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The JazzFest Returns One Day Music Festival Returns to Sacramento Yacht Club



The Crescent Katz are sure to please with their performance.

By MPG Staff

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Yacht Club is pleased to announce the 5th Annual JazzFest by the River Music Festival. Organized by Patti and Ron Jones, this annual event brings together musicians from around the region for a family-oriented music festival on the banks of the Sacramento River. In addition to Jazz, genres include Rock & Roll, Blues, and Country/Rockabilly.

JazzFest will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. With two stages, there will be eight bands playing throughout the day: SacJazz Express, Grindstone Band, Cocuzzi Courtet, The Crescent Katz, TNT, Todd Morgan, Geoffrey Miller, and Two-Tone Steiny & The Cadillacs



Todd Morgan, another local favorite, will give you plenty of reasons to dance.

Nestled along the Sacramento River in West Sacramento, the Sacramento Yacht Club offers both an indoor and outdoor area to enjoy live music with great views of the river.

Tickets can be purchased online at jazzfestbytheriver.org. Tickets are \$55 if purchased before May 28. The price

increases to \$65 after May 28. Children and students 18 and under are admitted free. Tickets will be available at the door (unless the event sells out early). On-site food and beverages will be available for purchase.

JazzFest by the River is a 501c3 non-profit and donations are welcome. Please contact Patti Jones for sponsorship opportunities at their website noted above.

The mission of the Sacramento Yacht Club is to promote the recreation of boating and educate the public and members about boating safety and applicable laws. The Sacramento Yacht Club is proud to be the oldest boating organization in the Sacramento River-Delta region. The Sacramento Yacht Club is a non-profit organization with members from all over the Capital region. ★

Leslie Lindbo Appointed Director of Community Services



Leslie Lindbo is the newly appointed director of the Department of Community Services. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

**Yolo County
News Release**

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County's Chief Administrative Officer Gerardo Pinedo has announced the appointment of Leslie Lindbo as director of the Department of Community Services. Ms. Lindbo has served as interim director since the retirement of former Director Taro Echiburu in December of 2022.

"My colleagues and I are delighted to congratulate Leslie Lindbo on this appointment," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Oscar E. Villegas. "She has earned a positive reputation throughout Yolo County by providing excellent customer service with a strong track record of community engagement and successful collaborations with both industry and stakeholders. Her experience and knowledge will undoubtedly continue to have a positive impact in Yolo County for years to come."

Following an extensive nationwide search, Leslie Lindbo was selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants. "Leslie has demonstrated a commitment toward upholding Yolo County values," said Chief Administrative Officer Gerardo Pinedo. "I am confident that she will continue to lead the department with a strong focus on excellent customer service, efficiency and collaboration with our city partners."

Leslie Lindbo has over 28 years of public sector experience. She came to Yolo County in 2010 as the director of Environmental Health after working in the

United Way 100th Anniversary Gala Raises \$640,000 to Help Kids Excel

**Kristin Thébaud
Communications
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - More than 450 community members came together to raise \$640,000 to help local children succeed in school at United Way California Capital Region's 100th anniversary gala on April 29. The event held on the eve of the organization's 100th birthday at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium included dinner, keynote presentation by San Francisco 49er Arik Armstead who cofounded the Armstead Academic Project, fund a need, silent and live auctions, raffle for tickets to Game 7 of the



Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, San Francisco 49er Arik Armstead, United Way president and CEO Dr. Dawnté Early, event chair Joaquin Razo and United Way board chair Oyango Snell gather at United Way California Capital Region's 100th Anniversary Gala. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thébaud Communications

Kings vs. Warriors play-off series the next day, and

dollar-for-dollar match courtesy of the Capital

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University Professor Indicted for Trafficking Images of Child Sex Abuse

Sacramento FBI News Release

FRESNO, CA (MPG) - A federal grand jury returned an indictment on May 4, 2023, against Rodger Githens, 45, of West Sacramento, charging him with receipt and distribution of images of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

According to court documents, in late March 2023, Githens, using the profile "Tall laid back," initiated contact with an account on the Grindr app controlled by an undercover FBI agent. Githens encouraged the undercover FBI agent to establish an account with the Telegram app, since it was considered more secure. Githens several times discussed traveling to Fresno to meet the agent and a supposed 7-year-old niece for sexual purposes, but law enforcement served a search warrant at Githens's residence on April 19, 2023, and seized multiple electronic devices. Agents discovered numerous Telegram chats on Githens's phone, including several in which he was exchanging and commenting on videos of young children being sexually abused.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the West Sacramento Police Department. Assistant U.S.

Attorney David Gappa is prosecuting the case.

If convicted, Githens faces five to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, a lifetime of supervised release, and forfeiture of any property used to facilitate commission of the offense. Any sentence, however, would be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables. The charges are only allegations; the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute those who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc. Click on the "resources" tab for information about internet-safety education. ★

Enter in the New US Chamber of Commerce Small Business Awards Program

Capitol Corridor SCORE News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the launch of a new awards program for small businesses: America's Top Small Business! Accepting applications now!

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All applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Friday, July 7, 2023.

Find out everything you need to know about the ATSB program, including who is eligible to apply, how winners are chosen, important dates and deadlines, and more on our FAQ page. ★

They Say They Hear The Public

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In a nearly five-hour long City Council meeting, one topic dominated the meeting. The Port Commission, its significance to our city, its structure and reasoning, its purpose and importance. In the often heated discussion, passions were all over the place. Discussion between council members became politely aggressive and hostile.

The Port of West Sacramento (changed in 2008 from the Port of Sacramento) has been opened for commerce since 1963. Today the Port's primary cargos are rice, cement and fertilizer. In 2006, the structure of the governance of the Port changed, when the City of West Sacramento assumed control of the management responsibilities. At that time, the Port was nearly bankrupt. The Port currently manages several maritime and non-maritime leases.

The Port of West Sacramento is the single largest land owner in West Sacramento with over 600 acres of vacant land, ready for development. It is for this reason that when the governing structure of the Port was redesigned it includes a statute that says of the five Port Commissioners, four are appointed by the West Sacramento City Council and can be City Council members, and one is appointed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. All must be residents of West Sacramento.

A position as a Port Commissioner is up for

appointment and who should or shouldn't be appointed to that position is causing an uproar. A packet full of letters in support of Tim Campbell, a lifelong longshoreman, including some from various legislators. The letters list a long list of reasons why Tim Campbell would be good for the job.

City Manager Aaron Laurel got up to the podium to express to the council that he believes as City Manager and as head of the Port Commission, that Tim Campbell should not be given that appointment and that it should go to a city council member, because someone that is not a council member won't have the intimate knowledge of the city's plan for development. Speaker after speaker disagreed, along with some of the City Council members.

The other City Council members spoke of transparency to the community and that by having someone on the commission that was not a City Council member, that there would be better representation of the community and the wants and needs of the community members.

During the Council meeting, some 25 community members spoke regarding the Port. Dave Jones, former Assemblyman that represented West Sacramento in 2006 when the governing structure was redone, said that the restructure was formed with the idea of giving control to West Sacramento. It was not designed to say that the commission had to consist only of City Council members.

Rick Hart spoke and he

provided three documents to the council members, showing them examples of what has happened to other cities in this same predicament when either decision was made. The highlight being that when the commission is all city council members, they can change zoning, which can open them up to lawsuits.

One thing that was important to everyone is that these discussions are vital and that the City Council and the Port Commissions agendas have got to be clear to each other. The possibility of an increase in revenue is something that will benefit all. Councilmember Norma Alcala mentioned how important the relationships that Tim Campbell has with other ports and staff members at those ports would be incredibly beneficial.

After the public speakers, the City Council had a chance to speak again. Each spoke of the amount of passion, loyalty and love in the room. They spoke of how powerful and emotional meetings the members have ever sat in. Councilwoman Early asked "How can we continue to have meetings like this?" They all spoke of how much they learned.

The council put in a request for the City Manager to put together some ideas for developing an advisory committee.

The Council Members all spoke of how moved they were and how they "heard" the speakers, but not one of them changed their minds, after 25 people told them that they disagree. They did agree to possibly form an advisory committee. ★

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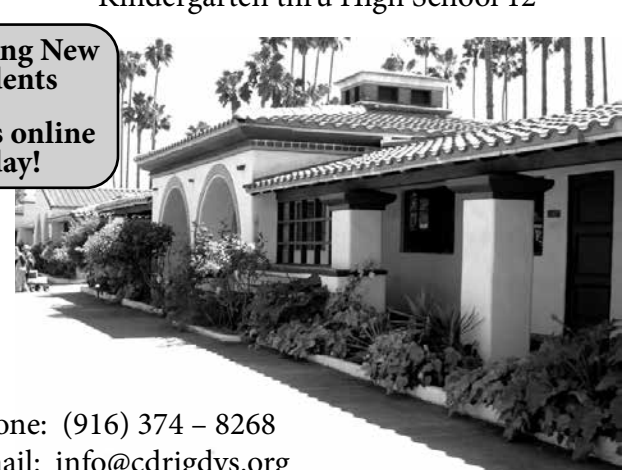
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State of The City 2023

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG)

The 2023 State of the City dinner on Thursday, May 18, at the City Hall Galleria includes a who's who of guests from City and County Officials and their guests to prominent individuals active in the development and navigation of our city.

Dressed to the nines, the group recognizes and celebrates a handful of individuals that continue to step up and encourage the positive growth of our community with their ideas and actions. These individuals not only do things for our city themselves, but they encourage and engage other members of our community to get involved as well. By doing this, they bring our neighbors, and neighborhoods closer.

The Civic Leadership Award for Pride will be awarded to Club Pheasant & Palamidessi family, sponsored by Councilmember Sulpizio Hull. The Civic Leadership Award for Pride recognizes

those in West Sacramento who make us proud of where we live. They may come from the business or non-profit community, but sometimes they are civic leaders who emerge from the most unlikely of places.

The Civic Leadership Award for Service is being awarded to Coach Guillermo Villegas, Sr. for his

West Sac Soccer Team and is sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Orozco. The Civic Leadership Award for Service recognizes those in West Sacramento who are always giving back. These people and organizations champion causes, serve the community year after year or put on events that get regional and even national attention.

The Civic Leadership Award for Prosperity is being awarded to Gemini Bio, sponsored by Mayor Guerrero. The Civic Leadership Award for Prosperity recognizes the businesses and community members that show West Sacramento as the best place to start and

grow a business.

The Civic Leadership Award for Progress is being awarded to Uplift Martial Arts, sponsored by Councilmember Early. The Civic Leadership Award for Progress recognizes those in West Sacramento who continue make West Sacramento, year after year, a great place to live work and play.

The Civic Leadership Award for Community will be awarded for a Graffiti Removal plan to Vanessa Castro and John Archuleta, sponsored by Councilmember Alcalá. The Civic Leadership Award for Community recognizes the businesses, people and organizations that bring the City of West Sacramento together, making the neighborhoods and families of West Sacramento stronger, happier and closer.

Congratulations to the award winners and thank you from the community of West Sacramento for your kindness, compassion and innovative thinking in ways to better our city. ★

CVS Ordered by CA Judge to Stop Offering to Sell Expired Products

Yolo County DA News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG)

On May 10, 2023, the Yolo County District Attorney's Office, along with other California's District Attorney's offices, settled a civil law enforcement action against CVS Pharmacy and their affiliated California stores. CVS operates three stores in Yolo County.

CVS owns and operates over 800 retail stores in California which sell general merchandise including over-the-counter drugs, food, infant formula, and baby food. Retailers in California are prohibited from selling or offering for sale after the expiration date an over-the-counter drug. Similarly, food retailers are prohibited from selling or offering for sale after the "use by" date, any infant formula or baby food that is required by the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to have a "use by" date on its packaging. The civil complaint, filed in Santa Cruz County Superior Court, alleged that CVS offered for sale

and sold during the last four years, expired over-the-counter drug products as well as infant formula and baby food after their "use by" date.

Once put on notice of the violations found during the investigation, CVS was cooperative and conducted internal checks for expired over-the-counter drugs and infant formula and baby food which were past the "use by" date at all their California retail locations. CVS further invested time and resources to prioritize the verification of expiration dates and re-train store personnel. There was no evidence discovered during the investigation that the sale of any expired or past the "use by" date products resulted in harm to consumers.

"California's District Attorney's Offices Consumer Protection Divisions are dedicated to protecting all Californians. Today is another example of those prosecutors working together to make real change. The public should be able to trust what they are buying at any California store will not be

expired before they bring it home," said District Attorney Jeff W. Reisig.

Without admitting or denying liability, CVS agreed to be bound by a court order which prohibits any additional violations of California law relating to the sale or offer for sale of expired over-the-counter drugs or infant formula and baby food past their "use by" date. As part of the judgment, CVS was ordered to pay \$6,500,000.00 in civil penalties and investigative costs as well as an additional \$1,000,000.00 in restitution which shall be contributed to several charitable organizations serving California citizens throughout a wide swath of the State.

The settlement was developed, investigated, and negotiated in conjunction with the Contra Costa County, Fresno County, Marin County, Placer County, Riverside County, Sacramento County, San Bernardino County, San Joaquin County, Santa Cruz County, Shasta County, and the Solano County District Attorneys' offices. ★



Leslie Lindbo Appointed Director of Community Services

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has established herself as a capable and dedicated leader who is focused on protecting and preserving agriculture, quality customer service and mentoring others to reach their potential.

Ms. Lindbo holds a master's degree in

business administration from UC Davis and a bachelor's of science degree in environmental studies and planning from Sonoma State University.

"I am grateful for this new opportunity," said Leslie Lindbo. "As a resident of Yolo County, I am

honored to serve in the community where I live. I believe in Yolo County's mission of enhancing the quality of life in our community and I intend to continue to do my part in implementing that mission by leading the Department of

Community Services and serving the residents and visitors of Yolo County."

The Department of Community Services' core functions include public works, integrated waste management, environmental health, building

services, land use planning, natural resources and sustainability.

Ms. Lindbo immediately assumes the position of Director of Community Service. The annual salary range for this position is \$173,410-\$210,766. ★

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Sacramento Man Denied Parole for 1995 Murder

Yolo County DA News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On May 10, 2023, Board of Parole Hearings commissioners denied parole to convicted murderer Michael Todd. Mr. Todd, who lived in the greater Sacramento area at the time of the crime and is now 57, is currently serving his sentence at CA State Prison, Los Angeles.

In March of 1995, Mr. Todd and Kenneth Buffer brutally attacked the victim, James Williams, at a home in West Sacramento. During the trial, witnesses testified that Mr. Williams owed Mr. Buffer and Mr. Todd \$10,000, as a result of drug deal. Mr. Buffer severely beat Mr. Williams with his hands and feet until Mr. Williams went into a coma. While Mr. Buffer watched, Mr. Todd burned Mr. Williams multiple times with a knife that had been heated on a stove. Also, caustic liquid was poured over Mr. Williams' body which caused severe burns. Mr. Buffer later drove Mr. Williams, who was nearly dead, to his friend's house where he was abandoned in the back seat of his own car. Mr. Williams died

ten days later of "blunt force trauma," after being taken to the hospital. A jury convicted both Mr. Buffer and Mr. Todd of 1st degree murder and torture, and both were sentenced to 25-years-to-life in prison.

For the past four years, Mr. Todd has been appealing his conviction based on a new law enacted in January, 2019. As a result of this law, changes were made to the felony murder law eliminating prosecution of an individual who agrees to commit a felony crime that results in a murder if that individual did not harbor actual malice or was not a major participant who acted with reckless disregard during specified felony offenses. Mr. Todd argued that he did not participate in any physical beating of the victim and denied burning the victim. He claimed his actions did not contribute to the victim's death and, as such, he did not act with malice.

On August 26, 2022, Judge Stephen Mock denied Mr. Todd's petition. Judge Mock found that while the victim's main cause of death was blunt force trauma, the death resulted from a constellation of injuries. Judge

Mock determined beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Todd's repeated burning of the victim with a hot knife contributed to the victim's death and supported a finding of implied malice murder. Records show Mr. Todd is appealing Judge Mock's decision to the Third District Court of Appeals.

During yesterday's parole hearing, Mr. Todd took full responsibility for contributing to the death of Mr. Williams. When asked about his petition and appeal to overturn the conviction, Mr. Todd said he believed he had withdrawn his appeal.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated that he was pleased with the parole board's denial. "The family of James Williams have been suffering immeasurable pain since this senseless and brutal murder," said Reisig. "We will do everything we can on their behalf to honor Mr. Williams and to keep society safe. That is the very least we can do for this family and all families who have survived similar tragedies."

Mr. Todd will be eligible for another parole hearing in 2026.

United Way 100th Anniversary Gala Raises \$640,000 to Help Kids Excel

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The local United Way has raised more than \$671,000 toward its 100th anniversary goal announced in February to raise \$3 million to help 10,000 kids excel in school by 2025.

"This night was the culmination of 100 years of work in this community to end poverty for local families," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "We know education is a proven ladder out of poverty, and we know school is square one for reaching families in need. Our 100th anniversary campaign is the launching pad for our next century of work to make sure our community's children succeed in school and thrive as adults."

United Way California Capital Region has found one place in each community to reach the most families in need: School is square one for ending poverty. United

Way uses its Square One approach to end poverty for local families by helping children excel in school, investing in families, and strengthening schools with resources to address increased poverty and deep roots of racial inequality.

The local United Way offers a wide array of programming and services to ensure children and their families have the resources they need to succeed in school and in adulthood. From a regional reading tutoring program and school-readiness services for incoming kindergarteners to an income program for foster youth, guaranteed income for families, free tax preparation services and more, United Way has created a holistic approach that starts in schools.

To make a donation to the 100th anniversary campaign or learn more about United Way's programs and services: YourLocalUnitedWay.org. ★

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- 5-4-23 EDWARD CORTEZ Arrested for attempt to commit, stolen property, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance.
- 5-5-23 MONICA OLMOS Arrested for a warrant after Police responded to a call about a woman causing a disturbance.
- 5-6-23 ROBERTA RAYA Arrested for warrant from Sacramento Main Jail.
- 5-6-23 KYLE FENNER Arrested for a warrant after Police responded to a call about an attempted vehicle break-in and when Police arrived he allegedly took off running.
- 5-6-23 STEPHANIE SANDERS Arrested for a bench warrant after Police responded to a call about a burglary in progress.
- 5-7-23 CARL FORE Arrested for four warrants after Police recognized him and ran a records check.
- 5-7-23 AVA KELLY Arrested for DUI any drug; cause bodily injury after Police responded to an accident where a vehicle had struck a bicyclist that was unconscious, bleeding from head and had to be transported to hospital for life saving measures.
- 5-8-23 IDA KIBUNGUCHY Arrested for possession of controlled substance while armed with loaded firearm, no current registration, possession of narcotic controlled substance, felon/addict possessing firearm, carrying concealed weapon in vehicle, carrying loaded firearm in public under specific circumstances.
- 5-9-23 DULCE ALMANZA Arrested on two bench warrants when Police responded to a suspicious circumstances call.
- 5-9-23 JORGE LUNA Arrested for a warrant when Police were dispatched for a welfare check.
- 5-9-23 JOHNATHON JACOBS Arrested for three warrants.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 5-1-23 Unknown male attempted to kick front door open. \$200 loss. Vandalism.
- 5-1-23 Suspect used victim's information without permission. Get credit/other's ID.
- 5-1-23 Shots heard in Tacoma Narrows St area.
- 5-3-23 Broken window at Home Key Project. \$200 loss Vandalism.
- 5-3-23 Grand theft of truck cargo. \$100,000 loss. Grand theft.
- 5-4-23 Unknown suspects stole victim's property. \$24,300 loss. Grand theft, burglary.
- 5-5-23 Attempted catalytic converter theft. Suspect license plate information gathered. \$3,000 loss. Vandalism.
- 5-5-23 Males involved in a physical fight. During the fight 1 male brandished a kitchen knife. Exhibit deadly weapon other than a firearm, battery.
- 4-26-23 Reporting person scammed of \$25,000. \$25,000 loss, obtain money by false pretenses (over \$400).
- 5-6-23 Suspect threw soda can at victim. Victim desired prosecution.
- 5-8-23 Unidentified suspect broke passenger window of victim's vehicle. Suspect stole tools from vehicle. \$400 loss. Burglary.
- 5-8-23 Cut lock, burglary of farm equipment. \$11,578 loss. Burglary.
- 5-8-23 Responded to a vandalism call, a door was smashed and a window had two bullet holes. Nothing was taken. \$4,000 loss. Vandalism.
- 5-8-23 Went construction site, saw graffiti on top floor and stolen security panels in the area. \$1,980 loss. Vandalism, grand theft.
- 5-8-23 Garage vandalism. \$300 loss. Vandalism.
- 5-8-23 Theft from vehicle. \$200 loss. Petty theft.
- 5-9-23 Twenty three windows broken at construction site. \$6,000 loss. Vandalism.
- 5-9-23 Stolen catalytic converter. \$1,600 loss. Grand theft.
- 5-9-23 Vandalism of memorial candles. \$2 loss. Vandalism.

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Yolo County News Release

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The Yolo County Hazard Mitigation Plan assesses the risk of floods, drought, wildfires, severe weather

and other natural hazards of concern to the county. To view the 2018 plan, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/OESPlans>.

Every five years, the plan is updated and submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In partnership with the cities and special districts in Yolo County, the 2023 update will address an updated list of

hazards, assess the likely impacts of those hazards, revise goals and prioritize projects to reduce the effects of future disasters in our communities.

As part of the process of updating the Yolo County Hazard Mitigation Plan, residents are encouraged to provide their input by attending one of the scheduled public meetings where

information about the plan, including the hazards identified, will be discussed. Hard copies of the plan will be available at the scheduled public meetings, and also accessible at <https://tinyurl.com/OESPlans> after the meetings.

Yolo County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Public Meetings: **June 6, 5:30-6:30**

p.m., Knights Landing Community Center, 42114 7th Street in Knights Landing; **June 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**, Woodland Community Center, 2001 East Street in Woodland; **June 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**, Winters City Hall Conference Room, 318 1st Street in Winters; **June 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**, Virtual Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2023-Yolo-HMP>;

June 9, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Davis Senior Center Game Room, 646 A Street in Davis

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230367 The following person(s) are doing business as: Anchored Outdoors Guide Service / Eli's Guide Services, 1645 Alamo Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Elias Escamilla and Lisa Escamilla 1645 Alamo Place West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a married couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 31, 2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/18/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 28, May 5, 12, & 19, 2023 ANCHORED 5-19-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230372 The following person(s) are doing business as: Senior Slimmers, Boomer Slimmers, Senior Fasting, Senior Keto, 3810 Mendocino Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Andrew V Pierce and Nancy A Levy, 3810 Mendocino Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/18/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 28, May 5, 12, & 19, 2023 SENIOR 5-19-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230334 The following person(s) is doing business as: 3python, 2455 W Capitol Ave Apt 146, West Sacramento, CA 95691. County of Yolo, Alexandr Bessarab, 2455 W Capitol Ave Apt 146, West Sacramento, CA 95691 This business is conducted by individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A/s/ Alexandr Bessarab This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/07/2023. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder By: kquam, Deputy Publish: 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19/23 CNS-3694140#NEWS-LEDGER DJ_140 5/19/2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230337 The following person(s) is doing

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230317 The following person(s) is doing business as Windy's Corner Mobile Veterinary Services/Windy's Corner Veterinary House Calls, 2020 5th Street #1584, Davis, CA 95617. Windy's Corner Mobile Veterinary Services, Corporation, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/3/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2023 WINDY'S 6-2-23

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-0700 Tum Hlei Sung has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tum Hlei Sung to Rose Mary. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 17, 2023 Stephen L Mock, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2023 TUM 5-26-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-0081 Jazmin Carvalho has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nala Michelle Higgins to Nala Michelle Carvalho. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 725 Court Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 7, 2023 Timothy L Fall, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2023 JAZMYN 5-26-23

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: CV2022-2136 NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: LCM HIGH INCOME FUND, LLC; LATI-TUDE FINANCIAL, INC.; STAND-ARD TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY; SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF LCM HIGH INCOME FUND, LLC, LATITUDE FINANCIAL, INC., AND STANDARD TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH OR UNDER SUCH ENTITIES; ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS' TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAIN-TIFFS' TITLE THERETO; and DOES 1-50, inclusive. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFFS: Edwin F Virgin, JR., and Melinda Virgin. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Real property in the unincorporated area of the County of Yolo, State of California, located at 52101 Wil-low Point Road, Clarksburg, California 95612, and described as follows: BE-

ING A PORTION OF LOT 19, AS SAID LOT IS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED "HOLLAND LAND CO. SUBDIVISION NO. 9A", FILED IN BOOK 3 OF MAPS, AT PAGE 48, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING A PORTION OF SWAMP LAND SURVEY NO. 473, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED "P.A. KRULL EST", FILED IN BOOK 4 OF MAPS AND SURVEYS, AT PAGE 42, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS, DESCRIBED AS FOL-LOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 19; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, NORTH 0 DEGREES 02' 30" EAST, 2757.47 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 48' 42" EAST 529.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 25' WEST, 173.89 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35' EAST, 265.20 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 19; THENCE SOUTH 2540.27 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 61 DEGREES 27' WEST, 24.59 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 69 DE-GREES 18' WEST, 71.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 01' WEST, 47.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46' WEST, 659.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. APN 043-220-027-000

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GARY BERT STROUD CASE NO. PR2023-0109 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Gary Bert Stroud. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Robert Wayne Murray Stroud, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Robert Wayne Murray Stroud be appointed as personal representative(s) 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: June 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 11. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695. 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 deceased, 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 Petitioner is: Matthew Crider, 750 F Street Suite 2, Davis, CA 95616, 530-231-5161 Publish: May 19, 26 & June 2, 2023 ROBERT 6-2-23

LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE Notice is hereby given that pursuant to California Business and Professions Code sections 21700-21706, Easy Moves Holdings, LLC d/b/a Red Rover located at 3520 Carlin Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691 will hold a Public Auction on May 26, 2023, at 10:00 am to be listed on StorageAuctions.com in order to satisfy unpaid rent and/or charges incurred in connection with the storage of goods. Contents will be sold to the highest bidder. Winning bidder will receive an email from Red Rover to pay by credit/debit card, cash is not accepted at the facility. Please refer to the instructions contained in the auction. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The following is a brief description of the property to be sold: "Personal property, household goods, and other effects unless otherwise noted." Name: Tracy Rodriguez; 16-1591 CN996662 05-26-2023 May 19, 26, 202

PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: **975 F ST West Sacramento, CA 95605 on 06/06/23 @ 2:00PM:** Jahari Law Jacobs household items, clothes; Irving Horton household goods; Jose Gudalupe Pelayo Appliances; Many Margaret McBride household goods; Helen pina Clothing; Zak Wiederhold Misc household goods; Florence Mack 10x15, 10x12 w/d cal king, antiques chair, twin bed, 25 boxes. temperature. dining set, 2 dressers; Daniel Watson household goods; michael sevilla boxes; Many Margaret McBride Stove, 1 1/2 car garage contents, storage shed contents; Jeffrey Simmons household goods This auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. 5/19, 5/26/23 CNS-3699303# NEWS-LEDGER

LEGAL NOTICE

The Washington Unified School District's proposed 2023-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan and budget will be available for public inspection at the District Office, 930 Westacre Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691, and online at www.wusd.k12.ca.us, starting at 5:30 p.m. on June 5th, 2023, through June 8th, 2023. A public hearing will be held on the proposed 2023-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan and budget on June 8th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 930 Westacre Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE SELF STORAGE AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to the California Storage Act (Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code.)

West Sacramento Self Storage: Property is located in separate storage units at 2274 Lake Washington Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691. The auction will be conducted entirely online at: <https://bid13.com/> Auctioneer: Bid13.com 1-844-348-2776; agent for Owner. Contents such as household goods, clothes, children's toys, furniture, tools, and other miscellaneous items for the following lien units will be sold:

C083- Melissa Corona, D071- Brad Bauer, E051- Curtis Ramone, E086- Melissa Aguiar, F028- Scotty McLeod, H077-Cedric Wilkins, J023- Lyssa Guadiana

Pictures of unit contents can be seen online. Bidding is held online beginning **Sunday May 21st, 2023 at 10am and closes Sunday May 28th, at 10am PST.** Payment must be paid for at the time of purchase. Cash only accepted. All items in the unit are sold as is and must be removed within two days of the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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Monster Trucks Return to the County Fair to Crush the Competition!

Sacramento County Fair News Release

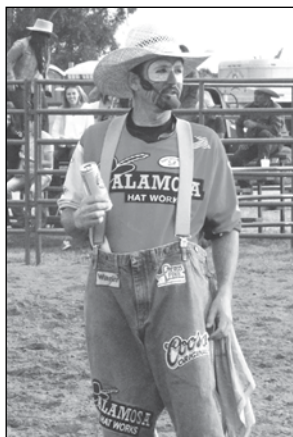
SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - If you haven't already, you will soon feel the rumblings of Monster Truck mayhem making its way to the Cal Expo Fairgrounds. On Thursday, May 25th at 7 p.m., some of California's toughest Monster Trucks take over the grandstand to give fairgoers a non-stop thrill ride. That's right, real, full-sized 1,500 horsepower monster trucks are back and BIGGER than ever at the Sacramento County Fair!

Fairgoers will witness iconic monster trucks go head-to-head as they battle through obstacle courses, ramp over cars, perform freestyle stunts, and much more! Guests will not want to miss the main attraction as GERONIMO, HILLBILLY, SKULL KRUSHER and SCATTERED jump, smash, crush and backflip to take home the freestyle trophy. In addition to the monster trucks, the show will also feature Youth RZR Racing, where young locals will have the opportunity to race their off-road vehicles around an extreme course. And with our special guest OAKIE providing laughs and entertainment, the entire show is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat.

"The big boys are here," says Chuck Plumlee, the producer of Monster Truck Extreme 2023. Matt Cranford, CEO of the Sacramento County Fair is just as eager to have these 'big boys' return to the Fair. "What better way to kick off Memorial Day weekend than with some of the



Geronimo is owned and operated by Brandon Swick and has recently started picking up wins on the All Star Monster Truck Tour and Live A Little Monster Truck Tour! Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Fair



Oakie is from Oakdale, California and is one of the funniest Rodeo & Motorsport Entertainers! Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Fair

toughest monster trucks anywhere at the Sacramento County Fair? Trucks are louder and BIGGER than ever, bringing kids of all ages the classic Fairground entertainment that we all crave," says Cranford.

Gates open at 6 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the Fair and Grandstand events will be available for purchase online at www.sacfair.com or at the Sacramento County Fair office. Kids 12-and-under are FREE every day of the Fair. Adult tickets are \$12.00 and arena admission for Monster Truck Mayhem on May 25th is \$25.00. Be sure to check out the pre-sale for select events online.

Over 100,000 guests will enjoy the Sacramento County Fair Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-29, 2023, at Cal Expo. Nearly 10,000 school children will enjoy educational school tours. 5,000 local Sacramento residents will compete for awards in the livestock and competitive exhibit programs. This year's fair theme is "Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow." ★

Robert Craig Films to Donate \$1M Plus 50% Net Proceeds for Homelessness

Atherton Public Relations News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Robert Craig Films announced on Monday, May 11, they will give one million dollars plus 50% of net proceeds of their movie No Address, their documentary Americans With No Address, a novelization of the screenplay No Address, an educational curriculum and a music album, coined The Big 5.

"The Big 5 GIVEBACK" is a philanthropic initiative and will be shared with nonprofits in the homeless space towards the end of the year. This is geared towards creating more awareness to the homeless crisis in America, a call to action and to bring humanity back to the unhoused.

The full-length feature film No Address, a dramatic movie with celebrity cast members including Billy Baldwin, Xander Berkeley, Beverly D'Angelo, Ashanti, Lucas Jade Zumann, Isabella Ferreira, Patricia Velasquez and Ty Pennington. The film is about a group of people that fall into homelessness and realize they must bond together as a family if they are going to survive the streets.

Producer Robert Craig has learned through producing The Big 5 that homelessness can happen to anyone.

Jennifer Stolo, CEO of Robert Craig Films, recently joined the team due to her extensive experience supporting the nonprofit community. Her passion for helping those in need and her expertise in the industry make her an invaluable addition to the team.

"Hearing the heartbreaking stories of how everyday people can fall into

homelessness stirs my heart with empathy," replied Jennifer. "I'm thrilled to leverage my background to help nonprofits partner with Robert Craig Films through entertainment and educational platforms we are developing, so together we can effect change for those experiencing homelessness."

The company wants to partner with local and national charitable organizations and churches that are helping those experiencing homelessness and bring solid solutions for reducing the growing epidemic.

Nonprofits are encouraged to partner with Robert Craig Films and promote The Big 5 through their newsletters, websites, and social media to create further awareness together. This will help bring larger audiences to theaters and create significantly more impact.

The film is directed by Hollywood veteran Julia Verdin of Rough Diamond Productions. Other key players are Robert Marbut, who serves as an executive producer, and producers Robert Craig, Sally Forcier, Julia Verdin, Angela Lujan and Jennifer Stolo and director Julia Verdin.

For nonprofits that want more information or to apply for donations from The Big 5, visit <https://www.NoAddressMovie.com>.

Robert Craig Films is a film company located in Placer County, California, with a mission to develop, create and produce high-quality, entertaining movies that inspire the audience to engage with greater empathy, compassion, and generosity in the communities they live in. Visit www.RobertCraigFilms.com for more information. ★

"A Stanford Spring" Highlighting the Lives of Jane & Leland Stanford

T-Rock Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- Three Sacramento area museums are collaborating to present "A Stanford Spring," a limited-time offering that showcases the lives of Jane and Leland Stanford with unique artifacts on display at the California State Railroad Museum, Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park and the Sacramento History Museum. The remarkable artifacts are on display now and will remain up through June at the three participating museums.

Plus, special offers, promotions and events are planned to further highlight the experience and connect with museum visitors, including:

California State Railroad Museum - On special display is an historic Central Pacific Commissioners' Car that traveled to Promontory, Utah - with Central Pacific Railroad President and former California Gov. Leland Stanford and the priceless ceremonial Golden Spike on board - for the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869. Plus, a special "Travel in Style" excursion train ride is planned on May 27 at 4 p.m. (for guests ages 21 and over) that will include light appetizers, wine, and a souvenir wine glass to take home. Train ride guests will enjoy a scenic 45-minute ride down the Sacramento River in a first-class rail car (elegant attire is encouraged).

Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park - A cherished cookbook owned by Jane Stanford titled Mrs. Hale's New Cook Book published in 1857 is on special



The historic Central Pacific Commissioners' Car that traveled to Promontory, Utah - with former California Gov. Leland Stanford for the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869. Photo courtesy of the California State Railroad Museum

display. Plus, two free and open to the public Garden Tours are planned for May 14 at 10 a.m. and June 15 at 10 a.m. for California State Parks Week, all ages are welcome and advance reservations are not required.

Sacramento History Museum - An opulent special occasion dress worn by Jane Stanford is now on display on the third floor of the museum. Made of silk and lavender in color, the beautifully ornate 1860s dress is on loan from the Center for Sacramento History's impressive collection.

Open hours for each of the three museums are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Visitors can receive half off admission at the Sacramento History Museum by showing their same-day receipt from the California State Railroad Museum. Admission to Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park is always free. Tickets to ride the "Travel in Style" excursion train ride are \$40 and space is limited. More details about "A Stanford Spring" are

available at www.california-railroad.museum/stanford.

For more information about upcoming activities offered by Sacramento area museums, "like" them on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums, follow them on Instagram and Twitter @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at www.SacMuseums.org. Those interested can also sign up for emails to learn more about your Sacramento Area Museums via the website at www.sacmuseums.org.

Comprised of approximately 25 greater Sacramento area museums, SAM's mission is to raise awareness of local museums by giving the community the opportunity to discover the region's fine art, history, and science treasures. SAM achieves its mission through implementing cooperative promotions and developing strategic marketing alliances, by encouraging sharing of knowledge and resources among its partner institutions. For more information, visit www.SacMuseums.org. ★

Public Defender's 2nd Annual Youth Outreach Announced

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Public Defender's Office's Racial Justice Committee announces the return of For the Defenders of Tomorrow - a youth outreach and engagement event related to public defense which will be held on Friday, June 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Participants in For the Defenders of Tomorrow will be introduced to the positions and teams that make up the Yolo County Public Defender's Office. They will have a chance to meet attorneys and learn about legal proceedings, legal advocacy and public service within the criminal legal system. Participants will also get to know the role of paralegals, social workers, investigators and administrative assistants, and how their work enables the Public Defender's Office to provide holistic representation. In addition to observing in-person court proceedings, participants will have the opportunity to speak with a judge, learn the steps one needs to take to become a lawyer and test their knowledge of constitutional rights through hypothetical scenarios.

After the success of last year's For Defenders of Tomorrow event, the Public Defender's Office is excited to open up their doors once more to youth in the community. Last year, eighteen youth from around the county attended the event and this year, the plan is to have even more youth participate.

"Many youth may be interested in a career in the criminal legal system, but

have never considered working in public defense," said Deputy Public Defender Jonathan Opet. "If youth are thinking about working in law enforcement, corrections or another forensic profession, it is important for them to know the role of a public defender and how all these professionals come together to form our criminal legal system."

At the conclusion of the event, participants will have a better understanding of not only public defense, but various aspects of the criminal legal system. It is the Public Defender Office's hope that this knowledge will not only inspire Yolo County youth to consider a career in public defense, but also inspire them to be change-makers both in the criminal legal system and in their communities.

"We hope participants will feel comfortable in sharing their experiences and observations from their own lives and neighborhoods, as well as their thoughts regarding how the Public Defender's Office can improve our representation," said Public Defender Tracie Olson. "We aim to be good partners with the communities we serve, so part of the purpose of this event is to listen to the youth."

For Defenders of Tomorrow is open to local high school students, Brown Issues Ambassadors, transitional age youth, current/former foster youth, gap-year students and local community college students. Space in the For the Defenders of Tomorrow event is limited. Those interested are encouraged to sign up by May 26 by contacting Eleni Bonilla at (530) 406-4525 or eleni.bonilla@yolocounty.org. ★



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Should Octogenarians Tell Social Security They Married?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: We were married two years ago at age 78 and 81. Do we need to do anything with Social Security? **Signed: Blissfully Happy**

Dear Blissfully Happy: Congratulations on your fairly recent marriage and, yes, there are some things you should do. Specifically, you should contact Social Security to inform them of your marriage, see whether any additional benefits are available, and to make any changes needed to your contact information. Here are some things to consider:

- If a name change has occurred for one of you, that person should contact Social Security to report the change. A copy of your marriage certificate (and other ID) will be required, and a new Social Security card will be issued.

- If a change of address has also occurred for one or both of you, that must be reported. It's important that Social Security has the correct mailing address, email, and contact phone number for every beneficiary.

- If there are any other changes to the contact

Information on file with the Social Security Administration for either of you (e.g., your banking information), the affected person should inform Social Security of the changes needed.

- Social Security will evaluate whether any benefit increase is available as a result of your marriage, which may be the case if one of you is entitled to a "spousal boost" (an additional amount from the other now that you're married). A spousal boost may be available if one has a monthly Social Security payment which is more than twice the other's benefit. Social Security can answer that question for you when you call.

You can contact either your local Social Security office (find the number at www.ssa.gov/locator) or call the national number at 1.800.772.1213 and tell them you need to inform them of your marriage and update your contact information. If you have (or if you create) an online "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount, you can initiate changes to your contact information online, but you will need to call Social Security directly via phone to record your marriage and see if any changes to monthly benefits are available. All of this can likely be done without requiring a visit to your local SS office.

It is very important that Social Security be made aware of your new marital status and to ensure that they have the correct

contact information for both of you. Even if the contact information is unchanged for one of you, the other should contact Social Security as described above to update their contact information and to determine if any changes to monthly benefits are appropriate as a result of your marriage. Doing so now will avoid future issues and will make sure you are both getting the correct monthly Social Security payments as a married couple. And if one of you is entitled to a higher spousal amount, you should ask for the increase to be applied retroactively (SS will pay up to 6 months retroactively). I suggest you call Social Security as soon as possible to inform them of your marriage and make any necessary **changes to your contact information.**

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California Supreme Court Dismantles No-Bid School Construction Contracts



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last week, the California Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision in a very complex – but very important – case that had been percolating for more than a decade, dealing with how local school officials evade competitive bidding on construction projects.

The case began in 2010 when Fresno Unified School District persuaded its voters to approve a bond to build new schools and upgrade old ones. In 2011, the district sold more than \$100 million in bonds from that issue and an earlier one, and in 2012 awarded a \$36.7 million contract for a new middle school to Harris Construction Co.

The contract with Harris, which had been a major contributor to the bond issue campaign, was structured as a "lease-leaseback" deal in which the district leased the school site to Harris for a nominal sum, Harris built the school and the district then leased the completed facility from Harris.

"Lease-leaseback" arrangements have been common for years, providing a way for school systems to build new facilities without borrowing money themselves. Typically, the "leaseback" runs for several decades, after which the district becomes the owner.

In the Harris project, however, Fresno Unified made payments to the contractor and once the school was completed in 2014, it used bond funds to immediately acquire ownership from Harris. Meanwhile, another contractor, Stephen Davis, had sued the district alleging that the Harris lease-leaseback deal was a subterfuge to avoid competitive bidding.

The district won two rulings from a local trial judge that the deal was legitimate, but both were overturned by a state appellate court and eventually Fresno Unified asked the state Supreme Court to determine whether the Harris deal was a legitimate contract protected under state law. Last week, the court declared that it was not, sending the case back down the legal ladder to determine what damages will be assessed.

San Diego attorney Kevin Carlin, who represents Davis and has carved out a niche career of challenging questionable school contracts, says that Harris Construction may be forced to pay back the \$36.7 million it received for building Gaston Middle School.

The case has reverberated in other ways. The superintendent who approved the contract, Michael Hanson, was fired by the school board after the suit was filed. Critics cited Hanson's close personal relationship with Harris Construction's president, Michael Spencer, including the firm's sponsorship of a gala event to honor Hanson, and the hiring of Harris as a consultant before the contract was awarded.

The FBI launched an investigation, although

nothing official came of it. However, when Davis started winning his case, it sent shudders through other school districts that had used lease-leaseback in the same questionable manner.

In 2015, just a week after an appellate court ruled against the Harris contract, a lawyer for affected companies, P. Randolph Finch, outlined a plan "to mitigate our losses" by seeking legislation to legitimize questionable contracts.

"We have clients with well over a half-billion dollars of current backlog," Finch wrote, "and another billion in completed projects, at risk on the Davis case. Consequently, we need a devoted industry effort to press these legislative changes."

Using a parliamentary loophole known as "gut-and-amend," a bill to absolve contractors of liability was drafted, but never enacted.

In 2004, the staff of the State Allocation Board, which parcels out school construction money, had described how lease-leaseback rules were being distorted, questioned the legality, declared "the integrity of the use of general obligation bonds... must be above reproach," and suggested that the lease-leaseback law be clarified.

Officialdom ignored that warning but now the Supreme Court is telling school officials and contractors to play fairly or suffer the consequences.

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



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May's Stand-Out Reads

With temperatures on the rise, it is the perfect time to curl up with a great book. From young-adults to adult readers, these stories have something for everyone.



Hotel 21
by Senta Rich (Adult), Union Square

Noelle is a model employee. As a hotel cleaner, she is swift, efficient, and thorough. So thorough that she has a habit of swiping small items. Nothing that hotel guests would expect, just random small items like Chapstick or a small barrette, and before anyone catches on, she is off to the next hotel. That is, until hotel number 21. Determined to make this job last, Noelle meets her new colleagues, authentic women with actual life experiences, opening the door to the possibility of true friendship. Now, Noelle is struck with the notion of staying around long enough to form a real connection. But just as Noelle begins to let go, her past starts to haunt her. Is Noelle strong enough to resist her old habits in order to give herself a chance at the life she deserves, or will she let it all crumble?

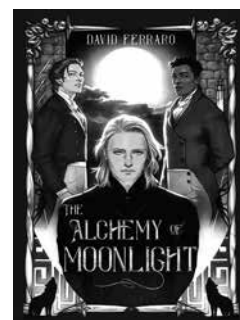
Warm-hearted and full of life, *Hotel 21* will have



That Self-Same Metal
by Brittany N. Williams, (young-adult) Amulet Publishing

Even at the age of Sixteen, Joan Sands is a gifted craftswoman in charge of creating and upkeeping the swords for William Shakespeare's acting company. As Orishablessed, Joan also has the magical power to control metal while also being able to distinguish Fae's presence amongst local commoners. However, times in London are about to change, and when she wounds a powerful Fae to save a human, she is cast between the two worlds. Now thrown in the middle of a Fae uprising, it is up to Joan to stand tall and wield her own blade of magic.

For fans of Shakespearean times, magic and Fae *That Self-Same Metal* wields a mighty sword of strong characters and powerful storytelling. Brittany Williams whistles her readers back to Shakespearean



The Alchemy of Moonlight
by David Ferraro, (young-adult) Page Street Publishing

London, complete with adventure, magic, and historical elements. Emile knows he must marry and produce an heir in order to gain his aunt's inheritance, but marrying is the furthest thing from his mind. To preserve his dignity and independence, Emile does the only thing he can think of, run away. Now working as a servant for Count Montoni, Emile is free of his aunt's expectations and can love as he pleases, but before he knows it, he stumbles into a dark mystery. Count Montoni's family suffers from an affliction that presents itself upon every full moon. Now, Emile is thrust into the middle of a family secret that someone might be willing to kill for, and more than his future title could be at risk.

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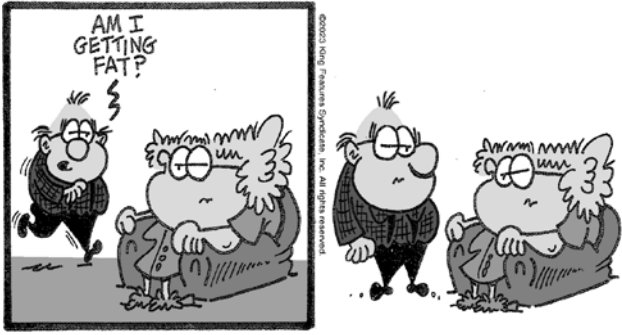
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 - Donated part
 - "Russian President
 - "Nevermind" band
 - "Walkin' on the _____" by Smash Mouth
 - Google search tool
 - Took the bait
 - Between larva and adult
 - Data input device
 - U in I.C.U.
 - Dems' opponents
 - One of Florida Keys
 - Be furious
 - "Canada/Mexico/U.S. trade agreement acronym
 - Agitate
 - Between free and freest
 - Molokai party
 - "Telephone Tammy or Sky Dancer
 - Unquestioning ones
 - Greek muse's strings
 - Slightly insane
 - Messy substances
 - Santa _____ winds, CA
 - "TV show with Central Perk
 - "Popular Disney movie with a genie
 - Caterpillar precursor
 - Accompanies wisdom?
 - "Pinky or The Brain
 - Architectural projection
 - Crème de cassis plus wine
 - Un-written exams
 - _____ pool or _____ pit
 - One or some or all
 - Find new tenant
- DOWN**
- "_____ Breaky Heart" by Billy Ray Cyrus
 - Highlands hillside
 - Raise the roof
 - Leopard marks
 - Bungle (2 words)
 - Part of a hammer
 - "_____ the land of the free..."
 - Heathrow craft
 - Type of missile, accr.
 - Aquarium organism
 - Indian bread
 - "_____ Kerenina" by Tolstoy
 - Breadcrumbs, e.g.
 - Contain the ashes
 - Peri juice
 - Amount in one's lap, pl.
 - "The Vampire Slayer
 - Accustom
 - "A _____ to Kill" and "Nick of _____"
 - Bell sound
 - Front or back one
 - Factual evidence
 - Quick and nimble
 - "First cloned mammal's

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PG&E Wants to Help Customers Recognize Utility Scams and Avoid Falling Victim

PG&E News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With reports of scams targeting utility customers at an all-time high, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) shares tips with customers to help recognize the signs of a potential scam.

A typical sign of a scam targeting a utility customer includes a caller claiming to be from PG&E and threatening disconnection if immediate payment is not made via a prepaid debit card or money transfer service like Zelle. As a reminder, PG&E will never send a single notification to a customer within one hour of a service interruption, and we will never ask customers to make payments with a pre-paid debit card, gift card, any form of cryptocurrency, or third-party digital payment mobile applications.

"If you ever receive a call threatening utility disconnection if you do not make immediate payment, hang up the phone and either log into your account on PGE.com or call our customer service number to confirm your account details. Remember, PG&E will never ask for your financial information over the phone or via email, nor will we request payment via pre-paid debit cards or other payment services like Zelle. End the call, end the scam" said Matt Foley, lead customer scam investigator for PG&E.

Based on data collected so far in 2023, scammers are stepping up their efforts to defraud customers. In fact, there have been over 19,000 scam attempts reported by customers to PG&E, and customers have lost nearly \$342,000 in the first four months of 2023 alone. During 2022, PG&E received nearly 23,000 reports from customers who were targeted by scammers impersonating the company, and customers lost approximately \$946,000 in fraudulent payments.

Scammers can be convincing and often target those who are most vulnerable, including senior citizens and low-income communities. They also aim their scams at small business owners during busy customer service hours. Another recent emerging scam trend involves scammers targeting real estate agents via their listings, and threatening to shut off power if immediate payment is not made. However, with the right information, customers can learn to detect and report these predatory scams.

Signs of a potential scam

Threat to disconnect: Scammers may

aggressively demand immediate payment for an alleged past due bill.

Request for immediate payment: Scammers may instruct the customer to purchase a prepaid card, then call them back supposedly to make a bill payment.

Request for prepaid card: When the customer calls back, the caller asks the customer for the prepaid card's number, which grants the scammer instant access to the card's funds.

Refund or rebate offers: Scammers may say that your utility company overbilled you and owes you a refund, or that you are entitled to a rebate, and ask you for your personal financial information.

Scammers Impersonating Trusted Phone Numbers: Scammers are now able to create authentic-looking 800 numbers which appear on your phone display. The numbers don't lead back to PG&E if called back, however, so if you have doubts, hang up and call PG&E at 1-833-500-SCAM. If customers ever feel that they are in physical danger, they should call 911.

How customers can protect themselves
Customers should never purchase a prepaid card to avoid service disconnection or shutoff. PG&E does not specify how customers should make a bill payment and offers a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail or in person.

If a scammer threatens immediate disconnection or shutoff of service without prior notification, customers should hang up the phone, delete the email, or shut the door. Customers with delinquent accounts receive an advance disconnection notification, typically by mail and included with their regular monthly bill.

Signing up for an online account at pge.com is another safeguard. Not only can customers log in to check their balance and payment history, they can also sign up for recurring payments, paperless billing and helpful alerts.

Customers who suspect that they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during contact with one of these scammers, should contact local law enforcement. The Federal Trade Commission's website is also a good source of information about how to protect personal information.

For more information about scams, visit pge.com/scams or <https://consumer.ftc.gov/scams>. ★

Homeless Student Count Grows



Does the increase in homeless students indicate a worsening trend? Photo courtesy Sabphoto Dreamstime.com

By Joe Hong and Erica Yee, CALMatters.org

As the number of unhoused students in California's public schools continues to rise to pre-pandemic levels, experts and educators fear that today's economy paired with the state's unrelenting housing crisis will lead to unprecedented rates of homeless youth.

According to updated data released today by the California Department of Education, there are about 5.9 million students enrolled in public schools this school year, close to 40,000 fewer students than last year or a .7% drop. But the number of students experiencing homelessness increased by 9%, about 16,000, to a total of approximately 187,000 kids.

The overarching cause of homelessness among all Californians is the perennial shortage of affordable housing in the state, according to Angela James, a researcher at UCLA's Center for the Transformation of Schools.

"It's alarming to me, quite frankly," James said. "Housing instability may be deepening in California as a result of the pandemic."

The new data signals a return to pre-pandemic numbers. Last school year, about 2.9% of students qualified as homeless. The percentage is up to 3.2% this year, about the same as it was in 2019-20.

"As a state we have not made the housing and well-being of our population a priority," James said. "Sadly, social policies have not been responsive to the needs of young people and their families."

Experts struggle to explain why homeless numbers dropped during the pandemic. They said students and their families may have been moving around during the early months of quarantine, so they may not have been counted. Or unhoused students may have just been falling through the cracks.

"In some cases, districts could be getting better at identifying students," said Dion Burns, a senior researcher at the Learning Policy Institute.

Student homelessness rose this year for the first time since 2020. The count includes students living in motels, trailer parks, campgrounds or public spaces.

While statewide numbers indicate a

return to pre-pandemic levels, 13 of the 20 largest districts in the state have more students experiencing homelessness now than they did in the 2019-20 school year.

Since 2015, rates of homelessness were rising gradually up until 2020, when they started dropping steadily. Student homelessness rose this year for the first time since 2020.

The California Department of Education uses a federal definition of homelessness that includes students living in motels, trailer parks, campgrounds or public spaces.

School districts and county offices of education employ liaisons who keep tabs on students and families experiencing homelessness. James said they're often shorthanded, so collecting data may have been a challenge, especially during the chaos of 2020 and 2021.

Many unhoused students and their families have been evicted from their homes, James said. She recalled her own personal trauma of having her family's furniture moved out to their front lawn when they were evicted. With no home, students and their families might go from one temporary shelter to another with no sense of how long they can stay in one place.

"The degree to which that impacts a child cannot be underestimated," James said.

She added that teachers are fortunately better prepared to work with these students than they were in past decades. When a student acts out or even gets violent, a teacher might try to calm the student instead of resorting to disciplinary actions like detentions or suspensions.

According to the state's new data, the numbers of foster youth, students with disabilities and students from low-income households have all increased by between 2% and 3%.

The rate of decline for overall enrollment shows signs of stabilizing after plummeting in the first years of the pandemic. Kindergarten enrollment took the biggest hit, but is starting to climb back up. Enrollment went from about 71,000 in 2020-21 to about 130,000 this year, but state officials said it's partly due to the state's expansion of transitional kindergarten. ★

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