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By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Cutting the bright red ribbon for the North Riverwalk Trail Extension has been nearly two decades in the making.

After beginning construction in October 2022, officials met on April 30 to walk the new trail, which

extends a quarter mile

north from under the I Street Bridge at 2nd Street to the Broderick Boat Ramp, with a mid-block crossing on 3rd Street between D Street and E

The Sacramento River view offers downtown views for pedestrians who

walk, rollerblade or even

ride city scooters along the route. What was once a gravel pathway through

trees and brush is now a

paved Class I bike trail

measuring 12 feet wide

with one-foot shoul-

ders, according to West

Sacramento public infor-

mation officer Paul Hosley.

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# YCF Announces New All Things **Right & Relevant Foundation**



The Yolo Community Foundation created the All Things Right & Relevant Foundation to support career development for those with menta health diagnoses. From left are Bret Hewitt, Yolo Community Foundation Board president; Jessica Hubbard, Yolo Community Foundation executive director; Nancy Temple, Friends of Allied Nonprofits (the nonprofit organization that ran the All Things Right & Relevant store) board president; Julie Nedwin, Friends of Allied Nonprofits board member; and Kerry Wood, Sacramento Region Community Foundation CEO. Courtesy photo

Yolo Community Foundation News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Yolo Community Foundation (YCF) has announced the creation of the All Things Right & Relevant Foundation, an endowed fund that it holds.

This endowment launched with an initial gift of \$1.3 million and will make grants to support career development for those living with mental health diagnoses, with an emphasis on programs that create and maintain supported employment positions. The first round of grants from the fund will launch in early 2025.

For more than 30 years, All Things Right & Relevant, the beloved Davisbased consignment and thrift store, raised funds for local mental health agencies and provided supported employment to Yolo County residents living with mental illnesses. Over the years, All Things Right & Relevant raised more than \$500,000 for local nonprofit organizations and offered supported employment to more than 50 local residents.

All Things Right & Relevant closed earlier this year, due to shifting trends in the retail market.

Friends of Allied Nonprofits, the nonprofit organization behind the All Things Right & Relevant store, established the endowed fund with proceeds from the sale of the store's building.

"All Things Right & Relevant is grateful to continue its legacy through the Yolo Community Foundation," said Friends of Allied Nonprofits Board President Nancy Temple. "Our endowment through them will generate funds for mental health causes into perpetuity."

Foundation representatives invite Continued on page 3

nities for the Washington District Development, a 194-acre area by the Tower Bridge Gateway on the south, the Sacramento River on the east, A Street on the north, and portions

of 6th Street and 8th Street on the west. According to the

city website, the West Sacramento City Council adopted the Washington Realized document in 2015, "a strategy intended to shift development patterns towards compact, transit-served and mixed-

use development." According to the project description, the three main focuses for the northern waterfront section include paved path connections that enhance security between D Street and the Broderick Boat ramp, enhancing and reinforcing the public nature of circulation connections to the waterfront, and supporting and encouraging private development that activates the Riverwalk upon completion of the new C Street Bridge Improvements.

By 2022, city officials developed a "vision for transforming the Continued on page 3

# **I-Street Bridge Eminent Domain Disappoints Some**

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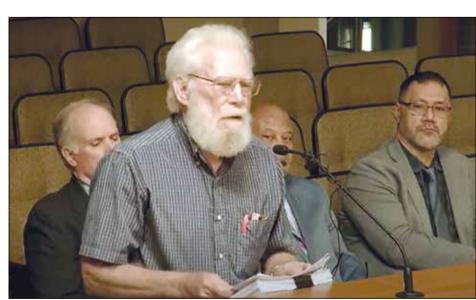
WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Eminent domain regarding the I-Street Bridge project pits some property owners against the city over the price of

their land.

During the May 1 West Sacramento City Council meeting, the public hearing before adopting a resolution of the necessity to acquire property from Gail Overhouse and three unnamed owners, along with Ron Birch, brought up unresolved issues that might take a jury to decide

The first is price: 22 cents per square foot, to be exact, which Birch said is "unreasonable" for him to accept.

"You are saying that



West Sacramento resident Ron Birch asked the mayor and council to offer more for his

unless we accept 22 cents per square foot, you're taking us to court," Birch said. "Why don't you make your best and final offer before you take us to court?"

Second comes the

amount of property that the city needs. Overhouse, who has had 4.2 parcels of land since the '60s, said she was once excited to see growth in the Washington District. Then, the city adopted a

resolution in 2020 for the North Riverwalk Trail Extension Project, subsequently claiming eminent domain over a portion of her property by 2021.

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# School District Labor Bargaining Brings Up Tensions

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WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Approaching labor negotiations for Washington Unified School District (WUSD) teachers and civil service employees concern some.

At the April 25 regular school board meeting, West Sacramento Teachers Association (WSTA) President Doug Knepp and Civil Service Employee Association (CSEA) Vice-President Ruth Pagano began voicing concerns about upcoming salary settlements on the bargaining table.

"WSTA is not asking to break the bank; we are asking for consideration that since 2021, WUSD has received 15% of new ongoing funds, and since that time, we have not negotiated," Knepp said, adding that teachers are unsure of how to maintain their careers as educators.

Knepp said labor negotiations brought good conversation until 2024, but this year, it is "different," with high health insurance, the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), and rocketing gas prices as new factors to consider. Knepp said rumor has it that teachers "don't know if they can maintain this and look out for my family."

"That's what we are hearing this year and I know you know this," Knepp said, adding, "We know that money came, and we haven't been a part of receiving a share of that to help us keep our teachers and recruit new teachers."

While Knepp fought for retention, Pagano pushed for frankness.

"We need to be transparent as possible with the public and staff," Pagano said. "In that transparency, I want to share that we, CSEA, are being told by the district that we are moving into a time of uncertainty for the fiscal outlook of WUSD."

The West Sacramento News Ledger contacted Washington Unified School District executive director Giorgos Kazanis on the upcoming negotiations and WSTA and CSEA concerns.

"These labor negotiations are a crucial part of district operations as they provide an opportunity for us to collaboratively address concerns, ensure fair compensation, and ultimately enhance the working environment for our valued employees," Kazanis said, adding that the cost-of-living adjustment is a significant factor in



Special Education Teacher Eileen Pipher tells the school board she is exhausted from case overload, which is now 35 and only should be 28.

labor negotiations.

"We recognize the importance of COLA in maintaining the financial well-being of our staff members, especially in the face of rising living expenses," Kazanis said. "By considering COLA in our negotiations, we aim to ensure that our employees can afford to live and work in the communities they serve."

Aside from finances, case overload in the Special Education (SPED) concerns Knepp, encouraging officials to retain and recruit more specialized teachers when bargaining. Case overload and exhaustion are exactly what Eileen Pipher has, according to the sixth-year K-5 Special Education teacher at Elkhorn Village.

"It's the type of exhaustion where you are dealing with problematic behaviors on such a consistent basis that you cannot teach your other students consistently," Pipher said. "The SPED team has been on overload all year and I also know we are not alone; other SPED teams on all levels in the district have the same concerns."

Calling the Special Education team "terrified," Pipher pleaded for help, noting according to policy, a teacher should not have more than 28 cases.

"However, I was told there was no other option and I am currently teaching 35 students," Pipher said. "We are also supposed to be compensated if we do go over and I have not heard or seen anything."

Kazanis said the district acknowledges the challenges described regarding workload and exhaustion, due to caseload demands.

"WUSD is actively reviewing these circumstances and exploring potential solutions to alleviate these pressures," Kazanis said. "We are committed to supporting our staff and ensuring they have the resources they need to effectively support our students with diverse needs."

As far as retaining teachers, Kazanis said, "though teacher shortages both in California and across the nation are always at the forefront of Washington Unified School District's mind, it has successfully maintained a level of staffing consistency and stability" in recent years.

"Our goal is to continue working hard to attract and retain the best talent to provide the highest quality education to our students," Kazanis said.

Uncertain finances are not the only problem, according to Pagano, who said CSEA employees are not sure where they will work on district grounds.

"This comes in response to deplorable conditions our members have been working in for years, mostly in the front building, which is now condemned," Pagano said.

Though employees relocated to dif-

ferent site rooms "deemed safe," the district remains unresolved on a permanent

location, according to Pagano, who said one optional move will cost the district \$90,000 a month.

"Please share this information with the public and use it in your consideration for any move, change, or lease agreement," Pagano said.

Kazanis said since the previous school board meeting, WUSD has completed facilitating the district office staff feedback survey about working conditions and shared the results with staff.

"WUSD continuously seeks opportunities to improve transparency and communication channels, including providing regular updates on working conditions and addressing concerns raised by our staff members," Kazanis said. Pagano then brought officials' attention

to the "4.25% automatic annual increases for the superintendent and the CBO, which were not included in the original calculations for management salaries" but have since been rectified. Next was the one-time COVID funds being used to pay some salaries in this district.

"What's interesting is that no directors

"What's interesting is that no directors are being paid with these one-time monies because they have no deadlines, yet there are 34 CSEA positions that have deadlines with those one-time monies and grants," Pagano said.

Civil Service Employee Association employees are "feeling imbittered to what they think is an inequity in pay," Pagano said, adding it should not matter that administration officials have college degrees and some Civil Service Employee Association employees might not.

"We are under the impression administration receives automatic pay yearly to an already large salary, which does not seem fair," Pagano said. "As negotiations move forward, I ask you to increase to wages that are equitable."

Kazanis said the district understands the concerns raised by some classified employees regarding pay disparities and perceived inequities.

"WUSD values all members of our team and recognizes the importance of fair compensation," Kazanis said. "While salary structures are based on various factors, we are committed to addressing these concerns through ongoing dialogue and fair compensation practices, which are part of current labor negotiations with our CSEA partners." ★

# Same-day care for your Summer needs.

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# YCF Announces New All Things Right & Relevant Foundation

Continued from page 1 community members to honor All Things Right & Relevant's decades of service and support its ongoing impact with a gift to the All Things Right & Relevant

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For more information, go online to www.yolocf.org

# I-Street Bridge Eminent Domain Disappoints Some

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**Foundation** 

Fifteen months later, Overhouse said, she met with West Sacramento Real Property Manager Fred Arnold, a city attorney, and her attorney, to discuss how much the city would offer her for her property. She said that Arnold requested to suspend payment for a portion of her property needed for the Riverwalk Trail Extension Project due to upcoming projects, including the I-Street Bridge.

"We agreed to defer the compensation negotiations for the Riverwalk until an offer for the entire property was made in conjunction with the new I-Street Bridge project," Overhouse

But that never happened, according to Overhouse, who said, "We received little to no communication from a city representative to negotiate a fair compensation for our property.'

Between the Riverwalk project and the new I-Street Bridge, Overhouse said, the city will use more than 50% of her property, which she found out in May "is not contiguous."

Overhouse said that was when an appraiser scoped her property and only included a portion for eminent domain, rather than the whole portion initially promised. Birch, who has owned his 2nd Street home for more than three decades, claims the same.

Like Overhouse, Birch said West Sacramento needs to be more

transparent about what property they will take.

"We just completed eminent domain of our property seven months ago for your bike trail and now you want more," Birch said, adding, "We need to know how much you are going to take."

Before the vote, Mayor Martha Guerrero called attorney William Chisum to clarify some claims against the city.

First, Chisum said it is the property owner's constitutional right to a fair price and the city "just can't take property; the public agency must pay just compensation." He confirmed that a qualified appraiser "goes out and looks at the property interests which are the subject of condemnation," and based on analysis of "what comparable properties are selling for," a value is set.

"If the owners dispute that, which they have an absolute right to negotiate, which has occurred, and if the parties cannot agree, the matter goes to court, and then the jury is powered to determine what is the just compensation that the city must pay the property owners," Chisum said.

Mayor Guererro said, "It is our understanding that the property owners are here in defense of what their property is and the value of their property and choose to continue to work

Regarding going to court, the mayor, who said she supports the I-Street Bridge project and toured the properties considered for eminent domain, made it clear that property owners have their rights.

"It's a process we need to take to give you the authority that you just can't go off and negotiate independently without our authority, so for that, I appreciate that the council has come back to us and asked us for that authority, otherwise it wouldn't be a legal process without our support," Mayor Guererro said.

Arnold made it clear that Overhouse's accusations that they were not paid were not true.

"One of the specific requirements is that the value of the property that we have appraised has to be deposited in the State Condemnation Compensation Trust Fund," Arnold said. "Those amounts are not with the city but the state for the property owners to withdraw."

The monies are available as soon as a resolution of necessity is adopted, which was by the end of the hearing.

Arnold confirmed that the resolution requesting eminent domain access does not preclude negotiations.

"It starts the process and also allows for the acquisition, possession and purchase of the city to proceed with the project while these negotiations are ongoing," Arnold said. ★

## **North Riverwalk Trail Extension Open**



From left, project manager Joanna Ortiz, Capital Projects director Ariana Adame, City Councilmember Quirina Orozco, civil engineer Ryan Teves, project manager Kevin Tan, Councilmember Norma Alcala, Councilmember Verna Sulpizio-Hull, and City Manager Aaron Laurel cut the ribbon. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

Continued from page 1 underutilized riverfront that includes recreational access to the river and enhanced pedestrian, bicycle and transit mobility."

That vision came at the cost of nearly 2.2 million, which the city reports came from outside agencies, including \$714,000 from Community **Development Block Grants** (CDBG) funds administered by Housing and Urban Development and \$1.3 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant (CMAQ) administered by Caltrans.

The project also includes two streetscape Improvements: new sidewalks, landscaping and American with Disabilities Act ramps on the West side of 3rd Street between C and D Street and on the south side of C Street between 3rd and 4th

"Up to 22 new trail light fixtures have been installed to enhance the safety and visibility of trail users," Hosley said.

Now that it is complete, Councilmember Norma Alcala said the North Riverwalk Trail Extension Project significantly enhances the community's recreational and pedestrian infrastructure, connecting key areas along the riverfront.

"This project gives residents and visitors a chance to enjoy outdoor activities, such as walking, running and biking, while serving as a gathering place for families to enjoy nature along our beautiful riverfront," Alcala



Here is an aerial graphic of North River Walk Trail Extension in 2022 before its completion this May. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

## May is Mental Health Awareness Month

By Scott Knight, The Jason **Foundation** 

Since 1949, Mental Health America and its affiliates across the country have led the observance of May as Mental Health Awareness Month by reaching millions through the media, local events, and screenings. It raises awareness of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities. Cities and businesses across the country hold various events to support mental health and open up the lines of communication. Many websites provide ideas for businesses to support their employees during May and

According to the CDC, suicide rates in our country increased by 36% between 2000-2021. Suicide was responsible for 48,183 deaths in 2021 alone, which is about one death every 11 minutes. We know that many mental health disorders-including depression, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder, and PTSD-come with heightened risk of suicidal thoughts or attempts. While seeking help for suicidal thoughts or behaviors is critical regardless of the cause, securing a specific diagnosis may help the individual receive treatment-especially ongoing treatment -that is best suited to their mental health needs.

Mental Health America says that up to 60% of people who die by suicide have major depression, and research suggests that the majority of suicides are related to a psychiatric condition. If you or someone

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vou know is depressed, there are effective treatments available. Talking to your doctor is a fantastic first step, and you can also visit the National Alliance on Mental Health Illness to learn more about support groups that you might find helpful.

The Jason Foundation is another valuable resource. JFI is dedicated to the prevention of the "Silent Epidemic" of suicide through educational and awareness programs. On its website, you will learn about warning signs and risk factors associated with people who may be struggling with mental health issues and suicidal ideation. JFI's website also has more information about finding a Jason Foundation location near you. We know that four out of five individuals considering suicide give some sign of their intentions, either verbally or behaviorally. In 80% of those considering suicide, we have an opportunity to recognize the warning signs and intervene. Take the time to educate yourselves on the warning signs and risk factors associated with suicide. This knowledge may help you save the life of a friend or loved one.



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## **Continue the Love** for Star Wars All Year Long









May fourth has been widely deemed as Star Wars Day by fans worldwide. Originally started as a pun for "May the Force be with You," this nonofficial day started back in 1979. Still, it grew in popularity when the California Legislative voted for May 4 to be officially Star Wars Day in 2019. Fans now raise their lightsabers in unity, celebrating this beloved franchise, but while this celebration is only for a day, the love of Star Wars can last a millennium on any bookshelf. Here are a few books for all ages to raise your own lightsabers to, and "May the Force Be With You!"

#### Star Wars The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi

by Al Williamson; Abrams Appleseed

For the youngest fans in the Star Wars universe, there are two new collector classic board books from Abrams Appleseed, Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi . These sturdy board books will have fans of all ages experiencing the original movies in a whole new, exciting way. With bold, bright colors paired with the classic comic art of AL Williamson, fans will immediately be immersed in the story.

The interactive features of these books take the excitement to another level for young readers. The giant lift-the-flap elements add a new dimension to the stories, making them even more engaging. These two books not only provide a concise and simple retelling of the classic movies but also serve as a beautiful tribute to the life of a renowned and highly celebrated comic book artist.

#### **Darth Vader Collection**

Jeffrey Brown, Chronicle Books

For the younger Star Wars reader is the Darth Vader Collection by Jeffrey Brown. Vader's Little Princess and Darth Vader and Son, turn the original Star Wars story line and takes a hilarious twist with Darth Vader raising Luke and Leia. Fans will find themselves chuckling as the author takes famous lines from the film and turns them into a father-and-child relationship. Fun and engaging illustrations paired with the highs and lows of parenting make this series truly entertaining for parents and children alike.

#### Star Wars in 100 Scenes

by Jason Fry, DK Books

For the ultimate Star Wars fan is this stunning movie scene collection book, Star Wars in 100 Scenes. Experience the excitement of the Epic Saga with 100 of the most beloved, dramatic, and iconic scenes. This book is filled with full-color two-page spreads highlighting the movie franchises most memorable scene, paired with in-depth facts, character highlights, and quotes, making this book any fan's dream. Explore the movie franchise in a whole new way, as fans can test their knowledge and even debate the ranking. The question truly is, did your notable scene make the list? Please note that this book was released in 2014, so it does not include the films released after that date.

## **Social Security Matters**

#### Widower's Retirement Stymied by Social Security's "WEP" and "GPO" Rules



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife passed away 4 years ago. I want to retire so called SSA and was told I can collect my own SS at 62, reduced by WEP. My wife's SS was greater than mine, but they said I do not qualify for hers at age 60 because of the GPO. This seems odd that I get zero for her, however I can collect mine at the two thirds reduction at 62. Is this true? This zero dollar amount places my retirement on hold for now. I was counting on her SS. Signed: Discouraged Widower

Dear Discouraged: The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) are two of the most confusing (and unpopular) of Social Security's myriad rules. From the way you describe your conversation with the Social Security Administration, it doesn't appear to have concluded with you fully understanding how these provisions work, so allow me to elaborate.

WEP and GPO affect anyone who has a retirement pension from a federal, state, or local government agency which did not participate in Social Security, meaning neither the employee nor the employer paid into Social Security based on the employee's earnings. Obviously, you have such a pension, which means that WEP will reduce any Social Security retirement benefit you have earned from other employment where SS payroll taxes were withheld, and the GPO will affect any survivor benefit you are entitled to.

WEP affects only the SS retirement benefit you earned elsewhere; WEP does not affect any surviving spouse benefit you might be entitled to from your wife. Rather, it is the GPO which affects your survivor benefit, again because of your state retirement (called a "non-covered pension" - one earned without contributing to Social Security). The GPO will reduce any surviving spouse benefit you might be entitled to by 2/3rds of the amount of your "non-covered" state pension. Depending on the size of your state pension, that reduction may entirely eliminate your surviving spouse benefit from your wife.

Under normal SS rules, a surviving spouse does not become eligible for survivor benefits until they reach age 60 (age 50 if disabled). Normally, a surviving spouse benefit claimed at age 60 is reduced by 28.5% and it is the GPO (not WEP) that will affect your survivor benefit whenever you claim it. However, even without GPO, your age 60 survivor benefit amount would be only 71.5% of the amount your wife was receiving (or entitled to receive) at her death. If you are already collecting your non-covered state pension when you claim your SS survivor benefit from your wife, then that reduced age 60 survivor benefit would be offset by 2/3rds of the amount of your state pension. And that (according to what Social Security told you) is what eliminated your age 60 eligibility for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife. If you don't claim it at 60 your survivor benefit will continue to grow until vou reach vour full retirement age (FRA) of 67, but if 2/3rds of your state pension is more than 100% of your SS survivor benefit, you still won't get any surviving spouse benefit from your wife's record.

A further consequence of your non-covered state pension is that the SS retirement benefit you earned elsewhere will be reduced by WEP. WEP will reduce, but cannot eliminate, your Social Security retirement benefit. The WEP formula is complex but, generally, your WEP-based Social Security retirement benefit will likely be roughly half of what you would get if you did not have a state "non-covered pension." You could claim your WEPreduced SS retirement benefit as early as age 62 or, if financially feasible, delay longer to get a somewhat higher (but still reduced) amount.

Just FYI, your state employer had an obligation to fully inform you of the consequences of not contributing to Social Security while earning your state pension. It appears as though they may not have fulfilled that obligation. .

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Where's the Money Going?

Dear Dave, I have a roommate, and we've shared the same two-bedroom apartment for about three years. During that time, we've always had an agreement that we would split the bills fifty-fifty. But for the last several months, he's been very late paying his half of the bills. There have even been a few times when he didn't pay his part at all, and I had to cover the entire bill. We both work good jobs, so money isn't an issue. He says he's broke, but when I ask him where all his money goes, he just shrugs and acts like he doesn't know. We're good friends, so I don't want to be cruel. How can I approach him about the situation?

- Mikhail

Dear Mikhail,

matter whether you're talking about

#### **Dave Ramsey Says**

friendships or business dealings, to be unclear is to be unkind. Believe me, I understand you don't want to be mean to a friend. But situations like this should always be addressed directly and quickly, before things get out of hand.

You said you were

good friends, and not just roommates, right? My advice is to suggest a night where you both just hang out at the apartment. Offer to pay for dinner to be delivered, and just relax and watch a movie or a game together. Before the night's over, tell him there's something you've been wanting to talk to him about, and begin understanding—but firm—conversation-about the last few months and the situation with the bills. Let him know he's a good friend, and you enjoy his company, but the roommate agreement isn't working out because he's not living up to his agreement to pay half the bills. Give him every chance to give a reasonable explanation for things, but make sure he understands that you two aren't going to be able to be roommates much longer unless he starts paying on time.

Being understanding is

key in a situation like this, Mikhail. You don't want to approach him with a bunch of accusations, but at the same time, you need to know what's going on. Maybe he needs help learning to budget money properly. You said both of you have good jobs, so that means his money has to be going somewhere. The problem is it sounds like it's not going to the right places.

When a friend is having a rough time, you should always do what you reasonably can do to help. But in this case, he's got obligations he needsand agreed—to live up to. Do what you can, but in the end, he should understand it's time for him to get his act together.

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eighttime 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 Ramsey

# **Letter Sent to Partnership HealthPlan and Dignity Health**

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors are writing to address a matter of utmost importance to the health and wellbeing of our community. The contract negotiations between Partnership HealthPlan and Dignity Health have reached an impasse, leaving over 17,000 individuals in Yolo County without access to their primary and specialty healthcare providers, resulting in an influx of patients to alternative providers. Some patients report not being able to access essential healthcare services and others report extreme hardship in navigating healthcare options during this period of great uncertainty.

The inability to access healthcare services not only poses immediate risks to individuals' health but also undermines the overall resilience and wellbeing of our community. Dignity Health has been an integral part of the Yolo County community for over 100 years, providing healthcare services to generations of residents; and our County strongly urges Dignity Health to maintain its strong presence and service within our community

We understand the complexity of contract negotiations and the differing priorities and concerns of both parties. However, we urge Partnership HealthPlan and Dignity Health to prioritize the needs of our community and come to the table to renegotiate a contract that ensures continued access to healthcare for all individuals in Yolo County.

A mutually beneficial agreement is imperative in this situation. Both parties must recognize their shared responsibility to uphold the wellbeing of the population they serve. By working collaboratively and in good faith, we can find solutions that meet the needs of both Partnership HealthPlan and Dignity Health while ensuring uninterrupted access to healthcare services for our most vulnerable

We urge Partnership HealthPlan and Dignity Health to return to the negotiation table and continue discussions. Given the urgency of this matter, we kindly request that both parties respond promptly to one another's proposals. Time is of the essence, and prompt action is necessary to prevent further disruptions to healthcare services in our community. It is our collective obligation to ensure that all Californians, regardless of their insurance, have access to the healthcare services they need and deserve.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask your prompt action and a successful resolution to this issue. For any questions about the County's position, please contact the County's Chief Administrative Officer, Gerardo Pinedo, or Associate Management Analyst, Cindy Perez, in the County Administrator's Office, at (530) 666-8114 or cindy.perez@yolocounty.

org. Sincerely,

Lucas Frerichs, Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors District 2

Dr. Mary Vixie Sandy, Vice Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors District 3

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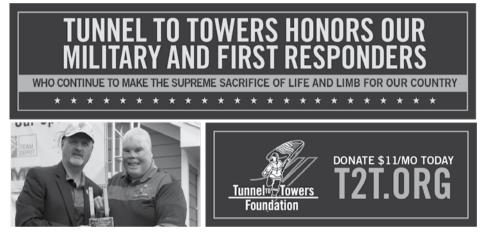
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240318 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: XENOMET, 3531 Mono Place, CA 95618 County of

YOLÓ Mailing Address: 3531 Mono Place, Davis, CA 95618 XENOMED LLC, 3400 COT-TAGE WAY, STE G2 #3518, SACRAMENTO, CA 95825 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. XENOMED LLC S/ Sean Adams, Manager,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/09/2024. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder Kquam, Deputy

Publish: 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10/24 CNS-3766169# **NEWS-LEDGER** 5-10-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240326 The following person(s) is doing

business as: Yoga Events Sacramento, 2725 Paradise Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Carla Hanson, 2725 Paradise 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 March 23, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024 YOGA 5-17-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.

April 11, 2024.

F20240291 The following person(s) is doing business as: Brookside Inves-

tors, 610 Barbera Place, Davis, CA 95616. Mark McNece, 610 Barbera Place, Davis, CA 95616. This

business is conducted by a Limited Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business January 7, 2019. This statement was filed with the

County Clerk of Yolo County on March 29, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy

Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024 BROOKSIDE <u>5-17-24</u> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240348

The following person(s) is doing business as: Ripple., 135 Pendegast Street, Woodland, CA 95695. KF Bacon, LLC, 14138 Second

Street P.O. Box #89, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2024

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 18, 2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024 **RIPPLE** 5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240344 The following person(s) is (are)

doing business as: 1. Dentists of Woodland, 2. Dentists of Woodland Dental Group, 1450 E Main Street, Suite 100. Woodland, CA 95695 County of Mailing Address: 17000 Red Hill

Ave., Attn: Legal Dept., Irvine, CA 92614 Macchiarella and Gill Dental Cor-

poration, 17000 Red Hill Avenue, Irvine, CA 92614 This business is conducted by

a Corporation The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Macchiarella and Gill Dental Cor-

poration S/ Sergio Vicuna, Secretary, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/16/2024 Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Re-

corder KQUAM, Deputy Publish: 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24/24

CNS-3801040# 5-24-24 NEWS-LEDGER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240369

The following person(s) is doing business as: Paperplanes, 601 Main Street Suite 210, Woodland, CA 95695.

Elevation Enterprise LLC, 601 Main Street Suite 210, Woodland, CA 95695. 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 December 29, 2017.

This statement was filed with the

County Clerk of Yolo County on April 23, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024 **PAPERPLANES** 

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240372 The following person(s) is doing

business as: EVERGREEN PROPERTY SER-VICES 17292 COUNTY ROAD 117 WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691,

MANUEL HERNANDEZ, 17292 COUNTY ROAD 117 WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 This business is conducted by

County of YOLO.

INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fic-

titious business name or names listed above on N/A /s/ MANUEL HERNANDEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on

04/25/2024. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Re-Bv: KQUAM, Deputy 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31/24 CNS-3809766#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**NEWS-LEDGER** 

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE **CHANGE OF NAME** #CV2024-0544

Juan Gabriel Gomez Vasquez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cristian Alexander Reves Rojas to Cristian Alexander Gomez Rojas. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on May 14, 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: March 26, 2024 David W. Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE **CHANGE OF NAME** #CV2024-0917 Mayra Yvette Rodarte has filed

a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dolores Yvette Alvaro to Lola Yvette Rodarte and Luis Alberto Alvaro to Luis Alberto Rodarte. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 24, 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: April 12, 2024 Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Su-

perior Court Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024 **RODARTE** 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-0852 Naima Gonzalez has filed a pe-

tition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Naima Gonzalez to Naima Cardona-Bregante. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 6, 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: April 19, 2024 David W. Rosenberg, Judge of

the Superior Court Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024 GONZALEZ

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-1001

Erik Rodriguez-Huerta has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Erik Rodriguez-Huerta aka Érik Rodriguez Huerta, aka Erik Rodriguezhuerta) to Erik Rodriguez. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 4, 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: April 22, 2024

Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024 RODRIGUEZ 5-24-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-1066 Jyll Michelle Pingree-Miller has filed a petition with this court for a

decree changing the name(s) of Jyll Michelle Pingree-Miller to Jill Michelle Pingree IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on June 26, 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: April 30, 2024 David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024 **MILLER** 5-31-24

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phone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Ralph R. Nevis. Day Carter & Murphy LLP, 3620 American River Drive, Suite 205, Sacramento, CA 95864. 916-

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ruary 8, 2023, in the Yolo County Superior Court in Case Number CV2023-0269, and generally described as: All that property situate in the State of California, County of Yolo, City of West Sacramento, being a portion of the Grant Deed to FRANK S. FAT. INC., recorded June 16, 1959 in VOL 576, at PAGE 233, Official Records of Yolo County, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found 2-1/2 Brass Disk at the intersection of 3rd and F Street as described in the CORRECTED: FINAL OR-DER OF CONDEMNATION to WEST SACRAMENTO AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY recorded June 2, 2017 in DOC-2017-0013904-00, Official Records of Yolo County; thence South 06º22'48" East, 1110.73 feet to a found 6"x 6" concrete monument with nail as described in said CORRECTED: FINAL ORDER OF CONDEMNATION, thence North 20°09'53" East 1688.67 feet to the southwest corner of said Grant Deed, also being the Point of Beginning; thence along the westerly line of said Grant Deed North 08°28'06' East, 259.94 feet to the North line of said Grant Deed; thence along said North line South 81º31'54' East, 99.03 feet to the easterly line of that certain PERMANENT LEVEE RIGHT-OF-WAY as described in said CORRECTED: FINAL ORDER OF CONDEM-NATION; thence along said PERMANENT LEVEE RIGHT-OF WAY the following four (4) courses: 1) South 02º26'29' West, 77.83 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the west having a radius of 425.00 feet and a chord bearing South 07°51'43" West, 80.29 feet, 2) southerly through a central angle of 10°50'27", 80.41 feet along said curve, 3) South 13°16'56" West 62.50 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the west having a radius of 1550.00 feet, and a chord bearing and distance South 14º01'28" West 40.16 feet which bears, North 23º11'42" East 1751.10 feet from said found 6"x6" concrete monument, 4) southerly through a central angle of 01°29'04", 40.16 feet along said curve to a point on the North line of that certain Indenture between Margaret Taylor and Charles A. Waring, recorded July 03, 1882 in Book of Deeds Book 32, at Page 341, Official Records of Yolo County, thence along the North line of said Indenture North 81º31'54" West 98.92 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with any part occupied by the Sacramento River Levee as it existed concurrently with the transfer of real property as described in said Grant Deed recorded June 5, 1959, Containing 27,325 square feet or 0.63 acres, more or less. Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024 5-31-24

FKA 014-345-15-1 TO No: 230578574-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). 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 pursuant

AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU

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Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by HENRY APODACA, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND RICARDO M. VEGA, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY 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 heretofore property 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: 1025 MILTON STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$233,746.49 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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 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,

for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001601-Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR **FORECLOSURES AFTER** JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible buyer," you 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 trustee sale, you can 916.939.0772, or visit trustee this internet website www. nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to case CA08001601-23this 1 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 "eligible contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate immediately professional advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: April 23, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001601-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: TDD: 949-252-8300 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory INFORMATION CAŇ BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0459862 To: LEDGER Publish: 05/24/2024 05/10/2024, 05/17/2024

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# **California is Starting to Grow** Again - Is that a Good Thing?



#### By Dan Walters, **CALMatters.org**

After Jerry Brown became governor of California for the first time nearly a half-century ago, he declared that the state had entered "an era of limits."

Citing "sluggish economic growth, increasing social instability, widespread unemployment and unprecedented environmental challenges," Brown told state legislators in his 1976 state of the state speech, "In place of a manifest economic destiny, we face a sober reassessment of new economic realities, and we all have to get used to it."

At the time, his rather gloomy observation seemed to be in line with current events. California had seen startling population growth and economic expansion in the decades after World War II, becoming the most populous state in 1962 during the governorship of Brown's father, Pat Brown.

However, population growth slowed in the 1970s after the postwar baby boom had waned. By then the state's economy was undergoing a dramatic, dislocating transformation from industrialism to post-industrial domination by trade, services and technology.

As it turned out, however, the conditions Brown cited, which he translated into fiscal austerity for state government, were merely a pause, not a permanent new reality.

California boomed in the 1980s, with Ronald Reagan's administration pumping many billions of dollars into the state's aerospace sector for a military buildup and a population surge driven by waves of migration, mostly from Latin America and Asia, and a new baby boom.

Between 1980 and 1990, California's population increased by more than 6 million people to nearly 30 million. The 26% gain meant California gained a whopping seven new congressional seats after the 1990 census.

However, things began to slow down shortly thereafter. In the 1990s, the end of the Cold War with the Soviet Union manifested itself in sharp cutbacks in military spending, leading to a recession and an exodus of aerospace workers and their families.

Population grew slowly over the next two decades and declined during the COVID-19 pandemic as stay-at-home workers fled to states with less expensive housing, foreign immigration slowed, the death rate rose and the birth rate declined.

However, a new report from the state Department of Finance's demographics unit says that after four years of population loss, California gained a tiny bit in 2023, "driven by decreased mortality and a rebound in legal foreign immigration."

The gain was 67,000 residents, bringing California's population to 39,128,162, the department's demographers found as they calculated the various factors that influence population changes. What they call "natural growth" - births minus deaths - increased from 106,700 in 2022 to 118,400 in 2023, largely because the death rate dropped after spiking upward during the pandemic.

California's 1980s baby boom is just a faint memory, however. At one point Californians were producing more than 600,000 babies each year, the equivalent of more than one birth every minute, but the state's birthrate has dropped to a record low and it now has one of the nation's lowest fertility rates, according to a new study released this week.

The Birth Industry Lawyers Group, which specializes in maternity legal issues, used federal data to report that California's fertility rate over the past several years, 55 per 1,000 women, is below the national rate of 58.8 and ninth lowest among the states. South Dakota is the most fecund state with a 71.2 fertility rate, followed closely by North Dakota.

The new Department of Finance report projects that with the effects of pandemic worn off, California's population will continue to grow, albeit slowly.

The new data raise an old question: Is California better off with an increasing population or do the demands of more people just make things more complicated by increasing competition for jobs, housing and other necessities of life?

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. He began his professional career in 1960, at age 16, at the Humboldt Times in Eureka, while still attending high school, and turned down a National Merit scholarship to continue working as a journalist.

# Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



Well, while many Kings fans are getting over the disappointment of missing the playoffs by the narrowest of margins, others are pacing the floor wondering if fan favorite Malik Monk will be lighting the beam for the Sacramento Kings next

The situation is complicated, as it usually is when big money gets involved, but I have always lived with the adage, where there's a will there's a way. And there definitely is a way!

It may involve the restructuring of contracts, but by all means, Malik deserves to be paid what he's worth in the NBA world. No doubt his agent is receiving genuine interest from other teams, but at the end of the day, it will come down to where Malik's heart is, and whether the Kings can come close to the numbers being offered.

I don't believe the Kings will have to present the absolute highest offer, but it needs to be so close as to make Malik feel the value he brings to this team. Malik Monk could easily be described as a combination of Davion Mitchell and De'Aaron Fox with his dazzling ball handling and fierce defense, all rolled into one.

For me, his intangibles are nearly as important as his stellar court play. Malik is the consummate team player, and brings a style of effervescence that makes him a fan favorite like no one else.

Whether your guy is Domantas Sabonis, or De'Aaron fox, or Keegan Murray, watching Malik Monk strip off his warm-ups and step to the scorers table is tantamount to watching Shohei Ohtani step into the on-deck circle. Everyone in the arena knows something exciting is about to happen, and they are nearly always right!

So as the second round of the playoffs begin, Sacramento fans hold their collective breath as negotiations take place

What we do know, from Malik's own lips, is that he wants to be a starter, and can anyone doubt that that is where he belongs?

Cross your fingers and say your prayers Kings fans, because Malik has indicated his strong desire to stay in Sacramento, so it remains to be seen if the powers that be can make that happen. Without a doubt, it is a moment in Monte McNair's young career as a GM that will speak loudly one way or the other.

As the first round of playoffs concluded, I couldn't help but notice the New Orleans Pelicans will be watching the second round from home on their TVs. Yes, the vaunted Pelicans that bested the Sacramento Kings all six times they met this season, and eventually would keep them from a second straight appearance in the playoffs. True the Pelicans did not have Zion

Willamson in the lineup, but the question needs to be asked, how can the Kings defeat teams like the Celtics, Denver Nuggets, Phoenix Suns, Golden State Warriors, Indiana Pacers, Minnesota Timberwolves, and both Los Angeles teams, but not put up a single win against the Pelicans?

Parity has become the singular most common term for the NBA in recent years, but when it comes to the Pelicans, the Kings don't know the definition. Why you ask? What is apparent to me is the size and length of the Pelican players, and in particular the perimeter players.

Bottom line, we don't match up with the Pelicans, period.

Yes, Malik Monk is the front burner, a critical piece that needs to be given immediate attention, but without a doubt, the Kings need to find more length in their front court.

The Gilgeous-Alexander's of the world are not easy to find, but that is the task that Monte McNair needs to put before him, and although it may seem like an insurmountable piece to find, it's not impossible.

Add to this list a bruiser with skill to play alongside Sabonis, and Kings fans won't be on the edge of their seats next season as the playoffs approach.

I, for one, think the offseason can be a real opportunity for the Kings, and with the cornerstones that are already in place, there has not been a time in the past 20 years that the Kings are this close to becoming a championship contender.

Have faith Kings fans, and it never hurts to say your prayers!

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Recreation Center Slide Pool Repair & Refurbishment

Questions about this Invitation to Bid should be submitted through the OpenGov at

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Ordinance 24-7

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 24-7 and Adoption of Resolution 24-52 Regarding a New Local General Purpose Transactions and Use Tax

West Sac News Ledger 5-10-2024

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell at public auction the personal property described below. A lien imposed on said property pursuant to section 21700-21716 if the Business & Professionals Code, and provisions of Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public auction by competitive bidding online at StorageTreasures.com May 3rd, 2024 through May 17th, 2024. The premises where said property has been stored at Southport Self Storage, located at 3080 Promenade St., West Sacramento, CA 95691, phone # (916) 395-3080 the following described goods: Furniture, Electronics, Collectables, Motorcycle, Bicycles, and more. These goods are the lien property of the following tenant unit:

C55 Paula George

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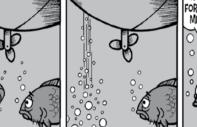














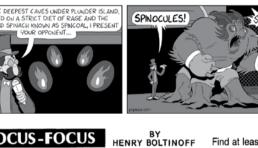


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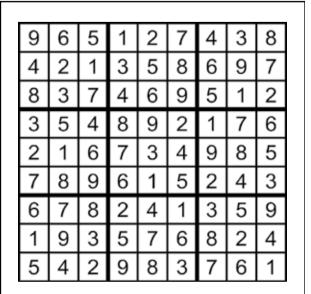
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## **Appreciating Our Jurors**

By Judge Daniel. P. Maguire, Superior Court of California, Yolo County

The second full week of May is Jury Appreciation Week, and on behalf of your local court, I want to thank all the jurors who have served in Yolo Superior Court in the last year.

But gratitude is not enough, and in this column, I want to give the residents of Yolo County some information about how our system works, what we have done to make it better, and where it needs improvement.

First, let's review a few basics. Trial by jury is an ancient right, firmly established in our state and federal constitutions. Jurors are "triers of fact," which means they hear evidence and decide what happened. The judge determines the law that applies to the case and gives the jury written instructions to guide their deliberations. In criminal cases, the jury decides if the prosecution has proved the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. In civil cases, the jury decides if the plaintiff has proved his or her case by a preponderance of the evidence, and if so, what damages should be awarded. There are 12 jurors in every case, and a few alternates. In criminal cases, jury verdicts must be unanimous, but in civil cases agreement by three-quarters of the jury is enough.

How are jurors selected?

The first step in the process is the issuance of a summons, which is the blue card you get from the court. In 2023, Yolo court sent out 45,304 summons, representing a sizeable percentage of the citizenry in a county of about 220,000 residents.

The summons will direct you to visit the court's online jury portal and fill out a short questionnaire. It also tells you to check the day before your first day of service to find out if we need you or not. We never know how many trials will be ready each week, so often we have "extra" jurors.

The next step is hardship screening, where we inform potential jurors of the trial length, and determine, one-byone, whether each potential juror has a scheduling conflict (like an important medical appointment) that requires postponement of service. As explained below, there is now a remote option for hardship screening.

Next, those jurors who pass through hardship screening are told to report to the courthouse, typically on a Monday morning. From there, potential jurors are sent to a courtroom where jury selection begins. During jury selection some jurors may be excused "for cause" (if there is a bona fide reason they cannot be fair and impartial), or by peremptory challenge by one side or the other. A peremptory challenge allows parties to remove a limited number of potential jurors without stating a reason. This vetting process can take a few hours or a few days, depending on the nature and complexity of the case.

Ultimately, 12 jurors will be sworn in for the trial, plus a few alternates, in case someone gets sick or otherwise becomes unavailable.

In 2023, 1,038 jurors were sworn in Yolo, and they heard a total of 80 cases: 11 civil cases, 38 felony criminal cases, and 31 misdemeanor criminal cases. For a county of our size, this is great productivity — while some have lamented the decline of the jury trial in our country, the system is alive and well in Yolo.

The Yolo court has made some changes in recent years to improve our jury system. First, we've re-instituted procedures to hold potential jurors responsible if they ignore their summons. It's not fair that some people shirk jury duty while others serve, and the court can (and will) fine people up to \$1,500 if they repeatedly ignore the jury summons. But we want your service and not your money, so please respond to the jury summons – if there is an obstacle to your service, please follow the instructions on the card rather than ghosting the court.



Daniel P. Maguire is the presiding judge of the Yolo Superior Court. Courtesy photo

Second, we now allow potential jurors to appear remotely (by video or telephone) for the first appearance, which is hardship screening. In the olden days (before the pandemic), all potential jurors would show up in person, meaning that hundreds of people traveled to the courthouse every week while only a few ended up serving.

But in 2020, we created an option for remote hardship screening and it has proven immensely popular, with most potential jurors "reporting" for their first day of service from home or work. (Trials are always conducted in person – remote appearance is only an option for the initial screening.)

While we've made improvements to Yolo's jury system, we can do better. One problem is the "burned juror" phenomenon. A "burned juror" is an individual who was told to report to court for trial, only to be sent home minutes or hours later because no case is ready for trial. In 2023, we had 1,840 burned jurors in Yolo County.

There are many reasons why jurors get burned. Sometimes a case resolves on the courthouse steps. Sometimes a party, lawyer or witness gets sick or has a personal emergency. And sometimes a trial that seemed "ready" the week before is no longer ready, because of new evidence, a new settlement offer, or some other development.

Burned jurors end up taking time away from work or other obligations for service that never occurs. This is wasteful -- it would be much better if they were called off ahead of time. An unnecessary trip to court may be a minor inconvenience for each individual but the aggregate effect is that a significant amount of juror time gets wasted.

So how can this be fixed?

We can't repeal Murphy's Law and there will always be unexpected events that prevent trials from going forward, so the number of burned jurors will never be zero.

But the court is collaborating with our justice partners, including the District Attorney and Public Defender, to reduce the number of "burned jurors" by doing a better job of anticipating problems that might derail a case. The week before trial, we have a "readiness conference" where the judge talks to the lawvers to see if the case will be ready for trial, and to explore the prospects for resolution. Our judges are now putting increased emphasis on these conferences, to better learn from the lawyers whether there are potential problems that may prevent the trial from being ready, so that any roadblocks can be addressed before the first day of trial. A year from now I'll report back on whether our "burned juror" rate has declined.

In the meantime, I want to again thank all the Yoloans who have served our justice system in the last year. President Adams described representative government and the jury system as the "heart and lungs" of liberty, and in Yolo our civic cardiovascular system is going strong, thanks to our hardworking jurors.

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- April 25. Laurence Tyray Mata. Arrested for felony bench warrants.
- May 1. Robert Dean Hatton. Arrested for felony and misdemeanor bench warrants.
- April 29. Gregorio Alejandro Castellon. Arrested for possess stolen vehicle/vessel/etc, hs possess unlawful paraphernalia, possess controlled substance.
- April 24. Robert Moreno Ortiz. Arrested for trespass: refuse to leave property.
- April 26. Jeffrey Erik Dynes. Arrested for felony bench warrant.
- April 27. Jessicah Regina Ann Eckley. Arrested for robbery, robbery: second degree, shoplifting.
- April 17. Ryan Anthoney Tatara. Arrested for petty theft, give false ID to PO, and misdemeanor bench warrants.
- April 18. Kristi Gail Whiteeyes. Arrested for felony bench warrant.
- April 19. Marcus Wayne Carpenter. Arrested for felony bench warrant.
- April 23. David Kane Lopez. Arrested for misdemeanor bench warrant.
- April 6. Martin Romero-Sanchez. Arrested for DUI alcohol, DUI alcohol/0.08 percent and VC hit and run: property damage.
- April 9. Johana Mireya Moreno. Arrested for DUI alcohol/0.08 percent.
- April 12. Pamela Gwenetta Paschel. Arrested for vandalism (\$400 or more).
- April 13. Salie Rogette Sommer. Arrested for felony bench warrant and misdemeanor bench warrants.
- April 14. Robert James Richey. Arrested for felony bench warrants.
- April 15. Lucio Manuel Morales. Arrested for felony bench warrwent

#### INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- April 10. Unidentified suspect stole approximately \$979 worth of merchandise from Target. \$979 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- April 18. Vehicle burglary approximately \$75,000 in tools/items stolen. \$75,000 loss. Burglary.
- March 29. Burglary of storage unit. Approximately \$13,000 in clothing, jewelry, shoes, other misc. items stolen. \$13,000 loss. Burglary.
- Feb. 1. Reporting person found machine-made circles engraved into residential fence. \$500 loss. Vandalism: deface property.
- April 26. Unidentified suspects stole Milwaukee batteries. \$3,455 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property. Burglary. Conspiracy: commit crime. Vandalism.
- April 28. Unknown suspect stole wallet from purse while shopping. The suspect went over to Lowe's and attempted to purchase \$500 worth of gift cards. Both stores have video footage. Petty theft. Theft: misrepresent as access card holder.

  April 27. Exterior fence for the business cut sometime over the weekend. It is unknown at this time who did
- so and there is no video surveillance of the incident. Approximately \$5,500 worth of tools were stolen and the business wants to press charges. \$5,500 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property. Vandalism: damage property.

  April 20. Maintanage shad at least in hydron into business with the least in hydron into business.
- April 30. Maintenance shed at location broken into by an unknown suspect. No cameras at the location captured the incident and the reporting party wants to press charges. \$1,700 loss. Burglary. Vandalism: damage property.
- May 1. Three counterfeit bills attempted to be used by an unknown female suspect at Walmart. Forgery.

  Make/pass/publish/etc fictitious check/bill/note.

  April 19. Four unknown suspects entered Preston Pipeline's gated yard and stole various tools and equipment
- from locked work trucks in the yard. \$140,239 loss. Burglary.

  April 4. The victim's vehicle was broken into sometime overnight between 4/4 and 4/5. The victim did not know what items were stolen from his vehicle at the time of the initial report. The victim has now reported seeing the items on offer up for sale in West Sacramento. The victim wants to press
- charges. \$3,880 loss. Burglary. Vandalism: damage property.

  April 11. The report is in regard to a mail theft. Mail/etc theft/etc.
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- April 13. Unidentified suspect walked past all points of sale with unpaid merchandise. The unidentified suspect returned in a new set of clothes and repeated the process. \$2,079 loss. Burglary. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- April 16. A subject went into the residence and per the reporting party stole her dog and \$200 cash. \$200
- April 16. Broken window to the business. \$1 loss. Vandalism (\$400 or more).
- April 18. Theft of debit/credit cards. \$689 loss. Use access card account data without consent.
- April 19. Victim had approximately \$1,000 stolen from his vehicle by an unknown suspect. Incident was captured on video and victim wants to press charges. \$1,000 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- April 22. Suspect walked into the store, a Rite Aid, and filled up two bags with alcohol then walked out without paying. \$43 loss. Petty theft.
- April 21. Theft of \$350 chainsaw. \$350 loss. Petty theft.
- April 18. Vehicle window broken and punched ignition. \$100 loss. Tamper with vehicle.
- April 6. The victim's vehicle was left parked at Heritage Oaks Park overnight. The windows were smashed and her rosary was broken while the vehicle was parked. Victim estimated a total of \$615 worth of damage. \$7,015 loss.Vandalism.
- April 4. Male subject let female subject stay at his house. After female left male noticed a \$400 pair of headphones missing and approximately \$5,000 worth of cash missing. \$5,400 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- Feb. 12. Suspect stole propane from the location, business wants to press charges. \$50 loss. Petty theft.
- March 23. An unidentified suspect entered the store. While inside the store, the suspect utilized a tool to bypass security measures. The suspect walked past all points of entry without paying for the merchandise. \$1,600 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- March 23. Victim's trailer was broken into sometime overnight. Possible cameras and victim wants to press charges. \$2,000 loss. Burglary.
- March 28. The reporting party had her vehicle burglarized. \$1 loss. Burglary.
- April 3. A report of a dog being placed in a barbeque were made. Officers arrived on scene and located a small dog inside of a barbeque grill that had been burnt. Int cruelty to animal/kill.
- April 4. Reporting party's vehicle was burglarized. The vehicle's front passenger window was broken, dashboard and steering column was taken apart and the security club removed. No items were reported stolen. Burglary: first degree.
- April 8. Unauthorized use of access information. \$2,829 loss. Get credit/etc other's ID.
- April 9. Call for service where unknown subject(s) broke into a shipping container that contained batteries and stole them. \$575 loss. Burglary.
- April 10. The following report is in regard to unauthorized use of access card. \$1,653 loss. Theft by use of access card information.
- March 20. Unknown suspects went into the resident only bike storage, cut the bike rack and stole \$150 chain and \$2500 bike. \$2,650 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- April 4. Reporting party's public storage unit was broken into. The suspect broke through the divider wall between the opposing storage unit to gain access. Approximately \$3,825 worth of personal property was taken. The property included a Mossberg 500 shotgun. \$3,375 loss. Burglary: first degree.
- $April\ 8.\ Two\ unknown\ subjects\ broke\ into\ a\ community\ mailbox\ and\ fled\ the\ area.\ Petty\ theft.$

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