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## A Day of Remembrance



From left to right: West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero, Kiyotada Hashimoto, Kenji G. Taguma, Mariko Taguma, Spencer Kam, Rick Taguma, Twila Tomita, Andy Noguchi, Richard Uno, Fumie Shimada, Sam Shimada, Christine Umeda and Stan Umeda.

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - "As we lose the few remaining survivors of these wartime concentration camps, how can we ensure that their struggles are not forgotten? It is incumbent upon us younger generations to tell their stories, so that the public never forgets." – Kenji Taguma

A Day of Remembrance for the Japanese American community was proclaimed by West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero this past Saturday in a special ceremony. In front of City Hall, the 80th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 (EO 9066,) given by then President Franklin D. Roosevelt that uprooted some 120,000 people of Japanese descent, was remembered by family members and their descendants from West Sacramento and surrounding area. Most were American citizens and were incarcerated into American concentration camps during World War II. Their only crime was their ethnicity.

This Day of Remembrance was to not only recognize this act in an overall sense, but to acknowledge that according to the 1940 census, there were some 300 persons of Japanese descent in the Washington Judicial Township, which included Broderick, Bryte and West Sacramento. The gathering of these people included about 25 Japanese American families that lived and worked on the Todhunter Ranch, located at what is now Riverbank Elementary School.

These families were given a matter of days to close their businesses, sell their assets and priceless cultural artifacts and allowed to bring only what they could carry on a terrifying

unknown journey. It first took them to a converted fairgrounds, known as the Merced Assembly Center and then to the desolate Granada (Amache) Concentration Camp, in southwestern Colorado.

Kenji Taguma grew up in West Sacramento. By the time he was living in West Sacramento (some 40 years later), Todhunter Ranch was Golden State Middle School. Kenji explained that growing up he dealt with a lot of racial comments. He recalls being embarrassed of his ethnic heritage, actually hiding when his mom would call his name or speak to him in Japanese at the market.

However, in order to graduate from River City High School, he was forced to do a term paper on the Japanese American incarceration experience. He was awakened to the

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in the Sacramento area.

The 95605-area code in

West Sacramento has

the third-largest per-

centage concentration of

Ukrainians in California.

An estimated 20,000

Ukrainians live in

West Sacramento and

## State of **California** Recommends **Continued Use** of Masks

**Yolo County** Press Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Starting March 1, the State of California has announced a strong recommendation for both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons to mask in indoor public places. Mask requirements will end, except for health care, long-term care, correctional, childcare and K-12 school, emergency shelter, and public transportation settings. Starting March 12, the State will strongly recommend masking in K-12 schools and childcare facilities, removing the current masking requirement. Yolo County continues to align with the State masking guidelines.

The State instituted four tiers of masking guidance depending on risk: Required, strongly recommended, recommended, and optional. Yolo County and the State realize COVID-19 has proved unpredictable and will respond to any change brought by more severe COVID-19 variant. The currently improving situation no longer necessitates masking mandates, but a worsening situation in the future could prompt a return to masking requirements.

"Yolo County continues to see a decrease in both cases and hospitalizations since the Omicron peak on January 9," said Yolo County Health Officer, Dr. Aimee Sisson. "I continue to strongly recommend that everybody wear a mask indoors because the case rate in Yolo County remains high. Choose the best mask in terms of fit and filtration that you can consistently wear. An N95, KN95, or KF94 mask is the most protective mask available."

Our understanding of the effectiveness of masking has evolved over the past two years of the pandemic. By wearing a mask that fits well and filters well, like an N95, KN95, or KF94, you can protect yourself against COVID-19, even if others around you are not masked. This is called oneway masking.

People have different levels of comfort with Continued on page 3

## **West Sacramento Stands** with Our Ukrainian Neighbors

Commentary by Norma Alcala, West Sacramento City Councilwoman

War is horrible. Russia's invasion of Ukraine will result in needless deaths and injuries to peaceful people who do not deserve to see Russian tanks in their streets. Ukrainian families deserve peace.

West Sacramento has been the destination of tens of thousands of Ukrainians who have emigrated to the United States. We have come to know them as wonderful neighbors who have contributed to the fabric of our city and our country. That is why the people of West Sacramento are deeply outraged and saddened by the murderous



Norma Alcala, West Sacramento City Councilwoman

actions of an evil dictator determined to extinguish the light of freedom in the Ukraine where many of our neighbors have family and friends.

Three waves of Ukrainians have settled

the Sacramento area. A huge Slavic Baptist Church on Kegle and Sacramento Avenue in West Sacramento has long served as a gathering place for the local Ukrainian and Russian communities. At Christmas time that church provides a beautiful, magical display for our community. West Sacramento stands with the Ukrainian people

in condemning an unnecessary, disastrous invasion

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## West Sac Little League Completes Next Stage

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - West Sacramento Little League moved onto the next stage of the completion of the snack bar at Memorial Park Saturday. Memorial Park is the home of West Sac Little League and as part of the reconstruction process of the park, a new snack bar was built. The snack shack building is complete, but the finishing touches are a work in progress.

West Sac Little League is doing as much as they can to keep the cost of registration down so that Little League will be available to all kids, no matter what their economic situation. As part of this process, West Sac Little League is selling personalized, custom, laser etched, commemorative tiles that will become part of the snack shack.

All of the tiles are grey. However, there are two different sized tiles that can be purchased with a wide range of options on how they will look. A 4" x 8" tile, with only laser etched text is \$100. You can add a picture to that tile from a clip art library that is provided on the league's website for an additional \$50.

The larger 8" x 8" tile with only text is \$250 and to add a picture from the clip art library, the price bumps up to \$300. There is also another option. You can add your own personalized logo, such as the logo from your business on an 8" x 8" tile for \$500.

The league will continue to take orders and have the tiles made, but they will not be attached until a batch is complete. There will be designated spaces on the exterior of the building for the tiles and the remaining space will be filled in with brick. If you purchase a tile and don't see it up on the building right away, please don't get frustrated. It will be included as soon as that batch is complete.

Kevin McKeever, of McKeever Masonry, is a West Sac resident and a former Little Leaguer. He and his crew are installing the tiles and brick. There is limited space for getting a tile with your name and/or logo up on the wall so don't wait too long. If you support West Sac Little League, if you know someone that is significant and you feel should be included, or if you want to permanently



West Sac Little League President David Jans showing how the tiles will be mounted to snack shack. Photo provided

include your company's name somewhere that hundreds of people will see it, every year, then consider purchasing a

It's simple to do. Visit westsacll.org. On the top of the homepage, click on The Fundraiser. This will

bring you to where you can look at your options and where you can place an order. If you have any questions, or if you want to send your personal logo, you can email West Sac Little League's President, David Jans, at westsacll@gmail.com. ★

## **Yolo County Offers Information Session** on Pre-Apprenticeship **Training Program**

Yolo County Press Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County jobseekers now have the opportunity to join any of the Virtual Information Sessions for training in the construction and building trades on Tuesday, March 8 and Wednesday, March 16 at 12 pm and 6 pm. The general orientation course includes construction industry structure and the construction process; orientation to apprenticeship; tools of the various trades; the safe handling of both hand and power tools; and industry standards of work responsibility and craft excellence.

With the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3), a learner can pick up the tools and techniques of Skilled Trades, from plumbing to electrical work to sheet metal and ironwork, under the guidance of master craftworkers.

The Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) training is part of the California Workforce Development Board's High Road Construction Careers, funded through SB1. This statewide initiative puts dollars to work to advance careers in the building and construction trades as a reliable pathway to the middle class for disadvantaged Californians via multi-craft pre-apprenticeship training.

The course is offered in partnership with the Yolo County Workforce Innovation Board (WIB), Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Sacramento-Sierra's Building & Construction Trades Council, People Working Together, Highlands Community Charter School, and California Workforce Development Board.

Individuals interested in attending can register for the virtual information sessions via https://tinyurl.com/MC3March.

For more information, please access the program's website at www.yoloworks.org under WIOA Services. For more information, please contact Erica Johnson, HHSA Program Coordinator at erica.johnson@yolocounty.org, or call/text (530) 631-2289.



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## West Sac News Briefs

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#### **Beware of an EBT Text** Message Scam

Do not share your EBT card and PIN numbers, and do not trust text or phone calls that ask for this information. Yolo County Health & Human Services would NEVER ask for this information via text. If you received a text requesting this information, forward a screenshot of the text to CDSSEBT@dss.ca.gov or call 1-877-328-9677.

#### **Yolo County Proclaims** Weights and Measures Week

At the February 22, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting, the board unanimously proclaimed March 1 to 7, Weights and Measures Week, celebrating our nation's passage of the first Weights and Measures Law on March 2, 1799, and signed by President John Adams. The Yolo County Department of Agriculture/ Weights and Measures serves businesses and consumers, ensuring all weighing, measuring, and volumetric devices used in commerce are accurate in design and operation. "My colleagues and I proudly support the important work of the Yolo County Department of Agriculture/ Weights and Measures and proclaim March 1-7 as Weights and Measures Week," said Board Chair, Supervisor Angel Barajas. "We want residents to understand the work done to protect our key agriculture industry businesses and consumers across the County."

#### The Coolest Kids Club in Sactown is Back and Better than Ever!

Now you can join the kids club to get game tickets, t-shirts- freebies and discounts. Plus you are allowed to enter to win prizes and run the bases post-game. Join the kids club and attend the pre-season party on March 6th! More information at Rivercats.org

#### **Interested in Training** and Career Opportunities in Yolo County?

Join a YoloWorks! Virtual Information Session on 2/24 at 1pm or 5pm. Register at https://tinyurl.com/YoloWorks. You can also attend in person at the Starbucks in Woodland or Dunnigan.

## In Honor of **Black History Month**



Mayor Martha Guerrero, Reverend Thomas Kimbal and Chik Brenneman. Photo provided

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In honor of Black History Month, Mayor Martha Guerrero presented two Certificates of Recognition last Saturday. The first was to Rev. Tom Kimball. Reverend Kimball is a prominent community member and a strong force when it comes to civil rights. Reverend Kimball and his wife Connie have a long history of challenges that they were faced with and overcame... all because of the color of their skin. But that has never stopped them.

Reverend Kimball and his wife have a long history of teaching people of color to be proud of who they are. They are also known for teaching people that challenge people because of their color to open their eyes and hearts and to recognize people as people, not as a color.

The second presentation went to Baker Family Wines, located at 2568 Industrial Blvd. #120, West Sacramento, with a Certificate of Recognition for being one of the prominent West Sac businesses owned and operated by a person of color. Baseball Star, Dusty Baker, teamed up with wine maker, Chik Brenneman to create high quality wines.

Dusty Baker has played baseball with the Atlanta Braves, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Francisco Giants and Oakland A's. In addition to playing ball, Dusty has managed the S.F Giants, Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati Reds, Washington Nationals and is currently managing the Houston Astros.

Dusty's winemaking started out as a hobby when he was growing grapes in his backyard. He teamed up with winemaker Chick Brenneman. Initially Dusty only gave his wine to friends and family, but after he received such great reviews, he and Chick decided to expand their production.

Chick received his Master's degree in winemaking from UC Davis. He has worked for several wineries including Amador Foothill Winery, Terre Rouge/Easton, and Woodbridge Winery. He returned to UC Davis to manage their Teaching and Research Winery.

In 2013 Dusty and Chick established Baker Family Winery where they specialize in handcrafted and limited production wines that are produced from grapes sourced and harvested throughout local Northern California vineyards. The winery has a tasting room, where you can purchase wine by the glass or bottle.

Baker Family wines joined forces with Bike Dog Brewery and they share space for their tasting rooms. Tasting room hours are Wednesday & Thursday 3pm - 8pm, Fridays 3pm - 9pm, Saturdays 12 pm – 9 pm and Sundays 12 pm − 6 pm ★

## 100 Years Old, Meeting The Mayor



Mayor Martha Guerrero presenting Mary Luscutoff a Certificate of Recognition on her 100th

#### By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Luscutoff family had a sweet Valentine's Day this year, as their Mother, grandmother and Great-Grandmother Mary Luscutoff turned 100 years old! There are not many (if any) people in our city that can say they are more of a community member than Mary. You see, on February 14, 1922, Mary was born by a Midwife, right here in Broderick/Bryte.

Mary's family lived on Anna Street, back when their house was in farm country. Mary has never lived anywhere but West Sacramento... in a total of 3 houses. She will proudly tell you that she has lived in 2 brand new houses in her life. There is currently a painting of the family home above the sofa in her living room.

Mary will also tell you that she was

one of 13 children born to her parents in the family home, though she is the only one still living. She says she is still alive because she never smoked and has never had a drink. Mary says she remembers all of the changes that have taken place in West Sacramento, and "there have been some big ones!" she said.

On Valentine's Day evening, Mary's family gathered at her home to help her celebrate her 100th birthday. Mayor Martha Guerrero showed up to meet Mary and surprise her with a Certificate of Recognition. Mary and her family were thrilled that the Mayor went there to wish her a Happy Birthday. "It only took me to turn 100 years old to meet the Mayor", Mary said.

It was truly an honor for both the Mayor and myself to meet Mary, and we thank her family for inviting us in to share such a special moment with their family.

## **State of California Recommends Continued Use of Masks**

Continued from page 1 recent masking changes based on personal circumstances. As we move away from requirements to recommendations, respect for an individual's masking choices is paramount. This

respectful approach is supported by State guidelines, which indicate, "No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business."

To learn more about Yolo County's COVID-19 response, please visit www.yolocounty.org/covid and follow us on social media at www.twitter.com/ YoloCountyCA or www.facebook.com/YoloCounty.





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## **Social Security Matters**

## **About Survivor Benefits** for Minor Children



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My nephew died suddenly at 50 years of age and left 2 children, ages 17 and 14. He was divorced, but they were married for more than 10 years, and his ex-wife works as a nurse. My nephew worked for more than 10 years during his lifetime. I want to know if the children are eligible for survivor benefits and the amount of benefits they will receive, and if their mother's income will affect their eligibility.

Also, will my nephew's ex-wife be eligible for survivor's benefit as she is taking care of a child younger than 16 years old? She did not remarry. Will her income affect her survivor's benefit? Signed: Helpful Relative

Dear Helpful Relative: Our condolences on your nephew's sudden and untimely passing. From what you've shared in your email, your nephew's minor children are eligible for Social Security benefits based on his earnings record (assuming he worked in a job where he paid SS FICA taxes on

his earnings). However, ex-wife doesn't remarry because they are divorced, his ex-wife is not eligible for early "child-in-care" spousal benefits. Child-incare spousal benefits are not available to divorced spouses under age 62.

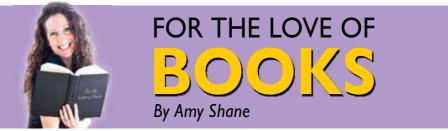
Your nephew's minor children are eligible for benefits and their mother's income won't affect their survivor benefit from their father. Both minor children currently qualify for a survivor benefit from their father, and the benefit for each could be as much as 75% of the benefit their father had earned up to the month he died. They will remain eligible for this benefit until they reach 18 years of age (or 19 if still in high school). It's possible that Social Security's "Family Maximum" may slightly reduce each child's survivor benefit to a bit less than 75%, but any such reduction for the 14 year old will disappear when the 17 year old turns 18 and becomes ineligible for child survivor benefits).

should contact Social Security as soon as possible (at her local SS service center number -1.800.772.1213) to apply for survivor benefits for her children. She may need to provide their father's death certificate (although SS may have already received that from the funeral director) as foundation.org/programs/ well as the children's birth social-security-advisory) certificates.

If your nephew's amacfoundation.org.

before age 60, at that time she will become eligible to collect a survivor benefit from her deceased ex-husband. But claimed at age 60 that survivor benefit will be reduced by 28.5% from what it would be if she waits until her full retirement age (FRA) to claim it (a survivor benefit reaches maximum at the survivor's FRA but is reduced if claimed earlier). If she claims her survivor benefit prior to reaching her FRA and she is working, Social Security will impose an earnings limit which, if exceeded, could result in the loss of some of her survivor benefits. Earnings limits for future years aren't yet known, but the 2022 earnings limit is \$19,560. The earnings limit will no longer affect her Social Security benefits after she reaches her full retirement age.

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## **Horror Hotel**

#### by Victoria Fulton and Faith McClaren

What started as simple ghost walks through haunted Las Vegas, Ghost Girl quickly turned into a YouTube sensation with nearly a million followers. With the perfectly matched ghost team, Chrissy, Chase, Kiki, and Emma have figured out the keys to success, but it all hinges on Chrissy.

Chrissy has always seen dead people, and not in the way the movies would want you to think. Some are ghostly gruesome visions, others don't want to be bothered, and the worse of them want to scare her, but one thing is in common she can hear them along with the thoughts of those around her. But, her ghostly interactions, along with Chase's camera skills, Emma's tech abilities, and Kiki's flair, have created a winning combination, and this weekend will be golden. As the Ghost Gang heads to LA's infamously haunted Hearst Hotel.

But what lies just beyond the elevator doors is more than they ever expected. Faces of ghosts appear at every corner, while Hearst Hotel hides more than a few secrets within its peeling wallpapered walls; it's also trying to bury the truth. Yet,



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everything quickly changes when the Ghost Gang stumbles across a new horror, throwing them right in the middle of a serial killer's path. This time the Ghost Gang needs more than each other to survive, throwing them all in a tailspin of questioning who they can trust, and this time it might be the dead that answer.

A truly mesmerizing and thrilling ghost story, Horror Hotel can hold its own on a shelf next to a Christopher Pike book any day. What starts as just a ghost hunting adventure quickly turns deadly, and no one is safe, not even the ghosts. This book's ghostly twists and turns down every blooddrenched hallway will leave readers with their hearts

racing, unable to put down this book even as darkness creeps into the late hours of the night.

Debut authors Victoria Fulton and Faith McClaren are a power duo that readers will want to follow into any haunted location, even if it is just through the pages of their next book. Combining their unique ability to leave readers calling out to the characters and begging them not to go down the hallway along with the relevance of today's social media influence makes for a perfectly blended reading experience.

Although think twice before bringing this book on your next vacation, Horror Hotel will have you looking down the hall, in the closets, and thinking twice before you step into the elevator or grab that bucket of ice. Go ahead, press floor 13 or 14 (whichever works for you), but only if you dare.

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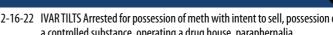








## Crime Reports **WEST SACRAMENTO** February 16, 2022 - February 24, 2022



a controlled substance, operating a drug house, paraphernalia.

2-16-22 MICHAEL ESCUDERO Arrested for DUI.

2-17-22 CHRISTOPHER LAFORCE Arrested for warrants.

2-18-22 ANTHONY DANIELS Arrested for theft or misappropriation of lost property, possession of meth, probation violation. 2-19-22 JAKARI JENKINS Arrested for attempted burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime after two thefts of

marijuana distribution centers were burglarized of at least 300 to 400 pounds of pot had been stolen. MARCUS GRIFFITH Receiving a stolen vehicle, possession of controlled substance for sale, resisting/ obstructing, possession of meth.

2-20-22 ROBERTO RANGEL Arrested for assault with a deadly weapon after witness report him shooting at several vehicles.

2-20-22 LARRY TILLMAN Arrested for drunk in public and probation violation

2-21-22 JASMINE MALONE Arrested for petty theft.

2-21-22 JOSHUA HALLADAY Arrested for warrants.

2-21-22 LAURA LAWRENCE Arrested for warrants.

2-22-22 THOMAS DODD III Arrested for possession of a controlled substance, concealed weapon, loaded firearm in vehicle or public, felon in possession of a firearm, sale of a controlled substance, possession for sale, possession of marijuana, and possession of pot for sale.

2-22-22 KAYLA MURPHY-BROWN Arrested for drunk in public after running in traffic with a shirt and no

2-23-22 ENRIQUE AMAYATORRES Arrested for joyriding, DUI, combined alcohol and drugs when driving.

2-23-22 NADEJDA NISTORENCO Arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle. 2-23-22 ARON SALINAS Arrested for joyriding, receiving stolen property, paraphernalia.

2-24-22 SILVANO PANUCONIEBLAS Arrested for warrants after police responded to theft in progress call.

#### **INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS** 2-17-22 Suspect, ex-employee embezzled \$20,339.69. Embezzlement.

2-17-22 Unk subject vandalized victim's vehicle. Vandalism.

2-17-22 Subject located a human jaw while fishing at boat ramp.

2-17-22 Unknown subject forced entry into a fenced parking lot and removed catalytic converter from city vehicle. Grand theft.

2-17-22 Multiple suspects forced entry into cannabis farm commercial building and stole estimated \$600,000 of pot.

2-18-22 Grand theft at AT&T.

2-18-22 Stolen catalytic converter. Grand theft.

2-19-22 Fraud report with gift cards. Grand theft. 2-20-22 Shoplifting at Home Depot. Suspects captured on video. Grand thef.

2-20-22 Suspect forcefully entered storage container and took transformer. Grand theft.

2-20-22 Vehicle burglary. Burglary, tamper with vehicle.

2-21-22 Unknown suspect broke out victims passenger window and rummaged around car. No apparents theft. Burglary.

2-20-22 Unknown suspect broke bathroom window and entered location, causing \$500 - \$1000 in damage. Vandalism.

2-21-22 Vehicle burglary. Burglary.

2-21-22 Suspect took victim's dog at knifepoint. Robbery, Assault with a deadly weapon, not firearm.

2-21-22 Stolen catalytic converter. Grand theft.

2-21-22 Vehicle burglary. Burglary. 2-22-22 Suspect punched victim in his face. Battery.

2-22-22 Four units broken into, preliminary suspect information. Burglary. 2-22-22 Unknown suspect forced entry into victim's vehicle and removed items. Burglary.

2-22-22 Vehicle burglary. Burglary.

2-23-22 Individual has repeatedly and falsy called 911 to report false criminal acts. 2-23-22 Unknown suspect broke glass door of business and stole tobacco products. Burglary, conspiracy.

#### **River City Weekly Sports**

Spring Sports 3/4 to 3/10



RC Sports	<b>Game Times</b>
FRIDAY 3/4 Boy Tennis vs Elk Grove Softball at RC Tournament (Christian Brothers)	4:00 pm 3:30 pm Varsity
SATURDAY 3/5 Softball vs Woodland Softball vs Bella Vista Baseball vs Pleasant Grove	9:30 am Varsity 2:00 pm Varsity 3:30 pm
MONDAY 3/7 Baseball vs Pioneer Golf is a Bye	3:30 pm
TUESDAY 3/8 Boys Tennis vs Grant Boys Volleyball vs Grant	4:00 pm 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY 3/9 Baseball vs East Union	4:00 pm
THURSDAY 3/10 Swim at Laguna Creek Tennis at Laguna Creek Softball at Christian Brothers Boys Volleyball at Laguna Creek	4:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm

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#### Notice of Public Comment Period for the 2022 Draft Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The City of West Sacramento draft Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022 Annual Action Plan will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period from March 4, 2022 through April 4, 2022 online at:

#### https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/residents/housing/community-development-block-grant

The City of West Sacramento receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDBG funds must be used for projects that meet at least one of the three CDBG national objectives: 1) benefitting low- and moderateincome households or neighborhoods; 2) addressing slums or blight conditions; or 3) addressing an urgent need such as flood or earthquake damage. As a condition of the CDBG funds, the City is required to develop a Five-Year Consolidated Plan that contains the City's strategy for the use of CDBG funds. The City's current Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which covers program years 2021-2025, was approved by Council on April 21, 2021. Additionally, the City must develop an Annual Action Plan outlining how CDBG funds will be used to meet goals set in the Consolidated Plan. The draft 2022 Annual Action Plan covers the second year of the five-year planning period.

The City of West Sacramento CDBG allocation for fiscal year 2022 is anticipated to be similar to last year's allocation of \$533,265, for HUD has yet to release allocation amounts for the 2022 fiscal year. Any increase or decrease in the 2022 allocation amount will be reflected in the proposed activity associated with Consolidated Plan Goal #3: Construct infrastructure improvements in low-income neighborhoods; Additional resources for the 2022 Action Plan will include \$30,000 in anticipated program income and \$55,000 in prior year resources. The proposed CDBG activities for the 2022 Annual Action Plan do not include programs or projects that displace persons from their homes, businesses, or farms.

Recommended goals and amounts for the 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan:

- Consolidated Plan Goal #1: Address the supportive services needs of persons experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness. (\$65,132);
- Consolidated Plan Goal #3: Construct infrastructure improvements in low-income neighborhoods
- General administration and planning expenses shall not exceed 20% of the HUD allocation plus program income. (\$99,048)

Written comments may be submitted to the following address no later than 5 p.m. on April 4, 2022: Isaah Alford, Economic Development and Housing, City of West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691. Comments also may be submitted through email to Isaah Alford at isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org.

In an effort to follow social distancing directives due to the COVID-19 pandemic, City Hall is closed to the public. Additional CDBG Information may be obtained by contacting Isaah Alford, Community Investment Specialist, at isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org or at 916-617-4555. Technical 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 at isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org or at 916-617-4555.

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.

Período de Notificación de Comentarios Públicos para el Plan de Acción Anual de 2022 para el Programa de Subsidios Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG)

El borrador del Plan de Acción Anual del Año 2022 del Programa de Subsidios Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en inglés) de la Ciudad de West Sacramento estará disponible para un período de revisión pública y comentarios de 30 días desde el 4 de marzo de 2022 hasta el 4 de abril de 2022 en línea en:

#### https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/residents/housing/community-development-block-grant

La Ciudad de West Sacramento recibe una asignación anual de fondos CDBG del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés). Los fondos del CDBG deben utilizarse para proyectos que cumplan con al menos uno de los tres objetivos nacionales del CDBG: 1) beneficiar a hogares o vecindarios de ingresos bajos y moderados; 2) abordar las condiciones de los barrios marginales o de tizón; o 3) abordar una necesidad urgente, como daños por inundaciones o terremotos. Como condición de los fondos de CDBG, se requiere que la Ciudad desarrolle un Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años que contenga la estrategia de la Ciudad para el uso de los fondos de CDBG. El actual Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años de la Ciudad, que cubre los años del programa 2021-2025, fue aprobado por el Concejo el abril 21, 2021. Además, la Ciudad debe desarrollar un Plan de Acción Anual que describa cómo se utilizarán los fondos de CDBG para cumplir con las metas establecidas en el Plan Consolidado. El borrador del Plan de Acción Anual 2022 cubre el segundo año del período de planificación guinguenal.

Se anticipa que la asignación de CDBG de la Ciudad de West Sacramento para el año fiscal 2022 será similar a la asignación del año pasado de \$533,265, ya que HUD aún no ha publicado los montos de asignación para el año fiscal 2022. Cualquier aumento o disminución en el monto de asignación de 2022 se reflejará en la actividad propuesta asociada con la Meta # 3 del Plan Consolidado: Construir mejoras de infraestructura en vecindarios de bajos ingresos; Los recursos adicionales para el Plan de Acción 2022 incluirán \$ 30,000 en ingresos anticipados del programa y \$ 55,000 en recursos del año anterior. Las actividades propuestas de CDBG para el Plan de Acción Anual 2022 no incluyen programas o proyectos que desplacen a las personas de sus hogares, negocios o granjas.

Objetivos y montos recomendados para el Plan de Acción Anual del CDBG 2022:

- Objetivo #1 del Plan Consolidado: Abordar las necesidades de servicios de apoyo de las personas sin hogar y las que corren el riesgo de quedarse sin hogar. (\$65,132);
- Objetivo #3 del Plan Consolidado: Construir mejoras de infraestructura en vecindarios de bajos ingresos (\$369.085):
- Los gastos generales de administración y planificación no excederán el 20% de la asignación de HUD más los ingresos del programa. (\$99,048)

Los comentarios por escrito pueden enviarse a la siguiente dirección a más tardar a las 5 p.m. del 4 de abril de 2022: Isaah Alford, Desarrollo Económico y Vivienda, Ciudad de West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691. Los comentarios también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a Isaah Alford en isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org.

En un esfuerzo por seguir las directivas de distanciamiento social debido a la pandemia de COVID-19, el Ayuntamiento está cerrado al público. Se puede obtener información adicional de CDBG comunicándose con Isaah Alford, Especialista en Inversión Comunitaria, al **isaaha**@ cityofwestsacramento.org o al 916-617-4555. La asistencia técnica está disponible para grupos que representan a residentes de bajos

ingresos que están interesados en aprender sobre el financiamiento de CDBG para programas o proyectos. Las preguntas o comentarios pueden dirigirse a Isaah Alford al isaaha@ cityofwestsacramento.org o al 916-617-4555

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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220057 The following person(s) is doing business as: COMPASS CLEANING, 3577 St John Road West Sacramento, CA 95691 Samuel F. J Briscoe, 3577 St John Road West Sacramento, CA 95691 This business is conducted by Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/29/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/21/2022 Micha Lindstrom, Deput<sub>\</sub> Publish dates: February 11, 18, 25, and

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220063 SEEDS OF SOLIDARITY URBAN FARM, 491 Regatta Lane West Sacramento, CA 95605 Norcal Resist Fund, 2121 Broadway Sacramento, CA 95818. This business is conducted by Individual. The registrant to transact commenced under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/5/2021 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/25/2022 Micha Deputy Lindstrom, Publish dates: February 11, 18, 25, and March 4, 2022 **SEEDS** 3-4-2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220105 The following person(s) is doing business as: LIGHTHOUSE MARKET & DELI, 500 Street West Sacramento, CA 95605 Brightsite Inc, 3832 Aircraft Way Sacramento CA 95834, This business is conducted by Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/8/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/9/2022 By: Micha Lindstrom, Deputy Deputy Publish dates: February 18, 25, March 4, and

LIGHTHOUSE 3-11-2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220068 The following person(s) is doing business as: Matoff and Associates, 27717
County Road 92F Winters, CA 95694 Thomas George Matoff, 27717 County Road 92F Winters, CA 95694. business is conducted by Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/26/2022 By: Micha Lindstrom, Deputy Deputy Publish dates: February 18, 25, March 4, and

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220094 The following person(s) is doing business as: NORCAL DPF & TRUCK SERVICES, NORCAL DPF SERVICES, 617 Galveston Street #1 West Saramento, CA 95691 Smitty's Express Inc, 617 Galveston Street #1 West Sacrmento, CA 95691, This business is conducted by Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/7/2022 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/7/2022. Publish dates: February 18, 25, March 4, and

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STATEMENT FILE No. F20220115 following person(s) is do business as: JEFF'S HAULING AND JUNK REMOVAL, 1664 Citrus Street Apt #A West Sacramento, CA 95605 Jeffrey Michael Coyne, 1664 Citrus Street Apt #A West Sacramento, CA 95605, This business is conducted by Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/02/2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/10/2022. Micha Lindstrom, Deputy Publish dates: February 18, 25, March 4, and 11, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE No. F20220116 The following person(s) is doing business as: NEW SMYRNA MANAGMENT, 939 Ord PROPERTY 939 Orchard Unit 10 West Sacramento, CA 95691 Somkopoulos and Michelle Somkopoulos, 939 Orchard Way #20 West Sacramento, CA 95691, John Volmeer George Reed, and John Peppers, 920 9th Street Sacramento, CA 958144, This business is conducted by Limited Liability The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/27/2007. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/10/2022. Micha Lindstrom. Deputy Publish dates: February 18, 25, March 4, and

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE No. F20220133 The following person(s) is doing business as: THE PEOPLE'S KUSH, 5080 E Chiles Road Suite 2 Davis, CA 95618 Davis People's Harvest, 5080 E Chiles Road Suite 2 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 3/14/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/9/2022.

Jesse Salinas. Deputy Publish dates: February 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220095 The following person(s) is doing business as: JOED GARDENING, AND JOED RENTAL 2792 Bender Place Woodland, CA 95776 Jo A Hertel Sheltrown and Edward R. Hertel, 2792 Bender Place Woodland, CA 95776, 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 County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/7/2022. Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish dates: February 25, March 4, 11 and 3-18-2022

> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220121

following person(s) business WEST SACRAMENTO FAMILY **EYECARE** CENTER OPTOMETRY, 2101 Stone Boulevard Suite 150 West Sacramento, CA 95691 Matthew L. Wampler 2101 Stone Boulevard Suite 150 West Sacramento, CA 95691 This business is conducted by Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/18/1992. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/11/2022 Jesse Salinas, Publish dates: February 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 2022 3-18-2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220136 The following person(s) is doing business AND SOUL, 1770 Chelan as: HEART Sacramento, Saludares, 1770 Chelan Ann Road West Sacramento, CA 95691 This business is conducted by Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/14/2022 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/15/2022 Jesse Salinas. Deputy Publish dates: February 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220127 The following person(s) is doing business as: OTF MOTORS, 1540 S River Road West Sacramento, CA 95691 Walid Naibkhyl, 10502 Monserrate Street Elk Grove, CA 95757, This business is conducted by 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 2/14/2022. Jesse Salinas. Deputy Publish dates: February 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F20220085 The following person(s) is doing business as: El Sabor de Mi Tierra Restaurant, 2248 Capitol Ave, West Sacramento, 95691 County Mag Innovations Inc., 2248 W Capitol West Sacramento, CA 95691 This business is conducted by Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A CEO Gustavo Gutierrez. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 02/03/2022 Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder kquam, Deputy 3/11, 3/4. 3/18/22 CNS-3555833# **NEWS-LEDGER** 3-18-2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220123 The following person(s) is doing business as: AA SAC TRANSPORT, 2455 W. Capitol Avenue #123 West Sacramento, CA 95691 Arif Azeem and Aliva Azeem, 2455 W. Capital Avenue #123 West Sacramento. CA 95691. 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 County Clerk of Yolo County on 2/11/2022. Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish dates: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022 3-25-2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. F20220052 following person(s) is doing business as: JINLEYS 4035 Shaver Court West Sacramento, CA 95691

Salonje McKinley, 4035 Shaver Court West Sacramento, CA 95691, This business is conducted by individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/15/2021. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/20/2022. Salinas, Jesse Deputy Publish dates: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022 3-25-2022

#### ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-160

David Allen Pryde has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s)

#### **PUBLIC 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 Stephen Jensen: Hsld gds/Furn

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

Thursday, March 24th 2022 at 10:00AM West Sac News Ledger February 25 and March 4, 2022 of David Allen Pryde to Shayne Allen Pryde. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on March 25, 2022, in Department 10, Via ZOOM, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. February SamuelT.McAdam,JudgeoftheSuperiorCourt Publish: February 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 2022

> COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-193

Avtaro has filed a petition with this court

**PRYDE** 

for a decree changing the name(s) of Avtaro aka Avtar Kaur to Avtaro Boyal. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on March 24, 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. February 10, SamuelT.McAdam,JudgeoftheSuperiorCourt Publish: February 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 2022

> COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2021-2248

Dennis Gonzales has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Grace Alaina Ruth Johnson to Grace Alaina Ruth Gonzales. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested

in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on March 30, 2022, in Department 10, Via ZOOM, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. February Dated: SamuelT.McAdam,JudgeoftheSuperiorCourt Publish: February 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 2022 **GONZALES** 

#### **SUMMONS**

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: CV2021-1449

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Christy Correa, an Individual; all other persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real property, or any part thereof, described in the complaint, which claim is adverse to Plaintiff's title, or creates any cloud on Plaintiff's title; and DOES 1 through 80, inclusive. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Peter Kokotis, an individual.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo. ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot

pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee

waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia. org), the California Courts Online Self-Help (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's

lien must be paid before the court will dismiss

the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si

no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte

puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su

version. Lea la informacion a continuacion. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www. sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra guitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal

Services. (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California. (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court

(El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Yolo County Superior Court 1000 Main Street Woodland CA 95695 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Brad A. McDowell/Brandon T. Wright, Smith McDowell & Powell, 100 Howe Avenue Suite 208 S. Sacramento, CA 95825

(Fecha) 8/12/2021 Clerk (Secretario) B. Pool Deputy (Adjunto) February 11, 18, 25, and March 4, 2022

916-569-8100

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: CV2021-2158

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: West Sacramento Company, a suspended California Corportation, ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in this complaint, which is adverse o Plaintiff's title or creates any cloud on Plaintiff's title; and DOES 1-20, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF

Pierson and Carolyn Pierson. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo. ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia org), the California Courts Online Self-Help (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp) or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su

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The real property that is the subject of this action has a street address of 2370 Harmon Road, West Sacramentoc CA 95691 and is legally described as follows: A portion of Lots 424, 425, 427, and 429 of "Jefferson Subdivision of West Sacramento Company's Properties. Yolo County.

California," filed August 8, 1913, in Book 2 of Maps, Page 85, Yolo County Records, more particularly described as follows:

That portion of Antioch Avenue as shown on said Map lying within the following: Commencing at the most Southerly corner of Lot 429, being the intersection of the centerline of Harmon Road and Antioch

Avenue: thence N 23° 04' 40" F 25 67 feet along the center line of Antioch Avenue to the Northerly line of Harmon Road and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N 53° 46' 30" W, 20.54 feet along the Northerly line of Harmon Road to the Westerly line of Antioch Avenue: thence N 23° 04' 40" E. 497.27 feet along said Westerly line: thence S 58° 40' 36' E, 40.42 feet to the Easterly line of Antioch Avenue; thence S 23° 04' 40" W, 500.81 feet along said Easterly line to the Northerly line of Harmon Boad: thence N 53° 46' 30" W. 20.54

feet along said line to the point of beginning. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Yolo County Superior Court 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 The name, address and telephone

number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Terence Kilpatrick, Kilpatrick Law Offices, P.C. 3550 Watt Avenue Suite 140 Sacramento, CA 95821 (916) 979-7025 Date: (Fecha) 8/12/2021

(Secretario) (Adjunto) Gojkovich Deputy February February 18, March 11 and 2022 **PIERSON** 

#### TRUSTEE SALE NOTICES T.S. No. 079232-CA APN: 072-073-004-

000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY

OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER

A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/16/2007.

UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU. YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 4/4/2022 at 1:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 1/25/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0002889-00 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: PEGGY SOMKOPOULOS. AN UNMARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH. CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION. OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, 1110 W. CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 293. AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED "PLAT OF SUBDIVISION NO. 4636. BRIDGEWAY LAKES-PHASE III' FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF YOLO COUNTY. CALIFORNIA ON NOVEMBER 14, 2003 IN BOOK 2003 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 204 THROUGH 218 INCLUSIVE. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL OIL GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBONS AND MINERALS NOW OR AT ANY TIME HEREAFTER SITUATE THEREIN AND THEREUNDER, LYING BELOW A DEPTH OF 500 FEET FROM THE SURFACE THEREOF, AS EXCEPTED AND RESERVED IN DEED FROM CAPITOL COMPANY, A CORPORATION RECORDED FEBRUARY 23, 1944, IN BOOK 197. PAGE 73, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS, PORTIONS OF THE RIGHTS AND OIL GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBONS AND MINERALS HAVING BEEN RELEASED. QUITCLAIMED AND SURRENDERED BY DEED RECORDED OCTOBER 2, 1987, IN BOOK 1893, PAGE 412, YOLO COUNTY, OFFICIAL RECORDS The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3810 SPALDING COURT, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees. charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$937,223.68 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction. you are or may be responsible for paying of all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements

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#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER

ESTATE OF ROBERT CHARLES LEMOS CASE No. PR20022-0046 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate. or both of Robert Charles Lemos deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by William J. Lemos. Jr. in the Superior Court of California. County of Yolo, requesting William J. Lemos Jr 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 court should not grant the authority A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 5, 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 attornev 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 address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: G. Richard Gregory III 21800 Oxnard Street Suite Hills, CA Woodland 91367 818-348-1112 Publish: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022

#### **LIEN SALE NOTICES**

3-25-22

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Business and Professional Codes #21700-21716, Section 2328 of the UCC of the Penal Code, Section 535 the undersigned, StorQuest Express Self Storage/Ramco St. of West Sacramento, will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of Javier Sanchez, Lindsay Campos, Justin Williams, Dwayne Speed, Susan Bizzorzero, Thesili Tyler, Courtney Johnson, Tom Brewer, Kathleen Blackard, Larra Williams, and Charlene Banks Shepard. Property to be sold: Misc. Items. Auctioneer Company: www.storagetreasures.com The Sale will end at 10:00 AM, March 19, 2022. Goods must be paid in CASH at site and removed at completion of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. 3005 Ramco St. West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916)241-8600. 3/4. 3/11/22

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3/11/22

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 storagetreasures.com

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF AREA 1 TRUSTEE

**Yolo County Board of Education** 

A vacancy on the Yolo County Board of Education occurred upon the resignation of Matt Taylor from Trustee Area 1. The letter was received on November 27, 2021, with an effective date of December 14, 2021.

The Yolo County Board of Education has provisionally appointed Elizabeth Esquivel as trustee of Area 1 at the Regular Board meeting of

This statement notifies the voters that unless a petition calling for a special election pursuant to Education Code Section 5091 is filed in the office of the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days of the provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment.

West Sac News Ledger February 18, 25 and March 4, 2022

## At the Pharmer's Market, Patients Suffer While Middlemen Profit



Commentary by Sally C. Pipes

Imagine a visit to the local farmer's market. When you're about to pay the farmer for some fruit, a man in a suit and sunglasses interrupts the exchange and offers to negotiate a discount with the farmer.

Cool, right?

Not so fast. The man in the suit didn't tell you who the discount was for. He gets the fruit for less, to be sure, but sells it on to you for the original price. He keeps the difference between his purchase price and yours. You've received no benefit-and the farmer received far less than the price he'd

Oh, to be that man in the suit!

Of course, that's not your typical farmer's market exchange. But that is how prescription drug sales work. And the suited man is called a pharmacy benefit manager.

PBMs serve go-betweens for drug manufacturers

insurers, helping the latter design prescription drug plans and negotiate prices. PBMs secure considerable rebates, discounts, and other payments from pharmaceutical companies.

A recent report from the Berkeley Research Group found that the majority of drug spending isn't going to the firms that develop and manufacture those drugs. Rather, it's going to entities within the supply chain like PBMs, hospitals, and health plans.

There's also evidence that middlemen are the primary reason that spending on prescription drugs is going up.

Between 2019 and 2020, total gross spending on branded medications

increased 6.4% -some \$31 billion. Payers including plan sponsors, insurers, the government, and PBMs received 35% of that increasethe largest share of any player in the market. Altogether, these entities received over \$140 billion in brand-medicine spending in the form of discounts, rebates, and other payments from pharmaceutical companies that were intended to lower the cost of drugs.

Sharing discounts directly with patients could save between \$145 and \$800 per patient annually. If all rebates were shared at the point of sale, patients could save \$57 billion over 10 years.

Yet those savings rarely make their way to individuals at the pharmacy counter. Even as overall drug spending rises and middlemen rake in cash, millions of Americans can't afford their prescription medicines.

This is proof of a broken system. But it need not be.

PBMs must be held accountable for their role in prescription drug spending. Lawmakers can consider requiring that prescription drug rebates be shared with patients at the point of sale. Employers can demand that their insurers and the PBMs with whom they work rebate the discounts they secure to their

beneficiaries at the pharmacy counter.

Ultimately, the stakes in this "pharmer's" market are more than your weekly produce-they can dictate whether someone is able to access medication. In other words, this market dysfunction is a matter of life and death.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is False Premise, False Promise: The Disastrous Reality of Medicare for All (Encounter 2020). Follow her on Twitter @ sallypipes. This column originally appeared in Issues and Insights.

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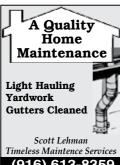
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## **How California Mistreated** its Working Families



By Dan Walters **CALMatters.org** 

Democratic politicians frequently and vehemently express their admiration for and support of what they call "working families," while contending that rival Republicans lack such empathy.

Despite that political posture, the Democratic governor of California, with the implicit support of a Democratdominated Legislature, has imposed unnecessary misery on those they purport to value, as a new report from the Legislature's budget analyst confirms.

California two years ago, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency and ordered closure of large segments of the state's economy to battle its spread. Almost immediately, more than two million workers were laid off as their employers complied with the orders and most lion claims as potentially applied for unemployment insurance benefits to keep themselves and their families housed and fed.

resulting layoffs were justified, in terms of their ID.me or their accounts pandemic-fighting effects, will be endlessly debated. Regardless, they happened and having lost their jobs by executive decree, the suddenly idled workers' claims for benefits deserved rapid and accurate processing by

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Instead, EDD's pandemic operations rapidly devolved into a bureaucratic Chernobyl with immense and prolonged backlogs of claims, unresponsive handling of claimants' inquiries, rampant fraud and, as the new report details, botched anti-fraud practices that blocked payments to those with legitimate claims.

The state's oversight agencies, particularly the state auditor's office, have steadfastly catalogued EDD's shortcomings and the latest report, focusing on about \$20 billion in fraudulent payments and EDD's measures to battle it, comes from the Legislative Analyst's Office.

What emerges is a tale of an agency repeatedly failing to act when necessary and then overreacting as it tries to correct its previous errors.

Embarrassed by the revelations of fraud, mostly involving special federal When COVID-19 struck jobless benefits, EDD's managers went overboard in adopting anti-fraud policies, thus denying benefits to many legitimate and qualified claimants, the LAO report declares.

At one point, it says, "EDD and (and an outside contractor) identified 1.1 milfraudulent. EDD stopped payments for these claims. Workers were not notified ahead of time. To reopen Whether the closures and their accounts, workers had to verify their identity using would be closed permanently. Ultimately, more than half of the claims (600,000) flagged as fraudulent were confirmed as legitimate."

Thus, the "working families" that Democrats profess to treasure have been doubly

Newsom's proposed 2022-23 budget contains funds for six contracts by outside vendors to prevent future fraud, in addition to 13 other fraud-related contracts and the LAO report questions "whether additional antifraud efforts are warranted at this time.'

"Moving forward at this time with new, additional layers of fraud protection also would move the department further out of balance by again prioritizing fraud elimination at the expense of prompt and straightforward payments," the report states.

One of the most irritating things about the EDD's incredibly bad performance over the last two years is that its political overseers had plenty of warning. During the previous recession that began in 2007, the department experienced great difficulty in handling a surge of unemployment insurance claims because of antiquated tools and procedures.

However, once that recession ended, the agency reverted to its customary ministerial role and no one — in particular Newsom's predecessor, Jerry Brown — took the proactive step of improving EDD's capabilities before the next recession hit.

Thus, when it did hit in 2020 by Newsom's decree, the department was overwhelmed and the shortcomings revealed in the previous recession were magnified. It's another reminder of government's endemic inability to look ahead and plan ahead.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers.

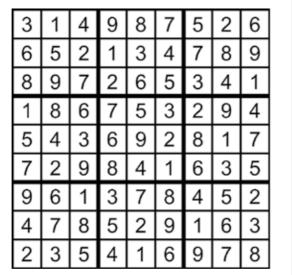
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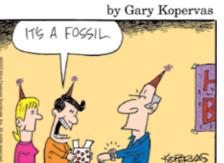




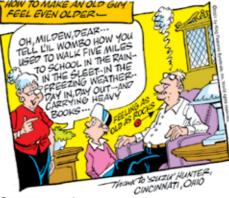
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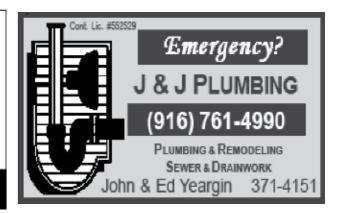
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Continued from page 1 struggles, sacrifice and heroism that his family had faced, he explained. Kenji's family was among those that were forcibly taken from their homes in West Sacramento and placed into these camps.

Kenji began to learn that many of the men were then drafted and forced to defend the civil liberties that had been taken from them. One veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team included longtime West Sacramento Elementary School Principal Dick Uno, who served as principal at Arlington, Westfield, and then Westmore Oaks Elementary Schools in West Sacramento until he retired in 1984.

In college, Kenji learned of his father's experience. Kenji's father, Noboru Taguma, was one of 35 young men in the Granada (Amache) Concentration Camp who refused to be drafted

from behind barbed wire fences. At the time, the Nisei (2nd generation Japanese American born family) were draft resisters and considered "cowards" by "community leaders." These men received federal sentences.

"Many were ostracized, like my father, who lost his job at the fish market," Kenji said. "All they were doing was fighting for their Constitutional Rights. Today these men are considered heroes for standing up for their civil rights."

Kenji was joined at the press conference by family members holding pictures of their parents, Bill and Michiyo (Tateishi) Taguma, born right here in Broderick in addition to Kenji's father. Christine and Stan Umeda, who were in the camps as children, were also there.

In part, the proclamation read: "...the City of West Sacramento recognizes the need for more public awareness of these events." It also acknowledged, "the deep pain and suffering caused by the actions of the City of West Sacramento in perpetuating fear, hatred and racist discrimination toward the Japanese-American community both pre and post WWII and that the City of West Sacramento recognizes its role in condoning the forced removal of Japanese Americans in West Sacramento and vicinity during WWII and vows to ensure such acts will never be repeated again."

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## A Day of Remembrance Yolo County DA Citizens Academy **Applications now Being Accepted**

Office of District Attorney Jeff W. Reisig

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Applications are now being accepted for the annual Yolo County District Attorney Citizens Academy. The academy is sponsored by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office in cooperation with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, the California Highway Patrol, the Davis Police Department, the UC Davis Police Department, the West Sacramento Police Department, the Winters Police Department, the Woodland Police Department, and the Yolo County Probation Department.

The Citizen's Academy is an eightweek journey designed to involve diverse communities in participating in mutual learning about the criminal justice system. The goal is to educate the public and improve relationships and communication between the many different communities in Yolo County and the criminal justice system. The academy is scheduled to be held in person at the Woodland Police Dept. If current health orders, in place during this timeframe, prohibit indoor gathering, the academy will be held via

Topics this year will include: the role of the District Attorney; the role of law

enforcement; victim services; gangs; restorative justice practices and collaborative courts addressing mental illness and addiction; breaking barriers addressing the schools to prison pipeline. In past years, participants observed a DUI and K-9 officer presentations. Participants will also learn about the innovative programs implemented at the District Attorneys' Office aimed at addressing racial inequity and increasing transparency.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated that "The Academy provides a comprehensive look at the criminal justice system in Yolo County. Together we will explore how the system interplays with our communities from West Sacramento to the rural areas." Reisig continued, "I think participants will be educated, enlightened and entertained."

The Academy will meet every Thursday for eight weeks, from April 14, 2022, to June 2, 2022, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. To enroll please contact Wendy Wilcox by email at: wendy.wilcox@yolocounty.org, by phone at: (530) 666-8356, or you can log on to www.yoloda.org for more information. Class space is limited. Applicants must be 18 years of age and be a resident of or an employee in Yolo County. Application deadline is April 3, 2022.

## West Sac Stands with Our Ukrainian Neighbors

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of Ukraine. Putin, the despot in Moscow, deserves our condemnation for shattering three generations of peace in Europe. Contrary to Putin's opinion, every nation deserves to determine its own future and not be subjugated by petty dictators.

The United States needs to put the dictators of the world on notice that it is not okay to invade other countries to build their empires. This is a time to stand up for freedom and democracy.

The United States needs to send

advanced weaponry to Ukraine. We need to support the refugees that the Russian government is creating. We need to expel Russia from the SWIFT banking system. We need to sanction Putin personally. We cannot hold back on sanctions. No sanction is too great to chasten the invaders.

Please note that our outrage is with the Russian government and not with the people of Russia or our brothers and sisters in the local Russian community,

We learned from World War II that appearement is not the

answer. It only whets the appetite of aggression. Britain's greatest mistake in WWII was self-deception as to Hitler's monstrous ambitions. Putin's invasion closely resembles Hitler's reoccupation of lands it lost in war. Trump's support for the invasion is sickening. We should not be surprised to learn that Putin has threatened to close all media reporting the invasion unless the media report only the official Russian line blaming the United States for the invasion. Putin claims to be denazifying

Ukraine. From what Nazi centenarians? Are they also running Sweden and Finland? Moreover, Putin supports Nazis in the US. His misinformation rings hollow.

Once Russia sees that it can invade other countries it will continue. Today, Russia threatened to invade Sweden and Finland for the same reasons it invaded Ukraine. When Russia took Crimea and the Donbas region, it did not stop; rather Russia saw that its aggression went unpunished. Those that do not learn from history are bound to repeat it. If we do not fight Russian aggression in Ukraine, our own security will be at risk.

I intend to introduce a resolution at our next city council meeting urging our President to continue to support the Ukrainian people and ignore the chatter of cowards unwilling to stand for democracy. I ask everyone in West Sacramento to unite in prayer for our neighbors and their families. I urge all West Sacramentans to contribute to the Red Cross to assist the refugee families.



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