Medicare Part A and \$170.10 for Medicare Part B? I thought Medicare Part A was free. Is there a form that I did not fill out? I have not worked very much since we married 40+ years ago and was a stay-at-home Mom and now I am the caretaker for our elderly parents.

Please explain what I should do to correct my Medicare mistake.

Thank you
Susan from Cleveland, Ohio

Susan:
Most Americans do not realize that they must work a certain amount of time and pay employment taxes to have Medicare Part A with no premium. This is what your problem is and the Toni Says® Medicare office can help you solve your problem.

To qualify for Medicare Part A at no cost, you must have worked and paid Social Security and Medicare taxes from your payroll check for at least 10 years or 40 quarters (paying taxes).. When you sign up for Medicare Part A, if you are not working full-time with yours or your spouse’s employer benefits, you may want to enroll in Part B, which has a monthly premium.

The premium for Medicare Part A is \$499 each month if you do not qualify

for premium free Medicare Part A. If you paid Medicare taxes for 30-39 quarters not 40 quarters, then the standard Part A premium is \$274 each month.

Those who did not work or pay into the Social Security System for at least 10 years or 40 quarters and have been married for 10 years or longer, should apply for Medicare under their working spouse’s Social Security number that qualifies with the proper amount of employment time for Medicare.

If one never married or lives with someone as a domestic partner and did not work enough quarters, they will have to pay for their Medicare Part A premium.

My advice to you Susan would be to call your local Social Security office, since it is the government office which oversees America in Medicare enrollment. Explain that you have always been a stay-at-home spouse, but your husband has worked enough quarters to qualify and you need to appeal your Medicare Part A premium of \$499. Tell the Social Security representative that you are seeking premium-free Medicare Part A, due to your husband having enough quarters.

Social Security will look over both yours and your husband’s Social Security accounts to verify that he has enough quarters to qualify. Be prepared to provide a certified marriage license showing you are married, and you will have to provide the original certified marriage license (not a copy) to that specific Social Security office.

For Medicare enrollment questions either call your local Social Security office specific 800 number or call the Toni Says Medicare hotline at 832/519-8664 for help.

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Defendant Sentenced for First-Degree Murder of 17-Year-Old

Sac County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Maryanne Gilliard sentenced Curtis Slaton to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

On April 22, 2022, a jury convicted Slaton of the first-degree murder of 17-year-old Jaylen Betschart. The jury found true the special circumstance of firing from a motor vehicle and the allegation that Slaton personally discharged a firearm causing death. The Court also found true an allegation that Slaton has a prior strike conviction for carjacking.

On October 3, 2020, Sacramento police officers found the victim in his car that had crashed into a utility pole on Jackson Road

and Florin-Perkins Road. He had been shot once in the back. Investigators obtained surveillance video from several locations that showed the suspect car chasing the victim down Jackson Road with the shots fired just before the intersection. Investigators identified the car as belonging to Slaton and located the car at Slaton’s residence later the same day. A search warrant at Slaton’s residence recovered a Glock handgun that was found in another vehicle parked at the residence. Casings left at the scene at Jackson Road and Florin-Perkins Road were later found to match the recovered handgun. Further investigation revealed additional evidence that Slaton was the driver of the suspect car and the shooter. ★

STUDENTS MAKING THE GRADE

We recognize local students who have achieved scholastic honors at their institutions of higher learning.

- ❖ **VICTORIA SAENZ** (Fair Oaks) was named to the University of Mississippi Fall 2021 Chancellor’s Honor Roll.
- ❖ **SAMMIE WILHOIT** (Orangevale) was named to the Champlain College (Burlington, VT) Dean’s List for Fall 2021.
- ❖ **LAUREN DODIER** (Orangevale) earned placement on the Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA) President’s List for Fall 2021.
- ❖ **LANCE NEWLAND** (Orangevale) earned Academic Honors at Missouri Military Academy.
- ❖ **WHITNEY MAYFORTH** (Orangevale) was named to the Dean’s List at George Fox University (Newberg, OR).
- ❖ **MICHAEL KNEIFF** (Orangevale) was named to the Dean’s List at Columbia College (Columbia, MO) for Spring 2022.

The following local students were named to the Dean’s List for Fall 2021 at Biola University (La Mirada, CA)

- ❖ **SYDNEY HENRY** (Orangevale)
- ❖ **HANNAH KLEIN** (Orangevale)
- ❖ **TRISTAN HENRY** (Orangevale)
- ❖ **SIENA KLING** of (Orangevale)
- ❖ **INDEPENDENCE WHITNACK** (Orangevale)

The following local students were was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at University of the Pacific (Stockton, CA)

- ❖ **MORGAN HERINGER** (Fair Oaks)
- ❖ **SCOTT HROZA** (Orangevale)
- ❖ **AMANDA NAVARRO** (Orangevale)

May 2022

Social Security Matters

Will Claiming Early Affect My Wife’s Survivor Benefit?



By **Russell Gloor,**
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife will be turning 62 and eligible to collect Social Security this year. We realize it will be a reduced amount. I am 52 and have been the sole income earner for most of the last 20 years. We also have an adopted son who will be turning 14 this year. We realize he will receive a dependent benefit until he turns 18 and this may make the case for filing early. I am confused about widow benefits - will my wife’s early filing affect her widow’s benefit amount? **Signed: Confused Husband**

Dear Confused Husband: When your wife claims her own SS retirement benefit (e.g., at 62) will have no effect on the benefit available to her as your widow. The only thing that would affect her

survivor benefit as your widow is her age when she claims it. Claimed before her FRA, her survivor benefit would be reduced, but claimed at or after her FRA, your wife’s survivor benefit as your widow will be 100% of the amount you were receiving (or, if you are not yet collecting, the amount you were entitled to receive) at your death. Your wife would get that amount, instead of her smaller personal amount.

However, for your awareness, your wife’s spousal benefit while you are both living (which she can claim when you start your own SS benefit) will be less than half of your FRA benefit amount because she claimed her own SS retirement benefit at age 62. The reason is that your wife’s benefit as your spouse when you claim will consist of her own reduced SS retirement benefit, plus a spousal boost to bring her payment up to her spousal entitlement. Since her spousal boost will be added to her own reduced early benefit, her total payment as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

If your wife claims her own SS retirement

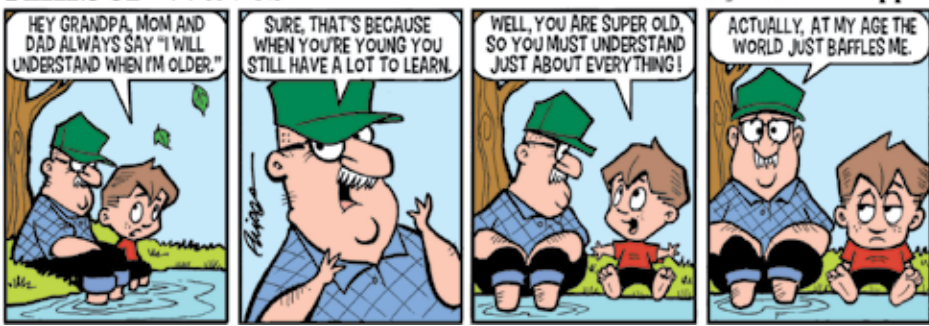
benefit at age 62, she can also apply for your adopted minor son’s benefits based on her personal lifetime work record. Although your wife’s personal early benefit will be cut (by 30%) for claiming at age 62, your son’s benefit as your wife’s minor child will be based on your wife’s full retirement age (FRA) benefit amount. Your son’s benefit from your wife will be 50% of your wife’s FRA amount (not her age 62 amount). As you know, your son will get that amount until he is 18 (or 19 if he is still in high school).

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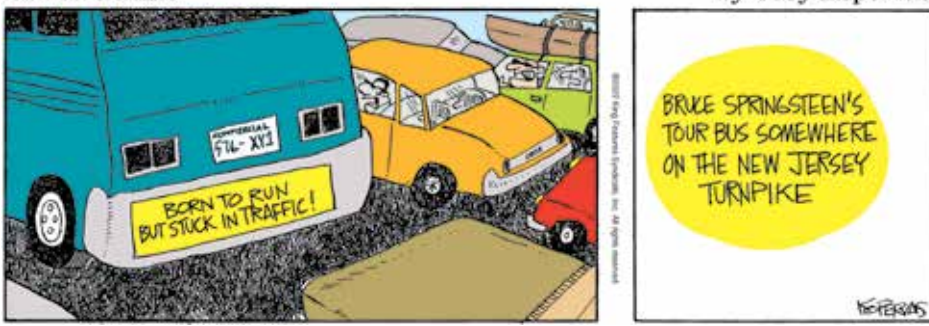
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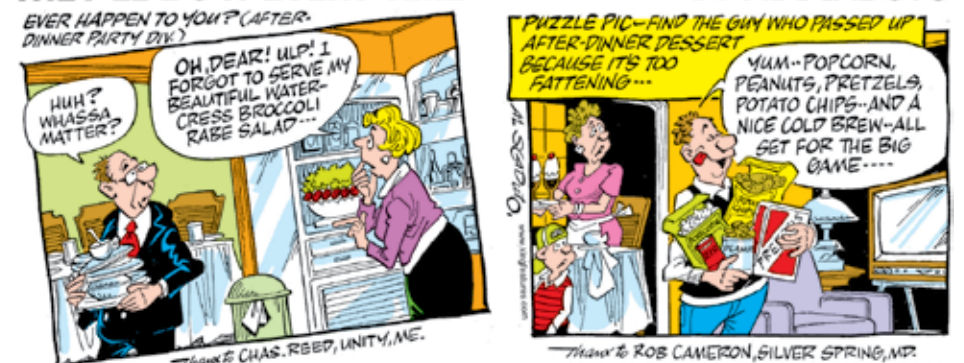
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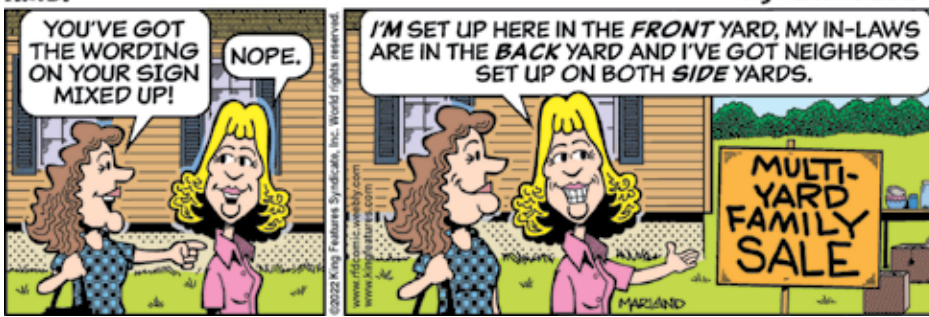
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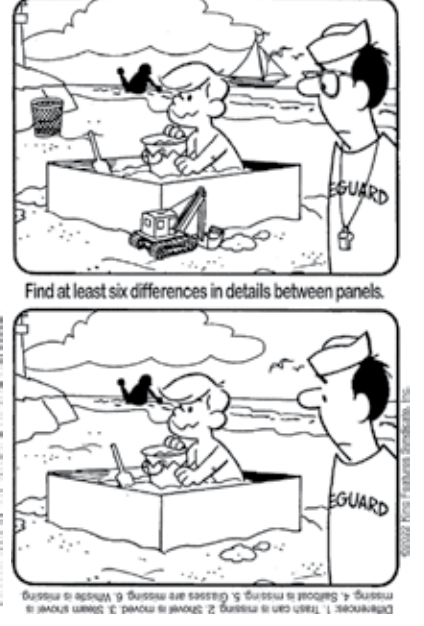
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Skinner Band Bids Farewell

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CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - A band central to Carmichael Community life for more than 40 years will stage a final performance on July 16. Part of the summer concert series, the John Skinner Band show will farewell a Sacramento tradition.

The band's leader, trumpeter John Skinner, died unexpectedly in 2017. "Since then, we kept things going with another leader," explains Skinner's widow, singer Susan Skinner. "But the pandemic cancelled every job possibility for more than two years. We're satisfied to make July 16 our last hurrah. It'll be a happy celebration. I believe John would applaud going out with a big bang."

Over the decades, Skinner ensembles ranged from big band groups to seven-piece combos. With a playlist that included swing, Latin and rock 'n roll classics, dancing was a huge part of the Skinner tradition. "The July 16 agenda is to fill the park dance floor," says Susan Skinner. "We'll plan to accommodate everyone."

Hundreds of Sacramento musicians cut pro-teeth on Skinner gigs. The band will reach out to alumni to come with horns on the 16th. "In the final number, we'll invite all Skinner alumni on stage," says Susan Skinner. "It'll be a finale no one will forget."

"My husband's favorite gigs were weeks-long engagements at the State



Warming up for a Carmichael Park concert, John Skinner and fellow trumpet pros Rick Baker (left) and Kurt Pearsall give an impromptu lesson to wannabe Josh Davis. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

Fair. And he loved Friday at Town and Country Village. Those nights had most of Sacramento dancing in the parking lot. California Governor Pete Wilson hired us for most State shindigs. His wife Gayle sometimes sat in with the band and she sang great. John was a Vietnam

veteran and he loved playing patriotic dates, like our July 4 concerts.

"We've performed in airport hangars, casinos, museums and railway yards. When Sacramento Tower Bridge was illuminated around 1990, we were hired to do 'You Light Up My Life.'

We played countless weddings and family celebrations. John had fond memories of contracting bands for Bob Hope, Anne Murray, Natalie Cole and Luciano Pavarotti. But we loved public concerts best.

"The band was a staple for summer in Carmichael. John marked

our 40th season at the park with a \$400 dollar donation to the Park District. He played his last solo there at our 2017 concert, just days before he died. On July 16, our eight-piece band will include me and John's daughter, Kathryn. We Band members will represent around

200 years of Skinner Band history. John's guys were dear friends. We hope to see lots of them among our July 16 audience."

Skinner Band Concert downbeat is 6:30 PM. For more information, call 916 481-0334 or visit John Skinner Band on Facebook. ★

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Chicken Leg Quarters 99¢/lb	Country Style Pork Loin Ribs - Bnls \$2.49/lb	Pork Loin Chops Boneless \$2.49/lb
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ASIAN GROCERY

Super Q Bbq 16 oz \$2.19/ea	Golden Mountain Seasoning Sauce 20 oz \$3.49/ea	Tropical Farm Coconut Milk 13.5 fl oz 99¢/ea	Chiao Kiao Coconut Milk Drinks 6pk 6x5.8 fl oz \$5.99/ea	On & Palm Corned Beef Chunky 11.5 oz \$5.99/ea
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