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Supreme Court will hear case about homeless encampments, with huge implications for California



A recent abatement effort cleared many encampments where unhoused people were sleeping, but some individuals continue residing in the park. Photo courtesy Pixabay

BY JEANNE KUANG, CALMATTERS.ORG

The U.S. Supreme Court will weigh in on whether cities can legally ban or limit unhoused people camping in public spaces — a case that could grant California officials more power to sweep homeless camps.

The case, originating from the Oregon city of Grants Pass, could overturn or narrow a five-year-old precedent from a federal appeals court that limited how much cities in Western states could criminalize those who sleep on the streets when

there aren't enough shelter spaces available.

In the older case — *Martin v. Boise* — the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 2018 that it's cruel and unusual punishment to criminalize camping on public property when the people in question have nowhere else they can legally sleep. The ruling was binding on West Coast cities, where rising rates of unsheltered homelessness that later spiked during the pandemic were driving local politicians to pass public camping prohibitions. In 2019 the Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of that case.

Since then, California cities have often been subject to federal lawsuits after passing restrictions on when and where the unhoused can set up camps. Relying on the ruling in the *Boise* case, judges have delayed or outright halted camping bans from being enforced in cities including San Francisco, Sacramento, Chico and San Rafael, finding that the cities had failed to provide adequate alternate shelter options for the residents they were about to sweep from their encampments.

The situation has led city officials — and Gov.

Gavin Newsom — to complain that the *Boise* ruling has tied their hands from addressing the state's sprawling encampments, arguing they need to sweep camps both for health and safety reasons and for the well-being of encampment residents. It's led liberal state and local officials, including Newsom, to join conservatives in asking the court for more power to penalize the homeless for sleeping outside. The high court has a 6-3 conservative majority.

In a high-profile case that has particularly drawn Newsom's ire, the Ninth Circuit has ruled in favor of

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Yolo County to Conduct Election Observation and Transparency Workshop for Presidential Primary Election

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On Monday, January 29, 2024, the Yolo County Elections Office will conduct an Observation and Transparency Workshop. On Thursday, February 1, 2024, the pre-election testing of the voting equipment, known as Logic and Accuracy Testing, for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election will take place beginning at 9:00 a.m. All candidates, groups, and individuals, including the general public are invited to participate.

Both events will be held within the Yolo County Administration Building located at 625 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695. The Observation and Transparency Workshop will take place on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 106. The candidates and election observers will learn what to expect in this upcoming election. The Logic and Accuracy testing of the voting equipment will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024, in Room B-05 (Yolo County Elections Office). Please be advised the testing of the voting equipment will take several hours to complete.

"The Logic and Accuracy Test (LAT) is a verification process that ensures our voting equipment and software are functioning properly. To promote transparency in elections the LAT process and the scanning of ballots are open to the public," says Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters. "We welcome visitors to the Elections Office to observe this process."

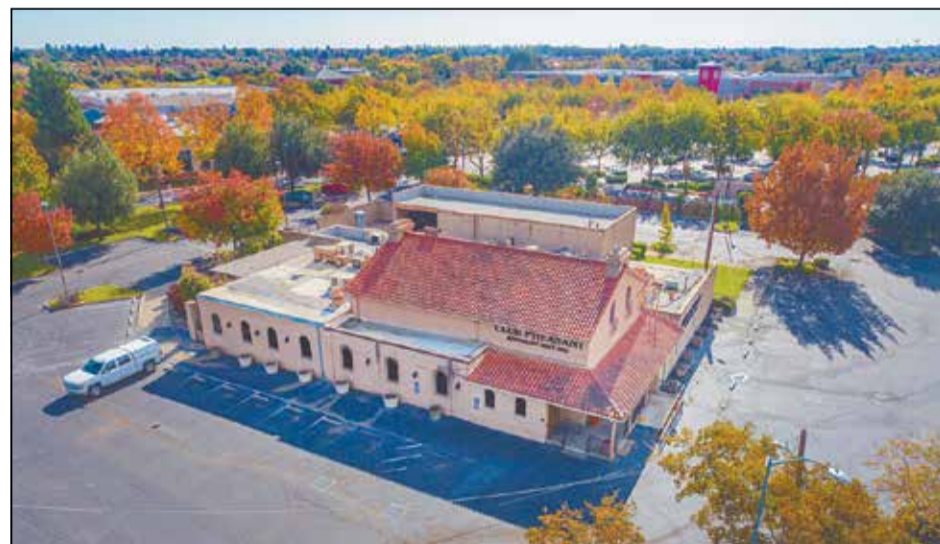
Any interested parties are encouraged to RSVP to elections@yolocounty.org by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024. You can contact the Yolo County Elections Office by email at elections@yolocounty.org or by phone at (530) 666-8133 or our toll-free voter assistance hotline (800) 649-9943 with any questions. ★

Club Pheasant Request for Proposals Now Available

City of West Sacramento News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of West Sacramento's Economic Development and Housing Department released a Request for Proposals (RFP) today, January 19th, for redevelopment of the Club Pheasant property. The City, in partnership with Turton Commercial Real Estate (TCRE) is marketing the property to prospective developers and restaurant operators with the goal of revitalizing the property to include community amenities and food related uses, while preserving the legacy of the location as a West Sacramento landmark.

After operating for 87 years as a favorite dining



Rooftop view of Club Pheasant. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

spot featuring delicious homemade ravioli and garlic steak sandwiches, the Palamidessi family decided to retire and sold the property to the City in 2022. Club Pheasant sits at the busy intersection

of Jefferson and Lake Washington Boulevards on the corner of the Southport Town Center.

Proposals are due March 29, 2024, and information on the property and RFP may

be found on TCRE's website: <https://turtoncom.com/property/club-pheasant/>

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CAPIAA Welcomes its New Executive Director, Khydeeja Alam



Khydeeja Alam was appointed new executive director of the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs. Photo courtesy of Speaker's Office, California State Assembly

CAPIAA News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA

(MPG) - The California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Khydeeja Alam as its new executive director. Khydeeja Alam was sworn in by the Honorable Robert Rivas, speaker of the California State Assembly, at the State Capitol surrounded by family and friends.

"California's diverse AAPI communities enrich and strengthen our state in countless ways and have a pivotal role in driving our state and nation forward," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "Director Alam brings more than a decade of experience working on a variety of priority issues for the state, and deep ties to nonprofit and philanthropic partners that will help further the Commission's important work. I thank her for her dedicated service to our state, and commitment to elevating the needs and concerns of our dynamic AAPI communities."

Khydeeja brings a wealth of experience and leadership in advocacy, non-profit, and state government to this role, and the commission is confident in her ability to lead CAPIAA in its mission to elevate the political, economic, and social issues of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

"I extend a heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Khydeeja Alam for this exciting appointment. I have had the pleasure of witnessing her career unfold through the years as a former colleague," said Speaker of the California State Assembly Robert Rivas. "She is passionate, determined and a fierce advocate for her community. There is no one better suited to represent the best interests of over 6 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who call California home. As speaker, I look forward to working alongside her in this new capacity."

One of the key focus

areas for CAPIAA under Alam's leadership will be to educate, raise awareness, and advocate for the rights and safety of AAPI communities. The Commission will work towards an inclusive and supportive environment for all residents of the state.

"The Commission is excited about the fresh perspective and dynamic leadership that Khydeeja Alam brings to the table. Khydeeja will undoubtedly play a crucial role in advancing CAPIAA's mission to ensure the voices and needs of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are at the forefront of discussions and investments by California decision makers," said CAPIAA Chair Serena Kirk.

As executive director, Alam will spearhead efforts to maximize outreach efforts with Asian and Pacific Islander American communities, including informational campaigns about public and private programs that benefit community interests, and addressing issues of access and cultural language sensitivity within state agencies, departments, and other commissions. Most importantly, Alam will bring visibility around the incredible work the commission continues to do on behalf of California's AAPI communities.

"The California Asian American and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (AAPILC) welcomes Khydeeja Alam as the new executive director for the Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA). The Caucus looks forward to continued partnership with the Commission under the leadership of Khydeeja to ensure that we continue to uplift and mobilize our AAPI community here in California," said Assemblyman Evan Low, chair of the AAPILC.

Alam will also play a pivotal role in providing assistance to policymakers and state agencies by identifying the needs and issues of AAPI communities,

developing appropriate responses, and implementing programs to address these concerns effectively.

"I welcome Khydeeja Alam as the new executive director of CAPIAA. Her lived experiences as an immigrant and her hard work that led her to be where she is today is an incredible benefit to the AAPI community and a celebration of the rich tapestry of perspectives that will guide CAPIAA towards meaningful progress," said State Treasurer Fiona Ma.

The only ethnic commission established by California state law, CAPIAA's mission is to address the diverse and complex needs, issues, and concerns of Asian American and Pacific Islander American communities. The commission plays a crucial role in advising the governor and legislature on the views, needs, and concerns of the state's population of over six million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

"Khydeeja Alam's dedication to public service will serve her well as executive director. She's a respected leader in her community and trusted advisor to many lawmakers. I look forward to seeing what she will accomplish in this new role," said Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins

Khydeeja Alam: "I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to represent the AAPI community. As CAPIAA's new executive director, I look forward to continuing the commission's incredible work, and taking it to the next level, while ensuring that over six million AAPI community members have a strong representation. I believe the stronger the footprint of the commission, the stronger and more resilient the AAPI communities will be. As a first Pakistani American in this role, I wear my identity with pride. This position allows me to pay it forward, uplift, and empower the community and the next generation of AAPI leaders." ★

SAFE Accepting Grant Applications for Financial Literacy Programs



SAFE Credit Union Vice President Community Relations and Financial Education Rebecca Delmundo. Photo courtesy of SAFE Credit Union.

SAFE Credit Unit Press Release

FOLSOM, CA. - (MPG) - In its drive to improve financial literacy in the Greater Sacramento region, SAFE Credit Union will grant \$20,000 to a nonprofit organization providing financial literacy and financial stability programs in underserved communities.

SAFE is accepting applications for the grant until Friday, Feb. 9, through its online application, or at <https://www.safecu.org/community/community-impact/funding/community-sustainability-grant-application-1>.

"Equipping people with the skills they need to take charge of their finances is one of our main motivations here at SAFE," says Vice President of Community Relations and Financial Education Rebecca Delmundo, adding only 27 percent of California's students attend schools

that offer personal finance courses.

"It's essential for people to understand how to put aside savings, how interest rates and loans work, and how to handle debt for them to succeed in life. With so few students receiving formal financial literacy training, financial cooperatives like SAFE Credit Union and our nonprofit partners are stepping in to provide this much-needed education," she continues.

Only 1 percent of California students are required to complete personal financial education courses to graduate from high school, according to state Department of Education statistics. There have been some political efforts to change that, with the Legislature recently considering proposals, and a 2024 ballot initiative in the works. However, the grant, says Delmundo, represents how SAFE and others in the region dedicated to providing financial education services are stepping in to fill the need now.

Delmundo says that young people especially can benefit from financial education programs since mistakes they may make early in life can affect them long into adulthood.

"It just takes one missed payment to harm a credit score," she says. "I've seen a lot of young people get buried in credit card debt while also tackling paying off student loans. I'm a strong proponent of helping people learn how to handle the

finances they have now so they can achieve their future financial goals."

SAFE offers its own financial education services through free webinars available to the public as well as workshops to employers and organizations. It also offers its no-cost Budget Cents interactive simulations to high schools in the region, where students get a first-hand look at the real-life expenses they'll face as adults. SAFE's high school branch program works closely with three area high schools to house a branch at each and provide supportive financial education for the students who staff the branches and their fellow students.

"There are a lot of us working to fill the financial education gap," says Delmundo. "And we are all keenly aware of how many people truly want this information. This grant helps us help others providing this service."

SAFE conducts four grant cycles each year as part of its overall philanthropic program that also includes direct giving, scholarships, sponsorships, and volunteerism.

For more information on SAFE's grant program and to contact VP Community Relations and Financial Education Rebecca Delmundo, please contact Assistant Vice President Communications and Public Relations Carole Ferguson at carole.ferguson@safecu.org or by phone at (916) 836-6312. ★

Homicide Arrest

West Sacramento Police Department News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On January 15, 2024, at approximately 10:30 p.m., officers responded to a shooting incident at the Circle K located at 1705 West Capital Ave.

Upon arrival, officers discovered a victim with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to a local hospital, but later succumbed to injuries.

On January 16, 2024, detectives arrested the suspect, charging the person for the shooting and additional offenses: possession of a handgun by a prohibited person and unannounced active felony warrant for firearm possession.

The incident originated from a physical altercation between two adult males; the motive is still under investigation. Importantly, no outstanding suspects remain, ensuring there is no ongoing threat to the public. ★

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Fatal Traffic Collision

City of West Sacramento News Release

On 01/20/2024, at approximately 12 am, our officers responded to the intersection of Southport Parkway and Silverwood Rd following a report of a vehicle overturned and on fire. Upon arrival, two individuals were discovered at the scene of the collision. One individual was pronounced deceased on scene. The second individual involved was transported to the hospital, and their current condition remains unknown.

The investigation of this collision is being turned over to the West Sacramento Police Department Traffic Unit. The cause of the collision is under investigation and the names and further details of the collision are not being released at this time.

-Kenslee Viera, WSPD PIO



Scene of the crash. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

Solving an Impossible Problem

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Circuit Court of Appeals this month backed a judge's 2022 ruling restricting San Francisco's enforcement of certain bans on sleeping on sidewalks and in parks, because the city hadn't shown there were other locations that were "realistically available" to unhoused residents before a city sweep.

"California's elected officials who seek in good faith to improve what often appears to be an intractable crisis have found themselves without options, forced to abandon efforts to make the spaces occupied by unhoused people safer for those within and near them," Newsom's administration wrote to the Supreme Court in September.

An attorney for the homeless Grants Pass residents said in a statement today that politicians were wrong to blame judges for the homelessness crisis. He said cities have always been allowed to regulate encampments, even under the recent rulings.

"The issue before the Court is whether cities can punish homeless residents simply for existing without access to shelter," said Ed Johnson, director of litigation at the Oregon Law Center.

The case is being closely watched by officials across California and could widely affect how they respond to

encampments. Newsom's statement was part of an amicus curiae brief the administration filed in the case. Amicus briefs are legal briefs submitted by parties not directly involved in a given case, but who typically take one side or the other in a case. The majority of the amicus briefs filed in the case were from California entities and, though more than a dozen mostly-Republican-led state governments also filed a brief, Newsom was the only governor to weigh in.

In addition to Newsom's, other filings include the California State Association of Counties, the California State Sheriffs' Association, district attorneys for Sacramento and San Diego counties, the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bay Area Council, and even the Brentwood Community Council.

But advocates for the unhoused say the Boise ruling is clear. They point out that most cities have hardly enough shelter beds to accommodate their homeless populations and that shelters are often near-full on any given night, and say banning public camping or restricting it does more harm than good by pushing homeless people from location to location.

"All you need to do to be compliant with (the Boise case) is stop using our criminal system as the stick here to solve this

problem," said Will Knight, decriminalization director at the National Homelessness Law Center, last year.

In particular, the court rulings have led to a patchwork of interpretations across the state on what qualifies as the "adequate shelter" cities must provide before sweeping homeless camps. The Oregon case that the Supreme Court agreed to hear could provide some clarity — or so California officials hope.

While the Boise ruling said the government can't broadly ban any public camping without giving people alternative places to stay, Newsom and city officials across California said in briefs filed before the Supreme Court that they want to know whether they can set restrictions on times or locations where camping is allowed.

Other questions include whether cities can criminalize public camping for those whom they call "voluntarily" homeless — people who refuse offers of shelter. And California cities have asked the court to rule on whether, in order to ban camping, they need to have a suitable shelter space available for every individual unhoused person no matter their circumstances, or simply have general shelter beds open the day they sweep a camp.

But U.C. Berkeley law professor Jeffrey Selbin, who has studied statewide responses to homelessness, said claims

from both sides are overblown.

Selbin said the existing cases neither fully tie cities' hands, as some politicians say, nor provide a broad right to sleep outside, as some advocates say. He defended the status quo in which cities sometimes must seek guidance from federal judges to know whether their local rules are constitutional under the Boise decision.

In Chico, for example, a federal district judge in 2021 ruled that sending unhoused residents to camp on an unshaded airport tarmac on the outskirts of town was not "adequate" enough shelter to justify banning encampments in town. In response, the city settled the case by setting up a site of tiny homes where it can offer encampment residents a room before proceeding to sweep their camp.

That case, Selbin said, provided direction to other cities, showing that the court cases have "required local jurisdictions to take seriously what it means to provide basic shelter and options."

The Supreme Court is unlikely to provide that kind of "micromanaging," Selbin said, predicting instead that the justices will simply overturn the 2018 precedent set by the Boise case and allow cities to broadly criminalize encampments.

"It's just going to return California to the whack-a-mole of prioritizing punishment over services," he said. ★

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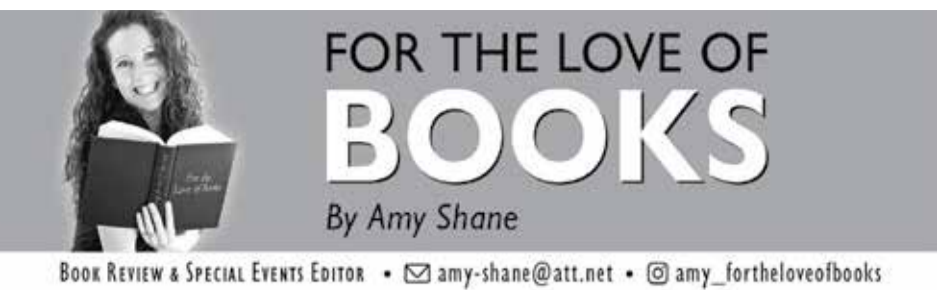
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Come along on this wonderful birthday adventure full of joy and imaginative play. Nicola Killen delivers another excellent Ollie adventure book, full of wonder, with adorable illustrations and soft color hues.

May's Brave Day by Lucy Morris, Bloomsbury

"Some days, we are brave. Some Days, we need an extra bit of courage."

May's tummy was full of butterflies, which is how she felt when she was worried and not brave. Sometimes, she can find

courage, but today was not one of them. May even went to the garden where she usually does her best thinking. May wished she could be a bee or a butterfly and have her worries fly away. However, May's mother reminded her that everyone worries about new things, and she would eventually find her own wings to fly.

May's Brave Day is a beautiful exploration of accepting and embracing worry while discovering ways to find your own courage.

Today by Gabi Snyder and Stephanie Graegin; Simon and Schuster Children's

Some days are way too long, and some are way too short. Today seems to take forever when waiting for that fun trip, but today can also go too fast when you are having the best day.

Today is a beautiful exploration of mindfulness and appreciating the moment of now. Follow one little boy as he experiences each type of day: good, bad, fast, slow, and

those you keep close to your heart.

Sometimes I Kaploom (A Big Feelings Book) by Rachel Vail, illus- trated by Hyewon Yum; Scholastic

Katie Honors is really brave. She can climb really high and even sleep in her own bed. Katie even can hold back tears and say bye to her mom, sometimes. Sometimes, Katie Kaplooms. Sometimes, Katie wants to cry out loud and not hear what everyone around her is saying. She wants to scream and cry. Luckily, Katie's mom loves her even when she Kaplooms and reminds her that she can still be brave.

Sometimes, I Kaploom is a wonderful children's story exploring the world of children's emotions and breaking it down into small, understandable scenes. This story reminds children it's ok to be brave and scared while also helping them get in control of their feelings. A wonderful addition to the Big Feelings series, which is an excellent addition for any child or classroom library. ★

Social Security Matters

How Can I Get Details about My Social Security Payment?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: How do I find the actual breakdown of the Medicare insurance that I have auto deducted and my actual Social Security payment? I was just looking at a video which explained the 3% Cost of Living Adjustment we will be receiving this year, and it compared the current payout to the new payout. There seems to be a big difference in what I am getting and what they said in the video. Currently my Social Security payments are \$1,431. My Medicare insurance is supposed to be \$165, which means my total Social Security is about \$1,596. On the video it said all retired workers are getting \$1,848 with the new increase to take it to \$1,938.00. There are a couple hundred dollars there that I seem to be missing out on. Can you help me understand that difference? **Signed: Confused Senior**

Dear Confused Senior: What you're asking for is an itemized breakout of your gross Social Security benefit, any deductions being taken therefrom (e.g., your Medicare Part B premium), the amount of your COLA increase, and your net Social Security payment for 2024. If that is the case, the best

way to get this detail is in your personal "my Social Security" online account, which provides all the information mentioned. You can access your online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount, and if you don't already have that online account set up, you'll need to first establish your online access credentials (instructions for how to do that will be at that website).

I'm not sure which video you watched, but "all retired workers" do not get \$1,848 (or \$1,938). Everyone's Social Security benefit is different, based on their lifetime earnings record and the age at which they claimed benefits. The numbers you heard in the video were likely average Social Security payments, not the actual amount you should personally be receiving. Here's how it works:

- Your personal benefit is based on your Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) which is the amount you get if you claim for your benefits to start at your full retirement age (FRA), which is somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on the year you were born. Claim before your FRA your benefit is permanently reduced; claim after your FRA it is higher. Your personal maximum benefit is achieved if you claim at age 70.

- The Medicare Part B premium (for outpatient healthcare services) is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment. Although the standard 2023 Part B premium was \$164.90, the standard 2024 Part B premium is \$174.70. You may also have other things (e.g., income tax) withheld from your monthly Social Security

payment.

- The annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2024 is 3.2%. That means your gross Social Security benefit goes up by that percentage starting in 2024. But there was also a \$9.80 increase in your Medicare Part B premium starting in 2024, which means that you won't see all of the COLA increase in your Social Security payment. Since your Medicare premium is deducted from your Social Security, that Medicare increase will also be taken from your SS payment, so you won't see the full 3.2% COLA increase in your 2024 Social Security payment.

To see all of this detail for you personally, I suggest you access your online "my Social Security" account as described above. As an alternative, you can also call Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 and request a Benefit Verification Letter which will include all the information you seek about your Social Security payment.

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Outsiders Love Bashing California But Residents Are Souring On The State, Too



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

As Republican presidential candidates were slogging through Iowa and talking to voters prior to this week's caucuses, California-bashing was common.

Los Angeles Times reporter Seema Mehta picked up on the phenomenon, writing that "the Golden State, its elected leaders and its policies were a constant target."

"Bashing California, one of the most liberal states in the nation, is a grand tradition in the GOP," Mehta observed. "But Republican presidential candidates may be targeting the state and its politicians more this cycle because they are a better target than President Biden."

"Biden isn't as motivating a villain as other Democrats might be. So the Republican candidates are essentially running a negative campaign against California," California politics scholar Dan Schnur told Mehta. "The very worst thing Ron DeSantis could think of to say about Nikki Haley during the debate was that she might be more liberal than (Gov.) Gavin Newsom. For an Iowa Republican – or any Republican for that matter

– that's an absolutely terrifying concept."

California may be the state that many in the rest of the nation loves to hate, but a new poll of Californians indicates that they aren't very sanguine about the state, either.

The UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies found that just 33% of California voters believe the state is headed in the right direction while 57% say it's on a negative track.

"This is a somewhat more negative assessment than voters have given in similar measures conducted over the past 11 years," poll director Mark DiCamillo said.

The sour attitudes extend to Newsom, the poll found. Asked about his job performance, 47% of voters surveyed disapprove and 46% approve. That's a very slight improvement from the 49% to 46% ratio that pollsters found in October.

"However, similar to the October survey, twice as many voters say they strongly disapprove of the governor's performance (33%) as strongly approve (17%)," DiCamillo noted.

The poll introduced a new topic – the whopping budget deficit that Newsom and the Legislature must address this year – and discovered that nearly 90% of voters consider it a serious issue and there's almost no support (13%) for raising taxes to deal with it. Instead, voters prefer that Newsom and legislators cut spending (51%) or tap into state reserves (35%) to cover the deficit, which

Newsom pegs at \$38 billion but the Legislature's budget analyst estimates to be \$68 billion.

Newsom also has shunned raising taxes, but progressive legislators, with support from groups dependent upon the state budget, such as public employee unions, have continued to press for higher personal and corporate income taxes and/or a new tax on wealth.

It appears that by cutting or postponing some spending, using reserves, borrowing from special funds and implementing some accounting gimmicks, the governor and the Legislature could fashion a 2024-25 budget without new taxes.

However, Newsom's budget advisors and those of the Legislature also agree that California faces continued multibillion-dollar deficits for the next several years, at least, which means the debate over spending cuts and taxes will continue for the remainder of Newsom's governorship.

"The survey suggests little appetite for tax increases to address the deficit, but a challenge for Governor Newsom and the Legislature is that while spending cuts, in principle, are relatively popular, that support would likely dissipate when it comes time to making cuts to specific programs and services," the co-director of the poll, Eric Schickler said.

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

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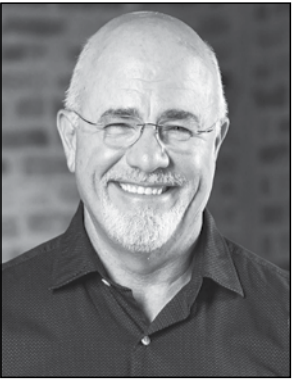
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Dave Ramsey Says

say about being so far behind with his bill, but at the same time you need to let him know that you can't function as his bank. You're a small business, and you need your money. Some kind of understanding and agreement have to be reached.

For starters, a fair request would be asking him to help things along by trying as best he can to get current on his bill as soon as possible. At the very least, he needs to do something to reduce the amount owed within 10 days. You've provided services for him, and you're owed money that's long past due, so there's nothing wrong with this. I'd also establish an understanding that once he's caught up on the past due amount that all payments for services going forward will be due within 14 days after delivery.

Now, he may not like this. If he pushes back too hard, you may have to switch to a cash-only

basis with payment due on delivery. If it were me, and he didn't like any of these options, I'd politely suggest he take his business elsewhere.

Like I said, he's probably not a bad guy, just another small business person who's disorganized. That's not an uncommon thing. But you definitely need to correct this behavior before it gets any further out of hand. You've got a business and a livelihood to think about, too!

- 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 Ramsey Solutions ★

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Dear Dave,

My husband and I have run our own small business for nearly 10 years. Our largest client, who is also a friend, is almost three months behind on the bill. He has always been good in the past about paying on time, but we work on a 30-day payment period. Can you give us any advice on how we should handle this?

- Melissa
Dear Melissa,

In my mind, there's no reason to level accusations or make threats in a situation like this. There are personal dynamics involved, and my guess is he's probably not trying to outright cheat you.

If it were me, I'd go to his office or ask him out to lunch, and then have a friendly sit-down talk. Listen to what he has to

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



- 1-03-24 TORRANCE MARTINEZ Arrested for DUI and DUI 0.08%
- 1-09-24 MARIELA ESCOBEDO Arrested for failure to appear warrant.
- 1-09-24 TANASHIA MCOWENS Arrested for Disorderly conduct:Alcohol after being seen by an undercover officer, allegedly getting naked in public.
- 1-10-24 JEFFREY WOOD Arrested for Petty theft & two warrants after loss prevention allegedly watched him walk directly to the liquor section and take a bottle off the shelf and walk out with it.
- 1-11-24 BRUCE KACHO Arrested for a failure to appear warrant.
- 1-11-24 NICHOLLE CHINN Arrested for a failure to appear warrant. Cited and Released.
- 1-12-24 RAFAEL DACANAY Arrested on a No bail, failure to appear felony warrant.
- 1-13-24 BRUCE ROBERTS Arrested for misdemeanor failure to appear warrant.
- 1-14-24 SYRA DRONES Arrested for three failure to appears during a transport.
- 1-14-24 AARON MIRELESBARAJAS Arrested for warrant after officer's saw and recognized him.
- 1-12-24 KAMERON COLLINS Arrested for Obstruction, Vandalism, Vandalism less than \$400 and Parole violation
- 1-15-24 GREGORY RUSSELL Arrested for Vandalism after allegedly breaking a window. \$1,000 loss.
- 1-12-24 ELENA HOWELL Arrested for Petty theft after Police received a call that Nugget Loss Prevention had two subjects detained for allegedly stealing \$500 worth of merchandise.
- 1-12-24 JOE ESTRADA Arrested for Petty theft with above person.
- 1-14-24 MICHELLE GOODWIN Arrested for Petty theft and a bench warrant.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 1-04-24 Galvanized pipes were taken from the AT&T yard. \$9,730 loss. Grand theft.
- 1-08-24 Reporting person woke up in morning to find her vehicle had been burglarized. \$179 loss. Burglary.
- 1-09-24 Vehicle vandalism/Attempt to steal vehicle with boat attached. \$2,000 loss. Tamper with vehicle.
- 1-11-24 Victims purse was taken from her vehicle. \$817 loss. Theft of personal property.
- 1-11-24 Vehicles driver door handle broken and punched ignition. \$15,400 loss. Tamper with vehicle.
- 1-11-24 Unknown suspect burglarized vehicle. \$800 loss. Burglary.
- 1-13-24 Unknown suspect graffitied art sculpture. \$400 loss. Vandalism.
- 1-14-24 Reporting person advised that a transient broke the door and fled prior to officer's arrival. \$400 loss. Vandalism.
- 1-16-24 Unknown person cashed victim's retirement check. \$11,300 loss. Forgery.

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231067
The following person(s) is doing business as:
Paint 4 Community, 8 W Casa Linda Dr., Woodland, CA 95695, County of Yolo.
Mary Ludovina, 8 W Casa Linda Dr., Woodland, CA 95695
This business is conducted by Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A /s/ Mary Ludovina
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/21/2023.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231010
The following person(s) is doing business as: Eastside Chef Restaurant, 2105 Town Center Plaza Suite F170, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
ESC Brothers Inc., 2105 Town Center Plaza Suite F170, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. 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 December 4, 2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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EASTSIDE 2-2-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240003
The following person(s) is doing business as:
Marrone Bio Innovations, 1530 Drew Ave. Davis, CA 95618, County of Yolo.
Pro Farm Group, Inc., 1530 Drew Ave., Davis, CA 95618
This business is conducted by Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 12, 2022 /s/ Jose Augusto Rogue, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/02/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: mvera, Deputy
1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2/24
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240002
The following person(s) is doing business as:
JR Scientific, 1242 Commerce Ave., Ste D Woodland, CA 95776, County of Yolo.
JR Scientific, 9345 Discovery Blvd. Manassas, VA 20109
This business is conducted by Corporation.
The registrant commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/03/2018 /s/ James M. Carver, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/02/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: klopez, Deputy
1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2/24
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231041
The following person(s) is doing business as: Master Sprinkler Repair, 339 Bridge Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Shawn F. Pegg, 339 Bridge Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 13, 2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
MASTER 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240018
The following person(s) is doing business as: QMA Services/Quance Consulting, 417 Mace Boulevard Suite J, Davis, CA 95618.
Quance Management LLC, 417 Mace Boulevard Suite J, 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 August 9, 2021.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 5, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024
QMA 2-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240032
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. Enterprise Business Park III, 2. Enterprise Commerce Center III, 1741 ENTERPRISE BOULEVARD, Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 1121 SW Salmon St., Ste. 500, Portland, OR 97205 Schnitzer Properties, LLC, 1121 SW Salmon St., Ste. 500, Portland, OR 97205 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 11/01/00. Schnitzer Properties, LLC S/ Jeffrey F. Nudelman, Secretary, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/10/2024. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
KLOPEZ, Deputy 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/24 CNS-3775028#
NEWS-LEDGER 2-16-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NAME CHANGE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-2578
Dominique Lashay Gibbs has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dominique Lashay Gibbs to Dominique Lashay Brice.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 13, 2024, 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: December 15, 2023
Stephen L. Mock, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

GIBBS 1-26-24 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-0094
Rebecca Rose Estrada has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rebecca Rose Estrada to Rebecca Rose McCarter-Ribakoff.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 20, 2024, 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: January 10, 2024
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 2024
ESTRADA 2-16-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-0067
Belqees Sirat has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of FNU Zahra aka (No Name Given) Zahra to Eva Adam.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 22, 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: January 11, 2024
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 2024
SIRAT 2-16-24

TRUSTEE SALE

File No.: 22-12362 APN: 072-364-010-000 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER PORT TOWNE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (ASSOCIATION) COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT (LIEN) DATED 02-28-2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 02-01-2024 at 12:45 PM, Outside the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691, ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES (Trustee), 1601 Response Road, Suite 390, Sacramento, CA 95815, (877) 282-4991, under and pursuant to Lien, recorded 03-01-2022 as Instrument 2022-0005434 Book - - Page - - of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of YOLO County, CA, WILL CAUSE TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale) the property owned by JOSUE VARGAS, situated in said County, describing the land therein: APN: 072-364-010-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4095 LIVERPOOL STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be

made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the sums due under the Lien. The estimated total unpaid balance at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$9,858.08. **THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE 90-DAY POST-SALE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AS SET FORTH IN CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(B). THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION BEGINS WHEN THE SALE IS FINALIZED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2924m.** Association heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located, and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the Association, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 22-12362. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an 'eligible tenant buyer,' you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an 'eligible bidder,' you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869, or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM for information, using the file number assigned to this case: 22-12362 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an 'eligible tenant buyer' or 'eligible bidder,' you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. DATE: December 24, 2023 **ALLIED TRUSTEE SERVICES, Trustee TANYA HALL, Authorized Signature WEST SACRAMENTO NEWS LEDGER 1/12/2024, 1/19/2024, 1/26/2024 NEWS LEDGER 1-26-24**

beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county wherein the real property is located and more than three (3) months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property 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 Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. **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 the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. If the sale occurs after 1/1/2021, the sale may not be final until either 15 or 45 days after the sale date - see Notice to Tenant. Further, no TDUS can be issued until the sale is final. Your bid is subject to being over bid by the Tenant or "eligible bidder" after the sale and if your bid is over bid, your only remedy is to the refund of your actual bid amount without interest or payment of any other costs, expenses or funds of any kind or nature incurred by the initial successor bidder. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-683-2468 option 1 or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2023-05805. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800-683-2468 option

auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (payable to Attorney Lender Services, Inc.) 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: ABDUL MUNIF AND MUBARAK B. MUNIF HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Trustee: ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Recorded 05/16/2008 as Instrument No. 2008-0015159-00 in book --, at Page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California, Date of Sale: 02/16/2024 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$196,883.48 estimated - as of date of first publication of this Notice of Sale The purported property address is: 620 -620 A MAPLE ST WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 A.P.N.: 008-131-050 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county wherein the real property is located and more than three (3) months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property 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 Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. **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. 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SECRETARY 5120 E. La Palma Avenue, #209 Anaheim, CA 92807 Phone: 714-695-6637 This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0445864 To: WEST SACRAMENTO NEWS LEDGER 01/26/2024, 02/02/2024, 02/09/2024
NEWS LEDGER 2-9-24

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 2023-05805 A.P.N.: 014-562-005-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/2/2005. 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 TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2424h(b), (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), 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: GEORGE H. WEBER, A SINGLE MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Entra Default Solutions, LLC 1355 Willow Way, Suite 115, Concord, California 94520 Phone: (925)272-4993 Deed of Trust Recorded 5/6/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0021337 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, to be sold: Date of Sale: 2/16/2024 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$325,465.85, Street Address or other common designation of real property: 830 FAIRWAY DR WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 A.P.N.: 014-562-005-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. We are attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-683-2468 option 1 or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2023-05805. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800-683-2468 option**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by **CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC** as Agent for Owner 541 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento Ca, 95691 to satisfy a lien on January 15, 2024 at approx. 12:00PM at **www.storage treasures.com:**
Wall Hayes, Jacqueline Alfaro, Angel Rodriguez, Keyarria Fisher, Jeremy Owings
West Sac News Ledger 1-26 and 2-2-2024

ORDINANCE SUMMARY
At their regular meeting on January 17, 2024, the West Sacramento City Council adopted by the vote noted below:
Ordinance 24-1 amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the City of West Sacramento Municipal Code.
AYES: Alcalá, Early, Orozco, Sulpizio Hull.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Guerrero.
Ordinance 24-2 making amendments to Planned Development Overlay 41 (Bridge Specific Plan).
AYES: Alcalá, Early, Orozco, Sulpizio Hull.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Guerrero.
Ordinance 24-3 approving the Development Agreement between the City of West Sacramento and Blackpine 440 West, LLC pertaining to development of the Four 40 West Development Project.
AYES: Alcalá, Early, Orozco, Sulpizio Hull, Guerrero.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
Ordinance 24-4 amending Chapter 2.18 of the City of West Sacramento Municipal Code related to campaign contribution limitations.
AYES: Alcalá, Early, Orozco, Sulpizio Hull, Guerrero.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
The full text of these ordinances is available in the City Clerk's Office, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

YOLO COUNTY, CA
(MPG) – Dear Editor,

The upcoming March 5, 2024, Primary Election offers District 3 voters in Woodland, Broderick, and Bryte a choice between two highly qualified candidates. While both have dedicated their lives to public service, there are objective differences in their career paths and lived experience in carrying out the responsibilities of public office.

After speaking with both individuals, my endorsement goes to Xochitl Rodriguez Murillo. Serving as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve since 2012, her multiple deployments and ongoing

military commitment reflect a particular courage and character. Her dedication to veterans and their families, a priority we share, is evident in her current role as CalVet Deputy Secretary for Minority Veterans Affairs.

Further, Rodriguez Murillo's extensive staff experience in the California State Legislature, along with local roles as Woodland City Councilmember and Mayor, position her to serve Yolo County effectively. Established relationships and familiarity with intergovernmental affairs obviate any learning curve in getting things done.

A final note: this election

also presents a choice between legacy and change, and a chance to make history by electing the first Latina and only the second woman of color to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. While I remain humbled in being the first woman of color elected to the Board 20 years ago, I believe we are past due when representation matters in the rooms where decisions are made. On March 5, 2024, please cast your vote for Xochitl Rodriguez Murillo for District 3 Yolo County Supervisor.

Sincerely,
Mariko Yamada
CA State Assembly member, District 4 (Ret.)

Women Business Owners are Optimistic and Confident



A businesswoman leads a meeting. Photo courtesy of iStock via Getty Images Plus

From StatePoint

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Women and men who own small and mid-sized businesses are typically more aligned than they are different in their viewpoints about the economy. Now – more than ever – this is especially true as it relates to their optimism about running their businesses, according to PNC's latest Economic Outlook Survey.

Survey results show that 69% of women and 73% of men are highly optimistic about their business prospects. But women appear to have the edge when it comes to confidence – 69% say they are confident about running their businesses compared to 57% of men. This trend is consistent with last year's survey responses. In 2022, 8 in 10 women business owners reported feeling very confident in their business success and nearly half credited their confidence to their own hard work and drive.

"It stands to reason that those sentiments, together with a few key resources – professional networks, improved access to credit and the agility to navigate the economic landscape – all contribute to a level of confidence that is driving continued optimism this year," says Beth Marcello, director of PNC Women's Business Development.

ENGAGING IN NETWORKS

According to the survey, women-owned businesses are more likely to be engaged with the Small Business Administration, chambers of commerce and other professional groups. In fact, 83% of women business owners participate in business development organizations compared to 64% of men.

"Women often credit the benefits of a strong network to winning new business and finding new and better ways of doing business, and we're supporting that network-building through our relationships with organizations such as global nonprofit Coralus and the Women Presidents Organization," says Marcello.

DECISIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE

The optimism of women business owners comes through in the survey in specific areas of their enterprises, as 64% expect to see an increase in demand, 65% anticipate an increase in sales, and 56% predict an increase in profits in the next six months. While 57% also have plans to moderately increase prices.

"These are just a few indicators of how women are thinking as they make business decisions heading into 2024," Marcello says. "While some of their optimism may be tested by continued high inflation and a potential recession, there is strong evidence that they are prepared."

SEEKING CREDIT

When PNC began surveying women business owners in 2014, men were more likely to seek credit in the near term. The 2022 survey showed for the first time, women overtaking men when considering a new loan or line of credit to support business growth. This trend continued in 2023, with 26% of women saying they are likely to seek a near-term business loan or line of credit compared to 23% of men.

"While this data could simply reflect changes in the way women are conducting business, it's evidence that fewer women are intimidated by the traditional process of gaining access to credit for their businesses," Marcello says. "This is really encouraging."

Dedicated efforts to make more resources available to women entrepreneurs are paying off, says Marcello. At PNC, for example, women can lean on the expertise of 5,000 PNC-Certified Women's Business Advocates who have a passion for working with women financial decision makers. Through Coralus, entrepreneurs have access to a global support network and a no-interest loan program.

"Providing support to entrepreneurs and making access to credit more attainable are important steps toward their ongoing success as well as economic growth overall," says Marcello. ★

California Farm Bureau-Sponsored Bill Targets Impacts of Statewide Wildfire Smoke

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

Over the past five years, California has experienced unprecedented wildfire activity that has devastated nearly ten million acres across the state. Wildfire smoke has poured in from hundreds of miles away, severely impacting air quality around regions unaffected by the wildfire itself.

This is a direct result of years of mismanaged forest and wildland strategies that have created a new reality for California – one in which wildfires burn faster and hotter than ever before, presenting grave dangers to the environment and residents. As a result, many people suffered from health and economic impacts as they have been forced to shelter in place, with businesses and schools shutting down, and other daily operations coming to a halt.

Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil's Senate Bill 945 (The Wildfire Smoke and Health Outcomes Data Act) would allow state agencies to track and monitor air pollution, population exposure, and cases of adverse health outcomes due to wildfire

smoke. Using the compiled data, the appropriate agencies would be able to facilitate future research efforts to better understand the negative impacts of wildfire smoke on the environment and California's population. Currently, there is insufficient data by the state and medical community on these health impacts.

"Ensuring the well-being of our communities means understanding the true impact of wildfire smoke. Our bill aims to unveil the impacts on our population, emphasizing the urgent need to address forest health for a resilient and healthier California," Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil stated.

The California Council of Science and Technology recently published a report stating that improving the health of California's forests not only reduces the risk of wildfire, it can also benefit people's health.

Shannon Douglass, President of the California Farm Bureau, weighed in on the significance of the bill saying, "Farming and ranching communities have been hit directly by wildfire smoke. At a time when state and federal

governments, including private landowners, are making substantial investments to mitigate wildfire hazards in our forests and woodlands, it is imperative that policy makers understand how neglecting to invest in our wildfire-prone communities can impact health outcomes -- from bringing on respiratory illnesses to pregnancy complications -- across the state's population."

It is essential that we work with our environmental partners to create and maintain a resilient California, where informed research guides our actions, and a commitment to forest health becomes the foundation for a safer, cleaner, and brighter future for all.

Senator Alvarado-Gil represents the 4th Senate District including the Counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne.

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.3 million Farm Bureau members.

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TS No: CA07000654-23-1 APN: 008-303-004 TO No: 8784496 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 17, 2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD

AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 12, 2024 at 12:45 PM, at the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on January 24, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-0002209-00, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by STANLEY C DODSON AND RITA J DODSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 412 CHAPARRAL WAY, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the

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Corps TS No. CA07000654-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bernardo Sotelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0445598 To: WEST SACRAMENTO NEWS LEDGER 01/26/2024, 02/02/2024, 02/09/2024 NEWSLEDGER 2-9-24

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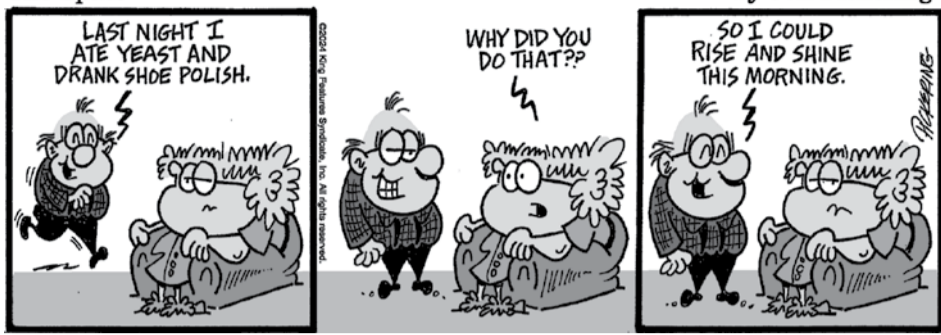
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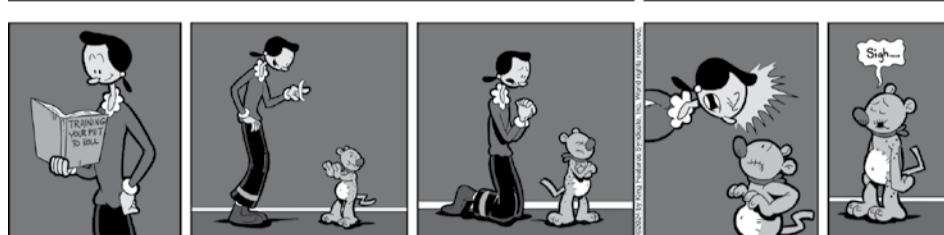
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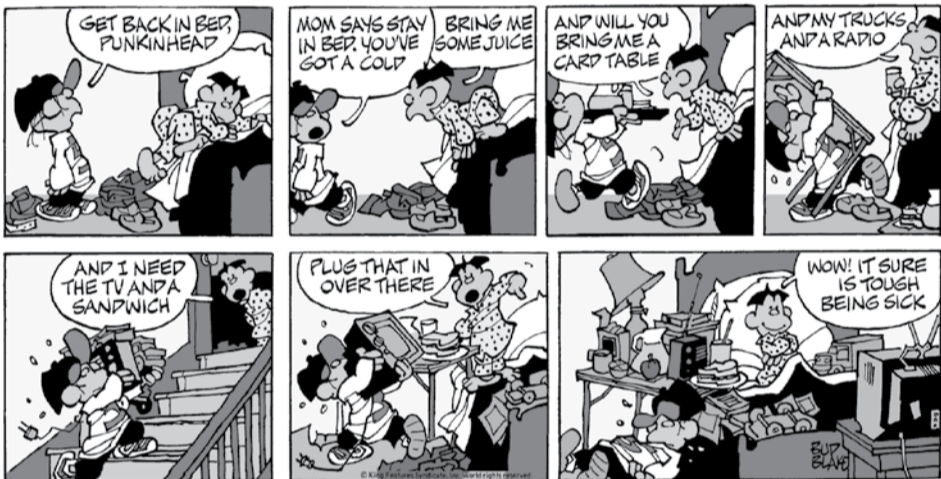
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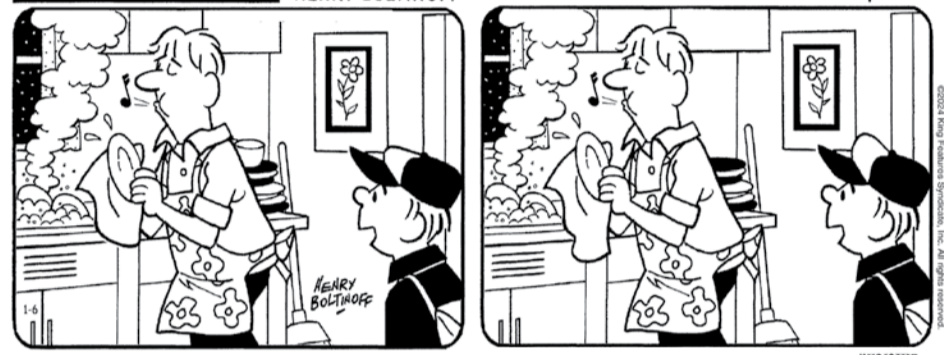


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- *Barbie's little sister
- *___ 4 game
- One less than jack
- *___ Frog educational toy
- Nutcracker's distinguishing feature
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- Cooking fat
- Deserter's acronym
- President's David
- Shower accessory
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- Conical dwellings
- Prep flour
- *Thomas or Henry, e.g.
- Law school test acronym
- Genealogist's creation
- Maurice of "Where the Wild Things Are"
- Flying saucers
- Make mistakes
- Chemically-induced curls
- *Harry Potter's Hedwig
- *Certain Patch
- *Not real dough
- Normal
- Clingy seed container
- *___-la
- Theater curtain fabric
- Put into service
- Female deer, pl.
- Pub offering
- Goo on a trunk
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DOWN

- Duds or threads
- Wildly
- French Sudan after 1960
- All thumbs
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- *Shedding-type card game
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- Part of cathedral
- Work detail
- "Stop!" to marchers
- Correspondence friend (2 words)
- Make, as in a law
- Edible type of grass
- Complete payment (2 words)
- *Banned lawn darts
- Fully informed
- Supreme Teutonic god
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- Like Neverland boys
- France's longest river
- Bid on a house, e.g.
- *Certain gun ammo
- *Best ___ schemes
- "Mice an' Men"
- "La Vie en rose" singer
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- Type of puzzle
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Matsui and Frost Introduce Legislation to Lower the Cost of EpiPens

Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)

- Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-07) and Congressman Maxwell Alejandro Frost (FL-10) introduced the Epinephrine's Pharma Inflated Price Ends Now Act (EPIPEN Act), legislation that would cap the out-of-pocket costs of epinephrine auto-injectors at just \$60 per pack of two. Epinephrine auto-injectors, like EpiPens, are used to treat severe allergic reactions. This cap would apply to individuals with private health insurance.

The EPIPEN Act comes as the prices of auto-injectors have skyrocketed, with even generics becoming prohibitively expensive. EpiPen's manufacturer increased the price of the life-saving device from under \$100 to over \$600 in the past decade—squeezing working-class Americans and families.

As costs have exploded, several states have acted to cap prices, but federal legislation is still needed to lower costs nationwide. The EPIPEN Act can save families over 90% on the cost of the device, and for those paying more than \$650 per year, \$13,000 in savings from the time a child is old enough to use the device to the time they transition off their parents' insurance at 26 years old.

"Families with children with allergies should not have to choose between ensuring their children's safety and paying for rent and groceries," said Congresswoman Matsui.

"Parents should be able to rest assured knowing their children have access to lifesaving epinephrine no matter where they are—and this access starts with affordability. That's why I'm pleased to introduce the EPIPEN Act with Congressman Frost. This crucial legislation would save people money and increase the number of those with allergies who can afford to carry epinephrine auto-injectors. Both Congressman Frost and I know how severe allergies can impact our lives and families, and this important bill would help patients and families throughout the country to prioritize their children's safety."

"As someone who has suffered a life-threatening allergic reaction, I know first-hand just how critical it is to have access to an EpiPen or an auto-injector when your body needs it most. But right now, we have a problem in America where people who need EpiPens aren't carrying them simply because of the cost," said Congressman Frost. "Our office has heard from countless working folks who either carry expired auto-injectors or simply don't carry one despite their severe allergies because they can't afford it. It's time the federal government looked out for working families and capped these prices. Our EPIPEN Act can save some parents \$13,000 over the course of a child's life. This bill would make all the difference in ensuring that the decision to carry the medicine we need to stay alive isn't a difficult

one." The legislation has been endorsed by leading allergy organizations including Allergy and Asthma Network, Allergy Strong, American College of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, Doctors for America, and Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE); as well as organizations impacted by the rising costs of auto-injectors including the American Federation of Teachers, Association of Flight Attendants – CWA, and MomsRising.

"The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology applauds the intent of this bill in requiring health plans to cover self-administered epinephrine for anaphylaxis while protecting patients from overly burdensome cost-sharing for their life-saving medication," said Todd Mahr, MD, Executive Medical Director, American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology.

"On behalf of the more than 33 million Americans with potentially life-threatening food allergies who rely on epinephrine auto-injectors to stay alive, FARE is grateful for Representative Frost and Representative Matsui's leadership in introducing legislation that would cap the costs our community pays for their epinephrine auto-injectors," said Sung Poblete, PhD, RN, CEO of FARE. "We proudly endorse this bill, will support it on Capitol Hill, and encourage other U.S. House members to cosponsor this critical legislation."

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Filing into their graduation ceremony, new CHP Officers were captured in photos by hundreds of proud families. Photo by MPG Editor Debra Dingman

California Highway Patrol Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will give the public an inside look at its live-in training facility with this month's release of the new reality series, Cadets. Premiering Jan. 17 on the CHP's YouTube page, the nine-part docuseries focuses on a cadet class navigating the six-month journey through the CHP Academy on the way to becoming officers.

The release of Cadets is part of the CHP's ongoing, multi-year recruitment campaign to recruit and hire 1,000 officers. A trailer for the series, produced entirely by CHP

staff, is available online.

"Cadets is not just a series; it's a testament to the CHP's commitment to excellence, diversity, and the relentless pursuit of transforming individuals from all walks of life into dedicated officers ready to serve the community," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "We are excited to offer a start-to-finish look inside our Academy as future law enforcement officers are brought to life."

Viewers will "ride along" with nine cadets as they overcome physical and mental adversity throughout the journey to earning their badge and becoming a CHP officer. The audience will

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