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Habitat for Humanity Helps Veterans



Left to right: Greg Klein, Curtis Mills, Issa Jackson and Milan Gallegos help out the Post by delivering a new freezer from Habitat for Humanity.

Story and photos by Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The American Legion is much like a VFW. Both are clubs designed for Military Veterans to have some place to go for socializing with other veterans and their families, and to get help with veteran resources. The difference between an American Legion and a VFW is that VFW stands for Veterans of Foreign War. In other words, in order to be a member of a VFW you have to have had boots on the ground during war time. It's not enough that you were active military during war time. You have to have served in a war zone.

American Legions, however, accept all US Military Veterans as long as they received an honorable or medical discharge. Both groups allow active military and their families as

well. Many VFWs and American Legions have been in their locations for many years. As a result, many of the buildings holding the groups are run down and in need of repair. In addition to that, groups that hold memberships such as the Moose, Kiwanis, VFW, Lions and American Legions are having a hard time getting new members.

Increasing membership has always been a challenge, but when COVID hit bringing in new members was nearly impossible. Many of us have gone to camp through the Kiwanis or got a scholarship from the Moose or rented a hall from one of the loved ones we were expecting for an event or celebration of life. These community driven organizations are essential for much of the community in developing events that take place.

Membership is vital to these organizations because it is the members that keep the programs running and the facilities in repair.

The American Legion Post 832, is located at 1550 Auburn Blvd. It's right by the Business 80 and El Camino intersection. Like many Legions, Post 832 is struggling to stay afloat. The facility has a dining hall, a bar, and another hall with a stage. They are closed on Mondays but serve dinner Tuesday through Saturday nights usually for right around \$5, and Sunday morning breakfast. They adopted several veteran families this year for Christmas and are there to help veteran families any way that they can.

Recently the commercial freezer went out at the post. Members and volunteers have been scrambling to get food brought there each day

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Father Calls a 'Fight Fentanyl' Campaign

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Earlier this year, a West Sacramento father had to do the unspeakable and bury his best friend - his son. The thought of having to bury your child is a horrific one. Those who have lived through it know that it is even worse than one can imagine. Now imagine that what took your child's life could be reversed, but you didn't know that it could be turned back.

Mason Brazil was only 22 years old when he unexpectedly overdosed on fentanyl. Mason was like any other young man, full of hope and dreams and looking towards the future. Mason grew up with his dad coaching his Little League teams and cheering him on whatever he did.

As Mason got older, he and his dad began MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) style training to relieve stress and stay in shape. Nearly every day, the two would work out together. Mason even fought in a few armature fights. His love of music was strong as well, and one of his goals was becoming a rap star. He even has several of his songs on YouTube.

Mason accidentally overdosed on fentanyl on the morning of June 17 at a friend's house. Nobody had NARCAN. The coroner left the friend's residence at about 10:30 a.m. with Mason's body. At approximately 3:30 in the afternoon, Mason's dad began to wonder where his son was. It was not like him to not show up for their workout, and even less like him to not call and let him know he was running late.

Rick Brazil, Mason's dad, was just about to set off looking for his son when his phone rang. It was his niece. She was calling to tell Rick how sorry she was about Mason, but instead had to tell him that his son had died that morning. Rick was in disbelief. He was sure it was a mistake. She assured him that it wasn't. Rick still doesn't understand why there was no notification given by law enforcement or the coroner.

Rick Brazil is still hurting, and always will be, but he doesn't want any other parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers and friends to have to go through

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Beware of Holiday Scammers Impersonating Friends and Loved Ones



During the frenzy of the holiday season, scammers take advantage of how busy people are and use it to swindle them. MPG file photo

Yolo County DA News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County District Attorney's Office has been receiving an increased number of reports from potential victims, about scammers who are impersonating friends and loved ones in an effort to scam them out of money. During the frenzy of the holiday season, scammers are taking advantage of how busy

people are, and using it to take advantage of them.

In the most recent instance, a senior Yolo County resident received an email from a known friend. The "friend's" email asked if the targeted victim was familiar with purchasing Amazon gift cards on-line, and if she could send a gift to a relative on their behalf, as they were unfamiliar with how to make the on-line purchase. The "friend" said

that she would repay the targeted victim. Luckily, the targeted victim called the actual person whose name was used in the scam email to confirm the request. The genuine friend verified that she did not make the request. Her email account had been spoofed by a scammer.

It is important to know that once your money is gone, it is very unlikely you will ever get it back. If one of your friends or

acquaintances asks for something even slightly unusual or asks you to click on a link within an email, please contact them directly to determine the legitimacy of the request.

You can report suspicious emails, phone calls or text messages directly to the Yolo County District Attorney's Office via email at: Fraud@YoloDA.org or you may contact the Fraud Hotline at 1-855-496-5632. ★

Commissioner Amanda L. Ray Announces Her Retirement

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Amanda L. Ray, Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), since her appointment in 2020, announced her retirement effective December 30, 2022.

"I am humbled and proud to have served as the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol for the last two years," said Commissioner Ray. "I am confident the Department will continue to thrive through the commitment and compassion of the incredible women and men of this great organization."

On November 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Amanda L. Ray as the 16th Commissioner of the CHP; the first woman to lead the Department of more than 11,000 members. Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Ray served as the Deputy Commissioner and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the CHP.

Commissioner Ray began her career in 1990 in South Los Angeles before being promoted to Sergeant and Lieutenant in Santa Fe Springs. She has served as Commander in the Riverside and Hayward Areas, and an Assistant Chief in Golden Gate Division and Inland Division, before being promoted into the CHP Executive Management team.

Commissioner Ray played an integral role as the Department's first female to be assigned as the Special Response Team



Commissioner Amanda L. Ray. Courtesy photo

Tactical Commander during Super Bowl 50 held at Levi Stadium in Santa Clara, CA. Her vast field experience has allowed her to effectively serve as incident commander during a variety of other high-profile events including the Department's response to COVID-19, civil unrest, and wildfires. Commissioner Ray has held every rank within the CHP.

Effective December 31, 2022, Deputy Commissioner Sean Duryee will serve as the Acting Commissioner. "It is a great honor to have the opportunity to serve as the Acting Commissioner," Deputy Commissioner Duryee said. ★

Caltrans to Expand Safe Walking and Bicycling Options Statewide



Bicyclists travel in Caltrans District 7, which encompasses Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With California making unprecedented investments to improve and expand safe options for pedestrians and bicyclists, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) unveiled potential project locations statewide to enhance safety and create a more interconnected system for people who use active means of transportation, such as walking and biking.

The Caltrans Active Transportation Plans website contains links to interactive localized plans and maps that detail current conditions and identifies areas for potential improvement as the state invests in these projects like never before. The current state budget includes \$1.05 billion to create safer and more connected walking and biking options that reduce dependence on driving – a key strategy to reduce pollution from the transportation sector.

"Caltrans is working to create safer, more equitable transportation options for all Californians," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. "These plans will guide the department's investments to support walking and

biking and connect people with jobs and services."

Safety is Caltrans' top priority and a key component of the Active Transportation Plans. At least two pedestrians or cyclists are killed on California's transportation system each day. Between 2010 and 2019, pedestrian fatalities increased more than 40 percent and bicyclist deaths went up more than 60 percent. Reducing the rate and severity of bicycle and pedestrian-involved collisions are critical to Caltrans' goal of reaching zero fatalities and serious injuries on state highways by 2050.

The Caltrans Active Transportation Plans further the goals set out in the 2017 State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Toward an Active California, which established statewide policies, strategies, and actions to advance active transportation and transit safety, mobility, preservation, and equity. In December 2021, Caltrans announced a policy requiring all new transportation projects to include safe and accessible options for people walking, biking and taking transit.

For more information on Caltrans Active Transportation Plans, visit calplan.org ★

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MEMORIAL

COLLEEN DARLENE YBARRA • 1937 – 2022


Colleen Darlene Ybarra lost her battle with cancer on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at home in West Sacramento. She was 85.

Anyone who knew Colleen was blessed to have been loved by such an incredible woman and will have wonderful memories to cherish.

Colleen was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Robert, who passed away on August 11, 2018, and son Gregory. She was a loving mother of Virginia (Ybarra)

Christensen (Mark); Mark (Tony) Ybarra (Joy); Mike Ybarra (Pam) & Doug Johnson. Also survived by three sisters, seven grandchildren & seven great-grandchildren.

Vigil/Rosary: Friday, January 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at River Cities Funeral Chapel, 910 Soule Street, West Sacramento; Mass: Saturday, January 21, 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, 1321 Anna Street, West Sacramento, followed by interment at Saint Mary's Cemetery. Reception to follow.



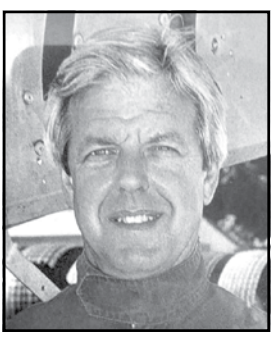
MEMORIAL

ARVIL LEONARD MILLER • 3/9/1951 – 12/15/2022

Arvil Leonard Miller passed on December 15, 2022, in Sacramento. He was born in Sacramento, CA, to parents Arvil Leonard Miller and Ida May Thompson Miller on March 9, 1951.

He retired several years ago as a fireman and gasoline plant operator for Chevron. Prior to that he was a produce truck hauler for Clark Trucking and Toby Noss Trucking out of Clarksburg.

Leonard was a Speedway motorcyclist and small sprint car racer in the late '70s to late '80s. He also became interested in vintage motorcycles as a member of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America and the AMCA Fort Sutter Chapter in Sacramento. His favorite machine was an all original



2026 Harley J-Model, on which he rode many miles.

Leonard fought through cancer and kept a great attitude. He battled on, all the while busying himself with his 30-year collection of motorcycles and motorcycle parts. He was passionate about his collection and very blessed to have his friend Richard Ostrander step in and sell his collection for him.

He was an elder at West Sacramento Baptist Church where he volunteered his time at the church's food closet and help aid families in need.

Leonard had a great sense of humor, was generous and kind to all who knew him. He will be missed, but we know he is with the Lord in heaven. He is survived by his wife of 40-plus years, Marna (Nichols) Miller, and his brother Jim Miller of Vacaville. He also leaves behind many, many friends across this country.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, December 30 at 9 am at River City Funeral Chapel, 910 Soule St., West Sacramento (phone 916-371-4535). Coffee and sweets will be provided. A Celebration of life will be held at a later date.

CDAA News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Prosecutors in California strongly object to SB 58 (Senator Wiener), which seeks the wholesale decriminalization of many dangerous hallucinogenic drugs.

"This proposal recklessly puts policy before science for numerous psychedelic drugs that have proven to be highly unpredictable and have even been connected to violent crimes," said Greg Totten, CEO of the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA).

Unfortunately, the

authors of this bill are charting a path that would allow these dangerous hallucinogenic drugs to be legalized before they have been fully understood by the scientific and medical communities.

"If the proponents want more research, that's one thing," Totten said. "And if they are advocating for therapeutic use under medical supervision, that is also worth considering. But science does not fully understand these drugs and that's why this bill is so reckless, because it advocates for skipping that scientific scrutiny altogether."

"As for dealing with

drug cases involving users of hallucinogens, as prosecutors our focus has long been to seek treatment, not jail," Totten said. "We know that we can help people get on the right track by compelling them into treatment for drug addiction, and that is only possible if there are laws that govern these controlled substances."

The California District Attorneys Association is a statewide training and advocacy organization representing elected district attorneys, city attorneys with criminal divisions, and more than 3,500 prosecutors. ★

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Volunteer Milan Gallegos helps sight the loading of a commercial freezer for American Legion Post 832, located at 1550 Auburn Blvd in Sacramento.

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to be cooked, since they had nowhere on site to keep the weeks' worth of food frozen. Habitat for Humanity, the same group that brought us Rock the Block, Broderick stepped up.

Between Habitat for Humanity and Sutter Health, they replaced the commercial freezer.

Habitat for Humanity's organization is a large group of people who are there to help other people. They help people

with their homes when in need of repair and they do it with no judgment. In fact, they thank you for letting them help. In addition, they do it with a smile and before they hang up the phone or leave your place, they ask you if there is anything else that they can help you with... and they mean it!

Habitat for Humanity has a ReStore where the public can purchase new and slightly used items for a home or business.

Habitat's ReStore is located on North 10th Street, off of Richards Blvd. It is a great place to check if you have appliances that go out, need shutters or hardware for your cabinets or any number of other items for your home or business. The items are always different and always at drastically reduced prices than buying new.

The people from American Legion Post 832 would like to thank Habitat for Humanity and

Sutter Health for their gracious donation and helping to install the freezer, as well as hauling away the old one.

If you are a military veteran in good standing, are family of a veteran or are active military please go into Post 832 and see how they can help you or how you can help others. You can visit both the American Legion Post 832 and Habitat for Humanity on Facebook, or go into their facilities. ★



A group of volunteers helped replace the broken commercial freezer used by the AL Post 832 last week.

Yolo County to Hold Swearing in Ceremony for Elected Officials

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. a Swearing in Ceremony will be held for Yolo County Elected Officials. The ceremony will take place in the Atrium of the Yolo County Administration Building located at 625 Court Street in Woodland.

Elected officials to be sworn in are:
 Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder/ Assessor
 Lucas H. Frerichs, County Supervisor, 2nd Supervisorial District
 Gary Sandy, County Supervisor, 3rd Supervisorial District

Garth Lewis, County Superintendent of Schools

Jeff Reisig, District Attorney
 Tom Lopez, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

Members of the public and media are invited. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming our new and continuing elected officials. Light refreshments will be served.

We encourage residents to connect with Yolo County ACE – Assessor/ Clerk-Recorder/Elections on Facebook: @YoloACE, Twitter: @YoloCoACE, Instagram: @YoloCoACE, TikTok: @Yolocoace and YouTube: @Yolo County ACE to receive the most up to date information and updates. ★

Second Suspect Arraigned on Charges of Arson and Conspiracy in Grocery Store

Yolo County DA News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On December 21, 2022, Carmichael resident David Nelson, 35, was arraigned in Yolo County Superior Court on charges of arson and conspiracy to commit theft and arson.

Nelson was arrested by the Woodland Police Department on December 16, 2022, on a warrant for suspicion of arson and theft from an incident occurring on October 27, 2022. On

that day, a fire was started in the Bel Air Grocery Store in Woodland. The Yolo County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint on December 20, 2022, alleging arson and conspiracy. The complaint also alleged that Nelson has two prior strike convictions for robbery. Two other suspects remain at large.

Nelson entered not guilty pleas and is scheduled for a Preliminary Hearing on January 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 8 of

the Yolo County Superior Court. Nelson remains in custody on \$100k bail. Nelson's co-conspirator, Sean Larsen, was arrested on November 16, 2022, and charged with arson and conspiracy to commit theft and arson. A preliminary hearing was conducted on December 9, 2022, and he was held to answer on both charges. He is scheduled for arraignment on the information on December 23, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 8 of the Yolo County Superior Court. ★

Father Calls a 'Fight Fentanyl' Campaign

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this, like he is. Using his knowledge and connections from the MMA training, he organized the first Fentanyl Awareness Event in West Sacramento called 'Fighting Fentanyl.' The event will be held at Muscle Systems Gym,

located at 922 Sacramento Avenue on January 7, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All day long the gym will be open to the public for free MMA training and demonstrations. Professional MMA fighter Angel VanWellis,

or BAM, will be onsite teaching techniques. Semi-professionals Louis Moreno and CAMEO Wayne Darr will also be there, in addition to other fighters who have not yet been named.

Police Chief Rob Strange will speak on

the impact of Fentanyl in West Sacramento and West Sacramento Community Prosecutor, Preston Schaub, will speak about its impact on Yolo County. Refreshments will be donated by Low Cost Liquor and Habitat for Humanity. Information will

be available about fentanyl, along with info on how to obtain free NARCAN and Fentanyl Test Strips. Remember, sometimes it takes more than one dose of NARCAN, so grab a few.

It's important that the community attends this.

Nobody thinks it will happen to them, but all it takes is one wrong pill and it could be you burying someone you love. Wouldn't you rather have it and not need it, than to need it and not have it? Remember... some decisions are permanent! ★

Call for Bands!

2023 West Sac Rhythm on the River Summer Concert Series Band Submission



Deadline Jan 13

Information at WestSacFun.org



Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Hold STEM Expo



Girl Scouts build a toolbox out of wood during the STEM Expo on November 6 at Camp Pollock in Sacramento. Courtesy photo



Girl Scouts problem solve how to build a structure with the pieces provided during the STEM Expo on November 6 at Camp Pollock in Sacramento. Courtesy photo



A Girl Scout looks through a microscope during the STEM Expo on November 6 at Camp Pollock in Sacramento. Courtesy photo

Girl Scouts HCC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Girl Scouts Heart of Central California held their annual STEM Expo on November 6, 2022 at Camp Pollock in Sacramento with 142 participants in attendance.

The event featured a variety of hands-on activities designed to foster curiosity and confidence in participants with an eye toward the future in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Highlights from the array of experiences provided include:

Solar bracelet making: Provided by event

partner SMUD, this creative project centered on understanding energy. (The beads used could change depending on light.)

Ecology and botany learning: Highlighting the Girl Scouts and UC Davis Arboretum's Public Garden Program, living plants were used in captivating games designed to teach plant identification while having fun!

Robot programming and play: Provided by event partner Code Ninjas, this hands-on experience encouraged problem-solving and analysis skills essential to tomorrow's thinkers.

Paper rockets and DNA bracelet making: Provided by event partner



A Girl Scout makes a solar bracelet during the STEM Expo on November 6 at Camp Pollock in Sacramento. Courtesy photo

Americorps Fellows and the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California's Mobile STEM Center,

these tactile projects kept participants actively engaged while learning.

One highlight of the day

was feedback received from a newly established local Daisy Troop. Having formed just one week prior, the STEM Expo was the troop's first Girl Scouts event. They arrived early and were some of the last to leave! Their enthusiastic troop leader made connections for future activities inspired by both the event itself and by other leaders in attendance. The troop is especially interested in working more with Code Ninjas.

Over the last 30 years, employment in STEM occupations has grown 79% with the promise of continued growth in the fields. Women comprise only 34% of the STEM workforce and have lower

median salaries than their male counterparts.

The future for women in STEM is far brighter, however, thanks to events like this that inspire tomorrow's thinkers and leaders. STEM is a foundational part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, the four-pillar framework around which all our activities are built. Along with the other pillars (outdoors, life skills, and entrepreneurship) Girl Scouts is committed to providing opportunities for growth through STEM-focused learning.

For additional information about this impactful event, please contact: Andrea Fruchier, MarComm Senior Director. ★

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Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO

December 4 - December 20, 2022



- 12-4-22 RUBEN RIVAS Arrested for disorderly conduct: Under influence of drug, possession of paraphernalia, possession of narcotic controlled substance after Police responded to trespassing call.
- 12-5-22 HOWARD PETER Arrested for DUI and DUI/0.08% after Police were dispatched to a welfare check at City Hall.
- 12-6-22 KAYLA MOWDER Arrested for trespassing after being warned by Police that ex-employee was no longer allowed on the property. When Police were leaving she allegedly went back in and was subsequently arrested.
- 12-8-22 STANLEY LOVSTAD Arrested for six warrants after Police responded to a cooking fire started in a field.
- 12-11-22 STEVEN ABELLA Arrested for DUI and DUI 0.08% after a two car accident.
- 12-13-22 TRAVISTAYLOR Arrested for a misdemeanor warrant, parole violation and false report of emergency. He has allegedly made at least 80 calls to 911 over the last three months.
- 12-13-22 ALBERT MARTINEZ Arrested for personate to make other person liable, driving on suspended, driving a vehicle w/o interlock device and a bench warrant after a traffic stop.
- 12-16-22 MARIANO JARAMILLO Arrested for warrant at a prisoner transport.
- 12-18-22 NICHOLAUS SABALA Arrested for warrant when Police responded to a trespassing call.
- 12-19-22 IAN LANDECK Arrested for warrant after trespassing call.
- 12-19-22 SARAH ROSALES Arrested for disorderly conduct/under influence of drug.
- 12-19-22 SIAVASH DONIGHI Arrested on warrant when Police saw a fire at their encampment by the river.
- 12-20-22 KIMBERLY CLARK Arrested for warrants after transport from Sac Main Jail.
- 12-20-22 CHARLES DYKES Arrested for warrant and possession of controlled substance when Police responded to a call of a restraining order violation.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 12-11-22 Known suspect allegedly stole \$2,327.37 in merchandise from Target. Suspect known from previous shoplifting incidents. Grand theft. 12-13-22 Unknown subject allegedly cut perimeter fence, made unknown kind of entry and stole items. \$21,000 loss. Burglary, take vehicle w/o owner's consent/vehicle theft.
- 12-14-22 Unknown subject forced entry to vehicle on Valley Oak Ln and stole property. \$200 loss. Burglary.
- 12-15-22 Victim gave his vehicle to known associate for repairs, who allegedly never returned it. \$6,000 loss. Vehicle theft.
- 12-15-22 Two victims stated that they had their tools stolen from back of work truck as they were shopping at Home Depot. \$1,100 loss. Grand theft.
- 12-15-22 Target reported an attempted shoplifting incident by known offender.
- 12-15-22 Victim reported porch pirating by a white, female, adult. \$300 loss. Petty theft.
- 12-16-22 Overnight Burglary of Fugitive Toys. \$2,000 loss. Burglary.
- 12-17-22 A semi truck tractor was parked over night awaiting pick up at Les Schwab tires. It was allegedly broken into with minor damage and items were taken. \$1,450 loss. Burglary.
- 12-17-22 Two subject (a white female adult and a Hispanic adult male) allegedly kicked in motel room door. Woman kicked victim approximately 15 times while threatening her. The male allegedly stole her purse. \$100 loss. Robbery, Conspiracy to commit crime.
- 12-17-22 Unknown male broke the rear window on vehicle and stole property. \$292 loss. Burglary.
- 12-17-22 On 4 th Street, pursuit of stolen vehicle. Evading, disregard safety.
- 12-18-22 Burglary on 5th street.
- 12-18-22 Attempted theft of catalytic converter, suspects chased off by good samaritan's dog.
- 12-18-22 Victim came back to her car to find driver side window broken and her purse missing. \$200 loss. Burglary.
- 12-19-22 Unknown male and female entered locked tracker trailers and took property. Burglary.
- 12-19-22 Unknown suspect allegedly stole money from register by means of force and fear. Robbery.
- 12-19-22 Suspect walked into girl's locker room, allegedly broke lock.

Social Security Matters

Can I Get Survivor Benefits While Still Working?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I lost my wife several years ago and I qualified for Social Security Spousal benefits. Unfortunately, because of my income, I have not been able to take advantage of this benefit. I am currently 64 and still working. I believe I have until the age of 70 to receive this. Is there any way to claim any of this before I start taking my Social Security in a couple of years? Signed: **Working Widower**

Dear Working Widower: Your entitlement to surviving spouse benefits from your wife actually never expires so, you can wait until you stop working full time, or until you reach your full retirement age (FRA), to claim your benefit as a widower.

Social Security's "earnings test" lasts until you reach your full retirement age which, for you, is 66 years and 8 months. That is the age at which your earnings from working will no longer affect your Social Security benefit. So, you can simply defer claiming your survivor benefit until you reach your FRA, or until you stop working full time and won't exceed the annual earnings limit (the earnings

limit changes yearly; for 2023 it is \$21,240). But there is no way to avoid the earnings test if you're collecting SS benefits of any kind before you reach your full retirement age. If you collect your surviving spouse benefit early and exceed the earnings limit, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by), and if your work earnings are high enough it can temporarily disqualify you from receiving SS benefits. The penalty for exceeding the earnings limit is also less severe in the year you reach your FRA.

You might take some comfort in knowing, anyway, that taking your survivor benefit before your FRA would mean it would be reduced (by 4.75% for each full year early) but waiting until you reach your FRA to claim it would mean you'll get 100% of the survivor benefit you're entitled to (the same amount your wife was entitled to when she died). And you can claim your survivor benefit (only) first and collect that, while allowing your personal SS retirement amount to continue to grow, up to age 70 if you wish. You should strive to maximize whichever benefit will be highest – your own, or your survivor benefit – and collect that benefit for the rest of your life. If you choose to claim your survivor benefit at your FRA and switch to your own higher amount at 70, your personal SS retirement benefit at 70 will be almost 27% more than it will be at your full retirement age. That would be a good way to avoid the earnings

test, maximize both benefits, and secure the highest possible Social Security benefit for as long as you live.

Whether waiting until 70 to claim your own SS retirement benefit makes sense depends on whether it will be higher at age 70 than your survivor benefit at your FRA, and on your life expectancy. Average life expectancy for a man your current age is about 84 and you would break even moneywise at about age 81 if you wait until age 70 to claim your own SS retirement benefit. So, you'd get the most in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting until your FRA to claim your survivor benefit and - if it will be higher - waiting until you're 70 to claim your own SS retirement benefit. The choice is yours to make but longevity is the key, so you should carefully assess your potential life expectancy, including your family history, your current health, and your lifestyle to help you decide.

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Federal judge blocks Newsom's foolish gun law



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Politicians, being egocentric by nature, sometimes do foolish, even childish, things in their insatiable hunger for attention.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom did a foolish thing last summer when he persuaded the Legislature to pass Senate Bill 1327, which would have subjected makers of guns prohibited by state law to civil lawsuits. It essentially stripped them of their right to defend themselves by making them liable for court fees.

It was patterned on a 2021 Texas law (Senate Bill 8) that made anyone who "who aids or abets" an abortion after six weeks of pregnancy subject to private lawsuits with similar restrictions on mounting a defense.

Newsom more or less admitted that SB1327 was a stunt aimed at marshalling opposition to the Texas law. The bill even has language that repeals itself if and when the Texas law is overturned in court.

Litigation on the Texas law is underway. This month, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that a lawsuit challenging the law can proceed.

Meanwhile, however, California gun

rights groups mounted a legal challenge to SB 1327, and this week, U.S. District Court Judge Roger Benitez, who has issued other pro-gun rights decisions in recent years, blocked the law's enforcement. His order came with some sharp criticism for making it virtually impossible for targets of lawsuits to defend themselves.

"This court concludes that the purpose and effect of (SB 1327) is to trench on a citizen's right of access to the courts and to discourage the peaceful vindication of an enumerated constitutional right," he wrote. "Because the state fee-shifting statute undermines a citizen's constitutional rights, it is this court's role to declare its invalidity and enjoin its threat."

Newsom had once described Benitez as a "wholly-owned subsidiary of the gun lobby and the National Rifle Association" after one of the judge's previous gun control rulings, but after this week's decision, he effusively praised Benitez.

"I want to thank Judge Benitez," Newsom said in a statement. "We have been saying all along that Texas' anti-abortion law is outrageous. Judge Benitez just confirmed it is also unconstitutional. The provision in California's law that he struck down is a replica of what Texas did, and his explanation of why this part of SB 1327 unfairly blocks access to the courts applies equally to Texas' SB 8. There is no longer any doubt that Texas' cruel anti-abortion law should also be struck down."

It should be struck down for the same reasons – that it unconstitutionally limits the right to defend oneself against a lawsuit. But whether it will be is not certain.

There are a few differences in the two laws and one big difference in the underlying issues of abortion rights and gun rights. The Supreme Court, in overturning Roe v. Wade, explicitly declared that there is no constitutional right to abortion while the "right to bear arms" is specifically mentioned in the Bill of Rights.

Given that difference, and the Supreme Court's obvious distaste for severely restrictive gun laws, it's entirely possible that California's law will be permanently blocked while the Texas law survives, at least in some form.

Whatever the outcome, however, the SB 1327 saga is an exercise in political oneupsmanship that makes a mockery of the legislative process. Passing a law in California with the declared intent of shaming a law in Texas while putting Californians in legal jeopardy is political malpractice.

Newsom and the legislators who voted for SB 1327 should be ashamed of themselves. They should be spending their time on California's many serious problems, not trying to tell Texas what it should be doing.

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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Shappy Joins First Northern Bank as VP/Commercial Loan Officer

First Northern Bank News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Carol Landry, Senior Vice President/Business & Industrial Team Manager is pleased to announce that Daniel Shappy has joined First Northern Bank's Business & Industrial Loan Team as Vice President/Commercial Loan Officer.

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Daniel's 29 years' experience in the financial services industry management, and business development. Prior to

joining First Northern Bank, Daniel served as Commercial Credit Officer for Westamerica Bank in Fairfield.

Daniel holds a Master of Business Administration degree from University of Phoenix, Sacramento. He has enjoyed cooking and serving hot meals during Thanksgiving and Christmas at Opportunity House Homeless Shelter in Vacaville and looks forward to volunteering at other community non-profit organizations in the coming year.

Daniel is a native of the Philippines and currently resides in Vacaville with his wife and two daughters. He enjoys camping, hiking, biking, hunting, traveling, and cooking for his family and friends.

Daniel's office is located at 508 Second Street., Suite #104, Davis, CA 95616. Daniel is available by appointment and can be reached at 530.297.3905, 916.595.8090 (cell), or dshappy@thatsmybank.com ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220920
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Waheed Khan, 23 Mount Stephens Court, Sacramento, CA 95835. 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.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220905
The following person(s) is doing business as: Dress Tech / Sculptress / Skinister, 1237 E. Beamer Street, Suite G, Woodland, CA 95776.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220928
The following person(s) is doing business as: Capital Valley Investments, 2215 Plaza Drive, Suite 100, Rocklin, CA 95765, County of Yolo.
Diablo Investments, LLC, a limited liability company, 2215 Plaza Drive, Suite 100, Rocklin, CA 95765
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 11/1/2002 /s/ Gary Whitesides, Manager
Diablo Investments, LLC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220944
The following person(s) is doing business as: Westlake Inc, 1260 Lake Boulevard, Suite 111, Davis, CA 95616.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220942
The following person(s) is doing business as: JEU Publishing, 1810 Hardy Dr., Woodland, CA 95776, County of Yolo.
John Utterback, 1810 Hardy Dr., 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 11/09/2022 /s/ John Utterback
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20220959
The person(s) or entity listed be-

low are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Petoonsy / Etoonsy, 813 Harbor Boulevard, #269, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on May 9, 2016, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Betty S. Miller, 820 Sinter Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The business was conducted by: An Individual.
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-2135
Angela Pena has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Angela Renee Pena to Angela Renee Ramirez; Ezra Michael Pena to Ezra Michael Pena-Ramirez.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 9, 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 13, 2022
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
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ANGELA 1-13-23

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-2107
Scarlet Gamez Rivera has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of David Leandro Ochoa Gamez to Angel David Ochoa Gamez.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 26, 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: December 7, 2022
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
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SCARLET 1-13-23

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-2089
Matthew Lloyd Hummelgard II has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Matthew Lloyd Hummelgard II aka Alec Parker to Alec Matthew Parker.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 24, 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: December 6, 2022
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
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MATTHEW 1-13-23

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-2200
Wazir Mohammad Zalmi and Hascena 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
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WAZIR 1-20-23

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-2171
Robert Cooper McKee and Sar-

ah Marie Buer have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Colbin James McKee to Colbin James Buer McKee.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 7, 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: December 15, 2022
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
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DANIEL 1-20-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANNE COOK CASE NO. PR2022-0255
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Elizabeth Anne Cook, deceased.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Alan Philip Cook, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Alan Philip Cook 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 January 5, 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 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, 1555 River Park Drive, Suite 108, Sacramento, CA 95815; 916-920-5983
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BERTHA MARTINEZ FACE AKA BERTHA M.FACE CASE NO. PR2022-0227
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Bertha Martinez Face, aka Bertha M. Face, deceased.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by James N. Face, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting James N. Face 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: January 24, 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: Dylan P. Hyatt, 1555 River Park Drive, Suite 108, Sacramento, CA 95815; 916-920-5983
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COOK 12-30-22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHIRLEY PALMER CASE NO. PR2022-0250
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Shirley Palmer, deceased.
A Petition for Probate has been

filed by Scott Palmer, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Scott Palmer 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 January 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 14. 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 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, 1555 River Park Drive, Suite 108, Sacramento, CA 95815; 916-920-5983
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GERTRUDE E. SPRINGER, AKA TRUDY SPRINGER CASE NO. PR2022-0269
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Gertrude E. Springer, aka Trudy Springer, deceased.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Dean L. Springer, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Dean L. Springer 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.
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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 01/02/2023 @ 2:00PM : Basil Boyd; small misc items. Robert Teryniak; household goods. Charise Kempton; household goods.
This auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
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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: January 17, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 11. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
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Riley Reviews

“PUSS IN BOOTS” IN FINE FORM; ANNE RICE’S “WITCHES” ON TV

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH

More than a decade has passed since Antonio Banderas’ animated swashbuckling cat Puss in Boots graduated from a character role in “Shrek 2” to star in his own film as a feline version of Douglas Fairbanks’ Zorro.

The last time we saw the fear-defying eponymous hero of 2011’s “Puss in Boots,” in his solo outing as a movie star, he was purring about his cunning ability to save the world and be celebrated for his bravery.

In “Puss in Boots: The Last Wish,” we find our furry daredevil arrogantly waking up after his eighth death and realizing he has only one life left. Suddenly, the fabulous orange tabby is wondering whether he’s lost his mojo and what’s he going to do about it.

As if it isn’t dire enough being down to one last life, Puss has a bounty on his head, with the big, bad bounty hunter Wolf (Wagner Moura) having the notorious cat in his direct sights.

Seeking refuge at the home of Mama Luna Cat Rescue, Puss must abide by the rules of the owner (Da’Vine Joy Randolph), which means he has to

suffer the indignity of eating cat food, using a litter box and being renamed Pickles.

Amidst the dozens of mangy cats at the rescue home, a disheveled, chatty and relentlessly cheerful mutt named Perrito (Harvey Guillen) impersonating a cat joins Puss when he embarks on a journey into the Black Forest to find the mythical Wishing Star.

To discover the talisman that could restore some of his lost lives, Puss has to humble himself and ask for help from his old flame and sometimes nemesis Kitty Softpaws (Salma Hayek).

In their quest, the trio of Puss, Kitty and Perrito will have to stay one step ahead of Goldi (Florence Pugh) and her crime family of Papa Bear (Ray Winstone), Mama Bear (Olivia Colman) and Baby Bear (Samson Kayo) who are also searching for the Wishing Star.

Another rival is the massively huge adult Jack Horner (John Mulaney), an underworld kingpin who operates from the back of an ominous bakery. His ambition is to become the most powerful figure in the fairytale universe.

Though known fairy tale references abound, the filmmakers drew inspiration from Sergio Leone classic film “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.” All these

different hardened criminals are going after the same pot of gold.

Yet, it’s Puss and his gang that are most adorable, charming and amusing when competing with the nefarious entities who want the Wishing Star for themselves.

“Puss in Boots: The Last Wish” should be fun for all age groups, and Antonio Banderas is in fine form voicing his Spanish feline with humorous gusto.

“ANNE RICE’S MAYFAIR WITCHES” ON AMC NETWORKS

Back in May 2020, AMC Networks announced that it had entered into an agreement to acquire Anne Rice’s major literary works, “The Vampire Chronicles Series” and “The Lives of the Mayfair Witches Series,” encompassing 18 titles.

One of the most celebrated titles, “Interview with the Vampire” has already been produced as a series, and AMC boasted that it became the number two new drama series this year on ad-supported cable.

As a prolific bestselling author, Anne Rice’s first novel, “Interview with the Vampire,” was published in 1976 and was the basis for the international hit 1994 motion picture of the same title that starred Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt.

On January 8 at 9:00 p.m., AMC Networks premieres the second endeavor in what the network calls Anne Rice’s Immortal Universe with the new series “Anne Rice’s Mayfair Witches.”

Based on the trilogy “The Lives of the

Mayfair Witches,” the eight-episode series focuses on intuitive young neurosurgeon Rowan Fielding (Alexandra Daddario), who discovers that she is the unlikely heir to a family of witches.

Grappling with her newfound powers, Rowan must contend with a sinister presence that has haunted her family for generations. Jack Huston joins the cast as Lasher, as does Harry Hamlin as Cortland Mayfair and Tongayi Chirisa as Ciprien Grieve.

“Anne Rice’s Mayfair Witches” is a wildly entertaining series ... with a terrific creative team and cast, led by Alexandra Daddario as unforgettable Rowan Mayfair,” said Dan McDermott, president of entertainment and AMC Studios for AMC Networks, in a press release statement.

With the works of the bestselling author as the source material, “Anne Rice’s Mayfair Witches” may prove to be as successful as what AMC was able to do with “Interview with the Vampire.”

A companion special to the series “Anne Rice’s Mayfair Witches” is the one-hour documentary “All of Them Witches” which explores an alternate history told from the perspective of today’s most well-known practicing witches as well as scholars of history and anthropology.

The documentary examines the provocative history of Witch Hunts, paganism and voodoo, and challenges the myths permeating popular culture. “All of Them Witches” is not to be confused with the 1996 Mexican supernatural horror film of the same title. ★

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A musical adaptation of "Treasure Island - A Musical Adventure" from the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson will be performing at the Woodland Opera House on January 13-22, 2023. Photo courtesy of the Woodland Opera House

Woodland Opera House News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Jennifer Goldman, D.D.S. and Amy Thu Tran, D.D.S. present Treasure Island - A Musical Adventure, a The Prince Street Players Ltd. Production, freely adapted from the original novel by Robert Louis Stevenson at the Woodland Opera House, 340 Second Street on January 13-22, 2023.

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Reserved seats are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors 62+, and \$10 for children 17 and under. Balcony tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Flex Pass specials and group rates are available.

Tickets on sale online at www.woodlandopera-house.org and at the Box Office (530) 666-9617. Located at 340 Second Street, hours are: Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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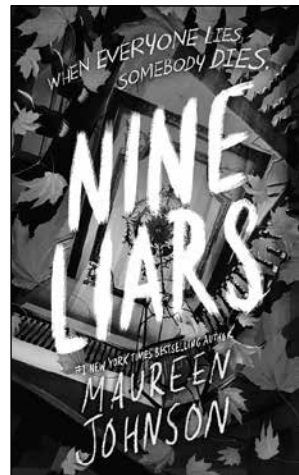


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Nine Liars by Maureen Johnson

Senior year is not what Stevie Bell expected. Now that she has solved one of the biggest cold cases, there really is nothing left to do unless you count the never-ending slew of ridiculous emails Stevie has piling up in her inbox. What Stevie needed was a real case to solve and her boyfriend, David. But with David studying abroad in London and everyone focusing on college applications, nothing is left but her mind's inner ramblings.

But then David comes to the rescue inviting Stevie and her friends to come to London for a week. With a planner full of site seeing and study opportunities, Janelle, Vi, and Nate set off on a London bound adventure, even though things feel a bit off for Stevie. While David seems excited to see her, she can't lose the nagging feeling about his new friend Izzy, but then everything changes when Izzy tells her about an old cold case. Stevie can't help but be obsessed with how a simple college holiday between nine friends can turn into a double murder. How can a game of hide and seek



◆ Publisher: Katherine Tegen
◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
◆ Rating: ★★★★★
◆ Release Date: Dec. 29, 2022

Johnson delivers a delightful cat and mouse chase that is everything fans have come to love from this series while also diving deep into '90s nostalgia. With all the music, clothing, and popular trends of the time. However, this time Stevie Bell's sleuthing carries a whole new weight and affects more than just Stevie's life. With Janelle, Vi, Nate, and now Izzy all stuck following the whims of Stevie's sleuthing, there might be more than a few consequences to her actions.

turn deadly, and why won't Izzy's aunt talk about that night? Stevie knows someone from that night has to be lying. The more Stevie thinks about the case the more she knows she has to solve it. Now, everything quickly begins to unravel for everyone as Stevie dives into the case, and what was supposed to be a study abroad quickly becomes drenched in the chase for answers.

Following two stories that seamlessly fit together, *Nine Liars* takes readers back to the events in June of 1995, while simultaneously following Stevie Bell as she tries to crack the case. Maureen

A gripping murder mystery with twists and turns in every chapter, *Nine Liars* will have your jaw dropped in more than a few places while leaving readers with a few lingering questions. Maureen Johnson returns to the style that readers have come to know and love, forcing them to choose between the desire to read faster to find answers or slower so the story won't end. This fifth book in the series delivers exactly what a mystery promises. Sometimes there aren't answers right away, but it will be even more satisfying when the answers finally see the light. ★

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Is the Drought Over?

Water providers still predict shortages next year

By Alastair Bland,
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December has delivered a powerful punch of storms to California. But the wet weather comes with a dry dose of reality: The state's largest reservoirs remain badly depleted, projected water deliveries are low, wells are drying up, and the Colorado River's water, already diminished by a megadrought, is severely overallocated.

Throughout California, urban water managers are bracing for a fourth consecutive drought year. Nearly one out of every five water agencies — 76 out of 414 — in a recent state survey predict that they won't have enough water to meet demand next year. That means they are likely to impose more severe restrictions on customers, with some Southern California providers considering a ban on all outdoor watering.

While December's rain and snow show promise, water managers remember the same thing happened last year — epic early storms followed by the driest January through March in California's recorded history.

Last week the state announced an emergency regulation extending its ban on "wasteful water practices" through 2023. Included are watering while it's raining, running decorative fountains without recirculating flows and washing vehicles with hoses not fitted with automatic shutoff nozzles, among others.

Some regions of California have more water than they need. Sacramento reported a 173% surplus for 2023 to state officials. City spokesperson Carlos Eliason said Sacramento has a healthy system of community wells to draw from in addition to the Sacramento and American rivers.

The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, serving 90,000 people in and around Eureka, reported an 834% surplus for 2023. Its main reservoir typically fills to the brim every year.

"Unfortunately, our system isn't connected to other systems, so we can't do anything to help our neighbors in other parts of the state, but we'd like to," said General Manager John Friedenbach.

Sonoma County's major reservoir was at just 39% of capacity last week, its lowest level ever recorded, but Don Seymour, the county water agency's deputy chief engineer, said there is no reason to panic. "That's still a lot of water," he said. "We could stretch that out into the spring of 2024."

But other regions of the state — mostly in Southern California — aren't as fortunate. Millions of Southern Californians will likely face outdoor watering restrictions or even bans, with probable exceptions made for the hand-watering of trees.

Most Southern Californians — 27 million people — rely at least partially on the State Water Project, a system of dams and canals that moves water from the Sacramento Valley to Southern California. On Dec. 1, the Department of Water Resources



Oroville, which is one of California's largest reservoirs, is only 59% of capacity as of December 12 — despite recent rains and snow. The reservoir is shown here in May 2022. Photo by Andrew Innerarity, California Department of Water Resources



Bidwell Canyon Marina showing Lake Oroville with a reservoir storage of 1,663,134 acre-feet (AF), 47% of the total capacity. Lake Oroville is located in Butte County, California. Photo taken July 6, 2022, by Florence Low/California Department of Water Resources

announced it will initially allocate just 5% of the supply that water districts requested from the state — bad news for those with no other water source.

Fort Bragg, on California's North Coast, nearly ran out of water in 2021, forcing management into a stage 4 "water crisis" mode. A small desalination unit, capable of processing 200 gallons per minute, was revved up to meet basic needs for the 7,500 local residents. Meanwhile, outlying communities, like the seaside bluff town of Mendocino and isolated inns, restaurants and homes, saw wells run dry. Fort Bragg delivery trucks, carrying water provided by the city of Ukiah, brought relief.

Things have improved for Fort Bragg. In 2022, late spring rains recharged its reserves, said John Smith, the city's director of public works. Its small reservoir is brim-full, and the desalination unit is ready to go if needed.

The city asked residents to use 20% less water, which they did — plus some.

"We asked for 20%, and they conserved 30%," he said.

Earlier this year, Californians were slow to respond to drought warnings. In fact, their usage went up last spring. Californians emerged from the driest January, February and March on record with the biggest jump in water use since the drought began: a nearly 19% increase in March compared to two years earlier.

But many Californians have stepped up since then. In October, statewide urban water use dropped 12.6% compared to October of 2020.

Still, the cumulative savings (only 5.2% compared to 2020) fall far short of Gov. Gavin Newsom's request for a 15% voluntary cut.

Santa Rosa's water director, Jennifer Burke, said water use in the city of 180,000 is down 18% of average since June of 2021, thanks in part to rules limiting outdoor watering to nighttime hours when evaporative losses are less.

In Sacramento,

residents have curbed water use by more than 20% by limiting residents to watering twice weekly from March through October and once per week the rest of the year. This ordinance, Eliason said, is permanent.

"We wanted to make sure water conservation is a way of life," Eliason said.

For many Californians, it already is. The state's residents have streamlined their water use and reduced waste for decades. Daily residential water use statewide in October decreased to 88 gallons per capita, compared to the five-year average of 97.

Jeffrey Mount, a senior fellow with the Public Policy Institute of California, said California's overall water consumption has remained the same since the 1980s even though the population grew from 30 million to 40 million.

"That is a good indication that adjustments can be made as things get drier," Mount said.

An even steeper trend toward conservation has

been logged by the East Bay Municipal Utility District. The customer population has grown by 35% since 1970 while overall water use has declined by 45%.

In recent years, residents have increasingly swapped out grassy lawns for drought-smart landscaping, and they are currently limited to watering outdoors no more than three days per week. These measures have reduced water use during the ongoing drought by 14 to 15% — what Pook describes as "conservation on top of conservation."

Green grass will go brown next year, and in the long run, vast areas of lawn will probably disappear permanently as Californians adjust to aridification.

In October, the Metropolitan Water District passed a resolution encouraging communities "to reduce or eliminate irrigation of non-functional turf with potable water." This followed a May, 2022 emergency order from the State Water Resources

Control Board banning non-functional turf irrigation with potable water on commercial, institutional and industrial properties statewide. The Pacific Institute has calculated that such efforts could save California as much as 400,000 acre-feet of water annually.

But no matter how tight the state's water supplies get, keeping urban trees alive will probably be a priority.

"We're seeing, in all urban areas, a frantic effort to conserve urban forests," Mount said, noting that urban trees provide shade, reduced ground-level temperatures and natural water treatment services.

Mount, who recently eliminated most of his own backyard turf — sparing just a narrow strip for his dogs — said he takes some solace in the fact that green grass remains a prominent feature of institutional landscaping, for it means there is still room to improve.

"That makes me more sanguine than most about the future," he said. ★