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Where's Everybody Going?

Persistently shrinking population and the reasons why



The latest population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, California's total population declined by more than 500,000 between April 2020 and July 2022.

By Ben Christopher,
CALMatters.Org

In 2021, it was big news — the “California exodus.” Now, it just looks like the new trend: California’s population is still shrinking.

According to the latest population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, California’s total population declined by more than 500,000 between April 2020 and July 2022.

Put another way, 1 out of 100 people living in California at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic had, two years later, left the state — either by U-Haul or by hearsay.

Where’d they all go? Some died, though there were far more births; Some left the country, though on net, more immigrants arrived; The major driving factor: Californians departing for other states.

Just counting out-of-staters coming in and Californians leaving, the state’s population saw a 871,127 net decline. If you’re wondering why the state lost a congressional seat at the beginning of this decade, this is why.

This isn’t a national problem. It’s a California, New York, Illinois and Louisiana problem. California is one of only 18 states that saw its numbers decline and had the fourth biggest drop as a share of its population.

Topping the list of rapid growers are other Western states that aren’t on the pricey coast: Idaho, Montana and Utah.

That may be why Utah Gov. Spencer Cox recently pleaded with Californians to stay put rather than come as “refugees to Utah.” UCLA economist Paul Ong was quoted: “While salaries in other regions and states are lower, the cost of housing is even lower.”

But not all of California is shrinking at the same rate. And no surprise, housing seems to be the key explanation why. A San Francisco Chronicle analysis of local population changes

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Sen. Dodd Legislation Enhances City Council Participation, Diversity

From the Office
of Senator Bill Dodd

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- In an effort to boost participation and diversity on California city councils, Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, introduced legislation on February 7, 2023 that would allow increases in city council pay caps for the first time in nearly four decades, bringing salaries more in line with the cost of living.

“City councilmembers make critical decisions for our communities, but it is a difficult job with long hours,” Sen. Dodd said. “It’s especially hard for working people and people from diverse or disadvantaged backgrounds to serve in local office while balancing jobs and family obligations. My proposal will improve diverse representation and increase access to elected office for all Californians by making it less of a financial challenge to serve.”

Currently, in general law cities, city councils may vote to receive a limited salary, not to exceed caps based on population size provided in state law. However, the maximum amounts set by state law have not been increased since 1984, despite inflation of more than 300% during that time. Because of the disparity, people from diverse communities are discouraged to run for office. Others with fulltime jobs have been forced to resign their posts before their terms expire because they can’t devote time to council service and supporting their families. A majority of cities in California are under 35,000 in population and presently capped at \$300 per month with minimal allowances for adjustment.

Sen. Dodd’s proposal, Senate Bill 329, would address the inequity by allowing councils to adjust their maximum pay to reflect inflation as measured by the California Consumer Price Index. Any increases would require a majority vote of the city councils.

SB 329 is expected to be heard in committee next

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City Wants Input on Priorities

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of West Sacramento has set up a survey for the input from members of the West Sacramento community. This survey is very short and sweet. It asks you three questions: your zip code, your age group and which one of four categories you think should take priority. The four categories are 1) Streets & Traffic signs 2) Parks, Pools, Trails 3) Sewer & Water Projects 4) City Facilities (Police & Fire Stations).

The News Ledger reached out to the Capital

Projects Department for further details. We asked “Is this going to be how we get our potholes fixed, or are you talking about brand new roads?” After all, we all know how long it took to get West Capitol Ave. repaved. In addition, Public Works says they are doing pothole repair, however, they must be in a different part of town than where I go.

We also asked, “What kinds of projects are we talking about in each of these categories?” The response was that the survey is to help the staff get a better sense of residents’ priorities for the four broad

categories listed above. Furthermore, it said, “The information generated from the survey is specific to capital or infrastructure projects, and has no bearing on City staffing. The survey will be open until the end of February. The survey results will be provided to the Council and shared publicly along with other background information as the Council reviews detailed project proposals during their consideration of the City’s budget in May and June of this year.”

They were clear that this will not include anything having to do with staff or wages. This is

simply about big projects, in the distant future. Everyone desires instant gratification, however, when it comes to projects like repaving roads, it is a big process, with steps they must legally follow. It is for this reason that there are so many things that we may see needing to be done and such a long wait before it happens. You can find the survey at <https://wsac.city/CIPSurvey2023> or on social media. This all part of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Please take a minute to share your opinion with the city. They’ll only know how we feel if we tell them. ★



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Jazzy Cats and Feline Adventures in Disney's The Aristocats KIDS

Woodland Opera House News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Victorium Legal, Inc. will be presenting Disney's The Aristocats KIDS at the Woodland Opera House from February 18 – March 4, 2023. Featuring the music and lyrics of Richard M. Sherman, Al Rinker and Floyd Huddleston, Terry Giklyson, adapted and arranged with additional music by Bryan Louiselle.

Based on the beloved 1970 Disney animated film, "The Aristocats," and featuring a jazzy, upbeat score, Disney's The Aristocats KIDS, is a non-stop thrill ride of feline fun, complete with unbelievable twists and turns. A Rising Stars production, the show is cast with talented youngsters, all between the ages of 7 and 12.

As the story unfolds in the heart of Paris, we meet a kind and eccentric millionaire's daughter who wills her entire estate to Duchess, her high-society cat, and her three little kittens. Laughs and adventure ensue as their greedy, bumbling butler pulls off the ultimate catnap caper. Now it's up to the rough-and-tumble alley cat, Thomas



Disney's The Aristocats KIDS will be sure to entertain kids as well as adults. Photo courtesy of Woodland Opera House

O'Malley, and his band of swingin' jazz cats to save the day!

This show guarantees fun for the whole family. Running February 18 – March 4, 2023. Performances are set for Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. & Sundays at 7:00 p.m. All seating is reserved, ticket prices are \$16 for Adults, and \$8 for Children under 17. Balcony pricing is Adults at \$10 and Children at \$5.

PLEASE NOTE: Show approximate run time of 30 minutes (perfect for little ones!). Concessions will be available prior to the show only.

Purchase tickets online at <https://vivenu.com/seller/>

woodland-opera-house-0ebz/disneys-the-aristocats-kids-obwm and at the Box Office (530) 666-9617. Located at 340 Second Street, Box Office hours are: Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Opera House is located in historic downtown Woodland, just 15 miles northwest of Sacramento. Many wonderful shops and a variety of restaurants are within walking distance from the theatre.

Current COVID Statement: The Woodland Opera House continues to follow all local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines. ★

Social Security Matters About Social Security's "First Year Rule"



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'm considering filing for my SS at age 64 in February, before my full retirement age of 66 years and 10 months. I'm working full time and would like to continue earning until I meet the \$21,240 limit for this year. When does the \$21,240 limit go into effect? Does it start after receiving my first SS benefit deposit? Or does Social Security go by my year-to-date earnings starting on January 1st?

If I file in February and it takes 90 days to receive my first SS deposit, and at that point my year-to-date earnings are \$18,500, can I continue to work until I earn the balance of the \$21,240 (\$2,740) and then stop working? Or do they only count the earnings after I receive the first benefit payment? I know that for anything earned over \$21,240 I'll need to repay \$1 for every \$2 over the limit. **Signed: Ready to Retire**

Dear Ready: Since you haven't yet reached your full retirement age (FRA), if you claim now and are working, things will work somewhat differently during your first year collecting benefits.

If you claim for your

benefits to start in February, only your earnings starting in February count toward the earnings limit. But during your first calendar year, once your benefits start, you'll be subject to a monthly earnings limit of \$1,770 and, if that is exceeded in any month (February – December), you won't be eligible for benefits for that month. That means that they could withhold your entire monthly amount for any 2023 month after January that exceeds the monthly limit. This is part of Social Security's "first year rule," which applies only during your first calendar year collecting. If, instead, you claim for your benefits to start in March, then the monthly limit will apply from March thru December. Remember, it's not when your payment is received that counts; it's when your benefits start (SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned). Beginning in 2024 only the annual limit would apply.

Nevertheless, the "first year rule" offers some latitude on your earnings. If the penalty for exceeding the annual earnings limit (\$21,240 for 2023) is less than the penalty which results from using the monthly limit, Social Security will use the annual limit and assess the smaller penalty amount. So, if your annual (full year) 2023 earnings are less than \$21,240, no penalty will be assessed, or if you only exceed the annual limit by a small amount, you'll be assessed a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. But if your annual earnings are

substantially more than the 2023 limit, Social Security may deem you temporarily ineligible to get benefits. When you complete your application there will be a section asking you to tell them about this year's earnings as well as what you expect next year's earnings to be. From that they will decide whether you are currently eligible to collect benefits.

So, if your goal is to work only to the point that no penalty will be assessed, you can work until your 2023 earnings reach \$21,240 (whenever that is). Or you could work even a little bit longer and simply take the penalty (half of what you exceed the annual limit by), in which case SS will simply withhold future benefits for enough months for them to recover what is owed for exceeding the limit. But if you continue working full time and will substantially exceed the annual limit, it's likely Social Security will say you are temporarily ineligible to collect benefits (until your earnings are less or you reach your full retirement age when the earnings test no longer applies).

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Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO

January 31, 2023 - February 14, 2023



2-10-23 DANIEL MAXWELL arrested for warrant.

2-11-23 RAFAEL SILVAJIMENEZ Arrested for trespassing: refuse to leave property and disorderly conduct:alcohol after allegedly telling the Police that he lives in a facility where the food is bland and he doesn't get enough food, so he goes to Walmart to steal food and alcohol.

2-11-23 DEVONA JONES Arrested for two warrants when Police were dispatched to Walmart for shoplifting incident.

2-12-23 MEGAN ARUAJO Notice to appear for reckless driving.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

1-31-23 Unknown suspects stole mail from community mailboxes. Commit mail theft, Conspiracy to commit crime.

2-04-23 An unknown suspect broke into an employee's vehicle. Multiple items were stolen including license and bank card. Burglary. \$100 loss.

2-05-23 Unknown subject unlocked mailbox and took mail without permission. Burglary.

2-05-23 Known subject made unauthorized purchases using victim's bank card. Theft by us of card info.

2-05-23 Road rage incident from Sacramento led to W Sac and an unknown subject threw rock at car. Vandalism. \$855 loss.

2-06-23 Vehicle burglary on Parkway Place. \$5,112 loss. Burglary.

2-07-23 Threats made after employee was terminated. Employee also stole a company card on his way out which was later deactivated.

2-08-23 Mailbox vandalism. \$500 loss. Vandalism.

2-08-23 Unknown subject broke in and stole around \$30,000 in items from a storage unit. \$32,300 loss. Burglary.

2-08-23 USPS cluster mailbox found open on one side (no damage to mailbox).

2-10-23 Theft from a utility vehicle. Power tools were taken. \$2,500 loss. Grand theft.

2-10-23 Vehicle burglary. Power tools taken. \$2,000 loss. Burglary.

2-10-23 Unknown suspect forced open a locked jewelry storage compartment and removed items. Suspect left the store without paying for the items. \$89 loss. Petty theft: retail.

2-10-23 The following report is in regards to the theft of a wallet and use of debit card. \$300 loss. Theft of personal property, unauthorized use of card.

2-10-23 Unknown suspect broke into victim's locked vehicle and stole items. \$1,000 loss. Burglary.

2-11-23 Burglary that occurred overnight in a vehicle where hatchback was left open. \$450 loss. Burglary.

2-12-23 Robbery occurred at the 7-Eleven. Two unidentified suspects robbed male and female of their amazon package and cell phone. Suspects brandished a gun and placed subjects in fear for their lives. Robbery (gun), carjacking, kidnapping.

2-12-23 Vehicle was tampered with by having ignition punched and door forced open, but nothing was taken. \$15,000 loss. Vandalism.

2-12-23 Bicycle Burglary. \$2,500 loss. Burglary.

2-12-23 Catalytic converter was taken by an unknown subject. \$1,200 loss. Grand theft.


2-12-23 Mutual assault and battery incident. Multiple subjects were engaged in a fight. One subject brandished a knife. All subjects involved in the fight refused to cooperated with the police department.

2-13-23 Mailbox vandalism. Vandalism.

2-14-23 Victim was punched by suspect who fled. Battery.

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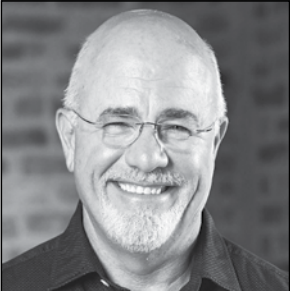
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Roll With It

Dear Dave,

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– Todd

Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Todd,

The best thing to do is roll the money over into an IRA. Otherwise you're going to be hit with a 10% penalty – plus your tax rate – and end up paying 30% to 40% of it to the government. That's kind of like asking, "Would it be a good idea to borrow \$3,200 at 30% interest to pay off debt?" Of course not! That would be a really dumb idea. And in a sense, that's what you'd be doing by just taking the money out of the TSP.

It's not a ton of money, but conceptually, I hate the idea of giving the government 30% to 40% of my money just to get my money out. So yeah, do some research, find a good investment professional

near you – one with the heart of a teacher – and roll it into an IRA.

Congratulations to you and your wife for deciding to take control of your money. And thank you for your service to our country, Todd. I hope this helped.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions. ★

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Sen. Dodd Legislation Enhances City Council Participation, Diversity

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month. The bill is supported by the League of California Cities and local advocates.

“One of the primary barriers to recruiting more diverse candidates for local office is the low rates of compensation, especially in a high-cost region like the Bay Area,” said Kirstyne Lange, president, NAACP Santa Rosa-Sonoma. “We

need candidates from all backgrounds and income levels to be able to serve. This legislation is a key step in the right direction to achieving more equitable representation in local government.”

“Diversity and inclusion make for better policymaking at all levels of government,” said Carolyn Coleman, executive director, and CEO

of League of California Cities. “Cal Cities is proud to sponsor this important legislation that lessens barriers for those interested in governing at the local level. This overdue reform is another tool communities can choose to use that can help ensure our city councils are reflective of the residents who live, work, and play in their communities.” ★

Kings Partner with Learn Fresh and NBC Sports for Black History Month

Sacramento Kings Communications News

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On February 8th, the Sacramento Kings partnered with Learn Fresh and NBC Sports to host a Black History Month Career Panel and NBA Math Hoops Live at Golden 1 Center.

During the event, local students competed against one another in an on-court version of NBA Math Hoops. Youth also took part in a career panel featuring Kings

and NBC Sports team members discussing their journey to and in the sports industry and advice for those looking to follow in their footsteps. The conversation was moderated by Stockton Kings Emcee Tony Gladney and included Kings Social Media Manager Jonathan Bradley, Kings Social Responsibility Manager Veronne Clark, Kings Youth Basketball and Community Engagement Manager Justin Williams and NBC Sports Bay Area and California Production Manager Cascene Gibson. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230065
The following person(s) is doing business as: Regal Assets Auto Corp., 1540 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Regal Assets Auto Corp., 2664 Southern Place, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 22, 2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/23/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023
REGAL 2-24-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230013
The following person(s) is doing business as: The John Drewes Company, 3870 Channel Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. PPJ LLC, 3870 Channel Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/5/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023
JOHN 2-24-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230087
The following person(s) is doing business as: Harvest Moon Embroidery, 610 Poplar Lane, Woodland, CA 95695. John Arland McAnelly and Lorie J. McAnelly, 610 Poplar Lane, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by A Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2010. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/30/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2023
HARVEST 3-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230037
The following person(s) is doing business as: Advent Transportation, LLC, 2449 Starling Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Advent Transportation, LLC, 2449 Starling Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 21, 2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/12/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2023
ADVENT 3-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230067
The following person(s) is doing business as: American Realty & Mortgage, 2125 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 26, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Jim Gouveia, 2125 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 26, 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 January 19, 2004.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/23/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2023
AMERICAN 3-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230085
The following person(s) is doing business as: EV Travel & Rental Experience, LLC, 307 D Street, Davis, CA 95616. EV Travel & Rental Experience, LLC, 307 D Street, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 26, 2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/27/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2023
EV 3-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230072
The following person(s) is doing business as: Capital Valley Investments, 23622 Calabasas Road, Suite 200, Calabasas, CA 91302, County of Los Angeles. West Coast Redevelopers, LLC 23622 Calabasas Road, Suite 200, Calabasas, CA 91302 This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
By: Cristina Agra Hughes, Senior Vice President
West Coast Redevelopers, LLC This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/24/2023.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230074
The following person(s) is doing business as:
1) Silverstone, 2) Silverstone Apartment Homes, 3) Silverstone Apartments, 2400 Pole Line Road, Davis, CA 95616, County of Yolo. Silverstone Apartments, LLC, 23622 Calabasas Road, Suite 200, Calabasas, CA 91302 This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
By: Cristina Agra-Hughes, Senior Vice President
Silverstone Apartments, LLC This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/24/2023.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10/23
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230079
The following person(s) is doing business as: Redwood South Apartments, Young Properties, 613 2nd Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Redwood South Apartments, Young Properties, 613 2nd Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 3, 2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/26/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 17, 24, Mar 3 & 10, 2023
REDWOOD 3-10-23

ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20230038
The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Efficient Mortgage Processing, 1401 Halyard Drive, Suite 130, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on March 3, 2022, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Lori Hawkins and

Greg Hawkins, 3095 Asante Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The business was conducted by: A Married Couple. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 12, 2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2023
EFFICIENT 3-3-23

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20230078
The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Redwood South Apartments, 613 2nd Street, Woodland, CA 95695. The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on July 15, 2020, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Mike Young, 627 Cornell Avenue, Albany, CA 94706. The business was conducted by: An Individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/26/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 17, 24, Mar 3 & 10, 2023
REDWOOD 3-10-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230137
The following person(s) is doing business as: Shawn Stop / Davis 1 Stop, 2002 Lyndell Terrace, Davis, CA 95616. Mass Enterprises, Inc., 2002 Lyndell Terrace, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 14, 2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/14/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 24, March 3, 10 & 17, 2023
SHAWN 3-17-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230098
The following person(s) is doing business as: Aria Event Services, 1180 Matmor Road, Apt. 146, Woodland, CA 95776. Marcus Julian Pierce, 1180 Matmor Road, Apt. 146, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/1/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 24, March 3, 10 & 17, 2023
ARIA 3-17-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230006
The following person(s) is doing business as: LV Foster Investment & Consulting, 3195 Stable Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. LV Foster, 3195 Stable Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/1/2005. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/4/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 24, March 3, 10 & 17, 2023
LV 3-17-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230070
The following person(s) is doing business as: Living Simple Vintage, 1805 Rockrose Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Selina Ainsworth, 1805 Rockrose Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/24/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 24, March 3, 10 & 17, 2023
LIVING 3-17-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230076
The following person(s) is doing business as: Hook and Reel Seafood Shack, 1143 Haverhill Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Christopher Ray Carreon, 1143 Haverhill Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 24, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/25/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 24, March 3, 10 & 17, 2023
HOOK 3-17-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230112
The following person(s) is doing business as: Affordable Towing & Transport, 216 Jackson Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Sara Jeanne Khan, 917 Joan Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/6/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 24, March 3, 10 & 17, 2023
AFFORDABLE 3-17-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230135
The following person(s) is doing business as: Impacts USA Advisory Services, 1926 Delaware Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Barbara A Lloyd, 5255 Cowell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/23/2013. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/13/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 24, March 3, 10 & 17, 2023
IMPACTS 3-17-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230145
The following person(s) is doing business as: TG Aesthetics, 1642 Princeton Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Gidenko Management, LLC, 1642 Princeton Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/14/2013. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/16/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 24, March 3, 10 & 17, 2023
TG 3-17-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2022-2258

Sarah Jean Beard has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sarah Jean Beard to Sarah Jane McMillan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 8, 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: January 30, 2023
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2023
SARAH 3-3-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-0202

Maria Carmen Ramirez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of

Maria Carmen Ramirez to Carmen Palomares.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 5, 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: February 8, 2023
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 17, 24, Mar 3 & 10, 2023
MARIA 3-10-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-0231

Kabriullah Ahmadi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rana Ahmadi to Sanam Ahmadi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, 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: February 7, 2023
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 24, March 3, 10 & 17, 2023
AHMADI 3-17-23

LIEN SALE

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 03/07/2023 @2:00PM: Kathleen Horsey household goods, Jose Gudalupe Pelayo Appliances
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.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FILEMON G. ROMO AKA FILEMON GONZALEZ ROMO
CASE NO. PR2023-0020

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Filemon G. Romo, aka Filemon Gonzalez Romo, deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Ramona Cervantes, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Ramona Cervantes 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: March 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. 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: Douglas Spletter, Reynolds Law LLP, 411 Davis Street, Suite 201, Vacaville, CA 95688; 707/425-1255
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ROMO 2-24-23

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And anyone claiming to be a Parent of (child's name): L.H. Born on (date): SEPTEMBER 2, 2012, At SUTTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, SACRAMENTO, CA

A hearing will be held on Date: APRIL 12, 2023, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: TBA Room: TBA Located at: Superior Court of California County of Butte, One Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965.

At the hearing the court will consider the recommendation of the social worker or probation officer. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.

You are required to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.

If the court terminated your parental rights, the order may be final. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.

Signed: Kimberly Flener, Clerk
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Maria Luna: Hsld gds/Furn

And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com, which will end on **Thursday, March 23rd 2023 at 10:00AM.**

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Yolo County Officer Involved Shooting Follow Up

WSPD News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The West Sacramento Police Department will be handling all further media inquiries regarding the Yolo County SWAT Team officer involved shooting which occurred on February 14, 2023. The Davis Police Department

will continue to lead the independent investigation. At this time, we can update that there was a single officer who fired two shots. He is a 7.5 year veteran of the West Sacramento Police Department. The individual who was the focus of the warrant was armed with an approximately 12"-long kitchen knife

(including blade and handle). The deceased will be identified by the Yolo County Coroner's Office when their work is completed. Body worn cameras were worn during the incident and video will be released in the coming weeks. We don't anticipate having any further information to share before that point. ★

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highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. TS No.: CA-22-942119-AB IDS-Pub #0183947 2/17/2023 2/24/2023 3/3/2023 QLSC_947 3-2-23

Washington Unified School Board Briefs

WUSD News

Board Briefs are a summary of key actions taken during WUSD Board of Education meetings. All presentations and related documents shared during school board meetings regarding open session items are posted to Gamut Meetings.

Board Brief: February 9, 2023 School Board Meeting

To keep our community up-to-date and informed of actions taken by the Washington Unified (WUSD) Board of Trustees, we will be regularly sharing board briefs. Board Briefs are a summary of key actions taken on WUSD Board of Education agenda items. All presentations and related documents shared during school board meetings regarding open session items are posted to Gamut Meetings.

CELEBRATIONS

Assistant Superintendent Stan Mojsich - On behalf of the entire team at Washington Unified School District (WUSD), we would like to take this opportunity to share our sincerest appreciation for Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Stanley Mojsich, and wish him all the best as he prepares to begin a new position outside the District.

PUBLIC HEARING & INFORMATION

High School Foreign Language Adoption - A public hearing was held for the purpose of adopting instructional materials for a new high school world language curriculum. On February 2, 2023, the WUSD Curriculum Council chose to move forward with the recommendation of the 9-12th grade world language teachers to proceed with "Carnegie Learning Language Solutions" as the new world language curriculum adoption beginning in the spring of the 2022-2023 school year for a total of six (6) years.

Strategic Plan Progress Report - Staff shared a mid-year progress report regarding the WUSD Strategic Plan highlighting key milestones on the work taking place throughout the first year of implementation of this plan.

Expanded Learning Opportunities - Staff shared an update regarding the WUSD Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P), which provides funding for afterschool and summer school enrichment programs for transitional kindergarten through sixth grade. "Expanded learning" means before school, after school, summer, or intersession learning programs that focus on developing the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and interests of pupils through hands-on, engaging learning experiences.

ACTION & CONSENT

Purchase of Chromebooks - The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of 1,200 Chromebooks as part of the annual refresh cycle for students. The Chromebooks are for all third and eighth graders and will follow these students for five years. The five-year span marks the lifespan of the Chromebook, and will be decommissioned and sent for e-waste at the end of that time period.

AVID Renewal - The Board of Trustees approved the renewal agreement for the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Agreement with WUSD. The agreement is an annual commitment to continue for the district to continue its work on instructional strategies and professional learning to maintain the district-wide AVID program. This will continue to support a consistent and aligned educational pathway for all students. Bridgeway Island, Elkhorn Village, River City High School, Riverbank, Southport, Stonegate, Washington Middle College, Westfield Village, and Westmore Oaks will participate in the program to support students.

Safety & Security Assessment at Westfield - The Board of Trustees approved the agreement for Architectural Services with PBK Architects, Inc. to assess current safety and security measures at Westfield Village Elementary School and to assess the safety and security aspects in the design documents of the modernized campus.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Electronic Public Comments Discussion - The Board of Trustees discussed the option to modify the District's current public comment practice. Following the discussion, the Trustees approved the option to have pre-submitted public comments received by 12 p.m. on the day of board meeting, shared with the Board in advance of the meeting, and recorded in the approved minutes however, the pre-submitted comments will not be read out loud during the board meeting.

The Trustees approved the following Board Policies:

First read and adoption of Board Policy (BP) No. 5132: Dress and Grooming

First read and adoption of Administrative Regulation (AR) No. 6173.1: Education for Foster Youth

FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were requested by the Trustees to be brought to a future board agenda:

Charter School Update, February 23, 2023

Adopt an Official Washington Unified School District Land Acknowledgement, TBD

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COVID-19 Effects on California Will Linger for Years



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom says California’s COVID-19 state of emergency will end on Feb. 28, just four days shy of three years since he issued the first of countless orders he said were necessary to cope with the pandemic.

“Throughout the pandemic, we’ve been guided by the science and data – moving quickly and strategically to save lives,” Newsom said in October announcing the February end date. “The state of emergency was an effective and necessary tool that we utilized to protect our state, and we wouldn’t have gotten to this point without it.”

The efficacy of Newsom’s pandemic orders will be debated for years, particularly the shutdowns of schools and businesses and the billions of dollars in no-bid contracts his administration issued.

What cannot be debated, however, is that their impacts on millions of Californians will linger for years, decades or perhaps even generations.

Nearly 3 million Californians lost their jobs due to the shutdown orders. While the state has, on paper, recovered all of the jobs it lost, countless small businesses that shut their doors have not reopened.

With work-at-home the growing norm, restaurants

and other businesses dependent on concentrated employment were clobbered. The downtowns of the state’s larger cities – including the state capital, Sacramento – were hollowed out and have not, in the main, recovered.

California’s stark divide between haves and have-nots grew wider. Upper-income Californians could do their jobs from home but lower-income service workers simply lost their jobs. Some qualified for unemployment insurance, but a managerial meltdown at the state Employment Development Department delayed, sometimes for months, benefits for legitimate claimants while EDD handed out billions of dollars to fraudsters.

School shutdowns, and the fitful efforts to continue instruction via the internet, had a devastating effect on students, especially those from poor families which lacked technology and whose parents could not work from home. The “achievement gap” that has long plagued California’s public school system widened even further, recent research has found.

Several new studies add even more evidence that the steps taken by the state to combat COVID-19 will have long-term negative impacts.

An analysis by The Associated Press, Stanford University’s Big Local News project and Stanford education professor Thomas Dee determined that 234,000 students in 21 states vanished from public school enrollment rolls during the pandemic. More than half of them were in California.

Overall, in those states, enrollment dropped by about 700,000 students, but most of the decline could

be explained by enrollments in private schools, movements to other states or shifts to at-home instruction. Of the remaining 234,000 absences for which there was no explanation, researchers said, 152,000 were in California.


The Public Policy Institute of California crunched the numbers and discovered that not only did COVID-19 kill about 100,000 Californians but that the state’s life expectancy, which had been tied for the nation’s highest with Hawaii at 80.9 years, has dropped by two years – the first such decline since World War II.

PPIC found that the higher death rate has disproportionately affected non-white Californians, particularly Latino and Black residents. “Between 2019 and 2021, the death rate (deaths per 1,000 residents) increased 51% among Latinos, 31% among Blacks, 26% among Asian-Americans, and 17% among whites,” the PPIC reported.

Finally, a new study UCLA Center for Health Policy Research found that Newsom’s stay-at-home orders, affecting businesses, child care centers and school, created financial hardships that led to psychological distress and a sharp increase in turmoil and conflict, including domestic violence.

Some COVID-19 victims are experiencing long COVID, with lasting debilitating effects. California suffers from lingering effects as well.

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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Books that Ensur Fits of Laughter

Watch Out For The Lion
by Brooke Hartman, Anna Subbauer;
Page Street Publishing

Watch out! There is a lion in this book! Don’t open this book. Cover your eyes! Wait? Is there really a lion in there? Readers will fall for this hilarious story with its bristly tail, sharp claws, and dangerous teeth. But who do they belong to?

Watch Out For the Lion teaches readers that things are not always what they seem. The fast tempo of this story and the matching illustrations will have readers guessing, laughing, and looking for the lion at the turn of each page. This is the perfect book for any child with a short attention or to incite a room of children. *Watch Out For The Lion* will have little ones asking to read this again and again.

How To Eat A Book
by Mrs. And Mr. Macleod
Union Square Kids

What happens when Shelia sits down to eat her first book? Well, the strangest thing. The book actually ate her instead!

Read along as Shelia, her sister, and her cousin all get gobbled up by their books. The Macleod’s take their readers on a marvelous and creative adventure through pages of paper crafted artwork that feels like they are going to leap off the pages. But watch out; this book might just devour its next reader.

Almost Everybody Farts and Almost Everybody Farts the Reek-Quel
by Marty Kelley; Sterling Publishing

Everybody farts! Grandmas, sisters, brothers, teachers, but no, not mothers. Unicorns pass fancy rainbows, and dads say “pull their finger.” Whether breaking win, cutting the cheese, or letting it rip, everyone farts, but maybe mom.

Readers will fall over in fits of giggles in this hilarious book about the



act that everyone does. Marty Kelley’s illustrations make this book even funnier, taking everyday scenes, people, and animals and giving them priceless facial reactions as they all get caught in the act.

The Laughter ensues in *Almost Everybody Farts The Reek-Quel* as farting is reexamined, with a whole new set of animals and people. Can you guess what doesn’t fart? With a bit of raspberry-scented mystery, readers must read to the end to uncover the culprit. As funny as the first book, this series is a must-have for anyone who giggles about farts.

The Very Best Hug
by Smriti Prasad-Halls and Alison Brown; Bloomsbury

Have you ever wondered who gives the best hug? Could it be a giant bear hug, or a koala cuddle? What about a walrus wiggle or a porcupine prickle? How about a squeeze from a skunk or a rumble with a rhino? But seriously, who gives the best kind of hugs?

Perfect for a bedtime giggle, *The Very Best Hug* will have little ones guessing, laughing, and coming up with their own hilarious animal hugs. But, in the end, discover the best hug of all is from the person right next to them. ★

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20. Dutch cheese
21. Not quite right
22. “I” thee ____
23. Crème de ____
26. Where Japan is
30. Part of circumference
31. Threatened Asian or African odd-toed ungulate
34. Ready for picking
35. Reasons to sue
37. Romanian money
38. English county
39. Popular Arabic name
40. Lemon, in Paris
42. Latissimus dorsi, for short
43. Angola’s southern neighbor
45. Dairy farm glands
47. Relax, or ____ out
48. Brooke or John Jacob, of New York
50. USPS delivery
52. *Cards against what?
55. Medicinal plant with purple berries
56. Bug-eyed
57. Tiny bottle
59. a.k.a. jumping bone
60. Plucked string instrument
61. Makes a mistake
62. “____ Day,” desirable square in The Game of Life
63. Bard’s before
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9. Particle in A-bomb
10. What’s-old-is-new-again prefix
12. Somewhat late
13. Be at the helm
14. *Not chutes
19. #39 Across, pl.
22. Is no longer
23. *Trade, build, settle this island
24. Denophile’s concern
25. Curtain fabric
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27. Theater passage
28. Asparagus unit
29. Written works
32. Hipbones
33. Butterfly catcher
36. *Like pursuit of no vital importance
38. “____ a high note”
40. A Camel, for short
41. Result of equipment failure

44. The beauty of the ball?
46. Morgan Freeman in “Driving Miss Daisy,” e.g.
48. Sign of bad news
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Financial Literacy Needs to be Taught in California Schools



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Commentary
by Alexis Fitzpatrick,
Safe Credit Union

With more and more of our children failing to meet basic math skills, it's unfortunate but not surprising that so many adults struggle with achieving financial freedom. Late last year, California released statewide test scores that revealed only 33 percent of students were able to meet the state's math standards – a drop of seven percent from 2019. Some of those results are undoubtedly due to challenges associated with the pandemic. But the statistic on its own is cause for concern and action.

Adding financial literacy to the state's education curriculum could help improve those numbers as well as prepare our youth for the financial realities of adulthood.

Financial literacy is an individual's ability to understand and make informed decisions regarding their finances. This includes knowledge of basic financial concepts such as budgeting, saving, investing, and managing debt. In today's world, financial literacy is more important than ever. Here are a few reasons why California students would benefit from a financial

literacy course:

- **Better Money Management:** Financial literacy empowers individuals to manage their money effectively, enabling them to make informed decisions on spending, saving, and investing. It helps people understand the true cost of credit, set financial goals, and plan for future expenses.
- **Avoid Financial Scams:** Financial scams have become increasingly common. Research suggests that people who are financially literate are less likely to fall victim to them. Understanding basic financial concepts and being aware of common scams help individuals protect their money and avoid costly mistakes.
- **Improved Credit Scores:** Understanding the financial landscape can also have a positive impact on an individual's credit score, a metric used to determine one's ability to obtain credit. Understanding credit scores, how they are calculated, and how to maintain a good credit history can improve a person's chances of getting approved for loans, credit cards, and other financial products.
- **Retirement Planning:** With more and more Americans retiring at a later age, financial literacy can help students understand the importance of saving for retirement, and to choose the right investment options to ensure they have enough money to support themselves in their later years.
- **Financial Independence:** Financial literacy can help individuals become financially independent, reducing their dependence on credit, and enabling them

to take control of their financial future. This can increase self-esteem, reduce stress and lead to greater overall happiness.

Despite its importance, financial literacy is often not taught in schools and quite frankly it should be. Two years ago I was hopeful when legislation was introduced to authorize a school district or charter school to incorporate a financial literacy program into an economics course offered by the local school districts. Sadly, the bill never even received a committee hearing.

This lack of basic skills not being taught in our schools is having serious consequences, particularly for younger generations who don't have the knowledge and skills needed to manage their finances effectively.

We must support legislation at the national, state, and local level to teach financial literacy and encourage individuals to take an active interest in their finances.

Financial literacy is crucial for individuals to achieve financial stability and independence. It enables individuals to make informed decisions about their finances, protect themselves from financial scams, and plan for their future. Making financial literacy a priority will help ensure that individuals have the knowledge and skills they need to manage their finances effectively, and to achieve their financial goals, leading to a sense of financial freedom.

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Nature Photography Workshop and Tour with Renowned Nature Photographer



World renowned nature photographer Lewis Kemper will lead a virtual workshop and hands-on tour on Thursday, March 2 and Saturday, March 4. Photo courtesy of Mychal Watts

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DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Join world renowned nature photographer Lewis Kemper as he provides new insights, inspiration, and instruction to photographers of all levels in this fun-filled educational experience designed to enhance your photographic skills. This is a hybrid event split between two sessions.

During the first session, March 2, participants will attend a virtual educational workshop live with Lewis Kemper. Topics will include the essentials of light, color, and composition and prepare them for the tour.

In the second session, March 4, they will meet Lewis at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Headquarters. After appetizers and drinks, the group will travel to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (or another local natural setting, if

the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area is closed due to flooding), to put their newfound knowledge into practice. After the second session, there will be an opportunity to share recently captured photos for group discussion and critique in a private Facebook group, with Lewis guiding the way.

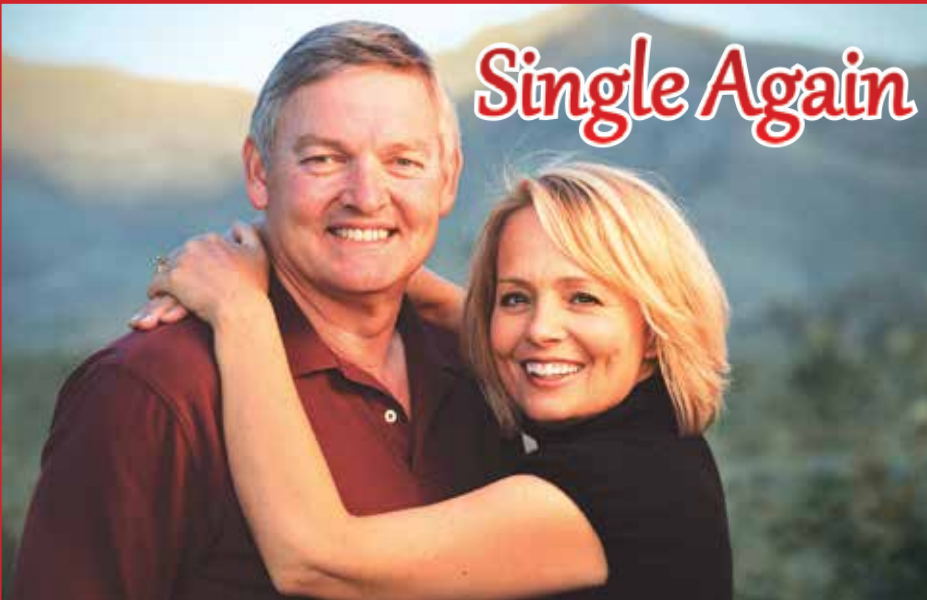
"Helping people improve their photography while having fun is one of my favorite things in life!" says Kemper.

Lewis Kemper is a widely recognized photographer, writer, and instructor, lecturing throughout the United States. Books include, "Ancient Ancestors of the Southwest" published by Graphic Arts Center Publishing; "Capturing the Light" which won the People's Choice Award in Fine Art in the 2009 "Photography.Book.Now" competition; and his "Photographing Yosemite Digital Field Guide" which

was voted in the top 20 field guides. Lewis' training videos have been used by thousands of photographers, helping them with their photographic and post processing skills. Lewis is currently a "Tamron Ambassador." You can visit his website at www.lewiskemper.com.

This program is one of Yolo Basin Foundation's Explorer Series events, and all proceeds support the Foundation's wetlands and wildlife education for people of all ages. The cost is \$175 per person and the workshop is limited to 20 participants. To register and see the full list of scheduled events, visit yolobasin.org/explorer. To register by phone, please call Yolo Basin Foundation at (530) 757-3780.

Yolo Basin Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the appreciation and stewardship of wetlands and wildlife through education and innovative partnerships. ★



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