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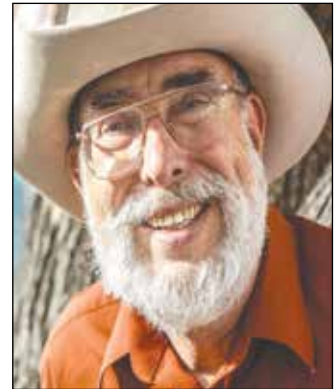
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Memorial Concert to Celebrate the Life of Music Man Skinner



Man with a horn. John Skinner provided music for thousands of Sacramento area celebrations. Have horn, will travel (at right). Skinner's career as a 747 pilot enabled band gigs all over the world. Skinner family photos

By Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Musicians who worked for bandleader John Skinner will offer a memorial celebration of his life on Sunday, September 17 at Carmichael's La Sierra Community Center. The tribute reflects Skinner's life-long philosophy. "Happy crowds remind me why I started playing in the first place," said the music man. He died recently at the age of 71.

During the most recent Skinner concert, fans witnessed a final performance from the group's famous leader. From his seat in the audience, his solo from

Louis Armstrong's "Wonderful Word" rang clear and vibrant. Aware of Skinner's health challenges, teary-eyed fans stood and applauded. His last post.

Self-dubbed "Johnny Trumpet" grew up in Orland CA. His pianist mom provided a trumpet and a teacher for her musical son. When Mexican trumpeter Raphael Mendez visited town, the 10-year-old cajoled a lesson from his idol. "Mendez lit a fire under me," he

explained. "From that day, I spent every spare minute practicing."

He turned pro at 16. Recruiting school friends, Skinner formed a big band while still an Orland High School junior. "We called

ourselves the Crescents," he recalled. "A resort hotel gave us a gig. We finished newspaper runs, grabbed white jackets and were paid for music. We all got our

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Senator Nielsen Praises Work of Sacramento County Farm Bureau

State Senator Cites Commitment to Agriculture and Farming

By Bill Bird, SCFB

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Farm Bureau (SCFB) has drawn both the admiration and praise of Northern California State Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Gerber), who recent congratulated the organization for its 100-years of service to the Sacramento County community and its recent recognition from the California Agriculture Heritage Club. Nielsen, who represents that 4th State Senate District and serves as Chair of the Senate Republican Caucus, Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Vice Chair of the Senate Budget & Fiscal Review, praised the SCFB for its "commitment to agriculture and farming for the past 100-years."

"I appreciate your continued efforts to promote and defend the agricultural interests within the county; such support is invaluable," Senator Nielsen wrote in a letter to the SCFB. "Additionally, I applaud the

efforts the organization and its board have taken to remain fiscally responsible for its duration. The accomplishments you have achieved over this past century surely give you a lot to be proud of."

Senator Nielsen also praised the SCFB for its "celebratory milestone" and its state-wide recognition from the 2017 California Agricultural Heritage Club Ceremony held last month at the California State Fairgrounds in Sacramento.

"Senator Nielsen's recognition of the work and accomplishments of the SCFB is an important triumph for this organization," said SCFB Board President Virginia Hemly-Chhabra. "Senator Nielsen is no stranger to agriculture. He grew up on a small farm in the San Joaquin Valley and later worked as a ranch foreman and operated the family cattle, field and row-crop ranch. His recognition of SCFB efforts is greatly appreciated."

The SCFB was honored for 100-years of services last month at the 2017 California

Agricultural Heritage Club Ceremony held at the California State Fairgrounds in Sacramento. Membership in the Agricultural Heritage Club is a prestigious award, which is only given to farms, ranches, organizations and agribusinesses that have maintained a fiscal responsibility in the state for at least one full century.

Sacramento County is the 25th largest agriculture producing county in California with total agricultural production approaching \$500 million. The top five county crops include wine grapes, poultry, grain corn, milk and Bartlett pears.

Sacramento County farmers put food on your fork. Our agricultural operations and products are as diverse as the lands we carefully manage. We are proud to provide healthy, fresh food for your family and ours. We invite you to join our efforts to protect Sacramento County's agriculture, rural character, and our ability to produce local, high-quality food for your table. ★

Beware of Fake Charity Scams Relating to Hurricane Harvey

By David A. Tucker, IRS Media Relations

The Internal Revenue Service today issued a warning about possible fake charity scams emerging due to Hurricane Harvey and encouraged taxpayers to seek out recognized charitable groups for their donations.

While there has been an enormous wave of support across the country for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, people should be aware of criminals who look to take advantage of this generosity by impersonating charities to get money or private information from well-meaning taxpayers. Such fraudulent schemes may involve contact by telephone, social media, e-mail or in-person solicitations.

Criminals often send emails that steer recipients to bogus websites that appear to be affiliated with legitimate charitable causes. These sites frequently mimic the sites of, or use names similar to, legitimate charities, or claim to be affiliated with legitimate charities in order to persuade people to send money or provide personal financial information that can be used to steal identities or financial resources.

IRS.gov has the tools people need to quickly and easily check the status of charitable organizations.

The IRS cautions people wishing to make disaster-related charitable donations to avoid scam artists by following these tips: Be sure to donate to recognized charities; Be wary of charities with names that are similar to familiar or nationally known organizations. Some phony charities use names or websites that sound or look like those of respected, legitimate organizations. The IRS website at IRS.gov has a search feature, Exempt Organizations Select Check, through which people may find qualified charities; donations to these charities may be tax-deductible; Don't give out personal financial information — such as Social Security numbers or credit card and bank account numbers and passwords — to anyone who solicits a contribution. Scam artists may use this information to steal a donor's identity and money; Never give or send cash. For security and tax record purposes, contribute by check or credit card or another way that provides documentation of the donation.

Consult IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, available on IRS.gov. This free booklet describes the tax rules that apply to making legitimate tax-deductible donations. Among other things, it also provides complete details on what records to keep.

Taxpayers suspecting fraud by email should visit IRS.gov and search for the keywords "Report Phishing."

More information about tax scams and schemes may be found at IRS.gov using the keywords "scams and schemes." Details on available relief can be found on the disaster relief page on IRS.gov. ★

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Capitol Pops and More at Music Festival

By Linda Glover

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

The Capitol Pops Concert Band continues its landmark 20th anniversary season with a free, public concert from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 5811 Walnut Ave., in Orangevale.

The band's performance is part of the church's second "Songs of September Music Festival" event, which will be held outdoors on the church grounds, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Also scheduled to perform is the RC Swing Dance Band out of Rancho Cordova. The 17-piece swing band performs all the big band and swing standards, great dance music for multiple generations. RC Swing's concert is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

From 6 to 7 p.m., festival attendees will be entertained by the Guemmer & Myers Trio. Composed of Scott Guemmer, pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church; Jenny Guemmer and Owen Myers, the trio specializes in inspirational, passionate music.

Under the baton of Director Emeritus Jerry Lopes, the CPCB performance will include some of the band's traditional American favorites that have entertained Northern California audiences for nearly 20 years.

There is no admission charge to attend the event. Voluntary donations will be accepted on-site by both the CPCB and Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Hot dogs, chips and beverages will be available for purchase. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the

show on the church green adjacent to CTK's patio area.

Started in 1997, the CPCB has performed a diverse portfolio of high-quality, well-prepared music heard by thousands of concert-goers throughout Northern California. The Citrus Heights-based, self-supporting, nonprofit community band of about 60 musicians represents a wide cross-section of the Sacramento area. Christ the King Lutheran Church is the band's rehearsal site.

For more information on the Capitol Pops, visit www.capitolpops.org or its Facebook page. The Guemmer & Myers Trio website is <http://guemmerandmyers.weebly.com>. The RC Swing Dance Band website is www.rcswing.com.

More details on the Sept. 9 event can be obtained at www.christthekingov.com, on the church's Facebook page or by calling 916-988-2484. ★

Regional Parks Safety Tips for Labor Day Weekend

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

As Sacramentans get ready for the final holiday weekend of summer, Sacramento County's Department of Regional Parks is reminding visitors to have fun and be safe. People of all ages should be aware of the rules and regulations at County parks. These rules promote safety and help preserve the parks.

Be Safe in the Water:

- Life Looks Good On You—and so does a life vest! Before you dive in, put on a life vest. There are borrowing stations along Sacramento's waterways and at local fire stations. Remember, even the strongest swimmer can be pulled under by the strong river currents.
- Kids Don't Float—but life vests do. Make sure your child wears a life vest. Sacramento County ordinance requires any child under 13 to wear a life vest before accessing any public waters (Sacramento County Ordinance 13.08.301). Bring a life vest for each of your children to the river.
- Rivers are running especially

fast and cold this weekend. Sacramento County recommends that people of all ages and abilities use caution when swimming or boating. Visit the Sacramento County's Department of Regional Parks website about water safety tips.

Alcohol Prohibited for the Holiday Weekend:

- Beginning Saturday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 4, possession of alcohol is prohibited on the shore and river of the American River within Sacramento County Regional Parks' jurisdiction. The prohibition includes open or closed alcoholic beverages.
- County Rangers will also continue to enforce the year-round alcohol restrictions from Paradise Beach to Discovery Park.

Prevent Wildfires:

- All fireworks are prohibited in Regional Parks.
- Smoking is only allowed in developed picnic areas, asphalt surfaces, golf courses and on levee tops in the American River Parkway.

- Open flame fires are not allowed, and barbequing is only permitted in designated picnic areas.

Parking Fee Increase:

The number of visits to Regional Parks increases dramatically during holiday weekends, which increases the cost to staff and maintain the parks. In order to offset these costs and provide maximum staffing and enforcement, the vehicle entrance fee will increase to \$8 for single vehicles and \$13 for oversized vehicles and vehicles towing watercraft.

These increases will not affect annual pass holders. Visitors who regularly enjoy County Parks are encouraged to purchase an Annual Parks Pass, not only to save money but to help keep our parks safe and clean.

Visit the Sacramento County Regional Parks website for more information. For emergencies, call 9-1-1.

Call 3-1-1 to report non-emergency or maintenance issues.

Source: Sacramento County Media ★

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Martin Barre Band Headlines Harlow's



My new band is going to be pulling from an amazing repertoire of the Tull classics, adding in my own band's bluesy riffs and interpretations, but positively we are going to be making our fans happy, said Martin Barre. Photo by Martin Webb

By Jacqueline Fox

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, (MPG) - You'd have to be living under a rock not to notice the resurging interest in classic rock and roll, live performances specifically, and riding that wave is former Jethro Tull guitarist Martin Barre, who's new band is currently enjoying its first West Coast tour with a September 8 gig set for Harlow's Nightclub downtown.

"I get the best of both worlds," says Barre, 71, explaining how he and former Tull lead man, Ian Anderson who founded the band in 1967, have an understanding that the music of Tull, which officially disbanded in 2011, belongs to them equally. As such, fans new and old of Tull's original music can fully expect the Martin Barre band to come through, pulling heavily from Tull's more than two dozen albums and compilations, delivering familiar and new versions of the songs that shaped the British rock band's 45-year run, including, *Crossed Eyed Mary*, *Thick as a Brick*, *Skating Away* and the 1971 release that essentially put the band on the map in the United States, *Aqualung*.

"Ian and I have an understanding that, although Jethro Tull are finished, we both have full access to our music," said Barre. "My new band is going to be pulling from an amazing repertoire of the Tull classics, adding in my own band's bluesy riffs and interpretations, but positively we are going to be making our fans happy. I talk to our fans and I know what they want and it's important to me."

Harlow's gig marks the third stop on the band's 2017-18 tour, which culminates in Germany next May. The band has just released an album, *Back to Steel* (71st Street Music) and is preparing for a second album release sometime in early 2017, said

Barre. Barre joined Tull amidst the release of its second album in 1961, *Stand Up*.

The Martin Barre Band's approach will please fans who remember the earthy, bluesy sounds of early Tull, as well as their popular folk and progressive rock sounds. But don't be surprised if the performance takes you right out of the Tull bubble for a minute and into alternative territory with Barre's own version of a couple of tunes from fellow British rock favs.

"We'll be doing a very cool version of two Beatle's songs *Eleanor Rigby* and *I Want You (She's So Heavy)*," said Barre. "Why, because they are fun."

When you spend more than four decades with a band, explains Barre, it becomes like a marriage: evolving with time and changing points of view. But what has remained constant is the founding members' original purpose: to produce great music and entertain the fans. The fact that Barre and Anderson are not fighting over performing and recording rights to the original music, ensures it will continue to be available.

"My entire purpose is to produce great music," says Barre. "This is what I live for every day and to say that we are lucky to have been able to do that for 45 years, is amazing. Now, here I am at 71 enjoying both the ability to keep playing all of the fantastic music we (Jethro Tull) produced, while enjoying a new chapter, where I get to make new music of my own and bring new ideas and sounds and creative attention into the present. It just doesn't get any better than that, and neither I or Ian want to see that stop."

Barre said he spent several years working on his new sound before audiences across his home country of Great Britain and abroad, including a string of shows on the East Coast over the last couple of years. This tour, he says, marks the Martin Barre Band's first opportunity to continue the build out of the new band's sound and Barre says he thinks West coasters are "really going to be impressed."

"I spent 45 years building up the Tull brand and it is a solid brand," said Barre. "Then, with my new band, I spent a good deal of time working on building out my own brand. Now, I'm ready to start doing the same thing out on the West Coast. We are all just so excited to be here and to be doing what we love." ★

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Martin Barre says he thinks West coasters are "really going to be impressed" by the bands new band's sound. Photo by Martin Webb

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Music Man Skinner to be Celebrated with Memorial Concert

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first union cards.”
 In summers, Eagle Scout Skinner trekked to Cazadero Music Camp in Sonoma’s redwood glades. A Utah music professor discovered the lanky prodigy and Skinner advanced his pro-career at USU Logan. “I taught 30 students a week,” he said. “I led the school’s jazz and pep bands. I also played for a theater orchestra in Salt Lake City. I still managed to graduate.” The 6 ft. 4 ins Big Man on Campus also managed to fall in love. He and fellow USU student Susan Stoddard married with the ink still wet on their Bachelor degrees.

The Vietnam War draft was looming and Skinner volunteered for Air Force service. Deploying from Travis (CA), Captain Skinner flew the C-141 Starlifter for more than 5000 warzone hours in four years. When peace came, he piloted the massive C-5 Galaxy all over the world as a reservist. Moving his wife and daughter Kathryn to Sacramento, he began his namesake big band. Skinner also started a long haul with the Flying Tiger freight airline. “I scheduled my trips around music gigs,” he admitted. “My band worked every weekend. One December, we had 15 big-band jobs.”

Skinner music found favor with Governor Peter Wilson, who hired the band for many gubernatorial events. For seven summer seasons, Skinner performances lured thousands to Town and Country Village Friday dances. “We were paid well,” recalls longtime drummer Dan Kassis. “John never missed a detail, never got a location wrong. He was endlessly loyal to his musicians and gracious to our families.”

The leader wed a second Susan Skinner in 1986 and continued his international career juggle. He played gigs in Japan, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and Hong Kong – and in many US states. He contracted musicians for circuses, ice shows and for stars like Ray Charles, Johnny Mathis, Natalie Cole and Luciano Pavarotti. After a 2015 Don Rickles show, Skinner was summoned to the star’s dressing room. The bandleader was relieved to learn “Mr. Warmth” merely wanted a picture with “that big trumpet guy, Skinner.”

The big guy practiced his horn every day. He graced any number of volunteer ensembles and was a stalwart of the Capitol Pops Concert band. But the dynamo slowed down eventually. Taxed by mobility issues, Skinner hired fellow trumpeter Rick Baker to front Skinner band performances. The boss still contracted, hired and cracked a whip from the sidelines. At his last Carmichael Park appearance, he was



John Skinner completes pilot training during the Vietnam War. Skinner family photo

greeted by scores of fans. “My favorite gigs are park concerts,” he told them. “It’s great to see people dancing from our first song to our encore.”

Front man Rick Baker recalls the concert. “I’m happy we all got to hear John play one more time,” he reflects. “He was like a big brother to me. Talking to him nearly every day was a centering part of my life.”

Skinner championed music education. He regularly drove for many hours to applaud young musicians on his beloved Cazadero Music Camp stage. When boxes rattled, he opened his wallet for countless performing art causes. Fair Oaks and Carmichael Park concert seasons benefited from his sponsorship. He gave dozens of musicians their first professional break; ongoing gigs helped support families for decades.

The benefactor loaned money to musicians down on their luck. He also stacked performers’ tip jars. “Music’s been good to me,” declared my husband, Johnny Trumpet. “Anything to keep the music playing.” ★

The La Sierra Center concert venue is at 5325 Engle Rd, Carmichael. Anyone may attend the September 17 memorial. Light refreshments will be served. Downbeat is 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Cazadero Music Camp: PO Box 7908 Berkeley, CA 94707.

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Our Future is Bright

Commentary
by Senator Ted Gaines



Senator Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado)

To watch the news is to imagine a politically-obsessed America pulling apart at the seams, with opponents mobbing up and attacking each other at every turn and the two parties and their talking head proxies endlessly screaming at each other about the real meaning of President Trump's tweets. It's a phony picture. The essence of this country isn't government at all and you might never see it on the news. It's everyday people — hardworking people of every creed and age, living their lives the best they can regardless of what the government is doing — who make this state and nation what they are. It's those people who make me believe that California's future is bright.

Recently that belief was driven home to me when I met three very different groups of people in the North State. I came away inspired by their stories.

North State Ranchers have lived off this land for more than a century and have experienced every up and down imaginable, but they've persevered. Now, as the dry creek beds and barren mountains of years past have disappeared, they look forward to getting more water and getting their businesses back on their feet.

Illegal marijuana cultivation is stealing rancher water and polluting land with indiscriminate pesticide abuse, making it harder for legitimate ranchers to thrive and breaking their hearts at the same time. These men and women are the original conservationists. It's not just words with them; they depend on clean water and healthy soils for their livelihoods. It's why they have such a deep connection to the land and are such careful stewards of their property. I know that a solid ranching economy in the north state will secure these lands for generations.

communities for us all.

But my favorite visit, one that brings a smile to my face even now as I think of it, was with 11-year old Preston Sharp, the Flag Planter. Starting in 2015, this young man started placing small flags on the graves of local veterans in Redding to honor their service. Since then, Preston has planted an amazing 28,000 flags on gravesites from Redding to Sacramento, and he's branching out to Reno and wherever else his commitment takes him. I'm proud to know such a young patriot who shows such great empathy for veterans and their families.

I wanted to recognize Preston, and gave him an award from my office to honor his efforts. He appreciated it! But in the end, he said he was not acting to get an award from the government, but because he wanted to give veterans the respect they had earned. He is a fine young man with the right priorities.

These three stories seem unrelated but they aren't. They are all, in their way, stitching together a unified state — one child, one ranch, one flag at a time. Like a million little streams feeding into one mighty river, these Californians and others around the state are achieving on their own, with their individual accomplishments all pouring into a single California, robust and full of hope. Sacramento can't mandate these acts, only get in the way.

Politicians come and go, and parties come into and fade out of power all the time. But the California spirit and the talents and desires of the builders, the achievers, the doers, is forever.

Our future is bright.

Senator Ted Gaines represents the 1st Senate District, which includes all or parts of Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra and Siskiyou counties. ★

Despite these new challenges, the ranchers were ready to fight for their futures in California, and just asked me to try to get government out of their way. They were eager to roll their sleeves up and get to work! They weren't looking for government handouts or help, just freedom, so they could continue the agricultural legacy their ancestors built.

In Placerville, I visited with the Executive Director of the privately-supported and volunteer-driven Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA recruits and trains people from the community to serve as advocates for abused or severely neglected children as they seek justice in our court system.

The CASA advocates usually take one case at a time and build a relationship with the child they are representing. They bond with the child, learn about the child's special, individual circumstances, and they use that knowledge to report to the judges overseeing these cases, so they can make informed, compassionate decisions about the most helpful services and support for each of these children.

The CASA volunteers, donors, and other supporters together serve as a solid foundation for these kids' futures, helping during their crises and together forging a more successful life path. One child at a time, CASA is creating healthier, more loving

It's Hot Outside!

Water-Wise Tips for Helping Your Landscape Survive The Dog Days of Summer

By Sacramento Suburban Water District Staff

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, (MPG)

- This summer has featured record-breaking heat waves and as a result our water use has been going up. Most of the water we use at home in the Sacramento region goes toward watering our landscapes. So, it's no surprise that when temperatures peak so does our water use.

The good news is that there are ways to help your landscape survive the blistering heat while also using water wisely:

- Water first thing in the morning to allow water to soak into the soil before evaporation and wind can whisk it away.

- Check your sprinklers at least once a month and fix any problems you find within 48 hours.

- Take a break from mowing your lawn and let your lawn grow longer. Taller grass shades the soil, keeping it cool while reducing evaporation, and also promotes a more extensive root system.

- Put plenty of organic mulch (wood chips or leaves) around your plants and trees to slow evaporation. They'll also help control weeds making it easier on you.

- Cover your pool. Pool covers stop evaporation (responsible for up to 70 percent of water lost by swimming pools) by

protecting your pool from harsh sunlight and wind.

- Consider installing a WaterSense-labeled weather-based irrigation controller. These controllers use local weather conditions and information about the types of plants in your yard to deliver just the right amount of water

- And visit the Sacramento Suburban Water District website to find out how to apply for rebates for irrigation upgrades, pool covers and WaterSense-labeled weather-based irrigation controllers.

You can find more tips on how to care for your yard and be water-wise at BeWaterSmart.info and SSWD.org ★



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A few years ago my son Michael and his wife Meredith were invited by the FOX network to go to the Super Bowl and Terry and I were invited to babysit our two grandchildren Jack, age eight, and Brooklyn, age eleven. I have such fun with these two!

The first night we were with them, when it was bedtime they both wanted me to tell them a bedtime story. Since they slept in separate rooms I sat in the hallway with the light on so they could both see me if they sat up and it was easy for them to hear me. I love to make up bedtime stories because I never know what I'm going to say myself. I guess I should say Nelly (my inner child) loves to hear my stories or maybe she's the one who makes them up? Whatever, I love to do it.

Here's the story I told that night:

Rabbit Ears, Elephants, and Donkeys

Once upon a time there was a wonderful family that was happy and healthy. There was a mom and a dad and a boy, eleven and a girl eight. (I reversed the ages for the story so the kids wouldn't think this story was about them.) The family lived way out in the country and the mom homeschooled the two children (neither of them knew what that was). There was one small, genetic problem with the family; they were born with bunny

ears. Beautiful, long soft bunny ears. The parents raised the children to be thankful for their ears. They showed them pictures of human ears and of course their ears were much better looking because human ears are just plain ugly!

One day the parents told the children that Mom was going to have to go to work and she would no longer be able to home school them and they would have to go to public school. They explained to the children that when they got in school there probably would be some children who would be mean and tease them about their bunny ears, but that they should just ignore them.

Sure enough, on the first day of school, the boy was out on the playground and a nasty, mean girl came up to him and said, "Hey rabbit ears, want a carrot?" The boy ignored the wicked girl, but she wouldn't relent. "Hey, can't you hear with those big ears or are you just stupid?" She was just one of those people who is intolerant of people's differences.

At this point in my story, Jack, my sweet eight-year-old love, said, "Was she a republican?"

Now I was already sitting on the floor so I didn't have far to fall in my hysterics! I laughed till I couldn't breathe and then I said, "Jackie, did you know I'm a republican?" Both children sat up in bed and stared at me as if I'd said, "Did you know I'm a witch and I'm

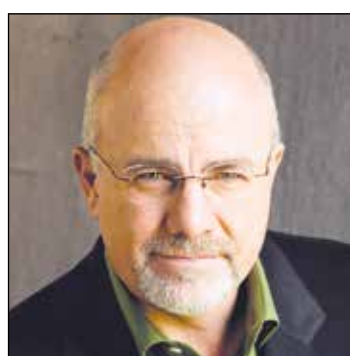
going to eat you alive?"

When their liberal parents came home, I forgot to tell them about the incident, but a few weeks later I was on the phone with Michael and remembered to tell him what happened. He laughed and said, "You know Jack came to me a few days after you guys left and said, 'Dad, did you know Gramma's a republican?' I told him I did."

Then I said, "Michael, you know it might just be the right time to explain to the children that we need to respect each other's differences. You'd have thought I'd confessed to murder with the shocked reaction I received." It was quiet on the phone.

I love America! I am a republican and some of my best friends are democrats. My husband is a democrat and our votes probably cancel each other out, but that's what makes this country great! We can never go too far left or right. If you are a democrat, be nice to a republican today. If you are a republican, be nice to a democrat today. That's all I'm ever going to say about politics.

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Dave Says

Turn this into a blessing!

Dear Dave,

We're following your plan, and we're in the middle of paying off all our debts except for the house. My wife just learned she'll be losing her job at the end of the year. She's a project manager for a software company in Seattle, and she will be receiving a severance package if she works until year's end. We were curious as to how you think we should handle the next few months.

- Kevin

Dear Kevin,

I know you guys are scared right now, but from what you've told me this could be the kind of thing that turns into a blessing. First, she should already be looking for another job to start right after her current employment ends. That way, any severance pay will turn into a signing bonus of sorts.

I know there are always question marks and uncertainties when you're job hunting, but this lady is a software project manager in Seattle, Washington. You're not in the middle of a

cornfield, dude. If she can't find something in the next four-to-five months, there's some other issue you're not telling me about.

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—Dave

Time to leave

Dear Dave,

My brother-in-law moved in with us several months ago. He's 32, and he doesn't have a job or contribute anything in terms of helping around the house or with bills. I think he needs to move out, but my wife is hesitant to say anything. She complains about the situation to me, but she knows her family will be upset if we do anything. How can we handle this?

- Chuck

Dear Chuck,

Responsible adults don't behave like bums, and I don't

care what the rest of the family thinks. This issue is between you and your wife. You two are the only ones dealing with this, so it's easy for others to chime in about what should happen.

You shouldn't just kick the guy out, but you do need to get busy formulating a plan that will allow him to get back on his feet. Have a gentle talk with him about the situation and his future, and tell him things aren't going to continue on the same path. Let him know he must have a job within 30 days, and 30 days after that he has to move into his own place. Write it down on the calendar, if it will help, but make sure he understands why you're doing this and the date he must move out.

I know these things can be difficult, but sometimes you've got to take the bull by the horns and make something happen. It's what's best for him – and both of you – in the long run.

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 12 million listeners each week on 575 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey. ★

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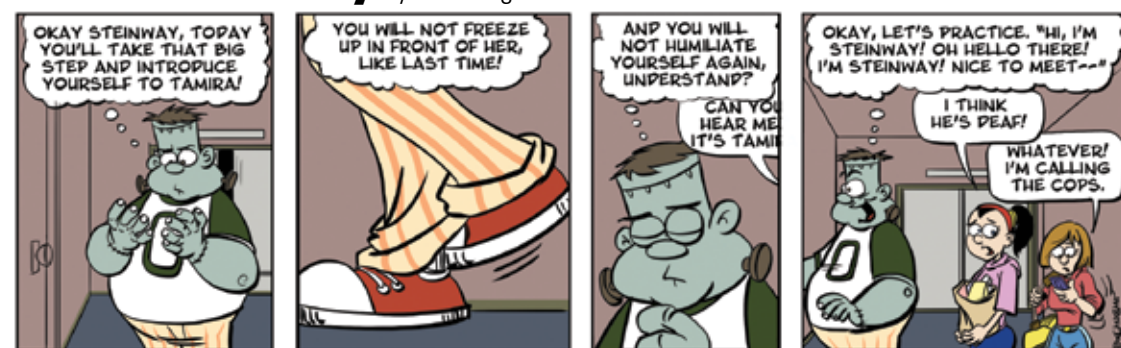
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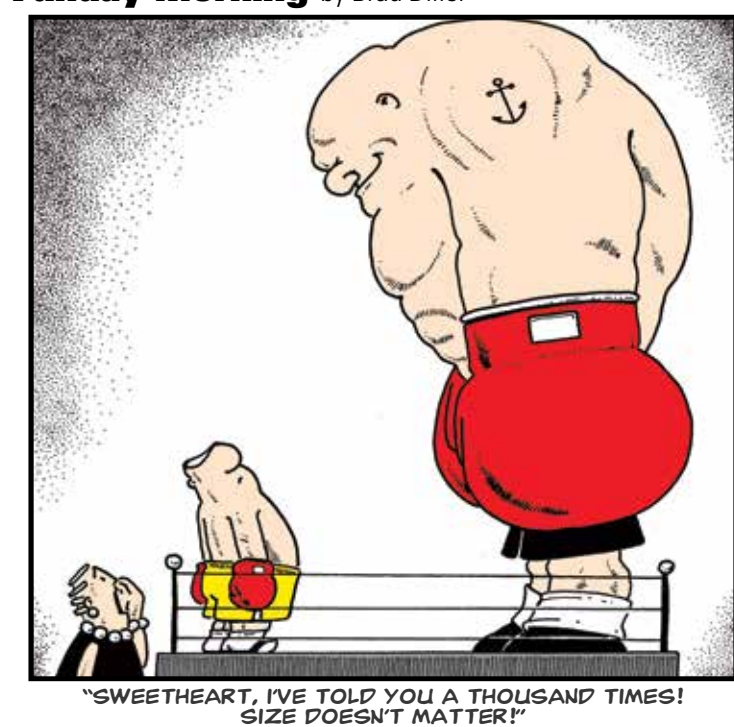
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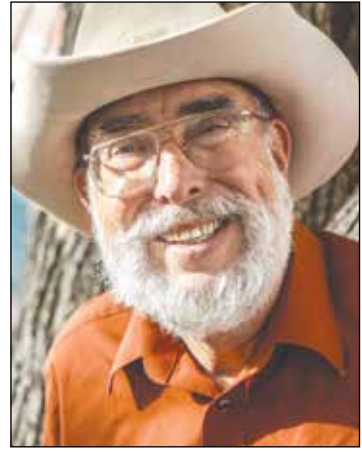
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HERMAN BOBBY RUIZ, AKA IGNACIO BOBBY RUIZ
CASE No. 34-2017-00217091

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Herman Bobby Ruiz AKA Ignacio Bobby Ruiz. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Stedman Ruiz in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that Stedman Ruiz, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows September 12, 2017 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Heather S. Mayer, Esq. 2377 Gold Meadow Way Suite 100 Gold River, CA 95670 916-631-1996 Publish: September 1, 8, and 15 2017 SADDORIS 170622 9-15-17

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows October 24, 2017 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Samuel K. Swenson 8788 Greenback Lane Suite 105 Orangevale, CA 95662 916-333-0833 Publish: August 25, September 1, and 8, 2017 RUIZ 170622 9-8-17

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM GRUELL
CASE No. 34-2017-00217310 PR PL FRC

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of John William Gruell. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Ryan Burrows and Terri Ferro in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that Ryan Burrows and Terri Ferro, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows November 7, 2017 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento

3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Jeanne M. Kvale, Esq. 5450 Telegraph Road Suite 200 Ventura, CA 93003 805-644-7111 Publish: September 1, 8, and 15, 2017 GRUELL 170622 9-15-17

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD KENNETH SADDORIS
CASE No. 34-2017-00216372

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both Donald Kenneth Sadoris. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Dean Russell Sadoris in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that Dean Russell Sadoris, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

SUMMONS (Family Law)
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name):
Kulwinder Kaur
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CASE NUMBER: 16-FL-04985

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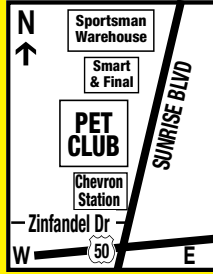


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