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Youth Address Climate Change



Some school clubs funded through a youth action climate program teach peers to grow their food and compost, encouraging less waste and richer soil. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Youth in West Sacramento have \$50,000 to reduce climate change.

Recipients of the Bloomberg Philanthropies' Youth Climate Action fund, youth in the City of West Sacramento know precisely where they want to distribute microgrant funds to youth-led climate initiatives through nonprofit partner Breathe California Sacramento Region.

"These youth-led projects demonstrate the passion our young people

display in combatting climate change and working to improve climate resilience in the city," said Mayor Martha Guerrero of the programs officially awarded in April.

Rewind to 2023, when the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Innovation Studio at COP28 met and C40, a city climate leadership group, reported on the global gathering of mayors at a Nations Climate Ambition Summit.

Bloomberg Philanthropies uses medical studies to make its point, citing a 2021 medical journal, the

Lancet's Planetary Health Report.

"Climate change has important implications for the health and futures of children and young people, yet they have little power to limit its harm, making them vulnerable to climate anxiety," according to the doctor-authored study. "This is the first large-scale investigation of climate anxiety in children and young people globally and its relationship with perceived government response."

That study and the 2023 gatherings

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Yolo County Launches Emergency Notification System

*Yolo County
News Release*

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is launching Alert Yolo, a state-of-the-art, county-wide emergency notification system. This new system will serve all residents of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, as well as the unincorporated areas of Yolo County, ensuring they receive timely and accurate information during emergencies.

Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Lucas Frerichs emphasized the value of this new system, stating, "We are thrilled to introduce Alert Yolo, a transformative step in our commitment to community safety. This state-of-the-art notification system ensures that every resident of Yolo County has direct access to vital information during emergencies. By signing up, you empower yourself and your loved ones to stay informed and be prepared."

Alert Yolo integrates with existing emergency notification systems used by Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Residents can sign up for alerts specific to their city or tribe.

"Signing up for Alert Yolo is a crucial step in enhancing our community's safety and preparedness," said Kristin Weivoda, Yolo County's Chief of Emergency Services. "This system bridges critical gaps in emergency communication by delivering alerts directly to your phone. By enrolling, you stay informed and play an active role in protecting yourself and your community. It's a straightforward yet powerful tool that ensures immediate access to essential information and updates during emergencies."

The county, cities and tribe are proud to announce this significant enhancement to the community's

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Safer Streets with State Grant

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A nearly half-million-dollar state grant will help keep guns off the streets in West Sacramento.

Police Chief Robert Strange at the Sept. 18 City Council meeting detailed his plans for the \$475 grant funds allotted by the 2024 Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Byrne State Crisis Intervention Project (Byrne SCIP) to create the Community Gun Safety Project.

"Your plans for this project are incredible," Mayor Martha Guerrero said before asking two questions. "This opportunity to educate our youth and community on gun safety



Police Chief Robert Strange details the importance of keeping the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, despite rumors that it is ineffective. Photo courtesy of the West Sacramento News Ledger

is great."

Question one: will there be data-driven measures?

"Are we looking at

intervening in on any particular thing and then showing the results of that?" Guerrero asked.

Question two: what does youth outreach look like?

"My goal is to see a

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Area youth received \$50,000 from Bloomberg Philanthropies' Youth Climate Action fund, which is implementing six programs to help reverse the negative effects of climate change. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

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spearheaded immediate action.

According to a release by James Anderson, director of Bloomberg Philanthropies' Government Innovation Program, in April, "For cities to catalyze ever broadening, ever more ambitious efforts, they'll need to continue to shift away from traditional, top-down models" and "solicit ideas and crowd in energy from across the community, including and especially from young people who are so vested in solving the climate crisis."

West Sacramento is doing just that, with Mayor Guerrero pointing out the projects. Through the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund, mayors such as Guerrero are implementing the philanthropy philosophy with youth-led awareness, education, research and development initiatives, youth-driven climate mitigation and adaptation projects and co-governed youth climate action plans.

City youth here brought six plans to the table, beginning with We

Grow Urban Farm. This comprehensive community outreach and education program focuses on waste reduction through increased recycling, composting and the recovery of organic materials.

Next, the River City High Garden Club aims to assist adolescents in growing their own food while they learn about native plants. The initiative supports pollinators and promotes water conservation by encouraging the cultivation of flowers and drought-tolerant plants.

The program's goal, which is to reduce long-distance food transportation and greenhouse gas emissions, also focuses on composting and reducing food and green waste.

Also addressing transportation issues, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates encourages families to bike instead of drive, directly affecting transportation issues, including timeliness, congestion and safety.

City officials say the program fosters friendships and leadership skills among students while also reducing miles traveled. The program also

improves localized air quality and encourages lifelong habits of choosing bikes for transportation, according to city officials. They also note that engaging in physical and social activity before classes helps students' behavior, focus, and performance in school.

The Environment Boulevard Club's proposal, led by two senior high school students, plans to "assemble a team of "environmentally passionate teens" for community presentations, including arts and crafts workshops.

Sports even made it on the list with the fourth project, Sustainable Soccer, which aims to address plastic pollution and the circular economy. In the spirit of sports, Sustainable Soccer is teaming up with the next project leaders: the Youth Ambassadors.

Together, the two groups will seek out any used cleats available in the surrounding region to recycle.

"We look forward to seeing these projects take shape and make a lasting impact on the residents of West Sacramento and the Sacramento Region," Guerrero said. ★

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notification system, reaffirming their commitment to keeping residents informed and safe. Plans are underway to expand the system to include an app, which will provide an additional channel for receiving emergency messages and staying up to date as to the latest developments in Yolo County.

Ensuring that all community members can sign up for emergency messages without sharing personal information has been a top priority throughout this process. Additionally, the system will be useful in gathering valuable input on the community's needs. It is crucial to provide a range of options for signing up and receiving emergency messages as it allows for the development of a system that is specifically tailored to meet the unique requirements of Yolo County residents.

If you were previously registered for Yolo Alerts and indicated during the annual update message sent on Sept. 16 that you wished to continue receiving emergency messages, your information will be transferred to the new Alert Yolo system. However, your old login and password will no longer work. You will need to create a new account and password on Alert Yolo to update or change your information.

To register, residents can visit www.AlertYolo.org or download the "Public Safety by Everbridge" app to sign up. During the registration process, residents can indicate any specific

needs they or someone in their household may have, such as visual or auditory impairments, mobility issues, or transportation requirements.

Signing up for Alert Yolo and Community Registry messaging is essential for staying informed about emergencies. These systems are designed to keep residents informed but it's important to recognize that they may not always be fully reliable, especially during severe weather events. Understanding these limitations enables you to make informed decisions and take proactive steps to prepare for emergencies or disasters, ensuring you and your loved ones stay safe. Being proactive and preparing before a disaster strikes is crucial.

Residents have the option to receive emergency alerts via SMS without the need to provide personal information. To sign up, simply text "YOLO" to 888-777 and follow the prompt to provide your zip code. You can unsubscribe at any time by replying "STOP." Please note that standard message and data rates may apply.

Important points to remember:

Alert Yolo and the Community Registry are committed to providing timely and accurate information. However, please be aware that technical issues, network problems, or unforeseen circumstances may affect the delivery of alerts.

Ensuring the

community's safety requires more than relying solely on emergency alerts. Community members must take proactive measures to prepare for emergencies and disasters, regardless of whether they receive an alert. By doing so, individuals take control of their own safety and empower themselves to protect their well-being.

Effective disaster preparedness involves more than just signing up for alerts. It is important for community members to create a personal emergency plan, assemble an emergency kit with essential supplies, and familiarize themselves with evacuation routes and local resources. Regularly reviewing and updating preparedness strategies is crucial for effectively addressing potential emergencies. For more information, please visit www.YoloCounty.gov/OES.

By considering signing up for Alert Yolo services, you are taking proactive steps toward emergency preparedness. While this is a vital component of your safety plan, remember that it complements—rather than replaces—your personal responsibility for your own safety and well-being.

Taking proactive preparation steps can boost your readiness for emergencies and improve your chances of staying safe. Stay informed, be prepared, and join us in keeping our community safe with Alert Yolo. ★

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diverse group of youth, especially in the area where we see a higher level of gun violence,” Guerrero said.

Chief Strange answered both questions, confirming, “Our goal is to try and reach parts of our demographic in our community we think can be most influenced by this awareness and education.”

The police chief said law enforcement will continue to partner with the Washington Unified School District (WUSD), West Sacramento Community Center, and PRO Youth & Families.

“This is work they have been doing for some time, applying evidence-based models for different types of education prevention programs,” Strange said.

According to the police chief, the first questions’ outcome measures and metrics include “tracking incidents of shooting as a normal course of police business.”

Vice-Mayor Dawnte Early wanted more information on the Washington Unified School District partnership and programs, which the police chief said will likely include an after-school program and summertime activities.

Early noted that her concern was that she did not want to see “potentially high-risk youth” pulled from class since every hour of instruction matters. Early also said if after-school programs happen, transportation, entry, and access to the services should be as “easy as possible for the kiddos.”

Bringing up both her personal and professional career, Councilwoman Quirina Orozco said that her husband, Detective Steve Orozco is retiring from the Sacramento Police Department after 28 years and her 19-year stint as a prosecutor.

“We both know too much about what goes on, as you would as well, and the officers who work in our department who are affected intimately by the knowledge that comes through these reports and accessible guns are, especially to the youth.”

Orozco said with gun violence, adolescents are handed off a gun since penalties for minors “are extremely lower than when it comes to an adult.”

Councilwoman Norma Alcalá questioned the age demographics, which is 12 to 14, according to Chief Strange.

“That is probably going to be narrowed down a bit,” the police chief said, adding that developing the curriculum will also help officials better understand age demographics.

“Depending on the community and depending on the dynamics, there may be some very young youth that find themselves with the opportunity to be in possession of a firearm,” Strange said.

Also, bringing up her personal life and relationship with guns since her family hunted together, Alcalá said, “We learned at a very early age to respect the rifles we used.”

“My children also grew up respecting what a weapon can do,” Alcalá said.

Police Strange said the new community program might continue to include the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), regardless of rumors that it is ineffective.

“As a former DARE officer, the relationships that were formed mattered a lot and still do today,” Strange said, adding that Drug Abuse Resistance Education classroom conversations often end up at home. “Sometimes the best teacher of the parent is actually their child.” ★

Yolo Food Bank Executive Director Honored with AmeriCorps Lifetime of Service Award



Karen Baker receives the Lifetime of Service Award. From left are Michael D. Smith, Chief Executive Officer, AmeriCorps; Karen Baker, Executive Director, Yolo Food Bank; Sonali Nijhawan, Director, AmeriCorps State and National. Photo courtesy of Yolo Food Bank

Yolo Food Bank News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Karen Baker, Executive Director of Yolo Food Bank, has been awarded the prestigious Lifetime of Service Award through the 2024 Excellence in AmeriCorps Awards, a testament to her more than 30 years of dedicated public service. This national recognition highlights Baker’s lasting impact on communities across the country. She continues to exemplify committed civic engagement through her leadership at Yolo Food Bank.

Baker is a transformational leader, leading efforts at local, state, and national levels to advance service and volunteerism. From helping launch AmeriCorps to serving as the nation’s first cabinet-level Secretary of Service under three California governors, her career has been defined by a deep commitment to uplifting those in need. Today, as the executive director of Yolo Food Bank, Baker’s work ensures that thousands of food-insecure residents in Yolo County receive the nourishment they need.

“Karen Baker has dedicated her career to public service and this award is so well-deserved,” remarked Lucas Frerichs, Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. “We are so fortunate to have a leader of her caliber leading the Yolo Food Bank, an organization that coordinates more than 2,400 volunteers and serves the most vulnerable residents in our community.”

As California’s former Chief Service Officer, Baker’s contributions extend far beyond Yolo County. Her leadership in disaster preparedness as program architect and co-chair of Listos California, a statewide campaign to build disaster preparedness and provide COVID education for vulnerable and diverse populations, has made an indelible impact on the state.

“Karen Baker’s lifetime of service has strengthened our great state for the millions of people who call California home,” said Josh Fryday, California’s Chief Service Officer. “Her leadership as the former Chief Service Officer of the California Service Commission through three administrations has expanded national service to nearly every county in the state and lifted-up our most vulnerable populations and under-resourced communities. So many of us stand on Karen’s shoulders and will forever be grateful for her trailblazing leadership.”

In her current role, Baker’s ability to mobilize resources and inspire action has been a lifeline for thousands in Yolo County. Baker’s national recognition highlights the broader impact of service and the role effective leadership plays in addressing community needs. Her award serves as a reminder that the spirit of service can fuel lasting change, not just for today but for generations to come.

For more information on Yolo Food Bank and how to get involved, please visit www.yolofoodbank.org. ★

House Passes Matsui’s Future Networks Act

Legislation Requires FCC to Establish a 6G Task Force

Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Sept. 18, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-07), Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, released the following statement after the House passed the Future Uses of Technology Upholding Reliable and Enhanced (FUTURE) Networks Act, her legislation that directs the FCC to bring together industry leaders, public interest groups and government experts to establish a 6G Task Force.

“We stand at a crossroads for the future of global innovation leadership – networks are converging, consumer

demand is skyrocketing, and global competition is heating up. The economic and national security stakes in the race to 6G couldn’t be higher. For the United States to stay the gold standard in wireless communications technology, we need to look forward and convene our best and brightest innovators to map the road ahead,” said Congresswoman Matsui. “The FUTURE Networks Act will accelerate us down this path, making a crucial down payment on American leadership by taking steps forward as this technology evolves. I applaud my House colleagues for passing this important piece of legislation and urge the Senate to do the same.”

Specifically, the FUTURE Networks Act requires the FCC to establish a 6G Task Force

comprised of industry, government, and public interest representatives to issue a report on the role of standards setting bodies in 6G; possible use cases for 6G technology, potential threats such as supply chain or cybersecurity, and interagency coordination and promoting deployment.

Full text of the bill is available at https://matsui.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/matsui.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/matsui_006_xml.pdf.

Congresswoman Doris Matsui represents California’s Seventh Congressional District, which includes the communities of Elk Grove, Galt, West Sacramento, Wilton, Rancho Murieta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay and the California Delta. ★

West Sacramento Fire Department Engineer Dies in Training Exercise

City of West Sacramento News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - It is with great sadness that we report West Sacramento Fire Department Fire Engineer Tim Hall, an 18-year veteran with the West Sacramento Fire Department (WSFD) died Sept. 23 in the line of duty during a training exercise.

Hall, 59, was a graduate of the 2006 Sacramento Regional Fire Academy.

Additionally, Hall was

an active volunteer with Clarksburg Fire Protection District.

While with the West Sacramento Fire Department, Hall was a fire investigator, an active member of Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 7, and a dedicated Fire Engineer.

“Our fire department is heartbroken,” said the West Sacramento Fire Department Chief Steve Binns. “Engineer Hall loved this City and bravely served to protect our community.”

Information on services will be announced at a later date. ★



Governor Signs Sen. Dodd's Tribal Compacts Bill

Office of Sen. Bill Dodd News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, announced Sept. 23 that Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed his measures to ratify key intergovernmental agreements between the state and Native American tribes for the purposes of gaming.

“These compacts help enhance economic stability and self-sufficiency among California’s first people while providing revenue and good-paying jobs for thousands of others across our state,” Sen. Dodd said. “It’s a win for everyone and I thank Gov. Newsom for his support.”

The Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 provides for the negotiation and execution of tribal-state

gaming compacts for authorizing certain types of gaming on Indian lands. The California Constitution authorizes the governor to negotiate and conclude those compacts, subject to ratification by the Legislature. The agreements would take effect immediately.

These compacts will provide tens of millions of dollars in revenue to local communities, funding wildfire prevention efforts and assisting nongaming tribes with critical services, from healthcare and education to infrastructure and preservation of tribal lands.

Senate Bill 931 was approved by the Assembly and Senate before the governor signed it. It applies to the following tribes: The Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria,

the La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Indian Reservation, the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe and the Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria.

Also, the bill amends compacts with the following tribes: Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria.

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



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Social Security Matters

Should my Husband File and then Suspend His Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My financial advisor used a computer program which told my husband to take his SS at age 68, then suspend it after a few months. What I understood was if my husband started and then stopped taking distributions, he would earn delayed retirement credits and thus get more at age 70. I know waiting increases SS amounts, by 8% a year, but does purposely starting and then stopping SS increase distributions even more?

Signed: Confused

Dear Confused: **Suspending receipt** of one's SS benefits after their FRA (as in your husband's case) does result in him earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs), but the DRCs earned accumulate at the same rate as

if he simply waited longer to claim his SS benefit in the first place. DRCs are earned up to 70 years of age, at which point your husband's maximum SS benefit is attained (FYI, DRCs earn .667% of additional benefit for each month benefits are delayed or suspended, or 8% per year). But I see no advantage to your husband starting his benefits now (at 68) and then suspending them several months later to earn DRCs – the number of DRCs earned are the same in either case, so he could simply wait to apply for his Social Security benefits until he is 70 to get his maximum amount.

The only rationale I can think of to claim and then suspend after doing so is to get a few months of his benefit payments before suspending. But the few months he received benefits before suspending will be considered when he later unsuspends his benefit, so that his total payment amount will be a bit less at 70 than it would otherwise be if he simply waits longer to claim SS. And, just for information, he can't "file and suspend" his benefits so that you can receive a spousal benefit

from him. That option (to file and suspend, enabling a spouse to receive benefits) was eliminated by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 - while your husband's benefits are suspended, you cannot receive a spousal benefit from him.

So, frankly, I see no advantage to your husband claiming his benefit now and then suspending them a few months later. If his goal is to maximize his SS benefit, then the best way to do that is simply wait longer to claim.

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King

If you have ever met a celebrity, sometimes they are kind of uppity and maybe a bit snooty. I've met a few with decades of interviewing on Radio and TV. But I can truly say Perry King is not one of them. I'm sure you have run across some of his great works in movie and TV both. Remember the TV series "Riptide" and Cody Allen? How about "Slaughterhouse Five" and "The Lords of Flatbush" and I can go on and on. I've interviewed Perry multiple times on a variety of programs, and I am honored that I can call him good friend. He was on my POPPTALK Radio Show recently, and I always love talking to this man who has done so much and wants to really share his great experience and true caring with everyone he meets. One question I had at the top of my list was did he choose acting or did it choose him? He truly believes it can choose you. It began in high school when he had an almost silent part in "Caine Mutiny" as the stenographer. But he explained it as a monster out there that you can hear and feel and then the lights go down and it is quiet. Then the lights come up and you know this is it... this is what I want to do. People are paying attention to you and you fall in love with that feeling. Perhaps it goes back to wanting that attention as a kid, and then it all comes together on the stage as the au-

dience gives you that love. I can attest to that feeling. I was hooked from day one on stage and singing my heart out.

But, with all his successes, Perry had a dream. He was a cowboy at heart. He wanted to do a movie that really reached people in a heartfelt way. After decades of thinking about it came "The Divide." It was set in the 1970s on a ranch owned by a crusty old-timer who was developing Alzheimers. Here's the great part of this story. Perry produced, directed and starred in "The Divide." It was actually filmed on his own 500 acre cattle ranch. He said it made it much easier not having to deal with another location owner, and he also financed it. He had offers to finance it, but with outside money came caveats, like adding steamy scenes and perhaps some skin. He said NO. This movie was going to be true to his dream, an emotional and loving story of what can happen as this condition takes over a life. I can tell you I personally was in tears when I saw the premier. It has won multiple awards for its deep feelings on life. It's the type of movie that stays with you long after you see it.

I can go on with so many great stories I have heard from Perry. More to come. If you want to check out the movie info, go to www.thedividemotionpicture.com. Guaranteed,...you'll love it! ★



Mary Jane with her good friend Perry King.

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The Strange Ways That Californians Ignite Wildfires



People — whether purposeful, reckless or simply careless — are responsible for about 95% of California’s wildfires. Image by Ted Erski from Pixabay

By Julie Cart
CALMatters.org

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Of all the insidious threats faced by wildland firefighters — extreme heat, desiccated forests, unpredictable fire behavior and a nearly year-round fire season — what might be the most fearsome?

Humans.
People do dangerous things, things that start wildfires. Pushing a burning car into a gully. Mowing the lawn on a hot summer day. Miswiring a hot tub. Driving cars with flat tires. Burning toilet paper rather than packing it out of a campsite. Setting off smoke bombs at gender reveal parties.

In hot, dry conditions already primed for fire, people’s actions can quickly escalate from a harmless mistake — such as hammering a metal stake into the parched ground — to igniting a blaze that kills a firefighter.
People — whether purposeful, reckless or simply careless — are responsible for about 95% of California’s wildfires. Last year alone, people caused more than 7,000 wildfires in California; nationally, it was more than 50,000.

“Humans are incredibly predictable,” said Cal Fire Battalion Chief David Acuna. “They drag chains, and they leave campfires to burn or they have a flat tire but think they can juuust make it to the next exit.

“It’s people not using appropriate judgment,” he added, “They are not looking at what they are doing and whether or not it’s going to start a fire. I believe in the ability of humans to recognize what is not in their best interest, but people constantly prove me wrong.”

Add to the list the Park Fire, a fierce fire raging across 600 square miles in four Sacramento Valley counties that is already the fifth largest in California history. Butte County authorities arrested a 42-year-old Chico man suspected of pushing a burning vehicle into a ravine.

Human action, tragically, also may have caused the 57,300-acre Borel Fire in Kern County, which began last week on the side of Highway 178, possibly sparked when a vehicle crashed, killing the driver.

In a summer of severe fires, with dangerous lightning storms possible in

coming weeks, authorities wish people would stop doing stupid stuff. Nature doesn’t need any help starting fires.

That would include the man accused of driving his truck for more than four miles, minus a front tire, in Sonoma County last week. The metal scraping on the road sparked the Flora Fire, a small blaze east of Healdsburg. The fire was contained last Sunday and a suspect is in custody. Cal Fire lists the cause as “vehicle.”

A similar maneuver started the 2018 Carr Fire near Redding. The fire, which killed three people fighting the fire and five civilians and burned nearly 230,000 acres, was ignited by a spark caused by someone driving a trailer with a flat tire.

Another major human cause is related to institutions — the power utilities — rather than reckless individuals. “Since 2015, power lines have caused six of the state’s 20 most destructive wildfires,” according to a 2022 report from the State Auditor’s office. California’s most-deadly fire, the 2018 Camp Fire, which killed 85 people, was started by arcing transmission lines whipped by high winds.

Natural causes still play a significant role, especially lightning, which could become even a bigger threat with climate change.

Intentional arson is rare in wildfires

Arsonists purposefully setting fires is not common, accounting for about 10% of California fires, depending on the year. Last year 111 people were arrested for arson-caused fires in the state.

Thousands of human-caused fires fall into the unofficial category of people being knuckleheads: Folks doing something they think is safe or, absent any thinking, something they come to regret.

A few examples:

A smoke bomb at a gender-reveal party sparked the deadly 2020 El Dorado Fire in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, which killed a firefighter and cost \$42 million to suppress.

A person using a lawnmower in Mariposa County caused the French Fire on July 4.

Starting a fire to signal for help, a hunter inadvertently started the 2003 Cedar Fire near San Diego, which burned 280,278

acres, destroyed 2,820 buildings and killed 15 people.

Faulty wiring on a hot tub in 2015 ignited a fire that burned for longer than a month in Lake County.

Weapons fired in backcountry started the 2017 Detwiler Fire, destroying 134 structures and threatening Yosemite National Park. The same cause in the same area sparked the Telegraph Fire nine years earlier.

A homeowner attempting to install a shade cloth on his property used a hammer to drive a metal stake in the ground. The sparks set off the Ranch Fire, which killed a firefighter and burned more than 410,000 acres in Colusa, Glenn, Lake and Mendocino counties in 2018.

Throw into the mix: escaped Mylar balloons sparking utility lines, unattended campfires, weedwhackers, cigarette butts tossed out of car windows, trains, backyard fireworks. It’s a wonder that the state doesn’t burn down every year.

Dispatching crews to human-caused fires takes resources away from the fires that nature creates, said Adrienne Freeman, a spokesperson with the U.S. Forest Service.

“The answer is to use common sense,” she said. “It’s important not to place blame, but if you have a flat tire and you are 500 feet from the gas station, you may want to push (the car instead.) Think about it in the bigger picture.”

Freeman said a particular numbskull decision she’s seen is, evidently, common: backcountry campers setting fire to used toilet paper so they don’t have to pack it out.

Vehicles, lawn equipment are leading causes of wildfires

“The unsung reason is parking on dry grass. It’s common,” she said. “People pull up to a river access and see all these cars parked on the same strip you are parked on. What do you do? You park there.”

California firefighters respond to countless brush fires every summer that were started from a hot tailpipe making contact with high and dry grasses next to a road. The flammability of grasses is so well known that even those in the fire service are on guard not to spark fires when they use or move

equipment.

“You can actually start fires while fighting fires,” Freeman said, noting that heavy-duty fire engines and other fire vehicles can kick up rocks and cause sparks. “You are moving your dozers to respond to a fire, you have to be very careful.”

Dave Winnacker, fire chief of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District east of Berkeley, said human-caused fires commonly involve using equipment outdoors unsafely and vehicle accidents. His department operates

a rigorous fire awareness program but sometimes education and warnings are not enough. In June, the fire district instituted a near-total outdoor fire ban.

Many California counties suggest mowing grass early in the day or late afternoon, but it’s not mandatory.

“We rely on our education and spreading the word. At the end of the day, some people are going to get it and some are not,” said Andy VanSciver, public information officer for the Ventura County Fire Department.

Julie Cart is a projects reporter on CalMatters’ environment team who focuses on wildfires and natural resources. Julie’s work for CalMatters has received numerous national and regional journalism awards, including from Best of the West and the Society of Environmental Journalists. In addition, Julie and colleague Bettina Boxall won the Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting for their 2009 Los Angeles Times series on wildfires in the West. ★



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California Launches “Facts Fight Fentanyl” Campaign to Combat Overdoses and Save Lives

California Department of Public Health News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recently announced the launch of “Facts Fight Fentanyl,” a new state-wide public education campaign to ensure Californians know the dangers of fentanyl and have the information they need to prevent overdoses and save lives.

“Facts Fight Fentanyl” will provide Californians with critical information about fentanyl and life-saving tools such as naloxone. The campaign will continue through June 2025.

“The goal of ‘Facts Fight Fentanyl’ is to ensure Californians know the dangers of fentanyl and how to prevent an overdose with the lifesaving medication naloxone,” said Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer. “We all want to live in a California free of the harms of fentanyl. When we all have the facts on fentanyl, we can combat this crisis and work together to build safer, healthier communities.”

Why This Matters: In California, drug overdose is now the leading cause of death among 25- to 54-year-olds. In 2022, California saw more than 7,000 overdose deaths related to opioids – of those deaths, 87 percent involved fentanyl. An amount of fentanyl as small as a few grains of salt is enough to be deadly, yet many Californians are unaware of the dangers of fentanyl until it is too late. “Facts Fight Fentanyl” seeks to provide Californians with information to combat and prevent fentanyl-related overdoses.



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What California Is Doing
“Facts Fight Fentanyl” is part of the California Department of Public Health’s Overdose Prevention Initiative, which collects and shares data on fatal and non-fatal drug-related overdoses, drug-related overdose risk factors, prescriptions, and substance use. The Overdose Prevention Initiative supports substance-use prevention programs through evidence-based tools and strategies, public awareness and education, and promoting safe and effective prescribing and treatment practices throughout the state.

“Facts Fight Fentanyl” builds on an earlier campaign launched last year to break down the stigma of addiction and increase awareness around the accessibility of treatment. Unshame CA, a collaboration between the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Shatterproof, works to develop

an understanding of substance use disorder as a treatable medical condition.

The Overdose Prevention Initiative supports California’s implementation of the Campus Opioid Safety Act – effective January 2023 – which aims to reduce opioid-related overdoses and deaths through public colleges and universities by providing life-saving education, information, and federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication on campus, like naloxone.

In 2023, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved an over-the-counter (OTC) naloxone nasal spray which could be purchased directly by consumers in places like drug stores, grocery stores and gas stations, as well as online. But to address the potentially prohibitive cost, California’s CalRX® Naloxone Access Initiative secured OTC

nasal spray for a reduced price of \$24 per twin-pack – and passes along that transparent, cost-efficient price to qualifying governmental and business entities.

Qualifying entities can also obtain free naloxone through California’s Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP), which was created in 2018 to combat opioid -overdose related deaths throughout California. The NDP has distributed more than 4,829,500 kits of naloxone, which have been used to reverse more than 290,000 overdoses.

About The Campaign
The campaign includes educational materials in English, Spanish, Chinese and Korean across a multitude of communication platforms, including social media, radio, television, and outdoor advertising such as billboards and bus stops. The “Facts Fight Fentanyl” campaign also engaged with

partner Tribal organizations during the development of the campaign. Efforts to engage Tribal communities is a key element on the campaign and include prioritizing preferred streaming platforms, focusing ad placements in Native American community health center screens, and pitching specifically to news outlets that reach Native American communities. As part of the campaign, the California Department of Public Health has also launched a new website, FactsFightFentanyl.org, to ensure Californians can easily access resources and information related to fentanyl. FactsFightFentanyl.org includes an interactive map showing where Californians can access naloxone for free or for purchase in their communities.

Bigger Picture
The California Department of Public Health’s efforts are one facet of Governor Newsom’s approach to combating the opioid crisis, as outlined in his March 2023 Master Plan for Tackling the Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis (PDF). In addition to efforts to prevent and support substance abuse and addiction, the California Department of Public Health has also focused on educating Californians on the dangers of opioids as well as promoting the use of life-saving naloxone and encouraging the use of test strips to identify the presence of fentanyl. For more information on California’s efforts to combat the opioid crisis, visit opioids.ca.gov. Additional overdose data is available on the California Overdose Surveillance Dashboard at <https://skylab.cdph.ca.gov/ODdash/?tab=Home>. ★

California Comment on Latest NFIB Jobs Report

Small business has a wish list for Congress, Governor Newsom

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Release Sept. 5 of the National Federation of Independent Business’ (NFIB) latest monthly Jobs Report once again confirms that finding qualified, or any, workers remains an intractable problem for small business owners, so much so that it’s become a new normal.

“The difficulty small business owners have been having with finding workers is something that will take some time to work itself out,” said John Kabateck, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business in California. “What would be helpful in the meantime is not to exacerbate the many other problems Main Street entrepreneurs have with running their businesses.”

First and foremost, according to Kabateck, is for Congress to pass the Main Street Tax Certainty Act (H.R. 4721, S. 1706), which would make the 20% Small Business Deduction permanent. Without it, taxes will increase on over 90% of small business owners if Congress fails to act.

Kabateck also called on Gov. Gavin Newsom to veto all the anti-business legislation just sent to him by the State Legislature, including Senate Bill 399, which



Latest monthly Jobs Report once again confirms that finding qualified, or any, workers remains an intractable problem for small business owners, so much so that it’s become a new normal. Courtesy photo

he called an appalling assault on the free speech rights of employers.

From National Federation of Independent Business Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg on the Latest Jobs Report

“Job openings on Main Street remain historically high as small business owners continue to lament the lack

of qualified applicants for their open positions. Owners have grown understandably frustrated as attempts to fill their workforce repeatedly stall and cost pressures continue to rise.”

Highlights from the Latest Jobs Report

Overall, 62% of small business owners reported hiring or

trying to hire in August, up five points from July. Fifty-six percent (90% of those hiring or trying to hire) of owners reported few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to fill.

Thirty-six percent have openings for skilled workers (up four points) and 15% have openings for unskilled

labor (down one point). Job openings in construction were up five points from July and over half of them (60%) have a job opening they can’t fill. Job openings were the highest in the transportation, construction, and manufacturing sectors, and the lowest in the agriculture and finance sectors. A seasonally adjusted

net 13% of owners plan to create new jobs in the next three months, down two points from July. Keep up with the latest on California small-business news at www.nfib.com/california or by following the National Federation of Independent Business on Twitter @NFIB_CA or on Facebook @NFIB.CA. ★

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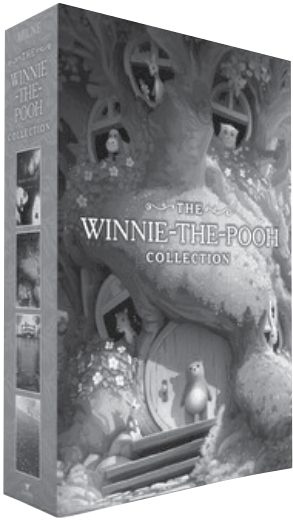
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Winnie-The-Pooh, The House At Pooh Corner, When We Were Very Young, Now We Are Six

by A.A. Milne

Everyone’s favorite little bear is back in this delightful, newly redesigned box set. The stories many knew as children are here to entertain a whole new generation. The four-part series Winnie-the-Pooh, The House at Pooh Corner, When We Were Very Young, and Now We Are Six have all been beautifully reprinted in hardback with new cover art on the dust jacket, but with the same beloved story and original illustrations on the interior.

It is time to head back into the 100-acre woods with a delightful bear named Pooh (even though he lives under the name of Sanders) and all his friends, Rabbit, Piglet, Eeyore, Owl, Kanga, Roo, and the boy he loves most of all, Christopher Robin. While Disney made this series a household name with the cartoon movies The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, the Tigger movie, Winnie the Pooh, and Christopher Robin, it all started with a beloved series written by A.A. Milne. Meet Christopher Robin and his beloved bear Winnie the Pooh and all their many adventures nestled within the 100-acre woods, starting with the series Winnie-the-Pooh.



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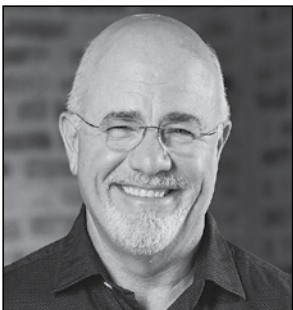
In the first book, Pooh gets stuck in a very precarious situation. Pooh and Piglet nearly catch a Woozle and meet a Heffalump, poor Eeyore loses his tail, and readers get to meet Kanga and Roo.

Then, it is off to The House at Pooh Corner, where all new adventures await. Tigger bounds into this story where the 100-acre Woods will never be the same, while Eeyore finally gets a home. Readers will finally meet the very busy Rabbit and see what Christopher Robin does in the mornings, and Heffalumps are again on the loose. Friendship and kindness are at the forefront of the

storytelling, while lessons about overexcitement and the consequences of not thinking before leaping are shared in delightful and exciting events. This series is not just entertaining, but also educational. And yes, of course, there are many sticky situations, especially when a honey-loving bear named Pooh is involved. Then, once again, it is time to say goodbye or just hello to new adventures.

To complete the collection are A.A. Milne’s beautiful children’s poems in When We Were Very Young, which capture a day at Buckingham Palace, a trip to the zoo, and many reimagined tales of famous nursery rhymes and curious afternoons. Knight in Shining armor and memorable friends’ revisit in Now We Are Six, making this last book in the series even more cherished.

Whether readers are fans of Winnie the Pooh from their own childhood or want to introduce a cherished gift to a new generation, this beloved series will continue to capture the hearts, minds, and imaginations of all who enter 100 Acre Woods. This enduring appeal makes this newly re-printed series a must-have for any collector’s shelf. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

We’ve been following your plan for a while. We’re debt-free, except for our home, and we have six months of expenses set aside in our emergency fund. Recently, I lost my job. I’m luckier than some, because received a generous severance package from my previous employer, plus my wife still has a good job. My parents always raised me to take care of things myself and not rely on others. I suppose it’s because of this I feel a little guilty about filing for unemployment compensation. Do you think there’s anything morally wrong with accepting unemployment benefits?

– Brandt

Dear Brandt,

I really appreciate your self-sufficient attitude. I don’t know what happened at your last job, but I’ve got a feeling you’re a hard worker and a decent guy. I’m sorry you

Dave Ramsey Says

You’ve Already Paid for It

and your wife are having to deal with this kind of situation.

The Social Security system in this country is a mathematical failure. But that doesn’t mean I’m not going to take my money when I deserve it. The government took it from me in the first place, so I don’t have a problem with accepting something I’ve already paid into.

Now, I’ll throw out a warning here. Sometimes when people start receiving unemployment benefits, it causes them to take their foot off the gas. The idea that “free” money is coming in can help them rationalize sitting at home on the couch, instead of working hard to find another job and being extra careful with their finances. I’m not hearing that kind of mentality from you, though. And it’s obvious you and your wife have been pretty smart with your finances.

One more thing I’d suggest is making sure you look at your severance package as survival money only. Make a strict budget and stick to it. Cut out all excess spending. That means no eating out, vacations or anything like

that until you’re working again and everything’s back on solid ground. Right now, focus on covering your Four Walls. By that, I mean food, utilities, shelter and transportation. Feed your family, keep the electricity on, pay the mortgage and put enough gas in the car to get where you need to go.

Everyone hits a rough stretch of road in life from time to time, Brandt. But you two are in a position to handle it better than most. Just remember what got you to such a good place with your finances in the first place. The discipline muscle is already there, and it’s strong. Just flex it, and it’ll help get you through this and back on your feet again!

– 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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1. Port city in Japan

6. *Team ride

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15. *Arena, e.g.

16. Not odds

17. Hawaiian welcome wreath

18. Bone hollows

19. *NBA headquarters location

21. *Bill ____ NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award

23. "Roses ____ red ..."

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25. Tarzan the ____ Man

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47. Contractor's work order

48. *Basketball blocking move

50. Swedish shag rugs

52. Member of a "benevolent and protective order"

53. Kind of cola

55. Thrice-repeated dance step

57. *Power ____ position

61. *NBA team with most championships

65. Deprive of armor

66. Genetic acronym

68. Plural of ostium

69. Junk yard stuff

70. Geisha's sash

71. *Nickname for 61

Across

72. Ooze

73. *NBA Sixth ____ of the Year Award

74. Type of leaf cabbage, pl.

DOWN

1. Bun baker

2. "____ me a seat"

3. From square one

4. Tanzania's northern neighbor

5. Not absorb, nor repel

6. Refuse to comply

7. Wear and tear

8. Bake an egg

9. Sunglasses "glass"

10. Casino chip

11. Not knit

12. Church sound

15. Lord's subordinate

20. Good ____ , book lovers' app

22. Strike caller

24. High school math class

25. Declares to be true

26. Sweat-inducing attack

27. Come in!

29. *The Stilt's first name

31. David Schwimmer on "Friends"

32. Breadth

33. Art support

34. *Shot ____ , NBA

countdown timer

36. Cobbler's concern

38. Fix a dog

42. Vanish without this?

45. Abscond

49. Conjunction that joins alternatives and negatives

51. Inferior goods

54. Read-only disc

56. Away from port

57. Much ado

58. One time

59. Like pink steak

60. Sandwich alternative

61. Abel's big brother

62. It will

63. Give a ticket

64. Fresh talk

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John Bennett Makela, 140 B Street, Suite 5, #235 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 August 27, 2024.
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BENNETT 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240735
The following person(s) is doing business as: Insight Coffee Roasters, 3650 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Sun & Soil Health Co., LLC. This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 7, 2023.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240756
The following person(s) is doing business as: JPayne Trucking LLC/Payne Trucking LLC, 579 Ariel Court, Woodland, CA 95695.
Payne Trucking LLC, 579 Ariel Court, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/27/2024.
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JPAYNE 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240723
The following person(s) is doing business as: IE Construction, 3929 East Guasti Road, Suite F, Ontario, CA 91761.
Integrated Energy Group, LLC, 3929 East Guasti Road, Suite F, Ontario, CA 91761. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 15, 2024.
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IE 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240744
The following person(s) is doing business as: Haynes Studio Architects, 884 Graphite Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
William Jude Haynes, 884 Graphite Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 26, 2024.
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HAYNES 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240677
The following person(s) is doing business as: Wirth Candle Company, 515 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 3830 Quinones Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95835 Ratchet Consulting, LLC, 3830 Quinones Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95835
This business is conducted by a limited liability company The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
Ratchet Consulting, LLC S/ LACEY HILLIARD, OFFICER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/08/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
ZHERNANDEZ, Deputy

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240730
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
The Posh Bagel, 206 F St, Davis, CA 95616 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 206 F St, Davis, CA 95616
VanLoc Enterprises, 206 F St, Davis, CA 95616
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on VanLoc Enterprises.
VanLoc Enterprises
S/ Van Kich Tran, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/26/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
Klopez, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240707
The following person(s) is doing business as:
RAMOS OIL COMPANY, 1515 SOUTH RIVER ROAD WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691, County of YOLO
EFUEL, LLC, 12 JOURNEY, SUITE 200, ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656
This business is conducted by LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ JEREMY R. WHEELER, VICE PRESIDENT
EFUEL, LLC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/19/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: ZHERNANDEZ, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240704
The following person(s) is doing business as: B & C Partnership, 1011 Waterford Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
Shauna Snell, 1011 Waterford Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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B&C 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240752
The following person(s) is doing business as: California Casino Training, 3820 Cortes Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Long Vinh Huynh, 3820 Cortes Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 30, 2024.
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CALIFORNIA 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240754
The following person(s) is doing business as: BlastNBins, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.
Jose Luis Gasca, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 30, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/30/2024.
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BLASTNBINS 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240739
The following person(s) is doing business as: Ramos Fuels, 1515 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Ramos Oil Co., Inc., 1515 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is

conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/27/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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RAMOS 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240753
The following person(s) is doing business as: Cubit Construction Corporation, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776
Angel Osbaldo Gasca and Josefin Iniguez, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/30/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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CUBIT 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240638
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Woodland Smiles Dentistry, 2061 Bronze Star Dr., Suite 100, Woodland, CA 95776 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 17000 Red Hill Ave., Attn: Legal Dept., Irvine, CA 92614
Gill and Macchiarella Dental Corporation, 17000 Red Hill Ave., Attn: Legal Dept., Irvine, CA 92614
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2023.
Gill and Macchiarella Dental Corporation
S/ Bianca Macchiarella, President,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 07/24/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
kquam, Deputy
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NEWS-LEDGER 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240777
The following person(s) is doing business as: Timberwood Custom Cabinets, 2959 Promenade Street, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
John M. Zonneveld, 2959 Promenade Street, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 1978.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/9/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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TIMBERWOOD 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240773
The following person(s) is doing business as: JJ's Hawaiian BBQ, 2300 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
West Sac Food Inc, 205 Hawkcrest Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/6/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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JJS 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240688
The following person(s) is doing business as: West Valley Baptist Church, 18045 County Road 95, Woodland, CA 95695.
West Valley Church of Woodland, Inc., 18045 County Road 95, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/27/1997.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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WEST 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240771

The following person(s) is doing business as:
United Rentals General Engineering, 100 First Stamford Place, Suite 700 Stamford, Ct 06902, County of Fairfield.
United Rentals (North America), Inc., 100 First Stamford Place, Suite 700 Stamford, Ct 06902
This business is conducted by Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/30/2019
/s/ JOLI GROSS, SVP UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA) INC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/05/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: MBRAUN, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240700
The following person(s) is doing business as: Dollar Tree #10267, 375 West Main Street, Suite B, Woodland, CA 95695-3683.
Dollar Tree Stores, Inc, 500 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23320. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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DOLLAR 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240800
The following person(s) is doing business as: Westlake Market, 1260 Lake Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616.
Gur Kirpa LLC, 878 Daffodil Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/16/2024.
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WESTLAKE 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240794
The following person(s) is doing business as: Speedy Pawz, 1401 Patriot Way, Woodland, CA 95776.
Speedy Pawz LLC, 1401 Patriot Way, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/23/2024
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SPEEDY 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240778
The following person(s) is doing business as: Penrith Home Loans/Scenic Oaks Funding, 1200 East Orangeburg Avenue, Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350.
Scenic Oaks Funding, LLC, 1200 East Orangeburg Avenue, Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/15/2024.
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PENRITH 10-18-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-2152
Divina Regalla has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Divina Regalla to Divina Fritz.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 26, 2024
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
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REGALLA 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-1964
Lidia Chitoraga and Alexandru Chitoraga has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shalom Richard Chitoraga to Richard Shalom Chitoraga.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 28, 2024
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
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CHITORAGA 10-4-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-1964
Lidia Chitoraga and Alexandru Chitoraga has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shalom Richard Chitoraga to Richard Shalom Chitoraga.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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CHITORAGA 10-4-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-1964
Lidia Chitoraga and Alexandru Chitoraga has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shalom Richard Chitoraga to Richard Shalom Chitoraga.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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CHITORAGA 10-4-24

CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-2280
Virginia Margaret Pascucci has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Virginia Margaret Pascucci to Virginia Margaret Nakano.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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NAKANO 10-11-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-2117
Thi Dien Hoang and Quang Thai Le On Behalf Of Ngoc Nhi Hoang, A Minor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ngoc Nhi Hoang to Maggie Le.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 9, 2024
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
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HOANG 10-18-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-2168
Barbara Johnson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Barbara Joan Johnson to Barbara Joan Mason.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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BARBARA 10-18-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
CASE NO. PR2024-0212

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Tony Edward Zito.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 3, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Alyssa L. Bolan, 2270 Douglas Boulevard, Suite 120, Roseville, CA 95661; 916-786-7515
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ZITO 9-27-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KAREN ZITO
CASE NO. PR2024-0209
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Karen Zito.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 1, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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

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LUIGI 9-27-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MATTIE ALINE BANKS, MATTIE A. BANKS
CASE NO. PR2024-0213

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mattie Aline Banks, Mattie A. Banks.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 11. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted **electronically** through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **2:00 PM local time on 10/24/2024**, at which results will be posted and available for public review for the:

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Former Teacher Advocates for Using White Canes

**Kristin Thébaud
Communications
News Release**

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Ed Marin of Fair Oaks was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa (RP) 20 years ago but he didn't start using a white cane until this year.

"That's not good," Marin said. "I should have started using the cane five years ago but I didn't know it could help me navigate easier."

The 63-year-old now considers himself an advocate for the white cane, often explaining to others that the length of the cane helps people see that much farther without vision.

Marin was first diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa in his 40s when Marin realized he could no longer see his hands at night. As his vision slowly declined, Marin continued his teaching career until retiring a couple years ago due to more substantial vision loss. Marin then wondered what was next.

"I thought, I'm going to be one of those people who stay home and get forgotten now," Marin said.

Instead, Marin decided to walk through the doors at the nonprofit Society for the Blind in Midtown Sacramento.

"I walked over to Society for the Blind and saw people working with even less vision than me," Marin said. "I realized the world was not ending."

Marin decided to begin by volunteering with Society for the Blind's senior program.

"I thought that since I had more vision than a lot of the folks there, I could be of help," Marin said. "I chuckle now because I learned quickly that people with no vision can often do more than people who have partial vision."

Marin also began participating in Society for the Blind's senior Coffee and Connect calls and found them to be a powerful way to meet individuals with vision loss. He enjoyed senior events out in the community and classes such as woodworking at

the training center.

But Marin still refused to use a white cane.

"I couldn't see so I was walking slowly down the street like an old guy," Marin said. "Society for the Blind staff was insistent on me learning to use a cane, so a few months later, I started mobility lessons. I really freaked out putting on the learning shades. It was a picture of what my future would be like. But they walked me through it and started the process of teaching."

When Marin started using a cane, his wife would remind him to bring it everywhere. She pointed out that when Marin bumped into chairs in restaurants without a cane, no one knew why but if he had it, then the diners understood.

"The cane is good for telling people that I really can't see," Marin said. "It gives me a little room and a little grace."

Marin now has taken a variety of classes at Society for the Blind, including orientation and mobility, introduction to braille, daily living skills and assistive technology. Marin said he plans to stay with the senior program "as long as they will allow me to hang around" and he wants to learn braille. He also says getting to know the instructors has been lifechanging.

"They've taught me that the only thing I can't do now is drive," Marin said. "They've all had a big impact on me with how much they've accomplished, and continue to accomplish, on a daily basis. They give you a view into what you can do, not what you can't do. I can just continue life as normal. Everything's maybe done a little slower but I can still do it."

This summer, Marin and his wife traveled to France and Italy with one of his sons. Marin credits the staff and students at Society for the Blind for showing him that he can still travel with vision loss.

"It's fascinating how many people at Society for the Blind have gone to Hong Kong, Ireland and other places in Europe," Marin



Ed Marin, who started using a white cane this year, is just as active as ever.
Photo courtesy of Kristin Thébaud Communications

said. "They don't have to limit their mobility in traveling. Now hanging out with them, I realize nothing is off the table, whether you're going outside the country or traveling to Tahoe, Monterey, San Francisco or wherever."

Marin also credits his wife for helping him to stay active. The couple recently went on a six-mile hike around Lake Tahoe. Together, they used tools that Marin learned at Society for the Blind, such as holding onto a cane together through rocky areas so he would not stumble.

Marin has also learned to use public transportation around Sacramento, including Light Rail and RT, as well as Uber and Lyft, and he takes Amtrak to visit his father in Fairfield. Marin looks back on when he stopped driving and wishes he had started sooner at Society for the Blind.

"I thought I had to rely on my wife to drive me around, so I even changed teaching jobs to accommodate that," Marin said. "I didn't know all the options available. I now have no issue getting around. It's just a matter

of what you're exposed to."

When they aren't traveling, Marin and his wife volunteer with Society for the Blind's Access News program that records someone reading aloud a wide variety of publications for individuals without vision. Marin makes the introduction and then his wife reads the publication.

Marin says that Access News is just one of the ways he is impressed with Society for the Blind for reaching out to individuals with vision loss, also noting that the nonprofit makes home visits and presents at small groups in suburbs and rural areas to ensure everyone has access to the latest tools and information.

"You think that losing your vision could make you dependent and isolated," Marin said. "It's refreshing to be part of Society for the Blind, where people are living their lives, having families and traveling, never having had vision during their entire existence. To me, it's like, what did people do 70 years ago before Society for the Blind?"

Celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, Sacramento-based Society for the Blind continues to create innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential.

Since 1954, Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of Northern California and Nevada. The nonprofit organization provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year. To learn more or donate, visit [SocietyfortheBlind.org](https://www.societyfortheblind.org).

The Society for the Blind's address is 1238 S St, Sacramento. ★

PG&E Foundation Helps Battle Food Insecurity with Contributions to Greater Sacramento Area Food Banks

Additional PG&E Funding Supports Food Banks' Emergency Preparedness

PG&E News Release

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - The PG&E Corporation Foundation (The PG&E Foundation) is providing \$1.3 million to local food banks, tribal food banks and senior meal programs to help feed individuals and families struggling with food insecurity, including \$135,600 in the Greater Sacramento Area.

The total contribution is the equivalent of approximately 2.67 million meals for individuals and families in need. The funding will support 52 food distribution organizations representing 45 counties in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) service area, including eight food banks and senior meal programs in the Greater

Sacramento Area.

Meals on Wheels of Yolo County, \$7,500

Yolo Food Bank, \$16,200

Food Bank of El Dorado County, \$20,250.

Food Bank of Nevada County, \$13,150

Placer Food Bank, \$19,700

Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, \$20,000

Emergency Food Bank of Stockton, \$19,400

Second Harvest Food Bank of San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, \$19,400

The contribution comes during Hunger Action Month, a nationwide effort to raise awareness about hunger in America and inspire action to combat it. According to the California Association

of Food Banks, while California produces nearly half of the nation's fruits and vegetables, on average, one in five residents do not know where their next meal will come from. Communities of color face even higher levels of hunger.

"Yolo Food Bank is deeply grateful for the generous support from PG&E and PG&E Foundation's Community Resilience Fund, which helps communities facing the growing threats of climate-driven extreme weather events," said Yolo Food Bank Executive Director Karen Baker. "In times of crisis and while facing the day-to-day challenge of securing the food people need, PG&E understands our community. This

funding enables us to ensure that our most vulnerable neighbors continue to access vital food and resources by leveraging our strong network of partners who bolster Yolo County's social safety net."

"We're grateful for our ongoing partnership with food banks and meal distribution organizations that provide a critical safety net to families struggling to make ends meet. These local food support organizations fulfill a critical role in ensuring individuals and families are fed, can lead a healthy life and reach their full potential," said

Grant amounts consider county poverty and unemployment levels, using the California Department of Social Services' formula,

to promote equity among counties with higher need.

Supporting Emergency Preparedness

In addition to the support for local food banks throughout PG&E's service area, the company has agreements with 25 local food banks in high fire-risk areas to provide food replacement during and up to three days after a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). These Public Safety Power Shutoff events may be called when dry, windy weather is forecast, and PG&E may need to turn off power in certain areas to prevent wildfires and keep customers safe.

You can find a local food bank in your county here. Check with your

local food bank to learn if they have income restrictions. Food is available why supplies last.

Meals on Wheels delivers meals to seniors enrolled in the program. Seniors who are enrolled and experience a Public Safety Power Shutoff will receive an extra meal for each day of a PSPS outage. You can enroll in a Meals on Wheels in your area.

PG&E also opens Community Resource Centers during Public Safety Power Shutoff events to provide basic supplies, charging stations and information to customers. Transportation support and hotel accommodations and discounts may also be available. ★

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Riley Reviews

CBS FALL SCHEDULE BANKS ON NEW SHOWS BASED ON FAMILIAR GROUNDS

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

The military police procedural “NCIS,” starring Mark Harmon as the special agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs for nearly two decades, has been a mainstay on the CBS schedule now for over twenty years, and it will keep going into the new season.

The “NCIS” franchise has blossomed over the years. “NCIS: Los Angeles” had a fourteen-year run. The “New Orleans” version, starring Scott Bakula, notched seven years. “NCIS: Hawai’i” tapped out after three seasons.

To fill the void of disappearing “NCIS” franchises with the name of a city or state, the fall season brings “NCIS: Origins,” starring Austin Stowell as a young Leroy Jethro Gibbs and narrated by flagship “NCIS” series star Mark Harmon.

“NCIS: Origins” quite naturally, as implied by its title, brings us to the starting point of Harmon’s career, with a young Gibbs a newly minted special agent at the fledgling NCIS Camp Pendleton office where he forges his place on a gritty, rag-tag team led by NCIS legend Mike Franks (Kyle Schmid).

Young Leroy Gibbs will get an assist from Mariel Molino as Special Agent Lala Dominguez, Tyla Abercumbie as Field Operation Support Officer Mary Jo Sullivan, and Diany Rodriguez as Special Agent Vera Strickland.

“Matlock” is on the fall schedule, and other than being a legal drama, it seemingly bears little resemblance to Andy Griffith’s folksy and yet cantankerous barrister who had a knack for exposing actual perpetrators of crime.

The new “Matlock” stars Kathy Bates as the brilliant septuagenarian Madeline “Matty” Matlock, who, after achieving success in her younger years, decides to rejoin the workforce at a prestigious law firm where she uses her unassuming demeanor and wily tactics to win cases.

In watching the first episode, you may get the sense that this is a relatively slow-moving journey for Matty to ingratiate herself with superiors. A reveal at the end of the episode holds a surprise as to her true motives.

At the firm, Matty is assigned to Olympia (Skye P. Marshall), a senior attorney and key rainmaker with a thirst for justice, while Olympia’s ex-husband, Julian (Jason Ritter), the son of the head of the firm, is intrigued by Matty and her clever skills.

Matty works alongside the firm’s younger associates – the charismatic Billy (David Del Rio) and the uber ambitious Sarah (Leah Lewis) – as she endeavors to establish herself in her new high-stakes world.

Based on the first two episodes, “Matlock” takes time to build the intrigue of Matty’s quest to use her position to right

some wrongs and root out perceived corruption. Judging by the early going, some twists and turns inevitably lay ahead.

“Georgie & Mandy’s First Marriage,” the sequel to “Young Sheldon,” follows Georgie (Montana Jordan) and Mandy (Emily Osment) as they raise their young family in Texas while navigating the challenges of adulthood, parenting and marriage.

This new sitcom comes with a pedigree of being created by Chuck Lorre, the “King of Sitcoms,” and is the third television series in the “The Big Bang Theory” franchise. At the very least, it merits a look to see if it’s worthy of its comedic lineage.

“Poppa’s House,” starring Damon Wayans and Damon Wayans Jr., features Wayans Senior as legendary talk radio host and happily divorced “Poppa” who has his point of view challenged at work when a new female co-host (Essence Atkins) is hired.

At home, Wayans finds himself still parenting his adult son (Damon Wayans Jr.), a brilliant dreamer who is trying to pursue his passion while being a responsible father and husband.

The “Hollywood Squares” game show, which got its start in the mid-Sixties, featured many celebrities who became regulars. Paul Lynde was frequently asked questions to which he responded with outrageous jokes (which you can probably find on YouTube).

Come January, the revival of this classic game show will star actress and talk show host Drew Barrymore taking her place as the famed “center square” answering questions for the contestants.

Two contestants will play tic-tac-toe to win money and prizes. The “board” for the game is a vertical stack of open-faced cubes, each occupied by a celebrity seated at a desk and facing the contestants.

The celebrities are asked questions and the contestants judge the legitimacy of their answers to win the game. In the old days, you could mostly count on Paul Lynde to have playfully misdirected his answers.

One new mid-season drama waiting in the wings is “Watson,” which is set seven months after the death of the titular character’s friend and partner Sherlock Holmes at the hands of Moriarty.

Dr. John Watson (Morris Chestnut) resumes his medical career as the head of a clinic dedicated to treating rare disorders. Watson’s old life isn’t done with him – Moriarty and Watson are set to write their own chapter of a story that has fascinated audiences for more than a century.

“Watson” is a medical show with a strong investigative spine, featuring a modern version of one of history’s greatest detectives as he turns his attention from solving crimes to solving medical mysteries.

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



For the true basketball fan this time of year is challenging. There are only so many reruns or NBA classics you can watch, and other sports can be a sober replacement if you’re anticipating the upcoming Kings season.

With the acquisition of DeMar DeRozan, many fans are already drawing comparisons of this year’s team from those of the past.

The 2001/2002 Sacramento Kings will never be forgotten, and many believe it was the best overall in Sacramento Kings history.

Names like Mike Bibby, Chris Webber and Vlade Divac come to mind and were the cornerstone players from a team that won a franchise record 61 games. Great players for sure, but how do the big three from that storied team compare with those from our current roster. Let’s see if the stats can shed some light.

In the post, Vlade Divac, albeit a shade past his prime at age 32, turned in 30 minutes per game, scored 11.1 points, grabbed 8.3 rebounds and added 2.9 assists.

Our current big man is none other than Domantas Sabonis, in his prime at age 28. Domantas was on the hardwood for an average of 35 minutes per game, scored 19.4 points, led the NBA in rebounding with 13.7 boards per game, and added a team high 8.2 assists. All this is in addition to leading the league in double-double and triple-doubles for the season.

No comparison here. Sabonis wins in a landslide.

Chris Webber becomes the most difficult matchup for the current Kings as he represents the missing piece that the current team has been looking for, a true power forward.

Chris’ stats are largely why the 2001/2002 team garnished 61 wins.

Chris was on the court each game for just over 38 minutes, scored 24.5 points, secured 10.1 rebounds, and added 4.8 assists. Seasons like this and gaudy stats like these would go on to put Chris Webber in the NBA hall of fame.

Without a true power forward, the current team would have to pose Keegan Murray as the comparison player.

In his second season Keegan logged just under 34 minutes per game. He averaged 15.2 points per game, 5.5 rebounds and 1.7 assists.

No contest here, Chris Webber wins

going away.

So, let’s examine the point guards. From the past the 2001/2002 team was led by fan favorite Mike Bibby.

Mike turned in 33 minutes per game, scored 13.7 points on average each contest, secured 2.8 rebounds, and added five assists.

The current Sacramento Kings are led by De’Aaron Fox. Last season De’Aaron led the team in scoring with 26.6 points per game, pulled down a career high 4.6 rebounds, and dished out 5.6 assists per contest.

Not even close, and as much as I loved Mike Bibby, De’Aaron wins this comparison hands down.

It can be argued that the 2001/2002 team had one of the most potent benches of all-time, and few would argue that Bobby Jackson, Doug Christie and Scot Pollard represented a bench any coach would be proud of.

Their combined bench stats were 29.5 point per game, 14.8 rebounds, and 6.9 assists.

The current team would counter with Malik Monk, Trey Lyles, and Davion Mitchell.

The 2023/2024 team produced 27.9 points per game, 8.6 rebounds, and 8.2 assists per contest.

The edge goes to the 2001/2002 Kings team, but the stats were closer than I expected.

Last season Kevin Huerter was a starter, but with the addition of De’Mar De’Rozan, it is likely that Kevin will be relegated to the bench where I expect to see him add some scoring power that will undoubtedly strengthen the bench overall.

I hope you enjoyed this walk down memory lane and comparing stats.

As much as I thoroughly enjoyed the team from yesteryear, I am excited beyond measure for what the Kings are about to present this season. Just a few short weeks from pre-season games and then the real fun begins.

As with every season, health will be a key component, but as you consider what the 2001/2002 team did in winning 61 games, we should all be imagining what the win total will look like this year!

All the best Kings fans!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.



State Date Farmers Eye Better Year After Losses From Tropical Storm

Fresh California dates are hitting shelves again this month after some suppliers ran short following a crop disaster last year. Farms in the Coachella Valley, where most U.S.-produced dates are grown, began harvesting Medjool dates within the past couple weeks, with other varieties harvested from July through November. Last August, Tropical Storm Hilary devastated the Riverside County crop, causing some producers to deplete their supply months ago. This year, growers in the region are hoping to rebound with a strong harvest.

Kings County Judge Blocks State Enforcement as Groundwater Lawsuit Continues

A Kings County judge has ruled that the California State Water Resources Control Board violated rulemaking laws and exceeded its authority by making unachievable demands of water managers in the Tulare Lake Subbasin when it placed the subbasin on probation in April. On Sept. 13, Kings County Superior Court Judge Kathy Ciuffini issued a preliminary injunction in the case, which stems from a lawsuit brought by the Kings County Farm Bureau against the water board. The ruling extends a pause on probation requirements, which were put on hold in July.

Dairy Farmer Advances Proposal to Reform State Quota Implementation Plan

In a virtual hearing held by the California Department of Food and Agriculture last week, dairy farmers were asked to consider a proposal to modify certain aspects of the state quota implementation plan, or QIP. The controversial program has divided the industry for years, with some saying it creates frictions between the haves and the have-nots, or dairy farmers who own quota and those who don’t. San Diego County dairy farmer Frank Konyn, said his proposal provides a compromise and would bring quota “back in line with how it was historically designed.”

Avian Flu Cases Increase at California Dairies

Highly pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed in five new Central Valley dairies, with two more presumptive positive cases pending, the California Department of Food and Agriculture reported last week. If the presumptive positive cases are confirmed, it moves the total tally from eight to 10 dairies that have tested positive for the disease, also referred to as HPAI. Another 15 dairies tested negative. California confirmed its first three cases of HPAI in dairy cows on Aug. 30. All the cases so far have been in the Central Valley.

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Sen. Dodd Recognized by University of California

Office of Senator Bill Dodd News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The University of California has named Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, a “Lifetime Legislative Champion” in recognition of his work on behalf of higher education during his 10 years in the Assembly and Senate. “We’re truly fortunate to have great public institutions in this state, and the University of California leads the way,” Sen. Dodd said. “During my tenure I’ve placed a priority on advocating for our flagship system so it can continue to provide its world-class educational experience and pursue excellence in research and innovation. My hope is the work I’ve done will help benefit Californians for years to come.” During his time in

office, Sen. Dodd has secured tens of millions of dollars in budget appropriations and grants for UC Davis, which is part of his North Bay Senate District. Senator Dodd wrote the law allowing UC Davis’s viticulture and enology students to sell the wine produced by the program and spearheaded another measure securing CalFresh benefits for struggling students. At the same time, he has penned bills to help the 10-campus University of California system as a whole, including his bills to make campuses safer and connect students facing food insecurity with CalFresh benefits. Sen. Dodd has also been a staunch advocate for state investments in the UC system, making policy decisions promoting fiscal stability and building student housing.

“I’m pleased to recognize Sen. Bill Dodd as a Lifetime Legislative Champion of the University of California,” said UC President Michael V. Drake, M.D. “He has been a steadfast supporter of public higher education and has authored bills to strengthen the university’s research. The vital investments in education he helped secure over the course of his career have positively impacted generations of California students, helping them on the path to a college degree and setting them up for success in life.” *Senator Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Solano, Yolo, Sonoma, Contra Costa, and Sacramento counties. You can learn more about the district and Senator Dodd at www.sen.ca.gov/dodd.* ★

Disorganization, City-County Feuds Impede California’s Efforts to Reduce Homelessness



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Over the last five years, the state government has spent some \$24 billion to ameliorate homelessness, which, according to polls, is California’s most troublesome issue. Despite that immense financial commitment — and billions more in spending by local governments and philanthropic organizations — the number of homeless people continues to grow. The latest federal homelessness count found 186,000 Californians living on the streets or in shelters, up 5,000 from the previous year and 36,000 since 2019, the year Gavin Newsom became governor. California has the highest homelessness rate of any state and more than a quarter of the nation’s homeless population. Despite the crisis, we have no hard data telling us how the money was spent, much less which programs, if any, have been successful. Not surprisingly, given the evident lack of results, official and private agencies that administer the programs are reluctant to disclose such information. In fact, Calmatters.org and other groups have resorted to lawsuits to compel homelessness agencies to release information on what they have done with the funds. Despite the shameful secrecy, it’s apparent that one factor in the expanding crisis

is a lack of coordination and cooperation among the public and private agencies. Earlier this year, State Auditor Grant Parks issued a sharply worded critique of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Newsom administration’s tool for coordinating homelessness programs. “The state lacks current information on the ongoing costs and outcomes of its homelessness programs, because (the council) has not consistently tracked and evaluated the state’s efforts to prevent and end homelessness,” Parks wrote. State-level disorganization is compounded by a structural choke point at the local level. Overwhelmingly, unsightly encampments of homeless people are located within cities, but the social and medical services central to closing those camps are administered by counties, and in highly politicized urban areas, city and county officials tend to be rivals rather than partners. While Newsom periodically issues demands that local officials do a better job of eliminating the camps — notwithstanding disorganization in his own administration — the lack of local cooperation and coordination is a major impediment. A situation in Sacramento, within earshot of the state Capitol and detailed by Sacramento Bee columnists Tom Philp and Robin Epley, illustrates the conflict. Sacramento’s city and county officials have feuded for years over homelessness, not only for the usual reasons but because the American River Parkway, which runs through the city and has been a favorite camping site for homeless people, is managed

by the county. Two years ago, faced with a business-backed ballot measure to crack down on encampments, the city fashioned a less harsh alternative that anticipated an agreement with county officials to provide services for people losing their camping sites. However, instead of joining the city, county officials banned camps in the parkway and ordered law enforcement to clear them. City officials complained that people removed from the parkway simply set up new camps inside the city limits. When a local legislator, Assemblyman Kevin McCarty, obtained a \$25 million state grant to the county for homeless programs, county supervisors decided how to spend it, mostly on a few dozen shelter beds or housing slots, without agreement from city officials. City Councilwoman Karina Talamantes showed up at a meeting of county supervisors to complain about their unilateral actions. “All the people living on the American River Parkway moved across the street into our neighborhoods north of the river,” Talamantes told the board. “I’ve been asking about these funds for the last two years.” Supervisors fired back in a press release accusing Talamantes of shading the facts about the situation. McCarty, now a candidate for mayor, is caught in the middle of the feud. *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.* ★

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