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West Capitol Gets Rehab

Safety Enhancement and Road Rehabilitation to Extend through October



Image of West Capitol Ave undergoing pavement milling thanks to local, regional and SB1 funding. Photo: City of West Sacramento

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - We've complained about it for years, but West Capitol is finally being repaved! Construction crews have been working on West Capitol Ave for the last few weeks on the beginning stages of the West Capitol Avenue Safety Enhancement and Road Rehabilitation Project. The construction is expected to go from early August through October and will cause traffic delays throughout that period. In addition to West Capitol, between Enterprise and Jefferson Blvd., construction is also being done on Jefferson Blvd. between

West Capitol Ave and Park Blvd. The construction will be done 24 hours a day and the City recommends that you try to avoid those areas by using alternate routes as much as possible during this time. Sidewalks, fiberoptics and water pipes have already been installed or replaced and the repaving process has begun.

West Capitol Ave. was built in the 1950s as part of the old Lincoln Hwy and was a main road until US50/Business 80 was built. In addition to HSIP and SACOG Regional/local funding, that the city was able to obtain for this project, the project is being funded by SB1 dollars. In

addition to repaving, the project will be adding bike lanes, crosswalks and streetlights to provide an overall safer road for vehicles and pedestrians alike. The city has provided a great addition to their website to answer all questions. It includes a schedule of where exactly the construction is scheduled to be working on each day. It also provides a concept drawing in case you are interested in what the final result will look like. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please e-mail outreach@wcapave.com, call (916) 303-2133 or go to the city's website at www.CityofWestSacramento.org/WestCap. ★

State Awards Over \$1 Million to Expand Sentence Reform Project

Yolo County District Attorney's Office Press Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County was recently selected to be one of nine counties to receive funding for the California County Resentencing Pilot Project. The resentencing pilot project builds upon legislation under AB2942, which became effective January 1, 2018, and gives prosecutors the authority to petition the court to reduce state prison sentences that no longer serve the interests of justice.

After the passage

of AB 2942, the Yolo County District Attorney was one of the first in the state to partner with "For the People," a non-profit started by former San Francisco prosecutor, Hillary Blout, who drafted AB 2942 (www.fortheppl.org). Last fall, King Hall Professor Jack Chin in conjunction with "For the People" and the Yolo DA started a sentencing clinic course at King Hall. The students, under the direction of Professor Chin, assess eligible individuals and make recommendations to the DA's office as to whether inmates should

be considered for a sentence reduction. The DA then files a motion with the court to start the process of reducing the sentence of the incarcerated individual.

Since 2018, the Yolo DA has filed motions in six cases for sentence reductions. <https://yoloda.org/yolo-da-uses-new-law-to-reduce-sentence-of-prison-inmate/>

<https://www.davisenterprise.com/news/local/second-chances-yolo-court-rulings-alter-two-mens-life-courses/> Despite the partnership with "For the People" and the UCD Law School, only

a small number of cases can be reviewed annually. Recognizing the amount of work required to undertake a sentence review and the limited resources, "For the People" requested funding for the Resentencing Pilot Project as part of the 2021-2022 California state budget. Of the \$18 million allotted for this program, the Yolo County District Attorney's Office will receive \$717,000 and the Public Defender's Office will receive \$415,000. While administering the pilot program, and in addition to identifying,

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CDPH Launches New Campaign to Combat Teen Vaping

CDPH Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) launched a new advertising campaign called "Tell Your Story," in response to the latest high school vaping data from its 2019-20 California Student Tobacco Survey. California has made progress in combating the youth vaping epidemic, but with kids going back to in-person learning, it is crucial we continue making progress.

The survey, which includes data from September 2019 to March 2020, revealed that California's high school vaping rate is at its lowest in four years (8.2%) while the number of California teens trying to quit vaping more than doubled since 2018. During the same time, numerous youth and young adults were hospitalized due to the e-cigarette, or vaping product use-associated lung injury (EVALI) outbreak, sending a warning to young people across the state. California was the first state in the nation to respond to the deadly EVALI outbreak with a large-scale public awareness advertising campaign to protect young people, launched by Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order on September 16, 2019.

As California was responding to the EVALI epidemic, the COVID-19 pandemic created another public health crisis that attacks the lungs, reinforcing lung health as a top priority. Smoking and vaping harms the lungs, putting Californians who vape at greater risk from COVID-19. Research has shown teens who have tried vaping are five times more likely to test positive for COVID-19.

"By addressing the dangers of vaping as part of our preparation for schools reopening, California is taking an even more proactive approach in protecting youth health," said Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer. "Returning to in-person learning could mean a spike in teen vaping use at exactly the wrong time. It's critical young people know the facts

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Meeting Our Candidates – Duane Wilson



West Sacramento City Council Candidate, Duane Wilson. Photo provided by Candidate Duane Wilson

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Election time is quickly approaching, and candidates are out in the community trying to get their messages out to influence voters. On September 14th, 2021, a special election is to be held on whether or not there should be a recall of Governor Gavin Newsom. Here in West Sacramento, we also have on the ballot elections to fill the fifth seat of West Sacramento’s City Council. Duane Wilson is one of the candidates who hopes to be elected for the seat. Duane and his family have lived in West Sacramento for 14 years. He is currently “down-to-two” non-profits that he works with.

Founder’s Academy is one of the nonprofits that Duane runs. As Executive Director, he oversees the organization which is designed to help disadvantaged people open and run their own business. They have a mentor network that guides “all the people that get ignored,” Duane said. “These are people who don’t have access to services, who can’t figure out how to get a bank loan, or whether they can apply for one, or how it all works. The whole thing from marketing to design”. This group has partnered with CEOs in the area and founders of other companies. These people partner up and give one-on-one advice and proceed to be their mentors. They do this with no profit to themselves or their groups.

The other group Duane is “just a board member of” is the Friends of Clarksburg Services and Recreation (FCSR). On Instagram, FCSR is known as Clarksburg Parks. There are very few parks in the Clarksburg/Rio Vista area. Those that are there are not well developed at all. FCSR is trying to rectify that. They are working on developing a park with

a sports center, pool and playground. Duane has held the seat on various boards such as daycare and local parks, so he has been involved in our community and its development and growth for quite some time.

In his many activities, Duane has become very familiar with fundraising. He has been involved with events such as Farm to Park... fundraising dinners held to raise money for parks in our city. As a family man and father of school aged children, Duane arrived at the school supply drop-off (sponsored by Yolo County Children’s Alliance and West Sac Kids Give Back) with Mayor Martha Guerrero with several bags of supplies to donate. Duane grew up a Boy Scout and shared that as a child his family would adopt a family and buy them presents. He shared that he really enjoys doing that with his own daughter now. Duane said that it is important that we are sure to focus on after-school programs.

Duane is a very optimistic person and seems to be driven by the goal to make the world a better place for as many people

that he has the ability to help. Big or small, you do what you can. That is his driving force. Duane said, “Cops, firefighters, teachers, they’re like the most undervalued people in our society. We need to pay them more so that they will stay here. We have really awesome people that stay here because they love our city... even though we pay them a lot less than the rest of our region. So, we need to fix the budgeting issues so that we can take care of that!” He continued with “we have a lot of land, we have a lot of space, we can do better things. We can create more businesses and we can pay that tax revenue, but we have to do it in a good way.”

Duane has a solid knowledge of the budget and funding, whether government level funding or grants. He is also familiar with requirements of how that money is spent. “I’m not into empire building”, he said, “I just want to help the city.” Duane talked about the current improvements being made with West Capitol getting fixed and fibers being laid. West Sacramento has a history of starting a lot of projects, but it’s not great about











finishing them. He believes we should do them right the first time, which doesn’t always mean the cheapest.


Duane would like to see a Via type of transportation program, that can go over the bridge to help those that need it. He would like the City to do better in letting the community know things like the fact that the Via transport is not just for seniors. He wants to extend programs for those who make too much money to qualify for low-income programs at all, but not enough money to cover the current cost of living. He believes that we need to get more businesses in West Sac and mentioned more restaurants as well as industry type businesses. “We are in a great area” he said, “and if we get the bridge done and bus service, we’d be doing great!” He referenced San Francisco’s embarcadero area as he explained how he would love to see West Sac have an actual “Downtown” area that you could walk down.

Besides being a generally nice guy, Duane seems to really have a great vision for West Sacramento. He’s not, however, trying to take

it over. He just believes that he has the knowledge and ability to change some things that need a little help in their completion and make some better decisions or changes in the budget with wiser spending, thus focusing on the infrastructure of West Sacramento.

Duane is endorsed by Mayor Martha Guerrero. Martha released the following statement: “I hope you’ll join me in support of Duane Wilson for West Sacramento City Council! As a Dad to a school-aged child, a small business owner and a philanthropist who helps others to realize dreams, Duane understands the importance of investing in the community and its people.” Duane is also endorsed by Councilmember Norma Alcala, West Sacramento Police Officers Association, Yolo Democratic Party, Davis College Democrats, Carpenters Local Union 46, Fiona Ma, CPA-CA State Treasurer, Alicia and Andrew Mittleman, Manny Castro, Robert and Adrienna Schabert, Harry Hines and many other businesses and residents.★





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about the dangers of vaping and have the support and resources they need to avoid use or quit.”

The “Tell Your Story” campaign features real stories from young people and highlights their journey to quit vaping. The campaign educates youth and young adults about the harmful health effects of vapes and connects them with evidenced-based resources to quit, especially as they’re exposed to increased social pressure in school environments.

“Seeing the impact vaping had on my health and my family, after I got out of the hospital, I knew I had to focus on living a healthier lifestyle, and that started with quitting vaping,” said Blake Grey, a 20-year-old content creator and “Tell Your Story” campaign ambassador from Los Angeles. Grey underwent emergency surgery in 2019 when he was diagnosed with pneumomediastinum, caused by a vaping injury that burned a hole in his esophagus. “I’d tried quitting before, and it was easy to fall back into old habits. But with the support of friends and family, I was able to get into the best shape of my life and found myself in a much better place mentally as well without needing to vape.”

The “Tell Your Story” campaign promotes the “I Can Quit” text message program, an evidenced-based quit vaping effort that helps support the quitting process and emphasizes how to develop and successfully practice coping strategies. The program is centered on a

desired quit date and then adjusts the content and timing of the texts, so they are relevant to the users’ phase of quitting. The text program covers topics including motivation, planning, goal setting, seeking support, self-talk, withdrawal management, recovering from slips and much more.

The annual student tobacco survey conducted by CDPH, in partnership with University of California, San Diego, assessed the use of and attitudes toward tobacco products among middle and high school students along with social and environmental exposure to various tobacco products and advertisements. Additional key findings from the report include:

Overall tobacco use (9.7%) among high school students was mainly driven by the rate of vape use (8.2%). Vape products were the most used tobacco product among students across gender, race/ethnicity, and grade; In 2020, 11.6% of LGBTQ+ identifying high school students in California vaped, compared to the overall California high school vaping rate of 8.2 percent; High school students who rated their mental health as poor had higher current tobacco use prevalence (16.1%) compared to those who rated their mental health as good to excellent (7.9%); The vast majority of teens who vape use flavored vapes (96.2%).

Californians looking to quit can text “I Can Quit” to 66819 or visit NoVapes.org to join the free, confidential text message program. ★



Mayor Martha Guerrero invites you to the BBQ and COVID vaccination clinic. Photo provided by Mayor Martha Guerrero

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In efforts to get the entire West Sacramento community protected by the COVID-19 vaccine, Mayor Martha Guerrero will be hosting a free BBQ and COVID vaccination clinic. This event will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the Broderick Boat Ramp from 10 am to 1 pm. The Mayor is not taking all of the credit for this event; she said “I’ve got a lot of folks helping out and supporting me with this” as she explained that the food for this BBQ

will be sponsored by Victory Outreach Church and Yolo Food Bank. The gentlemen that will be cooking are members of Iron Workers Labor Union 118.

Yolo County EMS is providing the vaccines and will be there to administer the shots to anyone that is eligible for the vaccine. This also includes those that have received the first shot, but still need the second shot. All three brands of vaccinations (Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) will be available for those who have a preference. You will not need to show Identification or proof of residency.

But you know our Mayor... if we’re talking safety, lets do what we can! In addition to the food and vaccines, the West Sacramento Firefighters Association and the US Coast Guard (USCG) have provided free Coast Guard approved life vests for children. These vests will be available on a first come – first serve basis, until they are gone. It’s a very hot summer, with very dangerous rivers. The difference

between a Coast Guard approved life vest and a life vest that is not Coast Guard approved is whether or not the vest not only keeps you afloat but will automatically turn you so that your head is out of the water. Those that keep you afloat but do not position the swimmer with their head out of the water are not USCG approved. It could be a life or death difference.

Mayor Guerrero said, “I just want to see my community healthy and this is my way of helping that happen.” There are a lot of people that are nervous about the vaccine because they were able to develop it so quickly... but you have to realize that unlike other illnesses, the entire world was working on this at the same time. That fact alone makes the time frame understandable. Don’t let the handful of horror stories keep you from getting vaccinated. Remember the millions and millions of people who didn’t have a problem. Protect yourself and those around you. Come to the BBQ! It’s not every day that you have the potential to save someone’s life. ★

IRS Continues Unemployment Compensation Adjustments

By David A. Tucker II, IRS Media Relations

WASHINGTON D.C. (MPG) - The Internal Revenue Service reported that another 1.5 million taxpayers will receive refunds averaging more than \$1,600 as it continues to adjust unemployment compensation from previously filed income tax returns.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which became law in March, excluded up to \$10,200 in 2020 unemployment compensation from taxable income calculations. The exclusion applied to individuals and married couples whose modified adjusted gross income was less than \$150,000.

Refunds by direct deposit will begin July 28 and refunds by paper check will begin July 30. This is the fourth round of refunds related to the unemployment compensation exclusion provision.

Since May, the IRS has issued over 8.7 million unemployment compensation refunds totaling over \$10 billion. The IRS will continue reviewing and adjusting tax returns in this category this summer.

The IRS effort focused on minimizing burden on taxpayers so that most people won’t have to take any additional action to receive the refund. The IRS review means most taxpayers affected by this change will not have to file an amended return because IRS employees have reviewed and adjusted their tax returns for them. For taxpayers who overpaid, the IRS will either refund the overpayment or apply it to other outstanding taxes or other federal or state debts owed.

For this round, the IRS identified approximately 1.7 million taxpayers due an adjustment. Of that number, approximately 1.5 million taxpayers are expected to receive a refund. The refund average is \$1,686.

The IRS started with the simplest tax returns and is now reviewing more complex returns. The average refund amount is higher for this round because the IRS included an adjustment to the Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC).

Most taxpayers need not take any action and there is no need to call the

IRS. However, if, because of the excluded unemployment compensation, taxpayers are now eligible for deductions or credits not claimed on the original return, they should file a Form 1040-X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

Taxpayers Should File an Amended Return If They:

Did not submit a Schedule 8812 with the original return to claim the Additional Child Tax Credit and are now eligible for the credit after the unemployment compensation exclusion;

Did not submit a Schedule EIC with the original return to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (with qualifying dependents) and are now eligible for the credit after the unemployment compensation exclusion;

Are now eligible for any other credits and/or deductions not mentioned below. Make sure to include any required forms or schedules.

Taxpayers Do Not Need to File an Amended Return if They:

Already filed a tax return and did not claim the unemployment

exclusion; the IRS will determine the correct taxable amount of unemployment compensation and tax;

Have an adjustment, because of the exclusion, that will result in an increase in any non-refundable or refundable credits reported on the original return;

Did not claim the following credits on their tax return but are now eligible when the unemployment exclusion is applied: Recovery Rebate Credit, Earned Income Credit with no qualifying dependents or the Advance

Premium Tax Credit. The IRS will calculate the credit and include it in any overpayment;

Filed a married filing joint return, live in a community property state, and entered a smaller exclusion amount than entitled on Schedule 1, line 8.

Taxpayers will generally receive letters from the IRS within 30 days of the adjustment, informing them of what kind of adjustment was made (such as refund, payment of IRS debt payment or payment offset for other authorized debts) and the amount of the adjustment. ★

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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With the availability of COVID-19 vaccines, travel is coming back! That's great news for summer vacation plans... and scammers. BBB Scam Tracker is receiving reports of con artists creating fake airline ticket booking sites or customer service numbers. If you are buying airfare, use caution and double-check the URL or phone number before providing your credit card information.

How the Scam Works

While doing an online search for cheap flights, you come across what seems like a great deal with a major airline. You book the flight – either through the website or by calling a customer support number – and receive a confirmation message. However, when you look more closely at the email, you notice that you never actually received your ticket.

In another version of this scam, you book a flight on a travel website offering deals on airfare. You pay with your credit card like normal. But shortly after making the payment, you receive a call from the company saying that there's been a sudden price increase or an extra charge to finalize your booking. This is something a legitimate company would never do!

In either case, you call the airline to follow up about your flight. After talking to an agent, you find that they have no record of your booking. It turns out you accidentally purchased tickets through a scam website or a phony customer service number. One victim told BBB Scam Tracker: "I received a phone call right after [I booked the flight] stating that they wanted \$100 per passenger to finalize my flight." Then, after calling the airline to complain, the victim discovered that "the flight wasn't available to begin with. The flight was never booked... this company just charged my card."

How to Avoid Travel Scams

Do your research. If you come across a company you haven't dealt with before, research it before making any purchases. Look on BBB.org for reviews and feedback from previous customers; Double-check the URL before you enter personal and payment information. It

can be easy to click on a sponsored ad or imposter website without noticing. Before you enter any sensitive information, double-check that you are on the right website and that the link is secure. Secure links start with "https://" and include a lock icon on the purchase page. Learn more at BBB.org/BBBSecure;

Be wary of third-party websites. Some websites appear to offer a legitimate service but are only fronts for a scam. Be suspicious of websites with no working customer service number and no physical address. Typos and grammatical errors can be indications of a scammer's handiwork, too;

Make online purchases with your credit card. Fraudulent charges made on a credit card can usually be disputed, whereas that might not be the case with other payment methods. Unfortunately, there is no way to get back the personal information you may have shared.

To learn more about planning a getaway during COVID-19, check out this tip from BBB. For ways to protect yourself from travel scams, go to BBB.org/TravelScam. Read more about customer service number scams.

Stay one step ahead of scammers by subscribing to BBB's weekly Scam Alert emails.

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investigating, and recommending sentence reductions, the DA must also develop and implement the pilot program policy and protocol, as well as identify and track specific measure consistent with the goals of the project, then provide data to the state on a quarterly basis.

Cases selected for review have come from a variety of sources, including recommendations from the Public Defender's Office, family members of

incarcerated individuals and Yolo DA's own internal review. The Public Defender's Office has assisted inmates by preparing social histories and release plans. Those who have received sentence reductions have either undertaken extensive rehabilitative efforts and/or their sentence is now considered too lengthy.

"Public Safety is our main priority," explained District Attorney Reisig. "However, if an individual has undergone rehabilitative efforts such that they

no longer pose a threat to public safety, it is right and just to review that sentence. We also must be willing to analyze prison sentences that are disproportionate by today's standards. This funding will allow us to expand our case review and continue to work in partnership with the Public Defender's Office, UC Davis Law School, and "For the People."

The pilot begins on September 1, 2021, and ends on September 1, 2024. ★



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CDC Recommends Face Covering for Indoors

California Department of Public Health

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The COVID-19 vaccines are effective in preventing serious disease. Unvaccinated persons are more likely to get infected and spread the virus which is transmitted through the air and concentrates indoors. About 15% of our population remains without the option for vaccination (children under 12 years old are not yet eligible) and risk for COVID-19 exposure and infection will remain until we reach full community immunity.

The purpose of this guidance is to provide information about higher risk settings where masks are required or recommended to prevent transmission to persons with higher risk of infection (e.g., unvaccinated or immunocompromised persons), to persons with prolonged, cumulative exposures (e.g., workers), or to persons whose vaccination status is unknown. When people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask correctly, they protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors.

With the emergence of the more contagious Delta variant in California which now accounts for over 80% of cases sequenced, cases and hospitalizations of COVID-19

are rising throughout the state, especially amongst those that remain unvaccinated.

Despite ongoing outreach and improving COVID-19 vaccine access, as of July 27, 2021, a significant proportion of Californians throughout the state are not yet fully vaccinated. The Delta variant is two times as contagious than early COVID-19 variants, leading to increasing infections.

In California, unvaccinated persons continue to be required to wear masks in all indoor public settings. This guidance is an update, in light of review of the most recent CDC recommendations. To achieve universal masking in indoor public settings, we are recommending that fully vaccinated people also mask in indoor public settings across California. This adds an extra precautionary measure for all to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, especially in communities currently seeing the highest transmission rates. Local health jurisdictions may be more restrictive than this guidance.

In California, fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask in indoor non-public settings, particularly if they are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19, or if they have someone in their household who is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe

disease, not fully vaccinated, or not yet eligible for vaccination.

In workplaces, employers are subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) or in some workplaces the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) Standard and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements.

Masking Requirements

Masks are required for all individuals in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status:

On public transit (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation); **Indoors** in K-12 schools, childcare; **Emergency shelters** and cooling centers

Masks are required for all individuals, in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status (and surgical masks are recommended):

Healthcare settings[6]; State and local correctional facilities and detention centers[7]; Homeless shelters[8]; Long Term Care Settings[9] & Adult and Senior Care Facilities[10].

Additionally, masks are required

for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public).

See State Health Officer Order, issued on July 26, 2021, for a full list of high-risk congregate and other healthcare settings where surgical masks are required for unvaccinated workers, and recommendations for respirator use for unvaccinated workers in healthcare and long-term care facilities in situations or settings not covered by Cal OSHA ETS or ATD.

For additional information on types of masks, the most effective masks, and ensuring a well-fitted mask, individuals should refer to CDPH Get the Most out of Masking and see CDPH Masking Guidance Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

Guidance for Businesses, Venue Operators or Hosts

In settings where masks are required only for unvaccinated individuals, businesses, venue operators or hosts may choose to:

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Exemptions to Masks Requirements

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Slight Improvement in Latest Optimism Index

National Federation of Independent Business

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The release of NFIB’s monthly small business Optimism Index showed an improving national Main Street economy, something the California state director for the association that took the poll said Gov. Gavin Newsom could greatly enhance by signing the budget trailer bill that includes Assembly Bill 150, which contains a new elective tax for pass-through entities that is a

way for smaller businesses to work around the State and Local Tax (SALT) caps slapped on them by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. “We are still in very uncertain economic times, so messages are more important than they would be during calmer periods,” said John Kabateck, California state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), which conducts the monthly Small Business Economic Trends report, also known as the Optimism Index. “Signing the budget trailer

bill that includes AB 150 would send a strong signal to the Golden State’s job-creating entrepreneurs that Sacramento is taking genuinely vital steps toward COVID recovery, and it would nicely complement the governor’s earlier signing of Assembly Bill 80, which partially conforms state tax law to the federal government’s regarding the forgivability of PPP loans.” **From NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg** “Small businesses optimism is

rising as the economy opens up, yet a record number of employers continue to report that there are few or no qualified applicants for open positions. Owners are also having a hard time keeping their inventory stocks up with strong sales and supply chain problems.” Key findings include: Owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months rose 14 points to a net negative 12%, an improvement but still in very negative

territory; Earnings trends over the past three months improved six points to a net negative 5%; The net percent of owners raising average selling prices increased seven points to a net 47% (seasonally adjusted), the highest reading since January 1981. Keep up with the latest on California small-business news at www.nfib.com/california, where this release can also be read, or by following NFIB on Twitter @NFIB_CA or on Facebook @NFIB.CA. ★

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Rosemary Cecilia Mohr A Petition for Probate has been filed by Karen Clement in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO. The Petition for Probate requests that Karen Clement be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: August 31, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept: 9
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Yolo 1000 Main Street, Woodland, California 95695. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner: Guy W. Murray PO Box 180 Nipomo, CA 93444-0180 (805)929-7150 Jul 28 Aug 6 13 nl 3377

PUBLIC LIEN SALE
Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 975 Fst West Sacramento, CA 95605 on 08/23/2021 @ 2:00PM Richard Kylehousehold goods Merlin Cronin household goods. David Cardinehousehold goods . Tearia Kingpersonal items. Matt Robertshousehold items. Jeffie Gloverhousehold goods. Christopher Robison misc household www.storageetreasures.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. 8/4, 8/11/21 CNS-3495081# NEWS-LEDGER Aug 6 13 nl 3375

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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.storageetreasures.com, which will end on Thursday August 26th, 2021 at 10:00am Mara Khem: Hslsd gds/Furn Mary Wade: Hslsd gds/Furn Aug 6 13 nl 3382

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Business and Professional Codes #21700-21716, Section 2328 of the UCC of the Penal Code, Section 535 the undersigned, StorQuest Express Self Storage/Ramco St.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - In accordance with Sec.106 of the Programmatic Agreement, T-Mobile West, LLC plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility at 3120 Duluth Street West Sacramento, CA . Please direct comments to Gavin L. at 818-898-4866 regarding site SC40196A. 8/13, 8/20/21 CNS-3499367# NEWS-LEDGER 8-20-2021

INVITATION TO BID
Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's ProcureNow system at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portals/cityofwestsacramento> until 2:00 PM local time on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the: HOMEKEY ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK The City of West Sacramento will be receiving bids for electrical improvements at 817 West Capitol Ave, West Sacramento California. This project is funded by the ESG-CV program, federal funding administered by the State of California. All project work must meet all applicable codes. Each firm that provides a bid must be able to: *Provide Builders Risk, General Liability and Performance Bonding for their bid *Warranty all labor and material for a minimum of 1 year and meet generally accepted construction quality standards *Cooperate with the documentation requirements of the City of West Sacramento and the federal ESG-CV program administered by the State of California *Be a Licensed contractor with the State of California in good standing *Be able to comply with the requirements of project funding source *Have sufficient bonding for the contract amount SITE LOCATION: 817 West Capitol Ave, West Sacramento California. HOMEKEY ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTWILL INCLUDE:

Replace existing main electrical panel and main disconnect and properly ground the electrical system. Replace (4) 100 amp sub panels with (4) new 125 amp sub panels. Install (3) 20 amp dedicated circuits to each of the rooms at project site locations per Scope of Work. This contract also includes all finish/restoration work after installation is completed. This is a design build project the awarded contractor will be required to provide/submit a complete set of engineered electrical drawings for approval. The contractor will also be required to submit the approved drawings to PG&E and building department for approval to obtain and coordinate required permit and inspection. TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE: Bid Publication August 4, 2021 Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting: August 19, 2021 Cutoff for Bid RfIs no later than 5 P.M. August 27 Bids Due / Bid Opening no later than 2 P.M. September 8, 2021 City Council Award of Contract October 6, 2021 Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting: Thursday, August 19, 2021, 9 A.M. 817 West Capitol Ave, West Sacramento California. Project construction cost estimate: \$300,000 This is a Federal Aid project.

1. Completion of Work: All work shall be completed one hundred twenty (120) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed. 2. Obtaining Contract Documents: Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's ProcureNow link at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portals/cityofwestsacramento>. 3. Questions: Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's ProcureNow link at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portals/cityofwestsacramento>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the ProcureNow system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is Friday, August 27 by 5:00 PM local time. 4. Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the date and time prescribed. The Bidder is wholly responsible to ensure its Bid is submitted on the date and at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any Bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and must be submitted via the City's e-Procurement portal and may not be delivered orally, by paper, by email, by facsimile transmission, or by any other telecommunication or electronic means. 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 B - General Building Contractor, or C-10 - Electrical 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: Jeremy Chapdelaine Project Manager Date: 8/4/2021 Aug 6 13 nl 3387

INVITATION TO BID
Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's ProcureNow system at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portals/cityofwestsacramento> until 2:00 PM local time on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the: WATER TREATMENT PLANT AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT PROJECT The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor and materials for the WATER TREATMENT PLANT AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT PROJECT. TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication August 13, 2021

Cutoff for Pre-Bid RfIs no later than 5 P.M. September 3, 2021 **Bids Due / Bid Opening** no later than 2 P.M. September 15, 2021 **City Council Award of Contract** October 6, 2021

Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting: June 24, 2021, 9 a.m. George Kristoff Water Treatment Plant 400 N Harbor Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95605

Project construction cost estimate: **\$250,000** This is not a Federal Aid project.

1. **Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within one hundred twenty (120) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed. 2. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's ProcureNow link at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portals/cityofwestsacramento>. 3. **Questions:** Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's ProcureNow link at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portals/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 3, 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.procurenow.com/portals/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 PM local time on Wednesday, September 15, 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.procurenow.com/portals/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. 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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: Jeremy Chapdelaine, Project Manager Date: 08/13/2021

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

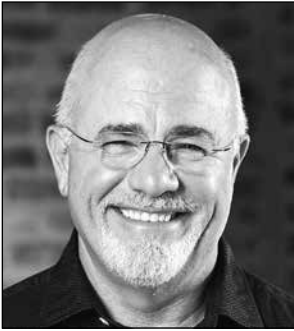
At their regular meeting on August 4, 2021, the West Sacramento City Council adopted by the vote noted below Ordinance 21-8 approving the second amendment to the West Riverview LLC Development Agreement to allow for completion of the project water tank.

AYES: Ledesma, Orozco, Guerrero.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: Alcalá.

The full text of this ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Date: 08/13/2021

Trustee Sale
APN: 046-610-026-000 TS No: CA07001608-19-1 To No: 191273486-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 25, 2017, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 28, 2021 at 12:45 PM, At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on October 3, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017-0025943-00, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by CHARLES BROUSSARD, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for RESOLUTE BANK as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF EXHIBIT "A" Exhibit A Legal Description A Condominium Comprised Of: Parcel One: Unit 1 In Building 12, Consisting Of Certain Air Space And Elements, As Described In That Certain "Condominium Plan For Riva," ("Plan"), Which Plan Recorded June 17, 2005, As Document No. 2005-0028859 Of The Official Records Of Said County, Excepting And Reserving Therefrom: 1) Nonexclusive Easements For Access, Ingress, Egress, Encroachment, Maintenance, Repair, Drainage, Support, And For Other Purposes, All As Described In The Declaration Referred To Below; And 2) Title In Favor Of The Grantors To All Conduit, Cables And Wiring Of Every Kind And Nature And All Apparatus Relating Thereto Which Are Or May In The Future Be Installed In Or About The Unit (Collectively, "Cabling"); And 3) Perpetual, Non-Exclusive Easements In Favor Of Grantor In Or About The Unit For The Purpose Of Access To And Repair, Maintenance And Replacement Of The Cabling, Parcel Two: An Undivided 1/7th Fee Simple Interest As Tenant In Common In Building 12 (The "Condominium Building"), As Said Building Is Shown On That Certain "Condominium Plan For Riva," Which Plan Was Filed In The Office Of The Yolo County Recorder On June 17, 2005, As Document No. 2005-0028859, Excepting Therefrom The Following: (A) Units 1 Through 7, Inclusive, Located In Building 12, Thereon, (B) All Non Exclusive Easements For Use, Enjoyment, Access, Ingress, Egress, Encroachment, Maintenance, Repair, Drainage, Support And For Other Purposes, All As Described In The Declaration Referred To Below, And (C) All Exclusive Rights For Use, Possession And Enjoyment In And To That Portion Of Said Association Common Area Of Parcel One As Shown On The Plan And As Defined In The Declaration, And (D), All Shown And Defined As The "Balcony", "Courtyard", "Garage/Storage/Stairs" And/Or "Porch" Exclusive Use Common Areas As Shown On Said Condominium Plan; Parcel Three: Non-Exclusive Rights Appurtenant To Parcel One For Access, Ingress, Egress, Encroachment, Repair, Drainage, Support, And For Other Purposes, All As Described In The "Declaration Of Covenants, Conditions And Restrictions And Reservation Of Easements For Riva On The River" ("Declaration") Which Recorded June 17, 2005, As Document No. 2005-0028861 Of The Official Records Of Said County; Parcel Four: An Exclusive Right For Use, Possession And Enjoyment Of A Garage/Storage/Stairs Appurtenant And Adjacent To Parcel One, Which Is Shown On The Condominium Plan, For Use As May Be Permitted In The Declaration. Parcel Five: An Exclusive Right For Use, Possession And Enjoyment For A Porch Appurtenant And Adjacent To Parcel One, Which Is Shown The Condominium Plan, For Use As May Be Permitted In The Declaration. Parcel Six: An Exclusive Right For Use, Possession And Enjoyment For A Courtyard Appurtenant And Adjacent To Parcel One, Which Is Shown On The Condominium Plan, For Use As May Be Permitted In The Declaration. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation,

if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1364 MILANO DRIVE UNIT 1, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 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 made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$138,950.61 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to provide 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. 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 Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07001608-19-1. 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 Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER 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 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07001608-19-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale will be 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. Date: July 30, 2021 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No: CA07001608-19-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Dalaysia Ramirez, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. NPP0384717 To: NEWS LEDGER 08/13/2021, 08/20/2021, 08/27/2021



Does my Mom Need Long-term Care Insurance?

Dear Dave,

My dad passed away about a year ago, but he left my mom in really good shape financially. They never had any consumer debt, the house is paid for, and they had about \$1 million in assets. Dad also left her a \$500,000 trust. Mom is going to be 60 next year. She is in good health, but considering her age and financial situation, do you think she needs long-term care insurance?

– Darby

Dear Darby

I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Losing a spouse, or a father, is tough at any age. The good news is your dad did a great job

Dave Ramsey Says

of planning to take care of your mom. He left her in fine shape money-wise, but yes, she needs long term care insurance and a good estate planner. You need to help your mom do everything possible to handle her situation wisely.

I usually suggest folks wait until age 60 to buy long-term care insurance, because the likelihood of filing a claim before then is very slim. In fact, about 95% of long-term care claims are filed for people over 70. That's why, in most cases, it doesn't make sense to get long-term care insurance earlier than age 60.

Insurance isn't a one-size-fits-all kind of thing, though. If someone has a family history of illness or other health issues at a younger age, they may need to get long-term care insurance earlier. But you shouldn't buy long-term care coverage at a young age just because you're paranoid of what might happen, or because you think you'll save money. That's just not true.

In the event your mom becomes unable to take care of herself at some point, long-term care insurance would be an absolute necessity. The cost of nursing home care these days is astronomical. Again, your mom is in a great place financially, but a prolonged stay in a nursing home somewhere down the road could eat up her nest egg in a hurry.

Long-term care insurance is a wise part of any good asset management plan.

– 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 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. ★

Unemployment Insurance Fund Debt Undermines Safety Net Programs

By Brooke Armour, California Business Roundtable

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Legislature has rejected efforts to begin to pay down even the smallest fraction of an estimated \$22 billion Unemployment Insurance (UI) Fund debt, undermining the long-term integrity of the program and guaranteeing that businesses of every size will be forced to pay higher taxes in an effort to pay off the debt.

"The UI Fund has been critically important during the recession, helping provide support for workers who lost their jobs due to government-mandated closures. But now the Legislature is refusing to provide the program critically needed funding that will help alleviate the \$22 billion – and growing – debt the fund has accumulated after the fifth-largest economy shut down for 15 months," said Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable.

Employers are paying higher taxes now and must be addressed now. While the state rates were on course to go down prior to the pandemic, the rapid deterioration of the state fund's viability means these higher rates are now likely locked in for another decade or more.

In addition, federal taxes on employment will go higher as well. As a participant in the federal unemployment fund program, the state cannot carry a UI Fund debt for more than 34 months. If the state continues carrying the debt, businesses will automatically incur an annual payroll tax increase until the fund debt is paid off. Because of the size of the current UI Fund debt, it is unlikely that the debt will be paid off before the next recession hits, creating a permanent tax increase on all businesses while ensuring this critical safety net will not be there to help workers in the next economic downturn.

The current UI Fund debt is slated to grow to more than twice the debt the fund incurred during the Great Recession. It took nearly 10 years to pay off that debt, with funds coming from an increase in businesses' state and federal payroll taxes.

"California businesses already pay the highest unemployment fund tax rate, plus a 15 percent surcharge. Without a significant investment from the state to address the massive UI Fund debt, businesses are now on the hook to pay for debt that they didn't create and cannot afford to pay back."

"There is no time to delay. This tax increase is hurting employment now, and even higher taxes will go into effect when the federal increases kick in as well. The troubling reality is that businesses will likely never be able to pay off this debt. The debt is so large that we will likely experience another recession before the current debt is paid, creating debt in the fund and erasing any progress businesses have made to pay off existing debt. Permanent insolvency of the state's most critical safety net program is probable if the state does not intervene," Lapsley concluded. ★

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. ____'s razor

6. Credit card-related acronym

9. Goes with rave

13. Garlic mayo

14. "Jack and the Beanstalk" exclamation

15. Echo sounder

16. Beauty shop

17. European Economic Community

18. Falstaffian in body

19. "Scooby-Dooby-Do, where are you? We got some work ____"

21. "So no one told you life was gonna be ____"

23. Pocket watch chain

24. Uncouth one

25. Place to get a massage

28. Boozier

30. Pie nuts

35. Sharpen

37. Orange powder drink mix

39. Tennis-affected joint

40. Bright thought

41. Reputation-damaging gossip

43. Symphony member

44. Famous Beethoven symphony

46. Microsoft browser

47. "Young Frankenstein" leading actor

48. Dines at home

50. Telephoned

52. Up to present time

53. Neat

55. Diamond stat

57. "Gee, our old ____ ran great, those were the days"

61. "Let's ride with the family down the street through the courtesy of Fred's ____"

65. Loosen laces

66. Opposite of vend

68. Kind of artery

69. One Beetle

70. Recipe amt.

71. Opposite of atonal

72. "Where the kisses are hers and ____ and his, Three's company too"

73. Sigma Alpha Epsilon

74. Rosetta Stone, e.g.

Down

1. Brewer's kiln

2. "Ta-ta!" in Italy

3. "If you're out on the road feeling lonely, and so ____"

4. Remote in manner

5. S.S. ____ of "Gilligan's Island"

6. Not many (2 words)

7. "Movin' on up to the east side, we finally got a piece of the ____"

8. Right-hand page

9. Schneider and Reiner

10. Afresh

11. Astronaut's insignia

12. Three pointer

15. Evening party

20. Sad newspaper notices

22. Goes with skip and a jump

24. Without a trace of moisture (2 words)

25. "Everybody's got a special kind of story, everybody finds a way to ____"

26. Podium, pl.

27. Concerning, archaic

29. "Sometimes you wanna go ____ where everybody knows your ____"

31. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"

32. The Beatles' "____ Road"

33. Not a soul (2 words)

34. "Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds away on my way to where the air is ____"

36. "Good ____" cooking show

38. Lady n  e Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta

42. Extend subscription

45. Infamous German leader

49. Naught

51. Barley kernels

54. Financial woes

56. Where there's trouble?

57. Verdant

58. Initial stake

59. Hollywood Walk of Fame honor

60. A snob puts them on

61. Use a keyboard

62. Marine eagle

63. Bibliographical abbr.

64. "Just sit right back and you'll hear a ____"

67. "Oh boy it's swell to say, Good morning ____!"

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Newsom, Facing Recall, Worries About Blackouts



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Several factors propelled the 2003 recall of then-Gov. Gray Davis, but one of the most powerful was his clumsy handling of an electric power crisis that had resulted in rolling blackouts.

The crisis resulted from the ill-conceived and misnamed “deregulation” of power supplies that the Legislature and Davis’ predecessor, Pete Wilson, had enacted seven years earlier. It virtually invited power suppliers such as Enron to game the system.

When the system failed, Davis was governor and failed to deal with it quickly and effectively. As Davis dithered and power supplies dwindled, one major utility, Pacific Gas and Electric, declared bankruptcy and a second, Southern California Edison, came very close to insolvency.

The state finally stepped into the dysfunctional market and began buying power itself to prevent further blackouts, but the political damage to Davis had been done and the recall campaign was rolling.

This bit of history frames the emergency decree that Gov. Gavin Newsom, who also faces a recall election, issued last Friday.

With high temperatures driving power demand upwards, with drought curtailing hydroelectric generation and with the state more dependent on less reliable solar and wind power, California faces a looming supply shortfall that could force power blackouts.

The state might be 3,500 megawatts short on hot afternoons this summer and as much as 5,000 megawatts short next summer if the drought continues.

Newsom wants the state’s energy regulators, the independent agency that operates the electric grid and the utilities themselves to go all-out in tapping whatever sources they can to avoid blackouts. That would include the natural gas-fired plants that the state wants to phase out and auxiliary diesel- and natural gas-powered standby plants in industrial plants.

Newsom suspends environmental clearances and other regulatory procedures to accelerate new power sources, including battery banks to back up solar and wind projects. He also directs utilities to pay up to \$2 per kilowatt-hour – many times the standard rate – to industrial customers for reducing their draw from the grid and shifting to backup generators, promising that the state will reimburse their outlays.

Newsom’s order declares that “conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to rapid, unforeseen, sudden, and severe energy shortages throughout California caused by these climate events...”

The key word is “unforeseen,” a not-so-subtle disclaimer of political

responsibility if blackouts occur. But in reality, he had plenty of warning that California was short of electric energy.

Last summer, the state experienced brief blackouts during late afternoon and early evening hours as solar power production began its daily decline and the state could not procure enough backup power from the regional grid to cover the deficit.

It was a wakeup call about the state’s growing dependence on solar, wind and other emission-free sources that lack the dependability of more traditional generation –unless the state has sufficient battery banks or other ways to store and supply power when needed the most.

“These blackouts, which occurred without prior warning or enough time for preparation, are unacceptable and unbefitting of the nation’s largest and most innovative state. This cannot stand,” Newsom said at the time.

If Newsom had heeded the 2020 warning and done then what he wants to do now to improve resiliency, the state would have been better equipped to deal with the current shortfall. He has to hope that California will avoid blackouts in the six weeks between now and the close of voting on September 14, or that if the lights do go out, voters won’t punish him as they did Gray Davis 18 years ago.

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

Social Security Matters

I’m Terminal; What Are My Wife’s Options as My Survivor?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I’m 60 and my wife is 62. I have terminal Stage IV prostate cancer, but my wife is in pretty good health. If I draw at 62 would that affect my wife’s survivor benefits? When should she start to withdraw? Also, when I die what would she get? Would she get her SS and then something of mine? Or must she choose between keeping hers and taking my survivor benefit? Please assist - I don’t have much energy anymore. **Signed: Running on Empty**

Dear Running on Empty: Sorry to hear of your illness and I commend you for planning ahead for your wife. As your surviving widow, your wife’s survivor benefit will be based upon the amount you were receiving at your death, but it will also be affected by her age when she claims it. So, yes, if you claim at age 62 it will mean a smaller widow’s benefit than your wife might otherwise get if you waited longer. But there is also a special rule, known as the “widows limit” which will affect your



wife’s survivor benefit. The widow’s limit stipulates that the minimum benefit your wife will receive as your survivor is 82.5% of the amount you would have been due at your full retirement age (67). So even if you claim at age 62 and take a 30% cut in your own benefit, your wife will still get 82.5% of what you were entitled to at your full retirement age (FRA). However, as I said, your wife’s survivor benefit amount will also be based upon her age when she claims it, and she isn’t required to claim it immediately upon your death.

Your wife’s survivor benefit as your widow will reach maximum when she reaches her own full retirement age, and if she claims it prior to her FRA, it will be reduced 4.75% for each full year earlier than her FRA. But if her benefit as your widow will be more than her own SS retirement benefit, she can take (or continue to receive) her own SS benefit and wait until her survivor benefit reaches maximum at her FRA. Or alternatively, if your wife is not yet collecting her own SS benefit, she could choose to let her own benefit grow and reach maximum at age 70 and

take her smaller survivor benefit first. She will get whichever benefit is more - her survivor benefit or her own, and she will have a choice of which one to take and when to choose it.

Finally, depending upon the extent of your disability, you may wish to consider applying for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits earlier than age 62. Advanced prostate cancer is on Social Security’s Compassionate Allowance List, and this would expedite processing of your SSDI application, resulting in a decision within a few weeks instead of a few months. Doing so would not affect your wife’s claiming options upon your death, and it may make her survivor benefit higher because your SSDI benefit would be based on your FRA benefit entitlement.

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Child Tax Credits are Coming, and so are the Scammers

By Alma Galvan,
Sacramento Better Business Bureau

OAKLAND, CA (MPG) - As of July 15 and through December 15, if you qualify for payments through the American Rescue Plan Act, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced it is sending monthly payments direct deposit, paper checks, or through debit cards. These payments are an advance on the child tax credit, which means eligible people will get up to half of their child tax credit in these monthly payments and the other half when they file their 2021 taxes. You can go to IRS.gov to see who qualifies, how much you may receive, and how to address any problems. You will also have the option of unenrolling from the Advance payments program.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, when it comes to the government being in the news, the scammers will likely use their standard playbook, meaning impostor scams

may appear, with con artists pretending to "help" you get your payments earlier, get more money, or commit identity theft.

BBB and the FTC share these tips:

Avoid Impostor scams - Government agencies like the IRS or Social Security Administration will not call, text, DM, or email you; Do not give out any personal information, like social security numbers, bank account information, or credit/debit card numbers; Eligibility requirements and payment disbursements are monitored by the IRS only; When someone is requiring payments by gift card, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency, it is likely a scam.

For More Information: Learn more tips on how to avoid scams by reading 10 Steps to avoid scams. If you have been the victim of this or another scam, make others aware by filing a report on BBB.org/ScamTracker.

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by Joan Holub, illustrated by Christopher Lee

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Based on the episode "Catboy and the great birthday cake rescue," the PJ mask team must help save Greg's birthday cake from the dreaded Night Ninja. Will they save the gecko cake in time? Fans of PJ masks will love this short story, complete with tear-out lunch notes in the back.

Clovis Keeps His Cool by Katelyn Aronson, illustrated by Eve Farb

Clovis has a terrible temper, but thankfully he has learned how to control it. With a slow, gentle breath and his grandmother's calming words, he can face any situation; until the day his old teammates come to mock him. At first, he stays clams, taking in deep breaths and repeating his grandmother's words, and then they go too far. Will Clovis be able to control his temper?

In this delightful story celebrating the art of keeping calm, Clovis takes temper control to a whole new level. A true bull in the china shop, Clovis teaches the simple art and techniques of controlling your temper, but when things get to be a little too much, he also demonstrates the art of "being the bigger person." Paired with the most adorable and expressive bull, readers can't help but fall in love. With one simple image of a bull wearing a white button-up shirt with suspenders, holding a cup of tea, readers know they are in for a treat. With the most exquisite facial expressions, Clovis truly teaches the art of patience, keeping your cool, and

rising above a bad temper.
The Princess Bride - A Counting Story

Fans of The Princess Bride will delight in this adorable board book counting adventure. This book perfectly pairs people and objects straight from the movie with charming illustrations.

Geraldine Pu and her Lunchbox too
by Maggie P Chang

Geraldine Pu loves lunchtime and her lunch box she calls branding, but the others around her make fun of her lunch. First, they say it's smelly and gross and even weird, but Geraldine knows it is none of these. Her lunch is delicious! Will Geraldine gain the confidence to eat the lunch her grandmother packed her, or will she let the others win?

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Riley Reviews

“STILLWATER” COMPELLING TALE OF REDEMPTION; RANDOM TV NEWS

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“STILLWATER” RATED R

The case of Amanda Knox, an American student living in Italy who was arrested and charged with the murder of her roommate, created sensational headlines. She was convicted and sentenced to a lengthy prison term even though she maintained her innocence.

“Stillwater” ostensibly trades on the Knox case at least in the sense that another American studying abroad, Allison (Abigail Breslin) from Oklahoma, ends up in a French prison for the murder of her roommate.

Arguably, “Stillwater,” a city in Oklahoma that is the home of Allison, is more about the redemption of her father Bill Baker (Matt Damon), an unemployed oil rig worker who travels to Marseille to deliver supplies and news to his estranged daughter.

Bill’s working-class hard life has been marred by a past of alcohol and drug abuse, and though Allison doesn’t trust him, he tries to make up for not being in her life with an effort to chase a new tip that could exonerate Allison.

When Allison’s French lawyer declines to pursue a new investigation, Bill takes matters into his own hands, even though he’s confronted with a language barrier and cultural differences, and there are dark turns as he pursues a lead for exculpatory DNA.

Dressed in jeans, plaid shirt and baseball cap, the stoic Bill stands out among the locals as the quintessential heartland American. He has better luck after helping a young girl locked out of the hotel room next to his.

Life takes a new direction for Bill when the mother of the girl, avant-garde actress Virginie (Camille Cottin), appreciates his act of kindness to the winsome 8-year-old Maya (Lilou Siauvaud), a charming scene-stealer.

Virginie becomes a translator, and conveniently, Bill becomes a tenant at her home. The emotional core of “Stillwater” is the new life Bill forges with Virginie and Maya, but then Bill faces difficult choices that threaten his last shot at redemption.

Though plodding in its pacing at times, “Stillwater” merits attention for a suspenseful story and notable acting from an international cast. The ending may seem to be inconclusive. What is not in doubt is how good are Damon and the two French actresses in his orbit.

RANDOM TV NEWS

Joseph Gordon-Levitt grew up on the small screen with roles on multiple series, most notably in his co-starring role in the long-running NBC comedy “3rd Rock from the Sun.”

Now he returns to series television as

writer, director and star of “Mr. Corman” on Apple TV+. Gordon-Levitt’s Josh Corman is an artist at heart but not by trade. Things haven’t been going his way.

A lifelong dream of a career in music didn’t pan out for Josh, and he finds himself teaching fifth grade at a school in the San Fernando Valley, his ex-fiance Megan has moved out and his high school buddy has moved in.

Aware that he still has a lot to be thankful for, Josh struggles nevertheless through universal feelings of anxiety, loneliness and self-doubt. “Mr. Corman” is intended to be a darkly funny and relatable comedy-drama for the 30-something crowd.

The British outlandish sense of black comedy comes to “Masterpiece” on PBS in September with the four-episodes series “Guilt” about a hit-and-run that conjures up the old saying, “It’s not the crime, it’s the cover-up.”

Mark Bonnar and Jamie Sives star as brothers Max and Jake who forgot the ancient dictum and thus hide their guilt after running into an elderly pedestrian during an inebriated drive home from a wedding.

Not ordinary perpetrators, Max and Jake carry the victim’s corpse to his house nearby and set him up in an easy chair. They find a letter that he has terminal cancer, leading Max to say, “He was dying slowly. We just made it quick.”

Farcical turns abound in “Guilt,” and classic slacker Jake falls in love with the victim’s niece. Max hires an alcoholic detective to botch an investigation but who then decides to go sober and solve the case. British critics raved about the series, and maybe we will too.

As a forewarning we may not remember thirteen months from now, Amazon Studios has announced that its highly anticipated, yet-to-be-titled “The Lord of the Rings” television series will premiere Friday, September 2, 2022 on its Prime Video.

This new epic drama brings to screens for the very first time J.R.R. Tolkien’s fabled Second Age of Middle-Earth’s history. It begins in a time of relative peace, thousands of years before the events of Tolkien’s “The Hobbit” and “The Lord of the Rings” books.

The series will follow an ensemble cast of characters, both familiar and new, as they confront the long-feared re-emergence of evil to Middle-Earth. Filming the first season has been completed in New Zealand.

The announcement quoted Bilbo Baggins saying, “Now I think I am quite ready to go on another journey.” Fans of “The Lord of the Rings” book, which have sold more than 150 million copies, might ask why we have to wait more than a year for the new series. ★

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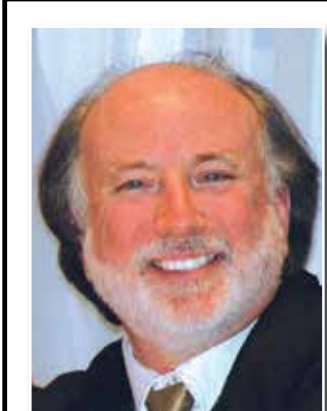
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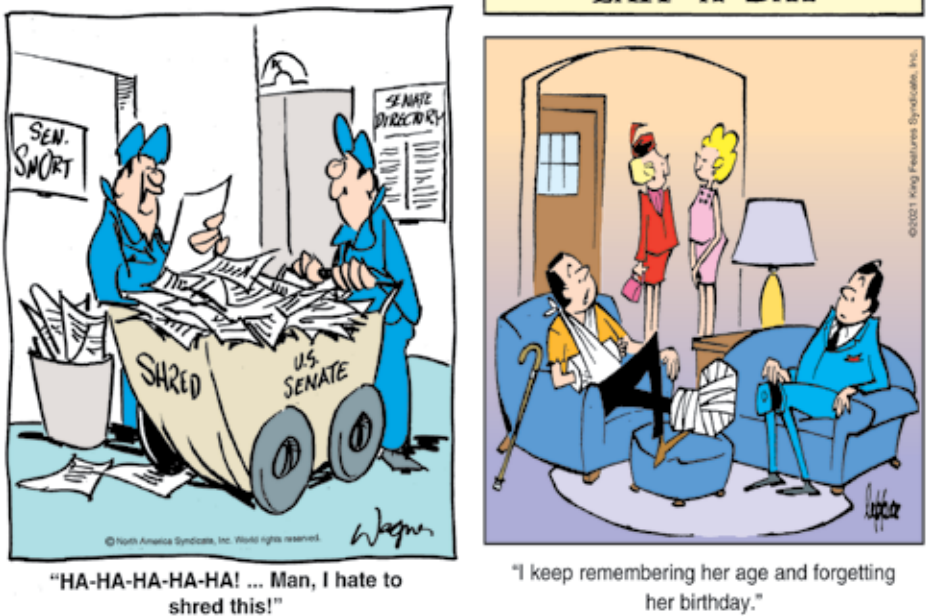
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Finally, A Really Big Tree of Life

Written for Tuleyome by Dr. Glen Holstein

When Charles Darwin created modern biology with his theory of evolution, he used the term “tree of life”. For many years after scientists speculated on how species were related and evolved by looking for similarities in looks and lifestyle. Now, however, guessing is over since we can now read and follow changes in the DNA uniting living things. This supported some past speculation but there were big surprises. Botany once included algae and mushrooms with higher plants, but we now know from DNA that mushrooms share a common ancestor with animals and are unrelated to plants while “algae” lumped plant related photosynthesizers with others unrelated including some bacteria. DNA even showed a surprising relation between hippos, dolphins, and whales.

Complete trees of life for large groups are now possible and we finally have one. A new book *The Largest Avian Radiation* by Fjeldsa, Christidis, and Ericson provides just that for the 6,200 perching bird species, which are 60% of all birds.

Perching birds are tiny dinosaur descendants that survived the catastrophe that killed off their larger relatives, and their tree of life tells how that happened. The big dinos were wiped out 66 million years ago when an asteroid hit what’s now Yucatan in the northern hemisphere. Consequently, the southern hemisphere was where its devastation was least intense and where much more good habitat was present than exists there today because we know from fossils that large parts of Antarctica were forested then, rather than covered by ice.

No perching birds live there today but the most ancestral ones are in a suborder now confined to New Zealand, where the kind of southern hemisphere forests once present in Antarctica survive today. Such forests are also present at the southern tip of South America, and that’s where evolution of the next most advanced perching bird suborder exploded into 1,350 species. Its two largest groups clearly evolved in South America, and while one of these extends only north to tropical Mexico, the other reaches Alaska and includes our flycatchers and kingbirds. The suborder’s



Image of an Acorn Woodpecker an Inner Coastal Range perching bird. Photo: Tuleyome



Image of a Bullock's Oriole. Photo: Tuleyome

third and smaller group is most diverse in southeast Asia, but its most ancestral species is confined to South America’s wettest rain forest, and some intermediate species in Africa suggest this group may have reached Asia through there by crossing a then narrower south Atlantic.

That suborder is known as the suboscines because it lacks anatomy for producing complex songs. All other perching birds are in a more advanced suborder called oscines or songbirds, and its most ancestral members are 322 species found in and near Australia, which can proudly call itself the “continent where song began”. Families of these basal oscines likely most familiar to non-Australians are lyrebirds, bowerbirds, and honeyeaters.

New Guinea, a land mass north of Australia created when that continent collided with volcanic islands as it drifted north from Antarctica, gave rise to the first group of songbirds that invaded the rest of the world. It consisted of around 800 species and even included three families that reached the Americas: shrikes, vireos, and the crow and jay family, which includes ravens, the biggest perching birds. One



A pair of Lesser Goldfinches. Photo: Tuleyome



The Marshwren is a local perching bird. Photo: Tuleyome

family in this group remained in New Guinea, however, the spectacular birds of paradise.

By far the largest group of perching birds are the 3,900 species of higher oscines that also spread from New Guinea to first the Old World and then the Americas. Older groups among them are less diverse and widely scattered around the world but some are familiar here: kinglets, waxwings, and phainopeplas.

More recent higher oscines are in several superfamilies, the smallest of which has just 2 families. The larger of these consists of tits and chickadees, and the smaller has only one American species, the verdin of our deserts. A much larger superfamily, the Old World warblers, has few families that reach the Americas but exceptions are larks, swallows, bushtits, and wren-tits. A smaller superfamily better developed in the Americas includes nuthatches, tree creepers, gnatcatchers, and wrens, but another large one, Old World warblers, includes starlings and 3 families that naturally reach the Americas: dippers, mockingbirds/thrashers, and thrushes.

The last of these superfamilies is largest,

with 1,500 species. It began in the Old World but achieved some of its greatest diversity in the Americas. An innovation helping it reach this success was a conical bill enabling grass seeds to be cracked and eaten acquired 10 million years ago just when climate change caused grass to replace many forests. Its early members lacking this bill were all Old World except the olive warbler, a one species family living from Arizona to Nicaragua. Early conical bill families began in the Old World and included our familiar introduced house sparrow, but two of them extended naturally to the Americas: pipits and finches. Seven groups of the latter provide our finches, crossbills, and many of our grosbeaks and another that reached Hawaii provides its diverse honeycreepers.

That superfamily has an advanced group of 16 families that includes 5 families providing much of our perching bird diversity: 142 species are our American sparrows; 111 are our wood warblers, which switched back to insects from grass; 108 are our blackbirds, orioles, and meadowlarks; 52 are our cardinals; and, largest of all, 327 are our tanagers. Reading DNA finally sorted out this complex pattern and provided some surprises: yellow-breasted chats are with orioles, not wood warblers, and our tanagers, like the western, are actually cardinals. The huge tanager diversity is mostly in South America, and a surprise inclusion are the Galapagos finches made famous by Darwin. The only true tanager reaching the United States and just barely is the white-collared seedeater.

In addition to ten chapters constructing the perching bird tree of life in detail, the book has range maps of their many families, beautiful accurately colored paintings of many, and ten other chapters and two appendices on subjects explaining these birds’ evolution and often useful for other species. The first appendix, for example, summarizes ecological information quite relevant to California as well as the rest of the world. This is by far the best and most useful one volume biology book I’ve ever come across.

Dr. Holstein is a retired consulting ecologist who worked in much of California, a long-time conservation activist with the California Native Plant Society, and a board member of Tuleyome, a Woodland based non-profit conservation organization. ★

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