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## River Cats are Back!



A young family poses for a photo with Sacramento River Cats' mascot Dinger at the team's annual Preseason Party on Sunday, March 6 at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento River Cats

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The 2019 Triple-A champion Sacramento River Cats begin the 2022 season on Tuesday evening at Sutter Health Park against the Sugar Land Space Cowboys.

The River Cats come into the new campaign seeking redemption after a 2021 season that concluded with a disappointing 56-71 record to follow up the previous season's championship run. The 2020 Minor League Baseball season was completely canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Sacramento is the Triple-A affiliate

of the 2021 National League West champions, the San Francisco Giants. Therefore, Giants players will be coming in and out of Sacramento on assignment all season long.

One player already set for a Sacramento rehabilitation stint sometime in 2022 is Giants third baseman Evan Longoria, who has an injured right index finger. The veteran infielder had surgery Tuesday, March 29, to repair a ligament in the finger. Longoria's timeline for a return is currently unclear until he is reevaluated, but you can expect an early season appearance in River Cats' maroon from the man known to many as "Longo."

Another player to watch this season is Mauricio Dubón. The 27-year-old shortstop played baseball at Capital Christian High School in Sacramento before being drafted by the Boston Red Sox in 2013.

Dubón played in 74 games for San Francisco last season and displayed his versatility by splitting time at four different positions. With the River Cats, Dubón batted .332/.410/.498 with 41 runs scored, 31 RBI, nine steals and eight home runs in 247 at bats.

Sacramento begins a six-game series with Sugar Land on Tuesday night. First pitch against the Space Cowboys is scheduled for 6:35 P.M. ★

## North Sac CHP Welcomes New Area Commander



Captain Mike Sedam has been assigned as the new commander for the CHP North Sacramento Area. Photo courtesy of North Sacramento Area CHP

By A.J. McTaggart,  
CHP PIO

**NORTH SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Captain Mike Sedam has been assigned as the new commander for the California Highway Patrol (CHP), North Sacramento Area.

Captain Sedam reported to the North Sacramento Area from the Sacramento Communications Center. He has been the interim commander since August 2021. Regarding his new assignment, Captain Sedam stated, "I am extremely proud to be given the opportunity to work with the high performing professionals at the North Sacramento Area who truly care about the public we serve. I look forward to working with the community and our allied agency partners." In addition to serving as the North Sacramento Area commander, Captain Sedam is also a board member for the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Sacramento. Captain Sedam grew up in Northern California and has served with the CHP for over 26 years. Captain Sedam holds two master's degrees: one in security studies from the Naval Postgraduate School and the other in public administration from California State University, Fresno.

The North Sacramento Area provides safety, service, and security to residents, commuters, and tourists using the 62 miles of state highways and 1,200 miles of country roads within its area of responsibility. This includes Interstate 5, Interstate 80, State Route 51 (Business 80), State Route 160, and State Route 99. The North Sacramento Area is focused on preventing injuries and deaths on roadways, serving the public, and assisting allied agencies. In addition to officers and professional staff, the North Sacramento Area has an active Senior Volunteer Program and Explorer Program. ★

## New Water Restrictions

Newsom Leaves Imposing Details to Locals

By Rachel Becker,  
Calmatters.org

As a dry summer looms, California Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered water suppliers across California to step up their local drought responses, but fell short of requiring water rationing or setting a statewide conservation target.

Despite pressure from experts urging a strong mandate, the order leaves the exact conservation measures up to the urban water providers and major water wholesalers that supply the vast majority of Californians. It does not affect agricultural water providers, or the small water systems that are especially vulnerable to drought.

Newsom also ordered state water regulators to



What we're aiming towards: That everyone has a clear message of the need to conserve. Photo courtesy Pixabay

consider banning irrigation of decorative lawns at businesses and other institutions.

California's water watchers said that the order wasn't enough.

"I would have liked to see

a more directed statewide mandate that would have taken into consideration regional per capita water-use levels," said Newsha Ajami, chief strategy officer for research at Lawrence Berkeley National

Laboratory. "However, I am glad to see he is initiating efforts to curb outdoor water use and banning non-functional turf."

Water systems, however, applauded Newsom for leaving water conservation up to local agencies.

"The Governor's Order today recognizes the diversity of California communities and their water supply conditions," Jennifer Pierre, general manager of the State Water Contractors association of public water agencies, said in a statement. "Ordering agencies to exercise their specific plans strikes that important balance of statewide needs and local action."

Under the order, which will require emergency regulations that are

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# Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition Comes to Sacramento



God creates the Sun, Moon and Earth, according to Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel in Vatican City. Photo: SEE Attractions and Bridgeman Images

### SnowGlobe Public Relations Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The internationally acclaimed Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition opens Friday, Apr. 8 in Sacramento. The exhibition is a presentation of museum-quality, near-life-size reproductions of one of the world’s greatest artistic achievements.

“This exhibition gives visitors a chance to engage with Rome’s most iconic treasures in ways that were never possible,” said Martin Biallas, CEO of Los Angeles-based SEE© Global Entertainment, producer of the exhibit.

Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition is a collection of the artist’s renowned ceiling frescoes from the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel, reproduced in a format that allows viewers to get face-to-face with the masterpieces. Through 34 artfully displayed reproductions, this innovative presentation includes world-renowned pieces like The Creation of Adam and The Last Judgement, bringing them just a few feet away from the audience.

“This exhibition is like a sanctuary, you’re transported into a completely different world,” said Biallas. “When I visited the Sistine Chapel in Rome,

there were long lines and we were rushed through. This exhibit in Sacramento allows everyone an opportunity to see the amazing art at their pace and up-close, at an affordable price, and enjoy an inspiring and unforgettable experience.”

Guests may enhance their experience by adding an audio guide, with narrative accompaniment available in multiple languages to include Spanish, French, Chinese, Korean and German.

“We have had sold-out openings in San Diego, Cleveland, Dayton, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and Dallas in recent months and it is our privilege to bring one of Rome’s most iconic artworks to Sacramento,” said Biallas.

Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition runs for a limited time starting Apr. 8, with tickets sold Thursdays–Sundays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$20.50 per adult, \$16.30 per child. Discounts for seniors, students, military and family bundles are available. The exhibition is located at University Mall - Davis, 871 Russell Blvd, Davis, Calif. You’ll find it near Trader Joes. Signature events, like the VIP Launch Party Apr. 7, are available. The exhibition will be closed Easter Sunday. Tickets go on sale next week at [www.chapel-sistine.com](http://www.chapel-sistine.com). ★

# Basic Income Program Encourages Self-Determination in Vulnerable Families

### Yolo County Press Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - A recent survey of data from 2017 to 2019 discovered Yolo County had 20.9% of residents living in poverty – the highest rate in California. Poverty, and homelessness, disproportionately impact racial and ethnic minority families, and public policies have been slow to address these inequities. On April 1, Yolo County and its Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) proudly launches the Yolo County Basic Income (YOBI) Project, putting resources in the hands of families marginalized by circumstances and systems working for their long-term health and financial stability.

YOBI provides a calculated basic income to a preselected population of approximately 55 families selected from current Yolo County residents enrolled in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) or CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) with a child under the age of six or pregnant. YOBI is not open for applications from the public. YOBI differs from other assistance

programs because families have no additional means test or work requirement for two years and incur no extra staffing costs or administrative overhead.

“The Yolo County Board of Supervisors have committed to assist our most vulnerable populations across the County, including those in our newest program – Yolo County Basic Income project,” said Board Chair, Supervisor Angel Barajas. “YOBI attempts to break the cycle of poverty in Yolo County by offering additional income to families, allowing them to thrive and strive for a better future.”

Periods of homelessness compound stressors negatively impacting these families. The current work requirements mandated by CalWORKs originate from outdated standards of labor and anti-poverty ideas. The work requirements fail to address issues that cause difficulties for low-income households, particularly those led by women and people of color, to secure steady and self-sustaining jobs.

“The social safety net in California just cannot keep up with rising costs of housing and everyday expenses. Families on traditional benefit programs do not have the ability to get ahead or plan

for their future,” said Interim Health and Human Services Agency Director Nolan Sullivan. “By bringing the lowest income families out of poverty for two full years, we give them a chance to change their lives and change their children’s future. This is an investment in future generations of Californians, and we believe this program could be a model for the rest of the state.”

Yolo County has partnered with the University of California, Davis Center for Regional Change to conduct research and interviews with participants. This research will study child well-being, financial wellness, stress levels, and the implementation of the study. HHSA believes YOBI will further provide housing stability, increase financial literacy, parent education skills, income stabilization, long-term financial stability, and reduce or prevent child abuse.

Yolo County would like to thank our Key Donors: Sutter Health Foundation (\$250,000), Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) Grant (\$150,000), Yolo First 5 (\$100,000), and Kelly, Stuart, and Travis Foundations (\$41,500).

For more information about Yolo County, visit [www.yolocounty.org](http://www.yolocounty.org). ★



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# Washington FD (Broderick) Fire Bell on Display at SRFM



The solid brass bell was cast by the W. T. Garrett Co. of San Francisco and placed in the bell tower at the foot of I Street bridge. Photo: SRFM

## Sacramento Regional Fire Museum

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Recently the City of West Sacramento loaned the Sacramento Regional Fire Museum (SRFM) the original fire bell that once served the Town of Washington, which the name was later changed to Broderick, now West Sacramento.

The bell, which is solid brass was cast by

the W. T. Garrett Co. of San Francisco, CA and hung in the bell tower of the Town Hall and Fire Company. The Town Hall building was built in approximately 1852, however, the Washington Fire Department was not formally organized until around 1900. The bell served the community until 1939 when a new fire station was built. The bell was relocated to the new fire station but was never used

as an electric fire siren was installed in its place. The fire station is now Burgers & Brew Station #1 restaurant, located at the foot of the I Street Bridge, and if you visit you can still see the bell tower. This exhibit was made possible through donations from Roger Sorenson and Henry Ogg.

The bell can viewed at the Sacramento Regional Fire Museum located in West Sacramento at 3650 Industrial Blvd., #160. ★

# New Water Restrictions

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expected to take effect mid-June, local water suppliers must act as if their water supplies have dipped by at least 10 to 20%.

Each agency has spelled out what actions this degree of reduction — called a stage two water shortage — will trigger in their required Water Shortage Contingency Plans. This could include cutting the number of days when outdoor irrigation is permitted.

“That’s what we’re aiming towards: That everyone has a clear message of the need to conserve, but tailored locally based on the experiences of those suppliers,” said Jared Blumenfeld, California’s secretary for environmental protection.

Already, 41% of 385 water suppliers have reached or surpassed this level of shortage, administration officials said.

State officials tally 55 water providers — or about 14% of the water systems reporting their conservation efforts to the state — that have not yet activated their water shortage contingency plans.

Many residents, particularly in cities and towns, appear to be ignoring the state’s pleas to take the drought seriously and cut back: In January, Californians used nearly 3% more water statewide compared to before the drought emergency was declared.

Overall, from July through January, Californians cut back by less than 7% statewide compared to 2020, according to state data.

The increase came during the second-driest January on record, despite Newsom’s call in July for Californians to voluntarily cut back water use by 15% percent.

Over the past several weeks, administration officials have made appearances across the state, live-streaming the same request against backdrops of drought-tolerant landscaping: urging Californians to conserve water as another dry summer looms.

The tour appears to have been laying the groundwork for a water conservation mandate, but one far more complicated than the mandate former Gov. Jerry Brown issued during the last drought, which called for water suppliers to cut back by an average of 25% statewide.

“A mandate that identifies a reduction target I think is an easier message for people to understand,” said Heather Cooley, research director with the Pacific Institute, a global water think tank.

Still, she said, there are benefits to tying Newsom’s conservation order to water providers’ existing plans for weathering dry spells: “They should be able to get started on it immediately.”

The news comes on the heels of the driest January and February on record. Historically dry conditions prompted California water regulators to cut deliveries from the state aqueduct to 5% of requested supplies, down from 15%.

Though rain and snow quenched the parched state Sunday and Monday, severe drought nevertheless continues to clutch nearly all of California. Across the San Joaquin Valley, North Coast, and the deserts of California’s southeast, extreme drought remains entrenched.

As of last week, reservoir storage had dropped to just 69% of average across the state, and the dwindling snowpack shows little hope of substantially refilling them in the dry months ahead.

Newsom’s order is more nuanced than the statewide conservation mandate that former Gov. Jerry Brown issued at the height of the last drought in 2015.

Under Brown’s mandate, water suppliers were required to conserve 25% statewide, with each assigned a specific conservation target depending on their existing use. Those that failed to conserve enough faced escalating consequences that could include fines.

This time, Newsom has taken a more localized approach, instead ordering water providers to activate stage two of their water shortage contingency plans.

Urban water suppliers are required to submit these plans for drought and other water shortages every five years, and they spell out how water systems will respond when their supplies dwindle.

Water systems step up their planned responses in six stages, depending on the severity of the water shortage. A stage one shortage reflects a 10% hit to the system’s water supply, and could trigger a range of actions including calls for voluntary conservation. A stage six shortage reflects a catastrophic cut to 50% of the system’s supply, and could trigger requirements to reduce water use by half including bans on landscape irrigation.

Felicia Marcus, a former chair of the State Water Resources Control Board, called the step welcome, yet “the least we can do...We need to put all of this on speed and change the expectation that this is a short-term moment to get through. I hope the water board and other agencies think big (versus) tinkering at the margins.”

*CalMatters data reporters Jeremia Kimelman and Erica Yee contributed reporting. Rachel Becker is a reporter with a background in scientific research.* ★

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# ‘It was the Cool Place to Be’

By Paul Scholl

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)**

- One of Sacramento’s best has chosen retirement. Phil Cowan, morning radio host of AM1380, will air his last show on April 1, 2022, between 6:00 and 9:00 am.

A retirement dinner event was held Tuesday evening, March 22, at The Ridge Golf Course in Auburn. Of course, it was a sold out event. The event was produced by AM1380 The Answer and its sister stations in Sacramento; 103.9 The Fish, 105.7 The Word, and Money 105.5.

Attendance included Scott Jones Sacramento County Sheriff; Doug LaMalfa, Congressman; Ted Gaines, Board of Equalization; Sue Frost, Sacramento County Supervisor; Suzanne Jones, Placer County Supervisor; Katy Grimes, editor of California Globe, along with their spouses and many other dignitaries, all of whom wanted to show their appreciation for Phil at his retirement event.

Mindi Russell, former CHP chaplain, graced the meal and gathering with an uplifting blessing.

Special guest, Larry Elder, radio talk show host and former candidate for governor, and Cowan presented a short program on the current events of national and state politics. It was the kind of segment the morning listeners loved to hear every morning on Phil’s show.

Especially pleasing for Phil were the many call-in listeners to the program that made their trek to the event to show their love for the man that filled their mornings with entertainment, humor, a daily education on the ever-changing landscape of politics, and the many topics that were the pillars of the host’s life journey. His discussions on music, classic cars and firearms were great entertainment all by themselves. He had never met many of the regular



Phil being presented with a retirement gift from the AM1380 Staff. All photos by Borelfoto.com



Paul Robins giving tribute to his long-time friend.



Phil’s #1 Retirement Plan, spending time with his amazing wife Kathy.



Larry Elder and Phil Cowan.

callers, having only known them from their call-in voices over the years. It was as if they had just gathered at a big family reunion for the very first time.

One caller recently stated, “The reason your show is so great Phil is that it is a show for the people and by the people.”

First and foremost to Phil is

his family. He spoke often on his show of his children, grand-children, and his ever-amazing wife, Kathy, professing in front of all his fans “Nothing would have

been possible without her”.

Phil Cowan and Paul Robins co-hosted a daily radio show together for many years. A sweet addition to the program was Paul’s send-off message to Phil, along with a few short stories about their friendship, and their famous Harley ride together from Sacramento to New York years ago.

Phil is a local legend, not just for the radio show, but for what he brought to the good people of the Sacramento Region through his life’s body of work. He has been a true friend and supporter to so many it is impossible to describe it all here. Phil will be truly missed. May his retirement be long and joyous and fruitful.★

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3-15-22 KENNETH STANARD Arrested for DUI alcohol, driving w blood alcohol more than 0.08 percent, driving with disregard to safety of people or property.

3-17-22 ALLEN WRIGHT Arrested for Robbery, Criminal threats, brandishing a weapon, Conspiracy to commit an injurious act.

3-17-22 SIERRA STOMMEL Arrested for Robbery, Criminal threats, brandishing a weapon, Conspiracy to commit an injurious act.

3-17-22 KARINA VASQUEZ Arrested for Assault with a deadly weapon, misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance.

3-17-22 MICHAEL COLE Receiving a stolen vehicle after being seen by police and called in vehicles information

3-17-22 ALEJANDRO RAMIREZ Arrested for warrants for prisoner transport.

3-17-22 LATINA HAIT Arrested for warrants.

3-17-22 ASHLY HUFF Arrested for DUI.

3-18-22 AUDREY MCKINNEY Arrested for drunk in public after walking around without any pants on.

3-18-22 MARCUS KELLER Arrested for warrants.

3-22-22 MICHAEL BOCHANTIN Arrested for warrants.

3-18-22 JASON COOPER Arrested for first petty theft from merchant, conspiracy to commit an injurious act.

3-18-22 AARON COOPER Arrested for driving on a suspended or revoked license, driving while addicted to drugs, first petty theft, conspiracy to commit an injurious act.

3-19-22 LEAETTA MONTGOMERY Arrested for Attempted murder, possession of a firearm by a felon, altering a firearm, being armed in the commission of a felony, destroying or concealing evidence.

3-19-22 ANDREW KELLY Arrested for possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, own or possess ammo by a prohibited person.

3-19-22 RUBEN GRIMES Arrested for receiving stolen property, stolen vehicle, possession of meth.

3-19-22 RENWICK DRAKE Arrested for resisting a peace officer, awaiting parole revocation after hitting cars with a pipe.

3-19-22 ARTURO MEDINA Arrested on warrants.

3-20-22 EDNARD CLINE Arrested for possession of methamphetamine.

3-21-22 LONNIE KELLEY Arrested for Driving while addicted to drugs and driving without a license.

3-21-22 REGINA PYNE Arrested for warrants when police contacted her for several complaints of trespassing.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

3-09-22 Subject arrested for warrants, later found out car he was driving was unreported stolen. Vehicle theft, possession of stolen vehicle.

3-16-22 Victim's car was vandalized by his son. Vandalism.

3-12-22 Unknown Suspect stuck victim on left side of face and walked away. Battery on person. Elder abuse.

3-13-22 Report in regards to burglary of residence. Burglary, elder cruelty, control substance paraphernalia.

3-14-22 Unk suspect broke front window and left the scene. Vandalism.

3-16-22 Riva on the River apartment complex had mailboxes broken into and mail taken. Theft.

3-16-22 Subject used force to dent vehicle, causing damage. Vandalism.

3-16-22 Business broken into and part of camera system taken. Burglary.

3-17-22 Reporting person stated subject who vandalized her car previously called her today and threatened. Harassment.

3-18-22 Brother made financial elder abuse accusations.

3-18-22 Unknown subject forced entry into a vacant residence and removed tools. Burglary.

3-18-22 Victim had itrems taken out. Vehicle was unlocked. Theft.

3-19-22 Suspect on victim's property. Trespassing.

3-21-22 Unidentified suspect broke windows and attempted to steal items. Caught in act. Partial plate provided.

3-21-22 Officer attempted traffic enforcement stop. Vehicle fled and evaded officers. Vehicle nor driver identified. Unsafe prevail, evade disregard for public safety.

3-22-22 Misc incident report.

3-22-22 Unknown subject damaged windows. Vandalism.



Ask Toni

Can Beginning RMDs Raise Your Medicare Premiums



Toni King

I am over 73 and began taking my RMDs (required minimum distributions) from my 401K when I turned 72. Could this have had an impact on my Medicare Part B premium increase? This year my Part B and Part D monthly premiums increased to \$340.20 for Part B and an extra IRMAA premium of \$32.80 for Part D. I am married and my wife began a new job in 2020 with a higher salary. Since we are filing jointly, could this have an increased my Medicare premiums. She has recently been laid off and joint income has changed drastically. What can I do?

~ Thank you, James from Tampa,FL

James:

Yes!! Your situations either taking your RMD at 72 and your wife starting job in 2020 could have raised your Medicare Part B and D premiums for 2022.

The average American does not realize that any increase in your MAGI (modified adjusted gross income) when you are filing jointly can increase your Medicare premiums. Medicare bases your premiums on both you and your spouse's income whether one is Medicare age or under. Your RMDs combined with your wife's increased income has raised your Medicare premiums.

The 2022 Part B premium of \$ 340.20 and \$32.80 for Part D tells me that your joint income in 2020 was from \$228,000 to \$284,000.

I have good news for you James. Since your wife is no longer employed and not earning the salary, she had in 2020, you can file an appeal with Social Security to have your Medicare Parts B and D reduced.

Do you want to wait 2 years for

the IRS to inform Medicare that your income has decreased due a "Life Changing Event" such as you or your spouse being laid off/working part-time, death of a spouse or recently divorced or do you want to let Medicare know now that you have had a "Life Changing Event", because you or your spouse are no longer earning that amount of income?

People believe that everyone pays the same amount for their Medicare Parts B and D premium. Those days are long gone!

If your income as an individual is over \$91,000 or married over \$182,000; your Medicare Parts B and D premiums will be more. Social Security explains in the letter they mail to you how they arrived at the Part B and D premiums based on your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" (MAGI) from your last filed tax return.

James, your MAGI was over \$228,000 and the table used in the letter you receive from Social Security shows what the Part B and Part D premium adjustment will be, whether you are filing single or married.

There is a special form SSA-44 available at SSA.gov known as "Life Changing Event" that can lower your "IRMAA" (income related monthly adjusted amount). Examples of life changing events that can make your income go down are:

- You have gotten married or divorced, or your spouse has died.
- You or your spouse have stopped working or have reduced your hours.

Use form SSA-44 and attach the original documents or certified copies to verify your change in income. Call your local Social Security office to discuss the filing of this form.

Once Social Security is satisfied with the evidence, it will update its records and correct Part B and Part D premiums to what your current income is.

Email info@tonisays.com or call 832/519-8664 for help concerning Toni's stress-free way of enrolling in Medicare.

2022 Medicare Survival Guide® is available at www.tonisays.com. ★

Free District 6 Umpire Training Clinic



Umpires in the District 6 Little League pose for a picture. Photo courtesy of District 6 Little League

District 6 Little League Press Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The District 6 Little League will be holding a free Umpire Clinic for men, women and teenagers on April 10 from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.

The clinic will be hosted by the Rio Linda Little League and will take place at Babe Best Park, located at 7525 10th Street. This clinic is for beginning and current umpires.

You will be taught a variety of techniques and there will be experienced umpires there to answer any questions. If you already have gear, be sure to bring it. If you don't have

gear, talk to the D6 representative, or your fellow umpires to see who has equipment to get you started. It is also suggested that you bring a lunch with you.

Being an umpire is a great way to spend your weekends. You make your own schedule, so you can work as much or as little as you want. In addition, you can choose whether you umpire baseball, softball, or both. There is an umpire shortage all around the Sacramento Valley, so there really is good money to be made out there. Training is free.

Reserve your spot online at www.riolindall.com ★

CA Dream Fund to Award Microgrants to Small Businesses

Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The NorCal SBDC Network is teaming up with the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GoBiz) to provide eligible small businesses the opportunity to apply for a grant award of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The Dream Fund is a one-time \$35 million grant program to seed entrepreneurship and small business creation for businesses started in the State of California on or after July 1, 2019. The grant is available to qualifying businesses that meet all eligibility criteria and complete the small business

training program provided by the Norcal SBDC.

Following successful completion of the 5-week training program, businesses will be eligible to apply for a microgrant of up to \$10,000.

Eligible business owners are to sign up at www.norcal sbdc.org/dream/#more; You will then be enrolled in a five-week training program; Eligible businesses will have at least one counseling session with a Norcal SBDC Advisor during that time; Following satisfactory completion of training and counseling, eligible businesses will be referred to the grantmaking entity, Lendistry, to proceed with granting of up to \$10,000. ★

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<p><b>West Sacramento Baptist Church</b> <b>Sun. School - 9:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sun. Worship - 11 a.m.</b> Wed. Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. 2124 Michigan Blvd. (916) 371-2111</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church</b> 911 Park Blvd, West Sacramento Office: (916) 371-4814</p> <p><b>Fr. Mathew Rappu, Pastor</b> <b>Mass: Mon, Tues, Wed 8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Fri 8:30 a.m. at OLG school</b> <b>during school year</b> <b>Sat: 5:30 p.m. vigil, Sun: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Looking for a place to worship?</b></p> <p><i>Check here first!</i></p> <p>To find out how to list your place of worship in this directory, call (916) 371-8030 for more information.</p>	<p><b>Trinity Presbyterian Church</b> 1500 Park Blvd. W. Sac. CA (916) 371-5875 www.TrinityWestSac.org info@trinitywestsac.org</p> <p><b>Pastor Jamie Crook</b> Spanish Ministry Pastora: <b>Miryam Osorio</b> <b>Sunday Worship Services:</b> <b>10 a.m. Blended/Traditional</b> <b>Noon Spanish Language</b></p>	<p><b>Center for Spiritual Awareness</b> 1275 Starboard Dr. (916) 374-9177 <i>(For prayer line, listen for prompt)</i></p> <p><b>Sun. Service: 11 a.m.</b> Youth Programs &amp; Jr. Church <b>Rev. Georgia Prescott</b> www.csasacramento.org <i>for weekly affirmations</i> <i>All are welcome!</i></p>



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<p>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220140</p> <p>The following person(s) is doing business as: JML CONCRETE SPECIALTIES, 9932 Hunter Street Knight Landing, CA 95645</p> <p>David A Leal, 9932 Hunter Street Knight Landing, CA 95645, This business is conducted by A Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/17/2022</p> <p>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/17/2022.</p> <p>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy</p> <p>Publish dates: March 11 18, 25, and April 1, 2022</p> <p>JML 4-1-2022</p>	<p>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220177</p> <p>The following person(s) is doing business as: Efficient Mortgage Processing, 1401 Halyard Dr., Ste. 130, West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo. Lori Hawkins, 1401 Halyard Dr., Ste. 130, West Sacramento, CA 95691</p> <p>Gregory Hawkins, 1401 Halyard Dr., Ste. 130, West Sacramento, CA 95691</p> <p>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</p> <p>/s/ Lori Hawkins/Gregory Hawkins, Partner</p> <p>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/07/2022.</p> <p>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy</p> <p>Publish dates: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022</p> <p>READY 4-8-2022</p>	<p>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220244</p> <p>The following person(s) is doing business as: Onibi Beer Company, JRBC Brewing Company, 1315 Terminal Street West Sacramento, CA 95691. JackRabbit Brewing Company, LLC, 1315 Terminal Street West Sacramento, CA 95691, This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A</p> <p>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/22/2022.</p> <p>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy</p> <p>Publish dates: April 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2022</p> <p>ONIBI 4-22-2022</p>
<p>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220186</p> <p>The following person(s) is doing business as: READYMADE CAMPAIGN TOOLS, 3410 Industrial Boulevard Suite 100 West Sacramento, CA 95691</p> <p>Four Waters Media Inc, 3410 Industrial Boulevard Suite 100 West Sacramento, CA 95691, This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/01/2021</p> <p>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/07/2022.</p> <p>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy</p> <p>Publish dates: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022</p> <p>READY 4-8-2022</p>	<p>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220231</p> <p>The following person(s) is doing business as: Xavier Financial Group, 3990 Martis Street West Sacramento, CA 95691. Ryan Arbon Villarante and Angela Irene Valle, 3990 Martis Street West Sacramento, CA 95691, This business is conducted by A Limited Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A</p> <p>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/17/2022.</p> <p>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy</p> <p>Publish dates: April 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2022</p> <p>XAVIER 4-22-2022</p>	
<p>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220182</p> <p>The following person(s) is doing business as: LAKAS PHYSICAL THERAPY &amp; PERFORMANCE, 965 Bridge Street Apt #305 West Sacramento, CA 95691</p> <p>Lakas PT Inc, 965 Bridge Street Apt #305 West Sacramento, CA 95691, This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A</p> <p>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/04/2022.</p> <p>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy</p> <p>Publish dates: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022</p> <p>LAKAS 4-8-2022</p>	<p>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220234</p> <p>The following person(s) is doing business as: Sara Palmos Billing and Contracting, 3078 Suisun Bay Road West Sacramento, CA 95691. Sara Palmos, 3078 Suisun Bay Road West Sacramento, CA 95691, This business is conducted by A Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/18/2022</p> <p>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/18/2022.</p> <p>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy</p> <p>Publish dates: March 25, April 1, 8, and 15, 2022</p> <p>SARA 4-15-2022</p>	<p>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220233</p> <p>The following person(s) is doing business as: Global Hauling and Tractor Work LLC, 2945 Shirley Street West Sacramento, CA 95691. Global Hauling and Tractor Work LLC, 2945 Shirley Street West Sacramento, CA 95691, This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/16/2022</p> <p>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/18/2022.</p> <p>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy</p> <p>Publish dates: April 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2022</p> <p>GLOBAL 4-22-2022</p>

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR

Architect and Design Services for City of West Sacramento Police Department Tenant Improvement Project

INTRODUCTION

This request for proposal (“RFP”) is to identify and retain a qualified firm to provide architecture, design, construction administrative services, and post-construction services for upcoming projects at the City of West Sacramento Police Department.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

The City of West Sacramento, Capital Projects Department, is accepting proposals from qualified firms for Architect and Design Services to complete the tasks as outlined in this RFP by the date listed below:

PROPOSALS:

Sealed proposals will be submitted and received **electronically** through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **2:00 PM local time on Wednesday, May 4, 2022** at which the results will be posted and available for public review.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE

RFP Released	Friday, March 25, 2022
Mandatory Site Walk	Thursday, April 7, 2022
Cutoff for RFI Questions	No later than 5pm
Proposals Due	Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Proposal review and Selection	Wednesday, May 4, 2022
City Council Award of Contract	May 2022
	May/June 2022

INQUIRIES

Questions about this Request for Proposal should be submitted through the City's procurement link at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is Wednesday, April 27, 2022, by 5:00 PM local time.

A Copy of the RFP is posted on:

<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted **electronically** through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **3:00 PM local time on Wednesday, May 4, 2022**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

CITY HALL I.T. COOLING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor, and materials for the CITY HALL I.T. COOLING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication		<b>March 25, 2022</b>
Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs	no later than	<b>April 20, 2022</b>
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than	<b>May 4, 2022</b>
Award of Contract		<b>May 2022</b>

**Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting:** April 6, 2022 11:00 A.M. City Hall – 1st Floor (front door) 1110 West Capitol Ave West Sacramento, CA 95691

**Project construction cost estimate:** \$170,000.00 This is not a Federal Aid project.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within ninety(90) 0)working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's Procurement link at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>.
- Questions:** Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's Procurement link at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is Wednesday, April 20, 2022 by 5:00 PM local time.
- Submission of Proposals:** Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **3:00 PM local time on Wednesday, May 4, 2022** at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review.

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be submitted through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>.
- Bid Security:** Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or Bid bond executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code section 22300, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.
- Construction License:** Bidder must possess a current C-20 Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Contractor's License issued by the State of California, at the time the Bid is submitted.
- Contractor Registration:** All Bidders, and Subcontractors subject to Public Contract Code section 4104, must have registered with the California State Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 prior to submitting a bid. Furthermore, a Contractor, and all Subcontractors subject to Public Contract Code section 4104, must be registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 before entering into a contract to work on a public project.
- Preconstruction Conference:** A preconstruction conference will be convened after the Contractor has delivered the necessary bonds, insurance certificates, and signed agreement in proper form as required in the invitation to bid, Bid proposal, and general conditions of these specifications. Prior to any work, the Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a list of key personnel assigned to the project and the telephone numbers where they may be reached at any time. The list shall be made available in sufficient copies and presented at the preconstruction conference.
- Award:** The award shall be made to the lowest responsible Bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of the Contract will be made by the West Sacramento City Council, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after it has received the Contract from the City. The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.
- Rejection of Bids:** The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive immaterial irregularities in any bid. Any Bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.
- Disqualification of Bidder:** If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any Bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.
- Relief of Bidder:** Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code section 5101 and the following, concerning relief of Bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the Bidder claims a mistake was made in its bid, the Bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.
- Wage Rates:** Bidders are hereby notified that the California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work. Copies of the current schedules for prevailing wages are on file in the City's office, and the contents of those schedules are included herein as if set forth in full.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any Subcontractor under it to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.
- Bonds:** The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price.

By: Jamie Teske  
Jamie Teske, Project Manager  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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INVITATION TO BID

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SYBERTECH TRASH SYSTEM INSTALLATION PROJECT

The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor and materials for the SYBERTECH TRASH SYSTEM INSTALLATION PROJECT

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication		<b>March 25, 2022</b>
Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs	no later than	<b>April 20, 2022</b>
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than	<b>April 27, 2022</b>
Award of Contract		<b>May 2022</b>

**Voluntary Pre-Bid Site Meeting:** April 6, 2022 9 A.M.

Memorial Park  
300 Euclid Street  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

**Project construction cost estimate:**

This is not a Federal Aid project.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within thirty (30) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's Procurement link at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>.
- Questions:** Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's Procurement link at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is Wednesday, April 20, 2022 by 5:00 PM local time.
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By: Jamie Teske  
Jamie Teske, Project Manager  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# “Transportation Tax Initiative”



Commentary by Bruce Lee

If you saw my last column ... “More Tax Please”, you are aware of the recent court opinions which are now allowing politicians to take dusty, previously failed tax proposals and repack-age them as new “citizen initiatives”. And, by doing so, local government is bypassing the constitutional requirement for a two-thirds voter approval, and letting a “citizen initiative” for a new

tax pass by only a simple majority vote requirement. SO MUCH EASIER TO PASS NEW TAXES!! And also with this new method, local governments do not even have to bother with those pesky things like public hearings, keeping the public informed, and having reasonable public debate!! That darn public, don’t they know the political elites know what is best for them? (sarcasm) As I said before, now any special interest group with enough cash can push taxes that benefit themselves. If I can convince the bare majority to tax others for some “feel good” topic, then I’m the winner and feel no pain. I can tax business or the perceived wealthy for whatever issue has the emotional attention of the majority. All I have to do is pay enough signature gatherers!

And, so it is with a half percent, 40 year, transportation sales tax hike for Sacramento County. First proposed in 2016 and voted down; then resurfaced in 2020 to be pulled off the ballot at the last moment when the Sacramento Transportation Authority realized it would again miss the two-thirds threshold for passage. Their consultant said the tax increase would not pass if there was any organized opposition to it. At that time, the Sacramento Taxpayers Association (SacTax) led the community wide coalition to oppose that proposal. The coalition consisted of business, agriculture, social groups and others - including the NAACP and the National Action Network; and the reasons to oppose the tax hike have not changed too much in the past two years.

First, it is still a bad time to propose a new tax. Although the pandemic appears to be subsiding, the county’s economy is still weak. One third of SMUD customers are either behind or have stopped paying their bills altogether. And small family businesses are still closing their doors. Inflation is raging. The cost of food and fuel is way up! This proposal has been kicking around for years, but county leaders seemingly cannot read the room that homeowners, renters and businesses are struggling. Second, while we likely need roadway improvements because of age and deterioration, local governments, and especially Sacramento, have a history of neglecting infrastructure and instead fund fancy new projects or programs until roads, sidewalks, and other infrastructure start to fall into disrepair. It is

only then they run to taxpayers for more money. We believe that historic neglect and lack of prioritization shouldn’t be rewarded. Third, this is a highly regressive tax falling disproportionately on the shoulders of the working poor and the middle class, hence the historic opposition by the NAACP and NAN. As a concluding comment, the proponents of this half-percent tax increase are well aware of the broad spectrum of community concern and opposition of over the past years ago. Yet, as President of the Sacramento Taxpayers Association, nobody has reached out to us to even discuss digging up this sad proposal from the grave. That just gives the impression that the powers at hand simply scoff at the community at large, and simply want to take the easier

path for themselves by holding out their hand for more money from us with the hope that they can beguile the public most of the time. *W. Bruce Lee is an educator and speaker (WBruceLee.com) with a career in government as an elected official and fiscal advisor, who has worked at the local, state, and federal levels. He authors the “We the Government” column as a community service. He is president of the Sacramento Taxpayers Association (SacTax) - promoting efficient, economical government; fair and equitable taxation which permits a strong, healthy economy; as well as sensible balance and rational control of government expenditures.. His private message telephone is 916-624-6476. Copyright W. Bruce Lee, 2022* ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F20220218  
The following person(s) is doing business as:  
Reactive Medical Labs, 630 Pena Drive, Suite 400, Davis, CA 95618, County of Yolo.  
Elvail Labs Inc., 630 Pena Drive, Suite 400, Davis, CA 95618  
This business is conducted by Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/2021  
/s/ Graydon Bensier, Chief Financial Officer  
Elvail Labs Inc.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 03/22/2022.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: kquam, Deputy  
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2022-235

Mohammad Eqbal Osmani has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Eqbal Osmani to Eqbal Osmani and Mohammad Sirat Osmani to Sirat Osmani.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 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: February 25, 2022  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2022  
OSMANI 4-1-22

COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2022-229

Parveen Kumari has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Parveen Kumari aka FNU Parveen Kumari to Parveen Kaur Mall.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 26, 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: February 25, 2022  
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022  
MALL 4-8-22

COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2022-253

Alexa Clark has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Naziah Elwood Wollrich to Naziah Vincent Clark.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 27, 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: February 22, 2022  
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 25, April 1, 8, and 15, 2022  
CLARK 4-15-22

COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2022-0361

Vicky Ujagar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Vicky Ujagar to Victor Ujagar.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on May 10, 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: March 14, 2022  
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 25, April 1, 8, and 15, 2022  
UJAGAR 4-15-22

COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2022-346

Debra Corona has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Janessa Elise Perez to Janessa Elis-Rae Corona and Jordan Carl Ray Perez to Jordan Carl-Ray Corona.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter

appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 26, 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: March 8, 2022  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 25, April 1, 8, and 15, 2022  
CORONA 4-15-22

COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2022-374

Tenzing Thinley has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tenzing Thinley to Tenzing Thinley Barchuksang.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on May 10, 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: March 14, 2022  
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: March 25, April 1, 8, and 15, 2022  
THINLEY 4-15-22

COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2022-395

Gregory Anthony Schnipper has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gregory Anthony Schnipper aka Gregory Antonio Bartholomew to Gregory Anthony Bartholomew.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on May 18, 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: March 18, 2022  
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: April 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2022  
BARTHOLOMEW 4-22-22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

ESTATE OF ANA ELISA GUERRERO MONTANO  
CASE No. PR2002-0015

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Ana Elisa Guerrero Montano, and Ana E. Guerrero deceased.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Roberto Guerrero, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Roberto Guerrero be appointed as personal representatives 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 April 7, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 9.  
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: Robert M. Logan 404 Natoma Street Folsom, CA 95630 916 351-0197  
Publish: March 18, 25, and April 1, 2022  
GUERRERO 4-1-22

LIEN SALE NOTICES

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 04/18/2022 @2:00PM: Cameron Fontes family heirloom car. Alpha Sesay-Harrell Film Equipment/ Furniture. Jamie Alvis 1bedroom house renovation. Keisha Belizairo DESK CLOTHES TV. Christian Paiva furniture/ boxes. 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. 4/1, 4/8/22  
CNS-3569612#  
NEWS-LEDGER 4-8-22

LIEN SALE  
In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below: Life Storage #0635 3280 Jefferson Blvd West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916) 492-2056  
Angelina Castaneda: Hsld gds/Furn, TV/Stereo Equip  
And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www. StorageTreasures.com, which will end on Thursday, April 28th 2022 at 10:00AM  
Published 4-1-22 and 4-8-22  
West Sac News Ledger 4-8-22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
Self-Storage unit contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash or credit card by CubeSmart Self Storage 541 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691 to satisfy a lien on Jan. 13, 2022, approx. 12:00pm on storage treasures.com  
Patty Gardner, Jewell Wilkins, Alla Morozova, Eric Duncan, Amelia Delgado, Chastity Garza, Maria E Leal  
Publish 4-1-22 and 4-8-22  
NEWS-LEDGER 4-8-2022

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on April 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to receive comments on the 2022 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, members of the West Sacramento City Council and staff will participate in this meeting via a teleconference. To reduce the spread of COVID-19, members of the public are asked to watch the meeting via Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/governmenUmeetings-agendas/city-council>) or via Wave Cable Channel 20 and to submit comments in writing by 5:30 pm on April 20, 2022.

To submit a comment in writing, please email [clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org) and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 5:30 PM will be provided to the City Council and posted on the website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting. To make a verbal comment during the meeting, join the meeting using the Zoom link or by phone.

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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, at [clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org), seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting to allow the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Assistance is available to groups representing low-income residents that are interested in learning about CDBG funding for programs or projects. Questions or comments may be directed to Isaah Alford, Community Investment Specialist, at (916) 617-4555 or by email at [isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org).

The City of West Sacramento promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income households regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or disability.

Aviso de audiencia pública

De conformidad con la Sección 66018 del Código de Gobierno, el Concejo Municipal de West Sacramento llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el 20 de abril de 2022 a las 7:00 p.m. para recibir comentarios sobre el Plan de Acción Anual 2022 para el Programa de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario.

De conformidad con la Orden Ejecutiva del Gobernador N-29-20, los miembros del Concejo Municipal de West Sacramento y el personal participarán en esta reunión a través de una teleconferencia. Para reducir la propagación de COVID-19, se les pide a los miembros del público que vean la reunión a través de Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/governmenUmeetings-agendas/city-council>) o a través de Wave Cable Channel 20 y que envíen comentarios por escrito antes de las 5:30 pm del 20 de abril de 2022.

Para enviar un comentario por escrito, envíe un correo electrónico a [clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org) y escriba "Comentario público" en la línea de asunto. En el cuerpo del correo electrónico, incluya el número de artículo y / o el título del artículo, así como sus comentarios. Todos los comentarios recibidos antes de las 5:30 PM se proporcionarán al Ayuntamiento y se publicarán en el sitio web. Las observaciones presentadas pasarán a formar parte del acta de la reunión. Para hacer un comentario verbal durante la reunión, únase a la reunión utilizando el enlace de Zoom o por teléfono.

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La asistencia está disponible para grupos que representan a residentes de bajos ingresos que están interesados en aprender sobre los fondos de CDBG para programas o proyectos. Las preguntas o comentarios pueden dirigirse a Isaah Alford, Especialista en Inversión Comunitaria, al (916) 617-4555 o por correo electrónico a [isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org).

La Ciudad de West Sacramento promueve la vivienda justa y pone todos los programas a disposición de los hogares de ingresos bajos y moderados, independientemente de su edad, raza, color, religión, sexo, origen nacional, preferencia sexual, estado civil o discapacidad.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on April 20, 2022, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt the following ordinances.

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Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 22-16 regarding a Military Equipment Use Policy and approving the use, acquisition, collaboration, and seeking funding for military equipment.

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## River City Weekly Sports

Spring Sports 4/1 to 4/7



### RC Sports

#### FRIDAY 4/1

Baseball vs Kennedy  
Boys Tennis at Davis

4:00 pm  
4:00 pm

#### SATURDAY 4/2

Boys Volleyball at Granite Bay Tournament

All Day

#### TUESDAY 4/5

Boys Tennis vs Laguna Creek  
Track vs Burbank  
Girls Softball vs Burbank  
Golf at Monterey Trail at Emerald Lakes GC  
Boys Volleyball vs Laguna Creek

4:00 pm  
3:30 pm  
4:00 pm  
4:30 pm  
6:00 pm

#### WEDNESDAY 4/6

Baseball at San Jose  
Golf vs Woodland at Wildhorse (Scrimmage)

4:00 pm  
3:00 pm

#### THURSDAY 4/7

Boys Tennis vs Kennedy  
Swim vs Monterey Trail  
Girls Softball vs McClatchy  
Boys Volleyball vs Kennedy

3:30 pm  
4:00 pm  
4:00 pm  
6:00 pm

## Raider Scoreboard



### SOFTBALL

3/22 Grant RCV 19 Grant 4  
3/23 Pleasant Grove RCV 8 PG 12  
3/24 Laguna Creek RCV 6 LC 7

### BASEBALL

3/23 Laguna Creek RCV 11 LC 9

### BOYS TENNIS

3/22 Burbank RC 9 Burbank 0

### SWIMMING

3/24 Grant  
Boys RC 108 Grant 5  
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### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

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Finally, Progress on Vital Sites Reservoir Project



By Dan Walters  
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Simple logic tells us that as climate change alters precipitation patterns, California must expand its capacity to capture and store water.

Even if the overall amount of precipitation remains unchanged, we will receive more of it in the form of rain and less as snow, which means the natural reservoir of the Sierra snowpack will decline as a water source.

We can prepare for that decline by creating more storage, either in new reservoirs or by replenishing underground aquifers. However, despite the urgency of the situation — one underscored by the current drought — California politicians have been lackadaisical about doing what needs to be done.

Local and regional water authorities have been more diligent. Southern California's recent construction of more storage capacity is one reason it is less affected by the current drought than Northern California.

Belatedly, increasing storage is moving upward on the political agenda. Last week, the federal Environmental Protection Agency invited sponsors of the Sites Reservoir

project, which has been on the back burner for decades, to apply for a \$2.2 billion loan that would cover roughly 40% of the project's estimated cost.

Along with some state water bond money and commitments from prospective users of the project — Southern California water agencies, mostly — Sites is now in position to put together a financing package to make it a reality.

"We've definitely turned the corner and we have a nice tailwind at our back," said Jerry Brown, executive director of the Sites Project Authority. Brown is not related to former Gov. Jerry Brown, whose Colusa County retirement home, incidentally, is not far from Sites.

It's not going to happen immediately, despite the urgency of the situation. Just assembling the loan package and getting approval could take several years and there are other hurdles to clear. Nevertheless, the strong possibility of a federal loan is a huge step forward.

If it becomes reality, the reservoir would be constructed on the west side of the Sacramento Valley, west of Maxwell. It would have a capacity of up to 1.8 million acre-feet of water, about half the size of the state's Lake Oroville, but unlike Oroville, would not dam a major river.

Sites would be an off-stream reservoir, similar to — and slightly smaller than — the San Luis Reservoir in the Pacheco

Pass west of Los Banos. During periods of high precipitation and runoff, Sacramento River water would be pumped into Sites, then released back into the river as needed for agriculture, residential use or to maintain flows for fish.

As an off-stream reservoir, Sites escapes at least some of the traditional opposition to big water projects from environmental groups, but there is some criticism that it could be used to divert water during low precipitation periods.

"It's just a, kind of, different way of thinking about it," project boss Brown told the Associated Press. "There's a lot of fear and distrust and we have to operate in a way that we, you know, secure trust and address the fears."

The good news about Sites should be kept in perspective. It's just one of many steps that California must take to protect its vital water supply from the potential ravages of climate change.

It's entirely possible that climate change will not only change the mix of precipitation — more rain and less snow — but reduce the overall volume of water that falls on California, thus making more storage even more crucial while forcing us to rethink the entire pattern of water use.

Nothing is more critical to California's future.

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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# Social Security Matters

## Do Immigrants Get Social Security Benefits?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I am 90 and a long time Social Security recipient - I signed up at age 62, which I now know was not wise, but I digress. We see from various sources that immigrants, legal and illegal, get Social Security benefits merely by attained age, regardless of contributions. Is that true? **Signed: Curious Nonagenarian**

**Dear Curious:** Rest assured that illegal immigrants (or “illegal aliens,” “undocumented workers” or whatever one chooses to call them) are not entitled to collect Social Security benefits. It is, however, possible for legal immigrants to collect Social Security benefits if they have individually earned the right to do so, including those who are the legally-present dependent (spouse or child) of someone who is collecting Social Security benefits. By “legal immigrant” I mean those who have immigrated to the United States and have applied for and received either a Permanent Resident Card (“green card”) or who have subsequently acquired U.S. citizenship. It’s also possible to obtain an “Employment Authorization Document” which grants a foreign citizen temporary authority to work in the U.S., mainly used by citizens of other countries

who work in the U.S. (typically those working for an international corporation which has a U.S. presence). In all cases, however, only legal residents who work, earn, and contribute sufficiently to Social Security from their earnings, or who are a legal dependent of someone who is collecting Social Security, can receive Social Security benefits.

The criteria for Social Security eligibility are very strict and those without legal U.S. residency status are not eligible to collect benefits. Especially on today’s social media outlets, we often see uninformed people espousing the belief that illegal immigrants enjoy access to Social Security benefits which is simply not true. That’s not to say there are no instances of fraud, but rest assured that those cases are vigorously sought and eventually found and prosecuted by Social Security’s Inspector General’s office.

FYI, there is another category of federal benefit known as Supplemental Security Income (“SSI”) which has somewhat different eligibility criteria but still requires either legal residency as I’ve defined above, or another special residency status which defines them as a “qualified alien” (e.g., certain Indian tribes, refugees and those granted asylum, victims of human trafficking, etc.), as defined by the federal government. SSI is, essentially, a general disability benefit for needy seniors, minors, and disabled adults with very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the general Treasury, not from Social Security funds, and do not detract from Social Security’s finances. SSI is administered

by each state, which usually provide other assistance in addition to the relatively small federal monetary benefit (\$841 per month for 2022).

As you are undoubtedly aware, all U.S. States have separate laws which may provide benefits to all state citizens, regardless of their federal residency status, but that is entirely outside the realm of Social Security and does not affect Social Security’s financial structure. To receive Social Security benefits, one must have either earned the right to do so by contributing sufficiently to the program or be the legally present dependent of someone who is (or was) collecting Social Security and meet all other eligibility criteria for the benefit claimed.

Regarding your decision to claim at 62, remember that life expectancy is always an unknown factor and deciding when to claim always includes a large degree of uncertainty. We should all be comfortable knowing for certain that Social Security will be there for us until the end.

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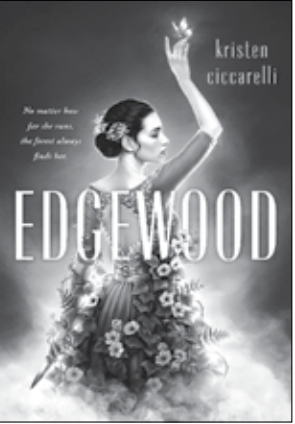
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## Maroon 5 to Perform Opening Concert in June

By Paul Scholl, with information from Atherton Public Relations

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - It wasn't just a tour of an upcoming entertainment center for the region, it was the tour of a new entertainment universe. You could see in these construction stages just how fantastic this venue will be, from the closeness to the stars on stage to the orbit of the VIP skyboxes over every event.

The venue at Hard Rock Live, named Kumi Event Center, is in Wheatland, just a short drive from almost any population center in the region.

Mark BIRTHA, President of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, led a tour of local media on March 22, 2022 through the build-out construction area of the concert stage and surrounding support areas. He explained the layout, concessions, and how the bands and performers would access the main stage. "We are excited to provide our guests with authentic experiences that rock in a venue that is filling a great void in the Sacramento region," BIRTHA said.

BIRTHA expressed his enthusiasm for the project saying, "This entertainment center will help revitalize the community." He later commented, "Upcoming events include MMA, and additional concerts will soon be announced. Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a major event for next year."

The 65,000-square-foot facility has state-of-the-art in-house sound and lighting, unrivaled sightlines, a second-floor mezzanine level, VIP skyboxes, and mobile-stage technology, creating intimate experiences for events of varying sizes.

The big announcement was of the opening performers. With a live television audience watching, BIRTHA had the construction crew drop the banner showing which band is coming to the stage in June. "Maroon 5 is the perfect band to help us celebrate Hard Rock Live's grand opening. They are incredible live performers and live music is fundamental to the Hard Rock brand. This new venue will become the place for entertainment and world class amenities for the city of



Maroon 5 will be performing June 3rd. Photo Credit CAA.



Mark BIRTHA, President of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, shares the view from the mezzanine level just above the VIP skybox. Photo by Paul Scholl

Sacramento."

Grammy® Award-winning, multi-platinum band Maroon 5 are set to headline the grand opening of the brand-new Hard Rock Live in Sacramento on June 3, 2022. The band will launch the opening of

VIP skyboxes will seat approximately 20 people each.

Maroon 5's performance is only one of the many shows coming to Hard Rock Live this summer and fall, as the new venue continues to add a variety of acts and a diverse calendar for the remainder of 2022 and into 2023.

The center is also designed to be converted for use during a local emergency, such as the region experienced during the recent fires. "We will be able to provide shelter and food in case of an emergency," BIRTHA said.



Morning TV interviews were reported by Sacramento CBS Channel 13 Rachel Wulff from the VIP skybox. Photo by Paul Scholl

The building crew currently employs about 250 construction workers. The venue, when opened, will have approximately 100 employees for shows. They expect to have between 50 and 60 shows per year.

Jodi Goodman, representative from Live Nation said, "This was a natural fit. It is truly more state of the art in Northern California. For Live Nation events it is a really, really great asset. We can see an enormous future together for us." Live Nation, the world's leading live entertainment company, will be the exclusive talent booking agency for the venue.

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