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City Council 'Herstory' is Made



All female West Sacramento City Council L to R: New Councilmember Verna Sulpizio, Mayor Pro Tem Quirina Orozco, Mayor Martha Guerrero, and Councilmembers Norma Alcala, and Dawnté Early West.

Story and photo by Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - West Sacramento made 'herstory' (history) Wednesday night, December 7th, when the first all-female City Council was sworn in. Mayor Martha Guerrero was sworn in after being re-elected with nobody running against her. She was proudly sworn in by her daughter, with her grandson standing close by.

Dawnté Early West was also re-elected this term to represent District 3. Sporting a red dress and her signature basketball shoes, she was sworn in by her son, with her husband, parents, daughter, and Girl Scout Troop there in support.

With Chris Ledesma still on the desk, a nomination for Mayor Pro Tem was requested. Dawnté West nominated Quirina Orozco and Chris Ledesma seconded the nomination, making it the last official action of his 12-year career on the West Sacramento City Council.

The real excitement came when the newcomer, Verna Sulpizio, was sworn in by her husband. Verna was elected to represent District 4. In support she had her husband and her toddler son. Verna swore in, in her full term of pregnancy and has since given birth.

These three women added to

Councilmember Norma Alcala and Mayor Pro Tem Quirina Orozco, made the first all-female City Council in the Sacramento Region. At the completion of Verna's swear in, the crowd erupted in applause leading to a standing ovation. Verna took the seat as Chris stepped down and a long applause ensued.

Verna took her seat at the Council desk. She received encouraging welcoming speeches from each of the City Council members and gave her 'thank you' speech. The meeting adjourned and many pictures were taken. The evening continued with some light refreshments and congratulations all around.

WSKGB Care Package Assembly a Success

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - West Sac Kids Give Back (WSKGB) held their 8th annual care packet assembly on Sunday, December 11, in the City Hall Galleria. Eight years ago, some children got bored during Christmas vacation, and their mothers decided to fix that. A group of five mothers, including Mayor Pro Tem Quirina Orozco, got their children together and gathered donations of personal hygiene supplies such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, gloves, hats and scarves.

The children then assembled care packets into Ziplock bags. The care packets were taken to organizations around West Sacramento which assisted vulnerable people in our community, including the homeless. That first year, in 2015, the children assembled 50 care packets in their living rooms. Each year it has grown little by little. During the 2022 care pack assembly, over 1000 packets were put together.

Helping to assemble these packets were families, including lots of children, City officials, firefighters, Police Chief Rob Strange, City councilmembers, employees of different organizations that will receive these packets, friends and family. Those who did most of the work were the kids.

After coming into the Galleria and getting tattooed at the station or their faces painted at the face painting station, taking a picture in the holiday photo booth, or enjoying a cookie, the crowd gathered around the stage for introductions and a short holiday dance performance by the West Sac Community Center Dancers.

Quirina was sure to let the crowd know that this year, the Community Center crochet club made over 1,000 hats and scarves to include in the packets. They were beautifully done in all colors and styles.

The children lined up, grabbed gallon-sized Continued on page 3

Councilmember Chris Ledesma Steps Down

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Heartfelt feelings of pride, sadness and excitement were the atmosphere of the Special City Council Meeting that took place on Wednesday, December 7. With every seat full and people lining the walls, this standing-room-only meeting was a trifecta of excitement. Longtime City Councilmember Chris Ledesma retiring from the Council, the swearing ins of Mayor Guerrero, Councilmember Dawnté Early West and Verna Sulpizio and making local 'herstory' formed the evening's agenda.

Chris Ledesma, senior vice president strategic planning SBA Lending

Group at Wells Fargo, has been a West Sacramento City Councilmember for 12 years. He actually began his career in West Sacramento public service ten years before when he joined the City's Planning Commission. Since then, Chris has been part of the IFD Public Financing Authority, Mayor's Commission on Climate Change, Port of West Sacramento District Commission, Riverfront Joint Powers Authority, River City Regional Stadium Financing Authority, Streetcar Policy Steering Committee, Yolo County Consolidated Redevelopment Successor Agency Board, and served as an alternate representative Continued on page 3



Councilmember Chris Ledesma received a standing ovation from the crowd after he was awarded a City Council Proclamation for his years of service. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento



SAFE Awards \$20K to Sacramento Food Bank

SAFE Credit Union News Release

FOLSOM, CA (MPG) - SAFE Credit Union is doing its part to help curb child-hood hunger by supporting Sacramento Food Bank & Family Service's No Student Left Hungry program as the demand for food assistance climbs in the region.

SAFE is donating \$20,000 to the nonprofit's effort to provide food for an average of 4,200 students per month who are living with food insecurity within seven school districts and four colleges throughout Sacramento.

"Due to the pandemic, rising inflation and other factors, the need for food assistance is as great as ever, and we wouldn't be able to meet that surge in demand without the support of big-hearted organizations like SAFE Credit Union," says Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services Director of Programs Karen Strach.

Since March, food bank officials say they have seen a 40 percent increase in the number of people they are serving each month.

"When children experience hunger, they are more likely to get sick and are at higher risks of health conditions like anemia and asthma," Strach says. "They are also more likely to miss school and receive poor grades."

The food bank grant is awarded as part of SAFE's grant program seeking to promote the health of residents in the greater Sacramento region.

"Supporting the No Student Left Hungry



Food is distributed at Greer Elementary School as part of the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services No Student Left Hungry program. Courtesy photo

program is one meaningful step we can take to help in addressing inequities in our communities and help improve the health of individuals and those in our region as a whole," says SAFE Community Impact Manager Amanda Merz.

This grant will help fund grocery distribution to students attending schools in the Center Joint Unified. Elk Grove Unified, Galt Joint Union Elementary, Robla Elementary, Sacramento City Unified, San Juan Unified and Twin Rivers Unified school districts plus Sacramento State, American River College, Cosumnes River College and Sacramento City College. The districts and colleges were determined to each have a high concentration of students in need of supplemental food assistance.

Strach says school-based food distributions remove many barriers to accessing food. "When students get the food they need, they have improved concentration, school performance and mental and physical health. And are more likely to thrive," she says.

A program that has evolved for several years, the No Student Left Hungry program reaches up to 116,000 people per year.

According to Feeding America's most recent data from 2020, more than one in six children in Sacramento County live in food insecure households, a rate that is higher than both the state and national averages.

The grant is one of two SAFE Credit Union awarded for the third quarter of 2022 to organizations dedicated to promoting the health of residents in the greater Sacramento region. This month, SAFE is also awarding \$5,000 to the Alchemist Community Development Corporation's Community Gardens project.

SAFE annually awards \$120,000 in grants in four phases focusing on its three pillars of philanthropy: veterans, healthcare, and education. For more information on SAFE Credit Union's grants program, go to https://www.safecu.org/community/community-impact/funding.

For more information about the No Student Left Hungry program, contact Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services Director of Communications Kevin Buffalino at kbuffalino@sacramentofoodbank.org.

'It Only Takes' Campaign for Mental Health

Office of Supervisor Oscar Villegas

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Have you noticed the signs popping up around the city with inspirational messages? These signs are part of 'It Only Takes,' a local public health campaign with an emphasis on mental health. The Campaign is sponsored by the Yolo County Health and Human Services in collaboration with Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas, District 1.

The signs are a collection of prompts to inspire feel-good moments. Once you visit the website: https://itonlytakes.com/you will see various topics to find inspiration and ideas on how to make healthy choices along with local

you will see various topics to find inspiration and ideas on how to make healthy choices along with local mental health resources. You can also sign up to receive emails that provide weekly tips and other relevant information.

"Following the effects of COVID-19 over the past two years, the isolation took a toll on so many folks, mainly our youth and elderly. Through distance learning and working from home, the lack of physical engagement with others and the awakening



moments to raise awareness for mental health. Photo courtesy of Supervisor Oscar Villegas

of a new way of doing business created various levels of consternation and in some instances, grief. It was important to me to acknowledge that we find ways to encourage people to seek help or even a recalibration of their mindset is perfectly fine. I feel this campaign is a good reminder that the simple things in life are free and can have a positive impact in our lives, particularly with the holidays approaching," said Supervisor Villegas.

The 'It Only Takes' campaign includes positive messaging throughout

various locations in the community, a website full of local resources, social media advertisements that direct traffic to the website, wellness discussion cards, and age-appropriate activity books that will be provided to elementary schools and available online. If anyone is interested in seeking additional information, or to obtain a set of discussion cards or the children's activity book, please visit the website: https://itonlytakes.com/ and subscribe to receive inspirational messages and local mental health resources via email.

Holiday Toy Distribution



Volunteers working to hand out toys for YCCA in 2020. Photo courtesy of the Yolo County Children's Alliance

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Here we are, once again, looking at the holidays coming up for us quickly, and many are not sure how they are going to

buy presents for their kids.

It doesn't matter how old your kids are, they are still your kids. As they get older, they may understand better why there are only a few (or fewer) presents under the tree, than they did when they were little, but families still feel heartbroken when they can't give their kids the gifts that they want.

We are very lucky in this town and county. We have the Yolo County Children's Alliance. Yes, this is the same organization that handed out all the fixings for over 700 Thanksgiving meals... for free. In addition, they handed out nice new winter coats. This is also the organization that can help you with school supplies, diapers, employment needs, paying your bills and medical care. The truth is, YCCA is one of the best resources the citizens of our town have.

The YCCA (and the

many big-hearted people and businesses that have donated) is about to do it again. On Saturday, December 18th, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am, YCCA with be holding their annual Toy Distribution. This is a first come, first serve event that will be taking place at their family resource center, located at 1200 Anna St, West Sacramento. You do not need to pre-register.

Simply bring proof that you are a West Sac resident, wear a mask, and you will be able to drive thru the event to pick up toys for your children. Toys/ Gifts will be available for children 0 – 18 years of age. These will be new, unwrapped toys. They will be in a bag so that it won't be super visible, but please be prepared if you want to hide them and your children will be with you.

Children are welcome at this event, as there will be superhero's there to help hand out the toys (or distract the kids while you load up the gifts). Masks are required throughout the event, so please be respectful. YCCA encourages the community to share this with any families in West Sac that may need this service.

If you happen to be a member of a family that isn't struggling as much as many or have a business that is still going strong through COVID, or if you just feel like giving or want to teach your children the importance of giving back, YCCA is still taking donations, both monetary and new, unwrapped toys for all ages. You can drop off your donations at the YCCA Resource Center.

If you need additional information, you can contact the following. Information is available in English, Spanish, Russian and Farsi. For event inquires, families can call our Family Resource Center at 916-572-0560For media or sponsorship inquiries, individuals can email katie.durham@yolocounty.org or call 916-832-9366. ★

West Sac News Briefs

MPG Staff

Yolo County Children's Alliance is in need, this holiday, of support from the community to wrap up the 2022 year! On December 17, Yolo County families will receive non-perishable food, winter supplies, and new toys for their children at YCCA's annual toy distribution event. YCCA is collecting new toys for children ages 0-16 and is looking for support from the community to bring more than 900 children holiday joy! To join the community in supporting this event, partners are encouraged to donate

online at www.YoloKids. org/Donate, or email katie. durham@yolocounty.org.

United States Post Office deadline dates to arrive by Christmas – Dec 17 for First Class Mail Service, Dec 19 for Priority mail Service, Dec 23 for Priority Mail Express Service.

Need a gift for someone that has everything? Consider buying them a membership to a community organization such as the Kiwanis or Moose Club. If they are a veteran consider a membership to VFW or American Legion. These organizations are always looking for members and it helps everyone when people help their community. This gift will give your loved ones somewhere to go, something to do and may ultimately help many others.

Vaccinations — The Center for Disease Control has reported in a November 2022 report, that measles are on the rise and that the Bird Flu is making a comeback. Add that to the Monkey Pox, COVID and the good old flu, CDC highly recommends getting your vaccinations up to date. For the safety of yourself and everyone around you. ★

Learn about Available Vocational Training Funding and Resources

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) invites residents to learn about available funding and resources for vocational training at our in-person enrollment sessions every Thursday through the end of January 2023. These events are presented by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program and will be held in both West Sacramento and Woodland. Participants will connect with a WIOA Case Manager and learn more about the program and how we can help make your career goals a reality.

The WIOA Program offers (for those who meet eligibility requirements): funding of up to \$5,000 for eligible training and education programs; leads on employment opportunities and events; career and

interview preparation; and referrals to support services. Enrollment sessions will be held on December 22 & 29, 2022, January 12, 19 and 26, 2023, and will take place at the Woodland and West Sacramento HHSA offices:

In West Sacramento – YoloWorks! Career Center, 500 Jefferson Blvd., Ste. A, West Sacramento, CA 95605

In Woodland – HHSA - Gonzalez Building (Clarksburg Room), 25 North Cottonwood St., Woodland, CA 95695

Individuals interested in attending the WIOA Enrollment Sessions are encouraged to register in advance at www.yoloworks.org or https://bit.ly/YoloWIOAEnrollmentSessions. Additional information is available by visiting www.yoloworks.org under the WIOA section or contacting WIOA program directly via phone at (530) 661-2710 or by emailing WIOAprogram@yolocounty.org. ★









Girl Scouts Show their Colors



Girl Scout Troop 808 provided the artistic talent exhibited at the Community Center and now have their work transferred to utility boxes throughout the city. Photos courtesy of the City of West Sarramento.

By Bill Laws

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A cheerful swirl of parents, daughters and guests flooded the gallery space of the West Sacramento Community Center, located at 1075 West Capitol Avenue on Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 for a ribbon cutting ceremony launching Girl Scout Troop 808's Utility Box Public Art Installation. In this first of its kind event, Scout Troop 808 has created artwork that is hanging in the gallery of the Community Center in addition to being applied to the outside of the utility boxes located across the street and around town.

"The girls deserve so much credit for putting this event together," explained troop leader Sarah Kirby-Gonzalez, who has two girls participating in the art show. "In fact," she added, "they have earned the Girl Scout Art Badge and Public Speaking Badge due to the amount of public communication involved in making this event happen."

A bevy of young girl scouts draped in their uniform sashes and large arrays of merit badges stood solemnly near their art hangings for the first part of this celebration.

Kelsey Corcoran, a member of Troop 808, stood at attention in the gallery, next to her art. "It's a sunset," Kelsey explained. "It's from where my father works in the evening in the fields at Duckhorn Vineyards." The feelings she experienced when remembering the outdoor grape fields where her father worked, until the setting sun said it was time to go home, can almost be felt by the observer. Kelsey's framed and matted art piece is part of a showing that can be visited by the public over the next few weeks. Her colorful work features radiant bands of purple and red that represent the setting of the winery in Napa County where her father Taylor earns a living.

Other paintings in the exhibit also touch on emotional and inspiring tones. This includes a number of radiant outdoor scenes. From scenes of the Sacramento River to broad skyscapes of clouds and blue skies. Nature and the joy it inspires are fully represented.

Parents were anxious to brag about their children's work. Leigha Banderas, also a scout leader and a scout mother, expresses her appreciation for the intricate art work created by the girls of troop 808. In addition, Jason (last name withheld) explained how impressed and proud he is of his daughter's accomplishments. In addition to being a solid athlete in the sports of soccer and baseball, Jason reflects on how his young daughter Savannah can also excel in both art and in earning important merit badges in areas such as public speaking. "It's amazing what they can do," he explained.

The guests moved outside for the ceremonial ribbon cutting. The ribbon cutting was merely the symbolic gesture that allowed the beautiful boxes to be appreciated by all. Guests, bystanders and even city workers who had to open the boxes, could freely enjoy the colorful images.

The metal boxes standing on the sidewalk across the street from the Community Center will be wrapped in the same images of artwork that are currently hanging at the Community Center gallery.

According to Ciara, this transfer of art from hanging on the wall to outdoor utility boxes came in an instant. Ciara gave credit to West Sacramento's Arts, Culture and Historic Preservationist, Cheryl Gleason, for knowing how to contract with an outside business for art images to be transferred and then wrapped on a three dimensional structure, such as a utility box.

Kelsey Corcoran's sunset landscape was placed on the side of the very first utility box. Squeezed between two other images, Kelsey's work radiated the same emotions and textures that flowed from her artwork hanging across the street.

WSKGB Care Package Assembly a Success

Continued from page 1 Ziplock bags and hit up each station, dropping in each item until the packet was complete. They then dropped those bags onto a table at the end (where the air was squeezed out and the bag was closed) and got back in line to fill more packets. After the first couple of rounds, the kids had the system down and bags began to fill the tables in droves, making it hard for the adults at those tables to keep up with the pace. It took about an hour for the thousand plus bags to be assembled.

Once the packets were just about complete, there was a surprise visitor... Santa!

"Santa was so excited that kids would go out and do something for other people that he had to put them on his list. His nice list," said Quirina. Santa showed up and kids flocked to see him, as the adults cleaned up the galleria.

"This was a wonderful event for West Sac Kids Give Back. It's just beautiful to see our community come together and our kids be able to give some service to the community. You saw little people learn about how important that is, and these are kids giving back to other kids, to teens and youth who don't have access to your essentials, which was amazing. It was also even more heartfelt because we were doing this for Mayor Pro Tem Quirina Orozco, and the one thing we could do to help her in her time of need that you could just pull together with the community to make West Sac Kids Give Back a success... she didn't want the kids to suffer," said Councilwoman Dawnté Early West.

Every year, around



When the packets were finished, children could get their faces painted at the face painting station. Photo courtesy Quirina Orozco



The children filled bags with donated items, including personal hygiene supplies, socks, gloves, hats and scarves. Photo courtesy Quirina Orozco



A very special guest showed up to take photos with the children. Photo courtesy Quirina Orozco

the holidays, West Sac Kids Give Back gather donations and assemble packets. If you have not yet been involved, and even if you have, please look for it next year! Service before self. ★

Ledesma Steps Down

Continued from page 1 on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and the West Sacramento

Area Flood Control Agency. Chris has developed finance programs to help small businesses in West Sac to help make it through the COVID pandemic, has been an advocate for Mental Health programs and resources and has been a co-chair of the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce. He was also a leader in the development of the Clarksburg Branch Line Trail System and has guided West Sacramento through many financial matters in order to move forward with the development and growth of the city.

Chris has basically had a hand in everything that has changed West Sacramento in a positive light for the last 21 years. The respect and love that he has earned was apparent by the comments made during public input. After the City Council presented Chris with a Proclamation for his service and showed a short video, speakers including Assemblyman Kevin McCarty, Yolo County

Supervisor Oscar Villegas, President of West Sac Chamber of Commerce Denice Domke, friends of

Chris and Chris's daughter. Comments like "Your service has been invaluable," (Mike McGowan) and "You were all in on the City Council," and "You were seriously committed from day one to make this a better place, and as public servants, all we can really ask for is [to] hopefully leave this place a little better than we found it, and you and I can say with a straight face you absolutely have done your job,"

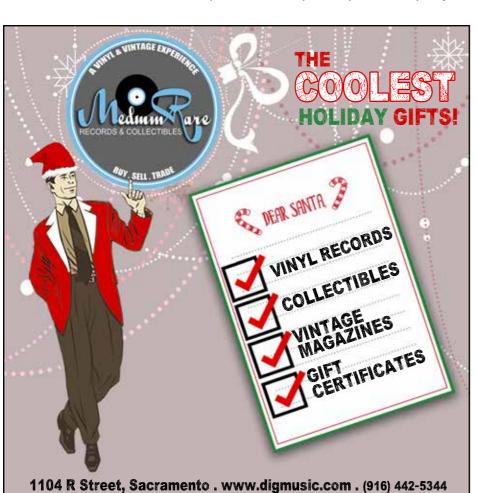
(Oscar Villegas) were comments that led to the first of three standing ovations.

With his hand over his heart, Chris said that he is ready for history take place. He expressed with passion in his voice that he is honored to have been able to serve this city for as long as he has. He thanked his wife and family for their continued support and understanding for all of the missed games and plays and anniversaries, stating that that night was his 26th anniversary. He also made a point to remind the committee that the person taking over his seat is a Seahawks fan.

"I'm overwhelmed at the moment. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you to my colleagues on the council, thank all of you; I'm truly grateful for all of your kind words." He continued in part with "I truly value the work that we do here, and that is to oversee the city and what we do should be guided by that. I also want to take a moment to thank the community and my friends. Thank you for trusting me in this important seat for the last twelve years. You voted for me three times and I couldn't be more proud of the work I've done, and I couldn't be more humbled by representing you across the county, state and country. I couldn't have been more energized by seeing the little things that we did, like a lady that can now get ice cream to bring

home because of Via. That is something she has gone without for years because she didn't have that service."

One thing that was clear is that Chris will be missed. The group of people that were in that room are a small group of people that truly know what Chris has done for this town and you could hear and feel the appreciation. Chris was unable to hear from the community members whose lives he has changed over the last decade or two and many of the community members are unaware of how Chris has changed their lives, but either way Chris has earned the future time he will be spending with his family. Thank you, Chris! ★





Sac State Football Season Ends in Wild 66-63 Loss in FCS Quarterfinals

Sac State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

Sacramento State set school records for yards, plays and first downs but came up short in a 66-63 loss to Incarnate Word on Friday night at Hornet Stadium. The 129 combined points were the most in NCAA FCS Playoff history and the most in Sacramento State history.

The Hornets finished the season with a 12-1 overall record and suffered their first loss of the vear. The team set school records for victories and earned a share of their third Big Sky Conference title in as many seasons. UIW improved to 12-1 and will now play at North Dakota State in the FCS semifinals.

Sacramento State compiled 738 yards of total offense which broke the school record of 694 against Montana State which had stood since 2014. The team ran 109 plays in the game and earned a school single-game and FCS Playoff record 49 first downs. The Cardinals finished with 579 yards on 73 plays. UIW was also opportunistic, creating four turnovers which directly led to 21

Incarnate Word entered the fourth quarter with a 38-34 lead and quickly built on it as quarterback Lindsey Scott Jr. dashed 64-yards untouched on the first play of the period. Down 11, Sacramento State was not out. The team dug deep into the playbook as running back Cameron Skattebo caught a lateral and then threw a 19-yard touchdown



Sacramento State junior tight end Marshel Martin dashes into the end zone for a touchdown during a 66-63 loss to Incarnate Word in the FCS Quarterfinals on Friday, December 9 at Hornet Stadium in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of

pass to Marshel Martin to cut the deficit to 45-41.

The Hornets then attempted an onsides kick which was recovered by Abel Ordaz at the Hornet 45. Six plays later, Martin caught a 14-yard pass from Jake Dunniway to put Sacramento State on top. 48-45, with 10:12 left in the contest.

The defense held the Cardinals on the first two plays of the next series but Marcus Cooper broke free for a 67-yard rush on 3rd-and-2 to swing the lead back to UIW, 52-48. Momentum swung further in favor of the Cardinals when Brandon Richard sacked Asher O'Hara and stripped the ball loose. Kelechi Anyalebechi scooped it up and raveled the remaining 55 yards to seemingly put the game away.

Once again, however, Sacramento State had answers. **Dunniway found Pierre Williams** for a 10-yard pass in the front corner of the end zone and Marcus Fulcher added a twopoint conversion to draw the Hornets within three, 59-56 with just under five minutes remaining. The ensuing onsides kick bounced off the foot of a UIW player and was recovered by Skattebo giving Sacramento State life.

The drive started with a 14-yard pass to Martin and then saw Williams haul in a 7-yard catch. With the offense slowing down the pace to take time off the clock, Fulcher busted free for a 10-yard gain to take the ball to the 2. Martin scored two plays later on a 4-yard sweep

to move Sacramento State back ahead, 63-59, with 1:43 left on the clock.

Scott showed why he has a leading candidate to win the Walter Payton Award during the next drive. Facing 3rd-and-7, he scrambled for a 14-yard gain. Cooper picked up 14 yards two plays later to bring the ball into the Hornet half of the field. Following an 8-yard rush from Scott, UIW drew a pass interference call to move the ball to the Sacramento State 21. Scott then lofted a ball to the back left corner of the end zone where Taylor Grimes wrestled the ball free from the defender and was able to get a foot down for the eventual game-winning touchdown.

Sacramento State appeared to

be set up for a game-tying field goal with one second remaining by a replay review overturned a completion to Pierre Williams at the UIW 37. Instead the team had one last attempt but Dunniway's pass was knocked down in the end zone as time expired.

The Hornets rushed for 333 yards and four touchdowns. Fulcher and Skattebo each surpassed 100 yards finishing with 108 and 101, respectively. The pair marked the first time two Hornet running backs each crossed the century mark since Ezekiel Graham and AJ Ellis in 2012. O'Hara was also close to joining the duo has he had 87 rushing yards.

Sacramento State added a season-high 405 passing yards. Dunniway was 19-of-32 for 228 yards and two scores while O'Hara completed 14-of-23 passes for 158 yards and a TD.

Martin and Williams each produced 100 receiving yards for the second consecutive game. Martin caught a career high 12 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns. Williams brought in eight passes for 102 yards and also had two touchdowns.

Scott threw for 219 yards and four touchdowns to set the FCS single-season touchdown record (58). The graduate student completed 19-of-31 passes to UIW the first team in the last 15 games to complete at least 60 percent of their passes against the Hornets. Scott also rushed for 166 yards and two TDs. Cooper led the team with 176 rushing yards and also scored twice.

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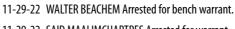
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Crime Reports **WEST SACRAMENTO**





11-29-22 SAID MAALIMCHARTRES Arrested for warrant.

11-30-22 BRETTE BOWERS Arrested for warrant after allegedly being seen in a stolen car.

11-30-22 ANDREW MANNING Arrested for Taking vehicle without owner's consent, possession of stolen vehicle and a bench warrant.

12-02-22 CHAD MCDOWELL Arrested for warrant.

12-03-22 KAMERON CANN Arrested for burglary, obstruction/resisting, false ID to Police officer after Police responded to a burglary in progress. Police set up perimeter and CHP air unit notified Police that subject ran from building and was on a nearby rooftop.

12-03-22 BRIAN LANFAIR Notice to appear for battery.

12-05-22 MARIAH DUMARCE Arrested for taking vehicle without owner's consent and a bench warrant.

12-06-22 DAVID DALEY Arrested for three warrants after car ran out of gas.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

11-06-22 Catalytic converter theft on Casselman Dr. \$1,500 loss. Grand theft.

11-06-22 Vandalism report on West Capitol Ave. \$400 loss. Vandalism. 11-20-22 An unknown subject was caught on video surveillance puncturing a gas tank of a F-150. \$15,000 loss.

Vandalism \$400 or more. 11-29-22 Catalytic Converter Theft. \$950 loss. Tamper with Vehicle, Grand theft.

11-29-22 Victim reported that he was robbed by one female and two males with a knife or cutting instrument. Victim stated he was at bus stop when group of people made him go into the U-Haul parking lot where they demanded his clothes and backpack. Initial call service was for a male standing in front of business naked. Victim was not naked and explained why he had no clothes through a Spanish translator, the victim explained why he was not clothed. Clothing was provided to the victim. \$175

11-15-22 An employee at KTL Transportation reported vehicle repair tools were stolen from inside company vehicle. \$500 loss. Petty theft.

11-28-22 Subject stole property from an air BNB rental. \$1,756 loss. Grand theft.

11-30-22 Victim's rear passenger window was busted while he was parked in the employee parking lot at work. No other damage to the vehicle was reported. No items were stolen. \$250 loss.

12-01-22 Owner of CPCO Nail and Hair Salon discovered unlocked business and approximately \$4,200 in equipment was taken. Burglary.

12-01-22 Owner of Acme Rigging & Supply Co. Inc by the neighboring business security guard that the property fence was vandalized by unknown subject. Unknown if anything was taken. \$300 loss. Vandalism.

12-01-22 Victim found rear passenger window shattered on his rental car. Vandalism. 12-01-22 A woman caught a white Adult Male trying to siphon gas out of her husband's vehicle that was sitting

in their driveway. Theft was unsuccessful and no damage was done.

12-03-22 Catalytic converter stolen. Grand theft. \$1,500 loss.

12-03-22 Unidentified suspects broke two windows of a parked vehicle at IKEA Ct. and stole approximately 1 million dollars worth of jewelry and credit cards. \$1,000,501 loss. Burglary.

12-04-22 Theft of wallet from a vehicle. Theft by use of access information.

12-05-22 Theft of more than 300 pallets on Overland Ct. \$6,000 loss. Grand theft.

12-06-22 The following report is in regards to David Daley. The vehicle that was involved returned stolen. Take vehicle without owner's permission was added to charges. \$500 loss.

12-06-22 Unknown suspect walked into Topline, grabbed clothes and ran out. \$75 loss. Petty theft.

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Social Security Matters

Will My Wife's Benefit Change My Claiming Decision?

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By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'll be 69 in April 2023, and my wife will be 59 later this month. I'm still working and am trying to determine whether I should take Social Security at 69 or 70. My main question revolves around my wife's future Social Security benefits and how they will affect my decision on whether to start mine at 69 or 70. I would like to know how to map this all out. Signed:

Waiting but Wondering Dear Waiting: Since you're now 68 and not yet collecting benefits, you have been (since you were 66) earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which will result in an increased personal Social Security benefit for as long as you delay claiming, up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. If you claim at age 69, your benefit will be 24% more than it would have been at your full retirement age (FRA) of 66; if you wait until age 70 to claim your benefit will be 32% more than it would have been at 66 (8% additional benefit

for waiting that extra year). Your wife's future spousal benefit while you are both living (if she is entitled

your age 66 amount, not the higher amount you will get because you waited to claim. But your wife's benefit as your surviving widow will be based on the amount you were actually receiving at your death, not on your age 66 amount. So, if your goal is to maximize your younger wife's benefit as your widow, then waiting until you are 70 to claim your benefit will do that. Keep in mind that your wife's surviving spouse benefit will be affected by her own age when she claims. If she has reached her own full retirement age of 67 when she claims, she will get the maximum sur-

vivor benefit available to her. Claimed at age 67 while you are both living, her spouse benefit will be 50% of your age 66 benefit amount, if that is more than she is personally entitled to on her own. If you die first and your wife claims her survivor benefit at or after age 67, she will get 100% of the benefit you were receiving at your death instead of her own smaller benefit. But if she claims her survivor benefit before reaching her own FRA of 67, that benefit will be actuarially reduced according to the number of months prior to her FRA it is claimed.

So, to recap: Your wife's spousal benefit while you are living will be based on your age 66 amount and her age when she claims it, and your wife's benefit as your widow will be based on

Note your wife can wait to

claim her survivor benefit

until it reaches maximum at

her full retirement age.

100% of what you are getting when you die and her age when she claims it. The maximum benefit for your wife in either case is attained when she reaches her FRA (67) but claimed earlier will be reduced. And you waiting until age 70 to claim will maximize your wife's benefit as your widow.

Finally, since you are still working, you should know that if your current earnings are among the highest of your lifetime, you will still get credit for those earnings even after you start collecting your Social Security benefits. Your SS benefit when you claim will be based on the highest-earning 35 years over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation), but SS will monitor your earnings each year to see if a benefit increase is warranted because your current earnings are higher than any used in originally computing your benefit amount.

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Business Wants Voters to Overturn Legislative Decrees



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Over the last decade, as Democrats solidified their dominance of the state Capitol, they have repeatedly attempted to change how private businesses operate in California

Those efforts have taken many specific forms, including mandates on employee benefits, making it easier for unions to organize workers, and regulating — or even prohibiting — products and services offered to customers.

All such efforts were aimed, their legislative and interest group sponsors said, at expanding equity and accountability for the benefit of workers and consumers.

Whatever their motives, as those efforts proliferate, the affected businesses have done what they could to block or at least modify what was happening. Nevertheless, those seeking more governmental regulation of business practices have scored some major victories and in response, affected businesses have increasingly used referenda to erase new laws or initiatives to repeal or modify them.

Those countermeasures have a mixed record of success, to wit:

— In 2014, the Legislature passed and then-Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation to ban single-use plastic bags for groceries or other

consumer goods. An industry referendum to block the new law failed in 2016.

— In 2018, the Legislature eliminated cash bail for criminal defendants. Two years later, the bail bond industry persuaded voters to reject the law.

— In 2019, legislators passed a sweeping law that reduced the ability of businesses to use freelance workers under contract. Rideshare and delivery companies such as Uber and Lyft placed a measure on the 2020 ballot to exempt themselves from the new law. Voters passed it, but it's since been challenged in court.

— In 2020 the Legislature prohibited the sale of flavored tobacco products, saying they encourage young people to smoke. However, the tobacco industry's referendum to block the ban was rejected by voters this year.

Corporate use of the ballot to thwart the Capitol's Democrats is likely to continue.

The fast food industry has submitted signatures for a referendum to overturn the creation of a new agency, dominated by unions and union-friendly appointees, that would set wages and working conditions for fast food employees. If it qualifies, the law would be suspended until voters decide the issue in 2024.

The oil industry is gathering signatures for a referendum to overturn a newly enacted law that would ban new oil wells within 3,200 feet of schools and other public facilities. If it qualifies, it also would go on the 2024 ballot.

Another oil industry

referendum is likely if the Legislature passes Newsom's proposal to impose limits on its profits from gasoline sales and impose financial penalties for exceeding them.

Newsom's original proposal was an excess profits tax, which would not have been subject to referendum because the state constitution declares that tax measures cannot be challenged via referendum.

However, non-tax laws, unless passed with two-thirds margins as "urgency measures," are subject to referendum. If Newsom's limit/penalty law is enacted next year as a non-urgency measure, the industry would have a 90-day window in which to qualify a referendum. The law would be suspended until voters had the final word.

The proliferation of business-sponsored ballot measures to overturn what legislators and the governor decree has angered groups, such as unions and environmental and consumer rights organizations, that support more oversight of business practices. They are pressing the Legislature to make the qualification of ballot measures more difficult.

However, Newsom and his predecessor, Jerry Brown, have opposed such changes for the simple reason that governors sometimes turn to the ballot themselves to enact laws that the Legislature is unwilling to pass.

That's the real scandal.

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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2 Men Arraigned for Stealing **Catalytic Converters in Woodland**

Yolo County DA News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) -On December 1, 2022, 26-year-old Woodland man, Robert Nesbitt, Jr., and 46-year-old Knights Landing man, Michael Crow, were arraigned in

County Superior Court on criminal charges arising from the theft of a catalytic converter on West Elliot Street in Woodland, CA. Both men pled not guilty to all charges including Grand Theft, Vandalism, Conspiracy to Commit a Felony, and Tampering with a Vehicle. Crow also

charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and two prior strike convictions. Nesbitt was charged with committing the theft while out on bail for a separate crime. Both men are out of custody on bail and will be in court next, for a Pre-Hearing Conference, on December 16, 2022. ★



Felony Arrest Warrant/Major Collision

WSPD News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On November 10th, 2022, at approximately 9:45 AM, West Sacramento Police Detectives were in Sacramento, CA, attempting to locate a suspect involved in a shooting, which occurred in September 2022, in the city of West Sacramento. The victim in that incident was shot and survived the injuries.

Following the investigation, the suspect was identified, and a felony arrest warrant was obtained for his arrest. This morning, West Sacramento Police Detectives located the suspect in South Sacramento and initiated a traffic enforcement stop on the vehicle driven by the suspect in the area of Hollyhurst

Way and Valley Hi Drive. The suspect initially stopped, however, he then fled in the vehicle, leading officers in a vehicle pursuit. After a short time, the suspect's vehicle was involved in a single-vehicle collision on Consumes River Blvd east of Franklin Blvd. The driver was the sole occupant of the vehicle and was transported to Kaiser South Medical Center for treatment where he was later pronounced deceased.

The collision investigation is being conducted by the Sacramento Police Department Major Collision Investigation Unit. In conjunction, an investigation will be conducted by the West Sacramento Police Department Professional Standards Unit and the West Sacramento Police Department Investigations Division. ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220851 The following person(s) is doing business as: Dan's Mission Towing and Danmar Enterprises, 716 Houston Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Marijke M. H. Robinson, 861 42nd Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 1977.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/8/2022.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220849 The following person(s) is doing business as: Yolo Tap Room, 120 Main Street, Suite J, Woodland, CA 95695.

Rouguiatou Cato, 1 West Hays Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220864 The following person(s) is doing

business as: After Hours Smash Burger & Fries, 800 Main St., Woodland, CA 95695, County of After Hours Boba & Tea LLC, 800 Main Street, Woodland, CA

95695 This business is conducted by

Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fic-

titious business name or names listed above on N/A /s/ Edward Rodriguez, Managing

After Hours Boba & Tea LLC This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/09/2022.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Re-By: kquam, Deputy 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16/22 **NEWS-LEDGER** CNS-3645192#

DJ_192 12-16-22 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. F20220859 The following person(s) is doing business as: Country Villa Mobile

Estates, 26262 County Road 21A, Esparto, CA 95627, County of Yolo. Mailing Address: 22880 Savi

Ranch Pkwy, Yorba Linda, CA 92887 First Class Country Villa, LLC,

655 Montgomery St. Suite 1705, San Francisco, CA 94111 Country Villa Me, LLC, 22880 Savi Ranch Pkwy, Yorba Linda, CA 92887

This business is conducted by Limited Liability Partnership. The registrant commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/02/2006 /s/ James Joffee

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/08/2022.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: kguam, Deputy 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16/22 CNS-3641423#

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220890 The following person(s) is doing business as: Facial & Lashes By Nicole, 2240 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 130, West Sacra-

mento, CA 95691. Trinh H Van, 6611 Rio Tejo Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/22/2022.

Bv: Jesse Salinas. Deputy Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220881 The following person(s) is doing business as: SK Groceries, 813-B Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Shalesh Kumar and Shareen Lata Prasad Kumar, 2609 Stonecreek Drive, Apartment 9, Sacramento, CA 95833. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220882 The following person(s) is doing business as: Full Deck Photos 1583 Columbus Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Patrick Chad Padilla, 1583 Columbus Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on

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11/17/2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220920 The following person(s) is doing business as: Best Rate Motors. 1540 S River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Waheed Khan, 23 Mount Ste-

phens 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. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on

12/6/2022. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: Dec 16, 23, 30, 2022; Jan 6, 2023

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

Delta Molding, LLC, 1237 E. Beamer Street, Suite G, Woodland, CA 95776. 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 4/28/2015. This statement was filed with the

County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/29/2022. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#CV2022-1937 Sajia Farhadi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sajia

Farhadi to Sajia Farhad. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on December 28, 2022, 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: November 9, 2022

Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9 & 16, 2022 12-16-22

> COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

tel has filed a petition with this

#CV2022-2009 Maria Elena Ramirez Pimencourt for a decree changing the name(s) of Maria Elena Ramirez Pimentel to Helena Ramirez Pimentel.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 3, 2023, 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: November 18, 2022

Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2022 MARIA

12-23-22

LIEN SALE

PUBLIC LIEN SALE Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 975 F ST., West Sacramento, CA 95605 on 01/02/2022 @ 2:00

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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

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 want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in Cali-

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 SHIRI FY PAI MFR 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 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 Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695. IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-

ing of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written obections 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 Cali-

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"THE MENU" LAVISH SATIRE; **DOLLY PARTON'S "CHRISTMAS" ON TV**

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"THE MENU" RATED R

The foodie culture has been satirized in many ways for its pretentious stylish presentation of fine dining, from the artistry of the food on the plates to the modern chic of the restaurant itself.

"The Menu" is taking the concept of haute cuisine to an insane level over the period of a five course (or it is six or more?), where the farm-to-table meal looks more like modern art than an edible experience.

The setting is a temple of exquisite gastronomy called Hawthorn, where the wealthy, celebrities and affected fools fork over \$1,250 per patron to savor the changing menu of Chef Julian Slowik (Ralph Fiennes) who runs the joint like a cult

Save for one person, nobody has arrived at the island restaurant not on purpose. The arrogant Tyler (Nicholas Hoult) considers himself an aficionado of the culinary arts but he's more the

Tyler's date is Margot (Anya Taylor-Joy), a last-minute substitute for this excursion. From the start, she's skeptical about the whole evening, and it turns out for very good reason.

As an unnamed movie star, John Leguizamo finds his acting career is fading and hopes instead to host a travel food show, and his assistant Felicity (Aimee Carrero) is desperate to quit and get away from him.

A trio of obnoxious tech guys (Arturo Castro, Rob Yang and Mark St. Cyr) work for Doug Varick, owner of the Hawthorn, which gives them an added sense of dubious privilege.

Lillian Bloom (Janet McTeer), an arrogant food critic with an overly inflated ego, has a history with Chef Slowik, and she's joined by her editor (Paul Adelstein), a spineless yes man.

Reed Birney and Judith Light play a wealthy older couple who have been regulars at Hawthorn but over the course of the meal unsettling secrets are revealed about

Chef Slowik may be at the top of his game, but he's come to loathe his elite customers, and himself, for being corrupted by them, and his disgust and contempt are a toxic brew for an evening that turns deadly.

The actors are the best thing on "The

Menu" as they deal with the shocking surprises that put them on edge. Oddly interesting, the whole affair is a mysterious thriller mixed with satire and strong violence.

"DOLLY PARTON'S MOUNTAIN MAGIC CHRISTMAS" ON TV

Fans of Dolly Parton are almost certain to love NBC's most highly anticipated television event of the holiday season in the new original movie "Dolly Parton's Mountain Magic Christmas."

The moniker GOAT usually applies to a sports superstar, someone like Tom Brady, but you could say the same goes for Dolly as the most honored and revered female country singer-songwriter with a multitude of awards and number one songs on the Billboard country charts.

Don't worry about missing the premiere on the network because Dolly's special will stream on Peacock, and apparently there will be an encore on NBC on December 21st at 8:00 p.m.

While there are numerous songs that capture the spirit of Christmas and the importance of gathering with family during the holidays, Dolly gets to shine with her iconic songs "9 to 5" and "I Will Always Love You."

There are a few things to be learned during this two-hour film. Such as, Jimmy Fallon may host his own eponymous late night talk show on NBC, but who knew that he was also a singer?

In a duet with Dolly for the song "It's Almost Too Early for Christmas," Fallon wears a black leather sequined jacket as the pair dance with backup singers in a scene that looks like a 1950's diner.

Keep in mind that "Dolly Parton's Mountain Magic Christmas," which has opening scenes at Dollywood, is a movie musical about the making of a network TV special, with all of the frenetic backstage angst of a dress rehearsal.

Speaking of production anguish, Tom Everett Scott's show producer Sam Haskell frets that they are behind schedule for their live performance, and things only gets worse when the choreographer leaves for a job with the Radio City

Throughout the movie's production numbers and rehearsal chaos, Dolly finds herself taking a private journey into her past, guided by the mysterious appearances of her personal Wise Mountain Men.

Through the sparkle of magic dust, Willie Nelson tells Dolly to think of him as a wise old mountain man full of wisdom. Her response is to tell him that he is "full of it."

When Dolly says that Willie Nelson taught her to remember that we'll always be the kids we once were at Christmas, Billy Ray Cyrus shares his wisdom that who you are with in the present is what really makes it Christmas.

When the time comes for the special to air, a renewed and inspired Dolly goes rogue and shows the world that the real magic of Christmas lies in the hearts of the children and that Christmas is about the people we share it with.

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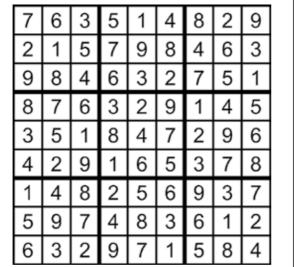


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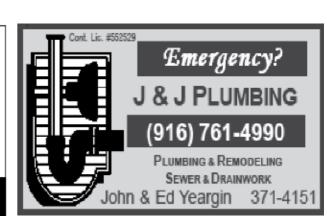
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Are They Ready for This?

By Grace Gedye, CALMatters.org

A cascade of tech layoffs, the strain of inflation and news of potentially recession-inducing decisions from federal bankers could spell tough economic times ahead.

If more people are laid off, more Californians will turn to unemployment benefits to help them afford the basics while they look for a new job.

It's a process that buckled under the pressures of the pandemic. Residents sometimes waited months for benefits from the state's Employment Development Department, dialing the department hundreds of times. On top of that was a string of fraud scandals: Claims came from 'unemployed' infants and children and according to prosecutors, benefits were paid to tens of thousands of inmates in jail and prison, who are ineligible. The vast majority of the fraud was in temporary, federally funded pandemic aid programs.

The situation has since improved. But how will the system hold up if there's a recession?

Thanks to "the level of testing that the pandemic put us through, we are in such a strong position to weather a typical economic contraction," said Gareth Lacy, communications advisor at the department.

But not everyone is convinced. "There have been some major improvements," said Daniela Urban, executive director of the Center for Workers' Rights. "But I think we're not at

the point where if a major crisis hit the unemployment system again, the system would be able to function as it should."

A recession would probably look different than the shocking early months of the pandemic, when claims for new benefits jumped tenfold from February to March of 2020, according to department data. One point of comparison: There were 20 million claims for

unemployment benefits during the pandemic and just 3.8 million during the Great Recession, according to Lacy. And during the pandemic, the challenge for the department wasn't just dealing with the surge of claims; it also had to implement new federal aid programs.

The incredible wave of people applying in a matter of weeks was "extreme" says Till von Wachter, an economics professor at UCLA. Normal recessions are more gradual, he said, so the number of claims the department has to process per week would likely be lower. "They just went through trial by fire," von Wachter said. He's optimistic that the department would be able to better deal with a recession.

But, if the agency struggles to keep up with the demands of a recession, it wouldn't be the first time. In the wake of the recession that began in 2008, reports emerged that checks were delayed due to outdated computers, and exasperated workers were met with busy phone lines.

In 2021, state lawmakers required the department to come up with a recession plan; the result is a nearly 90-page report.

One change, the report explains, is that the department created a new team tasked with forecasting unemployment benefit-related workloads and figuring how many staff will be needed. The report also details how the department will adapt if the unemployment rate reaches specific levels. California's unemployment rate is currently around 4%, but if, for example,



Is California's beleaguered jobless benefits agency ready for a recession? The headquarters of California's Employment Development Department in Sacramento. The agency says it's made improvements that have made it better equipped to issue employment benefits if the economy goes south. Photo by Rabullal California's California's Employment Development Department in Sacramento. The agency says it's made improvements that have made it better equipped to issue employment benefits if the economy goes south. Photo by Rabullal California's Employment Development Department in Sacramento. The agency says it's made improvements that have made it better equipped to issue employment benefits if the economy goes south.

it ticks up to 6%, the plan includes authorizing overtime, reducing vacation slots during peak periods, and limiting the approval of part-time requests. If it reaches 8%, the department would hire additional staff and "deploy retired annuitants." If it reaches 12%, it's time to call in the contractors.

The report says pulling all this off is challenging because federal funding for unemployment benefit administration is one day, or were sick one day

two things that could disqualify you from receiving benefits

the department would stop sending payments until it determined whether you were still eligible, which could require an interview, said Urban.

"At the height of the pandemic, (the department) was so behind the determinations (that) people were waiting 15, 16, or

contractors during the pandemic, but that ended in 2021.

Another large group that will find itself without unemployment benefits if a recession hits is undocumented workCalifornia's debt is roughly double the size of the other four combined.

This isn't the first time the

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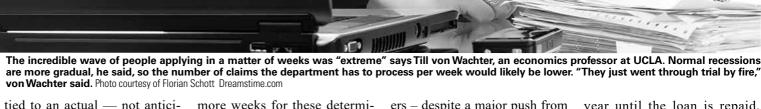
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lion. California didn't finish paying it off until the spring of 2018, according to H.D. Palmer, a spokesperson for the Finance Department, and the state spent about \$1.4 billion on interest on the Great Recession era unemployment debt, according to Palmer.

Unemployment benefits are funded by employers, and in order to pay off the current debt, a federal tax on employers will automatically increase by \$21 per employee in 2023, and ratchet up by

per employee in 2023, and ratchet up by an additional \$21 per employee per



tied to an actual — not anticipated — workload.

The agency has made some other changes that could smooth the process of getting benefits.

For Californians whose primary language is not English, expanded multilingual services should make it easier to navigate the system. "Individuals who are not fluent in English face insurmountable barriers to receiving assistance," found a September 2020 'strike team' report. In a February settlement with several advocacy groups, the department agreed to: Provide real-time spoken and signed language services for workers in any language they need; Add dedicated phone lines for Korean, Tagalog and Armenian speakers in addition to existing lines serving Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese speakers; Translate all important unemployment benefits documents in the top 15 non-English languages used in the state by the end of 2022.

A new section of the unemployment benefits website now provides forms and other information translated into eight languages, plus simplified Chinese. The expansion came after a legislative push to add multilingual services for unemployment benefits.

Another recent change addresses what happens if you start getting benefits, and then your eligibility is called into question. In the past if, in the course of filling out forms to prove your ongoing eligibility, you indicate that you worked more weeks for these determinations," and in the meantime, they weren't receiving any benefits, Urban said. Now, if the agency can't determine whether you're eligible within 14 days, it will keep paying benefits while they sort out the issue, Urban said.

There have been other customer service tweaks over the past couple of years, including adding a call-back feature on call center phone lines so that people don't have to wait on hold, improving the mobile phone version of the website, and enabling claimants to upload documents, rather than physically mail them in, according to the department.

The department has also begun a multi-year modernization effort, dubbed EDDNext, aimed at improving customer service for unemployment benefits, paid family leave, and disability insurance, for which the department received \$136 million this year. So far, the department has begun designing a new online login that will work for unemployment benefits as well as paid family leave and disability insurance, and designing forms that are easier to read and understand.

If there's a recession, some workers can't turn to unemployment benefits. That includes the self-employed, who generally aren't covered by unemployment benefits, said Jenna Gerry, a senior staff attorney at the National Employment Law Project. The federal government created temporary benefits for self-employed workers and

ers – despite a major push from advocates and a bill passed by the Legislature. Under federal law, undocumented workers can't get traditional unemployment benefits, said Gerry.

This year, worker and immigrant advocates pushed for a new pilot program that would have provided unemployment-like benefits to non-citizen workers - an idea Colorado lawmakers embraced this year. But California legislators didn't provide funding for the program in the state budget, said Sasha Feldstein, economic justice policy director for the California Immigrant Policy Center. Curiously, they then passed a bill that laid out how the program would work, but which didn't include funding, and Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed the bill, citing, in part, the absence of "a dedicated funding source."

Another consequence of a recession could be growing California's already massive unemployment debt.

The state's unemployment insurance trust fund ran out of money during the pandemic, after so many laid-off Californians relied on the benefits. The federal government loaned California billions to keep benefits flowing, and the state still is on the hook to pay back about \$18 billion.

California's debt is uniquely large. While many states had to turn to the feds to pay out benefits during the pandemic, at this point just California, New York, Connecticut, Illinois and the Virgin Islands still have debt.

year until the loan is repaid. This year state lawmakers also decided to kick in \$250 million in state funds toward the loan principal and \$342.4 million to cover the interest accrued

so far.

But if the state goes into a recession, that debt could grow even larger.

"If there is a slowdown in the economy, we are totally and completely unprepared to be able to provide for California workers because of the deficit," said Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable, which represents major employers and has advocated for the state to contribute \$10 billion to pay down the loan principal. "There may not be an interest in Congress to bail out California and New York," Lapsley said.

But it would be unprecedented for the federal government to let a state's unemployment system run out of money and stop providing benefits, said Gerry, with the National Employment Law Project. "That has never happened in the history of the unemployment insurance program since it was enacted in 1935."

"I don't think that there's a real threat that no benefits will be available," Gerry said. But having a system that repeatedly goes into debt means that taxpayers get stuck with an avoidable bill. And, Gerry said, "if we had more money in our trust fund, it would be easier to make the case that we could enhance benefits."