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Lost Boats Memorial Unveiled



The Lost Boats Memorial with the names of all those lost at sea in submarines established on Saturday, January 21. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The unveiling of the Gold Country Base Submarine Veterans “Lost Boat Memorial” took place on Saturday, January 21st. Located in the military walk along the River Walk walkway, it stands tall and proud. Barry Wyatt, Base Commander and Public Affairs Officer, introduced himself, the Color Guard post the colors, the Naval Sea Cadets Honor Guard and Historian Roger Paul led the group in Pledge of Allegiance. A prayer was read by Chaplin Howard Grover and everyone took their seats.

Wyatt thanked the mayor, the City of West Sacramento and all

the honored guests for attending the ceremony. He expanded on his appreciation to the City of West Sacramento by saying that the project would not have been completed without the amazing support of the City and guidance by its staff.

Mayor Martha Guerrero was introduced and humbly stepped up to the microphone. She said in part “We are honored that they chose West Sacramento for the memorial honoring the submariners who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The City Council and the West Sacramento community express gratitude to the servicemen who lost their lives at sea, and to the families who lost loved ones in the defense of our country.”

The mayor was followed by Pete Juhos, the Western Regional Director of the United States Veterans nationwide. He is former Gold Country Base Commander of Western District 5 and served 21 years in the United States Navy on both submarines and deep submergence vehicles.

In a news release Gold Country said, “Over the history of the Navy, in both war and peace, 65 United States submarines have been lost and 4,000 American Sailors have paid the ultimate price and remain on Eternal Patrol. The Monument represents the ‘depth of gratitude’ we have for our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving

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Levees Under Watchful Eye



West Sacramento levees have experienced some natural erosion as seen in this slump near the Deep Water Ship Channel. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento Public Works

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In 2019, the City of West Sacramento pushed

for a decision to be made on an application submitted to Local Agency Formation Commission of Yolo County (LAFCo)

ten years earlier about the maintenance of the city’s levee system.

LAFCo is a state-man-dated organization that

was created from the Local Government Reorganization Act in 2000. Its purpose is to

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California Loses Population Again

Commentary
by Ted Gaines

California reigned for decades as the unmatched destination for people around the country. Now people can’t leave fast enough. Recently released numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that between July 2021 and July 2022, California lost roughly 343,000 residents to other states. This number is a “domestic net migration” figure, meaning that 343,000 more Americans moved out of California over those 12 months than moved here from other states.

Where are they going? The number-one net migration winner over that period was Florida, which gained around 319,000 residents from other states.

It’s too easy to say exclusively that Newsom is driving people out of state and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is attracting them, but to the extent the two governors symbolize different approaches to taxation, regulation, and liberty, it holds true. People are leaving Newsom-like states and flocking to DeSantis-like states. If you want to handicap the 2024 presidential election, this is a good place to start.

The states shedding domestic population are progressive strongholds, with extensive regulatory regimens, strong public employee unions and other Democrat policy priorities. They are, simply, big government states. High tax, high cost of living states. Joining California in the top five net losers are New York, Illinois, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

States attracting Americans are lower-cost, lower-tax, Republican strongholds. Trailing Florida in the top five net gainers are Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

And even if your individual tax burden is not too bad in California, big government, supported by high taxes (regardless of who pays them) indicates a mindset that the state should always be doing more and additional money for government is inherently good.

This bigger-is-better approach leads to government solutions in search of problems.

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UC Davis Health Improving Eye Care for People with Diabetes

UC Davis Health News

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Diabetes affects 34.2 million people in the United States. Diabetic retinopathy, a diabetes complication that affects blood vessels in the eye, is the leading cause of blindness in adults. Early detection and treatment are critical to prevent vision loss but fewer than 50% of the 3.2 million Californians with diabetes undergo their recommended yearly eye screening. Glenn Yiu, a professor of ophthalmology at UC Davis Health, hopes to increase that number significantly.

The UC Office of the President announced Yiu received a \$2 million grant to lead an interdisciplinary program, the Collaborative UC Teleophthalmology Initiative, or CUTI. The project, part of UCOP Multicampus Research Programs & Initiatives, is in partnership with medical centers at UC San Diego, UC San Francisco and UC Los Angeles. CUTI builds on a screening program Yiu launched at UC Davis Health in 2018. The goal is to expand eye care access for diabetics, particularly for underserved populations. The project will utilize digital medical equipment for teleophthalmology or “remote” ophthalmology.

How Teleophthalmology can be used for Screenings

A key feature of the CUTI program is integrating digital eye screenings into routine care at primary care facilities or clinics for patients with diabetes. The screening is simple and just requires the patient to look into a special camera. Known as a fundus camera or retinal camera, the machine takes high-resolution images of the interior of the eye. The images can detect changes that may signal diabetic retinopathy and other eye conditions. After the digital image is

taken at the primary care office or clinic, the results are sent to an off-site eye care provider for evaluation and diagnosis.

“Teleophthalmology pro-

will work with community clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to reach underserved members of the community.

community clinics, such as Clinica Tepati and Paul Hom Asian Clinic, that provide care in Sacramento’s inner-city neighborhoods. UC Davis

awareness and acceptance of telehealth. He thinks this technology can reduce in-person health visits and improve access and adherence to preventative eye care.

The interdisciplinary CUTI team includes members from the four different UC campuses with expertise in public health, clinical informatics, and health economics who can address obstacles in clinical workflow, technology integration, and financial sustainability.

The retinal images taken during the four-year study will be collected in a centralized repository for research using artificial intelligence. Artificial intelligence may be able to identify eye diseases and predict the risk of cardiovascular events and strokes simply from images of the eye’s interior.

“The introduction of artificial intelligence is another exciting development in teleophthalmology,” Yiu said. “The incorporation of AI for automated image interpretation allows for faster and more sensitive diagnosis of early eye disease.”

Remote diabetic eye screening is already available at UC Davis primary clinics in Midtown, Folsom, Elk Grove, and the Lawrence E. Ellison Ambulatory Care Center. Yiu and his team believe that remote eye imaging may be used in the future to screen for other eye conditions such as glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Over the four-year program, they hope to spread the word to improve awareness about preventative eye care.

“We are excited to start this project and hope to find a way to scale it up for all of California. Our long-term goal is to make it easy for people with diabetes to get their annual eye screening, so we can help people avoid preventable blindness.” ★



The UC Office of the President announced Yiu received a \$2 million grant to lead an interdisciplinary program, the Collaborative UC Teleophthalmology Initiative, or CUTI. Image by David Mark from Pixabay

vides a convenient way to get your eyes screened for diabetic retinopathy and other ocular disorders during a routine visit to the primary care physician,” Yiu said. “It also enhances eye care access for those who do not live near an ophthalmologist.”

Since launching a separate pilot teleophthalmology program at UC Davis in 2018, Yiu has improved diabetic eye screening rates by more than 15%, helping to make UC Davis Health one of the top performers in the country.

Screening for Underserved Patients

In addition to eye screenings at primary care facilities at UC health systems, the program

“Teleophthalmology provides a convenient way to get your eyes screened for diabetic retinopathy and other ocular disorders during a routine visit to the primary care physician.”

GLENN YIU, A PROFESSOR OF OPHTHALMOLOGY AT UC DAVIS HEALTH

In the Sacramento area, this includes student-run free

Health is also working with Communicare Health Care Centers, a FQHC, to provide remote diabetic eye screening to rural areas of California’s Central Valley. The region has limited eye care access. UC San Diego and UC San Francisco will also be engaging with community clinics in addition to primary care centers.

Training and Identifying Barriers

Because eye screenings are not a routine part of primary care, the program will train health care providers and identify the barriers that prevent the widespread adoption of remote eye screening. Yiu noted that the COVID-19 pandemic increased

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Rain Damage is Extensive

Lost Boats Memorial Unveiled



Potholes on Sacramento Avenue show how parts of the road are sinking. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As the City of West Sacramento continues to clean up and make repairs caused by the mass rain and winds that California sustained, the road conditions are on that list. Mass amounts of water made the roads swell and crumble, leaving behind many, and some very large, potholes in our roads. The Public Works Department is doing their best to get to them as quickly as they can, but they are relying on the public for help in finding them. “We simply don’t have the time to drive up and down every road in town looking for potholes,” said Bill Roberts, Director of

Public Works. “We are relying on the community to notify us where they are,” he said. Roberts said the best way to report potholes, and any problem that is not an emergency, is online through West Sac Connect, either online or the mobile app, because then the report goes directly to the correct person. “It not only keeps a record of all reports, but we can mark them as completed and add photos so that the concerned party can check the status of their report and know that we are taking care of it. It’s just a really great thing,” he said. Roberts also added that people should try to give as specific details as

possible to its location. If you don’t have access to WestSacConnect, you are welcome to call them at (916) 617-4850. However, if you think the pothole is big enough, or deep enough that it could cause an emergency situation, you are asked to call. If it is after 5 p.m., you can call the non-emergency dispatch number of the Police Department at (916) 372-3375 and they will send out workers right away to triage and assess the issue. Public Works has staff on 24-hours-a-day and is available for emergencies when needed, and they truly feel “better safe than sorry” is the way to look at it if you are unsure if it is an emergency. ★



Mayor Martha Guerrero, Sacramento Region U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, and members of the United States Submarine Veterans Gold Country Base stand proud during the unveiling of the Lost Boats Memorial. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

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their country in the United States Navy Submarine Service and honors those brave men and women who are serving now and who will serve in the future, beneath the oceans of the world.” The idea for the monument began in 2017. They wanted it somewhere in the Sacramento Region. Similar monuments have been created nationwide, but most are concentrated on the submarines lost during WWII. This Monument is to recognize all 65 submarines that have been lost in service. They wanted to find a spot that was close to the water, somewhat safe from vandalism and easy

to access for public viewing. They decided that the Veteran’s Plaza in West Sacramento would be the perfect spot. After years of ups and downs, fundraising the \$20,000 needed to get started, and then continuing the fundraising for additional costs, the monument has finally been built and installed. Wyatt listed the many groups and organizations that took part in the construction and installation of the majestic monument. He then explained his personal connection to the monument. When he was 17 years old and in submarine school, the USS Thresher (SSN-593) went on a deep-diving exercise when she went down. He

discussed how the shock wave that hit those in school and how he still carries it to this day. He quoted Dr. Joyce Brothers about submariners: “*The tragic loss of the submarine Thresher and her men had a special kind of impact on our nation... a special kind of sadness, mixed with universal admiration for the men who chose this kind of work....*” She said, “*one could not mention the Thresher without observing, in the same breath, how utterly final and alone the end is when a ship dies at the bottom of the sea... and what a remarkable specimen of man it must be who accepts such a risk.*” ★

Levees Under Watchful Eye

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oversee how local governments within their county can ensure the efficiency of services such as water, sewer, fire protection, etc., by boundary changes. These include mergers, detachments, consolidations, and formations of existing or new districts. In other words, they try to keep local governments’ spending more efficient by seeing what “departments” can be combined, and what should be separated.

In 2019, the City of West Sacramento and Reclamation Districts 900 and 537 were in disagreement about who would be more economically beneficial if left in charge of the care of our levees. Districts 900 and 537 agreed that the organizational structure of decision-making and all work done to our levee system should remain as it was. The City claimed that it would be more beneficial if they were to be in charge because they could consolidate different aspects of administration and cut administrative overhead. It would not just be one or the other, however. Either group will also be working with the Army Corp of Engineers and multiple city, county, state and federal agencies. Ultimately, LAFCo made a decision. The City of West Sac would be the more economical way to go. The question then became, would the integrity of our levees and the safety of our community be at risk? Could we count on the City to keep us safe when taking the place of experts on the topic? Well, it seems that LAFCo’s decision was a



City of West Sacramento public workers use tarps to limit moisture which can saturate the clay in the levee system and cause slumps. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento Public Works

good one. When the City took over, they made sure that they had the right people in the right positions. Bill Roberts is the Director of Public Works. He came from Sacramento after 21 years of being in charge of their levees. “West Sac has a lot more employees as opposed to RD 900 who can actually help and fix, repair or prevent problems with the levees and we have certified people, like myself and Bobby Santos, who that’s all we did over there was levees,” he said. Roberts and Santos have been trained by DWR (Department of Water Resources) and the Army Corp of Engineers on how to care for, repair, and build levees. They do four inspections per year. With all the rain that the recent series of storms brought, there has been natural erosion to the levees. This has prompted an action of preventative care. The City of West Sac explained it as “More than likely, the slump was caused by water entering into the very small cracks in the levee. This levee is a clay levee, which shrinks and swells; shrinks when it is hot outside, swells when the soil gets wet. If too

much water hits the clay levee too fast, the clay cannot absorb the water fast enough to swell closed, so water leaches into the levee. The clay gets over saturated, such that this extra weight caused the slump. The tarping of the slump prevents additional water from entering the damaged section. This prevents additional slumping and erosion. The sandbags are used as weights to keep the tarp from flying away in the wind. This portion of levee embankment along the Deep Water Ship Channel is quite wide, approximately 250 feet. The amount of material that slumped poses no threat to levee safety and there is absolutely no threat of a breach.” The City would also like to remind anyone who is along the river or deep water channel to be extremely cautious. It is definitely not recommended to have 4-wheelers out there. The ground is too soft and unpredictable. Though we are not in danger of a breach, there is a very real danger of a possible life-threatening situation occurring if the ground gave way from under your vehicle. Please stay safe. ★

West Sacramento News Briefs

MPG Staff

Missing pets after the storms

The animal shelters are full to the brim with animals that were rescued during all of the storms we’ve recently had. If your pet is missing, please check with the animal shelters. Animals picked up in West Sacramento are supposed to go to the animal shelter in Woodland. However, if your pet was picked up by a community member, it may be at Front Street Animal Shelter. Front Street is currently waiving the fees to retrieve your animals, as well as adoption fees.

Riverbank Elementary providing dental treatment for the kids

Smile Savers Virtual Dental Home is coming to Riverbank elementary next month. The children will receive all dental check-ups including the following services: teeth cleaning, radiographs, exam, fluoride, dental sealants and brushing instructions. If you have any questions, you can call Riverbank at (916) 375-7700, or the dental office at (916) 403-2960. There is registration paperwork in English/Spanish/Russian/Farsi that has been handed out to students. All parents need to do is fill out the registration forms and turn them into the school. The Smile Savers/Virtual Dental Home hygienist will be on campus 3 days a week and begin seeing students at the beginning of February. The hygienist collaborates with a dentist via the internet and can take X-rays, do screenings, sealants and treatments for students during the school day. Parents do not need to take time off work to take their students to the dentist (they can certainly come and watch the procedure if they want). Any treatments requiring anesthetics are referred to a local dental clinic. All procedures are covered by MediCal, whether they are at school or at the dental clinic. The hygienist plans to talk with all classes about dental care so that all students can benefit, but parents do have to sign off on having their students treated before the hygienist can see them.

West Sac Girls Softball has upcoming events

We need 12U Coaches! We currently have 31 girls registered for our 12U

Division and 0 (zero) Head Coaches! We need 3 Head Coaches registered by 2/2/23 in order to provide the girls a Spring season. No 12U coaches, no 12U season. Coaches can be parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles or just friends of the community! We’ll offer a coaches clinic in late February, practices can begin 3/1/23 with opening day scheduled for 3/18/23. We welcome anyone interested in coaching to visit our Volunteer Info > Coaches section on our website: www.westsacgirlssoftball.com and register if ready to help save the season for our 12U players!

Diamonds & Drafts - a WSGS Fundraiser!

Friday, January 27, 5-9 pm at Jackrabbit Brewing; 1323 Terminal Street in West Sacramento. Jackrabbit will be donating 50% of proceeds from a featured tap to West Sac Girls Softball! They are also hosting a 50/50 Raffle, Pitching Contest and a Silent Auction, including a Dusty Baker-signed ball, a Ken Griffey, Jr.-signed ball, Mizuno bat, and more! DJ Private Ryan will provide entertainment and tasty food available for purchase from Thick Vato’s and Tacos!

WSGS Opening Day

Save the date for March 18, 2023!

Call For Umpires

With baseball season almost upon us, there is an urgent need for umpires. Umpire clinics are offered. It’s a great way to make some pretty good money! (Up to \$700 per weekend!) You decide how much you work. You take off the days you want. You advance when you feel comfortable. Contact your Little League or Softball League’s Umpire in Chief for clinic details.

Broderick-Bryte Community Roundtable on Graffiti Abatement

January 31st, 6-7 p.m. at Victory Outreach and February 7th, 6-7 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. Join City officials and Broderick/Bryte community members to discuss the graffiti problems in the area and what to do about it. This is for anyone who had their house tagged with graffiti or would like to avoid it happening to them. ★

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STUDENTS MAKING THE GRADE

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


- ❖ **XANDER BELL** was named to the Fall 2022 President’s List at Southern New Hampshire University (Manchester, NH)
- ❖ **TAYLOR HALL** graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic’s West Campus (San Jose, CA)
- ❖ **EMILY HREHA** was named to the Fall 2022 President’s List at Southern New Hampshire University (Manchester, NH)

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A Veteran Thank Today

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO

January 11, 2023 - January 17, 2023



1-11-23

KESHAWN BROWN Arrested for Evading with disregard to safety, give false ID to Police, obstruction and hit & run w/ property damage.

1-14-23

LOUIS CHAVEZ Arrested after Police dispatched to a call, where records check showed four warrants.

1-14-23

FRANSISCO ALVARADO Arrested for Burglary & parole violation after allegedly being caught in a girl’s apartment.

1-15-23

DUSTIN DESHA Arrested for taking vehicle without owner’s permission.

1-15-23

AMELIA WERLY Arrested for allegedly taking vehicle without consent and a warrant.

1-15-23

MARY CASEY Arrested on a failure to appear warrant.

1-16-23

JOSE ALMANZA Arrested for allegedly taking vehicle without owner’s consent, paraphernalia and possession of burglary tools after Police allegedly caught him trying to steal a big rig stuck in the mud.

1-16-23

JESSE RODRIGUEZ Arrested for warrant after Police responded to a call.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

1-10-23

Stolen catalytic converter. \$300 loss. Petty theft.

1-14-23

Two suspects allegedly used what appeared to be a master key to open the community mailboxes at an apartment complex. Mail was taken. Reporting party provided a license plate. Commit mail theft, possess burglary tools, Conspiracy to commit crime.

1-14-23

An unknown suspect broke into community mailbox. Theft of personal property.

1-15-23

Victim had back window broken. \$451 loss. Vandalism of \$400 or more.

1-16-23

Business rear fence was cut and an unknown number of items were taken. \$300 loss. Vandalism.

1-16-23

Unknown suspect cut fence and stole 50 pallets. \$750 loss. Petty theft.

1-16-23

Unknown subject broke rear sliding door and gained access to residence. Nothing taken. \$1,000 loss. Vandalism.

1-16-23

Stolen firearm. Petty theft.

1-17-23

Two unidentified suspects unlawfully forced entry into two businesses. It is unknown what items were stolen. Burglary.

1-17-23

Suspected mail theft.

Transit Ridership Falter, Posing a ‘Fiscal Cliff’



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California utopians, including those holding public office, envision a state that by 2045 will have achieved zero net emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

The largest source of those emissions is transportation – the cars, trucks, buses, airplanes and railroad engines that carry Californians, the goods they need to live and the inputs and outputs of the state’s \$3.4 trillion economy.

To that end, the California Air Resources Control Board has issued seemingly countless decrees, including one that would ban the sale of autos with gas- or diesel-powered engines by 2035.

Public transit is central to the state’s hopes of reducing transportation emissions. Officials want more Californians to park their cars – or not buy them in the first place – and use buses and light and heavy rail systems for commutes and other personal trips.

Despite those hopes, transit ridership is going the other way, and transit system operators and advocates are using terms such as “fiscal cliff” and “death spiral” as farebox revenues decline and there is greater demand for taxpayer money to shore up their operations.

Transit usage cratered when the COVID-19 pandemic hit the state three years ago and millions of workers either lost their jobs or shifted to working at home. Ridership picked up a bit when pandemic closures eased and employment finally returned to pre-pandemic levels. However, the California Transit Association says that as of the third quarter of 2022, overall ridership was averaging just two-thirds of what it had been prior to the pandemic.

“Some agencies have returned to pre-pandemic ridership levels and above, while others continue to struggle with ridership counts that are one-third of previous totals,” the organization says in a new “strategic plan” it unveiled in December.

The plan “comes at a moment when our industry faces serious existential threats – slow ridership recovery, a fiscal cliff, and a widening workforce gap,” Karen King, who chairs the organization’s executive committee, said.

The plan makes obtaining more financial support, particularly from the state, its highest priority, citing not only declines in ridership and operational revenue, but the state’s mandate that it get rid of its hydrocarbon-fueled buses and replace them with battery-powered vehicles. The cost of zero-emission buses and the infrastructure to operate them is tabbed at more than \$11.6 billion.

Three weeks after the plan was released, Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed a new budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year with spending reductions to close what he said was a \$22.5 billion deficit, thanks to a projected decline in revenues.

Transit officials and their supporters didn’t like the budget’s treatment of transit, particularly a \$2 billion reduction in transit infrastructure. The industry’s top legislative advocate, Scott Wiener, a Democratic state senator from San Francisco, pledged to seek restoration of the funds and more money to cover transit’s revenue declines.

Wiener said, “We must not let our public transportation systems go over the impending fiscal cliff and enter a death spiral – where budget shortfalls lead to service cuts that lead to ridership drops that lead to further budget shortfalls and service cuts. The state must serve as a financial back-stop against this fiscal cliff to ensure our transit systems survive.”

The transit dilemma typifies the conflicts and tradeoffs that permeate the state’s hopes for achieving carbon neutrality 22 years hence. As a recent CalMatters analysis of the state’s ambitious but tortured plans to rid itself of hydrocarbon-fueled cars underscores, it’s one thing to declare such a goal on paper, but it’s quite another to make it reality when the precise steps needed are complicated, time-consuming and expensive.

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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The Importance of a Paper Trail

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With the homeless rate astronomically high, the importance of a paper trail has never been greater. The thought of losing your hard-to-find place is overwhelming. The housing shortage and the prices are crazy. How do you protect yourself and when do you have to?

A West Sacramento resident (who asked to exclude her name), who lives in an apartment complex, received a notice on her door of a 3-day pay or quit. In that notice it states that she owes for November, December and January's rent. Friday morning she gathered up her receipts and headed to the office. The notice was placed on her door after 5 p.m. on a Thursday. The office is generally closed on Fridays, and the upcoming Monday was a holiday. She was very concerned about taking care of this within the three days.

When the resident got to the office the lights were on, there were people inside working, but the doors were locked. She knocked on the door and the people inside looked at her, so she was sure they knew she was there. She stood and waited for someone to respond. She waited roughly 20 minutes before

someone came to the door. At this complex it is mandatory that rent is paid with a money order. She knew she had the receipt stubs for every month. She remembers having to prove already that November's rent was paid, but couldn't remember why. The resident brought the receipts to the complex office and showed them to the manager. She reminded them that she had been in the office twice last month because there was an issue with the rent then as well.

After describing the interaction between the two that took place in December and producing two money order stubs for December, the Manager remembered and said that she would adjust the computer, but that the resident still owed for November. She began looking through her envelope of receipts/ money order stubs but did not see November's. She was absolutely sure that she had paid the

rent and still remembers proving already that she paid November's rent. She told the manager that she would go look through her paperwork for November's receipt.

As she was leaving the office the Manager told her that even if she finds the money order stub it doesn't prove that she gave it to them or that they cashed it. The Manager proceeded to tell the resident that she would have

to prove that they cashed it. The resident asked how she was supposed to do that, the Manager said that if she found the receipt stub, she would have to go to the place where she purchased the money order and have them retrieve a copy of the signed, cancelled money order.

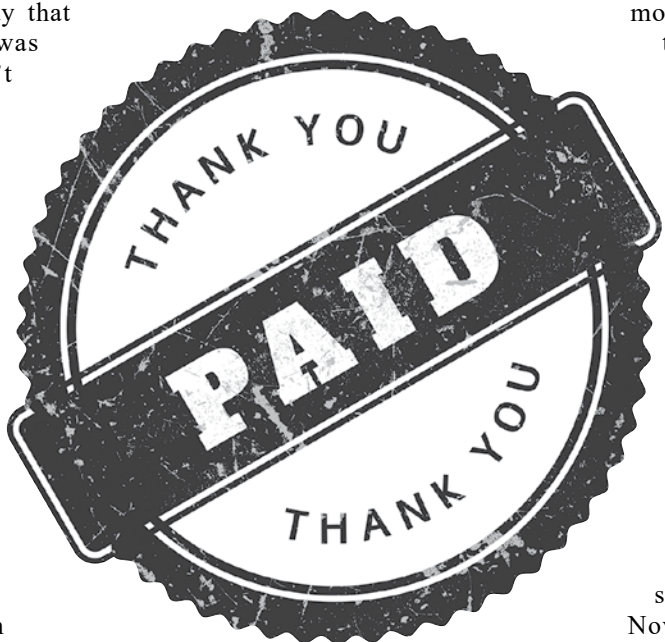
The resident went home and within just a few moments she located both October's and November's stubs. They were both dated in October. Suddenly she remembered why she had to prove she had already paid November's rent. The resident had actually paid November's rent in October due to the fact she was going to be out of town when rent was due. She went back to the office but this time they did not answer the door. The doors have glass windows and it didn't appear that they were on the phone or that anyone was in the office.

Frustrated, she left and decided that she would just see if getting

proof they cashed it was even possible. This is not the first time that these kind of issues have taken place in the five years that she has lived there. She learned right away that she needed to hang onto paperwork, as it didn't appear that this practice of questionable book-keeping was going to change.

So, who do you call when something like this, or other issues occur with your landlord/ manager? If you can afford it, there are of course Fair Housing lawyers. If you have any kind of housing assistance, you can call that program and they can usually fix the issue with a phone call. However, if neither of these options are available to you, there are still a couple of options. If you live in apartments, you can turn to the National Apartment Association at naahq.org. There are also www.hud.gov and www.fairhousingnocal.org. Both of these organizations can guide you on your specific issue. In addition, if you are a renter, it is always a good idea to have the California Tenants Guide. It can be found at www.courts.ca.gov.

Nothing takes the place of a paper trail. Landlords may have you jump through hoops when they make mistakes. Try to be as gracious when they blunder as you would be when you blunder. ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220974 The following person(s) is doing business as: PDR Auto Dent, 609 Myrtle Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605. Oleh Loboda, 609 Myrtle Avenue, 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 December 27, 2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/28/2022. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 2023 PDR 2-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220972 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MRS. P'S HOUSE CLEANING REFERRAL AGENCY, 1784 Stetson Circle, West Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 1784 Stetson Circle, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Vencar LLC (CALIFORNIA), 1784 Stetson Circle, West Sacramento, CA 95691 This business is conducted by a limited liability company The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Vencar LLC S/ Bryna Athella Pascua, Managing Member, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/28/2022. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder kquam, Deputy 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3/23 CNS-3652688# NEWS-LEDGER DJ_688 2-3-23

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230030 The following person(s) is doing business as: CalPortal Properties, 416 Harriet Ln., West Sacramento, CA 95605, County of Yolo. Felipe Barragan, 416 Harriet Ln., West Sacramento, CA 95605 Peter Weatherman, 416 Harriet Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95605 This business is conducted by General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/15/2022 /s/ Felipe Barragan, Partner /s/ Peter Weatherman, Partner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/15/2023. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder By: kquam, Deputy 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17/23 CNS-3662000# NEWS-LEDGER DJ_000 2-17-23

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-0003 Kimberly Lynn Blancalana has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kimberly Lynn Blancalana, aka Kimberly Lynn Blancalana Esposito, Kim Esposito, Kim Blancalana, Kimberly Lynn Esposito to Kimberly Blancalana Esposito. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 28, 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: January 3, 2023 Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 2023 KIMBERLY 2-3-23

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COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-2200 Wazir Mohammad Zalmi and Haseena Zalmi have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Hela Wazir to Hela Zalmi. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 16, 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: December 22, 2022 Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 2023 WAZIR 2-10-23

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-18 Erin Regina Jackson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Erin Regina Jackson to Erin Regina Lutz Greysen. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 28, 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 5, 2023 David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 20, 27, Feb 3 & 10, 2023 ERIN 2-10-23

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-1896 Jasmine Marie Molina has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alibra Faith Alexandria Lanzi to Alibra Faith Alexandria Molina. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, Room: Zoom, 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: December 22, 2023 Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 20, 27, Feb 3 & 10, 2023 JASMINE 2-10-23

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-094 Sterling Hart Ickes has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sterling Hart Ickes to Sterling H. Hart. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 1, 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 19, 2023 David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 2023 STERLING 2-17-23

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A Petition for Probate has been filed by Renee Braden, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Renee Braden be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: February 22, 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: Dylan P. Hyatt, The Law Offices of Hassell and Hyatt, PC, 7420 Greenhaven Drive, Suite 115, Sacramento, CA 95831; 916-292-8009 Publish: Jan. 27, Feb. 3 & 10, 2023 HAVEY 2-10-23

SUMMONS SUMMONS (PARENTAGE – CUSTODY AND SUPPORT) CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): FL2021-989 NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Jessica Varitch-Scrase YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado, Lea la informacion a continuacion y yan la pagina siguiente. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE): Jeffrey M. Burns You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call or court appearance will not protect you. Usted tiene 30 DIAS CALENDARIO después de que se le presente esta Citación y Petición para presentar una response (formulario FL-120) en el tribunal y tener una copia notificada al peticionario. Una carta, llamada telefónica o comparecencia ante el tribunal no lo protegerá. If you do not file your response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, el tribunal puede hacer órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. Es posible que se le ordene pagar la manutención y los honorarios y costos de los abogados. For legal advice contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org) or by contacting your local county bar association. Para obtener asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto con un abogado de inmediato. Obtenga ayuda para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Autoayuda en Línea de los Tribunales de California (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), en el sitio web de Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o comunicándose con el colegio de abogados de su condado local. NOTICE: RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouse or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them. AVISO: LAS ÓRDENES DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTÁN EN LA PÁGINA 2: Estas órdenes de restricción son

efectivas contra ambos cónyuges o parejas domésticas hasta que se desestime la petición, se dicte una sentencia o el tribunal dicte más órdenes. Son exigibles en cualquier lugar de California por cualquier oficial de la ley que haya recibido o visto una copia de ellos. FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party. EXENCION DE TARIFAS: Si no puede pagar la tarifa de presentación, pídale al secretario un formulario de exención de tarifas. El tribunal puede ordenarle que devuelva la totalidad o parte de los honorarios y costos que el tribunal renunció para usted o la otra parte. The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Yolo County Superior Court, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es): Jeffrey M. Burns, In Pro Per, 1717 Monte Vista Court, West Sacramento, CA 95695; 916-470-5206 Date: (Fecha) 7-29-2022 By: Shawn C. Landry, Clerk of Court N. Plowman, Deputy STANDARD RESTRAINING ORDER (PARENTAGE – CUSTODY AND SUPPORT) ORDEN DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTANDAR (Paternidad – Custodia y Manutención) Starting immediately, you and every other party are restrained from removing from the state, or applying for a passport for, the minor child or children without the prior written consent of every other party or an order of the court. This restraining order takes effect against the petitioner when he or she files the petition and against the respondent when he or she is personally served with the Summons and Petition OR when he or she waives and accepts service. This restraining order remains in effect until the judgment is entered, the petition is dismissed, or the court makes other orders. This order is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received a copy of it. En forma inmediata, usted y cada otra parte tienen prohibido llevarse del estado a los hijos menores para quienes esta acción judicial procura establecer una relación entre hijos y padres o una orden de custodia, ni pueden solicitar un pasaporte para los mismos, sin el consentimiento previo por escrito de cada otra parte o sin una orden de la corte. Esta orden de restricción entrará en vigencia para el demandante una vez presentada la petición, y para el demandado una vez que este reciba la notificación personal de la Citación y Petición, o una vez que renuncie su derecho a recibir dicha notificación y se dé por notificado. Esta orden de restricción continuará en vigencia hasta que se emita un fallo final, se despidan la petición o la corte de otras órdenes. Cualquier agencia del orden público que haya recibido o visto una copia de esta orden puede hacerla acatar en cualquier lugar de California. NOTICE: ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE: Do you or someone in your household need affordable health insurance? If so, you should apply for Covered California. Covered California can help reduce the cost you pay towards high quality affordable health care. For more information, visit www.coveredca.com. Or call Covered California at 1-800-300-1506 AVISO – ACCESO A SEGURA DE SALUD MAS ECONOMICO Necesita seguro de salud a un costo asequible, ya sea para usted o alguien en su hogar? Si es así, puede presentar una solicitud con Covered California. Covered California lo puede ayudar a reducir al costo que paga por seguro de salud asequible y de alta calidad. Para obtener mas

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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 159899 Title No. 95525774-55 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/16/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/03/2023 at 12:45 PM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 06/21/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0029268-00, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Donald E. Bullard and Julia I. Bullard, as Trustees of the Donald E. and Julia I. Bullard Revocable Family Trust, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue., West Sacramento, CA 95691. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 014-311-001-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1101 Hobson Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$361,931.64 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 12/28/2022 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27368 Via Industria, Ste. 201, Temecula, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BID-

DERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - www.servicelinkASAP.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 159899. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 159899 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and 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. A-4769298 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023 SL_298 1-27-23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PURPOSE: The Governing Board of the Washington Unified School District, in order to comply with the requirements of Board Policy 6141, will hold a public hearing on February 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of adopting instructional materials (World Languages).

DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2023

TIME: Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

LOCATION: West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers.
1100 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, Ca. 95691

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LIEN SALE

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below:

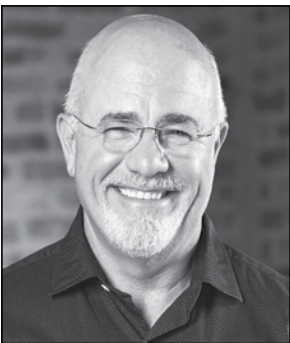
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And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise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

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I Know He’s Your Dad, But It’s His Responsibility – Not Yours

Dear Dave,

My husband and I just heard of your plan. We are excited to learn more about money, and we have already saved up \$1,000 for our beginner emergency fund. Right now, we have a problem. My father has never taken his finances seriously, and the other day he asked us for \$400 to pay his cell phone bill and overdraft fees at his bank. Even as an adult, he would go to his parents regularly before they died asking for money when he always had a good job. Giving him the money right now would make things really tight for our family, and we don’t want to lose the ground we have gained where our

Dave Ramsey Says

finances are concerned. Do you have any advice?

– Brooke

Dear Brooke,

Way to go! It makes me to happy to hear folks so charged up and on fire to get control of their finances. You won’t regret the decision.

I’m going to be straightforward with you, ok? You and you husband need do the right thing, no matter how dad reacts to this. And the right thing, right now, is taking care of your family first and not putting your finances in jeopardy. If I were in your situation, my answer to dad would be no.

I understand there’s a feeling of obligation to help your father. But it sounds like dad needs to learn a lesson or two about life and money. When you say your dad is irresponsible with money, handing him more of it won’t help. It would be like giving a drunk a drink. On top of that, it will reinforce the idea he can continue being dumb with money and there will

be no consequences.

Trust me, I understand the emotions involved in helping out a parent. If you feel this is a situation where there is literally no alternative, I’d suggest making the \$400 contingent on your dad beginning – and successfully completing – a good financial counseling course. Whatever you do, be gentle and respectful when you talk to him. And make sure he understands it hurts when you see him struggling.

But let him know, too, it’s his responsibility to work through his bills and take care of his finances.

– 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. ★

2023-25 Yolo County Community Health Assessment Now Available

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Health and Human Service Agency’s (HHSA) Public Health Branch has completed the 2023-25 Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHA is a report that includes information about the overall health of residents in the county and identifies eleven significant health needs (SHNs). The CHA also contains information about the social determinants of health, such as education and income levels, and how they impact the health of various groups in the county.

The eleven SHNs identified in the 2023-25 CHA are listed below, in prioritized order: 1. Access to Basic Needs Such as Housing, Jobs, and Food; 2. Access to Mental/Behavioral Health and Substance Use Services; 3. Injury and Disease Prevention and Management; 4. Active Living and Healthy Eating; 5. Access to Quality Primary Care Health Services; 6. System Navigation; 7. Access to Specialty and Extended Care; 8. Increased

Community Connections; 9. Safe and Violence-Free Environment; 10. Access to Functional Needs; 11. Access to Dental Care and Preventive Services

The CHA is utilized to help the County, community, and other partners make decisions about how to improve health outcomes for all residents in Yolo County. The CHA is also currently being used to develop the Yolo County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP; a roadmap for improving some of the priority areas identified in the CHA over the next 3 years. A multi-sector workgroup of community partners, healthcare agencies, and county residents is currently collaborating with HHSA to develop the CHIP.

To access the CHA and information about the current CHIP process online, please visit the HHSA Public Health Branch’s Healthy Yolo webpage, www.healthyyolo.org. Paper copies of the CHA can be made available for pick up at an HHSA service center by email request at healthyyolo@yolocounty.org. ★

State Fast-tracks Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project to Capture Flood Waters

DWR News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is partnering with the State Water Resources Control Board to fast-track efforts to capture flood waters to recharge groundwater basins. Water captured during extreme wet periods such as the one California is now experiencing will be stored in groundwater basins for use during dry periods.

Governor Newsom’s “California Water Supply Strategy, Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future” calls on DWR and the State Water Board to work with local agencies to significantly expand the State’s ability to capture water from winter storms and adapt to more extreme weather patterns caused by climate change. DWR and the board are working together to expedite the regulatory steps necessary to store significant rainfall and excess water underground, while still ensuring protections for the environment and other water users as required in State law.

“The State is capturing more water supply by accelerating groundwater recharge permitting and projects that mitigate the impacts of prolonged drought and support long-term sustainable groundwater management,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “Projects that capture available precipitation, stormwater, or floodwaters to recharge depleted groundwater basins need to be ready to capture high flows when they are available during each wet season, typically October through April in California.”

The State’s efforts reached a milestone January 6 when the State Water Board approved a six-month permit that will enable multiple landowners to divert excess flows from Mariposa creek near the City of Merced to recharge a key groundwater basin. The Merced Project permit, the first approved under a new pilot regulatory assistance program, is expected to pave the way for future projects to allow water from wet-weather storms to be captured and diverted. The permit will cover multiple diversions by multiple landowners in a coordinated fashion managed by a groundwater sustainability agency.

The pilot program began in August 2022 with an application from the Merced Irrigation District and the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency to divert and store water from the Mariposa creek. The permit application authorizes diversion of up to 10,000 acre-feet of water from the creek during periods of high flows that would otherwise likely flow through the system. The Merced Subbasin is one of 21 basins in the state of California identified as Critically Overdrafted by DWR.

“The review process for these permits is complex and must consider impacts to the environment and existing water rights, including those dependent on specific Delta conditions and state and federal water project requirements,” said State Water Board Chair Joaquin Esquivel. “In

acknowledgement of this complexity, we have streamlined the process so we issue them in a timely way and help local agencies succeed in capturing stormwater for recharge and bringing stressed groundwater basins into balance.”

Since 2016, the State Water Board has approved 20 temporary permits. Currently there are five applications pending, with two more projected to be approved next week. The remaining three are going through a public noticing process.

The Merced Project’s permit includes multiple points of diversion. Diversions will be directed to a number of agricultural fields to support groundwater recharge consistent with the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Water diverted for recharge purposes will be applied to working agricultural lands only, and water stored will be accounted for in the upcoming growing season as the first irrigation water to be pumped from the aquifers.

“Merced Irrigation District is excited to partner with DWR supporting GSAs with this crucial pilot project intended to help groundwater basins become sustainable by turning potential flood waters into groundwater recharge opportunities,” said Hicham Eltal, Deputy General Manager, Merced Irrigation District. “The project is intended to show that the subsidence being experienced in part of the Merced Groundwater Basin along the San Joaquin River can be addressed while simultaneously reducing recurring flood events from local creeks tributary to the San Joaquin River. The goal is that this effort paves the way for acquiring temporary permits to divert flood flows by GSAs throughout the State to help groundwater basins reach sustainability.”

As part of the Newsom’s Administration water supply strategy, the State is looking to expand groundwater recharge by at least 500,000 acre-feet in potential capacity. By expediting groundwater recharge projects, the State can help local agencies prepare now to take advantage of future heavy precipitation events. Early pilot project efforts, like the Merced Project, will demonstrate the feasibility of capturing available high flows for groundwater recharge while minimizing flood risks, and provide insight to support further streamlining of this process.

Groundwater basins serve as the state’s water savings account and are intended to provide a reliable water source when we have less rain and snowmelt. As weather patterns have become more variable and extreme from the effects of climate change, resulting in more frequent and consequential droughts and high flow events, replenishment of depleted groundwater basins is an essential part of California’s long-term water resilience and drought mitigation efforts. Significant expansion of groundwater recharge projects such as the Merced Project will be required to support environment, agricultural uses, and ability to withstand future droughts. ★



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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 102073-CA APN: 058-150-027-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/11/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 3/6/2023 at 1:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/19/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-0053212-00 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JOSE MARTINEZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE & SEPARATE PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER’S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, 1110 W. CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1104 ROSE COURT, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691-3705 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title,

possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$170,882.05 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to

Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 102073-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 102073-CA to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108 Publish Jan 20, 27 & Feb 3, 2023 STOX_315 2-3-23

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What Counts for Social Security's Earnings Limit?




By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I retired on February 1st of this year (2022). I collect a pension from my employer plus a union pension, as well as Social Security, all of which started in February 2022. I am married and I'm 65 years old. I only worked 4 weeks in 2022 before retiring, but my income ended up being far more than expected. I got 5 weeks' vacation pay and a retroactive check from an overdue labor contract. I also got hazard pay and a small check for a class action lawsuit my union filed years ago. All of that brings my 2022 income to about \$35,000 which means I have exceeded what I can make as far as Social Security goes. My question is, should I contribute some money to my IRA to offset my earned income? And is it even possible for me to do that? **Signed: Retired but Concerned**

Dear Retired: Generally, income earned before starting your Social Security benefits (such as accumulated vacation pay) doesn't count toward Social Security's earnings limit for those who have not yet reached their full retirement age (FRA), nor do your earnings from working in the 4 weeks of 2022 before your SS benefits started. Similarly, the check for retroactive labor contract benefits, hazard pay for past work, and income from the class action suit do not count toward Social Security's earnings limit. The only thing that counts towards the limit is earnings from working after your Social Security benefits started, which you apparently did not do. Thus, from what you've shared, you should not be subject to any impact to your monthly SS benefits as a result of your total 2022 income. Note, you may still get an inquiry from Social Security next year about your 2022 earnings, but only earnings from actually working after your Social Security benefits started (which you did not) would count toward Social Security's earnings limit. You may, however, wish to consult with a qualified tax advisor because some of your Social Security benefits received in 2022 will be subject to income

tax on your 2022 tax return. Assuming you file your tax return as "married/jointly," if your combined income from all sources exceeded \$32,000 then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year will become part of your overall taxable income; and if your 2022 combined income from all sources (including your wife's income) exceeded \$44,000, then up to 85% of your SS benefits received in 2022 will become taxable income. A tax advisor can give you more information on that, and also help you decide if it would be wise to contribute to an IRA. But, in any case, contributing to an IRA will not affect your monthly Social Security benefit. *This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. ★*



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January's Thrills and Chills



No One Knows Us Here
by Rebecca Kelley

When Rosemary Rabourne's half-sister arrives unexpectedly, her life becomes completely unhinged. Rosemary was already having a problem making ends meet, but now having to provide for a teenager adds an insufferable amount of pressure. The only solution seems to become a high-end escort.

A billionaire searching for the perfect girlfriend, Leo Glass is willing to pay for precisely what he wants, and Rosemary is his answer. Luckily for Rosemary, Leo's proposition comes with financial security and a place for her and her sister to live. Then, Rosemary meets Sam, who opens the door to the possibility of love. But once Leo puts his mind to something, he won't let anything get in his way. Now, bound by control, Rosemary is desperate to free herself at any cost.

What happens when the life you created is not what you expected it to be? *No One Knows Us Here* takes readers on a shocking exploration of the lengths one man will go for obsessive control and what one woman will do to break free.

All Hallows

by Christopher Golden; St Martins Press

Halloween, 1984 a time when neighborhoods were seemly safe and trick-or-treaters were seen in homemade costumes carrying plastic pumpkins. But this year, the quiet little neighborhood of Parmenter Road is about to be visited by four odd little children terrified of the Cunning Man asking to be hidden away.

But something is off about these children, and the residents of Parmenter Road are about to have their secrets exposed and their lives shaken to the very core.

Known for his ability to throw terror at every turn, Christopher Golden unmasks a new reason to fear Halloween. Told from numerous perspectives, *All Hallows* will whisk readers back into the 1980s, where everything is just a little scarier when the lights go out. With the premise of haunted woods and children donned in vintage masks, readers will be captivated by the drama and too scared to turn out the lights.

What Lies in the Woods

by Kate Alice Marshall; Flatiron Books

Naomi Shaw and her friends used to believe in magic until the night Naomi was brutally attacked, as her two friends fled for their lives. After miraculously surviving seventeen stab wounds Naomi and her friends became town heroes, as a serial killer finally went to prison. But the scars left behind are something that couldn't be healed.

Twenty-two years later, Naomi still struggles with the trauma and the weight of carrying a horrible secret. Riddled with guilt, the girls believe it's time to finally tell the truth, even if it means unearthing memories that want to remain buried.

Kate Alice Marshall knows how to deliver fast-paced twists and turns as she takes readers into the dark recesses of the imagination. *What Lies In The Woods* takes readers on a psychologically thrilling ride where nothing is black and white, and some secrets might be worth killing to keep hidden. ★


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WEEKLY COMICS

Amber Waves

OH MAN, IS IT WINDY AND COLD OUT HERE TODAY!

IT'S TERRIBLE OUT THERE! I CAN'T THINK OF A GOOD REASON TO BE OUT THERE.

WHAT? MY OPTIONS WERE THIS OR HELP MY MOM WITH THE LAUNDRY.

The Spats

I ACCIDENTLY GAVE MY WIFE A GLUE STICK INSTEAD OF CHAPSTICK.

...SHE STILL ISN'T SPEAKING TO ME.

Out on a Limb

ESCALATOR MUSIC

R.F.D.

LOOKS LIKE I MAY HAVE TO PUT UP BARRIERS TO SEPARATE MY CUSTOMERS.

NOPE... POLITICS ARE.

YOU'RE AN IDIOT IF YOU BELIEVE THAT!

WELL, YOU'RE AN IDIOT IF YA DON'T!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY! YOU LOOK PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS THE DAY WE MARRIED.

Flash Gordon

WE HAVE TO MAKE IT TO THE CASTLE! IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!

QUICK! INSIDE!

THERE... THAT SHOULD KEEP THEM OUT!

KEEP 'EM BLT!

MY NAME IS SAPPHIRE. COME.

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

YOU DIDN'T FIND THIS CASTLE. YOU WERE HERDED HERE LIKE THE CATTLE YOU ARE!

YOU HAVE DEFILED OUR LAND LONG ENOUGH.

IT ALL ENDS NOW!

WHAT?!

THE NEXT OF HORROR!

GRIN and BEAR IT

STATE FARMING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET

"Plowing right ahead ..."

Prince Valiant

THE STRANGER RECOVERS: "YOUR WRACK TO MY NOGGIN CLEARED SOME COBWEBS - THOUGH I STILL CAN'T REMEMBER MY NAME..."

...I DO, HOWEVER, RECALL MEETING THIS CHARMING LADY." HE SMILES AT ALITA. "IT HAPPENED IN THE SHADY PLACE WHERE I WAS BANISHED."

...BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SHE WILL HAVE NONE OF THIS RHOSPITALITY. NOBODER THIS MAN SAVED MY LIFE. HE IS A FRIEND. AND WILL BE SO TREATED. COME ALONG IF YOU LIKE. BUT I AM TO SEE THAT HE IS PROPERLY CLEANED, CLOTHED AND NOURISHED!"

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Growing and Thriving



Founder and CEO Peter Bredikhin and wife and partner, Nika Bredikhin, welcome you to their company, CABS Heating and Air.

Story and photo
by Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In West Sacramento we talk a lot about supporting our community. We talk about how much better we all do when we work together and help each other in whatever way we can. CABS Heating and Air is a prime example of a company that is thriving in our community and paying it forward through community donations.

CABS Heating and Air has been serving West Sacramento since 2011 and as they have built their business, they have built a relationship with this community. They have recently moved into a new location, 950 Riverside Parkway, Suite 70, West Sacramento. If you go west on Sacramento Ave., it turns into Reed Ave., and then, as you go around the curve at the end, it turns into Riverside Parkway.

On Wednesday, January 18th, they held their Ribbon Cutting ceremony and Grand Opening. When you walk inside you are met with a warm greeting by owners Peter and Nika. They introduce themselves and

their employees by first name because they want you to feel at home and comfortable. Employees are smiling and sponsorship plaques are proudly displayed on the wall.

Spokesperson Chelsea said, “Our CEO’s favorite saying is ‘*Treat others the way you want to be treated.*’ Each member of our team is part of the CABS family and agrees to the ethical standards this company has built its reputation on. From the service we give our customers, to the way we treat each team member and beyond ‘*Treat others the way you want to be treated*’ is put at the forefront of how we serve our community and make decisions on behalf of this company. Our goal is to provide 5-star service that our neighbors are used to and continue to wow everyone with our service.”

CABS Heating and Air are the specialists for all your residential heating and air conditioning needs. You can visit their office, schedule an appointment online for them to come to your home, or call (916) 375-1800. If we keep our business in town, our community thrives. This is one company that proves it. ★

Ribbon Cutting Welcomes Downwind Creative



Left to right: Past Board Chair of the Chamber of Commerce, Laurie Hawkins, Downwind founder, River Braun and Mark Hawkins cut the official ribbon.

Story and photos by
Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new business that has joined our community. Downwind Creative is a digital marketing agency where founder River Braun and his team promise to take your organization into the virtual world of websites and social media.

Downwind Creative believes in taking a consultative approach to digital marketing. They offer you a complimentary Playbook that shows you

exactly what to do to drive new business. You decide whether you will do it yourself or have Downwind creative do the work.

In the digital age, online marketing is a must. This company launched locally two years ago but has expanded to have employees all around the country. This digital marketing agency provides reputation management, claiming they will block poor reviews and turn positive reviews into more business. They will set you up to receive negative reviews in real time so that you can address any issues and gain valuable feedback.

Downwind Creative can set you up to get reviews on Google, Facebook, YellowPages, Citysearch, Yelp, BBB, Yahoo, RateMDs, Healthgrades, Thumbtack, Insiderpages, Angie’s List, Houzz, HomeAdvisor and Garagefly.com. They can set you up with a QR code that will be your “Reputation Report Card.”

If your business is not yet a member of the Chamber of Commerce, you should fix that. Visit them to see the multiple benefits of being a member. If you can use some digital marketing help, reach out to Downwind Creative at (916) 926-0586 or email river@downwind-creative.com. ★

California Loses Population Again

Continued from page 1

The government seeps into every crack of your life, blocking the exercise of what you can eat, what house you build, what car you drive, how much you keep of the money you earn, down to such trivialities as what drinking straws you can get in a restaurant. Do you feel as though you personally need government monitoring your straw usage, or is that a decision you are competent to make as an adult? Florida trusts you to choose your own straw, California does not.

The California government mindset drives up costs in every area of living. Looking at taxes alone doesn’t tell a complete story of government-imposed costs. How many taxes would have to move lower to make up for policy-driven expenses in California? Would a one-percent decrease make up for gas that’s two-dollars-a-gallon higher than the national average? Would slightly lower sales taxes offset electricity costs 80-percent higher than the national average? Exactly what tax would offset the cost of an \$800,000 starter home, driven in part by extraordinary regulatory costs in our state?

California will always be desirable for the wealthy. I defy another state to produce a Yosemite, a Golden Gate, giant redwoods, Lake Tahoe, Big Sur, Santa Monica beach... the list of our wonders is long, if you can afford to enjoy them. But our unmatched beauty is apparently overwhelmed by policy failures of colossal dimension. People are voting with their feet and moving.

It says so much about our government’s misguided agenda that hundreds of thousands of people last year abandoned everything this state has to offer because of everything this state takes away. It’s time for an affordability revolution in California to turn us once again into a destination state.

Senator Ted Gaines (Ret.) was elected to represent the Board of Equalization’s First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate, defender of Prop. 13, and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly ten million constituents in 34 counties of northern, eastern, and southern California. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines. ★

Yolo County Seeks Public Input on Workforce Plan by February 18

Yolo County
Press Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Workforce Innovation Board (WIB) is soliciting public input on the draft 2021-24 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Local Plan to help identify strategies to achieve state goals related to workforce development. The deadline to provide feedback is February 18, 2023.

The federal WIOA offers a comprehensive range of workforce development activities through statewide and local organizations. Available workforce development activities provided in local communities can benefit job seekers, laid-off workers, youth, incumbent workers, new entrants to the workforce, veterans, persons with disabilities, and employers. WIOA

services are provided to eligible applicants on a case-by-case basis, with the priority of service status provided to recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals for intensive employment and training services. Information on Yolo County’s WIB Local Plan can be found at: www.yoloworks.org.

Yolo County’s most recent WIB Local Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2021. This 2-Year Modification updates the previously approved WIB Local Plan. The Local Plan is required to be updated on a biennial basis, ensuring the plan remains current and accounts for any changes in the labor market and economic conditions or factors affecting plan implementation.

Input regarding the Yolo County plan may be submitted by February 18, 2023, via e-mail at yoloWIB@yolocounty.org or by phone by calling (530) 406-4458.

Accommodation: This WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity is an equal opportunity employer/program. In accordance with Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require materials to be in an alternative format, we will provide reasonable accommodations to allow participation. Contact Ashley Abreu at (530) 661-2750 ext. 4327 at least 5 days prior to the end of the comment period to facilitate the arrangement. For individuals with hearing or speaking limitations, assistance is available via the California Relay Service 711, 1-800-735-2922 (English), and 1-800-855-3000 (Spanish). ★

CSLB Urges Homeowners to Hire Licensed Contractors



The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) is reminding homeowners to use licensed contractors for any construction repairs above \$500. Photo courtesy Monkey Business Images | Dreamstime.com

CSLB News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After a series of severe damaging storms and with more wind and rain expected to impact California, the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) is reminding homeowners to use licensed contractors for any construction repairs above \$500.

After a disaster, CSLB’s mission is to help ensure unlicensed or unscrupulous contractors do not take advantage of consumers.

Homeowners should use CSLB’s Find My Licensed Contractor feature

to build personalized lists of licensed contractors in their area. They should always check all contractors’ license numbers on the CSLB website and check each contractor’s pocket license to confirm the person representing the construction business is listed as personnel of record on the license. A CSLB-issued state license is required for any construction job of \$500 or more (labor and/or materials).

“Disaster survivors take a huge risk when they hire unlicensed contractors,” said CSLB Registrar David Fogt. “Most are not properly insured and likely don’t have the skills or knowledge to perform the work.”

Homeowners should be aware that CSLB offers a designated Disaster Help Center section online, which provides publications that can be downloaded or ordered. These include “Debris Removal and Construction Scams,” “After a Disaster, Don’t Get Scammed,” and “What You Should Know Before Hiring a Contractor.” In addition, information can be requested by calling CSLB’s Disaster Hotline, 800-962-1125, staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or via the automated assistance line, 800-321-CSLB (2752).

Californians seeking information about the state’s response and recovery efforts should visit the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) website.

About CSLB: CSLB operates under the umbrella of the Department of Consumer Affairs and licenses and regulates nearly 285,000 contractors in California. In 2022, CSLB helped consumers recover more than \$40 million in ordered restitution. ★

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