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Sydney Eisberg plays in a previous water polo game. Photo by Jonathan Sibayan

By River City High School Water Polo Staff

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Congratulations to Sydney Eisberg, the first female athlete from River City High School's Water Polo program to be named Metropolitan League's Most Valuable Player (MVP).

Eisberg, a senior valedictorian, finished her final season at River City High School as the single-season alltime leading scorer, with 107 goals.

A four-year varsity starter and twome team captain, Eisberg was named League MVP by the Metropolitan the Quarter Finals of the California River City High School record Conference coaches and she was also

named to the All Sac-Joaquin Section Team.

Eisberg's 107 goals not only set a new River City High School record but ranked first in the Metropolitan Conference, fourth in the Sac-Joaquin Section. Eisberg's performance positioned her as the 13th-leading goal scorer in all of California for 2024.

Alongside one of the strongest teams in River City High School program history, Eisberg and the varsity girls took top place in the Metropolitan Conference Championships and advanced to Sac-Joaquin Section Tournament, setting another program best.

A second-generation water polo player, Eisberg has committed to playing water polo at Concordia University Irvine where she will compete in the Golden Coast Conference. Within the Golden Coast Conference, one of the conference's primary rivals will be Loyola Marymount University, the same program where Eisberg's father played and was named an All-American.

Once again, congratulations to league Most Valuable Player and holder Eisberg.

City Report Details Tax Measures

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Four comprehensive sales tax measure reports clarify exactly what officials do with voter-approved funds.

Finance manager Becky Robertson explained to City Council on June 26 how the department closely follows the city's Transaction and Use Tax (TUT) Measures K, V, E, and N to create uniformity, easy public access, and understanding.

Robertson explained that all four measures fall under general sales tax requirements that mandate a 50% + one voter approval. For over 20 minutes, the finance manager detailed each measure of revenues and expenditures, noting specific projects.

"We are trying to make it easy to view, easy to digest and be able to provide a lot of transparency and insight into how we are using our tax measures to make sure the public knows we are using these measures for the intended purpose," Robertson said.

"All of Robertson said, our sales tax measures roll up into the general fund and are considered a general sales tax," however, "that leads to a lot of confusion because people will look at just the bottom line and say how much money is in the General Fund." There are four West Sacramento tax measures: K, V, E and N. Measure K, passed in 2002, imposed a one-half cent TUT with no expiration on the one-quarter cent of that tax, according to a staff report. The measure's sales tax revenues total \$95.2 million, with \$89 million used for operating and capital programs. Additionally, the city received \$5.1 million in Measure K TUT revenues and \$0.6 million in other revenues. Since 2023, "the Measure K Fund was \$6.2 million, of which \$3.8 million reserved for future light rail/streetcar operations and maintenance, and \$2.4 million was unrestricted," according to the staff report. Resident Pat Flint took the podium to thank Continued on page 3

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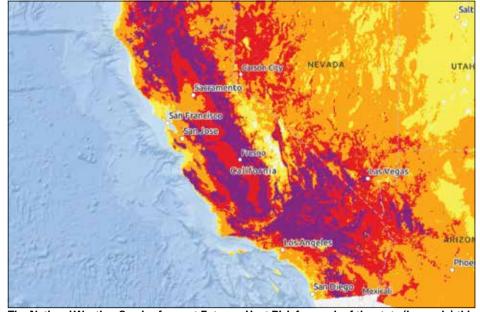
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Take Precautions as Dangerous Heatwave **Continues, Governor Newsom Urges**

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Much of interior California entered its fourth day of temperatures reaching 110 degrees or higher on July 5 and most areas weren't expected to see relief until early next week. Governor Gavin Newsom urged Californians on July 5 to take precautions and directed an all-hands response to the heatwave by state government.

About two weeks ago, the governor directed the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to activate its State Operations Center and move into Phase II of its Extreme Temperature Response Plan. This



The National Weather Service forecast Extreme Heat Risk for much of the state (in purple) this week. Screenshot of Saturday's Heat Risk

action ensures a 24/7, coordinated, whole-of-government response to the heatwave. Excessive heat warnings

and watches were in effect for much of California through the week. The National Weather Service forecasted an Extreme

Heat Risk for many parts of the state, with hot conditions between 105 and 118 degrees, and little *Continued on page 3*



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California Capital Airshow Returns with Dazzling Night Show and International Performer Lineup

California Capital Airshow News Release

MATHER, CA (MPG) - The 18th annual California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, runs from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. July 13 and 14 at Mather Airport in Sacramento.

The two-day event will feature an extraordinary lineup of performers, including the Italian jet team, Frecce Tricolori, and the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, plus miles of ground attractions and the return of nighttime aerial performances concluding with a massive pyro-musical fireworks and 500-drone show.

The Airshow is part of Frecce Tricolori's first North American tour in more than 30 years and is the only location in the Western United States

where spectators can witness its full performance. Frecce Tricolori consists of 10 high-flying Aermacchi MB-339 aircraft, making it the Guinness World Record holder of the most jet aircraft in a military aerobatic display team.

Aerial performances will run 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. both days and will begin with the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, followed by Frecce Tricolori, U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet, U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning and C-17 Globemaster demo teams, and an impressive roster of highly-skilled civilian performers.

Tickets are still available for purchase at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow. com and will not be sold at the gate. Adult General Admission tickets start at \$42.50 and each ticket includes free admission for up to six youth (ages 15 and under) and

free parking. A variety of upgraded tickets and experiences are also available for purchase.

California Capital Airshow gives special thanks to generous partners Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova. Modern Aviation, Keurig Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Visit Rancho Cordova, Folsom Lake Dodge, Donaghy Sales, SMUD, Thunder Valley Casino Resort, Kaiser Permanente, Atlas Disposal, Sunbelt, Teichert, Elite Power, FOX 40, iHeart Media, and UPS.

In addition, the Airshow team is grateful to its 1,000 passionate volunteers, a long list of committed community supporters, as well as the teams of law enforcement and emergency services that give their time and energy to keep everyone safe.

Tickets and more information can be found at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow. com.



California Capital Airshow will offer four hours of non-stop aerial performances from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. July 13 and 14. Photo courtesy of the California Capital Airshow



Employment Opportunities

Experienced Resident to Fill Commission Vacancy

Story and photo by Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Transportation, Mobility, a n d Infrastructure Commission (TMI) has a new sitting member.

Before approving Corey Cummings for the post, City Manager Jennifer Cusmir detailed the commission appointment process to City Council on June 26, explaining the need to fill a sitting and alternate member position that became vacant earlier this year.

Both members resided in District 4.

"Both were moving out of the area," Cusmir said, noting sitting member Dr. Matthias Hess's move was delayed. "He asked to be reconsidered for appointment."

Councilmembers Norma Alca and Quirina Orozco favored a certain resident for the sitting post.

"I know District One has quite a few folks on it but I would like to recommend someone," Alca said of Corey Cummings, who she noted lived in West Sacramento for 15 years. "He just recently graduated from our Citizens Academy."

Cumming's community involvement, including partaking in the city redistricting process and levy maintenance issues, among others, qualifies him, according to Alca, who said, "he does not just peruse documents; he really dissects them."

"I think it is that type of involvement that is an exception and makes him an exceptional candidate to fill one of those vacancies," Alca said.

Filling a Transportation, Mobility, a n d Infrastructure Commission vacancy entails serious work. The commission



Councilmember Norma Alca made the initial recommendation for Corey Cummings, who she called an exceptional candidate for a needed commission appointment.

makes recommendations on matters within the scope of their duties and assignments, which are referred to them by council members and the city manager.

According to a staff report, that scope includes transportation planning; bicycle and pedestrian policies and facilities planning; goods movement; charging and fueling infrastructure for electric, hydrogen and other alternate fuel vehicles; public transit and ridesharing; transportation network services; taxicabs; and plans and standards for roads, bridges and highways.

Orozco said she appreciates the council's ability to publicly discuss the candidates, especially Cummings.

"It's very unusual to receive one that is six pages long and is also very rich with content and not just narrative," Orozco said, specifically noting his work with the redistricting process several years back. "He spoke in detail about the precise map and how it should be reflected in the Rivers Community."

The city needs that type of attention to detail with future planning, according to Orozco.

"Especially given some of the new changes facing our city, specifically our incoming traffic we are going to be experiencing with River Cat Stadium and our new MLB visitors from everywhere who are going to enjoy the national stage in our backyard," Orozco said.

But most of all, Cumming's work in the prison system impresses Orozco the most due to her work as a prosecutor.

"The prisons are like mini cities; they have to facilitate all of the needs of the residents that reside there, including their safety, their food, mental health and medical, recreation, and the list goes on," Orozco said, adding that Cummings' perfect attendance in the Citizen's Academy also makes him ideal.

Councilmember Verna Sulpizio Hull and Vice-Mayor Dawnte Early shared their concerns over district representation. While Early commends Cummings' abilities, she also said that Districts 3 and 4 need more advocacy.

Mayor Martha Guererro also recommended an alternate member. However, councilmembers directed the council to consider making a motion on Cummings, "who they all agree" is the best choice.

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

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- We are seeking a part-time Newsstand Deliver Driver for our newspaper group. This position works from the Carmichael office and delivers to our locations in the West Sacramento/Sacramento Region. Routes also available in Elk Grove, Pocket, East Sacramento, Arden Arcade. Work hours are from 8:30 to 5:00 Thursday and/or Friday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. You must have a reliable vehicle. This is an independent contractor position. Previous experience preferred.

To find out more or to apply: Email your questions or resume to Publisher@MPG8.com

Californians Affected by Wildfire Smoke Should Take Steps to Protect Their Health

California Department of Public Health News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION. CA (MPG) - With wildfire smoke and reduced air quality affecting many California communities, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is urging Californians to take steps to protect themselves from air pollutants. Wildfire smoke can affect anyone's health, but some people are at higher risk, including pregnant people, children, older adults, first responders, and people with chronic conditions like asthma, COPD, diabetes, kidney disease or heart disease.

"All Californians should be aware of the risks of wildfire smoke and ash inhalation and take steps to avoid breathing in pollutants, including reducing outdoor activity and staying indoors when possible," said Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer. "Wildfire smoke can make anyone sick, but it's particularly unhealthy for vulnerable individuals, including children, people who are pregnant, and those with chronic health conditions."

How Californians Can Protect Their Health

To avoid possible health problems due to wildfire smoke and poor air quality, California Department of Public Health recommends taking the following steps:

Stay informed. Check the air quality and sign up for updates. Californians can check their local air quality index (AQI) at AirNow.

Stay indoors. If the air quality is bad, stay inside as much as possible and close all windows, doors and vents.

Adjust your A/C. Change the settings on your A/C unit to re-circulate or close outdoor air intakes to avoid drawing in smoky outdoor air. Running an air purifier can also help.

Wear a mask. If you must go outside, wear a well-fitting N95 mask. This is especially important for those who must work outdoors for long periods, in areas with heavy smoke.

Wildfire smoke contains fine particles which are respiratory irritants, and when inhaled deeply, can affect the lungs and the heart. Exposure to high concentrations of fine particles can cause persistent cough, runny nose, phlegm, wheezing, and difficulty breathing. Smoke from wildfires can also cause eye irritation, reduced lung function, and bronchitis. Those with asthma or

another lung disease should keep at least a seven-day supply of medication on hand and call a health care provider if nearby wildfires worsen breathing issues.

In Case of Evacuation

Wildfires can also lead to emergency evacuations and it's important to follow the direction of local officials when evacuations are ordered. Current evacuation information can often be found through monitoring local news outlets as well as official social media channels of emergency responders such as a sheriff's office, police department, and fire department.

Knowing the "Ps of Preparedness" can help you react quickly if a wildfire threatens your area:

People (help children, older adults and people with disabilities), Pets, Papers (important documents), Phones, Prescriptions (and glasses), Pictures, PCs (computers for the information stored) Plastic (credit cards and cash)

Additional Information

Additional resources and information can be found at the California Department of Public Health's Extreme Heat site and the California Office of Emergency Services.

City Report Details Tax Measures



West Sacramento details each revenue and expenditure of all tax measures passed since the early 2000s, and it is available on the city website. Image courtesy of City of West Sacramento

Continued from page 1 officials for the "very thorough report, and I appreciate it."

"I see where the money is going, and I don't like where some of it is going," Flint said. "I don't like that some of it has been sitting like the streetcar money."

The same stands for other improvements, according to the resident.

"I see a lot of it was spent on the roads but not recently," Flint said.

Measures V and U passed in 2008. Measure V continues the one-quarter cent portion capital allocation of the existing Measure K transaction and use tax until 2033, according to a staff report. Measure U is an advisory measure for using one-fourth cent of TUT proceeds for a streetcar system and unspecified flood protection improvements.

Robertson said future audit statements will now include each measure and what fund balances for different accounts within the general fund.

According to Mayor Martha Guererro, the report reveals years of hard work: "We are doing so much more than I think people understand."

Measure V also continues the one-quarter cent portion capital allocation of the existing Measure K transaction and use tax until 2033. revenues total \$46.9 million, with \$35.7 million spent. Additionally, the city received \$5.1 million in Measure V TUT revenues and \$0.6 million in other revenues.

Since 2023, "the Measure V Fund was \$11.2 million, including \$450,000 in reserve for future transit operations and maintenance costs," according to a staff report. Councilmember Quirina Orozco said the report is "perfect for public consumption."

"In all the years I have seen presentations like this, I don't think I have ever seen it laid out in such a user-friendly fashion with such fantastic visuals," Orozco said. "When we tell the voters we are asking for an additional quarter-cent for a particular purpose, we need to illustrate exactly what it is we are spending it for."

In 2016, voters approved Measure E, imposing a permanent one-quarter cent TUT for several projects, including building roads and bicycle/pedestrian trails, reducing homelessness, improving youth career and education opportunities, and enhancing internet access and smart technologies.

Since it passed, Measure E revenues have totaled \$28.9 million, including \$25.9 million in Measure E TUT revenues revenues, according to a staff report, adding \$27.2 million was spent.

Additionally, the city received \$5.0 million in Measure E TUT revenues and \$2.4 million in other revenues.

Since 2023, "the Measure E Fund was \$1.6 million. Including \$150,000 in reserve for federal grant compliance," according to a staff report.

Vice-Mayor Dawnte Early said she was struck by how much money was collected over the years.

"I was awe-struck to see what we were able to maintain and get to where we are now," Early said.

Measure N, approved in 2018, approved a permanent one-quarter cent TUT for general purposes for public safety, inclusive economic development, and community improvements. Measure N sales tax revenues total nearly \$18.9 million, of which \$15.1 million is spent.

Additionally, the city received \$5.0 million in Measure N TUT revenues and \$0.1 million in other revenues. Since June 30, "the Measure N Fund was \$3.8 million," according to a staff report.

Councilmember Verna Sulpizo-Hull thanked Roberston and the staff for helping the council keep its promise by making the report available on the city website for full

Take Precautions as Dangerous Heatwave Continues, Governor Newsom Urges

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Extreme heat kills more Americans every year than all other extreme weather, including wildfires and flooding.

"California is in the middle of a record heatwave and now is not the time to let our guard down. We must remain vigilant: stay cool, stay hydrated and check in on loved ones and neighbors," Newsom said.

What California is Doing to Protect Communities

Emergency coordination and response. California Office of Emergency Services is coordinating with local governments and emergency managers on regional needs.

Through Listos California, the Office of Emergency Services deployed in-language preparedness messaging to California's most impacted communities and those who might be most at risk during extreme temperatures, including those 65 years of age or older; individuals with chronic illness, disabilities or who are pregnant.

The Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications deployed in-language messaging to higher risk communities through Heat Ready CA, which includes a network of community organizations and outreach to ethnic media.

Through the state's Priority Populations Task Force, the Office of Emergency Services convenes more than 20 agencies to coordinate state and local resources and share information with the public, identify and address unmet needs, and ensure comprehensive preparedness and response in support of Californians at greatest risk and coordinate with local jurisdictions.

Protecting Workers The California Division

Details on heat illness prevention requirements and training materials are available online at 99calor. org. Cal/OSHA's heat illness prevention standard applies to all outdoor worksites.

The Government Operations Agency has coordinated messaging to all state employees on increased temperature preparedness and worked with building managers to reiterate state efficiencies during warmer days.

Protecting Public Health and Safety

The California Department of Public Health created a Heat and Summer Safety toolkit to provide resources and communication tools that can be shared, including the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

California Department of Public Health also develops heat guidance for schools, local health jurisdictions and other community service providers to protect Californians, particularly heat-vulnerable populations such as children, students, older adults, the unhoused, outdoor workers and those with existing health conditions.

Increasing Climate Resiliency

The California Natural Resources Agency and state climate partners are addressing longer-term impacts of climate change and extreme heat events through the Extreme Heat Action Plan to Build Community Resilience.

Efforts include resources for vulnerable and underserved communities, investments in shading communities through green schoolyards and urban forestry initiatives and putting nature-based solutions to work to cool buildings and infrastructure.

How You Can Stay Safer from Extreme Heat

centers in certain areas, use this finder tool.

Avoid physical exertion or exercising outdoors.

Wear lightweight, light colored, loose clothing, hats, sunglasses and sunscreen.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, even when not thirsty; drink sports drinks (in moderation with water) to help replace electrolytes lost during exercise.

Avoid sugary, alcoholic, and very cold drinks.

Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables.

Stay connected. Monitor those at higher risk of heat-related illness including infants and young children; people 65 years of age or older; individuals with chronic illness, disabilities or who are pregnant. Determine risk at heatreadyca.com.

Californians are also encouraged to check on their neighbors – call or visit higher risk people and offer to pick up groceries, medication and other necessities. Older adults, young children and babies, people with chronic medical conditions and those who are pregnant are most at risk.

Use a buddy system when working in the heat.

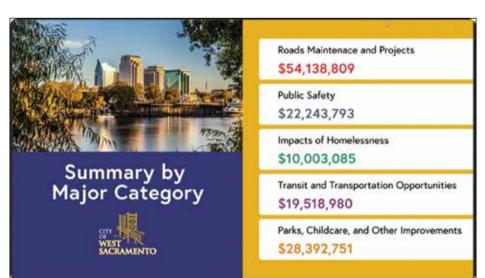
As a precaution, keep all communication and medical devices charged.

Stay informed. Check for weather forecasts, extreme heat alerts and cooling centers at https:// news.caloes.ca.gov/ coolingcenters/.

Stay safe outdoors. Warm summer weather is causing continued snow melt from winter's record snowpack, resulting in colder and faster water that continues today. Remember to always be safe around the water.

Make sure you and your loved ones wear properly fitting, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets. Several public and private entities make life jackets available to the public on a loan basis. Always supervise children by appointing a designated "water watcher." Know your limits. Swimming in a lake, ocean or river is different than swimming in a pool. If someone is in distress, seek help from a lifeguard or call 9-1-1 if one is not available.

Thus far, Measure V TUT and \$2.9 million of other public disclosure.



Major categories are improved areas and projects made possible by millions of dollars in voterapproved funds. Image courtesy of City of West Sacramento

Fundraiser Featuring the Black Irish Band

Saturday, July 27, 2024 4-7pm Bryte-Broderick Community Center, 1708 Lisbon Avenue, West Sacramento

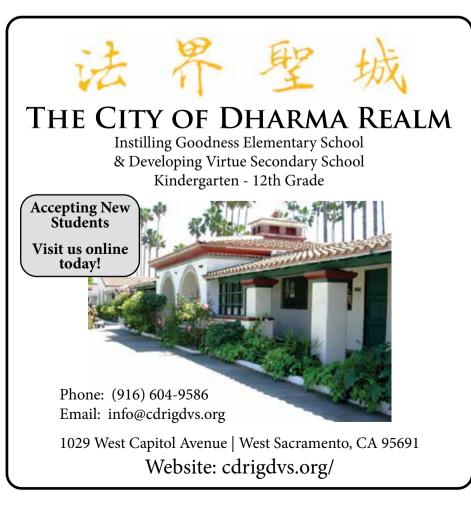


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For more information contact the West Sacramento Historical Society at (916) 374-1849 of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) reminded employers to protect workers from heat illness during high temperatures by providing water, rest, shade and training.

Field inspectors are conducting targeted inspections at worksites where workers are most vulnerable to heat illness, including in agriculture and construction. Go to ready.ca.gov to find resources and tips to stay safe from extreme heat and other natural disasters.

Stay cool (during the hottest times of the day). Those without air conditioning should consider going to a cooling center. Check out this list of cooling centers across the state or visit a public location such as a library or shopping mall. To find free transportation to cooling





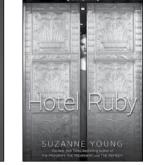


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Grab the Perfect Book For Your Next Hotel Stay!

Get caught up in the magic, mystique, and ghostly encounters during your next vacation hotel stay. But watch out—things aren't always as they appear.





Midnight at the Houdini by Delilah S. Dawson

When a strange tornado hits Las Vegas, Anna, her father, and his two business partners seek refuge at their run-down hotel, The Houdini. But the moment Anna enters, nothing is as it seems. It's as if the lobby is a complete ghost town, transporting her to another time and place, with its opulent golden chandeliers and old music piped through the walls. Then she meets Max, the handsome and alluring sixteen-year-old trapped in the hotel his whole life, but feels like he has always known her. But Anna quickly learns a horrible secret. The Houdini, while able to grant every wish and desire, also wants to keep its guest forever, and if she doesn't find the key to release her by midnight, she will be trapped there forever.

Like stepping through the doors to the past, Midnight at the Houdini enchants its readers by every turn of the page. No one will be able to resist the magical pull of the Houdini with its solid characters and intriguing storyline, leaving readers enchanting by its own unique allure.

Hotel Ruby by Suzanne Young

When Audrey and her family unexpectedly find themselves at the doors of Hotel Ruby, they think their luck has changed. They only planned to stay the night, but the Hotel Ruby can be intoxicating, and they quickly fall for the allure of its lush amenities. Now, the only thing left is for Audrey to receive an invitation to the grand ball like her brother and father have. But the Hotel Ruby is hiding secrets of its own; the more Audrey realizes that the Hotel Ruby might want more for its guests to be happy but to be one of its



elite guests permanently.

Suzanne Young spins a haunting tale of mystery and intrigue with a hotel that is more than meets the eye while whisking readers into the beautiful grand ballrooms of the 30s. With its fun characters and those with sinister motives, Hotel Ruby delivers its own haunting tune, just shy of being scary but still allowing readers to experience a story of life, death, and the delicate in-between.

Horror Hotel

by Victoria Fulton and Faith McClaren

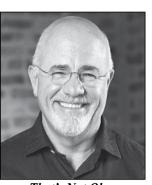
With the perfectly matched ghost hunting team, Chrissy, Chase, Kiki, and Emma have figured out the keys to success known as the famed Youtube sensation- Ghost Gang. But what lies just beyond the elevator doors at LA's infamously haunted Hearst Hotel is more than they ever expected. Faces of ghosts appear at every corner, and more than a few secrets within its peeling wallpapered walls. What starts as a ghost-hunting adventure quickly turns deadly, and no one is safe, not even the ghosts.

This book's ghostly twists and turns down every blood-drenched hallway will leave readers with their hearts racing, unable to put down this book even as darkness creeps into the late hours of the night.

Fulton and McClaren are a power duo that readers will want to follow into any haunted location, even if it is just through the pages of their next book. Although you think twice before bringing this book on your next vacation, Horror Hotel will have you looking down the hall, in the closets, and thinking twice before you step into the elevator or grab that bucket of ice.



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That's Not Okay

Dear Dave,

My husband and I own a small business. We've been open for 12 years, and fortunately we've been very successful. We made the decision when we first opened to run the business debt-free. Along with that, we only accept cash, checks and debit cards for payment. Recently, we've had a client become very insistent that we start accepting credit cards. Our relationship with this client is becoming a little contentious over the issue. How should we address the situation?

– Debra

Dear Debra

Like we, as entrepreneurs, don't have enough things to worry about every, single day, right?

As you might imagine, I have a bunch of people who are mad at me all the time because I don't accept credit cards. But in my case, it's not just a business decision. I teach people all the time

Dave Ramsey Says

not to use credit cards, and why they shouldn't. So, I can't very well go around encouraging folks to just swipe their credit cards when they buy from my company.

For starters, that client is way out of bounds. It's not their place to tell you how to run your business. But you're lucky to only have one person getting pushy about the whole credit card deal. Everything about the credit industry today is out of control. But even though your case is a little different than mine, you have every right to not accept credit cards-especially if you have a moral or values-related issue with the product.

As time goes by, you'll probably have a few other people turn up their noses at the idea of not being able to pay with a credit card, but if vou consistently offer great services or products at great prices, those experiences will only be a bump in the road. You don't want to be argumentative when things like this happen, so maybe you can just smile, and let them know you always appreciate input from your clients.

I'm sure you and your husband work hard to make your business the best it can be. The fact that you're still around over a decade after opening up shop is proof of that. You've probably realized, too, that being in business for yourself isn't all sunshine and rainbows every day. Regardless, no one has the right to get in your face over how your business is structured or try to push you into doing things differently. Listening to, and evaluating, suggestions from clients only makes sense. It's a smart thing for any business owner to do. But this one client is saying you should change a long-standing operating principle based on a whim-their whim.

And that's not okay

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eighttime No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.

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Social Security Matters Will IRA Withdrawals Affect **My Medicare Premiums?**



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am a member of AMAC and learn so much from the Ask Rusty column. I hope you can give me some information about a question that has come up in my family. My husband is retired and has reached full retirement age. He is considering withdrawing money from an IRA to pay off our mortgage. We are wondering what, if any, penalties may be incurred on Social Security, Medicare, and income tax. Thank you for your help in this matter. Signed: **Concerned** Taxpayer

Dear Concerned: Thank you for contacting the AMAC Foundation Social Security Advisory Service. Regarding your question on the impact of withdrawing IRA funds, there is no impact to your husband's gross Social Security benefit. The amount withdrawn, of course, is considered ordinary income for federal income tax purposes, and will need to be included as such on your federal income tax return and will therefore affect your federal income tax liability when you file the return.

Depending on the amount withdrawn, there could be an impact to the Medicare premium due to the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) provision. Assuming you file jointly, you will pay a higher Medicare Part B premium if your modified adjusted gross income is above certain thresholds (i.e., more than \$103,000 for an individual and \$206,000 for a married couple). Please note that Medicare's procedures will not note this income change for two years, so if you make the withdrawal in 2024 it will not trigger the increases until your 2026 Medicare premiums. A change to your Medicare premium might also result in a change to your net Social Security payment at that time (since Medicare is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment).

Also depending on the amount withdrawn, you may have to pay an additional amount on top of your Medicare Part D premium. The Part D adjustment amount is calculated based on a

percentage of the Part D national base beneficiary premium, not on a percentage of the plan premium.

The Social Security Administration mails letters to beneficiaries who currently pay a Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) and, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), are in a Part D plan. The letter explains the additional Part D amount, and how exactly Social Security will collect it. You can contact SSA at 1-800-772-1213 or your local SSA agency if you have any further questions about your Part D IRMAA premium.

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Duong L Andrade and Guadalupe O Andrade, 965 Bridge Street Apt 416, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 11, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. E20240499 The following person(s) is do ing business as: Crazy D's Hot Chicken, 2020 East Main Street, Woodland, CA 95776. D&A Foods Inc, 9 Main Street Suite 105. Woodland, CA 95695. 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 June 10, 2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024 CRAZY 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240503

The following person(s) is doing business as: Chulito Trucking, 90 W Elliot Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

Carlos Eduardo Hernandez, 90 W Elliot Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 9, 2024.

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024 CHULITO 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240480 The following person(s) is doing business as: Gen X Benefits Insurance Services LLC, 2945 Ramco Street Suite 110, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Gen X Benefits LLC, PO Box 579052, Modesto, CA 95357. 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 May 8, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 8, 2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024 GEN 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240495 The following person(s) is doing business as: Drone Field Innovations, Phil Ayon Media, 1384 Pear Place, Woodland, CA Phillip Anthony Ayon, 1384 Pear Place, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 10, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 10, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy

/s/ John Hassan Romieh, Managing Member

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/13/2024 Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Re-

corder By: K. Quam, Deputy 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19/24

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STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240483 The following person(s) is doing business as: Silent Partner Investigations, 718 Donner Way, Woodland, CA 95695. Michelle Deon Cameron, 718 Donner Way, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 4, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 4, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240563 The following person(s) is doing business as: RE: Inventing US, 41413 County Road 29, Davis, CA 95916.

Martin Lawrence Behrens, 41413 County Road 29, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 1, 2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 27, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy

Públish: July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 LOCAL 7-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO.F20240526

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FLOW MEDIA, 1871 Rogue River Ct., West Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 1871 Rogue River Ct., West Sacramento, CA 95691 JASONOKI LLC, 3400 COT-TAGE WAY, STE G2 #23651,

I AGE WAY, STE G2 #23651, 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. JASONOKI LLC

S/ Jason Komissar, Managing Member.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/17/2024.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

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NEWS-LEDGER 7-26-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240515 The following person(s) is doing business as: Clarksburg Vines, 33939 Jefferson Boulevard, Clarksburg, CA 95612. Clarksburg Vines LLC, PO Box Publish: July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2024 CHULITO 8-2-24

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News-Ledger Adjudicated For and By the County of Yolo, Adjudication No. CV PT 09-1432 – September 4, 2009

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-MINISTER ESTATE OF JAMES RICHARD CANTRELL AKA JAMES R. CANTRELL

AKA JAMES CANTRELL CASE NO. PR2024-0134

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of James Richard Cantrell aka James R. Cantrell aka James Cantrell.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Marie Heilman, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Marie Heilman be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: July 19, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 14. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or

a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Leland J. Ellison. 2534 Northrop Avenue, Sacramento. CA 95825: 916-480-0720 Publish: June 28, July 5, 12, 2024 7-12-24 CANTRELL

058-084-007-000 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 5/21/2008. 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 Proceeding Against You. You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Thea Mikel Renfrew, An Unmarried Woman Duly Appointed Prestige Trustee: Default Recorded LLC Services 5/31/2018 as Instrument No. 2018-0012850-00 in book of Official Records in page -the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale: 7/23/2024 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: north (rear) entrance to City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$271,603.76 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1708 Delaware Avenue West Sacramento California 95691 A.P.N.: 058-084-007-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding 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 rou shouid also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junio 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 contacting the county by 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. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. 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 (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet Website https://mkconsultantsinc.com/ trustees-sales/, using the file number assigned to this case 24-10833. Information postponements that about 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 exercising this right of to

purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website https://mkconsultantsinc.com/ trustees-sales/. using the file number assigned to this case 24-10833 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 tenant bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediatelv for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 6/17/2024 Date: Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 Patricia Sanchez. Trustee Sale Officer Publish 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 2024

NEWS LEDGER 7-12-24 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 22-0032 Loan No.: *******613 YOU ARE IN DE-FAULT UNDER A DEED OF 05/13/2008 TRUST DATED AND MORE FULLY DE-SCRIBED BELOW. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PRO-YOUR PROPERTY, IT TECT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EX-PLANATION OF THE NA-TURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (pavable 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 Trustor: ABDUL MUNIF AND MUBARAK B. MUNIF HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Trustee: AT-TORNEY 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, pursuant to a Judgement Reforming Deed of Trust record-ed 2/13/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-0027231. Date of Sale: 07/26/2024 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$202,248.04 estimated as of date of first publication of this Notice of Sale The purported property address is: 620 -620 A MAPLE ST WEST SACRAMEN-TO, CA 95691 A.P.N.: 008-131-050 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 BID-DERS: 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 vou 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 of fice 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 pavment of any other costs, expenses or funds of any kind or nature incurred by the initial successor bidder. NOTICE TO PROP-ERTY 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

able 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 (916) 939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, 22-0032. 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: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www. nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-0032 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: 06/13/2024 AT-TORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. KAREN TALAFUS, ASSIS TANT 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. NPP0462200 To: NEWS LEDGER 07/05/2024 07/12/2024, 07/19/2024 7-19-24 News Ledger Loan

T.S. No.: 24-10874 Loan No.: ******8412 APN: 014-245-034-000 Notice of Trustee's Sale You Are in Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 1/12/2007. Unless You Take Action to Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold at A Public Sale. If You Need an Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash,

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024 DRONE 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240438 The following person(s) is doing business as: Caio Terra Acad emv Woodland, 175 W Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Compoundx, LLC, 3207 Shelter Cove Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. 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 May 1, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 23, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: June 28, July 5, 12, 28, 2024 CAIO 7-28-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240521 The following person(s) is doing business as: Faithful Bookkeeping, 1478 Columbus Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Nadia Ivon Garcia, 1478 Columbus Road, 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 June 17, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: June 28, July 5, 12, 28, 2024 FAITHFUL 7-28-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F20240517 The following person(s) is doing business as: Romieh Group, 3830 Henshaw Rd, West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo Romieh Group LLC, 3830 HEN-SHAW ROAD, WEST SACRA-MENTO, CA 95691 This business is conducted by

Limited Liability Company (submit Articles of Organization from the Secretary of State) The registrant commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A 17, Clarksburg, CA 95612. 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 June 9, 2014. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 13, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2024 (LABKSBURG 8-2-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240586 The following person(s) is doing business as: All About Real Estate/AARE, 3468 Silverwood Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Edward Hutchison JR, 3468 Silverwood Road, 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 July 2, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on July 3, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy

Publish: July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2024 ALL 8-2-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. F2020437 The following person(s) is doing business as: Layered with Love Cakes, 1659 Drew Circle Apt 1092, Davis CA 95618. Jessica Marietta Drake, 1659 Drew Circle Apt 1092, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 23, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 13, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2024 LAYERED 8-2-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240503 The following person(s) is doing business as: Chulito Trcking, 90 W Elliot Street. Woodland, CA 95695.

Carlos Eduardo Hernandez, 90 W Elliot Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 9, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 10, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy

LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION / LIEN SALE

NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN that a mobilehome registered to **BICHARD J. STAMOS** and ISABELLA K. STAMOS, and described as a 1971 SOMERSET mobilehome, Decal Number LAY7833, Serial Number S454, Label/Insignia Number 242775 and stored on property owned by Valhalla, a California Limited Partnership ("Valhalla MHC"). at 3901 Lake Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691, Yolo County (specifically, those goods located/stored at Space #90 within the park), will be sold by public auction at the Valhalla MHC on July 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and such succeeding sale days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sale will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale, as well as costs and attorney's fees pursuant to contract, statute, and/or law.

This sale is by public auction on a certified funds basis (money orders, cashier's or traveler's checks only). Must have money order(s), cashier's/traveler's check(s) made payable to Valhalla, a California Limited Partnership to participate/bid. NO cash. NO personal checks, NO business checks, NO guarantees or letters of credit allowed. NO exceptions. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees. Valhalla MHC reserves all rights.

This sale is conducted under the authority of California Civil Code 798.56a and Commercial Code §§ 7209-7210. DATED: June 19, 2024 Stephanie D. Rice LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH W. CARROLL, P.C. Attorney for Valhalla, a California Limited Partnership 610 Fulton Avenue, Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 443-9000 7/5, 7/12/24 CNS-3829110# NEWS-LEDGER 7-12-24 TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 24-10833 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No.: ******4599 APN: cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty. expressed or implied. regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Leland Mohler And De Lores Mohler Husband and Wife, As Joint Tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Services, LLC Default Recorded 1/19/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0002321-00 in book -page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale: 8/1/2024 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol West Sacramento, Avenue, CA 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$373,129,47 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 712 Elkhorn Plz West Sacramento California 95605 A.P.N.: 014-245-034-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering

Environmental Opposition to Vital Sacramento Area Highway Project is Ridiculous



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Some things are just so ridiculous that they demand critical attention. One of them is the opposition from environmental groups to widening the Interstate 80 freeway between Sacramento and Davis.

For years, motorists have complained about what has been dubbed the "Davis bottleneck" that often backs up traffic for miles. What should be no more than a 10- or 15-minute drive can often take 45 minutes or more.

The state Department of Transportation wants to convert median strips into new traffic lanes that would require a toll payment to traverse. Environmentalists, who are trying to block the project in court, contend that it would merely encourage more drivers to use the stretch of freeway and therefore relief from congestion would be only temporary.

Opponents also complain that Caltrans and local officials are using the subterfuge of improving pavement to widen the freeway, and that the project runs counter to official state policy of reducing vehicular traffic as a way to reduce greenhouse gasses.

"These projects are being oversold to the public as a way to reduce congestion; they are not," Susan Handy,

director of the National Center for Sustainable Transportation, told the Los Angeles Times. "A court decision is going to be very important."

Ironically, Handy's organization is housed in the UC Davis campus, where the chronic congestion spills over.

The complaints might have some validity if this stretch was merely another local commuter route, but it isn't. Interstate 80 is one of the nation's most important transcontinental arteries, running 2,901 from San Francisco to the New York City metropolitan area with much of its route in western states following 19th-century immigrant trails.

The only other east-west interstates are either hundreds of miles to the north or hundreds to the south. That makes I-80 an extremely important route for interstate cargo, a fact evident to anyone who shares the freeway with an endless stream of large trucks.

Moreover, there are no alternative routes because the eastern portion of the freeway is a causeway over a marshy area that's home to wildlife and is often flooded during winter and spring months. Water is diverted into the "Yolo Bypass" from the Sacramento River as an important element of the Sacramento region's flood protection system.

Simply put, trucks and cars must either use I-80 between Sacramento and the Bay Area or not move at all. The notion that widening will increase traffic is ludicrous: The traffic will be there regardless because it has nowhere else to go.

"We experience some of

the most severe congestion in California seven days a week," Autumn Bernstein, executive director of the Yolo Transportation District, told the LA Times. "We have more than five hours of congested traffic in the eastbound direction and (in) Davis every afternoon."

The ultimate fate of the project is not certain. The California Transportation Commission gave its approval in May and allocated money to begin work, but the environmental groups are suing, characterizing it as a showdown over the state's official policy of avoiding projects that increase carrying capacity and lead to more traffic.

It's unfortunate that Caltrans officials decided they needed to hide expansion of the freeway as a pavement improvement project and make it a joint project with local officials — with some token funding for mass transit — to sidestep a direct confrontation over environmental impacts.

In a more rational world. the need would be obvious, and officialdom would be criticized for waiting so long to do something about a bottleneck.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. He began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981.

July 2024 **DTSC PUBLIC NOTICE**

Department of Toxic Substances Control – Our Mission is to protect California's people, communities, and environment from toxic substances, to enhance economic vitality by restoring contaminated land, and to compel manufacturers to make safer consumer products

C & S Battery and Lead Company Investigation/Site Evaluation 860 Riske Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Extension of Deadline to Complete Investigation

On May 20, 2022, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)'s Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Facility Investigation and Cleanup (LABRIC) Program issued a Public Notice of the initiation of the investigation and site evaluation of the area at, and around, the former C & S Battery and Lead Company (C & S Battery) at 860 Riske Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691. DTSC is generally required to complete its investigation and designate a site as determined with reasonable certainty to have been contaminated by a lead-acid battery recycling facility within two years of its public notice. DTSC may extend that deadline for up to three months, with good cause shown and adequate public notice. DTSC may make up to three additional three-month extensions.

Since issuing its Public Notice in May 2022, DTSC completed an investigation work plan and obtained permission to sample the former C & S Battery property and some nearby properties. DTSC also began collecting and analyzing soil samples from the C & S Battery property and some of the nearby properties. In addition, DTSC has been negotiating access to sample other properties.

On April 19, 2024, DTSC provided a Notice of Extension, extending the investigation period until August 19, 2024. At this time, while continuing to act judiciously and in good faith, DTSC has not yet completed its evaluation of the investigation results, nor will it make a "reasonable certainty" designation by August 19, 2024. DTSC hereby extends and provides notice of the extension of the deadline by three months from August 19, 2024, to November 19, 2024.

Where to View Information/Documents

- DTSC's LABRIC Webpage: www.dtsc.ca.gov/labric-investigation-sites At this webpage, you will find the Public Notices and a link to the DTSC EnviroStor database.
- By appointment at DTSC's Sacramento Regional Office: Contact Chuoa Her at (916) 255-4159 for an appointment to review all public documents at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826.

Who to Contact for Questions

For questions regarding this Public Notice, please contact Gerry Dietrich, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at Gerry.Dietrich@dtsc.ca.gov, or (510) 402-8305.

For questions regarding the C & S Battery project, please contact John Ross, DTSC Project Manager, at John.Ross@dtsc.ca.gov, or (916) 255-6624.



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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 17, 2024, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt the following ordinances.

To provide comment, the public may attend the meeting in-person or submit a comment in writing via email to clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 3:30 PM will be provided to the City Council and made available for public viewing. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

> **ORDINANCE 24-6** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO AMENDING **CHAPTER 12.08 RELATED TO SPECIAL EVENTS**

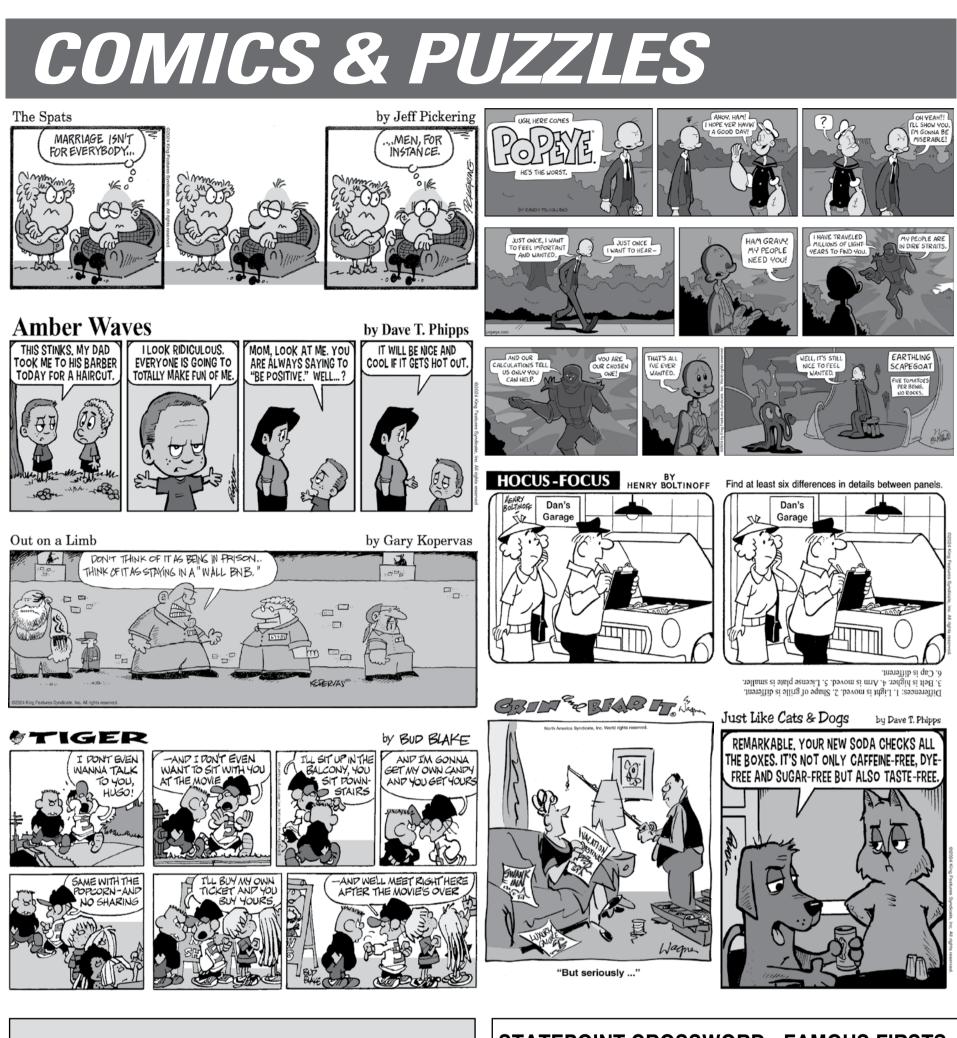
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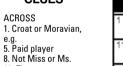
you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 6/27/2024 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427 2010 Sale Line: 949-860-9155 X 101 Patricia Sanchez, Trustee Sale Officer PPP#24-002666 West Sacramento News Ledger Publish: 7/12/2024, 7/19/2024 7/26/2024 7-26-24 News Ledaer







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Celebration time, come on! Yes, it really is celebration time in Sac Town, and for the naysayers in the group that were wailing that the free agents were flying by and Monte McNair wasn't pulling the switch, it's time for some credit and accolades.

The most recent acquisition, albeit not yet complete, of free agent DeMar DeRozan, has a 50-plus win season written all over it for our hometown team.

DeRozan, without question one of the most coveted free agents in this year's mix, has apparently chosen the Sacramento Kings over other contenders such as the L.A. Clippers and L.A. Lakers. What makes this exceptional is that DeRozan is from Southern California, and he chose Sacramento over his hometown.

Sacramento has received criticism over the years that the Kings can't attract big free agent names, and the signing of DeRozan may spell an end to that rhetoric.

One of the shortcomings of last year's team was their inability to close out close games, and that they were somewhat too one dimensional with their late game methodology.

No question De'Aaron Fox can't be called upon to provide all of the late game heroics, and that was primarily the end game strategy the past couple of seasons.

The signing of DeRozan will enhance opportunities for not only Fox, but Keegan Murray, Domantas Sabonis, and Malik Monk, as well.

Opposing teams cannot plan their defense around stopping De'Aaron Fox with a weapon like DeRozan on the floor, and his scoring ability will undoubtedly enhance the scoring capabilities of everyone around him.

DeRozan doesn't come cheap, and part of the process in procuring a 6-time NBA allstar is making room under the salary cap. To make that happen, the Kings had to shed the 18 million per year they were paying to veteran Harrison Barnes, and Harrison was delt to the San Antonio Spurs who are apparently looking for veteran leadership amid their current youth movement.

For many Kings fans that have enjoyed watching Harrison bring his slashing style of offense and the mid-range shooting he has become known for, it's bittersweet. Harrison was a fixture in the Kings starting lineup since February of 2019, and his durability was one of the unquestionable qualities the Kings will miss.

For a team that led the NBA in scoring just two seasons ago, Sacramento dropped 13 spots last year, and even a stronger defensive presence wasn't enough to make up the difference. Missing the playoffs after making the playoffs just one year ago was a gut punch, and it put a bull's eye on the backs of players that were too inconsistent with their scoring. Harrison, as a starter, was at the top of the list.

So, we wish Harrison well, and usher in a different looking starting lineup that will hopefully include fan favorite Malik Monk, as well.

Without question, DeRozan brings a veteran strength that will show itself in additional wins this season, but the Kings still need help for their all-world center and NBA leader in rebounds Domantas Sabonis.

While Monte McNair could run for mayor of Sacramento and probably win right now, other potential moves are still in the offing. Drew Timme, 6' 10" center from Gonzaga, was just signed to the Kings summer league team, and although not drafted, there is something about this your 23-yearold that will make you look twice. Could he be a diamond in the rough? It's possible, but for much needed up front help, let's not forget that already secured on the Kings roster is little heralded Alex Len, and veteran Trey Lyles.

At times, coaches have a tendency to overlook what they already have, and I for one do not believe that we've seen the best basketball that these two Kings have to offer.

For the Chris Duarte fans out there, sadly Chris was sent to Chicago along with two second round draft picks and money to conclude the DeRozan acquisition. We will miss Chris and his spark off the bench, but like Harrison, the Sacramento fans wish Chris all the best in Chi Town.

Stay tuned Kings fans for more magic from your intrepid GM, and thank you Monte McNair for having the patience to wait for the right player to surface for the Kings.

Welcome DeMar DeRozan!

Make It Happen for Yolo County Partners with King High to Provide Bicycles for Youth

Grant will help 20 underserved transition age youth in Yolo County receive bicycles



Cathi Schmidt of Make It Happen for Yolo County purchases a bicycle from Theo Buckendorf of the Martin Luther King High School Bicycle Repair Shop in Davis for a client, thanks to a grant from Biberstein Social Action Fund. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thebaud Communications

Kristin Thebaud Communications News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Local nonprofit Make It Happen for Yolo County is partnering with the Martin Luther King Jr., High School Bicycle Repair Shop in Davis to ensure underserved transition age youth across the county have refurbished bicycles for transportation to work or school. Make It Happen recently received \$1,500 from the Biberstein Social Action Fund to purchase the first 20 bicycles.

The Martin Luther King High School Bicycle Repair Shop is a partnership between the Davis Joint Unified School District, Center for Families and the City of Davis Street Smarts program where high school students repair donated bicycles as vocational training and then sell them at a discounted price to community members in need. Bicycles feature brandnew seats and tires, free maintenance for life, locks and helmets.

"We have been so impressed with the Bicycle Repair Shop at King High and the amazing opportunities they are offering to the students working there, as well as to underserved youth across the region who need transportation at low or no cost. This partnership is an absolute win-win," said Cathi Schmidt, executive director, Make It Happen for Yolo County. "We are so grateful to the Biberstein Social Action Fund for seeing the importance of this project and taking the opportunity to support two great community organizations."

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Make It Happen for Yolo County provides local transition age youth ages 18 to 24, many of whom have been in foster care or experienced homelessness, with furniture, appliances and household items needed to move into their first apartments. The nonprofit receives furniture donations from the community and purchases new appliances and household items to help youth involved with the Yolo County child welfare, mental health and probation divisions, as well as the UC Davis Guardian Scholars program and other local nonprofits. Since its founding in 2014, Make It Happen for Yolo County has helped more than 250 transition age youth. To make a financial or furniture donation, visit www. MIHYolo.org.

The Biberstein Social Action Fund was established in 2002 by the Board of Directors of Congregation Bet Haverim, Jewish Fellowship of Davis, to honor Ernie and Hannah Biberstein, longtime residents of Davis who have devoted much of their lives to community service and social justice issues. The fund provides grants to address poverty, discrimination, abuse and neglect, and the promotion of social justice in Yolo County. For more information: https://www.bethaverim.org/ engage/committees/biberstein-social-action-fund/

ize a school facilities bond for the November ballot, some superintendents from low-income and small districts say the proposal leaves them with an all-too-familiar feeling: underfunded and overlooked.

By Carolyn Jones

CALMatters.org

"Am I mad? Yeah, I am very mad," said Gudiel Crosthwaite, superintendent of Lynwood Unified, in a low-income area in Los Angeles County. "California has a responsibility to educate its children, regardless of where they live. This bond favors larger, higher-wealth districts at the expense of districts like ours."

Lawmakers struck a deal late Saturday night on Assembly Bill 247, a \$10 billion bond that would pay for repairs and upgrades at K-12 schools and community colleges throughout the state. Schools desperately need the money: The current fund for school repairs is nearly empty and the voters rejected the state's last school facilities bond, in 2020.

Everyone agrees on the

Does A Proposed \$10 Billion Bond Favor Richer California School Districts?



A new classroom at Burnt Ranch Elementary School in Trinity County on Dec. 13, 2019. Photo by Dave Woody for CalMatter

construction projects. That gives an edge to urban areas where union labor is As lawmakers finaleasier to find.

> Brooke Patton, spokeswoman for the State Building and Trades Council of California, said hiring union workers would benefit any school project because the workers are highly trained and efficient. Union projects also include apprentices, who may be from the local

community. "Not only does California end up with new school facilities, but also a new generation of workers who can afford to live in California and contribute to our economy for years to come - a worthy investment of public funds," Patton said.

The bill still needs to pass both houses with a two-thirds majority and be signed by the governor this week. To go into effect, it needs approval from a simple majority of voters in the fall.

'It's a compromise'

While the bill doesn't satisfy every need for California's schools, it's better than nothing, some education advocates said this week.

association spokesperson Troy Flint. "But times are tight, and we feel it's crucial to get a school bond on the ballot. ... It's not what we need, but it's what we could get. Now we have to focus on getting it passed, for the health and safety of California students.'

Old heaters, outdated kitchens, no AC

Trinity County Superintendent Fabio Robles said that some of the schools in his county are so dilapidated that any money is welcome. Passing local bonds is almost impossible, he said, because the county is so poor. So schools are almost totally reliant on the state for repairs.

In Lewiston, the gym has no air conditioning and the kitchen dates from the 1950s, Robles said. At Van Duzen Elementary, a small K-8 school in the mountains, the heater is 40 years old.

"Would a 5-90% sliding scale have been better? Yes. But what's being proposed now will be a big help to us," Robles said. "I'll take that any day of the week."

Ιn Lynwood Superintendent Crosthwaite said he's tired of low-income students having to put up with broken air conditioners and leaky roofs while their more affluent peers enjoy state-of-the-art facilities. His district, for example, is going to ask voters this fall to approve a bond for \$80 million. Across town. Pasadena Unified is moving forward with a \$900 million school facilities bond. If the state offers matching grants, Pasadena will get even more money. Meanwhile, students in Lynwood Unified lack basic facilities, he said. A middle school only has a blacktop, no green space. An elementary school lacks hot water. The district doesn't have enough performance spaces or science labs. "Our kids think this is normal. It should not be 'normal," Crosthwaite said. "In California we call ourselves progressive, but we need to take a hard look at how we allocate our resources."

Sen. Dodd's Generative Al **Accountability Act Bill Clears Hurdle**

Office of Senator Bill **Dodd News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, announced on July 3 his legislation has advanced that would build upon recent directives from President Joe Biden and Gov. Gavin Newsom addressing the unprecedented growth of artificial intelligence technology by encouraging continued innovation while ensuring the rights and opportunities of all Californians are protected.

"Artificial intelligence has tremendous potential to improve our lives and the functioning of government," Sen. Dodd said. "But it also presents risks, specifically the threat to consumer privacy, transparency and fairness. My proposal will help identify potential problems with these emerging systems and develop appropriate guidelines to protect our state and the public."

The 2023 White House Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights, in addition to recent executive guidance from Gov. Newsom, establish a framework for addressing concerns including AI-driven algorithms that discriminate

against people based on income levels or race, and the effects of automated machines on our workforce. Additionally, the president and governor have underscored threats posed by AI to data and consumer privacy, and the potential for misusing the technology to deceive and defraud.

Sen. Dodd's proposed Generative AI Accountability Act, also known as Senate Bill 896, will guide the decision-making of state agencies, departments and subdivisions in the review, adoption, management, governance and regulation of automated decision-making technologies. One provision in the bill would require state agencies to notify users when they are interacting with AI. Further. it states the intent of the Legislature that the private sector adheres to these rights and safeguards, in addition to any specific statutory or regulatory requirements, and evolving best practices. And the act encourages the state to invest in AI education and directs state agencies to build AI competency in the state's workforce.

The bill passed the

Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee July 2 after previously being approved by the full Senate. It heads next to Assembly Appropriations.

"As we begin to grapple with the ever-increasing use of AI in our public and private activities, it's important that we analyze the risks and prepare for bad actors in this age of disinformation and cybersecurity threats," said Brian Hofer, executive director of the nonprofit Secure Justice, a bill supporter. "Sen. Dodd's SB 896 will help government agencies differentiate between appropriate and inappropriate uses, and lead to better informed decision making."

SB 896 is a follow-up to Sen. Dodd's Senate Concurrent Resolution 17. adopted last year, which sets forth many of the ideas and was the first AI-drafted state resolution in history.

Senator Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Yolo, Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento and Contra Costa counties. More information on Senator Bill Dodd can be found at www. senate.ca.gov/dodd

need for money to fix dry rot and build new science labs. But some superintendents, as well as the civil rights law firm Public Advocates, had been pushing for a more equitable way to distribute the money.

Currently, the state doles out facilities funding through 50-50 matching grants, which means that districts that can raise a lot of money locally typically, higher-income areas — can get more state money.

Public Advocates has threatened to sue California if it doesn't adopt a wider sliding scale for distributing the money. The current deal does include a sliding scale, but it's only from 60% to 65%, not the 5% to 90% that Public Advocates wanted. Under the deal's scale, the state's wealthiest districts would only get slightly less than its poorest.

Also under the current proposal, schools could get more money if they hire union contractors for their

"It's not perfect; it's a compromise," said Derick Lennox, senior director at California County Superintendents, which represents school administrators and is supporting the bill. "(The bond) takes incremental, important steps toward equity that will do a lot of good."

The bill includes some help for smaller and low-income districts, such as providing extra money to hire project managers and expanding the number of districts that qualify for hardship funds. It also sets aside 10% of the money for small districts.

The California School Boards Association is also supporting the bill, along with a companion bill, AB 2831, sponsored by Assemblymember Josh Hoover, a Republican from Folsom, that would provide more relief for small and low-income districts if the school bond passes in November.

"We're more than sympathetic to the needs of small districts," said

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