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West Sacramento Authorizes Bonds, Mid-Term Budget



West Sacramento city officials approved a resolution toward the issuance of up to \$233 million in Bridge District bonds. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds would go toward maintaining and improving infrastructure within the Bridge District. Photo courtesy of West Sacramento

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Nestled among many agenda items, city officials approved a resolution for the issuance and sale of Bridge District bonds not to exceed \$233 million.

“While tonight’s item may seem procedural in nature, it is significant in terms of the city and overall history with keeping infrastructure investment going,” said West Sacramento City Manager Aaron Laurel on Aug. 21.

Finance Director Roberta Raper

gave West Sacramento council members a brief history of the Bridge District, beginning with establishing the Infrastructure Financing District (IFD) in 2014, which also entails an Infrastructure Financing Plan (IFP).

Because these Infrastructure Financing District tax increment bonds would be one of the first, Raper said, if not the first to be publicly issued in the state, the finance department staff said it is necessary to pursue a judicial validation action.

Laurel clarified that these funds “can only be used in the Bridge District for the time being and the

funds are not new taxes, rather existing taxes used to create new infrastructure.”

To issue debt in the future, Raper said her department must approach the council for approval.

“There are 20 years remaining on the district, which leaves little time to issue debt if we plan to,” Raper said, noting the Infrastructure Financing District remains successful as one of only three in California.

Directly after approving the issuance of bonds, Raper stayed at the podium proposing

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Yolo County Hosts Annual Farmworker Resource Fair

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), YoloWorks! and the Yolo County Workforce Innovation Board will host the second annual Yolo County Farmworker Resource Fair. This event will be held on September 6, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Woodland Community College.

This year’s fair will feature more than 30 regional organizations committed to supporting local farmworkers and their families.

“Farmworkers are the backbone of our agricultural sector and it is our responsibility to ensure they have access to the resources and support they need,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Lucas Frerichs. “This fair unites a range of services designed to support these essential workers and their families, underscoring our commitment to their well-being and our community’s dedication to supporting those who play an indispensable role in our local and global food systems.”

Yolo County is home to more than 6,000 farm workers who play a crucial role in both the local economy and the global food supply. The annual resource fair is intended to connect these essential workers with a variety of services and support. Attendees will have access to resources that include food assistance, counseling, health and medical care, legal support, safety and housing, child and family services, youth development, labor rights, employment opportunities, vocational training and public benefits.

The Yolo Food Bank will contribute food box donations and Yolobus has generously provided bus passes to support transporting attendees.

Farmworkers often face significant challenges during the off-season, which spans from October to March. Many workers experience unemployment and financial hardship during this period. While

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Yolo High Wheelers Sign Andrew LaCour

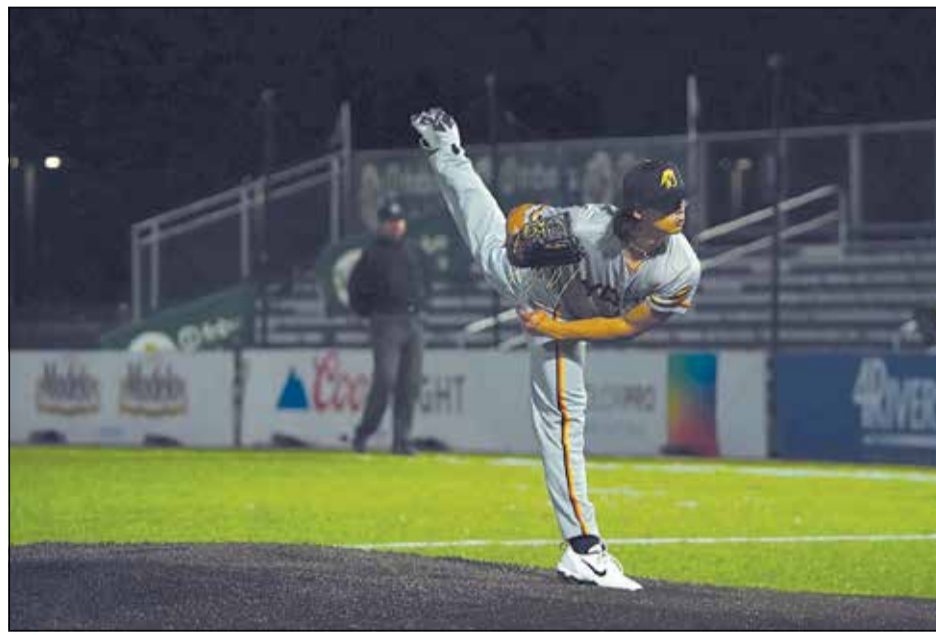
Yolo High Wheelers News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Yolo High Wheelers recently signed UC Davis alumnus Andrew LaCour to his first professional contract.

In doing so, LaCour is the first former Aggie to ink a deal with the baseball team that shares the facility (Dobbins Stadium) that he called home the last four springs.

Yolo High Wheelers pitching coach Jerome Williams and LaCour made contact about a month ago. LaCour threw a bullpen for Williams (about 30 pitches) and the coach liked what he saw and recommended him to manager Billy Horton, who in-turn signed him.

LaCour has appeared in



Andrew LaCour, a Japan native and UC Davis alumnus, was recently signed by the Yolo High Wheelers. Photo courtesy of Yolo High Wheelers

three games so far with the High Wheelers, and despite an 0-1 mark, has struck out 10.

“It feels like I have some unfinished business to do,” LaCour said. “I didn’t have the best senior year but this

gives me another chance.”

Since the end of the college season, LaCour has

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Yolo County Hosts Annual Farmworker Resource Fair

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 been at his Davis apartment, trying to get into the financial industry. The Japan native brings a unique talent to the club as he's fluent in English and Japanese.
 "My dad taught English to Japanese citizens in Japan and that's where he met my mom, who is Japanese," LaCour said. "When I was four, my dad moved back to the United States with us."
 LaCour said it's nice that he doesn't have academics to worry about anymore: "On the field, I was learning to be on time and learn

to stick to a schedule and routine having to balance school and baseball. Now it's just baseball."
 Originally from Walnut Creek, LaCour said he has adapted "nicely" to Yolo County.
 "I really enjoyed my time in Davis in and out of the classroom. The city (off-campus) had a lot of events such as farmers' markets and small business owners showing their products," said LaCour, who lived on campus all four years.
 LaCour took the mound for the first time at Dobbins Stadium in a pro capacity the week of Aug. 20 when the

team faced the Boise Hawks in a six-game series.
 The Yolo High Wheelers launched this past spring. The High Wheelers joined the Pioneer League, which was founded in 1939, as its second West Coast franchise. The High Wheelers "are committed to providing a fun, innovative and community focused baseball experience that puts families first, while providing a new model for sports partnerships and university friendships," according to the organization. For more information about the Yolo High Wheelers, go online to highwheelers.com. ★

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 some seek unemployment benefits, not all are eligible, leading to further financial strain. This resource fair is designed to offer support and connect farmworkers with year-round resources and assistance.
 "Supporting our farmworkers is not just a matter of appreciation but of responsibility," said Yolo County District 5 Supervisor Angel Barajas. "This resource fair is a crucial step in ensuring that those who contribute so much to our community receive the resources and support they need."
 The event will offer a night of vibrant celebration and community engagement,

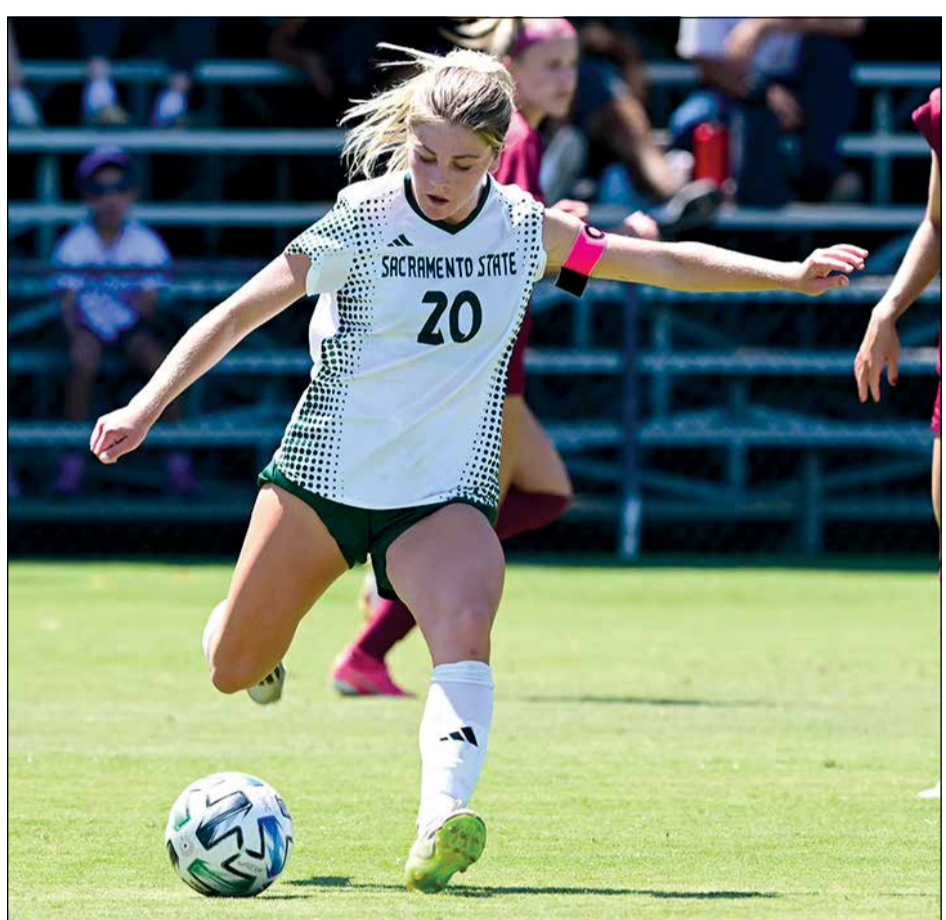
featuring cuisine from Las Brasas and live music performances by Los Tres de Winters.
 Farmworkers are encouraged to register in advance at www.YoloCounty.gov/TrabajadoresAgricolas or at tinyurl.com/YoloFWRF.
 For more information, contact Rodrigo Lopez, agricultural labor coordinator with the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, at 530-702-1790 or email at Rodrigo.Lopez@YoloCounty.gov. The event will take place at Woodland Community College, 2300 E Gibson Road in Woodland. ★

Farber to the Rescue as Women's Soccer Draws

Sacramento State Athletics News Release
SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sophomore Ellie Farber scored for the second time in as many matches, connecting on the game-tying goal with less than two minutes remaining on Thursday afternoon to help the Sacramento State women's soccer team to a 1-1 draw with UC Santa Barbara at Hornet Soccer Field.
 With results in each of their last two contests, the Hornets moved to 1-1-1 overall on the year, while the Gauchos remained winless at 0-1-1 overall. Sacramento State's start is the best for a non-pandemic season since the 2019 squad opened with the same record, while the Hornets began the pandemic-delayed 2020-21 season with a 1-0-4 record.

Having conceded the first goal of the match in the 41st minute on Chayse Yu's first of the year, Sacramento State kept pushing for the equalizer, eventually winning a throw deep in UC Santa Barbara's defensive third. Junior Madelyn Dougherty found Ariana Scholten deep near the end line, who found just enough room to turn away from her defender and send a cross into the box.
 That's where senior Alejandra Melendez was waiting just at the left edge of the six, flicking the ball toward the back post where Farber was making her run. The sophomore didn't miss from there, chipping a shot over the scrambling UCSB goalkeeper and into the net to draw the Hornets even with 1:39 to play.
 Farber had another attempt — this time for the game-winner — in the closing seconds of regulation,

but her shot sailed high over the bar as the horn sounded on the draw.
 The score was Farber's second career goal after she opened the scoring against Houston Christian last week in a 3-1 win. The assist for Scholten was the second of her Hornet career while Melendez tallied her first career point in a Sacramento State jersey.
 UC Santa Barbara held a slim 16-13 advantage in shots, but the two squads could only combine for seven shots on goal. Farber led all players with six shot attempts on the day, while sophomore goalkeeper Izzy Palmatier stopped three attempts at the other end of the field.
 A run of matches against Big West Conference opponents continues next week as the Hornets host Cal Poly on Thursday (Aug. 29) at 1 p.m. in their only match of the week. ★



Ellie Farber is a sophomore from Redding with two goals this season. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

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Long-Awaited State Street Rehab Moves Forward

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - State Street is getting a multi-million-dollar makeover.

“Tonight is a very special night to see this before us for approval on consent since I know that this can be a standalone item in and of itself with a presentation on the regular agenda,” Councilwoman Quirina Orozco said on Aug. 21 of the roadway she has lived on for nearly a decade.

One of the oldest city communities started in the early 1950s, the State Streets neighborhood is north of the Deep-Water Channel, with Jefferson Boulevard to the east, Park Boulevard to the west, Stone Boulevard to the south and 15th Street to the north.

The item approved, among other agenda matters, totals \$6,719,552, awarded to George Reed, Inc., compared to the city engineer’s estimate of \$6,521,630, 3% less than the lowest bid.

Overhead powerlines are in the single-family residential region, surrounded by mature trees and street parking.

“Trees wreak havoc on the

sidewalks and pavement as they root,” Orozco said, adding the “immense need” for immediate rehab.

The State Streets Infrastructure Projects include sewer and water lines and pavement rehab in the neighborhood. The first phase of the project included reconstructing public underground utilities in 2021.

The project staff report states the “rehabilitation of the pavement is the final phase of work within the neighborhood and can now proceed as the underlying water and sewer lines have been brought up to good condition.”

Councilwoman Verna Sulpizio-Hull, who oversees State Street, questioned assistant engineer Bridget McGinnis about the estimated spring 2025 completion.

“The only anticipated delay at the moment would be weather and we have no control over that,” McGinnis said. “When you’re doing roads, you need certain temperatures.”

The project staff report notes project materials, including work including “roadway reconstruction with hot mix asphalt or a preventative maintenance slurry



The State Street Rehabilitation Project was awarded to George Reed, Inc. for almost \$7 million to improve streets with an expected completion date in spring 2025. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

seal application on selected roads to extend their remaining life until a more extensive rehabilitation can occur.”

Other improvements include the construction of accessible curb ramps and the replacement of some of the curbs and gutters

within the neighborhood.

“Quite frankly, since 2016, I have been looking forward to receiving this item,” Orozco said of the debilitated sidewalks, which cause obstacles to walk on. “There are going to be a lot of happy people on State Street who have been looking forward to this day.”

Like Orozco, Sulpizio-Hull said she has received many constituent concerns. Keeping residents in mind, Sulpizio-Hull noted that the city website page dedicated to State Street keeps residents “fairly” up to date.

“We can keep the website up to date; I can manage that myself,” McGinnis said. “If the schedule changes, it will be posted.”

If it “drastically” alters, McGinnis said the city might send letters to State Street residents but day-to-day updates are best found on the website. Sulpizio-Hull wanted to assure the residents that they could attend the groundbreaking.

Vice-Mayor Dawnte Early recalled walking the streets with Sulpizio-Hull and said, “It is really good to see” the project moving forward. ★

SARTA Awards \$500 Microgrant to the Happy Hour Theatre Company



The Happy Hour Theatre Company is pleased to receive the \$500 microgrant. Photo courtesy of SARTA

Sacramento Area Regional Theatre Alliance (SARTA) News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For the first time in its 40-year history, SARTA has awarded a \$500 microgrant to a local theatre group – The Happy Hour Theatre Company. SARTA created this microgrant award to encourage small local and regional theatres and individuals to produce new works. The microgrant process includes an application form and detailed budget which then goes to a four-person committee for review. The committee recommends the award amount to the SARTA board for final review and approval. Information and application forms can be found at www.sarta.com/get-involved. SARTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit theatre arts service organization.

The Happy Hour Theatre Group is the brainchild of Christi van Eyken and Shana Kehoe. The company was created to help theatre artists grow, explore, and take on new challenges. With hour-long

collections of short plays (“Happy Hours”) they create cohesive and impactful productions that balance humor, emotion, and a bit (or a lot) of weirdness. These short pieces give actors the chance to push their boundaries in small but challenging roles and offer valuable opportunities to brand new or up-and-coming directors, designers, and stage managers. For more information on the theatre, please visit the website at www.thehappyhourtheatre.com.

The Happy Hour Theatre, based out of Sacramento, just completed a run of Poodle with Guitar and Dark Glasses by Liz Duffy Adams in April 2024 at the Black Box Theatre in West Sacramento. This was the third production from this theatre which began just before the pandemic. The Happy Hour Theatre will be offering an in-depth Shakespeare workshop this summer and is also creating Playwrights Village. For more information about The Happy Hour Theatre Company please visit www.happyhourtheatre.org. ★

West Sacramento Authorizes Bonds, Mid-Term Budget



Police Chief Robert Strange says he is excited about the new prospects down the pike for recruitment, which has funds set aside in the city’s budget for new law enforcement staff. Photo by Angela Underwood

Continued from page 1 midterm amendments to the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budgets for Fiscal Year 2024/25.

Raper said it is essential to note, “We are still very much in the accrual period for the last fiscal year and there is a lot of year-end work still to do.”

Thus far, the General Fund Budget has a surplus of more than \$7 million, including \$1.8 million in sales tax and \$1.2 million in property taxes.

“These added revenues are expected to continue into 2024/25 and beyond,” Raper said, noting several changes since the 2023 budget adoption, including mid-year adjustments for 2023/24, ongoing annual impacts, and updated information on major revenue sources.

Raper added revenue growth has allowed the council to approve salary increases to all labor groups

over the past year.

Councilwoman Quirina Orozco wanted to address the over-hiring fund to “reiterate our commitment to the 17% reserve.”

“I appreciate getting that update and being reassured we are still in a healthy position,” Orozco said. “I remain committed to ensuring we do not have to tap into that unless, of course, it became dire straits.”

But if they had to dip into it to hire more police officers, Orozco wanted to know what that would look like. While Raper said she could speak to the reserve, she could not speak to the police department staffing.

When creating the fund, Raper said they wanted to ensure if they had vacancies “or an especially great recruitment that gives us the opportunity to pick up some great people and we only have one or two vacancies.”

Savings within the budget compensate for the need to over-hire, according to Raper, “so if we don’t go

over the budget, we don’t dip into that reserve.”

Police Chief Robert Strange explained the over-hire reserve, noting good news.

“I think we are going to have an opportunity to tap into the over hire by the end of this calendar year if we keep on track,” Chief Strange said, noting the last time he was at the podium to explain staffing funds was in 2020 when he asked to move officer vacancy money to create Community and Outreach Support Division.

Orozco wanted to ensure the department was keeping up with the city’s growth.

“We are excited about that and other prospects that can create more revenue for the city to actually have us grow and grow in a way that we think we can help the community,” Chief Strange said.

Raper informed the council a new budget graphic is now available on the website for public review. ★

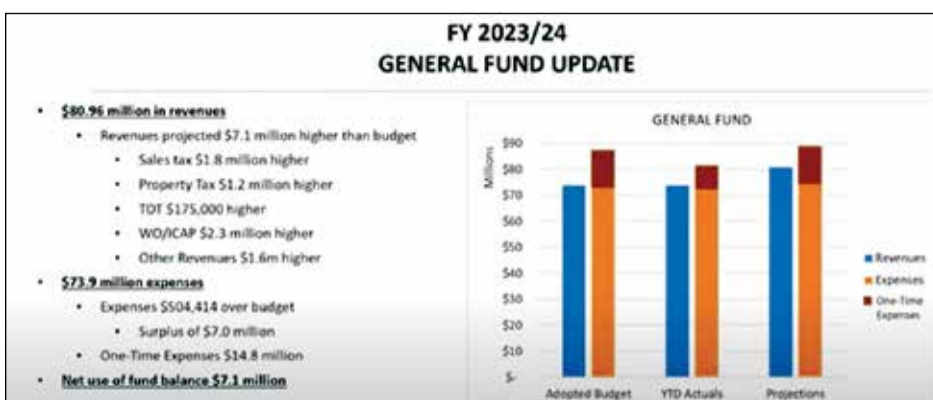
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Social Security Matters

Retiree Asks About His Social Security?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I retired with a (gross) \$4600 per month Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) annuity from the US Postal Service in December 2022. I am 66 and will attain full retirement age in November of this year. I know at that point I will not be subject to the “earnings” test, but I will be affected by the dreaded “government offset.” I HAVE earned enough quarters and will be eligible for a small social security benefit. First question: will my Social Security benefit just be reduced, or will it be eliminated? Second: will it make a difference if I apply in November or when I turn 70? I am currently working part-time and paying Social Security FICA taxes. Third: if my SS is being eliminated, do I even have to apply? Fourth and last: I am married, filing jointly and my wife is currently receiving SS benefits (only). Could I also be affected by the “windfall” provision if my wife predeceased me?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor
Signed: Upset to Offset and

Downfall to Windfall

Dear Upset: You are correct that when you reach your full retirement age (FRA) in November you will no longer be subject to Social Security’s “earnings test,” which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. But if you apply for your Social Security to start in November, your SS benefits will be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) due to your non-covered CSRS pension (because you didn’t pay into SS while earning your CSRS pension). As you may know, only those federal employees who retired under CSRS (Civil Service Retirement System) are affected by WEP; newer Federal employees who retire under the more recent FERS (Federal Employee Retirement Program) program are not affected.

Because of your CSRS pension, your Social Security benefit will be reduced, but not eliminated. The amount of reduction will be based on the number of years of non-government employment you had (where you paid into Social Security). Usually, those who have spent a lifetime earning a pension without contributing to SS, but who have a separately earned SS pension, will see their SS benefit cut approximately in half.

To answer your second question, your benefit will, indeed, continue to grow if you wait until you are age 70 to claim Social Security. Benefits taken after one’s full retirement age earn

“delayed retirement credits” (DRCs), which add to your final benefit amount. Your benefit will still be reduced by WEP, but your final amount will be more because you waited longer to claim.

Re your third question, your SS benefit will only be reduced (not eliminated), so it’s always worthwhile to apply. Otherwise, you are forfeiting Social Security money you are entitled to.

And lastly, if your wife dies before you, your CSRS pension will also cause another provision called the Government Pension Offset (GPO) provision to apply. The GPO will reduce your surviving spouse benefits by 2/3rds of the amount of your government CSRS pension, which will likely eliminate any spousal benefit you are entitled to (except the so-called “death benefit” – which is a one-time lump sum \$255 benefit paid to a surviving spouse).

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Yolo County Opens Annual Survey for Rural Community Investment Program

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Department of Community Services’ Natural Resources Division is pleased to announce the launch of its annual survey for the Rural Community Investment Program (formerly known as the Rural Initiative Program). Available in both English and Spanish, the survey will remain open until Sept. 14. It is a vital tool for guiding the allocation of funds to address the infrastructure needs of rural areas within Yolo County.

The Rural Community Investment Program intends to bolster economic development, health, and safety in rural Yolo County. Each fiscal year, the Natural Resources Division, in collaboration with various departments and community members, evaluates and prioritizes potential projects. These projects are then presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration, potentially receiving support through grant research or partial funding to address the unique needs of rural communities effectively.

District 5 Supervisor Angel Barajas underscored the importance of community involvement, stating, “The feedback we receive from this survey is invaluable. It helps us to make informed decisions and prioritize projects that truly reflect the needs and aspirations of our rural residents. We encourage everyone to participate and have their voices heard.”

The Rural Infrastructure Investment Plan is designed to align infrastructure investments with the Board’s Strategic Plan objectives. The American Society of Civil Engineers reports a national infrastructure gap exceeding \$2 trillion, with

rural areas like Northern California’s Central Valley experiencing even greater disparities. This gap impacts rural communities significantly, affecting employment opportunities, quality of life, public safety, healthcare access, and overall economic competitiveness.

The scope of infrastructure includes essential systems such as roads, railways, bridges, water supply, sewer systems, electrical grids, and telecommunications. The Rural Community Investment Program is committed to exploring innovative funding models and fostering partnerships across public, private, and non-profit sectors to address these critical needs.

Recent community engagement and survey results have highlighted several key areas of focus for this year. These include the need for road improvements to enhance local transportation, increased law enforcement presence to improve safety, and initiatives to support health equity through the Wellness and Prevention Fund and a dedicated health program coordinator. Additionally, addressing power supply reliability and expanding high-speed internet and broadband are essential for boosting economic competitiveness and quality of life in rural areas.

Residents of rural Yolo County are encouraged to complete the survey and help shape the future of their communities. For more information about the Rural Community Investment Program and to access the survey, please visit www.YoloCounty.gov/RIISurvey. For information in Spanish and to access the Spanish-language survey, please visit www.YoloCounty.gov/RIIEncuesta.



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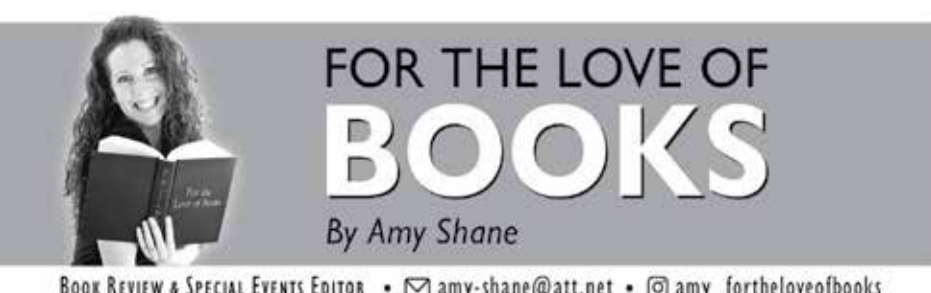
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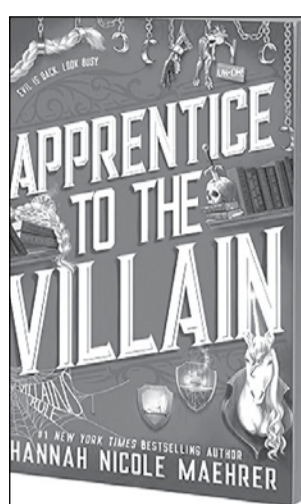
Apprentice To The Villain

by Hannah Nicole Maehrler

When Evie Sage landed a job with the Kingdom's most notorious Villain, she knew her life would be different but never expected it to change so drastically. Besides heads strung across the ceiling, screams coming from the dungeon, and a crown-wearing frog who expresses his unwanted comments through signs, this was just a typical assistant job. Unless, of course, you count that impossible, temperamental, and slightly sexy boss.

But as with all great jobs, there were some setbacks, and somehow, Evie always found her life or the Villains hanging in the balance. After the last catastrophe, they definitely need to get their act together—or maybe just they should get together. One thing is for certain: Evie has definitely saved the Villains' lives a few times, and he can't forget.

However, there's more at play than Evie and the Villain's secret desire for each other. Renneadawn's magic is in jeopardy, leaving them vulnerable to attack. But Evie never anticipated the true source of the problem, or how personally she would be involved. The only certainty is the hidden feelings and desires



- ◆ Publisher: Red Tower Books
- ◆ Intended Audience: Adult
- ◆ Release Date: August 6, 2024

that could erupt at any moment between Evie and the Villain.

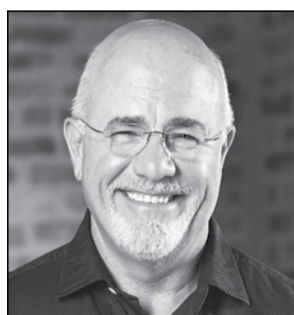
Evie may have started as an assistant, but now it's her time to step into the light and take charge. With her quick wit, training, and a touch of evil, it's time for Evie to transition from Assistant to Apprentice. After all, she's always wanted to wield a dagger.

Readers beware: the smoldering evil Villain is back; this time, he's looking for an Apprentice. Do you have what it takes?

With quick wit and can'tor around every corner, readers will instantly fall for this fairytale turned on its head as they get an inside look at just how hard it is to be a notorious Villain and the one who

assists him. A Unique, refreshing series full of wicked intent and picking up right at the cliffhanger ending of Assistant to the Villain.

This binge-worthy series is taking the reading world by storm and leading readers straight into a villainous trap—a sexy villainous trap. Told in dual perspectives and a few additions, readers will have a chance to delve straight into Evie and the Villain's minds, allowing a glimpse of their subtle feelings and the slow burn of unknowing desire. The continued slow build of feelings only adds the adventure and storyline but will only make readers yearn for one of them to slip up and finally throw themselves at one other, but who will be the first to break? Readers will be screaming for Evie and the Villain but secretly enjoying the villainous way the author keeps them apart. In true villainess fashion, Hannah Nicole Maehrler steals her readers' hearts with this wonderfully villainous tale. Apprentice to The Villain is a fun, satisfying read for fans of twisted fairytales and even a little forbidden office romance with side characters you can't help but love and a cute price frog that steals the show. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I was talking to some friends the other day about wills and trusts. They seemed to have a variety of opinions, so can you straighten things out for me? I don't have a will or a trust, and my financial situation is pretty simple. I just want to make sure I do the right thing.

– William

Dear William,

This is a great question. I'm sure your friends are smart folks, but I'm glad you're looking for more answers. I'm not a lawyer, so I'm just going to give you a few simple things to think about. Also, I'd strongly suggest you talk to an experienced will and trust lawyer, one with the heart of a teacher, who will give you all the facts and put your best interests first.

Basically, a will is a legal document that explains what you want to happen with your stuff when you die and puts it all in writing. There are many different types of wills, but for most people a

Dave Ramsey Says

What's Best for Me?

simple will is all you need to establish a solid estate plan that protects your family if something happens to you.

Trusts tend to be geared toward people with more assets and unique or complex estate issues. They also come in lots of different forms like, living trusts, revocable and irrevocable trusts and special needs trusts, just to name a few. In my mind, if you have less than \$1 million in assets—and your financial world is pretty simple and straightforward—a will gets the job done just fine.

One of the most important differences between wills and trusts is the ability to name a guardian for your minor children. You can name a legal guardian in your will, but you can't in a trust. So, even if you have a trust, you'll still need a will to make sure your kids are taken care of after you die.

Another important distinction between the two is that a trust lets you skip probate court—a will doesn't. Probate court cases can drag on forever. Plus, they can be expensive. If your estate gets mixed up in probate court because someone challenges the will, it could mean your family has to spend months in court while grieving. No one wants to go through that.

While we're on the subject of probate court, let's talk about another sticky subject.

There's a little bit of crazy in every family. You probably know who they are in your family, but if you don't, it might be you. Seriously, though, we all know some families that seem to have more than their fair share of crazy and drama, and wills are best for families that struggle with these issues and tension between family members. Probate court can resolve those problems. On the other hand, families who can handle healthy conflict, and who trust each other, are better off with a trust, since they don't need a probate court to babysit them.

And if you're wondering if you can have both a trust and a will, the answer is yes. In fact, most people who have a trust have a will, too.

I hope this little bit helps
– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. 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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County Clerk of Yolo County on August 5, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: August 16, 23, 30, Sept 6, 2024

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By: MBRAUN, Deputy
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titled matter appear before this court on October 1, 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.

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The following person(s) is doing business as: Cheers at the Dug-out, 2435 West Capitol Avenue Suite A, West Sacramento, CA 95691

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-1863

LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
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The following person(s) is doing business as: Buyers Broker Realty Free Home Tours, 904 Drummond Avenue, Davis, CA 95618.

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The following person(s) is doing business as: Radiant Light Spiritual Healings, 1745 Portola Court, Davis, CA 95616.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-1875

Amanda-Rose Nadia Lute has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Amanda-Rose Nadia Lute to Amanda-Rose Nadia Aarsalan.

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 121633-CA APN: 046-431-015-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/20/2015. 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 On 9/19/2024 at 12:45 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 7/27/2015 as Instrument No. 2015-0020921-00 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: VERA L KESS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, 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 FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: OUTSIDE THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 95, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED "AMENDED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION NO. 4525 RIVER RANCH" IN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO, COUNTY OF YOLO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FILED APRIL 8, 2004 IN BOOK 2004 OF MAPS AT PAGE 33 THROUGH 39, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2793 MOJAVE DRIVE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reason-

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-1690

Marissa Delene Gamez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marissa Delene Gamez to Marissa Delene Telelyuev.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section § 65867, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a Special Meeting for Public Hearing on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and express opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 24-11 PERTAINING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE YARBROUGH DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Description: This item is a public hearing regarding consideration of proposed amendments to the Development Agreement (DA) between ASB Southport II LLC. and the City of West Sacramento (City) for the Yarbrough project. The City and the landowner entered into a DA on June 18, 2008. The applicant and the City wish to amend the DA to enable the parties to effectuate the project build out over time, update the DA to reflect current conditions in the City to best serve the respective needs of the parties, and add new sections and exhibits to ensure the project is providing necessary improvements proportionate with the proposed development.

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Shawn Patrick Cloughesy, 3401 Bermuda Avenue Unit 13, 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 9, 2010. This statement was filed with the

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 12, 2024.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-1918

Cairn Ann Rodrigues has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cairn Ann Rodrigues to Nutmeg Andrew Jones.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2075

Faiqa Ejaz and Zeeshan Naeem have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Yousuf Zeeshan to Yusuf Zeeshan Naeem.

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California Sued Twice After Enacting a Corporate Tax Law with Billions at Stake



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

version of the Internal Revenue Service. However, foreign corporations, particularly those based in Japan and Great Britain, were adamantly opposed and sought the alternative, dubbed “water’s edge.”

Brown initially supported the tax board but after visiting Japan did a 180-degree flip, while accusing the board’s executive officer, Martin Huff, of giving him “flaky data.” Huff responded by essentially accusing Brown of lying, which led to Brown and legislative leaders quickly changing a unique state law that had protected the tax board’s executive from political interference.

Huff had also alienated legislators by publicly suggesting that their “per diem” expense payments be subject to income taxes. After the law was changed to make it easier for Huff to be fired, he resigned.

The infighting over corporate taxation continued. At one point it even became an issue in a tax treaty that the U.S. government was negotiating with the British government. Eventually, in the 1980s, corporations were given the option of using either the unitary or water’s edge method. Microsoft adopted the latter for its 2017-18 tax return, but found itself in a dispute with the tax board over how dividends from foreign subsidiaries should be treated.

The dispute jelled when Microsoft sought a \$90.9 million refund, the tax board rejected the claim and the company appealed to the Office of Tax Appeals, which is essentially a tax court. Last year, after extensive trial-like hearings, a three-member

appellate panel unanimously ruled in favor of Microsoft.

It could have forced the state to refund \$1.3 billion immediately and perhaps more as the decision trickled through the state’s corporate tax process. But the tax board did not concede defeat and instead turned to Newsom and the Legislature for a rescue.

It came in the form of Senate Bill 167, one of the dozens of “trailer bills” attached to the state budget. It declares that the Franchise Tax Board’s position on the dividend issue is state law, regardless of how the appellate panel ruled.

This month, two lawsuits were filed to challenge the constitutional validity of SB 167, one by the California Taxpayers Association in Fresno, the other by the National Taxpayers Union in Sacramento.

“This legislation imposes a retroactive tax hike that would reach back several decades, allowing California’s tax collectors to go after companies that already paid every cent of the taxes owed under the laws that were in place at the time,” CalTax president Robert Gutierrez said. “This egregious violation of taxpayers’ rights cannot go unchallenged.”

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.

During Jerry Brown’s first stint as governor of California, he became enmeshed in a very complicated dispute over how the state should tax the incomes of multinational corporations.

More than four decades later, the issue has resurfaced in a corporate tax case involving Microsoft, one of the nation’s largest corporations, a legislative bill that was semi-secretly attached to the state budget in June, and two subsequent lawsuits.

The outcome could reopen tax returns from past years and potentially force companies to pay billions of dollars in retroactive taxes, or alternatively could eliminate a windfall of corporate taxes that Gov. Gavin Newsom is counting on to help close the state’s budget deficit.

The issue that Brown faced in the 1970s was whether corporations should report their global incomes to California and have a calculated percentage subjected to state taxes, or could confine their taxable income reports to actual activities within the state.

At the time, the first methodology, called “unitary taxation,” was used by the Franchise Tax Board, which is California’s

did it last season, along with the double-double title as well.

OK, I got that off my chest, but I hope you are coming away with the impression that I am high as a kite on the existing squad as represented today. I’ll go into the 2024-25 season and stare at a team that will challenge 50 wins and then some.

Newcomer DeMar DeRozan was recently quoted as saying, “I want to be one of the guys that hits the beam.”

Domantas Sabonis said, “DeRozan makes us much harder to guard.”

I could not agree more, and I will tell you without a doubt that if you get an invite to a Kings game this season, take it, and take it quick. Seats at Golden 1 are going to be scarcer than hen’s teeth, and if it’s pure entertainment you’re looking for, just hang with the Kings this season.

One of the compelling things about the Kings that continues to bring me back again and again is the obvious delight they have playing together.

When a King hits the hardwood on their back, it’s a mad scramble to see who will get there first to help the player to his feet.

I hear no acrimony from the bench as it relates to playing time, which is somewhat uncommon.

I’m particularly proud of the way Malik Monk has conducted himself coming off the bench for the past two seasons, when this talented player could easily be starting for any other team. Regardless of whether Malik remains the Kings’ sixth man, or breaks into the starting lineup, he has my never-ending support.

Truly, this team has so much talent up and down the lineup, I could poll 10 season ticket holders, and get five to 10 different names as to who is their favorite.

Acquisition discussions have been quiet, but it’s always quiet before the storm. Know that Monte McNair is showing up to work each day, and much is happening behind the scenes.

I hope you’re looking forward to the upcoming season as much as I am, and especially opening night!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com

Monday morning as I was writing this column, I tuned into a local sports talk radio station that will go nameless, and listened to the two hosts as they discussed the top 40 Sacramento Kings players of all time.

What was most interesting, as I listened to their personal choices, was who they put in the top 10 since the Kings came to Sacramento.

Conspicuously missing from that list from both hosts were the names Domantas Sabonis and De’Aaron Fox. Neither could make their top 10 list.

Bench players Doug Christie and Brad Miller made the list, but not the rebounding champ for the past two seasons, or the fastest man in the NBA in our own De’Aaron Fox.

Call me a homer, and I’ll be proud to wear the title, but I will tell you without a shadow of a doubt, Domantas Sabonis and De’Aaron Fox have already acquitted themselves honorably to make the top ten list of all time for the Sacramento Kings.

Argue where you place Chris Webber, Vlade Divac, or even Demarcus Cousins, but please show some small modicum of basketball acumen and place Mr. Sabonis and Mr. Fox on the list of the top 10!

Did I get a little fired up? You bet I did.

I enjoy talking about the stalwarts of the past as much as the next Kings fan, but I am all about the team as represented today!

Let’s spend our time on whether Keegan Murray can elevate to the next level, and garner talk as an all-star candidate someday. Or perhaps whether the Kings will have multiple players with a 20-plus scoring average this season.

Maybe we should discuss how many former Kings have ever led the NBA in rebounding. Names like Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Charles Barkley, Elvin Hayes, and yes, Sacramento’s own Chris Webber have worn that title, but surprisingly none of the aforementioned ever did it two years in a row.

Oh, did I mention a candidate for the triple-double title? Perhaps because it never happened before Domantas Sabonis

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The City Council of the City of West Sacramento does ordain as follows:

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Section 2. Authority. The City Council enacts this Ordinance in accordance with the authority granted to cities by California Government Code Section 36516.

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2.04.080 Compensation.
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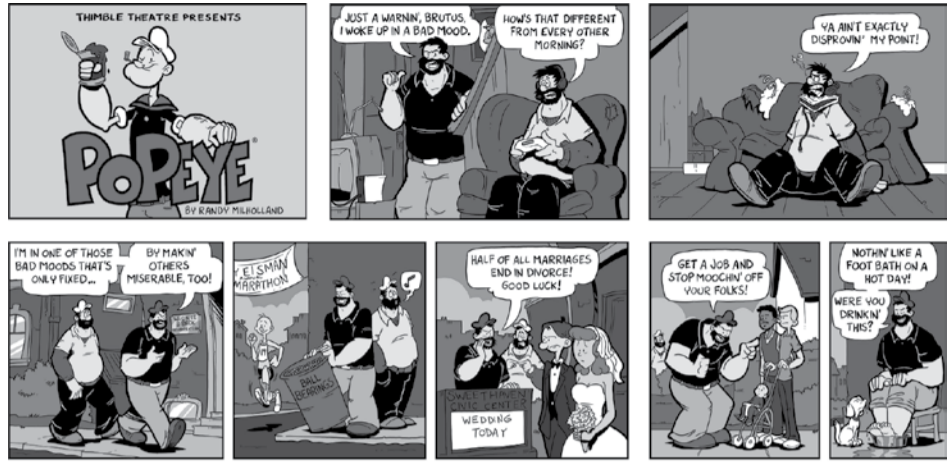
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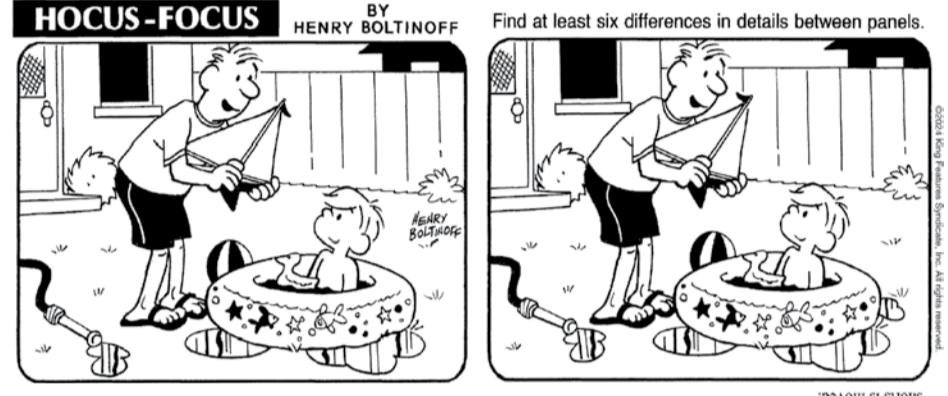
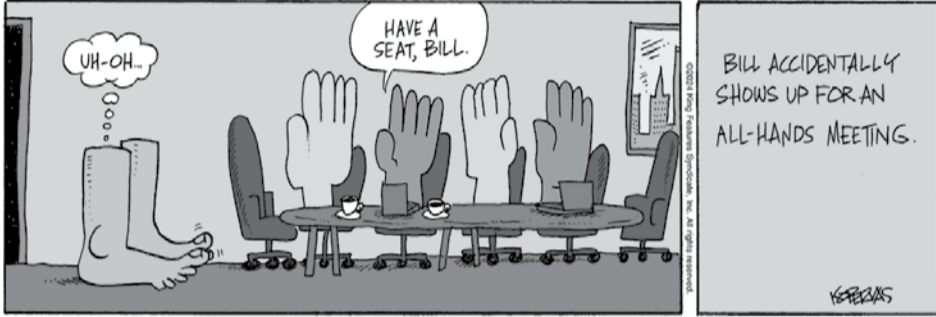
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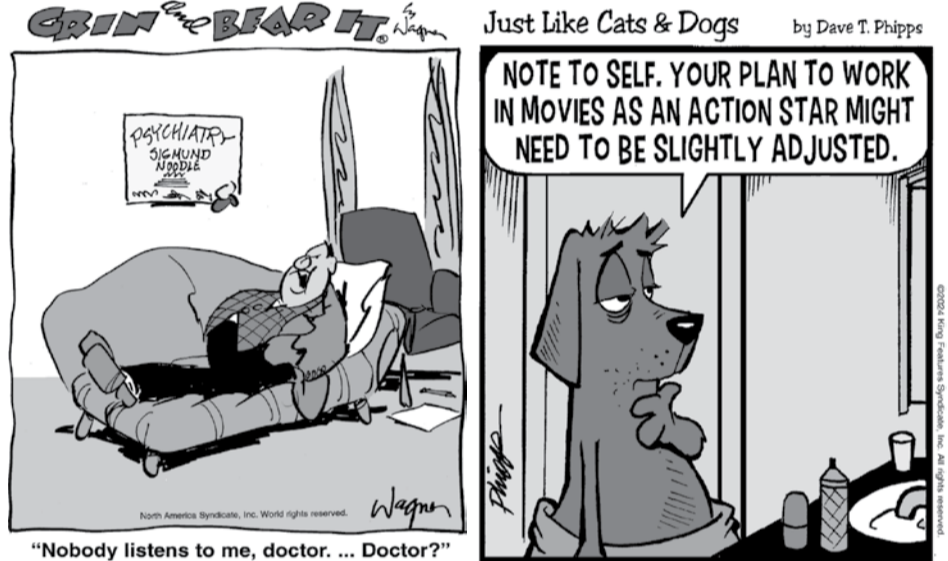
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Governor Newsom Urges Schools to Restrict Cell Phones in the Classroom

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- In a letter to California schools on Aug. 13, Governor Gavin Newsom called on every school district to restrict smartphone use in classrooms as the new academic year begins. In his letter, the Governor applauds districts that have already implemented cell phone restrictions, like Los Angeles Unified, and reminded education leaders of the mental health, scholastic, and social risks of cell phone use in classrooms.

In 2019, Governor Newsom signed AB 272 (Muratsuchi) into law, which grants school districts the authority to regulate the use of smartphones during school hours. Building on that legislation, he is currently working with the California Legislature to further limit student smartphone use on campuses. In June, the Governor announced efforts to restrict the use of smartphones during the school day.

A copy of the letter can be found below:

Dear School Leaders,
As we strive to create the best learning environment for all students this new academic year, I write today to raise an urgent issue that affects their well-being: the pervasive use of smartphones in schools.



Excessive smartphone use among youth is linked to increased anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. Photo by RDNE Stock project via Pexels.com

Excessive smartphone use among youth is linked to increased anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. A recent Pew Research Center survey found that 72% of high school and 33% of middle school teachers report cell phone distractions as

a major problem. Common Sense Media found that 97% of students use their phones during the school day for a median of 43 minutes. Combined with the U.S. Surgeon General's warning about the risks of social media, it is urgent to provide reasonable

guardrails for smartphone use in schools.

As I work with the Legislature to further limit student smartphone use on campus, there is no reason for schools to wait. In 2019, I signed AB 272 (Muratsuchi) into law, which grants school

districts the authority to regulate the use of smartphones during school hours. This legislation was a crucial step in our efforts to minimize distractions and foster a more conducive environment for our students to learn. It is imperative that

school districts take full advantage of this law to address the growing concerns surrounding student well-being and academic performance.

Leveraging the tools of this law, I urge every school district to act now to restrict smartphone use on campus as we begin the new academic year. The evidence is clear: reducing phone use in class leads to improved concentration, better academic outcomes, and enhanced social interactions. Schools and districts, including Santa Barbara Unified and Bullard High in Fresno, have seen positive impacts of limiting smartphones on campus, with some reporting higher test scores, grades, and student engagement, and less bullying and damage to school facilities. I applaud these districts, and others like LA Unified, for their leadership.

Every classroom should be a place of focus, learning, and growth. Working together, educators, administrators, and parents can create an environment where students are fully engaged in their education, free from the distractions on the phones and pressures of social media.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our students and support in making our schools the best they can be.

Sincerely,
Governor Gavin Newsom

What You (and Your Child) Should Know for Kindergarten and Beyond

By Family Features

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Starting kindergarten is a major milestone, one that sets the stage for future learning. Ensuring children are well-equipped to enter kindergarten sets them up for a successful school year in the short term and academic career in the long term.

Kindergarten readiness encompasses a wide range of skills, including academic, social, and physical abilities. Yet while many parents think of kindergarten as the formal start of their children's learning, 90% of children's brain development occurs during the first five years of life.

The brain is incredibly receptive during these formative years, making it a critical time for children to receive exposure and guidance in diverse areas. Enrolling them in a quality preschool or pre-K program is one way you can ensure they're creating building blocks for the future, but there are also steps you can take at home.

Try implementing these simple habits, recommended by Primrose Schools Chief Early Learning Officer Dr. Amy Jackson, into your family's day-to-day routine:

Read to your children daily to build early literacy skills.

This is a good habit to begin as early as infancy because it promotes language development, literacy and understanding of others. Make library



Playdates, physical activity and reading are all good ways to get your children ready for Kindergarten. Image by Oleksandr Pidvalnyi from Pixabay

trips and story times a special treat for toddlers and encourage preschoolers to read to you by describing what is happening in the pictures or making up their own stories. Keep books in the car so you have a fun way to pass the time on long trips or while waiting for appointments.

Schedule playdates for social development.

Once babies are able to sit independently, they'll likely enjoy playdates. At this age, playdates should

be closely monitored since babies explore with their hands and mouths. At ages 1 and 2, young children tend to engage in parallel play rather than interacting, but organizing small groups of toddlers can continue to promote social development. Older toddlers enjoy more interactive play and begin to learn concepts like sharing.

Practice counting objects to 10 or more together.

It's easy to make "math talk" part of your everyday

experience in other ways, too. When reading a story, ask children to count the objects on each page. When eating, encourage math connections by having children count the items on their plates. Children can also explore math through common toys and games, like shape sorters, knob puzzles and nesting cups for infants and toddlers; and large puzzles, sand or water tables and card games for preschoolers.

Encourage physical activities like playing on the playground.

Play isn't just for entertainment; it's a building block for healthy growth. It helps children learn from the world around them and develop traits like generosity and honesty. Because it helps children release their full range of emotions and has therapeutic benefits, play also has positive effects on mental health. In addition to supporting their social-emotional

well-being, children learn to navigate the world and practice motor skills while at play.

Establish routines at home.

A structured school day is filled with routines that provide familiarity and comfort. Routines can serve similar benefits at home by helping children clearly understand what is expected of them and when. A morning routine makes it easy to check the boxes as you prepare for the day and work to get out the door on time. An evening routine helps everyone settle down and prepare for a good night's sleep.

Encourage self-regulation and social skills.

Self-regulation is the ability to understand and manage your own behavior and reactions, often displayed during actions like taking turns, transitioning from one activity to another or cleaning up for dinner. Social skills include interaction and communication abilities like speech, body language and facial expressions, as well as the ability to play with others and make friends. As a parent, you can model these skills and play games that involve taking turns and cooperation. Playdates also help facilitate positive social experiences for children.

Learn more about preparing your child for success in kindergarten and beyond at [PrimroseSchools.com/education](https://www.primroseschools.com/). ★



Tim Riley

JOY AND DUBIOUS HOPE RUN THE SHOW
AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

A Special Article by Tim Riley

Chicago has hosted many national political conventions for both parties, with the most recent being 1996 when Bill Clinton was renominated on his way to a second term in office.

Entering the 2024 Democratic National Convention in the Windy City, there was much speculation that tens of thousands of pro-Hamas, pro-Palestine protesters descending on the city would be shades of the riots and turmoil by anti-Vietnam War protesters in 1968.

To be sure, protesters of that ilk, advocating for an end to U.S. to Israel and an unconditional ceasefire in Gaza, marched through streets near the United Center's site of the convention.

With these far left-wing protesters, there was the obligatory (on their part) burning of the American flag. And yet, the ranks of those marching in the streets were far from the numbers hyped-up in the media.

During the 1968 Democratic convention, Mayor Richard Daley wasn't in the mood for the police department to hold back on repelling the activists, which ended up in a lot of violence and chaos that proved a detriment to Hubert Humphrey's campaign to replace President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The political climate in Chicago is no longer the Tammany Hall-type days of the Daley era. Mayor Brandon Johnson, who has turned out to be even worse than former Mayor Lori Lightfoot, considers himself an activist.

The mayor, who appeared on the convention podium the opening night, finds himself, as the result of the ongoing crime wave and violence in his city, to be about as popular as skunks and fire ants at a picnic.

Apart from pushing "joy" as a pervasive talking point, the speakers seemed to focus on abortion-on-demand and allusions to class warfare. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, better known as "AOC," was there to take on corporate greed, apparently forgetting so many billionaires are in her party's donor class.

The obsession of advocating for abortion right up to the point of conception, or even beyond, is a far cry from the Bill Clinton-era mantra of "safe, legal and rare."

Planned Parenthood was on hand outside the convention perimeter with a mobile unit offering free abortions and vasectomies. One humor website had a brilliant fake story about a man thinking he was in line for a food truck accidentally getting a vasectomy instead of a burrito.

The abortion topic was not confined to just about every speaker. A twenty-foot inflatable IUD was near the convention site. Protesters were found dressed as abortion pills as MIFO and MISO, shorthand for the medical names that end a pregnancy.

On the first night, President Joe Biden showed up for his farewell speech to pass the torch to Vice President Kamala Harris. He didn't talk about how he was pushed aside from running for re-election, a process which can rightfully be called a "coup."

The President talked about his administration's so-called "accomplishments," ignoring the disaster of the Afghanistan withdrawal, the crisis of illegal aliens pouring into the country, the crushing jump in the inflation rate that has burdened the working and middle class, just to name a few.

For every speaker, Donald Trump was always a target, with President Biden turning divisive in claiming that the former president called white supremacists "very fine people" at the 2017 Charlottesville, Virginia rally, something that has been debunked many times, even by liberal media sources.

Oddly enough, in his convention speech, Biden went off-script momentarily when, in reference to the pro-Palestine protests, he claimed that "these protestors out in the

street, they have a point." What exactly is the point if you chant "From the river to the sea?" It's the destruction of Israel.

Aside from abortion, just about everyone loved to talk about Trump being a "threat to democracy," while ignoring that former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, abetted by the elite donor class, stuck it to Biden like a prison yard shanking.

Due to a schedule conflict, this columnist was unable to attend the final day of the convention, at which time the coronation of Kamala Harris was complete with her acceptance speech.

Something that seemed to fail to be noticed is that the presidential nominee of a major political party was nominated and approved by the assembled delegates without having won a single primary or even just one delegate.

Memory is short in politics, but this just seems to be a unique outcome. Remember as well that Kamala Harris's presidential candidacy in 2020 also ended without garnering a single delegate vote.

Alas, I wish that I could claim to be the one to have referred to this gathering in Chicago as the "Seinfeld" convention. But all the talk of "joy" and "hope and change" amounts to little more than being something about nothing.

What's next in the remaining two months before Election Day that should be watched is whether Kamala Harris finally sits down for an unscripted interview and what will the debate(s) reveal for the policy positions of both candidates.

Usually, the debate between the vice-presidential candidates carries less importance, but this year could be different.

Senator Vance is most likely to go on the offensive with Governor Walz for a myriad of issues. And the issues ripe for the Senator to exploit involve the stolen valor allegations, the strict COVID lockdowns (made worse by the Governor having set up a Soviet-style snitch line so people could rat on their neighbors) and the slow response to dealing with the BLM riots in Minneapolis.

Another interesting phenomenon at the convention was the idea

that Harris is running as an outsider, as if for the past almost four years she had no role to play in what was always billed as the "Biden-Harris Administration."

At what point, will it become clear that she was really tasked by Biden to be the Border Czar, a failed assignment resulting in millions of illegal immigrants, largely unknown and unvetted, roaming unchecked through the land and reaping benefits?

Has everyone forgotten that Harris, in her role as President of the Senate, cast the tie-breaking vote to adopt the American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act (a misnomer if there ever was one), which led to trillions added to debt and a high rate of inflation not seen in decades?

Brace yourself for an interesting presidential general election campaign season that may hold surprises. What twists and turns may happen in the Israeli-Hamas War? How will that affect the vote in places like Michigan and Wisconsin with the pro-Palestine crowd?

Even though we were not there to cover the final night, Harris is quoted as saying "I will always stand up for Israel's right to exist and I will always ensure Israel has the ability to defend itself."

Threading the needle, Harris went on to say "President Biden and I are working to end this war – such that Israel is secure, the hostages are released, the suffering in Gaza ends, and the Palestinian people can realize their right to dignity, security, freedom, and self-determination."

Does this satisfy the extreme left of her party? Can someone tell me why there was a group called "Queers for Palestine" protesting? Are they unaware of what fate befalls gay people in that part of the world? ★



Climate Concerns are Inspiring Innovation in California Wine Regions

Winegrape growers are embracing innovations to monitor vineyard conditions amid California's hotter, drier climate. In Napa Valley, growers are testing sensor technology designed by Agrology, a company that promotes regenerative farming and data tools to help farmers reduce their carbon footprint. Growers are also partnering with researchers working on developing new rootstocks and scions for warmer conditions. And the Sonoma County Winegrowers group is deploying a greenhouse emissions and carbon-sequestration accounting system.

Farmers Evaluate Demands, Benefits of Organic Certification

With assumptions about high fees and onerous paperwork and inspections, some farmers have eschewed becoming certified organic even though they may already be farming organically or want to transition to earn higher prices. But those who have gone through the process suggest such perceptions may be overblown, with some saying the benefits of certification are worth the extra cost and work. Vasken Hauri of Country Nerd Farm in Mariposa County, said being able to label his specialty mushrooms with the certified organic logo is "a huge trust builder."

Rare Tomato Disease Detected in Sacramento Valley Fields

Spurred by moisture and warm soil temperatures, the fungal disease southern blight is typically a perennial problem of processing tomatoes in the southern San Joaquin Valley. But for the past two years, growers and pest control advisors have seen it in scattered Sacramento Valley fields where it's been rare historically. Kurt Richter, who grows processing tomatoes, rice and other row crops in Colusa County, is among those who found southern blight in tomato fields for the first time this season. "It's been tough this year," he said.

Research on Wild Carrots Seeks to Improve Stress Tolerance in Commercial Varieties

Researchers at University of California, Davis, have received \$1 million in funding to study the genetic diversity of wild carrots in hopes of breeding resistance in commercial carrots to a fungal disease, Alternaria, and enhance farmers' ability to grow carrots in water-deficient conditions. The Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research awarded a \$500,000 grant for the research, and the FFAR's Crops of the Future Collaborative partners, Bayer, Bejo Zaden, Enza Zaden, Rijk Zwaan, Takii Seed, and Vilmorin Mikado, are providing \$500,000 in matching funds. ★



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ARRESTS

- August 10:** Ayesha Angela Amos. Arrested for felony bench warrant.
- August 14:** David Jesse Flint. Arrested for misdemeanor bench warrant.
- August 1:** Cheri Claudette Simmons. Arrested for felony bench warrant, misdemeanor bench warrant.
- August 16:** Anthony Laurance Triggs. Arrested for DUI alcohol: causing bodily injury.
- August 18:** Mia Naomi Aschwanden. Arrested for DUI alcohol/0.08 percent, DUI alcohol.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- August 19:** Unknown suspect stole victim's backpack while he was at the basketball court at the park. Inside the backpack was his expired passport, basketball shoes and headphones approximately \$300 total value. \$330 loss. Petty theft.
- July 2:** The victim's storage unit was broken into and a bike and bike trailer were stolen. No suspect info at this time. \$174 loss. Burglary.
- June 14:** Victim was gone over a weekend. When victim returned home she found her apartment had been ransacked and items of value were missing. No cameras or suspect information. \$16,853 loss. Burglary.
- August 6:** Fraudulent use of "Maverik" gas card account number. \$418 loss. Petty theft.
- August 10:** A vehicle burglary occurred in front of shop located at Sacramento Avenue. The unknown suspect caused approximately 970 dollars total in damages to the vehicle and took approximately \$6000 worth of victim's property that was in the vehicle. \$6,000 loss. Burglary.
- August 11:** Unknown suspect walked into victim business and stole approximately \$300 worth of merchandise. Suspect is a repeat offender, entering the location three separate times in the last month. \$250 loss. Petty theft: retail merchandise/etc.
- August 12:** Unidentified suspect entered bank, passed a note to the teller saying this was a "stickup" and demanding money. The suspect fled without accomplishing theft. Video of suspect was obtained. FBI notified of incident. Robbery.
- August 12:** Two unknown suspects entered the business lot, damaged and stole machinery parts. Approximate value of \$5,000. \$5,000 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- August 12:** Storage unit broken into. \$6,000 loss. Burglary.
- August 14:** Unknown suspect broke into victim's vehicle and stole tools. \$1,200 loss. Burglary.
- August 13:** A theft of a mountain bike worth approximately \$2,400 occurred at The Foundry Apartments located at Riverfront Street in West Sacramento. \$2,400 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- August 17:** An unidentified suspect vandalized the restaurant's entry door and drive-thru window. \$8,000 loss. Vandalism (\$400 or more).
- August 18:** Victim 1's vehicles were parked in his driveway in the morning when an unknown subject threw two bricks at his vehicle for an unknown reason. Victim 1 located video evidence of the incident and wants to press charges. The subject is unknown to Victim 1. \$1 loss. Vandalism: damage property.
- August 15:** Theft from vehicle - \$300 pair of sunglasses stolen. \$300 loss. Petty theft.
- August 8:** Male's bicycle was locked up outside on the porch of his apartment complex. The following morning, he discovered that it was missing. No camera footage and no suspect information was available. Male estimated the bike to be approximately \$300 in value. \$300 loss. Petty theft.
- August 9:** Vehicle was burglarized in the parking lot. \$5,176 loss. Burglary. Vandalism (\$400 or more).
- July 23:** Suspect grabbed purse from victim's lap before removing cash and jewelry. Suspect fled prior to police arrival. \$1,500 loss. Grand theft from person.
- July 28:** Victim claimed two suspects took his backpack and bicycle from his possession for an unknown reason. Video footage shows suspects carrying victim's items. Victim's items were returned to him and suspects were gone prior to police arrival. \$1 loss. Robbery.
- July 29:** Unknown suspect broke passenger side window of victim's vehicle and rummaged through glove compartment. Unknown if any property was removed. Nothing was seen or heard. Burglary.
- August 14:** Unknown suspect pointed a gun at the victim and took his property. Suspect taped the victim's hands and feet together before fleeing the scene. \$530 loss. Robbery. Assault with firearm on person.
- August 10:** Storage unit broken into. \$8,635 loss. Burglary

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CA State Regulators Force Solar Provider Under: SunPower Announces Bankruptcy

'It was California's regulatory environment that was the main cause for the company's demise' SunPower Announces Bankruptcy

By Thomas Buckley,
Aug. 6, 2024

On the one hand, the state of California has decided that it shall become an all-electric, all-renewable power state by, well, for practical purposes, next Thursday (Aug. 15).

On the other hand, the state gives utilities a massive break on how much they pay home solar generators for their excess power, leading to the just announced bankruptcy of California-based solar system installer SunPower.

Welcome to schizophrenic Sacramento.

Monday (Aug. 5), former industry leader SunPower filed Chapter 11 and said its remaining assets will be purchased by Complete Solaria for \$45 million. Complete will also take over an undisclosed amount of SunPower liabilities as part of the deal.

"For nearly 40 years, SunPower has made solar energy more accessible to Americans, driven by our mission to change the way our world is powered," said Tom Werner, Executive Chairman at SunPower. "In light of the challenges SunPower has faced, the proposed transaction offers a significant opportunity for key parts of our business to continue our legacy under new ownership. We are working to secure long-term solutions for the remaining areas of our business, while maintaining our focus on supporting our valued employees, customers, dealers, builders, and partners."

The failure of SunPower, say industry experts, is directly related to the changes made by the California Public Utilities Commission in December, 2022. Those changes involved, in part, cutting the rate new home solar system owners would be paid for their excess power by 75%, completely eliminating the financial incentive to install new systems (much of the industry's appeal was the ability to say that household solar would eventually pay



Rooftop solar. Photo provided by www.energy.gov

for itself.)

That is no longer the case. Bernadette Del Chiaro, Executive Director of the California Solar & Storage Association, acknowledged that heightened competition and internal SunPower issues played a role in the bankruptcy but that it was California's regulatory environment that was the main cause for the company's demise.

The CPUC has "policies that disproportionately favor monopoly utilities like PG&E at the expense of solar businesses, consumers and the environment," Del Chiaro said.

"SunPower is the largest solar company to fall in the past year, but it is far from the only casualty.

Dozens of companies have gone bankrupt or left California since the start of the "net billing tariff" in April 2023," Del Chiaro said. "In total, 17,000 jobs have been lost, sales are down 60%, and 81% of California solar companies remain concerned about their ability to stay in business."

The reduction in the reimbursement was made, in theory, to maintain grid reliability as homes with solar, the utilities claim, do not pay their fair share to cover the "fixed costs" of operating the statewide grid.

"All this (was) in the name of a utility lie about a so-called 'solar cost-shift' which scapegoats California families and businesses who embrace energy independence and clean energy," Del Chiaro said. "The truth is, PG&E, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric allow their spending to get out of control, ballooning their profits, and driving up electric rates."

The utilities' argument was similar to "why give electric cars a tax break when they use the roads as much as regular cars and don't pay fuel taxes?"

But there is a difference – a big difference: cars do not generate power for the utility to then use and sell – solar systems do.

What the decision was

actually like, though, is the incident in late 2022 which involved the state announcing its mandate that every new car sold in the state must be electric by 2025 and then – literally a few days later – asked electric car owners to not charge them because the power grid was too strained.

The millions of rooftop solar systems (including larger systems on commercial buildings and such) in the state provide about 10% of the total electricity used in California.

Considering the various electric/renewable energy mandates the state has imposed, the buckling of SunPower and the wobbliness of the entire industry could make reaching those already absurd goals impossible.

It took ten years to install the first million, five years to install the second million, and now installations are at a ten-year low," Del Chiaro said.

It should be noted that the execrable Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) – even more so than the other utilities – has a

direct pipeline into Sacramento regulators – some even used to work for the company – and politicians – it doles out millions, including money directly to people like First Partner Jennifer Seibel Newsom for her "films."

PG&E (remember – the company pleaded guilty to actually killing people) to purposefully kick an evil but sadly not dead horse, has been expertly manipulating the levers of power in the capitol for more than a century (too bad they are better at that than manipulating actual power). And they – short of the Second Coming or the actual revolution – are primed to continue to do so for the next 100 years.

"Yes – A convicted felon dictates energy policy for California," acridly noted Del Chiaro.

So, Go Electric! says the state...just don't cost the utilities any money or any Sacramento leverage.

We'll see how that works out. ★

Governor Newsom's Executive Order Leads to FAIR Plan Reforms

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara announced a modernization of the state's FAIR Plan, also known as the "insurer of last resort," to strengthen the program for those who depend on this system for affordable and reliable coverage.

This follows Governor Newsom's call for swift regulatory action to build a stronger FAIR Plan, strengthen and stabilize California's marketplace with a focus on creating a better rate approval process, and accelerating the implementation of regulations.

"California's all-of-the-above strategy is addressing this decades-old crisis to get people the reliable and affordable insurance they need. Strengthening the state's FAIR Plan has been a key priority, and these upgrades will help stabilize the entire market while providing more stability for those who already depend on it," said Governor Newsom.

Modernizing the FAIR Plan

The FAIR Plan has agreed in a binding legal stipulation to issue a new Plan of Operation within 30 days that will implement Commissioner Lara's plan to offer homeowners, consumers, and business owners:

Expanded Coverage: Establishing a new "high-value" commercial coverage option with limits up to \$20 million per building, along with past increases for residential policies.

Financial Stability: Creating a sound financial formula to protect the market in extreme loss scenarios.

Improved Transparency: Requiring increased public reporting on FAIR Plan

activity and customer service metrics.

This is part of the Commissioner's Sustainable Insurance Strategy, a package of reforms to strengthen California's marketplace and maintain strong consumer protections.

The California FAIR Plan Association was established in statute in 1968 to meet the needs of California homeowners unable to find insurance in the traditional marketplace. The FAIR Plan is not a state agency, nor is it a public entity. There is no public or taxpayer funding. The FAIR Plan is a syndicated fire insurance pool comprised of all insurers licensed to conduct property/casualty business in California.

How we got here

In September of last year, Governor Newsom signed an executive order urging Insurance Commissioner Lara to take swift action to address issues with the insurance market and expand coverage options for consumers, while maintaining strong consumer protections and keeping plans affordable.

In May, the Newsom Administration released a proposal to increase the transparency and speed of rate change application approval timelines, while remaining consistent with Proposition 103's consumer protections from excessive, inadequate, and unfairly discriminatory insurance rates.

Insurance rates nationwide have been on the rise due to the impacts of the climate crisis. California rates have been below the national average and significantly less than some other states, with the average yearly cost for \$300,000 homes at:

California – \$1,405

National – \$2,601

Texas – \$3,851

Florida – \$4,419

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SB 549 Heats Up

Elevate Public Affairs News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Gaming Association, California Cardroom Alliance and Communities for California Cardrooms announce growing opposition with many labor unions joining in opposition to Senate Bill 549 by Senator Josh Newman as it could have a "devastating impact on public sector jobs."

Joining in opposition to SB 549 includes the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), California Professional Firefighters, and SEIU California and Teamsters Local 630 as well as a growing number of locals such as AFSCME District Council 36, AFSCME District Council 57, AFSCME Local 101, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades DC 36, Los Angeles County Firefighters Local 1014 and the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association.

They join a growing number of cities that have filed letters in opposition including California Contract Cities Association, California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority, California Cities Gaming Authority, City of Bell Gardens, Town of Colma, City of Chula Vista, City of Citrus Heights, City of Commerce, City of Compton, City of Emeryville, City of Gardena, City of Hawaiian Gardens, City of Inglewood, City of Oceanside, City of San Jose and City of Tracy.

SB 549 will create a PAGA-like law for gaming tribes to be able to sue their competitors – the cardrooms. This would usurp state regulators and the Attorney General which oversee the legality and permissibility of cardroom games. It would also permit for the first time ever a one-sided injustice as cardrooms would not be allowed to sue

tribal casinos. The joint letter opposing SB 549 by these labor unions state: "SB 549 Could Have a Devastating Impact on Public Sector Jobs: SB 549 is an attack on local cardrooms, which are a significant source of revenue for general funds in many cities across California... Many have revenue sharing agreements with municipalities providing a significant amount of funding for essential public services like police, fire, parks and recreation, etc. The measure could easily force cardrooms out of business and result in a loss of \$500 million in tax revenue statewide — meaning less revenue for public safety, public health, homelessness services and infrastructure.

The loss of local tax revenue could spell devastation for many cities across California. For example, approximately 78% of the City of Hawaiian Gardens' general fund comes from cardroom revenues. Similarly, 50% of the City of Commerce's general fund comes from cardroom revenues. Larger cities like San Jose and Fresno would also be seriously impacted. This bill will destabilize essential services.

If signed into law, cities who depend on this revenue stream could be forced into municipal bankruptcy or even disincorporation. This could have potentially devastating impacts that puts jobs, pensions and the financial wellbeing of working families at risk. We have seen this happen before: the Orange County Bankruptcy."

"SB 549 Puts Workers in the Middle: The mere cost of litigation alone could lead to lower wages, loss of jobs or cardroom closures. And cardroom closures could devastate some cities who may have to file for municipal bankruptcy or disincorporate."

For more information about why SB 549 is bad for California, go to BadBetforCA.com. ★



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Commissioner Lara Orders Insurance Protections Following Wildfire Emergencies

California Department of Insurance News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara issued a mandatory one-year moratorium on insurance companies to preserve residential insurance coverage for more than 185,000 policyholders affected by the Park, Borel, and Gold Complex fires. The Commissioner's Bulletin shields those living within the perimeters or adjoining ZIP Codes of these fires from insurance non-renewal or cancellation for one year from the date of the Governor's emergency declarations regardless of whether they suffered a loss.

"Homeowners plagued by devastating wildfires deserve the peace of mind that their home and future will remain covered by insurance as they recover and rebuild," said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. "Protecting wildfire survivors from non-renewals is one of the many actions I am taking to implement proactive solutions that address the impacts of climate change and extreme wildfires on our communities."

The Department of Insurance is deploying staff to wildfire disaster areas to assist survivors in filing claims and protect communities from potential insurance fraud and abuse. Consumer services experts are available in-person to answer questions at Local Assistance Centers and enforcement officers are on the ground in areas near the Park Fire, meeting with residents and coordinating with local law enforcement. Visit the Department's website to find information about Local Assistance Centers near you and view the Top 10 Tips for wildfire claimants to avoid becoming a victim of a scam, or call 800-927-4357 with any insurance-related question.

Commissioner Lara's ability to issue these moratoriums is a result of a California law that he authored in 2018 while serving as a state senator in order to provide temporary relief from insurance non-renewals

and cancellations to residents living within or adjacent to a gubernatorial-declared wildfire disaster.

Since 2019, Commissioner Lara's actions have protected nearly 4 million homeowners. Today's order protects over 185,000 policyholders for one year, effective July 26, 2024, for the Park and Gold Complex Fires and July 30, 2024, for the Borel Fire. Consumers who were non-renewed prior to the emergency declaration date and are unable to obtain insurance or are dissatisfied with their current coverage should contact the Department of Insurance for assistance in shopping for insurance.

Consumers can go to the Department of Insurance website to see if their ZIP Code is included in the moratorium. Consumers should contact the Department of Insurance at 800-927-4357 or via chat or email at insurance.ca.gov if they believe their insurance company is in violation of this law, or have additional claims-related questions.

Since taking office in 2019, Commissioner Lara has done the following major wildfire-related actions:

Announced his Sustainable Insurance Strategy, the largest insurance reform in 30 years, which includes a number of executive actions aimed at improving insurance choices and protecting Californians from increasing climate threats while addressing the long-term sustainability of the nation's largest insurance market.

Modernized and improved the California FAIR Plan, the insurer of last resort. Commissioner Lara's plan offers homeowners and condo associations and business owners expanded coverage in a new "high-value" plan with limits up to \$20 million per building, a sound financial formula to protect policyholders in extreme loss scenarios, and improved transparency by requiring increased public reporting on FAIR Plan activity and customer service metrics. Commissioner Lara

previously raised residential and commercial coverage limits for the first time in 25 years to keep pace with increased costs.

Released his catastrophe modeling regulation that will help restore options for all Californians. His proposed regulation will have major benefits for Californians in the form of more reliable rates, greater availability of insurance, stronger oversight, and safer communities.

Announced "Safer from Wildfires," a new insurance framework that incorporates wildfire safety measures to help save lives while making homes and businesses more resilient. Safer from Wildfires was created by a first-ever partnership between the Department of Insurance and the emergency and preparedness agencies in the Governor's Administration, including CAL FIRE, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Finalized new regulations to incorporate Safer from Wildfires in insurance pricing, driving down costs for consumers who have taken actions to protect their communities while increasing transparency about their home's or business's "wildfire risk score."

Sponsored new insurance protections signed into law by the Governor — despite opposition from insurance companies — that will mean larger payouts for some claims, less red tape from insurance companies, and more help for people under evacuation orders.

Following the Governor's state of emergency declarations, the Department of Insurance partners with CAL FIRE and California Office of Emergency Services, pursuant to existing statute, to identify wildfire perimeters for mandatory moratorium areas. The Department of Insurance will continue to collaborate with CAL FIRE and California Office of Emergency Services to identify additional wildfire perimeters for any fires where the governor declares a state of emergency. ★

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What to Know About Valley Fever

A Soil Fungus That Can Kill is on The Rise in California:

By Ana B. Ibarra
CALMatters.org

It's shaping up to be a bad year — possibly the worst yet — when it comes to Valley fever, a fungal disease marked by cough and fevers. More than 5,300 cases have been reported in California through June, that's 63% more infections than the same period last year.

Valley fever is caused when people inhale microscopic spores of a fungus found in soil. This fungus typically affects the lungs. Many cases are mild and resolve on their own, but the infections, which are not contagious, can become serious enough to require hospitalization. About 80 Californians die every year from it. Moderate cases may last months and require antifungal medication.

Earlier this week the California Department of Public Health announced that at least a handful of people became sick with Valley fever after traveling to Kern County for an outdoor music festival at Buena Vista Lake in May. Three attendees were hospitalized, the department said. Health officials are encouraging people who attended the Lightning in a Bottle festival to contact their medical provider if they have been feeling sick and not improving.

Historically, the majority of Valley fever cases have been reported in Kern County, but a significant number have also been identified in Los Angeles, Fresno and in Central Coast counties.

As cases rise across the state, here are four things to know about Valley fever.

Valley fever fungus can travel long distances

A fungus known as *Coccidioides* is responsible for Valley fever. Fungus spores can be rustled from the soil and into the air by activities such as farming and construction, but winds

also stir them. In rare cases, infection can spread from the lungs to other parts of the body, including the heart and brain.

Valley fever is most common in the dry, hot southwestern U.S. and northern Mexico. In California, the majority of cases have been concentrated in the San Joaquin Valley — in fact, the region is the disease's namesake. However, cases have been reported throughout the state.

The fungus can travel quite far in the air. "So even if you don't live in the region, you still might be exposed," said Katrina Hoyer, an immunologist and professor at UC Merced.

Avoiding dust is the best protection, said Kimberly Hernandez, an epidemiologist and division director of health services with the Kern County Public Health Department. That means avoiding going outside on especially windy days, if possible. People who have to be outdoors on a dusty day could benefit from wearing an N95 facemask.

Valley fever cases in California tripled over the last 10 years

Just over 2,300 people were diagnosed with Valley fever in 2014, according to the state's data. By 2023, annual cases had more than tripled to more than 9,000. And in just the first six months of this year, 5,370 people were reported to have contracted Valley fever. About a third of this year's cases have been reported in Kern County.

This growing number of reported infections could be attributed to a few different factors, experts say.

"There's a lot more construction happening up and down the San Joaquin Valley, as we continue to grow in this region. More roads, more solar panels, more homes, all of that is disturbing the soil," Hoyer said.

Also, more providers and patients are becoming aware of the disease and testing for it.



Valley fever cases are on the rise in California, especially in Kern County. Several infections were traced to an outdoor music festival there. Photo by Julie Leopo for CalMatters

"We are hopeful in Kern County, given our history of having lots of Valley fever, that our health care providers are really good at looking for it," Hernandez said. "That's sort of the bright spot, even though we do have a lot of cases. We want people with Valley fever to get diagnosed, because if they need medication, we want them to be on that medication and to be monitored by their healthcare provider."

Symptoms may resemble COVID-19

Some people may never develop symptoms, but those who do may experience a cough, fever, chest pain, headaches and fatigue. A rash and night sweats also may develop.

Valley fever symptoms typically show up one to three weeks after exposure and may last for a month or more.

Because it shares many of the same signs as COVID-19, health officials recommend that

people first test for COVID-19. If COVID is ruled out, a blood test can check for antibodies to the fungus that causes Valley fever. Unlike COVID-19, Valley fever is not contagious.

In Kern County, the disease has hit close to home for public officials. Last week, the county's own public health director, Brynn Carrigan, shared her own struggles with Valley fever. The Bakersfield Californian reported that Carrigan's case developed into meningitis, a swelling of the tissue surrounding the spinal cord and brain, that can be fatal if left untreated.

"I knew I was sick, but I was shocked to hear how sick I really was," Carrigan told the newspaper.

Climate change plays a role

Research has shown that cases of Valley fever tend to go up during dry seasons following a rainy period. "They call this the grow-and-blow hypothesis," Hernandez said. "As a fungus,

it likes moisture, and when it's dark and it's moist, that's when it grows.

"And then when we get the next summer months, when it's dry, there is more Valley fever fungus that can go into the air."

Hernandez said *Coccidioides* is a hardy fungus that can survive even in severe droughts.

Some research has linked the increasing number of cases to the growing incidence of dust storms in the southwest. As the Earth warms, the region is becoming drier and that means more dust storms blowing fungal spores into the air.

Ana B. Ibarra covers health care for CalMatters. Her reporting largely focuses on issues around access to care and affordability. She played a leading role in CalMatters' coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic. She was part of a CalMatters team whose pandemic coverage was recognized by the California News Publishers Association in 2021. ★

Mandatory Chronic Wasting Disease Testing Now Required in Four Hunt Zones

California Department of
Fish and Wildlife
News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Archery deer seasons opened throughout most of California on Saturday, Aug. 17, including in four hunt zones – D7, X9a, X9b and X9c – where successful hunters are required to test their animals for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) within 10 days of take.

In response to the recent Chronic Wasting Disease detections in Madera and Inyo counties, the California Fish and Game Commission recently adopted regulations requiring mandatory Chronic Wasting Disease testing in the affected hunt zones to better understand the extent of the current outbreak, to inform decision-makers and to help protect California's deer and elk herds by limiting the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease.

"Hunters in California have always played a vital role in the conservation and health of our deer herds, and we need their help today more than ever to help manage CWD," said Dr. Brandon Munk, senior wildlife veterinarian at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

"We're not only looking for hunters to comply with these sampling requirements in the four affected hunt zones, but we're also asking all hunters to get their deer tested so we can better understand the magnitude of the outbreak we're dealing with."

Mandatory sampling applies to all deer tag holders hunting



Chronic Wasting Disease testing is required in four California hunt zones. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

in the newly designated Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zones, including those with A16, A17, A18, D7, G3, G39, J12, X9a, X9b or X9c deer tags.

Permissible Chronic Wasting Disease sampling methods include:

Bringing the deer, or just the head, to a California Chronic Wasting Disease Sampling station or the California Department of Fish and Wildlife office (wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Sampling-Station), bringing the deer head to a participating meat processor or taxidermist (wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Meat-Processors-Taxidermists); or hunters may self-sample their deer and bring the retropharyngeal lymph nodes directly to a California Chronic

Wasting Disease sampling station or CDFW office (wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Sampling-Station).

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife offers a how-to-video, printable guide and data card for Chronic Wasting Disease sampling, data collection and self-sample submissions on its website (wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Collect-Submit-Samples).

Hunters in the mandatory sampling zones also are required to provide their name, GO ID, deer tag or document number and harvest location along with their samples.

Carcass Handling and Movement Guidance

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife asks that California hunters follow best practices for safe carcass

handling and movement within these hunt zones. Field dress and leave the internal organs and spinal column at the site the deer was taken. If self-sampling your harvest, remove the skullcap with antlers attached and leave the brain at the site of harvest. Otherwise, bring the intact head to a California Department of Fish and Wildlife office or sampling station for Chronic Wasting Disease testing.

Checking Test Results for Chronic Wasting Disease

To check test results for your deer, enter your document/tag number in the "Find Your CWD Testing Results" section of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance web pages.

Please understand it will take three to five weeks for testing to be completed and results posted.

Wildfires and Forest Restrictions

Archery deer seasons in California often coincide with peak wildfire threats. Hunters are reminded to research the areas they intend to hunt ahead of time, including checking with the U.S. Forest Service for any restrictions and closures within California's national forests. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Emergency Closures web page provides information on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife lands and facilities that may be closed due to fire, construction or public health concerns.

Sierra Pacific Industries Closes Public Access to Private Forestlands

Due to the increasing risk of wildfires, Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) closed its California forestlands to public access as of June 28. SPI considers several wildfire risk factors when closing its lands, including increasing temperatures, dry vegetation, low moisture levels in fuels and long-range weather forecasts for the region. The closure will remain in effect until moisture levels and long-range weather forecasts improve. Use of SPI's roads and walk-in access to the company's privately owned lands for recreational purposes is prohibited. Public roads crossing SPI lands are not affected by the closure. ★

Men's Soccer Strikes Early

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sophomore Donovan Sessoms wasted little time in getting the Sacramento State men's soccer team's season off to a celebratory start, scoring in the fifth minute for an early lead, but the Hornets could muster little after that as visiting Utah Valley netted three unanswered goals en route to a 3-1 victory on Thursday evening at Hornet Soccer Field.

The contest marked the season opener for both teams as Sacramento State opened a campaign at home for the first time since 2017.

Sessoms, a transfer from UNLV who is one of 14 newcomers to the roster for 2024, quickly put his name in the scoring column, scoring just 4:01 into the contest for a 1-0 advantage. A long throw by teammate Zac Giles on the near sideline found a streaking Sessoms down the right side.

The sophomore settled the



Donovan Sessoms is a sophomore at Sacramento State out of Antelope. Photo courtesy of Sac State

ball and took off in a foot race with a Utah Valley defender, cutting inside to shake his mark and move inside the 18. There, he took a couple of touches before tucking a left-footed rocket to the upper right corner for the 1-0 lead.

That celebration lasted until the 35th minute when the Wolverines were able to pull the goal back and tie the match on a score by Isaac Emojong, who put home a rebound from the top of the box to make it 1-1. Utah

Valley then pulled ahead late in the second half, scoring just two minutes apart in the 80th and 82nd minutes for the final 3-1 tally.

Keith Willey had the eventual game-winner, scoring at the left post for a 2-1 lead, while Omar

Yehya put home a rocket for the final score of the day.

Sacramento State closes out its opening weekend on the road on Sunday, traveling to Berkeley, to take on one of the ACC's newest members in California at 2 p.m. ★

Maddocks Elevated to Women's Tennis Associate Head Coach

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After helping lead the Sacramento State women's tennis team to a pair of Big Sky Conference trophies and its first NCAA Tournament berth in a decade, Jack Maddocks has been elevated to the position of associate head coach with the program it was announced on Aug. 23.

"Jack's expertise and dedication on the court have been key to developing our student-athletes and elevating our program back to success," head coach Sophie Breault said. "His loyalty, integrity and commitment have been instrumental in implementing our vision and culture, ensuring the team's continued growth and success."

Over the last three

seasons, Maddocks has helped guide a resurgence in the Hornet program, improving on the team's overall win totals in every season and culminating in a Big Sky regular season and conference tournament crown in 2023-24. Sacramento State finished with a 20-8 overall record and a 6-2 mark in league, posting the most wins in a single season since the 2008 squad finished with 21.

"It is an honor to be part of the Sacramento State program for the past two and a half years, helping build this program back to a championship winning team," Maddocks said. "Thanks to coach Breault and senior associate athletics director Pamm Zierfuss-Hubbard for this recognition and honor in elevating me to this position. I can't wait to get back on the court

with our student-athletes and prepare for the upcoming season."

During his tenure on campus, six different Hornet student-athletes have gone on to collect a total of 12 All-Big Sky honors, while the program's 2023 recruiting class was named one of the nation's top mid-major classes according to the website TennisRecruiting.net, coming in at No. 16 on the list — the first time that Sacramento State has made the organization's top 25 list.

The success hasn't been limited to on-court activities either as the program has been named an Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team in each of Maddocks' three seasons while 12 student-athletes have earned individual academic honors from the ITA.

Maddocks is a 2017



Associate head coach Jack Maddocks has a chat with a couple Sac State athletes. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

cum laude graduate of Appalachian State with a degree in psychology and a concentration in health studies, and went on to


earn his master's degree in higher education administration with a focus in leadership and educational studies in 2020. He was a

four-year letter winner for the Mountaineers, picking up a pair of All-Sun Belt honors in doubles play and one in singles. ★

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