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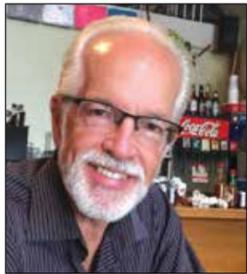
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## A Real Youth Sports Hero

*Joe Ramirez Honored for His Work in Youth Sports*

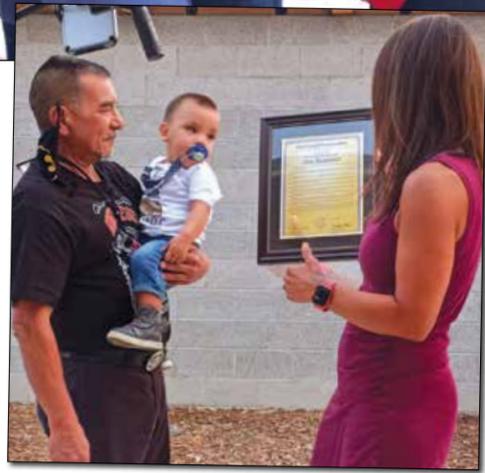


Above: Joe Ramirez is recognized by community leaders. From left to right: Mayor Martha Guerrero, Councilmember Quirina Orozco, Joe Ramirez, Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas, Councilmember Chris Ladesma and Councilmember Norma Alcalá. Right: Joe Ramirez receives a City of West Sacramento Proclamation from Councilmember Quirina Orozco. Photos provided by Michele Townsend

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Joe Ramirez has been a sports fan since he was just a boy. He wasn't too particular as to what sport he was playing, as long as he was playing. Yolo County Supervisor, Oscar Villegas, has known Joe since they were both kids growing up in West Sacramento. Oscar said, "I remember as a little kid he was the guy, always out there with cones, setting it up. He knew how to create a game and keep kids out of trouble". Joe played sports throughout school, so it's no surprise that as an adult he became an officiator. For close to twenty five years Joe has been Umpiring Little Leagues and softball leagues all over the Sacramento Valley. In addition, for many of those years he refereed

youth basketball and flag football. Any parent who has ever had a kid in sports knows that it adds quite a bit to a busy schedule. The difference is, our kids only had one or two games per week. Imagine five or six games in one day. Now figure in both days of the weekend, every weekend of the season, plus the weekday games. Now, on top of that, add in all of the different leagues within the Sacramento area. That is a lot of baseball. He doesn't only umpire baseball. He also umpires for girl's softball. These include tournament leagues, travel ball and fall ball leagues. Joe's regular boundaries



are from Folsom to Dixon and from Roseville to Elk Grove (although he has been known to travel outside those boundaries). Averaging 250 - 300 games a year, every Little League and softball league within those boundaries has known Joe as their umpire.

There are a lot of good umpires that are loved by the kids and parents. So what makes Joe different than  
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## Leaders Discuss a Countywide Plan for Children, Youth and Families

By Anthony Volkar,  
YCOE PIO

**Woodland, CA (MPG)** On Thursday, August 19, various elected officials and community leaders from across Yolo County gathered for a virtual convening on children, youth and families. The four-hour meeting was the first in a series of two planned sessions, focused on how the county can improve coordination with American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to advance opportunities for youth and families.

Event organizers invited over 50 representatives from varied interests across the county, including: Representatives from city government in Davis, West Sacramento, Woodland and Winters (including mayors, city councilmembers, and city managers); Representatives from county government (including county supervisors, the county administrator's office, and leaders from various departments and agencies); Educational leaders from the five school districts, the Yolo County Office of Education, Los Rios Community College District and Woodland Community College; and Nonprofit leaders from First 5 Yolo, the United Way, Yolo County CASA, and the Yolo Community Foundation.

In introducing the event, Jesse Salinas, County Assessor, Clerk-Recorder and Elections Official, noted that the county was well-suited to enact a collaborative plan for children and youth. "There's something unique about Yolo County that we can do things that most other counties could never do," said Salinas. "The fact that we're here having this conversation just gives me great pride to say we can do something that is so significant that it will be the envy of not just the state but the nation as well."

Other speakers stressed the importance of collaboration across agencies and jurisdictions with the application of ARP funding. Superintendent Garth Lewis said, "My observation is that since March  
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## Third Doses Authorized for Those with Weakened Immunity

**Yolo County  
Press Release**

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Emergency use authorization for Pfizer and Moderna vaccines has been expanded to approve a third dose of COVID-19 vaccine for people ages 12 and up with moderate to severe immune compromise. Third doses of COVID-19 vaccine are now available in Yolo County for people who have moderate to severely compromised immune systems. Residents who

believe that they are eligible should contact their health care provider for consideration of an additional dose.

On August 12, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) extended the emergency use authorization of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to allow an additional dose for those who are immunocompromised. Shortly after, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced their recommendation that people

who are moderately to severely immunocompromised should receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine after the initial 2 doses.

Individuals receiving treatments associated with moderate to severe immune compromise includes those who have: Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood; Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system; Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years

or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system; Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome); Advanced or untreated HIV infection; Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.

When possible, individuals should receive a third vaccine dose from the same vaccine manufacturer as the original series.  
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# Airshow Ambassadors Needed for Aviation Festival



Volunteers don't need to have any prior experience, and you don't need to know anything about aviation. Photo by Mark Loper, courtesy CCA

Story by Shaunna Boyd

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Volunteers are needed for the 2021 California Capital Airshow (CCA), which is presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova. The annual event, held at Mather Airport, is designed to honor the history of aviation while inspiring attendees with exciting in-air performances by talented pilots.

Volunteers will have behind-the-scenes access to all the excitement the festival has to offer, while playing a crucial role in ensuring the success of the airshow. Volunteers work in the performers chalet, where the pilots have lunch; pick up debris on the main show ramp as part of the Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Squad; and engage with attendees in a range of hospitality roles, such as greeting guests and helping them get autographs from their favorite performers.

Ronlyn Vasconcellos, CCA volunteer coordinator, said in a press release that the volunteers are referred to as "Airshow Ambassadors," and that "many have served for a decade or more, providing an opportunity to build a great sense of community around this event."

One such volunteer is Mark Crawford of Rocklin, CA, who has been volunteering at the airshow for approximately 13 years. He first started out years ago by getting a group of people from his office to volunteer with him, and after all their hard work, he said they saw the "direct benefit of our efforts and the success of the show."

Crawford is now a Hospitality Team Leader, and he has volunteers on his team who come back year after year — in addition to new recruits each year who are eager to get in on the action. "It is a lot of work, and several long days," Crawford said, "and it is all worth it. I've not only built relationships with the other

volunteers, I've also built relationships with many of our guests that have also been coming back year after year. It is so awesome to watch their kids grow and experience this special event every year." Crawford has even been getting his own son involved as an Airshow volunteer in recent years.

Volunteers don't need to have any prior experience, and you don't need to know anything about aviation. "We have many great volunteers that can tell you all kinds of information about every single plane they see, and we have volunteers that don't know anything about planes ... you don't need to be a plane expert to get involved," said Crawford. "Anyone with a heart to serve and a smile on their face will do an amazing job and have one of the best times at the airshow."

Crawford explained that volunteers are well taken care of during the airshow: "Caring for the volunteers is always a high

priority for the organizers, so we have plenty of water to drink during the day, opportunities to take breaks during the day to explore everything, and they provide a great lunch as well each day."

If you enjoy helping others, engaging in exceptional customer service, and working outdoors in a fun, fast-paced atmosphere, consider volunteering your time at the 2021 California Capital Airshow. Adults (18 and older) can volunteer either Friday, September 24 from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM or Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Volunteers will receive an "Airshow Crew" t-shirt, and meals and water will be provided. Volunteers will also be required to comply with all state and local COVID-19 protocols during the airshow.

For more information or to sign up as an Airshow Ambassador, visit <https://californiacapitalairshow.com/become-a-volunteer/>. ★

# How to End California's Homelessness Crisis

Commentary by Kerry Jackson and Wayne Winegarden

Homelessness is a growing problem in virtually every state. Nowhere is it more pressing than in California, which in the past three years spent more than \$13 billion, roughly \$30,000 annually for each homeless person, to address it. Tragically, its "housing first" approach is a colossal failure. Overall, says the state auditor's office, California's homelessness programs are disjointed and poorly managed.

Despite little progress, policymakers keep throwing more money at the problem. Rather than adopting California's current government-centric approach, other states should learn from its mistakes by embracing reforms that directly tackle the core issues.

Many homeless suffer from mental illness and substance abuse struggles that require creating a pathway to recovery. Unfortunately, the legal precedent of *Martin v. City of Boise* is creating a "right to live on the streets." Policy changes such as California's voter-approved Proposition 47 have effectively discouraged the enforcement of shoplifting items up to \$950, creating a means for the addicted or mentally ill homeless to support their habits.

Instead of enabling homelessness, states should ensure appropriate punishment for those who violate the law. However, interactions with law enforcement should be viewed as opportunities to connect homeless individuals with the help and resources they need.

One innovative approach is homeless courts that "sentence" offenders to treatment,

then expunging their records once successfully completed, as proposed in the California's Compassionate Intervention Act. At the same time, the developing "right to sleep on the street" needs to be challenged through legal channels.

To complement these efforts, states should partner with private nonprofits that have successfully helped many transition off the streets. Even President Barack Obama has acknowledged that "the private and philanthropic sectors are responsible for some of the best thinking, innovation, and evidence-based approaches to ending homelessness."

Shelters to Shelters represents exactly what he was talking about. The Vienna, Virginia, nonprofit emphasizes job placement and housing based on the mantra that "the solution truly needs to be about both." Another

strategy initiates contact with the homeless by providing necessities, including bag storage, transportation, Internet access, and a sitting room. While offering these services, the Crossroads Welcome Center in Tennessee determines each client's needs and tries to direct them to institutions for further care.

Given the severity of today's crisis, the homeless need to be relocated with an urgency. San Diego's use of large tents that serve as transitional housing for about 700 a night and cost roughly \$11.3 million shows how this can be done.

California's infamous unaffordability problems are also a causal driver of homelessness. Policymakers nationwide should implement regulatory reforms that lessen excessive living costs to alleviate the economic pressures driving too many people into

the streets.

The California Environmental Quality Act, the biggest barrier to homebuilding, increases costs, and causes extended construction delays. It, as well as similar laws elsewhere, is overdue for reform.

States should pursue zoning regulatory reform to simplify multi-layered restrictions, speed up the building-permit process, and ease restrictions on building duplexes, triplexes, and granny flats in order to expand the stock of affordable housing. Eliminating rent control would also meaningfully expand the supply of housing and reduce costs, particularly in cities where housing is the most expensive.

Sustainably addressing the homelessness crisis in California and every state is a moral imperative and

an economic necessity. Current conditions are the unintended consequence of policies implemented by state and local governments. Though the situation is dire in California, the good news is states can make a meaningful difference if they reject the Golden State's ill-advised policies. Adopting the right policies should be at the top of every state's legislative to-do list.

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# Leaders Discuss a Countywide Plan for Children, Youth and Families

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 2020, partnerships and collaborative relationships [in Yolo County] have only been strengthened, deepened and achieved greater clarity.” He encouraged county leaders to continue working together to expand and grow services for youth and families. During the convening, attendees were presented with current data on children, youth and families.

First 5 Yolo Executive Director Gina Daleiden shared the impacts of the pandemic on young children and their families. Daleiden said, “The toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on children and families has some real implications for the future.” She shared that 50 percent of households with children in the county have had difficulty paying bills.

For school-age children, Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent of Educational Services for Yolo County Office of Education, noted, “These are systemic issues that we can affect [with ARP funding]. The problem is not that we have students experiencing poverty. The problem is how are we going to create an impact so that our students won’t experience poverty.”

In providing an update on the county’s ARP

funding process, Interim County Administrator Daniel Kim said, “[The county] wants to make sure we maximize opportunities by having partnerships with other governmental agencies.” He noted that the county is set to receive nearly \$124 million in ARP funding between the county, cities and school districts. He noted the funding could be “transformational” if applied correctly.

Patti Herrera, Vice President for School Services of California, shared that the state is also investing in children and families, noting the state budget includes funding for universal kindergarten by 2025 and provides additional childcare slots. Herrera said, “The power of this convening is that you are going to take advantage of this fleeting moment of abundance to figure out how to design and build your infrastructure for these cross-collaborative purposes to support children and families in Yolo County in the long-term.”

At the closing, Board of Supervisors Chair Jim Provenza said, “We started [the convening] because of the ARP funding. But this is really broader than that particular source of funding. It’s really a community effort – and a community

commitment – to the emphasis on children. I really believe that if we as government and community leaders make that commitment, we will be much more successful at addressing these issues.”

Davis Vice Mayor Lucas Frerichs added, “I think the final result is a great starting point and really shows the commitment from across the city councils, the Board of Supervisors, school boards, the Yolo County Office of Education and some of our other partners. There is a real ability for us as local electeds to continue to do things in the ‘Yolo Way’ and look forward and think about what we want to see in the years to come.”

The second and final convening is set for September 9. The convenings were made possible with a grant from the James B. McClatchy Foundation.

The convenings are being hosted by Superintendent Garth Lewis, Board of Supervisors Chair Jim Provenza, Assessor, Clerk-Recorder and Elections Official Jesse Salinas, and Davis Vice Mayor Lucas Frerichs. The convening was facilitated by Youth Development Network, a local nonprofit with a focus on youth development. ★

# A Real Youth Sports Hero



Umpire Joe Ramirez is recognized by all to be a great “Coach, Mentor and Friend” by community leaders and West Sacramento Little Leaguers. Photo provided by Michele Townsend

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the others? Joe is not just there to officiate. Many leagues have their own variations of the rules, and Joe is sure to learn those differences before overseeing a game. Joe loves the game and the integrity of the sport. He loves the competition. He keeps up to date on rule changes and legal equipment... and can spot equipment that is no longer allowed by sight. But more than anything else, Joe loves the kids. He loves the families and he loves (most of) the coaches. Joe said, “Until you see that boy or girl make their first basket or a kid’s first touchdown, catch, run or pass! Or that first hit or catch, or even their first slide, the expression on their faces, if that doesn’t make your day, I don’t know what will!” He continued with “I really am blessed”.

Joe enjoys it so much that he is known to buy a stack of tickets for hotdogs or ice cream cones and during the game, when he sees a child struggling with confidence, he says “give me a hit and I’ll buy you a hotdog”. It’s amazing how a kid will suddenly start swinging. But don’t worry, even if that kid strikes out, they usually get that hotdog. In addition, Joe usually has small bottles of bubbles for the little brothers and sisters that are there while their siblings play. He hands out pins when a child gets a home run, or does really well. He hands out lanyards, or baseball cards, or any number of items to kids that need a little encouragement.

On Wednesday, August 18, 2021 Joe was honored for the work that he does. It began with City Councilmember Quirina Orozco. Holding a baseball that said “Joe the Umpire” on it, Quirina told a story about an All-Star game that her son played in. Fully expecting to win that game, it was a somber walk back to the car when they didn’t. A truck pulled up and it was Joe the umpire saying “Mijo, come here”. When Mateo walked over to the truck, Joe handed him a baseball, and told him “Don’t be sad. You did a great job catching today. Thank you for keeping me safe”. It made Mateo feel much better. Mateo saved that ball. There are many stories like this when it comes to Joe. For this reason, and the reason listed above, Quirina called for a Proclamation to be issued in Joe’s name. A Proclamation is the act of officially

proclaiming something. In this instance it was the appreciation of Joe Ramirez and the significant positive impact he has made on the youth in our city. Mayor Martha Guerrero, Quirina and the entire city council was there to honor Joe with this Proclamation.

But the City of West Sacramento wasn’t the only one who wanted in on recognizing Joe. Yolo County Supervisor, Oscar Villegas also had an award for Joe. Oscar awarded a plaque in recognition of Joe on a county level. Knowing that Joe was not strictly in West Sacramento and that he made all kids feel special, wherever he was, and that he brought that same zest everywhere he officiated. Oscar said “This was given to a real legacy that’s been left in our community. Joe represents the perfect umpire, the perfect dad, the perfect brother, the perfect cousin to help encourage young kids to be kind, to be respectful and to be confident”. Joe was a bit overwhelmed at this point, as the entire thing was a surprise, but it didn’t stop there.

West Sac Little League and West Sac girls’ softball wanted in on this too. President David Jans said, “I could go on and on about the guy. He really does personify what we try to represent here as a league, and that is to encourage players, to let them have fun, to learn about the game and just come out and enjoy the sport. Joe is really great about helping them with their confidence when they’re up at the plate, when they do good he’s rewarding and encouraging when maybe they don’t do so well. We really are lucky to have him. The West Sac Little League presented Joe with a tile, paid for by parents that wanted to come together for Joe. The tile read, “Thank You Joe Ramirez Coach, Mentor and Friend to all. 2021 WSLF Families.” It will be displayed on the new snack bar at Memorial Park. In addition to the tile, Joe was given a WSLF hat and a framed jersey that read Umpire Joe across the back.

Joe said, with tears in his eyes and a lump in his throat, “I want to thank everybody... the City of West Sacramento, the kids, the parents, the league, Oscar and the county, everybody. The kids do all the work but it really is an honor for everything I received. Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you. It truly is an honor and my pleasure.” ★

# Matsui Leads Effort To Secure Vital Resources To Assist Afghan Evacuees



From the Office of Doris Matsui

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - On August 20, 2021, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-06) wrote to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, urging them to provide congressional offices with vital resources to aid Afghan allies and their families as they evacuate Kabul.

Over the course of the

evacuation process, sporadic and inaccurate information about gate openings at Hamid Karzai International Airport (HKIA) has led Afghan families and allies to closed gates, gates guarded by foreign officials, or gates with different or multiple names. This lack of clarity has been particularly difficult for those with young children and older family members, who have found themselves in dangerous situations of physical unrest and confusion over entry to the airport.

The letter urges the Administration to immediately provide accurate, up-to-date travel and security information to Afghan allies attempting to access HKIA to support safe passage out of the country. Congresswoman Matsui is also advocating for the

enforcement of a safe travel corridor beyond the airport to ensure Afghans can safely reach the airport.

The Sacramento region is home to one of the largest Afghan communities in the nation, totaling nearly 12,000 people. ★

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## IRS: Families Now Receiving August Child Tax Credit Payments

### IRS Press Release

**WASHINGTON DC (MPG)** - The Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department announced that millions of American families are now receiving their advance Child Tax Credit (CTC) payment for the month of August as direct deposits begin posting in bank accounts and checks arrive in mailboxes.

This second batch of advance monthly payments, worth about \$15 billion, are reaching about 36 million families today across the country. The majority will be issued by direct deposit.

Under the American Rescue Plan, most eligible families received the first payment on July 15, and payments will continue each month for the rest of 2021. For these families, each payment is up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6 and up to \$250 per month for each child ages 6 through 17.

Besides the July 15 and Aug. 13 payments, payment dates are Sept. 15, Oct. 15, Nov. 15 and Dec. 15.

Here are further details on these payments:

Families will see the direct deposit payments in their accounts starting today, Aug. 13. Like the first payments, the vast majority of families will receive these payments by direct deposit;

The IRS wants to alert some recipients who received direct deposits in July that they will receive the August payments by mail. Due to an issue expected to be resolved by the September payments, a percentage of these recipients – less than 15% – who received payments by direct deposit in July will be mailed paper checks for the August payment. For those affected, no additional action is needed for the September payment to be issued by direct deposit. Families can visit the Child Tax Credit Update Portal to see if they're receiving a direct deposit or paper check this month;

For those receiving their payments by paper check, be sure to allow extra time for delivery by mail through the end of August. Those wishing to receive future payments by direct deposit can make this change using the Child Tax Credit Update Portal (<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-update-portal>), available only on IRS.gov. To access the portal or to get a new step-by-step guide for using it, visit [IRS.gov/childtax-credit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtax-credit2021). A change made by 11:59 p.m. ET on Aug. 30 will apply starting with the September payment;

Payments went to eligible families who filed a 2019 or 2020 income tax return. Returns processed by Aug. 2 are reflected in these payments. This includes people who don't typically file a return but during 2020 successfully registered for Economic Impact Payments using the IRS Non-Filers tool on IRS.gov or in 2021 successfully used the Non-filer Sign-up Tool for advance CTC, also available only on IRS.gov;

Payments are automatic. Aside from filing a tax return, including a simplified return from the Non-filer Sign-up Tool, families don't have to do anything if they are eligible to receive monthly payments. The Non-Filer Sign-Up tool is available until October 15, 2021;

Families who did not get a July payment and are getting their first monthly payment in August will still receive their total advance payment for the year. This means that the total payment will be spread over five months, rather than six, making each monthly payment larger. For these families, each payment is up to \$360 per month for each child under age 6 and up to \$300 per month for each child ages 6 through 17;

Additionally, the IRS is correcting an issue regarding the advance CTC payments for families where the parent(s) have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) and the qualifying children have a Social Security number. Such families who did not receive a July payment are receiving a monthly payment in August, which also includes a portion of the July payment. They will receive the remainder of the July payment in late August.

**Low-Income Families Can Still Sign Up**

It's not too late for low-income families to sign up for advance CTC payments. The IRS urged anyone who normally isn't required to file a tax return to explore the tools available on IRS.gov. These tools can help determine eligibility for the advance CTC or help people file a simplified tax return to sign up for these payments as well as Economic Impact Payments and the Recovery Rebate Credit. People can get these benefits, even if they don't work and even if they receive no income.

The IRS continues to raise awareness of the expanded Child Tax Credit. The IRS encourages partners and community groups to share information and use available online tools and toolkits to help non-filers, low-income families and other underserved groups sign up to receive the advance Child Tax Credits as well as Economic Impact Payments. People can check their eligibility for the advance payments by using the new advance Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant.

**Families Can Stop Payments Anytime**

Families can stop payments anytime, even after payments begin. They do that by using the unenroll feature in the Child Tax Credit Update Portal. Eligible families who make this choice will still receive the rest of their Child Tax Credit as a lump sum when they file their 2021 federal income tax return next year. To stop all payments starting in September and the rest of 2021, they must unenroll by 11:59 p.m. ET on Aug. 30, 2021.

For married couples, each spouse must unenroll separately. If they each choose to unenroll, they will receive no monthly payments. If only one spouse unenrolls, they will still receive monthly payments, but they will be half the normal amount.

The unenroll feature can also be helpful to any family that no longer qualifies for the CTC or believes they will not qualify when they file their 2021 return. This could happen if, for example, someone else, such as an ex-spouse or another family member, qualifies to claim their child or children as dependents in 2021.

Links to these tools, a step-by-step guide to using the Non-filer Sign-up Tool, answers to frequently asked questions and other helpful resources are available on the tax agency's special advance CTC 2021 page. It's at [IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021). ★

## iVoterGuide Provides Key Information about Recall and Candidates

### Hamilton Strategies Press Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California gubernatorial recall election is underway and voters across the state are eager to make their voices heard. This special election is being held to answer two important questions: Should Gavin Newsom be recalled from the office of Governor? If so, who should replace him? How voters answer these two questions could transform the political landscape of both California and the U.S. for years.

For Debbie Wuthnow, president of iVoterGuide, this recall election provides a unique opportunity. "An opportunity like this hasn't occurred in California in years. Recent polls indicate that the state is evenly split over the effort to recall Governor Newsom, with the majority of California voters still undecided. This is exactly what iVoterGuide is for – equipping voters with facts about each candidate so they can cast an informed vote."

While Republican voters may have already decided whether Governor Newsom should be recalled, iVoterGuide provides the well-sourced facts that California voters can share with their family and neighbors who need a reminder of Governor Newsom's policies and actions that led to the recall effort. If the vote to recall exceeds 50%, then the candidate who receives the most votes will become California's governor until the November 2022 election. The toxic political climate and recent global events underscores the urgency for voters to choose the candidate most likely to respect personal freedoms

and govern with integrity.

Voters asked for iVoterGuide to cover this election and provide research to assist them in choosing between the dozens of contenders, and iVoterGuide quickly compiled all the necessary information about the current candidates. iVoterGuide gathered links to candidate websites and social media accounts, as well as listed important ideological donations either given to or by the candidates. For those who have held office, iVoterGuide lists any vote ratings earned. Additionally, each candidate received an issue questionnaire.

iVoterGuide is a one-stop resource for candidate ratings and election information. In 2020, iVoterGuide's expert researchers gave an in-depth analysis – and overall rating – from the perspective of unchanging truth for 8,000+ candidates in more than 3,300 races nationwide. Additionally, iVoterGuide offers election dates, registration deadlines, polling locations, and other information needed to help Americans vote wisely and identify candidates on the ballot who share their values. Related tools are also available to inform family, neighbors, and business associates about getting their own personalized ballots. iVoterGuide is helping to restore the principles of limited government, free enterprise, and traditional American values.

iVoterGuide also created Pray for Leaders, an easy way for voters to pray by name for the officials whom they personally have the authority to elect.

For more information on the iVoterGuide at [hamiltonstrategies.com/ivoterguide/](https://hamiltonstrategies.com/ivoterguide/) ★

## Local Executives Named to Leadership Roles in Heart Challenge

By Liz Faris,  
American Heart Association

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The American Heart Association, the world's leading nonprofit organization focused on ensuring longer, healthier lives for all, has named Eric Dvorak, Vice President of Human Resources for Centene Corporation and Health Net of California as its 2021 Heart Challenge Chair.

The American Heart Association's Heart Challenge® is a suite of activities and initiatives designed to help companies positively impact employee overall health and well-being. The program is anchored in a series of customizable workplace events that inspires employees to be more engaged, reconnect with colleagues, get in their physical activity, support a great cause and have a lot of fun doing it.

The Sacramento Heart Challenge culminates with the 209 Heart and Stroke Walk which will be held on September 25, 2021 at two different pop-up start lines across the city located at Heart Health Park at Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815 and Dignity Health Methodist Hospital of Sacramento, 7500 Hospital Dr, Sacramento, CA 95823. The Heart and Stroke Walks is supported by local Healthy for Good cause sponsors CVC, Dignity Health, Western Health Advantage and local signature sponsors HealthNet and Pacific Coast Building Products.

The Heart and Stroke Walk unites the community in celebrating health and honoring survivors. Dvorak will be joined by other likeminded city executives working to increase physical and mental health, combat burnout and promote community

engagement. The executive committee members include:

**Dr. Khuram Arif**, Chief Medical Officer, Western Health Advantage; **Bob Clark**, Co-CEO, Clark Pacific; **Diane Dusseau**, Managing Director, Wells Fargo; **Dustin Vicari**, CRO, Sacramento Republic FC/ EVP, Elevate Sports Ventures; **Ryan Lucchetti**, President, PABCO; **Dr. Jeffrey Rosenburg**, Chief Medical Officer, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital; **Christopher Rouen**, Partner, Moss Adams; **Dr. Alan Shatzel**, Medical Director, Neurology, Mercy Medical Group; **Dan Staszak**, CEO and Founder, Staszak & Company; **Sreshtha Wickramasinghe**, Managing Director, Deloitte; **Tim Wilbanks**, Purchasing Manager, Nor-Cal Beverage

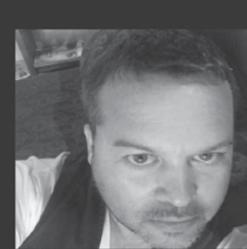
Whether in the company office or home offices, employees participate in fun physical and mental challenges providing the opportunity for meaningful social connections and play breaks during the workday to help combat burnout and alleviate stress.

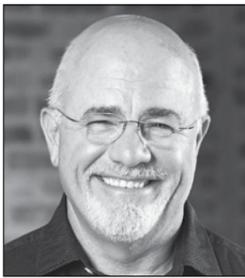
The funds raised at Heart Challenge events fund the mission of the American Heart Association to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives while supporting priority issues in Sacramento. Chronic disease management has been identified by the American Heart Association's local board of directors for 2021 to propel work to support the Association's 2024 Health Equity Impact Goal, reducing barriers to health care access and quality.

To learn more about engaging your workforce in Heart Challenge events, or to join Eric Dvorak and other area executives, visit [www.sacramentoheartwalk.org](https://www.sacramentoheartwalk.org) or for more information. ★

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## Dave Ramsey Says

– if renters are in there. They have the legal right of quiet enjoyment, meaning I don't get to show up at all hours and harass them. But I'm not letting them stiff-arm me and use COVID-19 as an excuse. I mean, tenants thinking they have the right to give the landlord and owner zero access? Maybe places like the Socialist Republic of California allow this kind of crap, but most states have common sense, plus reasonable tenant and landlord protections. Yeah, the whole feel of this makes me think there's something very wrong going on inside this house.

I can imagine your frustration, Tracy. It makes me angry just thinking about it. If they've got a sick child or adult in the home, or someone's out of work but actively looking for a job, then I'll show a lot of compassion and back off a little. I'll try to work with them to resolve things in a way that's good for everyone. But if they're just playing games or misbehaving and using

COVID-19 as an excuse on top of that, I'd have no problem removing them.

I think you need to dig up a little deeper on this one. Check the current laws in South Carolina, especially any laws concerning a possible eviction moratorium and get in touch with a good real estate attorney. There are times when we're called upon to be understanding and generous. But I have very little tolerance for someone who tries to take advantage of me.

– Dave  
*Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.* ★

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– Tracy  
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FILE NO. F20210723

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The following person(s) is doing business as: Ready All Rowing, 305 Bridge Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo.

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CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #CV2021-1388

Anatolivna Vinnikova has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Anatolivna Vinnikova to Natalya Sorochan.

CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #CV2021-1401

Zoya V. Popova has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Zoya V. Popova to Zoya Vladimirovna Popova.

CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #CV2021-1436

Shivani Jitendra Sachania has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shivani Jitendra Sachania to Shivani Jitendra DiDucca.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHARON J. GREEN

CASE NO. PR2021-0181

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# Local Student Graduates from Space Camp

Submitted by Kimberly Austin

**HUNTSVILLE, AL (MPG)** - Ethan Haggard of West Sacramento, CA recently attended Advanced Space Academy at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, home of Space Camp®, Space Camp® Robotics™, Aviation Challenge® and U.S. Cyber Camp®. The Rocket Center is a Smithsonian Affiliate and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center's Official Visitor Center.

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This program is specifically designed for trainees who have a passion for space exploration. Ethan spent the week training with a team that flew a simulated space mission to the International Space Station (ISS), the Moon or Mars. The crew participated in experiments and successfully completed an extra-vehicular activity (EVA), or spacewalk. Ethan and crew returned to earth in time to graduate with honors.

Space Camp is located in Huntsville, Alabama, and uses astronaut training

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# MCCC Justice Leadership Award Nominations Sought

Yolo County District Attorney's Office

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - The Yolo County District Attorney's Multi-Cultural Community Council Justice Leadership Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, via zoom.

The mission of the Yolo County's Multi-Cultural Community Council is to enrich understanding of Yolo County's diverse population and to celebrate how cultural knowledge expands our ability to accept and appreciate differences. The Multi-Cultural Community Council is made up of

individuals from throughout Yolo County. The MCCC is led by Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig, along with MCCC Chairperson Tessa Smith. The MCCC acts as an advisory group to Reisig.

The awards ceremony is focused on recognizing individuals or organizations who promote multi-cultural relationships, acceptance and peace; forge diverse coalitions to assure ongoing community dialogue related to cultural awareness, the criminal justice system, and public safety; and ensure multi-cultural community participation in educational and informational

programs related to accessing, understanding and providing input to the criminal justice system.

The MCCC is requesting nominations to recognize individuals or organizations in the following categories: Administration of Justice; Faith Based Communities; Public Schools; Human Services; and Community Engagement Volunteer. Nominations are due September 24, 2021.

If you would like to nominate a person or group, please complete the nomination form here and return to Wendy Wilcox at: [wendy.wilcox@yolocounty.org](mailto:wendy.wilcox@yolocounty.org). ★

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**NOTICE OF 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 Fst W est Sacramento, ca 95605 on 09/06/2021 @2:00PM : Michelle West household items, furniture, and boxes. Sherae Torio Household Item. Jennifer Wilcox personal items, small dresser [www.storage-treasures.com](http://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. 8/20, 8/27/21  
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**NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a mobilehome, registered to Juan M Ledesma, and described as a 1967 Nashua mobilehome, Decal Number AAV5354, Serial Number S76357, Label/Insigria Number A191663, and stored on property within the Capri Mobile Home Park, 504 Glide Ave, County of Yolo, West Sacramento, California 95691 (specifically the space designated as Space 63 within the park), will be sold by auction at the mobilehome park at 504 Glide Ave, County of Yolo, West Sacramento, California 95691 (specifically the space designated as Space 63 within the park), on September 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., and such succeeding sales days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sales will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale.

This sale is conducted on a cash or certified fund basis only (cash, cashier's check or travelers' checks only). Personal checks and/or business checks are not acceptable. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. No exceptions. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees.

This sale is conducted under the authority of California Civil Code 798.56a and Commercial Code 7210.

DATED August 13, 2021

Capri Mobile Home Park  
504 Glide Ave  
West Sacramento, Ca 95691  
August 20 and 27, 2021  
8-27-2021

**Notice of Public Sale**  
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 Sept. 9, 2021, approx. 12:00pm on [storage-treasures.com](http://storage-treasures.com)  
Anthony Martinez, Drake Montes, Jewell Wilkins, Maria Arreola, Judy Patrick, James Phipps, Danika Andrews, Erik Amon, Jeremy Owings, Manuel Ramos, Ashley Christman, Austin Trent  
August 27 and September 3, 2021  
9-3-2021

**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 listed below.

Life Storage #635  
3280 Jefferson Blvd  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
(916) 492-2056

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.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com), which will end on Thursday September 23th, 2021 at 10:00am

Jeremy Nicholson - Hsld gds/ Furn

Angela Alcaraz - Hsld gds/ Furn, TV/Stereo Equip, Tools/ Appliances  
Aug. 27 and Sept 3, 2021

**LIEN SALE NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 3071 AND 3072 OF THE CIVIL CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE UNDERSIGNED, CITIZENS TOWING & IMPOUND 1244 FORTNA AVE WOODLAND, CA 95776 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC SALE ON: AUGUST 31, 2021 10:00AM THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:  
2017 HYUND TRNSLEAD LIC# U674860 TN VIN# 3H3V532C8H1367410  
8/27/21  
CNS-3502072#  
NEWS-LEDGER 8-27-2021

**NOTICE CALLING FOR NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 307**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Water Code Section 50731.5, nominating petitions for the office of Trustee of Reclamation District No. 307 must be presented to the District Secretary by mail at P.O. Box 518, Clarksburg, California 95612 between Thursday, August 19, 2021, and Thursday, September 9, 2021 by 5:00 pm. The terms of three Trustees expire this year.

Dated: August 19, 2021

PETER G. DWYER, JR.  
Secretary – Reclamation District No. 307  
Aug 27, 2021

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's ProcureNow system at <https://secure.procurenw.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 PM local time on Wednesday, September 22, 2021**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

**SLUDGE COLLECTORS REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The City of West Sacramento is soliciting bids for the removal and replacement of the Sludge Collector System, plus the installation of a new pump, necessary electricals for the new pump. The Sludge Collector is located at the George Kristoff Water Treatment Plant in West Sacramento 400 North Harbor Blvd, just west of Highway 80. The facility was built in 1987 and has had several repairs.

- August 27, 2021 Bid Publication
- September 2, 2021 Pre-Bid walk through 9AM (Non-Mandatory) The George Kristoff Water Treatment Plant, 400 N Harbor Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95605
- September 10, 2021 Questions Due 5PM
- September 22, 2021 Open Bids
- October 6, 2021 City Council
- October 13, 2021 Notice to Proceed (TENTATIVE)

**Project Construction Cost Estimate: \$1,452,000.00**  
This is not a Federal Aid project.

**1.Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within two hundred and fifty (250) working days of the Notice to Proceed

**2.Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the Virtual Project Manager services of ProcureNOW. You must sign up to use this service which will automatically inform you of updates and amendments. Hard copies are not available from the City.

**3. Questions:** Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's ProcureNow link at <https://secure.procurenw.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the ProcureNow system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is Friday, September 10, 2021 by 5:00 PM local time.

**4.Submission of Proposals:** Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's ProcureNow system at <https://secure.procurenw.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until 2:00 PM local time on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the: Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be submitted through the City's ProcureNow

system at <https://secure.procurenw.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.

**5.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.

**6.Construction License:** Bidder must possess a current Class "A" General Engineering Contractor's License issued by the State of California, at the time the Bid is submitted.

**7.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.

**8.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.

**9.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.

**10.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.

**11.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.

**12.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.

**13.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.

**14.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: Inambao Lifanu, Project Manager II  
Date: 08/19/2021  
Aug. 27 and Sept 3, 2021

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE**

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 9/20/2021 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: \$908,115.97 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you**

a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site [WWW.AUCTION.COM](http://WWW.AUCTION.COM), using the file number assigned to this case 079232-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website [www.clearreconcorp.com](http://www.clearreconcorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case 079232-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 921170 8/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/3/2021 9-3-21

number 2021-0013366, book XX, page XX notice is hereby given that on 9/14/2021 at 12:45 PM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder. Legal Description: LOT 6, ELKHORN VILLAGE NO. 10, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF YOLO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ON AUGUST 17, 1961 IN BOOK 6 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 106 AND 107 Commonly known as: 1013 PIERCE STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO- CA 95605 The sale will be held at THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$367,447.37. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorate share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$36,744.74 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$36,744.74 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be apportioned toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to the foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$367,447.37, as of 9/13/2021, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Dated: 8/9/2021 By: Rhonda Rorie, Nationwide Reconveyance, LLC U.S. Dept. of HUD Foreclosure Commissioner 5677 Oberlin Dr., Ste 210 San Diego, CA 92121 (858) 201-3590 Fax (858-348-4976 TSNR-5214-CA SDI-21596)08/20/2021, 08/27/2021, 09/3/2021 9-3-21

# 'To Newsom or Not to Newsom' Social Security Matters

## If I Apply Now, When Will I Get My First Social Security Payment?



Commentary by W. Bruce Lee

Governor Newsom's recall election concludes September 14, and the rhetoric is heating up, so it's important to carefully evaluate what's being said! We will see more political advertisements bombarding us!

The first ad I saw was the rapid-paced Newsom's "Roaring Back" blitzkrieg. It starts with, "Newsom is delivering money to your pocket!" It continues ... \$1,100 in your pocket, plus \$500 if you have children (Covid relief). It then proclaims he delivered \$4 billion in small business grants (again Covid). A couple projects by Newsom are mentioned and it ends with "Free Pre-K" for every child!!

Honestly, my first reaction was that Newsom is paying us to vote for him. Money for everyone! However, most of that money is federal money and all of that money is taxpayer money.

The other ad I viewed was US Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts) "Here's the Deal" declaration. "Republicans across the country are attacking the election results and the right to vote." And, she asserts, these same evil forces are attacking California in a power grab. This "Partisan Recall" is "abusing the recall process," Warren declares!

How so, I wonder? How is the process being

abused? The process was laid out in state law for anyone to use since 1911.

Since 1913, eleven recalls have qualified for the ballot (of 179 attempts) and six were successful per the Secretary of State. Of those six, three republicans and three democrats were recalled. That doesn't seem too partisan. And, if this is such a partisan power play, why is Warren from Massachusetts doing the ad and not one of our two US California Senators (both democrats)? Other Newsom ads speak of "anti-science republicans" and other guilt by association smears.

And, by the way, if you ask who is funding the Warren ad, it's Reed Hastings (Netflix founder/CEO) who was also on the board of Facebook; the Service Employees International Union #215 (state employees union); and the California Democratic Party.

Newsom blasts the \$276 million cost of the recall, which is a lot of money. However, that pales with other state expenditures, such as the proposed \$1 billion being foisted by the legislature to tear down and rebuild the Capitol annex so legislators can have new luxury offices! The recall is a legitimate expense of citizens exercising ownership over their government. The Annex is just the legislators padding their own chairs!

There are approximately 22 million registered voters in California. About 24.2% are republicans, 46.1% are democrats, and 24% have no party preference. To gather the 1.5 million signatures to qualify the recall (1.6 million were collected), I am confident that there were a few democrats mixed in the petitions. And, last spring

when Newsom touted the 30 day period when people could retract their signatures ... less than 50 did so. How embarrassing!

In an August 2-4, 2021 statewide poll for the San Diego Union, 51% favored recalling Newsom (up from 36% in May). Only 40% wanted to keep him (down from 47% in May).

Now, you may like or dislike Newsom, and I'll keep my opinion to myself, but I can confidently predict the recall is not about partisanship, but perceived performance by the voters.

If voters do recall Newsom, we have 46 replacement candidates, most of whom are useless, "vanity candidates" who clutter the names of the six or seven serious candidates. Yes, with \$4,200 and 65 friends, you, too, could have run for governor! Please don't waste your vote on a lost cause candidate, the issues are too important. Just be glad we don't have the 135 candidates as we did in 2003 with the Gray Davis recall.

Be skeptical of advertisements. Beware of what is promised but unproven! Come to events, such as our SacTax (Sacramento Taxpayers Association) interviews with Governor candidates this year. Be informed and intelligent. Exercise ownership over our governments. These recommendations will make each of us better citizens!

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). ★



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** If I were to apply for my Social Security retirement (I'm 68 on August 1, 2021), when could I realistically expect to receive my first check? **Signed: Ready to Claim**

**Dear Ready:** Social Security suggests applying for benefits 2 - 3 months before you wish them to begin, to allow time for processing your application. When you apply, you will specify the month you wish your benefits to start, and that is when your benefits will officially begin. But Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month they are earned. So, if, for example, you applied and specified September as your benefit start month, your benefit for that month wouldn't be received until October. The payment date for you will be on the 2nd Wednesday (because you were born between the 1st and 10th of the month), and your payment won't be by check but rather by direct deposit into your bank account. Here are a few other things you should



be aware of:

- Since you were born on the 1st of the month, your benefit is computed using the previous month as your eligibility date. If your year of birth was 1953, your full retirement age (FRA) was 66, which means that you actually reached your FRA in July 2019.
- Since you reached your FRA of 66, you have been earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) at the rate of .67% per month (8% additional benefit per year). You can earn DRCs up to age 70, at which point your SS benefit would be 32% more than it would have been at your FRA.
- If you will be 68 on August 1st, you have already earned 16% additional benefit through DRCs. That means your benefit, if claimed to start in July will be 16% more than it would have been at age 66. You will specify the month you wish your benefit to start when you apply.
- Social Security applies DRCs in January of each year, so if you apply mid-year 2021, your DRCs earned in

2021 won't be applied to your benefit payment until January of 2022.

You can claim up to 6 months retroactive benefits, which would be paid in a lump sum. If you choose to take retroactive benefits your "benefit-start-month" will be backdated by 6 months, your benefit amount will be reduced accordingly (by 4%), and you'll get that reduced benefit for the rest of your life (except for Cost of Living Adjustments annually awarded).

So, this may be more detail than you expected for your simple question, but claiming SS is a serious decision and it's important you have complete information before you apply.

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## Thank A Veteran Today

### Crossword Puzzle on Page 8

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**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

- \*\_mater
- \*Graduate degree, acr.
- Opposite of stereo
- Defense ditch
- Fishing rod attachment
- More sure
- One's final notice
- Dutch cheese
- Golfer's traction aid
- \*Half-year terms
- At the summit of
- Water nymph
- Actor \_\_\_ Mahershala
- Be a busybody
- Metrical foot in poetry
- Earlier in time, archaic
- Become bony
- Shakespeare's tragic monarch
- Labanotation founder
- Theodor Geisel, \_\_\_ Dr. Seuss
- Threshold
- Relating to the ear
- Weather advisories, e.g.
- + or - atom
- Widely esteemed
- Most mature, as in fruit
- Indian dish
- Dashboard window
- Female sheep, pl.
- \*"The Breakfast Club" punishment
- Flower holders
- Singles
- High school breakout
- Acoustic output
- Overwhelming defeat
- \*Gym class test?
- Catchall abbr.
- \*Geography class staple
- Not talker?

**DOWN**

- \_\_\_ of cookie fame
- Stud site
- Cripple
- \*Go to class
- Mythological princess of Colchis
- TV cooking show pioneer
- James \_\_\_
- Contributions to the poor
- \*Kind of choice
- Black and white treat
- Less than average tide
- Table scrap
- Laces again
- Milan's La \_\_\_
- Manicurist's office
- Is it \_\_\_ wonder?
- Hard on outside, juicy on inside
- One of the Muses
- Payment option
- From a great distance
- Chill-inducing
- Type of palm tree, pl.
- Council of \_\_\_ city in Italy
- \*Back-to-School retail event
- WWII general who became President
- \*Faculty member
- "Peace" with fingers
- TV classic "\_\_\_ in the Family"
- Superlative of true
- Lowest male singing voice
- Small bomb
- Christopher Columbus' birthplace
- Consumed (2 words)
- Small ladies' handbag
- What one does at the altar

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# What's All These Gadgets For?

Dr. James L. Snyder

Without any hesitation, I will gladly admit that I am on the short side when it comes to gadgets. For me, most of them do not make any sense at all. Instead, I like things simple and easy.

As for the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, she is obsessed with gadgets. She loves them almost as much as I love Apple Fritters. I've gone into her "Craft Room" and noticed all the gadgets neatly placed where they belong. Unfortunately, I could not tell you the identification of any of them.

I am gadgets-illiterate while she is gadget-obsessed.

I did not know how obsessed she was with gadgets until recently.

My truck was giving me some trouble, so I took it to my mechanic to look it over. Much to my distress, he said the engine was just about shot, and it would have to be replaced.

Because I did not have my truck, I had to borrow the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's van.

I thanked her, got into her van, and it took quite a few minutes to get the seat settled where I can operate it.

After a few minutes, I was able to start it on and then try to figure out how to put it in reverse. I found it finally and backed out of our driveway.

With a few more little squeeges, I put it back into drive and went forward.

So, while driving along, I began to fiddle with the mirrors, trying to adjust them to where I could see out of them. There is a gadget for each mirror, and I got the gadgets mixed up. Finally, I got it to where it was at least usable for my driving.

Pressing several buttons, I finally was able to find the button for the radio. Unfortunately, the sound was very low. Now, I had to find a gadget to turn the sound up so I could hear it.

I'm unsure which gadget I pressed, but the sound went through the roof, scaring me so much that I almost jumped out of the vehicle. Fiddling around, I finally lowered the sound.

I had to make a right turn, and so I turned on the turn signal the way I usually do it in my truck, and it wasn't heaven that came through that van.

The windshield wipers began, the windows went up and down several times, the horn sounded

three or four times, and I was a mess.

Very carefully, I managed to pull to the side and stop the vehicle. I sat there trying to figure out where do I start turning off all of these gadgets?

An idea floated in my mind amid all this confusion. Why not turn the vehicle off, and maybe all the gadgets would close down.

I turned it on with my fingers crossed, and to my delight, all of the gadgets were not on. I'm not sure what I did; I hope I don't have to do it again.

A verse of Scripture came to my mind as I was driving home. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7).

Instruction seems to be the gateway to wisdom. I have a hard time with following instructions, which is why I have trouble and not just with gadgets.

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# Will Legislature Confront California Housing Crisis?



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

California had a huge and growing housing problem before COVID-19 reared its ugly head 18 months ago, falling well short each year of state construction goals.

The pandemic, which continues to flare up, "exacerbated a long-standing housing shortage, intensified a statewide affordability crisis, and provoked housing instability," the new state budget declares.

While suddenly unemployed workers struggled, and often failed, to make their monthly payments, the prices for homes soared, freezing out many who aspired to ownership.

The budget projects that California will add, at best, about 100,000 housing units this year, which is scarcely half of the 180,000 units state housing authorities say are needed to meet current demand and reduce the backlog. And that projection did not take into account the current COVID-19 surge.

The Legislature has reconvened after its summer vacation and is sprinting toward adjournment in mid-September. Housing is, or should be, at the top of its agenda.

While many factors affect the housing shortage,

the most important is the reluctance of suburban communities to embrace multi-family housing projects, particularly those for low- and moderate-income renters.

Dubbed "not-in-my-backyard," or NIMBY, it is by no means a recent phenomenon. One could trace it back to the anti-Asian exclusion laws of the 19th century, and 20th century anti-okie laws and whites- and Christians-only deed covenants.

As California's population exploded after World War II, some rural communities attempted to avoid becoming commuter suburbs. When Petaluma adopted a strict growth control law in the early 1970s, developers sued and the case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which allowed Petaluma's law to remain in effect.

The state has made multiple attempts to overcome NIMBYism, such as imposing residential zoning quotas on regions and cities. Recent versions contain some penalties for cities that ignore their quotas and the state sued one city, Huntington Beach, for ignoring its quota.

One of the state's many anti-NIMBY actions is the Housing Accountability Act, first enacted in 1982 and later tightened up. It essentially bars local governments from arbitrarily blocking housing projects that are "consistent with objective local development standards."

Citing the law, pro-housing organizations have been challenging local governments when they reject low- and moderate-income projects and two cases are looming as tests

of the law's efficacy.

One is in Huntington Beach, which rejected a 48-unit project. The California Renters Legal Advocacy and Education Fund (CaRLA) sued but a local judge ruled for the city, declaring that it had valid reasons, such as increased traffic, to deny a permit for the project.

CaRLA is also suing San Mateo, which imposed stringent design requirements on a 10-unit project that its developers said were onerous. Once again, a local judge ruled for the city and even questioned whether the Housing Accountability Act can be constitutionally applied to a charter city under the home rule doctrine.

Both cases are headed up the legal appeals chain and state Attorney General Rob Bonta is intervening in the San Mateo case to defend the law's application.

That brings us back to the final weeks of the legislative session and two highly controversial anti-NIMBY measures. Senate Bill 9 is the latest effort by Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins to allow small multi-family projects on lots zoned for single-family homes, while SB 10 would allow local governments to approve up to 10 units of housing on any lot, regardless of current zoning, near transit.

Whether they pass or fail will tell us much about the direction of housing policy as California's crisis continues.

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

# Third Doses Authorized for Those with Weakened Immunity

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A third additional dose of vaccine should be administered no sooner than 28 days after their second dose. The FDA authorization does not extend to those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or to fully vaccinated individuals who are not moderately or severely immunocompromised. Studies of additional doses of Johnson & Johnson for immunocompromised persons are ongoing; the results of these studies will determine if and when additional doses of vaccine are needed for immunocompromised persons who received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

While the Pfizer and Moderna

vaccines are highly effective for the majority of individuals, there is evidence that individuals who are severely immunocompromised are not fully protected after receiving the two-dose series and that this group may benefit from a third dose.

For more information about Yolo County's COVID-19 vaccine program and opportunities to get vaccinated, visit [www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-vaccine](http://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-vaccine). Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for related information and resources. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>. ★



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# Riley Reviews

**“THE PROTÉGÉ” MASTERS VENGEANCE;  
“9/11” TV DOCUMENTARIES**



**A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley**

**“THE PROTÉGÉ” RATED R**

Netflix’s “Gunpowder Milkshake” has as its protagonist a young woman who’s quite proficient as a professional contract killer. Meanwhile, the same situation is at hand in “The Protégé,” a stylish action thriller with a deadly efficient female assassin.

In a 1991 prologue, we find a young Vietnamese girl hiding in a closet and holding a gun she used to kill the murderers of her parents. Rescued by legendary assassin Moody (Samuel L. Jackson), the young girl is trained in the business.

Now an adult, Maggie Q’s Anna, teamed in an apprenticeship with her father figure Moody, becomes a skilled contract killer in her own right, all the while running her own London store selling rare books as her true passion.

With a nagging cough and a looming retirement seeming inevitable, Moody’s days as a wily assassin may be coming to an end. Meanwhile, the enigmatic Michael Rembrandt (Michael Keaton) visits Anna’s bookstore, setting in motion an inevitable cat-and-mouse game.

While there’s an oddly flirtatious situation between Anna and the much older Rembrandt, the romantic friction only delays for the moment the fact that Rembrandt is an agent for a crime boss hiding out in Vietnam who presents a danger for Moody and Anna.

Not wanting to return to her homeland as the result of bad childhood memories, Anna must nevertheless seek out the mysterious crime lord while getting some help from a biker gang led by Robert Patrick’s Billy Boy, who would look more at home at a rally in Sturgis.

Anna goes from looking glamorous in a sleek red dress at a fancy restaurant dinner with Rembrandt to becoming a hostage being tortured by waterboarding by a bunch of thugs who ultimately prove no match for this assassin.

Directed by Martin Campbell (“Casino Royale”), one can be forgiven for having the notion that “The Protégé” is like a test run for having Maggie Q in a future role of a female James Bond. She certainly demonstrates the chops for a tough secret agent.

An action picture offering gripping escapism, “The Protégé” is worth watching if for no better reason than enjoying Maggie Q’s fierce take on lethal vengeance which delivers an exciting excess of break-neck thrills.

**“9/11” DOCUMENTARIES ON TV**

Not surprisingly with the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attack on our mainland coming on September 11th, a variety of 9/11 documentaries are scheduled across various platforms.

At the end of August, National Geographic Channel will premiere the

six-part documentary series “9/11: One Day in America” made in official collaboration with the 9/11 Memorial & Museum.

The series offers a comprehensive account of the day using archival footage – some never before seen – and new, original interviews with eyewitnesses who now have had almost two decades to reflect on the events they lived through.

The perspective of first responders and survivors includes the first FDNY chief to arrive at the World Trade Center and a firefighter who escaped the North Tower just before it collapsed. Paramedics recall their devastating encounters of searching for life in the rubble.

The History Channel plans an extensive observance of the 9/11 anniversary with a series of seven hours of documentary programming, beginning with “9/11: The Legacy,” a poignant sharing of stories from young adults who were children impacted by the terrorist attack.

“Rise and Fall: The World Trade Center” covers the first terrorist attack during the 1993 bombing and unpacks in vivid detail a timeline of how and why the building fell after commercial airliners flew into the towers on September 11.

Through personal narratives of family and friends, “9/11: Four Flights” tells the riveting and emotional human stories of those aboard each doomed jetliner. We probably recall the final heart-wrenching phone calls and harrowing yet heroic moments especially on the United 93 flight.

Featuring rare footage and audio, “9/11: I Was There” unveils an intimate portrayal of the events of September 11 captured by ordinary people who chose to pick up their video cameras that day.

A two-hour documentary, “9/11: I Was There” puts viewers in the shoes of New Yorkers and visitors alike to unfold the tragedy, the fear of what was next and the horrific aftermath to follow resulting in a raw and unfiltered telling of that fateful day.

Apple TV+ announced “9/11” Inside the President’s War Room” which tells the story of 9/11 through the eyes of President George W. Bush and his team of key decision makers who responded for the nation during the 12 hours after the strike on that horrific day.

The Apple TV+ documentary will feature never-before-heard testimony not only from President Bush, but from administration officials that include Vice President Dick Cheney, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Chief of Staff Andy Card, among others.

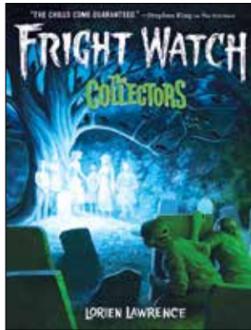
Anyone of a certain age to remember September 11, 2001 will be likely moved by the storytelling of a dark chapter in our history and yet be inspired by those who displayed feats of heroism and altruism in response. ★

## The Collectors (Fright Watch Series) by Lorien Lawrence

Quinn and Mike thought everything from their crazy summer was finally behind them. After all, the Oldies are gone forever, and their neighborhood is finally getting back to normal, or so they thought.

Quinn has had an unsettling feeling about the new neighbors the moment they moved in. At first, everything seemed ok, and then things became a little alarming. It’s not the fact that they moved into the Oldies’ old houses, or that the five women are always immaculately dressed, never with a hair out of place, or even the fact that they always wear white; It’s the feeling that she gets when she is around them. First, it’s the way they stare at her and the fact that she feels cold whenever they are around, but when Quinn thinks she sees a glass fall through one of their hands, she knows there is definitely something wrong.

To make matters even worse, the new neighbors, who Quinn and Mike nicknamed “The Ladies in White,” invite Lex to volunteer at their design firm. Within days Lex starts to seem a little off. It begins with Lex ditching her colorful, trendy outfits only



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to wear white, then as time moves on, Lex starts to look as if she is starting to fade! Quinn knows if she and Mike don’t act fast, they will lose Lex to the Ladies in White forever.

But this time, jumping into a new investigation proves to weigh a little heavier on their minds. Will they be able to uncover the truth before it’s too late, or will The Ladies in White get what they are after?

This series continues all the thrilling *Eerie Indiana* and *Goosebumps* vibes, adding another strange piece of evidence into the mystery of Goodie Lane. At first, it was the

Oldies, and now it’s the Ladies in White. Lorien Lawrence continues to deliver all the spooky vibes in the second book of the *Fright Watch* series, *The Collectors*. You might want to read this one under a blanket with a flashlight in hand.

This time readers will get an even deeper look inside Quinn and Mike’s daily life as the strain of balancing friendship, teammates, family, and responsibilities might be too much. Wherever Quinn and Mike are, they can’t run from the haunting feeling that seems to follow them. However, it’s not just the scary ghost-like feelings; it’s also the little sparks they feel when they tap each other with the tip of their shoe or their fingers brush against one another. The little tender moments are enough to keep readers rooting for these two to discover their feelings while also trying to solve the new mystery of Goodie Lane.

*Fright Watch* is quickly becoming the highly anticipated middle-grade series that is going to take readers by storm. What mystery awaits Goodie Lane next? I guess we will have to wait to find out. ★

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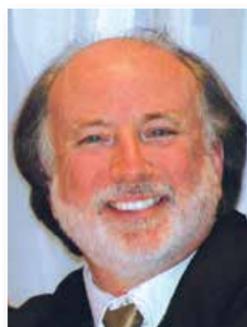
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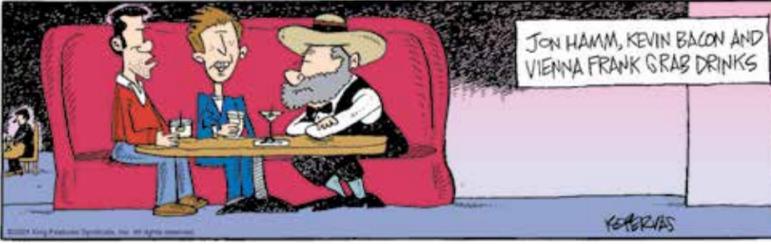
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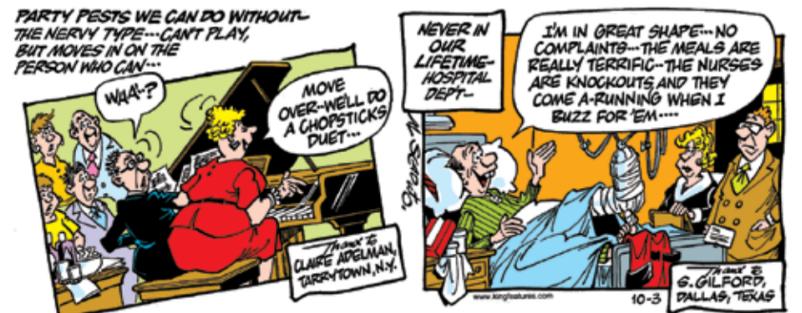
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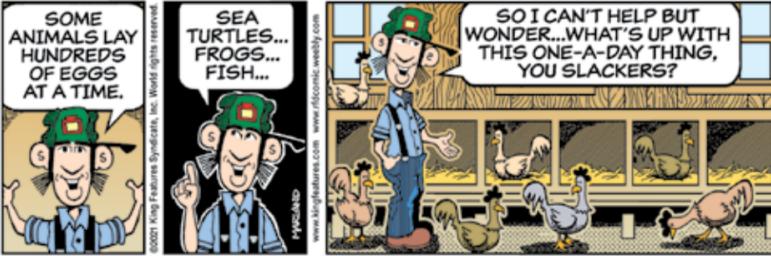
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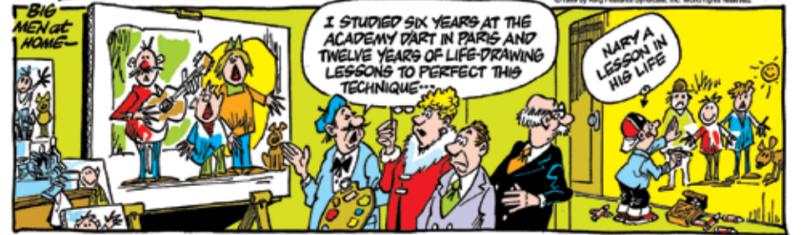


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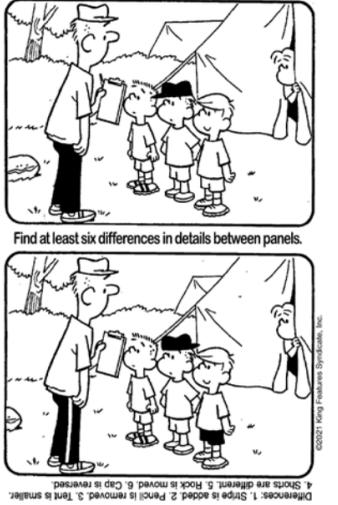
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# Knowledge is Power - Should I Get the Vaccination?

**Commentary**  
by Michele Townsend

Yolo County has reported that the 95605 zip code has the lowest vaccinated population in the county. The West Sacramento Mayor has plans to do her best to get that changed. Community members in West Sacramento are very strong willed (myself included). That strong will tends to make us resist anything that we feel we are being forced into. It took years for them to talk us into uniforms for our school children! Now it feels like we are being forced to get a vaccine that we are unsure about. Of course, there are always just enough horror stories (that nobody knows if they're true) to reassure our reservations of jumping into something like a brand-new vaccine. I mean, they discovered the virus and developed a vaccine in a year! The government doesn't move that fast! Not without there being class action lawsuits about it years later! That tends to make us nervous.

Now we are all in a situation, all over the world, where the term "In these uncertain times..." are a standard prelude into ads, explanations, speeches and our general approach about life. It's understandable that after seeing daily commercials on TV about how a product that has been around for years and years is now found to cause cancer... and that the companies "knew all along and failed to warn the public", that we, as the public, want to be sure before we inject something into our bodies! It is a common misconception that you can get the flu from the flu shot, or COVID from the COVID vaccine. You CANNOT. There is no live virus in the vaccines. Vaccines are made with proteins, enzymes and other biological components that fight, resist or hinder in some way, the way that the illness targeted effects your body. The reason flu shots are every year is because viruses are ever evolving. They adapt and mutate constantly. Therefore, this year's flu shot will help to give you more protection in fighting the flu, but by the time it comes around next year, it will have changed enough that you will need another flu shot that has some additional components in it. That's why the COVID vaccine helps against



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the Delta Variant but doesn't completely prevent it.

People say, "It's just too risky" and "I don't have good luck, I'll be the one that has a bad reaction!" Are there risks? Yes. But you face risks every time you try a new food, smell a new flower, use a different soap or cleaner, or pet a new animal. Let's crunch some numbers... There are roughly 7.674 billion people in the world. Penicillin is a common antibiotic. Most people have taken either penicillin or something from the penicillin family (such as ampicillin or amoxicillin) for one reason or another. Approximately 10%, or 1 - 5 per 10,000 people have an allergic reaction to the cillin family. That is 767 million people that have a reaction to the medicine! If you look up the symptoms of a penicillin allergy, you will find a list of possible side effects ranging from hives, to vomiting, to life threatening anaphylaxis as well as many other symptoms with varying severity. I believe all medicines have potential side effects. There are just too many variables, at any given time. This is why when you are prescribed a new medicine, the doctor will often give it to you while you are still in their office, in case there is an adverse reaction.

To start off with, all patients given the COVID-19 vaccination are monitored for at least 15 - 30 minutes. This is for the sole purpose of having immediate help available if the patient has any reactions or concerns. There are three different brands of COVID-19 vaccine. According to the CDC's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), adverse effects *can* happen, but they are very rare. Let's go back to those numbers... Anaphylaxis (a severe, life threatening, allergic reaction that causes your throat to swell closed) after a COVID-19 vaccination has occurred approximately 2 - 5 people per million in the United States. This can happen after taking ANY medicine/vaccination. That is a huge difference from penicillin! Over 351 million COVID vaccine doses have been administered in the US. However, there are three different kinds of vaccine, so let's break it down a little further.

Johnson & Johnson's Janssen (J&J/Janssen), Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are the three different vaccine manufacturers. If you are going to have a reaction from Pfizer or Moderna, it will happen within 4 hours. If this should happen, do not get the second shot. Some people have reported

getting a rash at the injection site. This is known as COVID arm. If you get COVID arm, you should still get the second shot. However, you should notify your vaccination provider that you had COVID arm. They may want to give you the second shot in the other arm. This is annoying, but not dangerous. Antihistamine should relieve the rash.

Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia Syndrome or TTS (when your immune system eats your platelets, which can cause you to bleed out your capillaries) has been linked to the Johnson & Johnson. As of August 6, 2021 more than 13 million J&J vaccines have been administered. The CDC and FDA confirmed 39 cases of TTS developing after the J&J vaccine. Women under the age of 50 are at significantly higher risk and may want to use a different brand than J&J. To date, 2 confirmed cases of TTS following Moderna have been reported... after more than 335 million doses in the US. The CDC and FDA say that there is not an increased risk of TTS with Moderna.

Another side effect, affiliated with the J&J vaccine is Guillain-Barre Syndrome or GBS (When your immune system damages nerve cells, causing muscle weakness and sometimes

paralysis). This may be temporary or could be permanent. Out of those same 13 million doses administered, 155 cases of GBS have been linked to the J&J vaccine. It happens mostly in men, over the age of 50. A large portion of these cases reported that they developed GBS about two weeks after the vaccine. The other vaccines are not without risks. As of August 6, 2021, 1253 reports of Myocarditis and Pericarditis (inflammation of the heart wall) in people 30 or younger after receiving both Pfizer or Moderna. 730 of those cases took place with teenaged and young men.

It's scary. There's no doubt about that. The reality is that there is a WORLDWIDE pandemic! Sure conspiracy theorists say its fake, but do you seriously think that all of the world leaders would agree to close down the world, knowing the extent of what that would change? Yes, the vaccines were developed faster than any medical knowledge in history... but the *entire world* was working on it at the same time. Even countries that are enemies were working together. When, in all of time, has that ever happened? That should tell you something. The world leaders faced the enormous task of getting the entire world to do something...and the fallout it would cause in literally every aspect of life.

This enemy is like no other enemy that anyone has dealt with in the past. When you know that an enemy may come to get you, you build a defense system to protect yourself and your loved ones. Well this enemy is invisible. It can find you when you hide, it can find you through contact... or near contact with anyone or anything. If a home invasion took place in your home with you and your loved ones, you would want to rely on your defense system. Home invasion by COVID is silent and invisible. You don't know it's in your house until it takes hold of you or someone you love. The defense weapon to fight the silent home invasion IS the vaccine. Yes, you have the right to refuse the vaccine for yourself. We fight for those rights. But those rights come with the expectation of responsibility in using them. There is no way to know if you are an asymptomatic carrier, until it too late. ★

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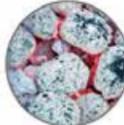
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