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Festival of the Dead Grows



Dr. Cío Hernández (left) and Port of West Sacramento Community Alliance activist Leasley Campbell decorate the crowd with beauty and smiles. Photo courtesy of Leasley Campbell

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG) - Community members gathered at Bryte on Sunday, November 5th, for the 3rd Annual Dia De Los Muertos, commonly known as the Day of the Dead Festival. This is an event of free family fun celebrating the dead loved ones who have passed on before us. Threatened by rain, the weather held out and sprinkled just enough to tease everyone. It quickly subsided and the event went on as scheduled.

Leasley Alvarado, who is part of Port of West Sacramento Community Alliance, a future non-profit organization (in development stages with a mission to improve our community through bringing knowledge, education, history and advocacy of the Port of West Sacramento, took the lead in organizing this year's event and she did an outstanding job!

Leasley's fiancé, Tim Campbell is the President of the International Longshoreman and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Local 18 at the Port of West

Sacramento and Leasley didn't hesitate to put those Longshoremen to work. In addition to the support through donations, Longshoreman from Local 18 helped setup, decorate the park & tear down/clean up the entire event. That's not all they did. You saw them making and serving food, working at booths and assisting wherever they were needed.

Guests of the event included: Representing her District, Councilwoman Norma Alcalá, Continued on page 3

Yolo County Offering Funding for Dislocated Workers

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program is helping dislocated workers by providing funding for vocational training to help with job training and vocational certifications. Yolo County residents impacted by the Yellow Transportation layoffs in West Sacramento or other layoffs countywide are encouraged to take advantage of the free skills training opportunity.

The WIOA Program has relationships with eligible training providers to support dislocated workers with receiving training. Current vocational schools include: AAA Academy; Asher College; Cal-Trade Welding; California Human Development; Campus; Charles A. Jones Career and Education Center; Colusa County Office of Education; Curam College; Dronitek Flight Academy; Elk Grove Adult and Community Education; Fair Oaks Massage Institute; I-Tap; MTS Training Academy; National Career Education; New Horizons; Portnov Computer School; Security and Firearms Training Academy; UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education; Western Truck School and Western Pacific Truck School.

The WIOA Program offers dislocated workers residing in Yolo County:

Funding of up to \$7,000 for eligible training and education programs; Leads on employment opportunities and events; Career and interview preparation; Referrals to support services
*Must meet eligibility requirements

Some eligibility requirements include:

Adults (must be 18 years of age or older); Living in Yolo County and laid off from an employer in the surrounding area; Laid off from a Yolo County employer. Must be registered for the Selective Service* (or have a documented exemption)

For more information, interested individuals can contact the WIOA program directly at WIOAprogram@YoloCounty.org or (530) 661-2710 to discuss services. ★

The Veteran Homeless Crisis

BY SHREYA AGRAWAL, CALMATTERS.ORG

California has poured billions of dollars into finding homes for unhoused veterans, but the number of former military service members living on the street has held steady for almost a decade. Today, a third of the nation's unhoused veterans are in California.

Gavin Newsom proposes a significant change in the state's strategy for ending veteran homelessness. His plan, included in a \$6.4 billion mental health bond he's sending to voters in the March primary election, would set aside funding specifically for veterans with serious behavioral health conditions.

That's a shift from California's last two major efforts to fund housing for veterans, both of which created units for a general population of former military service members.

The first effort began in the late 1990s, when the state built seven new veterans' homes over a period of 17 years. Today those veterans'



Homeless Veteran on the street. Photo by Larry White from Pixabay

homes are underused. They were built to house about 2,400 people, but only 1,575 veterans live in them. The 300-unit veterans home in Barstow was so underutilized in 2020 that Newsom moved to close it as he braced for a pandemic recession, although lawmakers blocked him from shutting the site.

The second push centered on a pair of ballot measures

voters approved in 2014 and in 2018 that allocated \$4.6 billion to build housing specifically for former military service members. The money created the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program, which has supported the construction of about 3,250 housing units for veterans to date.

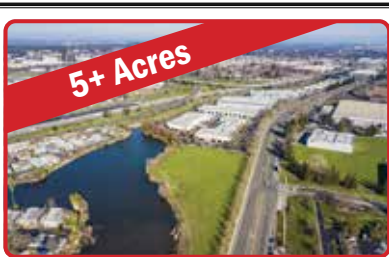
Veterans advocates and

state officials view the programs — along with federal efforts led by the Department of Veterans Affairs — as successful in reducing homelessness among former military service members. In the last 12 years, veteran homelessness in California has decreased by more than 30%.

But the trend in California Continued on page 2



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mostly accounts for gains made during the Obama administration, when veteran homelessness peaked nationwide and the Department of Veterans Affairs moved aggressively to place former troops in housing. Since 2014, the number of homeless veterans in California has mostly plateaued around 10,000 to 12,000 people, according to annual counts released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Alex Visotzky, senior California policy fellow at the National Alliance to End Homelessness, said the high numbers of veteran homelessness result from the challenges veterans face on returning home in California’s competitive housing market.

“When housing markets are unaffordable and incredibly competitive, those with the greatest needs are going to be more likely to fall out,” he said.

Newsom’s new strategy in the mental health bond, advocates say, should help those most in need. The California Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that half of the state’s unhoused veterans suffer from some kind of behavioral health issue.

The money in the bond would go to the state’s Department of Housing and Community Development, which would work with CalVet “to focus specifically on housing veterans experiencing behavioral health challenges,” said Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, the Thousand Oaks Democrat who wrote the bill that ultimately put the bond on the ballot.

Studies have shown veterans are overrepresented in the nation’s homeless population. They may experience personal challenges, such as post-traumatic stress disorders or other mental health issues as well as disabilities related to their military service.

“Transitioning from that very specific culture and society to civilian life is a lifelong process,” said Amy Fairweather, director of policy at the veterans advocacy group Swords to Plowshares. “If you do have any physical or mental disabilities, dealing with those and trying to re-enter civilian life can be very difficult.”

California’s long history of providing housing to former military service members dates to 1884, when it opened an estate in Napa County as the state’s first veterans home. That site is still in operation, housing around 600 veterans on a picturesque property in wine country.

Altogether, the state now has eight veterans homes. The two largest homes are in fairly remote communities — one is in Napa County’s Yountville and the second is in Barstow in the Mojave Deserts. Moving to them can mean living at a long distance from a veteran’s family. That geography somewhat limits interest in the homes.

The homes account for the lion’s share of CalVet’s \$650 million annual budget. Some advocates have called on the state to put money into programs that would benefit people who don’t necessarily want to live in a veterans home.

“The state should keep its promises to the current home residents, but as things change, the program needs to be less structured on just providing room and board for a very limited number of people and more structured on providing skilled nursing facility care for those who need it,” said Ethan Rarick, executive director at Little Hoover Commission, which published a report on the veterans homes in 2017.

Outside of the veterans homes, California approved a series of bonds meant to help military service members find housing beginning in 2008. The Veterans Bond Act, passed that year, provided \$900 million to veterans through the CalVet Home Loans Program.

In 2014, California passed an initiative creating the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Program, which put \$600 million toward building multi-family homes for veterans. A

second ballot initiative in 2018 gave another \$4 billion to the program.

The federal Department of Veterans Affairs, meanwhile, has kept up steady funding for housing vouchers that can provide a place to live for former troops. The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program, commonly known as HUD-VASH, was a centerpiece of the Bush and Obama administration’s efforts to curb veterans’ homelessness. It provides rental assistance to over 100,000 veterans nationally.

The number of homeless veterans in the U.S. peaked in the Great Recession, when the VA in 2007 reported some 154,000 former troops were homeless.

At that time, Fairweather of Swords to Plowshares said many of those deployed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars were starting to come back home “to a society that wasn’t prepared for it.”

On top of that, they and older veterans struggled in the economic downturn, which led to more unemployment and homelessness.

“It all came together in a way that was really disadvantageous to the veterans,” she said.

Last year, the VA estimated about 33,000 veterans were homeless nationwide. According to the 2021 annual homelessness assessment report by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, more than half of them are over age 55. The data also shows that Black veterans are more likely to be homeless than veterans belonging to other races.

Advocates say veterans can be reluctant to ask for help.

“When veterans ultimately fall down that hole into homelessness, what is happening along with that is that they’re losing connection with friends and family, because they’re ashamed that their life is falling apart and it’s hard for them to ask for help,” said Stephen Peck, president of the veterans support organization U.S. Vets.

Putting the money into the mental health bond comes with a tradeoff.

In advancing Newsom’s mental health plan, lawmakers amended an early version of Assemblymember Irwin’s veterans’ housing bill that would have issued more bonds for the existing veterans’ housing program. Without new funding, the program that supports construction of multi-unit veterans’ housing is expected to run out of money in 2024.

Still, representatives for Newsom’s ballot measure in a written statement said the bond would create more capacity to help former troops.

“Proposition 1 adds new money for California’s most vulnerable veterans without any redirection or reprioritization from the current program. Without Proposition 1, there would be zero funding for homeless veteran housing moving forward, which is why the measure is so critically needed,” the statement read.

Altogether, the ballot measure going to voters includes \$6.4 billion to fund projects for behavioral health issues and those at the risk of homelessness. It also includes a proposal to adjust how the state spends money it collects for mental health services from a tax on personal income over \$1 million, aiming to direct more of the money to housing.

The \$1 billion for veterans housing will be distributed in the form of loans and grants by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Representatives from veterans’ groups say the program’s success could hinge on getting the word out, and providing services that provide a path out of homelessness.

At U.S. Vets, Peck said the nonprofit strives to create a community where veterans help veterans.

“Building that community is really important,” he said. “A federal veteran who’s been through the process already is probably more effective than we are as social workers.”

Visit www.chcf.org to learn more. ★



Peggy Ygbuhay of Union Pacific presents a check for \$7,500 to Jan Judson, Cathi Schmidt and Joan Gerriets of Make It Happen for Yolo County to help local transition age youth. Photo courtesy of Thébaud Communications

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Communications

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Make It Happen for Yolo County recently received a grant of \$7,500 from Union Pacific’s Community Ties Giving Program. The grant will help ensure transition age youth in Yolo County ages 18-24 who are at risk of becoming unhoused can be safe first-time renters during the ongoing housing crisis.

“Transition age youth are at high risk of homelessness due to low resources compared to teens and young adults leaving traditional living environments,” said Cathi Schmidt, executive director, Make It Happen for Yolo County. “If they have no resources to purchase new appliances, they are more likely to find used appliances with higher risk of fire or short-circuiting. If they are unable to furnish and care for their homes, they are more likely to be evicted or develop a poor rental history, especially during the housing

crisis. We are grateful to Union Pacific for prioritizing these youth so they can be successful in college or career.”

Make It Happen for Yolo County provides local transition age youth, many of whom have been in foster care or experienced homelessness, with the furnishings, household goods and resources needed to move into their first apartments. The nonprofit receives furniture donations from the community and purchases new appliances and household items to help youth involved with the Yolo County child welfare, mental health and probation divisions, as well as the UC Davis Guardian Scholars program. Since its founding in 2014, Make It Happen for Yolo County has helped more than 200 transition age youth. To make a financial or furniture donation, visit MIHYolo.org.

“I was able to meet the caring people who started Make it Happen for Yolo County, and their work is at the core of Union Pacific’s objective to

provide programs that focus on equity in access for underserved populations,” said Peggy Ygbuhay, senior director of public affairs, Union Pacific. “Union Pacific has a longstanding commitment to improve quality of life in the communities we serve and where our employees live and work. I am a Yolo County resident and take pride in my company’s civic leadership and philanthropy.”


For more than 160 years, Union Pacific has been committed to Building America – serving as an economic engine and improving the standard of life for millions across the country. Building upon this heritage, the Union Pacific Community Ties Giving Program’s mission is to build safe, prosperous, vibrant and inclusive communities by investing in high-quality nonprofits and programs in the cities and towns in which Union Pacific operates and its employees live and work. For more information: www.up.com/aboutup/community/foundation/index.htm ★

MEMORIAL

AUSTIN JAMES ALAMEDA • 11/22/1996 — 10/11/2023

Austin James Alameda, 26, of West Sacramento, California, passed away on October 11, 2023. He was born on November 22, 1996, in Woodland, California. Austin was a beloved son, brother, grandson, and friend.

Over the years Austin had many hobbies, scouting, gaming, camping, motorcycles, and cars. Austin began riding motorcycles at four years old and competed in Trials events alongside his Papa. Austin spent time trail riding with his friends and family. Austin loved riding his Ninja street-bike and driving up



the California coast to be at his favorite spot, the ocean. Austin enjoyed working on his project cars, an 89 Nissan 240 SX and a 90 Nissan 240 SX and spending time with his car club friends. He participated as a pit crew member in

multiple 25-hour races at Thunderhill raceway and other race events.

Austin is survived by his father Mark Alameda, mother Samantha Alameda, step-father Gary Stout, sister Madeline Alameda, Grandmother Jean Alameda and Grandparents Howard and Laura Galbreath. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Austin attended River City High School, where he made lasting friendships. He was known for his kindness, quick wit, sense of humor and willingness to lend a helping hand to those in need.

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Climate Action and Adaptation Plan in Community Conversations

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Sustainability Program is excited to announce the second round of community workshops, the Community Conversation Series. This series facilitates valuable input from the public for the development of the update to Yolo County's 2030 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

In 2020, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors set the goal of achieving a carbon-negative footprint by 2030, with a focus on equity and justice. The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan serves as a roadmap that outlines the actions which Yolo County will undertake to attain this goal, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance Yolo County's capacity to withstand the impacts of climate change. Informed by extensive public input, the plan will include recommendations aimed at reducing emissions, safeguarding natural resources, increasing the utilization

of renewable energy, supporting the flourishing sustainable agricultural practices already established in Yolo County, and more. The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan is designed to benefit all members of the community and foster health, equity, and resilience throughout all its stages and outcomes.

As part of the process of updating the County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, community members and community-based organizations are encouraged to participate in one of seven upcoming Community Conversation sessions. During these sessions, residents of Yolo County will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with their neighbors and share their vision for a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable community. The Community Conversation sessions for the Yolo County 2030 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan are scheduled for the following dates and times:

November 13, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Winters

Community Center, 201 Railroad Ave. in **Winters**
November 16, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Dunnigan Fire Hall in Dunnigan, 29145 Main St. in **Dunnigan**
November 28, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Virtual via Zoom at: tinyurl.com/523eesv7
November 29, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Guinda Grange Hall, 16787 Forrest Ave. in **Guinda**
December 1, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Woodland Public Library, 250 1st St. in **Woodland**
December 2, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Lighthouse Charter Elementary, 899 Bryte Ave. in **West Sacramento**
December 8, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Odd Fellows Lodge, 415 2nd St. in **Davis**
FREE Food and childcare will be provided at all in-person Community Conversation sessions! Questions may be addressed to Sustainability@YoloCounty.org. For more information about the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, visit: YoloCAAP.org ★

Yolo County Reminds Veterans of Services Offered

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - What is the Yolo County Veterans Service Office (VSO)? The VSO is an office established by the Board of Supervisors to assist veterans, their dependents and survivors, in obtaining benefits from federal, state and local agencies administering programs for veterans. The VSO is a county agency that assists veterans in dealing with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

We provide advocacy to the veteran community regarding entitlement to federal, state and local benefits.

Survivors Benefit for service-connected death, Pension for war-era veterans, Death pension for non service-connected death, Dependent's survivors benefits, Discharge acquisition and storage, Housebound and Aid and Attendance allowance, State Veterans Home, Request for Military Records and Decorations, Medical and Dental Benefits, Benefit Verification for other agencies, Vocational Rehabilitation, Home Loan Certification, Education Benefits, Life Insurance, Burial Benefits. Transportation is available to some VA Medical Facilities for medical appointments (by volunteer drivers)

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Tim Campbell President of the International Longshoreman and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and Danny have a father/son blast at the Day of the Dead Festival. Photo courtesy of Leasley Campbell

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Mayor Martha Guerrero, recently appointed County Supervisor Mary Vixie Sandy, and the hundreds of community members that make our community what it is.

It is estimated that around 400 people attended the event. That count however came from knowing that 300 churros were brought to the event by California Burrito. Everyone was only allowed one, and they estimated that 100 people were turned away. In addition to the Churros, Thick Vatos Tacos made over 800 tacos, out aguas frescas (flavored fresh waters), elote (Mexican street corn) and pan de muerto (day of the dead bread). Everything was free... and delicious.

The music entertainment for the day was provided by the popular, local favorites – Latin Party Crew. Dance entertainment was provided by Grupo Quetzalkoatl Ocelotl (Aztec Dance Group), Balance Dance Project (kid dance group)

and the community members that were enjoying the music. Many people enjoyed the amazing chalk work, as Chalk It Up sponsored artist Nadia Garcia, who fascinated so many with her talent.

Events included ILWU Sponsored kid zone with traditional crafts, coloring, games, piñatas and activities. There was face painting for kids of all ages, sponsored by JM Productions and friends, and Lo-Lystics NorCal Car Club (who celebrates their 50 year anniversary of being in West Sacramento) held a lowrider show with over 20 cars decorated with altar setups.

Organizations participating with booths: ILWU Local 18, Got This App, Yolo County Supervisor, District 3, Mary Vixie Sandy, Computers 4 Kids, Habitat for Humanity, SSA Pacific, West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project, Bryte & Broderick Community Center, Three Sisters Gardens, VFW Post 8762, Mexican Consulate, Mercy Coalition, SNAP Network, First 5 Yolo,

NY Life, Covered California, WSPD, CREO CommuniCare, Dolores Huerta Democratic Club, NAMI Yolo and WSUSD.

Sponsors of this event include: ILWU Local 18, WS Councilwoman Norma Alcalá, Thick Vatos Tacos, Hart Management, SSA Pacific, Lo-Lystics Car Club, WS Mayor Martha Guerrero, UBEO Business Center, Mercado Loco, Hayes Brothers Auto Glass, Golden Rebel Spirit, Buena Vista Rancheria, Yolo County Supervisor District 3, Mary Vixie Sandy, Yolo County Supervisor District 1, Oscar Villegas, Recology Waste Zero, Latin Party Crew, Three Sisters Gardens, Sacramento Central Labor Council AFL-CIO, Port of West Sacramento Community Alliance, Supply Industrial Hardware, California Burrito, BBCan, Knights of Columbus Holy Cross #7634, Los Ríos College Federation of Teachers Sandy Peña, Andrew Truman Kim, The Campbell Family and Latino Info & Resource Center. ★



Tim's '56 Chevy gets the Día de Los Muertos treatment during the festival. Photo courtesy of Leasley Campbell

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Kings Announce the 22nd Annual Season of Doing Good

Sacramento Kings Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Monday, November 6, 2023, the Sacramento Kings Foundation announced activations for the 22nd Annual Season of Doing Good, presented by Raley’s.

“This annual tradition is an opportunity to reaffirm our deep commitment to the incredible Sacramento community and create positive change,” said Sacramento Kings Chief Operating Officer Matina Kolokotronis. “We are proud to partner with local organizations and nonprofits and give back to those in need.”

“It’s our honor to partner with the Sacramento Kings on their Season of Doing Good,” said Raley’s Vice President of Community Impact and Public Affairs Chelsea Carbahal. “Together we are committed to creating memorable experiences and providing nutritious meals for families across our region.”

The season will tip-off on November 9, with the team hosting the annual Eat Like a King event, a harvest festival themed

feast at Golden 1 Center. The Sacramento Kings players and coaches will serve dinner and eat with over 200 youth and their families from 27 nonprofits supporting underserved areas of Sacramento. The event will also include interactive games, a DJ, performances by the Kings Dancers and a photo booth.

On December 2, as the Kings take on the Denver Nuggets the team will host a Toy Drive with Les Schwab. The first 200 fans who bring a toy valued at \$20 or more will receive two tickets to a future Kings home game.

On December 15, the team will host Kingpin Classic at The Apex at Red Hawk Resort + Casino. The Kingpin Classic charity bowling tournament is an opportunity for Kings fans to bowl with their favorite players and coaches while enjoying entertainment from the Kings Dancers, and Slamson. In addition, all participants will receive an exclusive Kingpin Classic shirt, Kings swag, unlimited arcade games, food and beverages and more. All proceeds benefit local youth basketball programs. Advanced sponsorship package and ticket

purchases are required for both bowlers and spectators.

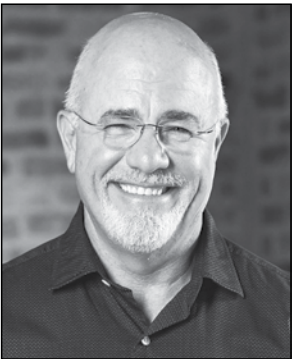
On December 17, the Kings and Raley’s will deliver bags of groceries, Raley’s gift cards and co-branded swag to local veterans as part of the team’s Shop Like a King event.

On December 19, the team will spread holiday cheer at select Raley’s stores with players surprising shoppers with gift cards for groceries.

Additionally, Kings guard De’Aaron Fox and Raley’s, guard Malik Monk and Forward Trey Lyles will each host Thanksgiving meal donations in Sacramento, Arkansas and Indiana, respectively. In December, Fox will also host a toy drive and Monk will provide a holiday shopping spree for families at Target.

All Season of Doing Good event benefactors and audiences are predetermined and selected in collaboration with Raley’s, local nonprofit partners and community organizations.

For more information on the Season of Doing Good, visit Kings.com/Community. ★



Control Your Own Destiny

Dear Dave,

I read where you recommend saving 15% of your income for retirement. Should I count my employer’s contribution to my retirement plan as part of that 15%?

– Carlotta

Dear Carlotta,

That’s a great question. Employer contributions do not count toward the 15 percent I recommend setting aside for retirement. It’s great if you work for a company that offers perks like that, but I want you putting 15 percent of your money into retirement. Whatever your company matches, whatever its pension may be, or even having a military retirement package, none of that enters the equation. I want your

Dave Ramsey Says

money in your name.

Baby Step 4 of my plan says to put 15 percent of your income into retirement accounts. The first thing you should put money into is a matching retirement account. If you’ve got a 401(k), a Roth 401(k) or a 403(b) and your employer offers a match, you should do that up to the match before anything else.

Let’s say your employer will match three percent. Since the goal is 15 percent, that still leaves you with some work to do. You’ve got three percent of your own money already going into retirement, so then you could look at a Roth IRA. If the Roth, plus what you invested previously to get the match doesn’t equal 15 percent, then you could look at a 403(b), or go back to your 401(k) to hit the 15 percent mark.

And remember, if you’re going to reach your retirement goals, you can’t do it alone. King Solomon, one of the wisest men who ever lived, wrote: “Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety” (Proverbs 11:14 NKJV). That’s why you need a quality financial advisor—one with the heart of a teacher—to help you navigate complicated financial issues, and guide you toward the kind of retirement you want.

Do you see what I’m saying here, Carlotta? I want you—not the company you work for—to control your financial destiny. I want you to be able to retire with dignity, and enjoy life after working hard and saving. The responsibility for making that happens falls to you!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show.” He has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CBS This Morning,” “Today,” Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions. ★

\$38 Million Catalytic Converter Theft Conspiracy

United States Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Three Sacramento family members pleaded guilty October 16, 2023, to charges related to their participation in a nationwide catalytic converter theft conspiracy, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

Brothers Tou Sue Vang, 32, and Andrew Vang, 28, and their mother Monica Moua, 58, all pleaded guilty to conspiring to transport stolen catalytic converters from California to New Jersey in return for over \$38 million in wired payments. Tou Sue Vang also pleaded guilty to an additional 39 charges related to money laundering.

In October and November 2022, federal, state, and local law enforcement partners from across the United States executed a nationwide, coordinated takedown of leaders and associates of a national network of thieves, dealers, and processors for their roles in conspiracies involving stolen catalytic converters sold to a metal refinery for over \$600 million dollars. Nine of 21 defendants were charged in the Eastern District of California.

Catalytic converters are part of an exhaust system that reduces toxic gas and pollutants from a vehicle’s internal combustion engine. Catalytic converters use precious metals in their center, or “core,” and are regularly targeted for theft due to the high value of these metals, especially the precious metals palladium, platinum, and rhodium. Some of these precious metals are more valuable per ounce than

gold, and their value has been increasing in recent years. The black-market price for catalytic converters can be above \$1,000 each, depending on the type of vehicle and what state it is from. They can be stolen in less than a minute. Last year, approximately 1,600 catalytic converters were reportedly stolen in California each month, and California accounts for 37% of all catalytic converter theft claims nationwide.

According to court documents, the defendants pleading guilty operated an unlicensed business from their residence in Sacramento where they bought stolen catalytic converters from local thieves and shipped them to DG Auto Parts LLC (DG Auto) in New Jersey for processing. They sold over \$38 million in stolen catalytic converters to DG Auto.

Also charged in the 2022 indictment were co-defendants Navin Khanna, aka Lovin Khanna, 40; Tinu Khanna, aka Gagan Khanna, 36; Daniel Dolan, 45; Chi Mo, aka David Mo, 37; Wright Louis Mosley, 50; and Ishu Lakra, 25, all of New Jersey who operated DG Auto in multiple locations in New Jersey. According to court documents, they knowingly purchased stolen catalytic converters and, through a “de-canning” process, extracted the precious metal powders from the catalytic core. DG Auto sold the precious metal powders it processed from California and elsewhere to a metal refinery for over \$600 million. The charges against them are only allegations; they are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is the product

of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation with assistance from the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department, the Sacramento Police Department, the Davis Police Department, the Auburn Police Department, the Livermore Police Department, and the San Bernardino County Sherriff’s Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Veronica M.A. Alegria is prosecuting the case.

Tou Sue Vang, Andrew Vang, and Monica Moua are not yet scheduled to be sentenced. Andrew Vang and Monica Moua each face a maximum penalty of five years in prison. The 40 counts to which Tou Sue Vang pleaded guilty carry various maximum penalties per count ranging from 20 years in prison to five years in prison, and fines that range from \$500,000 to \$250,000 per count or twice the gross gain or loss from the crimes. The actual sentences, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables.

This effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at www.justice.gov/OCDETF ★

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ABC10 Launches 4th Annual Stand Against Hunger

ABC10 News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Golden State produces nearly half of the nation's fruits and vegetables yet roughly one in five Californians – about 8.8 million – currently struggle with food insecurity. To help address this critical issue, ABC10 is proud to announce the 4th Annual Stand Against Hunger holiday fundraising campaign that is launching November 6 and continuing through December 17, 2023. Stand Against Hunger is a signature community initiative led by ABC10, a TEGNA-owned media station, and is supported by Wells Fargo, Raley's Food for Families, Bayside Community Church, and Northwest Exteriors. To help kick off this important community effort, the TEGNA Foundation has generously donated \$25,000 to support the cause.

Local food banks serve a combined total of more than 500,000 people per month in the Greater Sacramento, Foothill and Valley region. In 2022, and with the help of generous businesses, organizations, and community members, nearly \$350,000 was raised through this high-profile initiative that resulted in more than 1.7 million meals last holiday season. All donated funds generated as part of the six-week Stand Against Hunger effort will be divided equally among the participating local food bank partners each year.

Every dollar makes a difference. In fact, a donation of just \$5 will buy 10 meals for those in need. The seven local food banks participating in the 2023 Stand Against Hunger include the following:

- Emergency Food Bank of Stockton
- Food Bank of Contra

Costa and Solano
-Placer Food Bank
-Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services
-Second Harvest of the Greater Valley
-Yolo County Food Bank
-Yuba-Sutter Food Bank
“Food insecurity affects hundreds of thousands in our community each year, and the number of individuals seeking food services locally has nearly doubled since the pandemic,” says Risa Omega, President & General Manager of ABC10. “I am honored that ABC10 and our parent company TEGNA are teaming up with other community-minded businesses and organizations to take a Stand Against Hunger. In addition to our on-air support, program leadership and financial contributions, ABC10 staff members will get actively involved by volunteering their time to help at local food banks this holiday season.”



Holding oranges are ABC10 staff members Gerardo Cabral on the right, and Michelle Gaskill on the left. Photo courtesy of ABC10

Telemundo (T33), 103.9 The Fish in Sacramento, and KAT Country 103.3 in Stockton are providing on-air support for the cause.

Viewers and community members are

encouraged to donate online to the food bank of their choice at www.abc10.com/standagainsthunger. To learn more about ABC10 and its mission, or to watch award-winning special reports and

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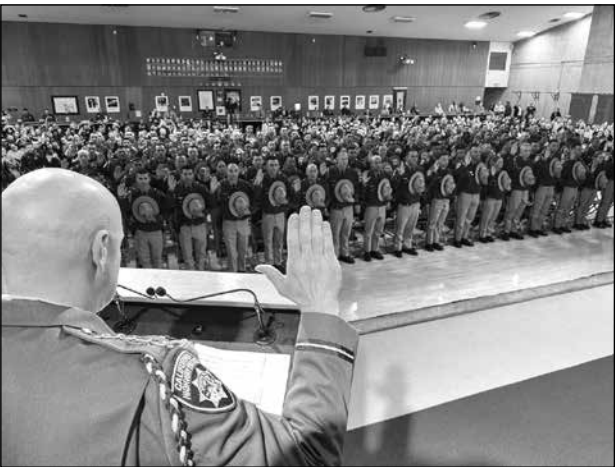
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CHP Celebrates the Graduation of 112 New Officers

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) welcomed more than 100 of California’s newest members of law enforcement during a graduation ceremony at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. The November 3, 2023 ceremony is the culmination of more than six months of rigorous training, hard work, and commitment. “These cadets are



The newly sworn in CHP officers answer the call of duty to serve our communities and roadways. Photo courtesy of CHP

California’s finest,” said Governor Gavin Newsom. “They are truly the best among us — answering a call of duty to serve our communities with trust and care. On behalf of all Californians, I am proud to welcome them to the California Highway Patrol.” The graduating class of 112 officers, including 11 women, report for duty on Nov. 13, 2023, to one of the CHP’s 103 Area offices throughout the state.

“The newly sworn officers exhibited remarkable dedication and determination throughout their training. They have proven themselves ready to take on the responsibilities and challenges of law enforcement, ensuring the safety and well-being of those who live and visit California,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Durvey. “We are proud to welcome them as part of the CHP family.” At the CHP Academy, cadet training starts with nobility in policing, leadership, professionalism and ethics, and cultural diversity. Cadets also receive instruction on mental illness response and crisis intervention techniques. Training also includes vehicle patrol, crash investigation, first aid, and the apprehension of suspected violators, including those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Cadets also receive training in traffic control, report writing, recovery



This year’s graduating class of 112 officers includes 11 women who are entering the force. Photo courtesy of CHP

of stolen vehicles, assisting the motoring public, issuing citations, emergency scene management, and knowledge of various codes, including the California Vehicle Code, Penal Code and Health and Safety Code.

A new class of more than 100 cadets will begin their 26-weeks of training at the CHP Academy that same day, bringing the total number of cadets in training to nearly 350. In June 2022, the CHP launched a multi-year

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230764

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Jimmy G Trevino, 6653 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95823. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 6, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/7/2023.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 2023
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230792

The following person(s) is doing business as: Why Not Boba?? Why Not Mochi?, 612 4th Street, Davis, CA 95616

507 LLC, 3631 Truxel Road #1342, Sacramento, CA 95834. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 1, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/15/2023.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230887

The following person(s) is doing business as:

RJM Bruxie Davis, 500 1st St. #9, Davis, CA 95616, County of Yolo.

RJM Food Group LLC, 570 Soscol Ave, Napa, CA 94559

This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

/s/ RYAN STRANGE, MANAGING MEMBER

RJM Food Group LLC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/18/2023.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: Kquam, Deputy
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-2098

Sayed Kabir Sadat has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sayed Abdul Basit Sadat to Basit Sadat and Sayed Abdul Bais Sadat to Bais Sadat and Sayed Abdul Waris Sadat to Waris Sadat.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: October 11, 2023

Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: Oct 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, 2023
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TRUSTEE SALE

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TRUST DATED 6/4/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: BENJAMIN J. BATTLES, A SINGLE MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: IDEA LAW GROUP, PC Recorded 6/8/2016 as Instrument No. 2016-0015175-00 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California, Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1609 ORINDA PL WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 A.P.N.: 046-391-012-000 Date of Sale: 12/11/2023 at 1:00:00 PM Place of Sale: WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, 1110 W. CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$356,645.79, Estimated. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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

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ifornia Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Log-in to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION . TS No.: CA-22-949548-BF IDSPub #0189162 West Sacramento News Ledger 11/10/2023 11/17/2023 11/24/2023 West Sacramento News Ledger 11-24-23

PUBLIC AUCTION

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: **975 F St, West Sacramento, CA 95605 on 11/21/2023 @ 11:00am:** Veronica Rivas household goods; Justin Mcamoi Household items. 3 br house

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetrees.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may resend any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on November 1, 2023, the West Sacramento City Council adopted by the vote noted below **ORDINANCE 23-9, AMENDING TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO** of the City of West Sacramento Municipal Code.

AYES: Alcalá, Early, Sulpizio Hull, Orozco, Guerrero.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

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

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T. Joe Danelson Retiring March 31, 2024

First Northern Bank News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - Jeremiah Z. Smith, President & Chief Executive Officer of First Northern Bank, today announced that T. “Joe” Danelson, 65, is retiring as Executive Vice President/ Chief Credit Officer effective March 31, 2024. Joe joined First Northern Bank in January of 2015, and he has been instrumental in his leadership role in growing the Company from \$540 million in total loans to over \$1 billion today. Joe has had a distinguished 42-year banking career working for both large and small banks. His broad experience, credit expertise and business acumen will be deeply missed. In the 10 years Joe has been with the Bank, he has transformed the credit culture to help First Northern reach even new heights. Joe’s impact will continue to accrue benefits well into the future. We wish Joe nothing but the best in the future and thank him for his service to the Bank. “My journey with First



T. Joe Danelson. Courtesy of First Northern Bank

Northern Bank has been incredibly rewarding, spanning 10 years of dedication and commitment to our vision of being the most admired community bank in Northern California,” Joe explained. “It has been an honor to work alongside such a talented and dedicated team, and I am grateful for the opportunities and experiences I have gained during my time here. While I will miss the daily interactions and challenges that come with my role, I am looking forward to new adventures and spending more time with my family.” The Bank has engaged McDermott & Bull to

conduct an executive search to fill the position of Executive Vice President/ Chief Credit Officer. First Northern Bank, an independent community bank headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, Glenn, Colusa and the west slope of El Dorado County. First Northern has fourteen branches located in Dixon, Davis, West Sacramento, Fairfield, Vacaville, Winters, Woodland, Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, Roseville, Auburn, Colusa, Willows, and Orland. The Bank has a commercial lending office in Walnut Creek. First Northern Bank also offers real estate mortgage loans, SBA Loans (Preferred Lender), and non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services at each branch location. In addition, the Bank has a Real Estate Mortgage Loan office located in Davis, and real estate loan representatives are available to meet customers at any of the Bank’s branches by appointment. ★

West Sacramento News Briefs

MPG Staff

Veterans Day Parade – Come out and join the west Sacramento community in honoring our US Military Veterans at the Veterans Day Parade this Saturday, November 11, 2023. The parade route will begin at the old Westmore Oaks Elementary, location (1100 Clarendon St) through Park Blvd. and culminate at the corner of Park Blvd. and Stone Blvd. The parade will begin at 11am. Please come out, bring your flags and thank our heroes by showing your support. **West Sacramento Home Run** has released their November schedule for eligible activities for the Ready, Set, Save program. Scheduled for November seven chances for the 0-4 years age group to earn money for their account. The 5-10 years age group has seven opportunities. The 11-13 years age group has three scheduled chances and the 14-18 years age group has five chances scheduled.

Yolo County Children’s Alliance are hosting a few upcoming events – YCCA will be hosting the following events. Please see if any of these events strike you as something that you would like to be a part of in some way. **Coat Drive at Jackrabbit Brewing** – November 1-14. On November 14 there will be a mixer at Jackrabbit Brewing to pick up the coats. We are collecting new children’s jackets for the @yccaforthekids 18th Annual Community Giveaway Day!

Come by anytime we are open (hours below) to donate. Coat collection will wrap up on the 14th with a fundraiser for YCCA in the taproom. Come by on 11/14 from 5:30-8pm and meet the amazing YCCA crew. Come hungry: @lasabrocita Taproom Hours: Mon-Th 4-8pm, Fri 2-9pm, Sat 12-9pm, Sun 10am-7pm As an added bonus, YCCA is our Donation Tap beneficiary for November! That means anytime you drink from the Donation tap, we donate half! **Yolo Crisis Nursery and Yolo County Children’s Alliance Fundraiser at Streets of London** – Thursday, November 16, 2023 5:30-7:30 pm Rod Stinson Band Trio performing live the help kids thrive. Streets of London, located at 2200 Lake Washington Blvd, West Sacramento. Each ticket raises funds for local kids. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. **YCCA Annual Community Giveaway Day** – YCCA’s 18th annual community giveaway day will be held on November 18, 2023 from 8:00am – 12:00 pm at River City High School. (Please note the location change!) Free for Yolo County families. Families can expect to receive Thanksgiving holiday meal kits, blankets, and coats for the kiddos! No pre-registration is needed. For questions about the event, please call our FRC at 916-572-0560. For questions about volunteering or supporting in providing resources, please email katie.durham@yolokids.org. YCCA will be partnered with Yolo Food Bank. ★



Riley Reviews

“OLD DADS” SPOOFS CULTURAL GRIEVANCES;
“GOOD COP, BAD COP” ON TV

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“OLD DADS” RATED R ON NETFLIX If you have ever watched stand-up comedian Bill Burr on any of his comedy specials found on streaming services, you have a good idea of how his angry-man persona delivering the zingers that upset the easily offended remains his schtick in “Old Dads” now running on Netflix. Middle-aged and married to a much younger wife Leah (Katie Aselton), Burr’s Jack Kelly is a father to a pre-school son at an elite school run by the unbearable Dr. Lois Schmieckel-Turner (Rachael Harris). Confrontation with the principal’s political correctness is inevitable. Jack ends up in hot water when he takes crass umbrage to the principal berating him for being two minutes late to pick up his son. A torment of verbal abuse puts him in the uncomfortable spot of having to make amends, lest his child fails to get a coveted recommendation to a private grade school. Meanwhile, Jack and his two partners, Connor (Bobby Cannavale) and Mike (Bokeem Woodbine), sell their sports-wear company and stay on as employees answering to insufferable millennial CEO Aspen Bell (Miles Robbins) who views the trio as unhip dinosaurs. Divorced with sons in college, Mike thinks his life is unraveling when his much-younger girlfriend Britney (Reign Edwards) gets pregnant. Desperately trying to be young and hip, Connor deals with a nightmarishly bratty preschool son and overbearing wife Cara (Jackie Thon). As family and business woes pile up, the trio decides to go on a road trip to Vegas but only make it so far as Palm Desert, where hijinks ensue while partying with strippers and engaging in general misbehavior. Much of what happens involves the three buddies acting out their amusing man-child aggressions, ranting about parking spaces, scooters hogging the road, and PC culture. It’s mostly Jack, though, with comical anger management issues. Granted, the three old guys yell and loudly curse to such an extent that some may find the comedy to be exceedingly vulgar and ill-mannered. The gauge of willingness to enjoy “Old Dads” will be familiarity as well as delight in Bill Burr’s outrageous, overblown biting humor. **“GOOD COP, BAD COP” ON ID TV** A staple of police shows is often the “good cop, bad cop” routine to interrogate suspects. For the six-episode series on ID TV, “Good Cop, Bad Cop” takes on a completely different connotation. Retired detective Garry McFadden, a highly decorated veteran of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department in North Carolina, worked over 800 homicide

cases and never lost a homicide case during a trial. With his stellar career in police work, McFadden is a perfect choice to host a series that recounts the pursuits of detectives to solve a complicated murder investigation with a startling twist: the perpetrator is a fellow member of law enforcement. The synopses for episodes that start on Sunday, November 12th are intriguing. In “Hunting Ground,” San Diego is in a state of panic after discovering the body of Cara Knott tossed over a highway bridge. With dead-end leads and the city demanding answers, police must work quickly while leaving no stone turned to bring this monster to justice. A city’s worst fear comes to fruition when the body of University of Toledo sorority sister turns up riddled with bullets on campus in the “Handcuffs” episode. The investigation’s findings shock the community and test the public’s faith in law enforcement. “Did You Kill Your Wife” episode finds state troopers arriving at the scene of a woman shot to death in her bed. They rule it suicide, but a tenacious detective reopens the case decades later. Modern forensics, a double life and new witnesses turn the facts of the case on its head. When police in Jacksonville, Florida discover Sami Safar’s corpse, they have no idea of the scale of criminality they stumbled upon in the “Blind Spot” episode. The murder of a hardworking Syrian immigrant unravels a web of theft and violence spanning years. In “Ticking time Bomb,” a woman’s corpse is found in flames outside of Atlanta. Police use surveillance footage to witness the victim’s last moment, including getting into the car that would take her to her death and ultimately lead police to her killer. The last episode lands on Sunday, December 17th, with “Hunting the Hunter.” Calls flood into the Silverton PD dispatch about a man shooting Rashawn Berry in broad daylight and fleeing the scene. A key piece of surveillance footage on the killer’s escape route shows that a broken heart could be at the center of this violent act. Featuring interviews with those closely connected to the case and expert insight from the host, who solved hundreds of cases in his career, “Good Cop, Bad Cop” stories reveal just how difficult and dangerous it is when the killer is on the inside. Staged and covered-up crime scenes make the investigations all the more complex. But these dedicated detectives are committed to capturing the criminals and bringing them to justice, no matter the cost or badge they wear. ★



Wet Year Helps Colorado River, but Imperial Farmers Still Conserving Water

A consensus plan agreed to last spring by states in the Colorado River’s Lower Basin should keep sufficient water in the river’s key reservoirs for the next three years. Despite the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reporting an improved water outlook after 2023 rains, implementing the plan will require farmers to voluntarily use much less water over the next three years. In California, most of the water savings will come from farmers in the Imperial Valley. “We’re going to be aiming for unprecedented levels of conservation,” said Tina Shields, water manager for the Imperial Irrigation District.

Market Pressures May Necessitate Decline In Winegrape Acreage

The president of a leading California winegrape marketing association says growers in the state need to remove 50,000 acres of winegrapes to balance supply with decreasing market demand. Jeff Bitter, president of Fresno-based Allied Grape Growers, cited several short- and long-term factors that have combined to reduce demand for California wine. A longer-term trend is that younger adults are simply drinking less wine. “We have fragile demand, and we have a lot of headwinds,” Bitter said. He said growers may be at risk of

having an oversupply of winegrapes. Sacramento summit focuses on water challenges, water-rights system

Some 150 water managers, government officials, farmers, environmentalists and others gathered in Sacramento last week to collaborate on some of the state’s most challenging water issues. The Water Education Foundation annual water summit came after heavy rains boosted reservoirs in 2023, following three years of drought that brought water curtailment orders and calls for modernizing the water-rights system. Eric Oppenheimer of the California State Water Resources said the water-rights system “is a challenging system to manage” and requires better data collection.

App From UC Davis Researchers Can Help Farmers Gather Crop Data

A new web application could help farmers get more out of drones used to gather data on farms. The When2Fly app – developed by University of California, Davis, researchers – aims to help drone operators on farms steer clear of glare-like areas called hotspots that can tamper with the data drones collect. Creators of the app – Alireza Pourreza, an associate professor, and postdoctoral researcher Hamid Jafarbiglu – said the technology can help growers allocate their resources more efficiently in managing water use or applying nitrogen. ★

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Social Security Matters

When Should I Retire and Claim My Social Security Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 64 years old and having difficulty working due to my arthritis, but I can continue part time as a podiatrist. I do not know the best way to determine when to retire. What is the formula or a way to determine which is a better choice? **Signed: Undecided**

Dear Undecided: There is a difference between deciding when to retire from working and deciding when to claim your Social Security benefits. For the former, you should consult with a certified financial advisor, but I'll provide you with how Social Security fits into your personal circumstances. In deciding when to claim Social Security, you should look at your financial needs, your life expectancy, your work status, and your marital status. There is no one formula right for everyone because everyone's circumstances are different, but here are some things to help decide what is right for you:

- Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects Social Security before reaching their full retirement age (FRA). Your FRA is 66 years and 8 months, and that is the point at which


you get 100% of the SS benefit earned from a lifetime of working. If you collect SS before your FRA and continue to work, there is a limit to how much you can earn without jeopardizing your benefits. For example, the earnings limit for 2023 is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" benefits by withholding future payments until they recover the penalty for exceeding the limit. If your earnings are substantially over the limit, you will be ineligible to collect Social Security until either your earnings are less, or you reach your FRA.

- If you claim SS before your FRA your benefit amount will be permanently reduced. If, for example, you claim SS to start at age 65 your monthly benefit will be about 89% of what it would be at your FRA. That reduced benefit would not change thereafter except for Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) usually granted annually.
- If Social Security will be a major part of your retirement income, then waiting to get a higher monthly benefit may be a prudent strategy for you. The longer you wait to claim the more your benefit will be. Your SS benefit will continue to grow until you are 70 years old, and at 70 your monthly benefit will be about 27% more than it would be at your FRA. Your maximum SS benefit will be attained at age 70 but waiting until age 70 to claim is only prudent if you anticipate a long life expectancy.

- Life expectancy is a very important factor in deciding when to claim SS. If you claim at age 70 instead of at your FRA, you will need to live until you are about 83 to breakeven moneywise. If you live even longer than that, then waiting until 70 will yield the highest monthly amount and the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. But if your anticipated life expectancy is less, claiming earlier may be a better choice.
- If you are married and expect your wife to survive you, consider that the benefit your wife can get as your widow will be based on your SS benefit when you die, thus the longer you wait to claim the more your wife's benefit as your widow may be. If you predecease your wife, her benefit will be based on the amount you were receiving at your death if that is more than her personally earned SS benefit.

So, as you can see, deciding when to claim Social Security Is a decision to be made after carefully evaluating your personal circumstances as described above. I hope this provides what you need to make an informed decision, but if you have further questions, please contact us at SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org, or at 1 (888) 750-2622.

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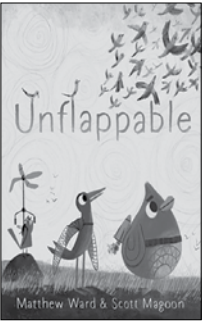
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by Neil Gaiman,
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by Kailei Pew, Steph Lew,
Clarion Books

Blossom knew that there was definitely a monster above her bed. With the snorts, gruffs, and grunts, she was sure of it, and there was only one way to find out.

Readers will fall into fits of laughter in this adorable story. With a fun turn of events, young readers will be able to look at their fear in a whole new way and even be excited about the possibility of a monster under their own bed. A Heartwarming and fun story that explores a common fear with a new perspective and a fun, bold, vibrant illustrations.

Etta Extraordinaire
by Roda Ahmed, Charnaie Gordon, Chloe Burgett,
Harper Collins

Etta is extraordinary.



With her boa in hand and her grandmother's pearls, Etta is ready for the world. So, when Etta has the opportunity to be in the school's talent show, she instantly gets excited. Until the worry sets in. But Etta was extraordinary, and she immediately set up a plan to prepare. Etta crafted the perfect stage to practice, and practice she did. Each day, Etta sang her heart out, and when Saturday came, she grabbed her sparkliest shoes, her long cape, and her lucky pearls. Etta knew nothing could stop her... until she saw the stage.



Will Etta be able to let the extraordinary shine, or will she allow the worry to win?

Readers will instantly fall for the darling and tenacious Etta. *Etta Extraordinaire* will have little ones wanting to combat their own fears and maybe even be the star of their own show. The perfect read-out-loud story for a classroom or a home library. One thing is certain: Etta will inspire readers to find their own extraordinary and let it shine in the inspiring story.

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Crime Reports

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10-20-23 MICHAEL POWERS Arrested for exhibiting a deadly weapon other than a firearm.

10-24-23 MAUREEN RHINES Arrested for Petty theft:Merchandise, Possession of burglary tools and a bench warrant.

10-26-23 DEVENA OWENS Arrested for felony bench warrant and false ID to Police .

10-26-23 WILFRED STONE Arrested for two warrants.

10-26-23 JAMES HODGES Arrested for warrant during a jail transport.

10-26-23 RICHARD LOPEZ Arrested for felon/Addict in possession of firearm, carry loaded firearm with intent to commit a felony, carry loaded firearm with prior felony convictions,prohibited person own/possess ammunition, own firearm without serial number, willful discharge of firearm in a grossly negligent manner.

10-26-23 MATTHEW CENGIZ Arrested for Battery on person.

10-27-23 AARON PHONGSAVATH was in a scanned vehicle and found to have a felony warrant. He was contacted by Police and arrested.

10-27-23 JESSICA TEYES Arrested for felony bench warrant after a warrant service.

10-27-23 TRAVIS ROSS Arrested for warrant.

10-28-23 ISSAC ESCOBEDO Arrested for felony bench warrant.

10-29-23 ROBERT ALVES Arrested for two bench warrants and trespassing.

10-30-23 DAVID SAMANIEGO Arrested for DUI, DUI 0.08%.

10-31-23 STEPHEN FARRELL Arrested on two bench warrants.

11-01-23 NESTOR MALDONADO Arrested for disorderly conduct:Alcohol.

11-01-23 MARTINA GARCIA Arrested for a bench warrant and Officer removes vehicle when arrest of driver is made.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

10-20-23 A call for service where a dad was threatening his son with a sword led to an arrest on weapons charges. Exhibit deadly weapon other than firearm.

10-23-23 Parked vehicle was damaged.

10-24-23 Homeless male threw rocks at victim. Suspect gone when Police arrived. Battery on person.

10-25-23 Three unidentified subjects used fear to allegedly steal victim's phone, bike and backpack. Victim recognized two of the suspects. Incident was captured on video. \$5,300 loss. Robbery.

10-25-23 Suspect found unresponsive behind the wheel of a vehicle at a gas station. AMR administered Narcan and transported suspect. Possession of narcotic controlled substance.

10-26-23 Suspect arrested for false ID to a Police Officer. Found to have a felony warrant.

10-27-23 Vehicle burglary. \$3,000 loss. Burglary.

10-27-23 Catalytic converter theft. \$2,000 loss. Grand theft.

10-29-23 Subject was asked to leave victim's property but he refused. Arrested for trespassing and two bench warrants.

10-29-23 Vehicle burglary and vandalism. \$901 loss. Burglary, Vandalism (\$400 or more).

10-30-23 Subject cited and released for driving under the influence. DUI:Alcohol and DUI Alcohol0.08 percent.

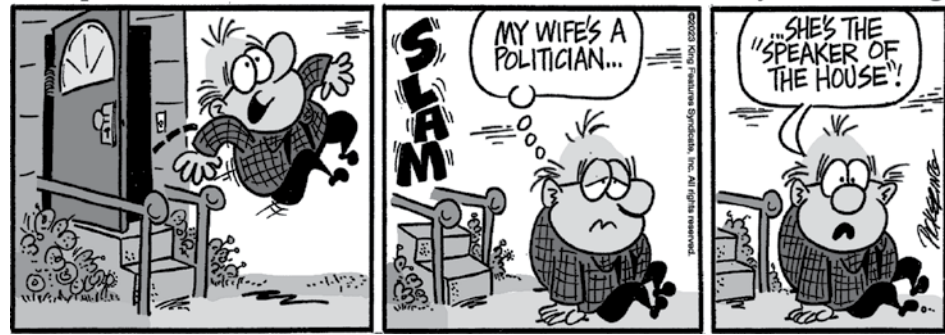
10-30-23 Unknown suspect broke victim's window and took purse that was left on front seat overnight. \$900 loss. Burglary, Obtain credit using other's ID, Vandalism.

10-30-23 Three subjects arrived at victim's workplace. Victim called mom for a ride due to previous issue with one of subjects.Mother showed up and observed the three male subjects. One of the male subjects brandished a firearm at victim's brother. Male subjects left the area before the Police arrived. Exhibiting concealed Firearm in Public.

10-31-23 Attempted theft of catalytic converter. \$500 loss, Vandalism.

COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats



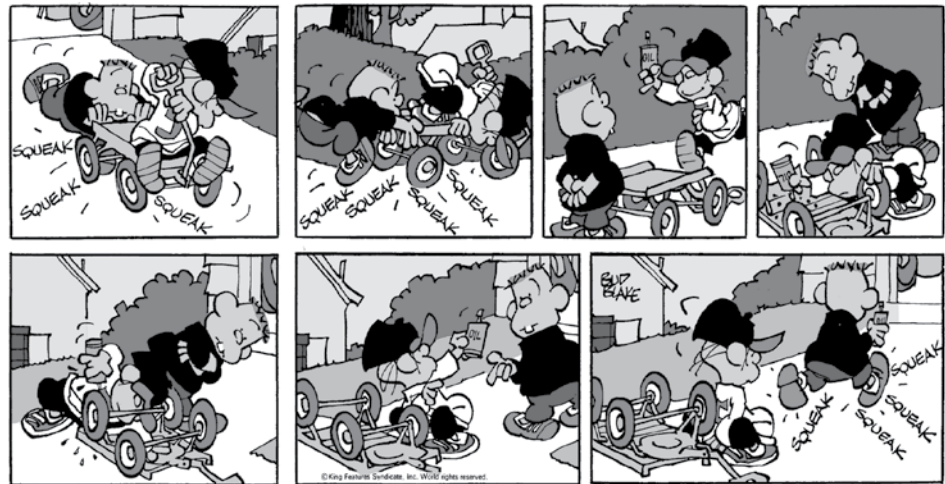
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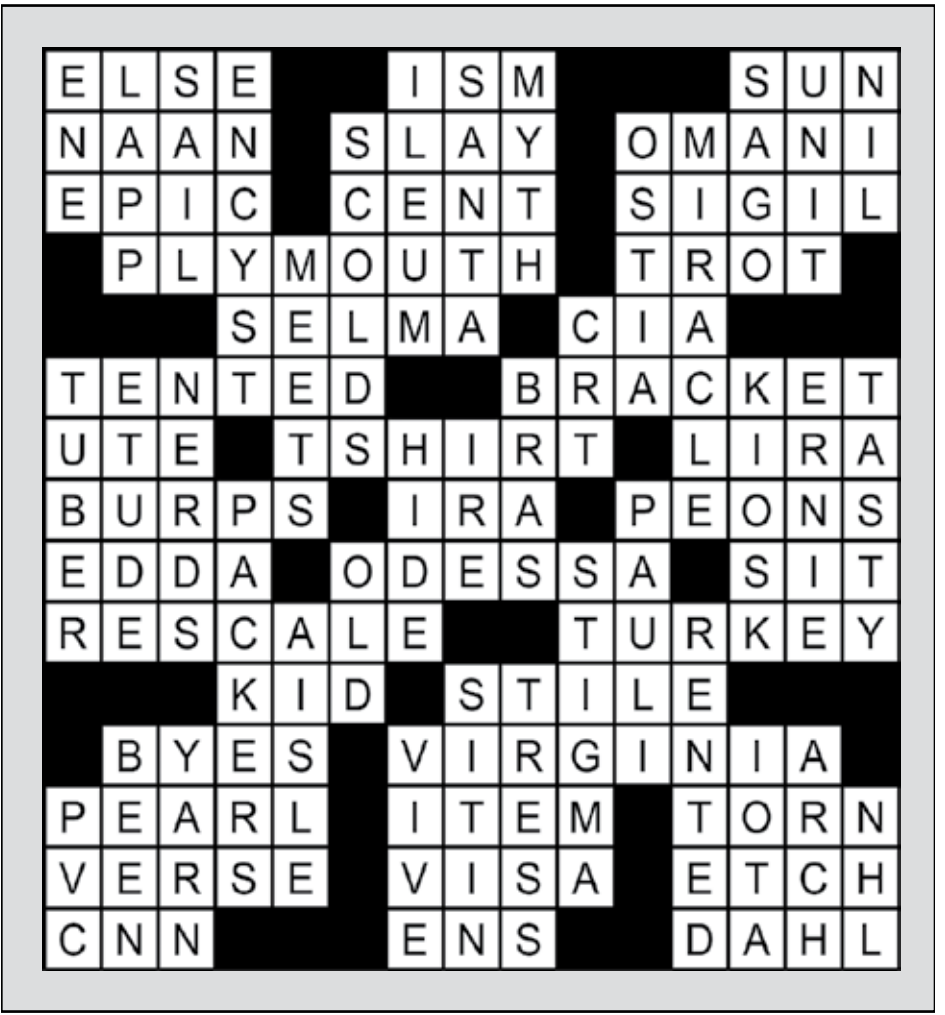
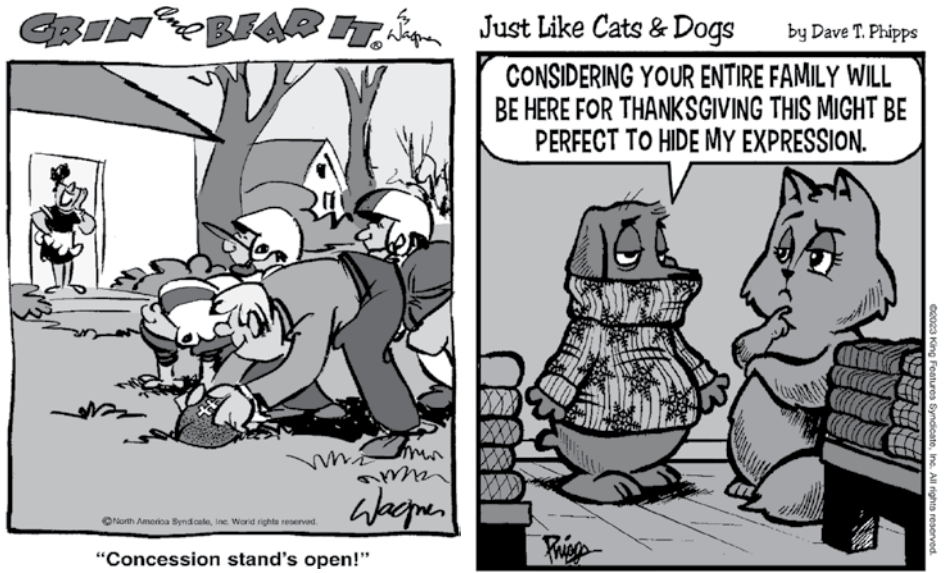
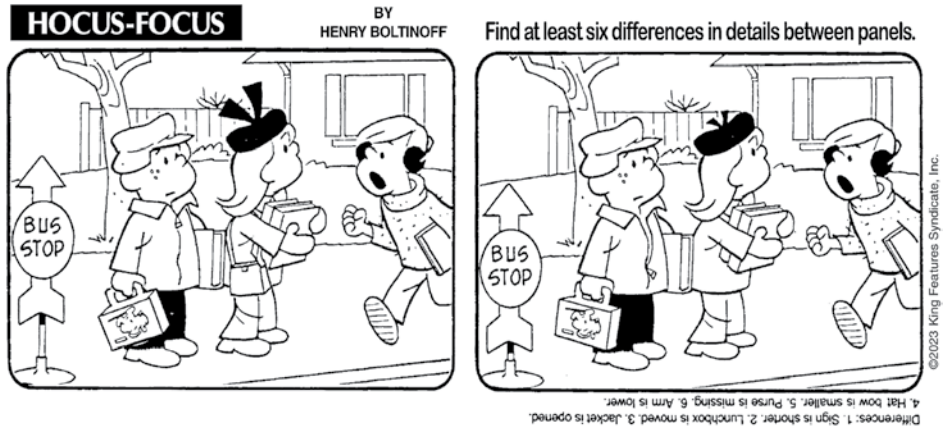


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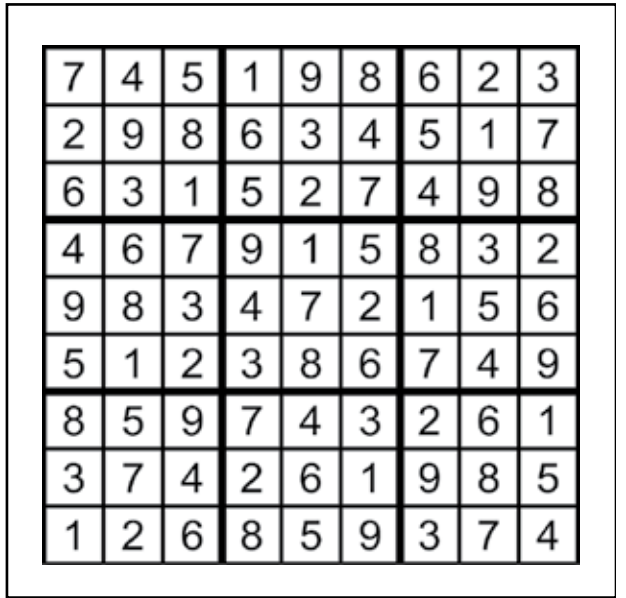


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