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West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero, Shannon McClarin (left) and Nicole Castrejon from Yolo County Office of Education and Francisco Castillo.

Story and photos by Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG) - Yolo County Children's Alliance hosted the 18th annual Community Giveaway Day at River City High School, on Sunday. This year, 650 meal kits were handed out. Each kit contained a turkey, a box of fresh produce and a box of dry and canned food such as stuffing, gravy and corn bread mix. In addition to the food, more than 1,100 kids received new coats and blankets. Also available were gloves, hats and books. There was also a flu shot clinic available for

those in need of their flu shot. All for free.

It takes the fifteen staff members from YCCA Resource Center about four months to collect, plan, organize, coordinate and finalize this event. They do however fund-raise for this event throughout the entire year. YCCA has more than 50 employees that work this event and coordinate an additional 80 volunteers from throughout the region.

In one area, there were tables set up, where a list of organizations offered resources. Each organization had a variety of giveaways that were handed out. In addition, there was

coloring and activities for the kids. Resource sponsors included: NAMI, CommuniCare Health Centers – who had representative from multiple areas of care. First 5 Yolo, Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP – free internet), Yolo County Office of Education, West Sacramento Police Department, Washington Unified School District, Lighthouse Charter School, Yolo Federal Credit Union and Welcome Baby all had tables set up with free gifts.

An event like this takes many more sponsors than this though. Additional sponsors that helped make this event

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Yolo County Agency Secures \$7.9 Million Grant for Innovative Water Resilience Initiatives

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - In an effort to bolster water resiliency efforts in Yolo County, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has awarded a \$7.9 million grant to the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency. This noteworthy award, a part of the DWR's Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program, is earmarked to lead pioneering projects in groundwater recharge, sustainability planning, and natural resources management.

The grant, which is a testament to the county's steadfast commitment to forging a sustainable future, will propel five transformative projects thoughtfully designed to benefit underserved communities and Tribes in Yolo County. These initiatives will play a pivotal role in groundwater sustainability



From left to right: Executive Officer of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Kristin Sicke, Assistant Manager of Division of Regional Assistance for the California Department of Water Resources Matthew Bates, Yolo County District 3 Supervisor Mary Vixie Sandy, Winters City Councilmember Carol Scianna, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Vice Chair Lee Smith and board member Tom Barth. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

planning, enhancing understanding of water supplies, and supporting three critical groundwater recharge programs. Specifically engineered to divert winter storm flows into underground storage,

these programs will simultaneously create habitat for shorebirds, aligning seamlessly with the objectives outlined in Governor Newsom's Adapting to a Hotter and Drier Water Supply Strategy.

Supervisor Mary Vixie Sandy, who graciously accepted the award on behalf of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency, emphasized the significance of collaborative

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Rideshare Still Major Topic with City Council

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In the three-and-a-half-hour City Council meeting of November 15, a big portion of that was taken up by a very detailed and complete report regarding the on-demand ride share – commonly known as Via. The following information was included in the report: The rideshare service is considered a corner-to-corner service. The fleet includes 11 Hybrid Toyota Siennas, including 3 WAV. Via has tracked the number of calls, discovering there are peak hours and higher demand consistently at certain times. The number of available vehicles depends on that scheduling.

General hours of operation are Monday to Friday 6 am – 11 pm, Saturday 9 am – 11 pm and Sunday 8 am – 8 pm.

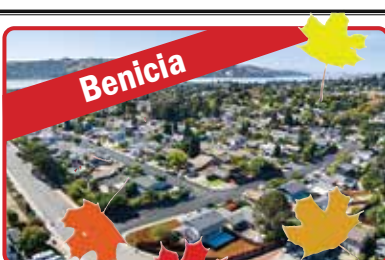
Fares are \$3.50 single ride, plus \$1.00 for additional passengers. They have a weekly pass that allows 4 rides per day for seven days, for \$15. 50 discounted fares for eligible riders.

Councilwoman Verna Sculpizio-Hull requested the development of a program that will offer extended hours during specific or special events like High School football games. She explained that many families take Via to see the game but when the game is over, Via has already shut down for the night.

The average daily number of rides is 517. Average weekly is 3,621. The total number of senior and disabled riders through the fiscal year of 2023 (FY 23) is more than 15,000. Total rides in FY 23 is 188,848 and total rides to date are 728,871.

Mayor Guerrero mentioned that Via is one of the main modes of transportation in West Sacramento. She mentioned the city's Mobility Action Plan (getting people out of their cars and using other modes of transportation within the city). Mayor Guerrero expressed the desire for the rideshare company to be much more aggressively active on advertising and for them to perhaps work out some programs that regularly include rides for

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Performing Arts Collection Now Available at Yolo County Library

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Every Yolo County Library cardholder now has access to over 5,000 theater, music, and dance performance videos, as well as audio performances, along with over 3,000 world music albums. These resources are available online at no charge through their library account.

These video and audio recordings are part of the Alexander Street platform by ProQuest, found in collections titled “Performing Arts Multi-Media” and “Performing Arts Video.” These additions are the latest enhancements to the online resources accessible to Yolo County Library

cardholders at www.YoloCountyLibrary.org/Learning. The California State Library, in collaboration with the Riverside County Office of Education, has made this resource available to public libraries and public K-12 schools.

The Performing Arts collections showcase performances from various California arts organizations and artists. Examples include international dance recordings produced in Berkeley, CA; jazz performance videos and international music audio recorded in California; lectures on acting techniques by California-based professionals; and over 430 full-length audio plays produced by L.A. Theatre

Works.

“This collection is valuable for arts educators, local artists, and students of any age in Yolo County,” said Yolo County Librarian and Chief Archivist Diana Lopez. “These resources augment the ability of all Yolo County residents to access, learn, and be inspired by the arts. I propose that the most valuable card in your pocket may well be your Yolo County Library card!”

For more information, please visit the library’s website at www.YoloCountyLibrary.org. Stay connected with Yolo County Library on Facebook ([@YoloCountyLibrary.org](https://www.Facebook.com/YoloCountyLibrary.org)) and on Instagram and TikTok at [@yolocountylibrary](https://www.TikTok.com/@yolocountylibrary). ★

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churches, schools, new apartment areas, home run, seniors, YCCA, homeless programs, job development places and the senior center. The Council also suggested that rideshare work it out with emergency services or city staff for rideshare to be involved during emergencies (like rides to warming and cooling centers).

The report also included financial payout and income, funding past and current, available partnerships and costs, survey assessment and public feedback. For complete details on these items visit cityofwestsacramento.org and go to meetings to find

video of the meeting and meeting minutes.

Once the presentation of the report was completed the City Council held discussion with the transportation representative. Questions and concerns included: Are employees adequately paid? The Mayor wants to see feedback from the employees.

The Council also brought up Via’s safety practices. They asked if rideshare has been getting into accidents? Do they get accident reports and what is their standard procedure when this happens? Who is responsible and who has to deal with it? The company or the employee. These answers need to be

investigated by city staff because the drivers are considered subcontractors, yet they get paid by the hour.

Transportation says that they get on average, one incident every two weeks. That is since summer of this year. They weren’t keeping track of that data before then. The council requested a complete report on safety data. Transportation also said that if anyone is having trouble loading or using the Via app, they can go into City Hall, and someone from Transportation will help them with the app. They prefer to be called at (916) 617-4645 to make an appointment, although it is not necessary. ★

VFW to Hold Annual Children’s Christmas Party

VFW Auxiliary Post 8762 News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Kids 10 and under Join us for a Jolly Good Time! The VFW will hold their

annual Children’s Christmas Party on Sunday December 10th, from 1-4pm at 905 Drever Street in West Sacramento. Fun for everyone 2 to 10 with Crafts, Games, Treats and a special visit from Santa. ★



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Millers Celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary



Rick and Genna Miller today. Photo courtesy of Laurie Melson

By Laurie Melson

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Rick & Genna Miller were married on December 6, 1968, at First Baptist Church in West Sacramento. Rick & Genna were raised here and graduated from James Marshall High School in the late 1960’s. Their two children are Laurie Miller Melson and Shawn Miller and one grandson, Alexander Christian Reed.

Rick worked for his family’s business, Miller’s TV, with his parents, Al and Laverne Miller, on Merkley Avenue for

over 20 years. He also worked as a bus driver for Sacramento City Unified School District and then retired from Bing Maloney Golf Course after 20 years of service and his love of golf. He also coached and managed Shawn’s baseball teams at West Sacramento Little League.

Genna worked for the State of California and for Washington Unified School District where she ultimately retired as a para-educator in special education. Her combined service as a civil servant is over 40 years! However, her love of family and being a

stay-at-home mom in the early years was her most important role. She kept our family together through prayer and never gave up when times were tough.

Together they enjoy an uncomplicated life of painting, playing Jeopardy and other game shows on TV, eating out at restaurants and being with their family and each other.

Congratulations to Mom and Dad for your commitment and dedication to each other over the years!!! You did it and we are a blessed family because of your love, honor and respect for each other! ★



Rick and Genna Miller circa 1968. Photo courtesy of Laurie Melson

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YoloTD Launches New Planning Effort

YoloTD News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD) is pleased to announce the launch of the Yolo Active Transportation Corridors (YATC) project and requests feedback from the community on this important planning effort. Active transportation includes all forms of people-powered transportation, including walking, biking, riding a scooter, and traveling by wheelchair.

The YATC plan is a first-of-its-kind planning effort for Yolo County and will serve as the guiding document for installing new walking and biking paths, trails, and other routes throughout Yolo County.

Outside of the incorporated cities, facilities to support travel on foot

or by bike are often lacking or disconnected, and routes between communities are limited and require users to share the roadway with fast-moving vehicles. Through this Plan, YoloTD aims to identify and prioritize active transportation investments that will improve safety and connectivity between key destinations, reduce barriers to mobility for low-income and minority residents, and improve travel conditions for people of all ages and abilities.

As a community-driven document, everyone who travels in Yolo County is encouraged to participate in the development of the Plan either at in-person events or via the project website. A series of upcoming events are planned in partnership with the Yolo County Climate Action and

Adaptation Plan, and additional targeted events in unincorporated communities will be hosted in early 2024. Additional information about the Plan, including an interactive comment map, is available in English and Spanish at the link below.

- English: <https://arcg.is/0Tqeqz>
- Español: <https://arcg.is/00CmHm0>

The YATC Plan is being led by the Yolo County Transportation District (YoloTD) with support from Yolo County, UC Davis, Caltrans District 3, and the Cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland.

The YATC Plan is made possible by funding from the US Department of Transportation (DOT) RAISE discretionary grant program. ★

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such a success include: The County of Yolo, City of West Sacramento, PG&E, 100+ Women Who Care, Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, Recology Waste Zero, Raley's, Project Linus, Bogle Vineyards, Jackrabbit Brewing Company, Mercy Coalition,

Walmart Foundation, Chris Ladesma & Maria Simas, Capitol Tech Solutions and Yolo Food Bank, who was huge part of the event.

According to a press release put out by Yolo County Children's Alliance, "The goal of this event is to ensure that every child has a warm

winter, and every family is connected with resources they need to build meaningful ties to their communities and each other." Each year it is a little different than previous years, but every year is a success. This was a free event that needed no pre-registration. ★



Yolo Food Bank Director, Karen Baker handing out turkeys.



Marisol Mora and Ozmar Aburto representing Communicare Health Centers.

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Woodland Opera House News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Woodland Opera House will be entertaining this holiday season with Peter and the Wolf/The Nutcracker "Sweet," two beautiful ballet one-acts in one production! Sergei Prokoviev's Symphonic Fairy Tale for children comes to life in this winter premiere of Peter and the Wolf at the Woodland Opera House. See young Peter and his animal friends capture the hungry wolf in this charming ballet performed by dancers from the Opera House's Education Department dance program.

After a brief intermission, families will be treated to a short and "sweet" re-telling of the traditional Christmas Ballet, The Nutcracker. Young Clara is taken on a magical journey into a land of Sweets by her favorite Christmas present, a Magic Nutcracker. Enjoy The Nutcracker "Sweet" and celebrate the holiday spirit with family and friends.

Performances times are December 14-17: Thursday and Friday at 7:00 p.m., Saturday at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00



Young Clara is taken on a magical journey into a land of Sweets by her favorite Christmas present, a Magic Nutcracker in the production of the The Nutcracker "Sweet." Photo courtesy of Woodland Opera House.

p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. All seating is reserved, with ticket prices: \$16 Adults, \$28 and \$8 Children under 17. Balcony pricing: \$10 Adults and \$5 Children. Purchase tickets online at www.WoodlandOperaHouse.com.

Org, also available at the Box Office (530) 666-9617. Located at 340 Second Street, Box Office hours are: Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ★

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relationships, stating, "This award will fund bold and innovative projects that strengthen our community's water infrastructure and resilience. The Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency has nurtured partnerships with our local and state agencies to advance our community's resiliency and position Yolo County favorably in sustainably managing groundwater resources. For the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency, this funding marks a milestone in implementing strategies that further groundwater sustainability and resourceful water management."

"After almost eight years of coordination and planning, we are thrilled for the opportunity to complete mutually beneficial projects," said Kristin Sicke P.E., Executive Officer for the Yolo Subbasin

Groundwater Agency. "This funding will kick-start initiatives to expand our monitoring network, optimize conjunctive use via recharging excess winter flows, and advance conveyance opportunities. We are grateful to DWR for the financial assistance to continue our work towards groundwater sustainability in the Yolo Subbasin."

In September 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) into law. SGMA mandated locally controlled groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) in priority basins such as the Yolo Subbasin. In June 2017, the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency was established as a Joint Powers Authority to act as the exclusive GSA for the Yolo Subbasin.

The Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency is

governed by a 26-member Board of Directors, which includes representatives from the county, cities, UC Davis, water districts, reclamation districts, the Yolo County Farm Bureau, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, and a member from the environmental preservation community. Committed to SGMA compliance, it coordinates with local parties such as the Yolo County Environmental Health Division and Natural Resources Division for groundwater management and is responsible for Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation.

In addition to providing critical grant funding to support SGMA, the grant program offers assistance through the Underrepresented Community Technical Assistance program. ★

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Crash Kills 1, Another Hospitalized

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) – Early in the morning on November 20th, a car carrying two people, crashed into one of the columns of the Sycamore Trail Pedestrian Overpass in West Sacramento. Highway 50

westbound was closed for several hours while the accident was cleared and the West Sacramento Fire Department conducted an initial assessment of the structure. WSFD determined the structure to be safe but recommended a more thorough inspection be

performed by bridge inspectors. The overpass is located between the Harbor Blvd and Jefferson Blvd exits. The vehicle hit some beams and temporary columns that hold up the overcrossing. Officials wanted to verify the integrity of the construction to avoid collapse or falling

pieces hitting passing cars. The highway remained closed, and traffic was rerouted onto Interstate 5 and Interstate 80. Eastbound lanes remained open. Several hours later the highway was reopened to traffic, only to be closed later that night for additional inspection and

repairs. Minor repairs were made to the damaged support structure. The beams and falsework are in good shape and have been certified by the design engineer. No additional closures will be needed to repair the bridge supports over US-50. The California Highway

Patrol said it appeared that alcohol or drugs may have been a factor, and that the accident left the passenger dead and the 30-year-old female driver hospitalized with minor injuries. The driver has been placed under arrest as the crash remains under investigation. ★

West Sacramento News Briefs

MPG Staff

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting – Join your community at the town’s Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1st at 5:30 PM at City Hall. Bring the kids and neighbors, sing some songs, see Santa and enjoy some holidays cheer! You’re sure to have a good time! This is a free event.

Public comment on toll lane expansion – A meeting was held on November 28 about the toll lane expansion on Highway 80 between Davis and Sacramento. In order to use the available funding, the EIR must be out by mid-February. Another public meeting is scheduled in Davis on December 13 at the Library, located at 315 E. 14th Street, Davis. If you miss both meetings, public comment is being accepted until January 5th at 11:59 PM.

Comments on the EIR should be emailed to Caltrans at Yolo80corridor@dot.ca.gov (mailto:Yolo80corridor@dot.ca.gov)

Phone number correction – Last week we brought you an article

about George Frey and Ultimate Riot Wrestling. Here is the CORRECT phone number: 279-842-7589. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Open seats on the following commissions – Commission, Committee, and Board members serve in an advisory role to help direct policy by making suggestions and recommendations to the City Council and City staff. This system of commissions is intended to be representative of, and responsive to, the communities they serve.

The City of West Sacramento is currently recruiting for interested individuals to serve on the following: Board of Appeals, Environment & Utilities Commission, Parks, Recreation, & Intergenerational Services Commission Submit an application online or contact the City Clerk’s Office at 916-617-4500 or clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org to request a hard copy of the application be mailed to you.

Guidelines for Applicants

To be considered for appointment, an applicant

must complete and submit an application. Beyond the submission of an application, the following guidelines are offered to applicants for consideration in approaching the appointment process. Following these guidelines is encouraged but not required. If an applicant does not satisfy one or more guideline, he or she is not automatically disqualified as an applicant. Conversely, following all of the guidelines does not guarantee appointment. It is left to the applicant's discretion as to how he or she chooses to pursue the appointment process.

Applications

The application format is the same for most of the committees and commissions. Applications and submitted materials are public records.

The application is primarily intended to collect information about the applicant. An applicant may include any number of additional attachments for inclusion with a submitted application. The City encourages applicants to include additional informational attachments, such as resumes, letters

of recommendation, personal statements, and/or introductory letters, if relevant. All applications and submitted supplemental materials are compiled by staff and distributed to the City Council.

The deadline established for applications to be submitted is a procedural deadline to provide time for the City Clerk’s Office to compile and distribute applications, verify that applicants meet the requirements to hold the vacant position, and to meet agenda publishing deadlines. When applications are received after the published submittal deadline but still prior to the date of the appointment consideration, those applications are verified, then circulated as staff memos, and included for consideration of the vacancy appointment.

Accepting applications until December 31, 2023.

More details can be found online at www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/commissions-committees/commissions-committees-application

The West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project is announcing Sign Up

and Distribution dates.

West Sacramento residents can sign up at the West Sacramento Community Center, located at 1075 West Capitol Avenue through Friday December 8, 2023. Times are Monday – Friday 10 am – 4 pm. Sign Ups will also take place at Holy Cross Church, located at 1321 Anna Street, West Sacramento on Sunday, December 3, December 10 and December 17, 2023 from 1 pm – 3 pm (after Spanish Mass).

Must bring proof of West Sacramento residency (rent receipt, utility bill), California Driver’s License or Identification, and proof of low income (medical card) for adults. Must provide Medi-Cal cards for all children in the household.

Only one basket per household!! (Sign ups for baskets are going to one database)

Distribution Dates will be Thursday December 21, 2023 and Friday December 22, 2023 from 10 am – 5 pm. Place to be determined soon. Please contact project President Olive Morrow at (916) 410-5741.

WSTRA Trot for Tots Toy Drive 2023

On December 2, 2023, the West Sacramento Trail Riders Association (WSTRA) members will deliver toys to the firemen of West Sacramento’s Fire Station Number 45 for the club’s annual “Trot for Tots” toy drive. The firemen will be to greet them and accept the toy donations at around noon. The community is invited to see the riders and their horses deliver the toys. Toy collection sites for the drive are located at Wild West Feed, Lenise’s Cafe, and the Starbucks near Lake Washington Boulevard. WSTRA would like to thank our community for all of their support for this event! The new toys will be distributed to our community this 2023 Holiday Season. WSTRA promotes education and recreational opportunities for people interested in the preservation and protection of open space for trail corridors for equestrian use in Yolo County. WSTRA has been supporting this annual toy drive with our community and donating toys for the last 13 years. Wishing everyone Happy Holidays ★



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Magic-themed Writing Contest for Yolo County High Schoolers

Owl Walk & Talk to be Held at Grasslands Regional Park

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Library, in collaboration with the Yolo County Library Foundation and Stories on Stage Davis, is hosting a short story writing contest open to 9th–12th grade students in Yolo County. This contest is free to enter. The winning student will be awarded \$100 and will have the opportunity to have their story read at an author event scheduled for Saturday, April 13th, 2024, at the Veterans Memorial Theatre in Davis.

This year's theme for the contest is magical realism. Judges are seeking narratives that incorporate magical elements within a real-world context (excluding fantasy) with a maximum word limit of

2,000 words. The deadline for contest submissions is January 20, 2024, at 11 p.m. To submit a story or to learn more information about the contest, please visit www.YoloCounty.org/Contest.

The chosen theme for the contest is drawn from the novel “The House That Spoke,” authored by Zuni Chopra during her teenage years. In this novel, the house and its objects possess sentience, and the protagonist, 15-year-old Zoon, must harness a magical power within herself to protect them from a dark, malevolent presence in the world.

Zuni Chopra, a 22-year-old Indian author with four published works, released her initial poetry collection at the age of 9 and her debut novel, “The House That Spoke,” at 15. She is particularly fascinated by

magical realism, exploring the boundaries between reality and imagination. Among her favorite authors are Neil Gaiman, Madeline Miller, T.S. Eliot, and Lewis Carroll. Currently pursuing a BA in English with a concentration in Creative Writing at Stanford University, Chopra will personally select the contest's winner from the finalists. Discover more about Chopra and her literary endeavors on her website at: www.zunichopra.in/.

For additional details, please visit the Library's website at www.YoloCountyLibrary.org or you can also find Stories on Stage Davis at www.StoriesOnStageDavis.com. Stories on Stage Davis is a fiscally sponsored project of YoloArts and is backed by the 2022 City of Davis Arts Grant. ★

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Join Yolo County Library and the Yolo County General Services Department's Parks Division for a free, fun, and informative event all about owls. The event will be held at Grasslands Regional Park, located at Mace Boulevard and Tremont Road in Davis, on Saturday, December 2, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City of Davis Wildlife Resource Specialist, John McNerney, will provide an informative talk about owls, including tips and tricks on how to spot them, then lead participants on a walk to observe burrowing owls in their native habitat. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet a Great Horned Owl Ambassador from the California Raptor Center and learn more about these amazing birds.

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barn owl pellets. “Pellets” are the cast-up remnants of an owl's prey that they are unable to digest. Kids can see and identify the tiny bones from the owl's meal, reconstruct the skeletons of the animals, and learn about the owl's diet and place in the food web. Additionally, a scavenger hunt activity will be offered. Children who find the items on their handout can turn it in for a small prize.

No reservations are required for this event. Access from the parking lot to the event location is a gravel road and the walking path at Grasslands Regional Park is compacted dirt, which is not

rated for accessibility. Participants are encouraged to bring water and binoculars and wear sturdy walking shoes and appropriate clothing, as the area may be muddy. If rain is in the forecast, the event will be moved to the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, located at 315 E. 14th Street in Davis. Follow the library's social media accounts on Instagram at [@yolocountylibrary](https://www.instagram.com/yolocountylibrary) and on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/YoloCountyLibrary.org](https://www.facebook.com/YoloCountyLibrary.org) for up-to-date information on any changes.

This event is part of the library's All Together Outside series which encourages community members to explore the natural world, learn about local wildlife and regional recreational opportunities, and explore the California State Parks with free day-use passes that library cardholders can borrow.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230879
The following person(s) is doing business as: The Ranch At Woodland, 724 Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Montgomery Partner's Inc, A Ca Corporation, John Palmer/MRP Capital, Inc., A Ca Corporation, Michael R. Piro, 1040 Redwood Highway Frontage Road, Mill Valley, CA 94941. This business is conducted by A Limited Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 29, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/17/2023.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023

RANCH 12-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230950
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sierra Foothill Real Estate, 418 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

John H. Reddoch, 5508 East Brook Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 11, 2012.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/9/2023.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023

SIERRA 12-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230932
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KID KLUB KIOSK, 1784 Stetson Circle, West Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 1784 Stetson Circle, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Vencar LLC, 1784 Stetson Circle, West Sacramento, CA 95691 This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Vencar LLC S/ Bryna Athella Pascua, Managing Member, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/02/2023. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder KQUAM, Deputy
Publish: 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8/23
CNS-3750435#
NEWS-LEDGER 12-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230914
The following person(s) is doing business as: Leaf Laundry, 1282 W Capitol Ave. West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo. Mokingbirds LLC, 5515 PACIFIC ST #251 ROCKLIN, CA 95677-9998 This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company (submit Articles of Organization from the Secretary of State) The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A /s/ Stanley Y Mok, Managing Member Mokingbirds LLC This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/30/2023. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder By: kquam, Deputy
Publish: 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8/23
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NEWS-LEDGER 12-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230851

The following person(s) is doing business as: Extreme RVS of Davis, 5055 Chiles Road Suite B, Davis, CA 95618. Extreme RVS of Davis LLC, 5055 Chiles Road Suite B, Davis, CA 95618. 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 October 5, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 6, 2023.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023

EXTREME 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230968
The following person(s) is doing business as: Auto Gem, 5034 Chiles Road Suite B, Davis, CA 95618. Auto Gem, 5034 Chiles Road Suite B, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 14, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 14, 2023.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023

AUTO 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230971
The following person(s) is doing business as: Lass Productions, 1510 Claremont Drive, Davis, CA 95616. Jacob Bernhardt, 1510 Claremont Drive, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2012.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 15, 2023.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023

LASS 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230908
The following person(s) is doing business as: J & A Low Cost Cleaning, 809 Water Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605. Kyrstan Arlene Rose Johnson, 809 Water Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 24, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 26, 2023.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023

CLEANING 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230943
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Extra Space Storage (#3509), 1022 Gibson Rd, Woodland, CA 95695 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 2795 E Cottonwood Pkwy #400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121
Extra Space Management Inc, 2795 E Cottonwood Pkwy Suite 400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/25/2023.
Extra Space Management Inc

S/ Gwyn Goodson McNeal, VP, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/07/2023.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
KQUAM, Deputy
11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15/23
CNS-3753317#
NEWS-LEDGER 12/15/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230925
The following person(s) is doing business as: El Cezar Restaurant, 2248 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Sandra Jaqueline Benitez and Cesar Antonio Benitez, 2728 Northview Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. This business is conducted by A Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/1/2023.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

CEZAR 12-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230975
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. L'Academy Language Immersion Preschool, 2. L'Academy Preschool, 2500 Cannery Loop building r, Davis, CA 95616 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 301 Mission St, 11C, San Francisco, CA 94105 Immersion 10 LLC, 301 Mission St 11C, San Francisco, CA 94105
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
Immersion 10 LLC
S/ Helena Geng, Manager, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on [FileDate].
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
KQUAM, Deputy
12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/23
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NEWS-LEDGER 12-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230983
The following person(s) is doing business as:
Manna Beverages & Ventures, 2150 Stone Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo. Mailing Address: 3309 Collins Ln., Louisville, KY 40245 MBV-CA, LLC, 3309 Collins Ln., Louisville, Kentucky 40245
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/ Derrick Register, President MBV-CA, LLC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/21/2023.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: jramirez, Deputy
Publish: 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/23
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NEWS-LEDGER 12-22-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

#CV2023-2266
Svetlana Mikhaylovna Tkacheva has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Svetlana Mikhaylovna Tkacheva to Svetlana Visochin and Svetlana Mikhailovich Tkachev to Svetlana Visoshin and Svetlana Mikhailovich Tkacheva to Svetlana Visochin.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 27, 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: November 1, 2023
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023

SVETLANA 12-8-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-2043
Kiona Hilda Cooper has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kiona Hilda Cooper to Callie Maxwell.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, 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: November 13, 2023
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023

KIONA 12-15-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-2337
Angelina Blair has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Angelina Blair to Elena Vinogradova.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, 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: November 15, 2023
David Power, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

BLAIR 12-22-23

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20230944
The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Short Night Farm, 30130 County Road 5, Dunigan, CA 95937.
The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on December 13, 2022, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Jeffrey Edward McAravy and Arunsi B McAravy, 30130 County Road 5, Dunigan, CA 95937.
The business was conducted by: A General Partnership.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/7/2023.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023

SHORT 12-15-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PETER C. ANDREOTTI CASE NO. PR203-0246
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Peter C. Andreotti.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by John Andreotti, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting John

Andreotti be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 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 deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Rachel P. Patton, 919 Reserve Drive Suite 114, Roseville, CA 95678; 916-626-2932
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LEE 12-8-23

LIEN SALE

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CITATION FOR PROBATE

CITATION FOR PROBATE UNDER CALIFORNIA WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
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The nomination period for partisan County Central Committee and County Council is September 20, 2023 through December 8, 2023.

The nomination period for all other candidates is November 13, 2023 through December 8, 2023.

Should the eligible incumbent not file nomination papers during the time prescribed, the nomination period will be extended for five calendar days for persons other than the incumbent, December 9, 2023 through December 13, 2023.

In the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for office and a petition for an election is not filed with the elections official within the time period prescribed by Elections Code Section 10515, appointment to each elective office will be made.

For more information regarding the upcoming election please contact the Yolo County Elections Department at (530) 666-8133 or visit our office at 625 Court Street, Suite B05, Woodland, CA.

DATED: November 20, 2023
s/ JESSE SALINAS
ASSESSOR/CLERK-RECORDER/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF YOLO

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **1:00pm local time on Tuesday, December 12th**, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

FLAMINGO MOTEL GATE INSTALLATION PROJECT

The proposed work is to construct and install an automated main entrance gate, a pedestrian gate, fencing and associated access controls at the former Flamingo Motel, 920 West Capitol Ave. in West Sacramento

Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting:
November 30th, 2023 9:00am
920 West Capitol Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Project construction cost estimate: \$65,000
This is not a Federal Aid project.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within 180 working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.
- Questions:** Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's Procurement systems at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>. The City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is December 4th, 2023 by 5:00pm local time.
- 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 shall be submitted through the City's OpenGov Procurement system at: <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>

By: Timothy Spinelli, Project Manager
Capital Projects

West Sac News Ledger 11-24 and 12-1-2023

Social Security Matters

About the Fairness of “WEP” and “GPO”



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I was married to my ex-husband for 30 years. For 14 of those years, I was an unemployed mom and community volunteer. After my sons were grown, I began teaching in California and earned a teacher pension. That teacher pension eliminates ALL the spousal benefits my husband paid for. How can that be justified? I, like a number of my retired friends, rent out rooms in my house to be able to live on a small teacher’s pension and get none of my earned spousal benefits. **Signed: Frustrated Teacher**

Dear Frustrated Teacher: I can only say that your frustration is shared by many retirees from public service in States which do not participate in the federal Social Security program – that is, neither the employee nor the State contribute to the federal Social Security program. There are about 26 states (including California) which exempt at least some of their employees (and themselves) from paying Social Security payroll taxes, but those states are obligated to provide retirement benefits robust enough to offset the loss of Social Security

benefits which will occur later in life after the employee retires. As controversial as these laws - the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) - are, they have withstood legal challenges since they were enacted four decades ago.

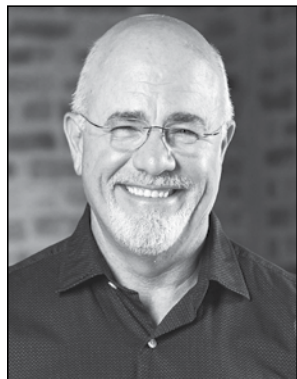
Because you have a “non-covered” pension from your state employment, WEP reduces any personal Social Security retirement benefit you may have earned elsewhere and, to your specific point, the GPO has eliminated the spousal benefit you might otherwise have been entitled to from your ex-husband. Like you, many who are affected believe this to be unfair, but Congress has steadfastly failed to enact legislation to repeal these provisions, or even to soften their impact. The likely reason is that Congress has evaluated the fundamental premise of the provisions and concluded they appropriately equalize the way benefits are paid to all Social Security beneficiaries.

It might help to think of it this way: in normal circumstances, if one spouse has a personally earned Social Security retirement benefit which is more than 50% of their partner’s full retirement age (FRA) amount, no spousal benefit is paid (the spouse benefit is offset by the recipient’s own SS retirement benefit). The GPO (the provision which affects SS spousal and survivor benefits) applies that same logic for a spouse who has a “non-covered” pension earned outside of the Social Security program, their spousal benefit is

offset by the amount of the person’s own “non-covered” retirement pension. The one difference is that the GPO offset is actually a bit smaller (2/3rds of the non-covered pension vs. 100% offset for a spouse with their own SS retirement benefit).

Both WEP (which reduces SS retirement benefits) and the GPO (which reduces spousal or survivor benefits) are consequences of working for a State which has chosen to not participate in the federal Social Security program, and those states are obligated to inform their employees of those consequences. I know that doesn’t make your situation any less frustrating, but Congress “justifies” these provisions as being necessary to equalize how benefits are paid to all Social Security beneficiaries. There are about 2 million beneficiaries affected by WEP and over 700,000 affected by the GPO, most of whom share your displeasure. Nevertheless, Congress has so far maintained both these provisions as originally enacted. If you wish to add your voice to those who believe WEP and GPO are unfair, you may wish to contact your **federal** Congressional Representatives to express that point.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation’s staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. ★



Pay Off Their Student Loans?

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are debt-free except for our mortgage and two Parent PLUS loans for our daughters’ college educations. One of the loans totals \$18,078, and the other is for \$41,500. Both girls want to pay them off using the new extended plan being offered, but I’m 59 1/2, and I’ve got about \$500,000 in a 401(k) from a previous job along with \$125,000 from a job I started five years ago. We’ve been thinking about just paying the loans off for the girls, but we wanted to know your thoughts.

– Mike

Dear Mike,

If I were in your shoes, I’d just go ahead and pay them off. Technically, you’re liable for the loans. They are not.

The extended plan you’re talking about is garbage. In reality, it means the loans are never paid back. The extended plan is 30 years of not even making the principal

Dave Ramsey Says

payment. No interest is paid, and they don’t touch the principal. The whole thing works backward for 30 years, and it’s the very definition of a stupid government program.

I really don’t think you want your daughters to be part of something like this. But that means you’re going to be stuck with paying off these loans. You might as well just own it and pay them off now.

I want you to understand this, Mike. I don’t advise people to dip into their savings every time a problem comes up prior to retirement. But you’re 59 1/2, and at that point there’s no penalty. Plus, you’ve got \$625,000 sitting there. You’re going to pull less than \$60,000 out, plus a little in taxes, to make the problem go away. It’s not as bad as it could be, but I’m afraid you’re going to have to pay a little stupid tax on this one. I’m sure your girls didn’t know all this, but it’s a perfect example of what can happen when you put your faith in a stupid plan coming out of Washington, D.C.

I hate it for you guys—and everyone else in America who took out a bunch of student loans—because you’re getting

messed over by your own government. The first way they messed you over was to put a student loan program out there and then tell you the way to success was to borrow tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars for a degree in left-handed puppetry. And now, guess what? You’re a barista! Then, they start shouting they’re going to forgive it all. After that it’s, “No, we’re not. Yes, we are. No, we’re not. Yes, we are.”

The fact is, they don’t intend to forgive it. It’s the biggest scam in history—mathematically speaking—perpetrated on the American public by our government.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling 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. ★

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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Maria Garcia, Lily Guzman, William Mattos, Laura Romo, David Morones, Morgan Khan.
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ELECTION NOTICE
NOTICE TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the voters of Yolo County, in accordance with provisions of the Education Code of the State of California, that a School District Election Consolidated with the Presidential Primary Election will be held in the below named district(s) on **TUESDAY, March 5, 2024**, of the Counties of Yolo, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Solano, State of California. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Candidates to be voted upon at said election may file their declarations for the following office(s):
DISTRICT Sacramento County Board of Education-Trustee Area 6
OFFICE Governing Board Member
ELECTED By Trustee Area
NUMBER TO BE ELECTED One (1) in each trustee area.
QUALIFICATIONS Registered voter within the trustee area.
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY for eligible candidates desiring to file for the elective office may be obtained from the Yolo County Elections Office, 625 Court Street, Suite B05, Woodland, (530) 666-8133, or the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters, 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento, or the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters, 44 North San Joaquin Street, Suite 350, Stockton, or the Solano County Registrar of Voters, 675 Texas Street, Suite 2600, Fairfield, on and after November 13, 2023, through December 8, 2023.
EXTENSION PERIOD TO FILE Declaration of Candidacy shall be extended to 5:00 p.m. December 13, 2023, if the incumbent does not file for such office. The nomination extension period applies to all interested persons except for the incumbent. For further information, contact the Yolo County Elections Office at (530) 666-8133, or the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters at (916) 875-6451, or the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters at (209) 468-8683, or the Solano County Registrar of Voters at (707) 784-6675.
Interested parties must schedule an appointment online using our scheduling system: **https://yolocountyelections.as.me/** or by calling the Elections Office at (530) 666 8133.
Dated this 20th of November, 2023
s/ JESSE SALINAS
Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters
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Riley Reviews

“NAPOLEON” TURNS UP SHORT IN ITS DEPICTION OF A HISTORICAL ERA

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“NAPOLEON” RATED R
Military commander and then Emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte is one of the most notable persons of world history, arguably ranking with some of history’s utmost despots in the universe of notoriety.

This is not to say that the French tyrant was as inveterately evil as say Hitler or Stalin, both of whom were responsible for mass murder on an unimaginable scale. Undeniably though, Napoleon’s authoritarian rule would hardly count as benevolent.

The casualties of the Napoleonic wars almost pale in comparison to other tyrannical atrocities, which the end credits of “Napoleon” attempt to tally. Still, his jingoism resulted in the deaths of millions of his own countrymen.

Nevertheless, the Corsican-born Napoleon was a man of short stature which gave rise to the folklore that his lack of height was compensated for by a quest for power and conquest. The idea springs forth that a “Napoleon Complex” was his driving force.

As a subject matter for cinema, Napoleon first gained prominence in Abel Gance’s 1927 silent film epic “Napoleon,” running more than five hours and covering his early life and military career. Intended to be the first of six films, the director couldn’t raise the funds to make the other five.

For a comedic approach, time travel in “Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure” featured a scene of Napoleon going bowling in the 20th Century as the film’s titular characters played by Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter were meeting important historical figures so they could pass their history class.

Ridley Scott, who has directed his share of historical dramas, knows that the prominent military commander and political leader remains a fascinating historical figure that Abel Gance once thought was deserving of extravagant scrutiny.

Scott’s “Napoleon” runs slightly more than two-and-a-half hours and delivers a condensed biographical effort that is epic in sweep only insofar as the battle sequences are executed with well-deserved grandeur.

As a figure from the French Revolutionary period, Napoleon is first seen at the beheading of Marie Antoinette, a brief preface that is quickly followed by his impressive battlefield victory at the Siege of Toulon, which is rendered as one of the film’s stunning highlights.

Victory at Toulon brings a heroic sheen to the General deemed to be a strategic genius, and this garners the attention of Josephine (Vanessa Kirby) whose meeting with Napoleon leads to a romantic

passion that is the stuff of legend.

You might say that the marriage of Napoleon and Josephine is the emotional core of Ridley Scott’s film. From the battlefield, the General wrote passionate letters, but when they were together the passion seemed more muted except for the occasional food fight at the dinner table or hurried copulation.

Yet, during battle in Egypt, word came to Napoleon that gossip back home was about Josephine’s philandering, and the General quickly departed the battlefield, or so it is told in the film, to confront his unfaithful spouse.

The marital passion dims over time as Napoleon’s mother and others in his court grow concerned that Josephine has not produced an heir. Divorce follows and Napoleon remarries so that his new wife will deliver a baby boy, and yet he still carries a torch for Josephine.

More interesting than domestic life is what awaits on the battlefield, particularly the strategic genius behind the decisive Battle of Austerlitz where cannon fire plunges enemy troops to their deaths in the frigid waters of a frozen lake.

Historical figures with whom Napoleon interacts include the smug Russian Tsar Alexander (Edouard Philipponnat) and the Duke of Wellington (Rupert Everett), the latter turning out to be most pivotal though his presence here is limited.


Fortunately, more fabled battles are brilliantly realized, though not in Napoleon’s favor. The failed 1812 invasion of Russia ends up with the emperor in brief exile to Elba, returning to fight again in the ill-fated Battle of Waterloo, which results in his final days in exile in Saint Helena.

Few places in America have as much history, outside of several major East Coast cities, as New Orleans with its founding by the French in 1718 through a period of Spanish control, then briefly back to French rule before the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

To this day, the French influence remains pervasive in the Crescent City, the nickname for New Orleans for its curved shape along the Mississippi River, because Napoleon made the deal to sell the Louisiana Territory to the United States.

A visit to New Orleans should include a stop at the legendary Napoleon House in the French Quarter. Now a place for drinking and dining, the building was a residence in the early 19th century that was offered as a refuge for Napoleon after his exile that he never got to enjoy.

Ridley Scott’s “Napoleon” is not the last we shall hear about the Emperor since Steven Spielberg is apparently working to bring Stanley Kubrick’s lost biopic of Napoleon Bonaparte to a limited series on HBO. This endeavor could be worth the wait. ★



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By Amy Shane

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Get Ready For Christmas With This Collection of Newly Released Children’s Books



Elves Are the Worst by Alex Willan, Simon and Schuster

The author of *Unicorns are The Worst* is back, and this time, Santa’s elves are taking over. Everyone thinks elves are the best. They are always seen hard at work making cookies, pouring cereal, and even sitting on a shelf. But elves are actually the worst, and Gilbert is here to prove it, well, maybe.

Uncover the secret lives of elves in this hilarious laugh-out-loud Christmas edition of the well-known series, where kids can discover that even the weirdest creatures can be quite remarkable.

The Christmas Songbook illustrated by Amy Adele, Magic Cat Publishing

Get ready for the holidays in this beautiful collection of classic Christmas songs. Join the mouse family with a special story while also singing along. Each fold-out page features endearing illustration along with sheet music, lyrics, and an interactive button to play the tune.

Amy Adele captures the joy of Christmas classics through all the beauty and wonder of a little mouse family. From Joy to the world, We wish you a Merry Christmas and Jingle Bells, eight familiar tunes will have little ones playing and adults humming along. This book is the perfect story for the Holiday season and a joy to bring out year after year.

Decorate the Tree by Amanda Jane Jones; Camron Kids Publishing

It’s time to decorate the tree. Clap, twinkle, blink, and shake to decorate

the tree in this interactive book that little readers will want to read again and again.

A simple tree adds new trimmings with each prompt and the turn of the page. This is a perfect book for little ones eager to play along, or short attention spans.

My Magical Santa, Illustrated by Yujin Shin, Abrams Appleseed

Push, pull, and slide to help Santa make his special ride. Catch all the sights of Santa’s Christmas Eve night as readers help Santa fly around the world with the simple push a dial . Then pull the arrow to help Santa magically go down the chimney. Whew, after a long Christmas flight slide the flap to help Santa with a dinner feast.


This colorful board book will have little ones squealing with delight as they help Santa on his special night.

Merry Christmas Little Reindeer by Amanda Wood, photography Bec Winnel, and illustrations Vikki Chu; Magic Cat Publishing

Follow along as a little reindeer and her friends collect precious treasures for a special surprise. From bright red berries, sprigs of purple heather, and pine cones topped with snow, the forest animals are excited to help little reindeer. Can you guess the special surprise?

This darling little board book combines adorable baby reindeer photographs and charming illustrations to deliver a story of beauty, friendship, and joy. ★

Crime Reports
WEST SACRAMENTO



11-15-23 JESUS HERNANDEZENRIQUEZ Arrested for calls to 911.

11-15-23 MARK JONES Arrested for warrant.

11-15-23 APRIL MATHEWS Arrested on bench warrant.

11-15-23 JULIO LOPEZSANTOS Arrested for warrant after interaction with Police.

11-16-23 LAMAR DREW Arrested for felony bench warrant after being stopped for no back license plate.

11-18-23ERIC GRAHAM Arrested for Vandalism and Violation of parole after he allegedly shattered the glass on front door of business. \$600 loss.

11-18-23 TANIA SMERIGLIO Upon officers arrival, a female subject (later identified as TANIA SMERIGLIO) was being escorted out of the residence by the responsible and eventually detained in handcuffs without incident. Officers cleared the inside the house looking for other possible subjects with negative results. PAUL stated that no one was supposed to be inside the house and never gave TANIA permission to be inside nor did he know her. PAUL informed officers that the house had been vacant for approximately 3 years but still had property that belonged to him inside of the house. Upon further investigation, PAUL walked the inside of the residence with officers and observed multiple drawers being ransacked throughout the house and even possible jewelry boxes left open. Upon mirandized statement, TANIA stated that she entered through the back sliding door and her purpose of going inside the house was to look for food and sleep. TANIA additionally stated that she opened the drawers throughout the house to include in the living room area and hallway area but was only looking for food. PAUL confirmed that he had locked all the windows and doors to the house, but officers did not locate any signs of forced entry.

11-19-23 RAPHAEL RODRIGUEZ Arrested for Obstruction and warrant from outside agency, after fleeing from a bike stop.

11-19-23 KATRINA RUIZ Arrested for DUI Alcohol after Police received a call about a possible drunk driver. She fit the description and was allegedly found sleeping in her car.

11-28-23 CORTNEY COSSEY Arrested for Vandalism, Possession of paraphernalia, Disorderly conduct/ Under influence of drug, warrant.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS


08-27-23 Theft of wallet from apartment. Little suspect info.. Strange circumstances. \$80 loss. Burglary.

11-13-23 Subject found trespassing and resisted officers commands to vacate the premises. Trespassing, obstruction, possess controlled substance.

11-13-23 Subject called 911 approximately 20 times without need of emergency assistance. Officers told subject if he called again he'd be arrested. He called again a little while later. Annoying/Calls to 911.

11-15-23 Female took a hat and scarf from victim's bag while it was around her arm. Suspect found and arrested. \$755 loss. Grand theft from person.

11-18-23 The following is in regards to the arrest of Christopher Kettlewell and Afton Ellison Grand theft, Conspiracy to commit crime, Grand theft, Possess controlled substance, Possession of paraphernalia, Officer removes vehicle when driver arrested. \$4,000 loss.



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Copy Editor – We are seeking a part-time copy editor for our newspaper group. This position works in the Carmichael office and works directly with Editor. Work hours are flexible between 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Previous editing experience is required.

City Reporter – We are seeking a part-time City Reporter for our newspaper group. This position may be assigned to work in the Carmichael office or another area office and works directly with the Editor. Work hours are flexible depending on assignments. Previous reporting experience is required.

Advertising Services Support – We are seeking a part-time Advertising Services Support person for our newspaper group. This position works in the Carmichael office and works directly with the owner of the company and the advertising/graphics staff. Work hours are flexible between 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Previous office experience is required.

Delivery Driver – We are seeking a part-time Delivery Driver for our newspaper group. This position would transport newspapers from our Carmichael office to our offices in Marysville and Gridley. Work hours are from 8:30 to 4:00 every Thursday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. Must have your own reliable cargo van. This is an independent contractor position and pays a flat rate for your service.


Newsstand Delivery Driver – We are seeking a part-time Newsstand Delivery Driver for our newspaper group. This position works from the Carmichael office and delivers to our locations in the West Sacramento/ Sacramento Region. Work hours are from 8:30 to 5:00 Thursday and/or Friday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. You must have a reliable vehicle. This is an independent contractor position.

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