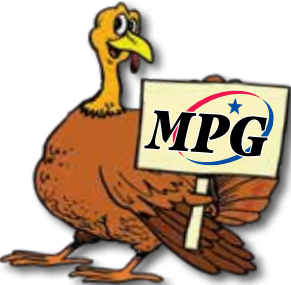




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Plans Underway for 'Jeweled Palace' Coming to West Sacramento



The current prayer room at the City of Dharma Realm, pictured here, will stay in place, despite the new temple's construction.
Photo by Annie Kerr

By Annie Kerr

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A dazzling landmark is coming to West Sacramento.

At 1029 West Capitol Ave., a brilliant 10,000 square-foot temple is planned to be built in the heart of the City of Dharma Realm (CDR).

The City of Dharma Relam is a 14.1-acre Buddhist worship site in West Sacramento, home to Buddhist nuns, students and volunteers.

The land where the site resides has a rich history, having once been the site of the well-known El Rancho Hotel, a tennis resort popular in its time that hosted Frank Sinatra. Remnants of its past, such as the tennis courts and racket emblems on certain buildings, remain visible on the grounds, adding a unique historical layer to the site.

Although it could take one to two years to finalize approval and design plans, the temple's anticipated

grandeur is already turning heads.

Messenger Publishing Group recently toured the site and learned more about the City of Dharma Realm and its upcoming plans for construction. Tammy Wu, a representative of the City of Dharma Realm, and Brian Holloway, president of Holloway Land Company, gave the tour.

Egg rolls, tea and all-natural grape juice produced in Ukiah were served

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California Approves Changing 'SQUAW' Term Locations

California Natural Resources Agency News Release

Editor's note: One of the 30-plus locations in 15 counties that previously contained the derogatory term "squaw" is West Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In a monumental step toward addressing historic injustices and honoring California's Native American communities, the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN) has officially approved the renaming of more than 30 locations in 15 counties that previously contained the derogatory term "squaw" (hereafter referred to as the "sq_" term).

The Assembly Bill-2022 renaming effort, led by Assemblymembers James Ramos, signed by Governor Gavin Newsom and implemented by the California Natural Resources Agency, marks a significant milestone for Native American women.

From the city of West Sacramento, "The City of West Sacramento was honored to collaborate with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and local residents to develop two new street names to replace the offensive "sq_" term as required by AB 2022. We're grateful for the beautiful name, 'Tehti,' recommended by the Tribal Council of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, and we look forward to officially re-naming these streets in early 2025."

The term "sq_" is recognized as a racial, ethnic and gender-based slur, particularly aimed at Native American women. Its removal is a crucial step in recognizing the ongoing trauma and oppression that Native communities have faced.

This action, praised by tribal, local, and state leaders, is seen as a significant step toward a more inclusive California:

Said Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-San Bernardino), author of Assembly Bill-2022,

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Yolo County Kicks Off New Food and Beverage Carton Recycling Services

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Just in time for America Recycles Day, also known as National Recycling Day, on Nov. 15, the Yolo County Landfill announced that food and beverage cartons are now accepted in the recycling stream.

Residents serviced by WM in Woodland, West Sacramento, Winters and unincorporated Yolo County will be able to place cartons in their blue-lidded recycling bin, beginning Nov. 15.

Residential customers of Yolo County serviced by Recology in Davis, El Macero, North Davis Meadows and other rural pockets of Davis and Winters, will have access to drop-off cartons for



The Yolo County Recycling Team poses for a photo. From left are Kristine DeGuerre - City of Winters Environmental Services Manager; Ryan Burnett - City of West Sacramento Sustainability Manager; Rachel Arnoldy - City of West Sacramento Sustainability Tech; Pamela Hedrick - Yolo County Recycling Supervisor; Susan Strand - City of West Sacramento Senior Waste Reduction Analyst; Marissa Juhler - Yolo County Integrated Waste Management Division Director; and Kalysta Barrios - Waste Management, Inc. Recycling Coordinator. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

recycling seven days a week, 24 hours a day, at 2727 Second St. in Davis, effective Dec. 1.

"We are excited to

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Everyone Can Light the World



Light the World images dazzle Times Square visitors during the Christmas season. Photo courtesy of Gary McFadyen

By Danny Wells

You might have noticed the press coverage last year for the Light the World images that filled the large screens of Times Square in New York City. Visitors to Times Square were in for a surprise when its famous billboards became a larger-than-life tribute to the true reason for Christmas: Jesus Christ.

Instead of the usual array of promotional brand logos and marketing graphics to entice viewers to purchase more products, the screens were filled with images of the baby Jesus, lying in a straw-lined manger, with a new star in the heavens luminating his face.

The billboard takeover at Times Square in New York City was part of Light the World initiative, an annual movement from The

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to bring people from all over the world together to share the light of Jesus Christ during the Christmas season.

The beautiful nativity scene that emerged from the blackout was a tender reminder of the Savior’s birth and why we need His light and love in our lives. The event was truly a Silent Night surprise as thousands of people stood in awe

Watching the miraculous events of the first Christmas on the mammoth screens overhead.

The good news is that one does not have to travel to Times Square to embrace the Light the World experience. Following the doctrine of all faiths to “love our neighbors as ourselves,” everyone this holiday

season can do something to light the world for another, such as donating cans to your local food bank, leaving a kind note for your mail and package carrier, visiting an elderly neighbor, texting someone a note that says “I’m so grateful for you,” paying for the person behind you in line, asking a co-worker how you can lighten their load and leaving a small gift at a neighbor’s doorstep.

You can download a list of 50 ideas for Lighting the World at www.lighttheworld.org. Or visit www.JustServe.org, enter your zip code, and find dozens of volunteer service opportunities within a couple of miles from your home.

There is a plethora of variety in these community service prospects for individuals, couples, families,

or large groups.

One of our holiday family favorites is to prepare gift bags for children living in the margins. Our family, including children and grandchildren, numbers 26, and each of us has an assignment to bring something to add to the gift bags.

We set up a couple of large tables near our Christmas tree and have an assembly line to fill the bags, tie with ribbons and deliver to one of the several organizations that support needy children. It is a joy watching our grandchildren delight in filling these gift bags for others.

Another part of Light the World is the Giving Machines, vending machines with a twist. The Giving Machines have become known

internationally for offering livestock that charities distribute to families to help them feed themselves or start small businesses. In a single year, givers purchased 41,000 chickens, 25,000 ducks and 3,800 beehives. Chickens, goats, piglets and beehives provided through the Giving Machines have benefited 20,000 families in Kenya and Tanzania over three years.

One year a family in Kenya received three chickens. Three years later, those three had grown to a flock of over 7,000 that provided food and income to support not only their family but the entire village. Giving Machines partner each year with both global charities and local nonprofits to allow people to donate items to people in need and have raised more than \$32 million

since 2017.

The Giving Machines will be back in Northern California this year. The big red vending machines will again be at the Westfield Galleria Mall in Roseville and at the Vintage Fair Mall in Modesto as two of the 106 global locations.

Learn more at <http://givingmachinegreatersacramentomodesto.org>.

In a time of a most polarized society, embracing Light the World brings people together, helps us to focus on others, and begets joy to both the receiver and giver. Now that you are aware of the possibilities, one question remains: What are you going to do this year to help Light the World?

Danny Wells is a Vacaville resident and can be reached at danny@dannywells.com. ★



The Giving Machines have become known internationally for offering livestock that charities distribute. Photo courtesy of Gary McFadyen

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in bounty while further detail of the future temple was given.

According to Holloway, the new temple will be a striking, three-story octagonal structure designed in the traditional Pagoda style. It will have the capacity to fit up to 2,000 people, offering a space for worship, education and community activities, such as interfaith conferences.

The first floor of the temple will include the dining hall and kitchen, which will fit 911 people. On the second floor will be a Dharma Hall, complete with classrooms and a lecture hall.

On the third floor will be the Buddha Hall, which will feature five Asian-imported Buddha statues facing south. According to Wu, Buddha statues traditionally face south, being the “most proper orientation.”

One of the most remarkable features of the design is a sky bridge that will serve as a path from the site’s main entrance (or “mountain gate”) to the third floor of the temple, offering visitors

views of the surrounding area. According to Wu, platforms will be built along the bridge to offer breaks during the climb.

Some of the construction renderings refer to the temple as the “jeweled palace,” which is the literal translation of the Chinese word for the structure, said Wu.

“This will be quite the monument for West Sacramento,” Holloway said.

He added that residents will be able to see the roof of the temple from across the highway.

When might residents expect to see the temple’s construction begin?

“It will be a couple years before the groundbreaking happens,” Holloway said. “We’re hoping to get approval from the city in early 2025. Then it will take a year to design all the construction, then it will take the city about six months to approve those plans.”

According to Wu, the City of Dharma Realm was established in 1992 by the Venerable Master Hsuan Hua. On its



Tammy Wu, left, and Brian Holloway gave a tour of the site and showed plans for the upcoming temple. Photo by Annie Kerr



Here is a bird’s eye view of the future layout of the City of Dharma Realm featuring the new temple. Photo courtesy of Tammy Wu

campus is a comprehensive training program for Buddhist nuns as well as classes for individuals to become Buddhist nuns. These nuns live on the campus, as well as a few international students.

Hua also established K-12 schools on the campus, which are called Instilling Goodness Elementary School and Developing Virtues

Secondary School.

The existing nunnery, schools and dormitories will remain after the temple’s construction.

As the tour continued, Wu gave insight into the nuns’ daily lifestyle, which begins with waking up at 3:30 a.m. and eating one meal per day.

Wu also mentioned possible plans to open a vegan restaurant on the

campus, as Buddhists are vegan, and the kitchen staff on campus “does a great job getting creative.”

As the City of Dharma Realm continues to grow, this new temple promises to become a significant spiritual landmark, enriching the community for generations to come. The project represents not

just a physical space but also a deep commitment to promoting mindfulness, compassion and peace in the heart of West Sacramento, according to Wu.

“We welcome anyone who wants to come here,” Wu said.

To contact the City of Dharma Realm, call 916-374-8268 or email cdr@cityofdharmarealm.org ★

Yolo County Kicks Off New Food and Beverage Carton Recycling Services

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announce a new milestone in our efforts to reduce waste and promote sustainability in Yolo County,” said Marissa Juhler, Yolo County director of Integrated Waste Division. “This initiative reflects our commitment to expanding recycling opportunities, protecting our environment, and supporting our economy. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this new program and help us keep Yolo County clean and green for future generations.”
This initiative comes in response to the growing demand for recycling services. Gable-top and aseptic cartons are made from a mix of paper, polyethylene and aluminum (aseptic cartons). These layers provide protection against light, air and harmful bacteria but do not prevent them from being recycled. The estimated quantity of gable top and aseptic cartons generated in California is roughly 70,000 tons each year, of which only 20% is recycled in the state, demonstrating an opportunity for additional recycling growth of

this material.
Recycled cartons (milk cartons, soup cartons, juice boxes, etc.) provide the raw materials for building products, as well as paper products such as tissue paper and paper towels. Cities throughout the state, such as Napa, San Diego, San Francisco and Oakland are already participating in carton recycling. Cartons do not belong in trash carts since they are recyclable and are not to be placed in the organics bins to prevent the plastic and aluminum layers from contaminating the finished compost product. Therefore, source separation is necessary to ensure that all three waste streams are utilized correctly.
“The Carton Council is committed to increasing carton recycling so these valuable materials can go on to have a second life,” said Jason Pelz, vice-president of recycling for the Carton Council. “We’re thrilled to see Yolo County join the growing number of communities adding cartons to their programs.”
For many waste service companies, it can be especially

challenging and economically cost prohibitive to add a bunker and optical sorter to their materials recovery facility, and for this reason, there have been delays in implementing such programs. That is why WM and Recology have taken different approaches to carton recycling. The addition of carton materials to the recycling stream reflects WM’s \$29 million investment in advanced recycling technology at the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station.
With 16 automated optical sorters, the upgraded facility captures and processes a greater percentage of recyclables. This improvement enables a cleaner, high-quality output that can be repurposed in meaningful ways, contributing to natural resource conservation, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
These new services demonstrate the county’s desire to continually minimize its environmental footprint and promote sustainable practices in the region. For ideas on how America Recycles Day was celebrated, check out <https://tinyurl.com/wastefreetips>.



★ Pictured here is WM’s processing facility, compacted and baled mixed paper with cartons. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

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“The ‘sq_’ is a word that denigrates Native American women and dehumanizes them. I believe that dehumanization has contributed to the Murdered and Missing Indigenous People crisis that affects all of our people but that strikes women and girls in disproportionate numbers. AB 2022 received broad support around the state from tribes, tribal advocates, civil rights organizations, teachers and many more. Not one of my colleagues in the legislature voted against the bill because so many recognize this word is not a placename that belongs in California. I thank the governor for his signature, all who assisted in passage of AB 2022. CNRA Secretary Crowfoot and his advisory committee also deserve thanks and appreciation for their thoughtful and deliberate process in implementing the measure.”
Said Christina Snider-Ashtari, Tribal Affairs Secretary, Governor’s Office, “These changes, proposed by local communities in strong partnership with California Native people,

allow all Californians to move forward from a past that denigrated Native women and into present that embraces the beauty, diversity and potential that are a hallmark of this state.”
Said California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot, “The names we give to places in California reflect our shared history and culture. These placenames should never insult communities or perpetuate discrimination. Today’s action to remove this harmful term from several locations across our state helps right a historic wrong against California Native American communities and represents an important step toward a more inclusive and positive future.”
Said Anthony Roberts, Tribal Chairman, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, “The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation has led the effort to change demeaning mascot imagery of native people, and we support replacing derogatory names locally and across state lands. With continued consultation, tribes can lead initiatives to eliminate such words from California’s

public places.”
The geographic features and place names will be replaced in 17 counties by Jan. 1 and the new names have been selected in consultation with California Native American tribes. The bill requires replacement names to prioritize honoring tribal cultures and Indigenous languages, ensuring that these places reflect the state’s rich cultural history moving forward.
California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names will work closely with public agencies and tribal representatives to implement approved replacement names by January 1, 2025. For more information on the name changes and their impacts, please visit <https://cacgn.ca.gov/>.
In partnership with California Native American tribes and public agencies, the California Natural Resources Agency, California Advisory Committee of Geographic Names, Governor’s Office for Tribal Affairs, and Assemblymember Ramos lead historic action to remove offensive place names. ★

Yolo County Children’s Alliance Hosts 19th Annual Community Giveaway Day

Yolo County Children’s Alliance News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Yolo County Children’s Alliance (YCCA) is proud to announce the 19th annual Community Giveaway Day, an event aimed at supporting local families in need during the holiday season.
The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Riverbank Elementary School in West Sacramento, and promises to bring warmth, joy, and essential resources to the community.
Every year, the Community Giveaway Day stands as a testament to Yolo County Children’s Alliance’s commitment to fostering a nurturing and resilient environment for children and families in Yolo County.
This year’s event will provide an array of support and holiday cheer, featuring kids’ coats & blankets,

ensuring that children stay warm during the colder months with new coats and blankets (while supplies last); holiday meal kits: complete holiday meal kits, including a turkey and all the traditional sides provided by the Yolo Food Bank; and Community Resource Tables where families can connect with local organizations that provide vital services, including health education, reading programs, financial assistance and more. Participating partners include United Way California Capital Region, Health Education Council, St. Joseph Charities and many others.
“Our annual Community Giveaway Day is more than just an event; it is an expression of love and solidarity with the families we serve,” said Jeneba Lahai, executive director of Yolo County Children’s Alliance. “The joy of seeing children receive warm coats and families being equipped for a holiday meal

is an important reminder of why we do what we do. This event embodies our mission of ensuring every child and family in Yolo County feels seen, valued and supported.”
Attendees are encouraged to come early, as supplies for coats and meal kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The event will be accompanied by local partners offering information and resources that can positively impact families throughout the year.
The Yolo County Children’s Alliance invites community members and partners to help spread the word about this heartwarming event. Flyers are available in English, Spanish, Russian and Dari, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility for all families.
For additional information or to see a complete list of participating partners, visit www.yolokids.org/event/community-giveaway-day ★



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Community Calendar

November

Turner Library, located at 1212 Merkley Ave., has the following events this week:

Saturday, Nov. 23: Learn to make traditional Southwest pottery with instructor Alex Russell, member of the White Mountain Apache tribe, 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 25: Family story time, 4 to 4:45 p.m. All families welcome; best for children ages 1 to 5.

Tuesday, Nov. 26: Hug-a-Bye Baby, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, Nov. 27: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon, English Conversation group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

The library will close at 6 p.m. for Thanksgiving.

Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29: Library closed for Thanksgiving.

Saturday, Nov. 30: Bilingual Russian Storytime, 10 to 11 a.m. Call 530-666-8005 for more information on any of these events.

Saturday, Nov. 23: Yolo County Children’s Alliance (YCCA) Community Giveaway Day will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Riverbank Elementary School, 1100 Carrie St., West Sacramento. First come, first served for kids coats and blankets, essential resources and referrals, and more. Bring proof of Yolo County residency. For more information, please call 916-572-0560.

Saturday, Nov. 23: Davis Turkey Trot, Civic Center Park, Davis. Funds raised from the event will benefit the Yolo County SPCA and be used for critical animal welfare activities such as spaying and neutering cats and dogs, providing foster homes with essentials like pet food, covering the costs of crucial vaccinations and deworming, and other medical care. Participation in the Davis Turkey Trot will provide much-needed support to ensure that animals in their program have the best opportunity to find a loving, forever home. For information on start times and distances available, or to register, go to the website: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Davis/DavisTurkeyTrot>.

Saturday, Nov. 30: Join the “Turkey Tri” from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., presented by the West Sacramento Recreation Center. This popular annual sprint triathlon is a festive, family-friendly event that welcomes athletes of all levels to participate in various race formats designed to offer something for everyone, including a Fun Run, a Kids Bike-Run and a Team Relay. Contact Recreation Supervisor Jake Konkell, at JakeK@cityofwestsacramento.org for more information, or sign up at https://westsacfun.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs/.

Pence Gallery Holiday Market is now open and runs daily from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 24 (with a few holiday exceptions). This market is a treasure trove of hand-crafted items created by regional artists and artisans, perfect for holiday gift-giving. Visitors can enjoy selecting from cozy knit scarves, unique bags, jewelry, ceramics, paintings and more, with over 50 artists participating this year. Free gift bag wrapping is available on request. The Gallery is located at 212 D Street in Davis. More information available at 530-758-3370.

Woodland Volunteer Bureau Food Closet “Season of Caring” is November through January 2025. Donations may be made by check mailed to Woodland Food Closet, PO Box 803 Woodland, CA 95776 or via QR-code available for online subscribers to the Daily Democrat newspaper. Call 530-662-7020 for more information.

Upcoming – December

Friday, Dec. 6: West Sacramento Holiday Tree Lighting, 6 to 8 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave. The streets in front of City Hall will shut down and become a winter wonderland! Enjoy live music, local entertainment and a free picture with Santa. Shop local vendors and food trucks. Don’t miss Santa Claus arriving on a fire truck before lighting the community holiday tree. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Recreation Supervisor II Sam Brinkhuis at samb@cityofwestsacramento.org.

Saturday, Dec. 7: “Dickens in the Valley” Home Tour, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Woodland. Sponsored by Friends of Meals

on Wheels Yolo, this annual tradition features docent-led tours and open houses at five local residences uniquely adorned for the holidays, featuring seasonal treats and experiences. Tickets are \$30 presale and \$40 on the day of the event. More information at the website at <https://friendsofchowyolo.org>.

Saturday, Dec. 7: Holy Virgin Mary Antiochian Church holds their second annual Multicultural Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 3060 Jefferson Boulevard. Items offered include spanakopita, Irish apple loaf, sausage rolls, holiday cookies and more. For more information, call 916-533-3848.

Sunday, Dec. 8: Auxiliary Children’s Holiday Party & Raffle Drawing, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Sacramento VFW Post 8762, 905 Drever St. More information at the website at <https://westsacvfw.com/upcoming-events>.

Friday, Dec. 13: Kids Night Out, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Kids enjoy three hours of games, and activities like crafts and dancing, along with dinner and a movie. Tickets are not sold at the door. Register online at: https://westsacfun.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs or in-person at the Community or Recreation Center. For more information, contact Lucy Ramos at LucyR@cityofwestsacramento.org.

Saturday, Dec. 14: Family Holiday Festival sponsored by Winters Friends of the Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Ave. Enjoy musical performances, crafts to make and buy, visits with Santa, delicious food from Mrs. Claus’ kitchen and quality used adult and children’s books for sale. Information available at <https://wfol.org/what-we-do/cultural-community/family-holiday-festival>.

Sunday, Dec. 15: Holiday Home Tour & Boutique, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., benefiting the University Farm Circle Scholarship Program. Tour five gorgeous Davis homes all decked out for the holiday season. Start your tour with a visit to the Stonegate Country Club, 919 Lake Boulevard, Davis, where beautiful baskets will be for sale. Tickets on sale now through Dec. 13 at the Pence Gallery, 212 D St., Davis or from Embellish Décor, 540 Main Street, Woodland, or day of the event at the Stonegate Boutique.

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

Café Yolo Social Dining meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue. Seniors over age 60 are invited to mingle and dine for free, sponsored by Meals on Wheels. Reservations required 24 hours in advance at 530-662-7035 or email welcome@mowyolo.org.

Cub Scout Pack 0049 – Meets first Monday of each month at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Road, West Sacramento. For more information, including how to become a Cub Scout, contact: westsacramentopack49@gmail.com.

Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento meets on Fridays at noon at Jackrabbit Brewing Company, 1323 Terminal St., West Sacramento. See <https://rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org/> for more information, including how to join the Rotary.

West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce holds an Economic and Government Affairs Forum on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. This is a benefit for Chamber members. Contact <https://www.westsacramentochamber.com/> for more information including membership.

Next forum will be on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

West Sacramento City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., second floor, also viewable on Astound Cable channel 20 and AT&T channel 99. More information, including how to participate and committee meeting schedules, can be found at: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas>.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 4. ★



Gobble Gobble

When you’re digging into that scrumptious Thanksgiving meal and settling in to watch umpteen football games, are you thinking back to that first Thanksgiving? Well, I got the scoop from historian Ken Davis, the author of the “Don’t Know About” series. The feast was more like surf and turf with venison, turkey, mussels, and scallops. Makes sense since they were close to the ocean. And the turkey was not a fat platter turkey filled with stuffing, but wild turkey (the critter, not the libation). And no pumpkin pies, just pumpkins. Dessert was most likely commmeal breads

and puddings. By the way, the Pilgrims actually had a true day of thanksgiving with a day of prayer and fasting, not feasting. And the Pilgrims did not call themselves by that name. They referred to themselves as “saints” and “First Comers.” Only later did William Bradford call them Pilgrims. And here’s one for you. Of the 102 people on board the Mayflower, only 50 were so-called Pilgrims. The others were members of the Church of England who had signed on simply as laborers, soldiers, or those who were looking to gain property in the “New World.” The Pilgrims actually called them “Strangers.”

ber, not November 1621. They were just grateful to be alive. After their first bleak winter, half of their company died.

Did you dress up as a Pilgrim for Halloween in black with clunky shoes and buckled hats? Well, they didn’t even wear black. But I bet you looked great! So when was the modern day Thanksgiving born? It was first celebrated as an official holiday in 1777 to mark the



patriot victory at Saratoga in the Revolutionary War. When Washington tried to proclaim a Thanksgiving Day, Congress complained that he had no right to make such a proclamation.

Presidents routinely proclaimed the day but the custom died out at the beginning of the 19th century. But 1837 came around and so did Sarah Joseph Hale (She wrote the poem “Mary Had A Little Lamb”) and initiated a campaign to reinstate the holiday. Lincoln finally proclaimed a national holiday in 1863. Suffice to day, our day of indulging, watching games and shopping came lots later and remains to this day. Let’s just remember that we might go back to the beginning with a prayer for all we have to be thankful for. Reach out to someone alone or hurting and share. It doesn’t have to be a feast, just a simple



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Social Security Matters

Older Veteran Asks about Special Social Security Credit for Military Service



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I served in the U S Army from January 1958 to Feb 1961. What increase should I receive for those years and who do I call and at what phone number?

Signed: Proud Veteran.

Dear Proud Veteran: First, thank you for your military service! I expect you are referring to the “special extra credits for military service” which are available to some who served in in the US Military in earlier years. It is important to note that these “extra credits” take the form of an adjustment to your military pay record while serving and are not an incremental amount added to your monthly Social Security benefit because you served.

Military pay has been subject to deductions for Social Security since 1957. Thus, while serving between 1958 and 1961 you paid SS tax on your military earnings. But, for purposes of determining your Social Security benefit, your military earnings record would be increased by \$300 for each quarter you served on active duty,

up to a maximum of \$1,200 increase per year of service. That means for 1958 - 1960, when calculating your SS benefit, \$1,200 would be added to your military earnings record for each year you served. FYI, for those who served after 1967, this adjustment was automatically made by Social Security. But for service years prior to 1967 (as in your case) you would need to inform Social Security of your service when you claimed SS and provide a copy of your military form DD-214 (your discharge papers). SS would then make the appropriate adjustment to your military earnings record prior to calculating your benefit amount. And, for clarity, additional credits for military service are not available to those who served after 2001.

A key point to understand is that this adjustment to your military pay may – or may not – affect the amount of your Social Security benefit. Social Security determines your benefit amount based on your highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime (adjusted for inflation). If, after you served in the military, you had at least 35 years of civilian employment where you earned more than your military pay, it is probable that your military pay is not included when calculating your Social Security benefit. If that is the case, it is likely that the “special extra

credits for military service” would have no effect on your Social Security payment. If, however, your military pay (including those special extra credits) for any year is more than you earned in civilian life, then you can contact Social Security (1.800.772.1213), provide them with a copy of your DD-214, and ask that they recalculate your Social Security benefit to include the extra credits for your years of military service.

Again, thank you for your service to our country, and please do not hesitate to contact us again if you have any further questions. FYI, you may also find the “For Veterans” section of our AMAC Foundation website interesting (www.amacfoundation.org)

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Local Metal Recycler to Pay \$175,000 in Penalties

Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced a settlement with Green Zone Recycling, a metal recycler in Woodland, which unlawfully recycled major appliances, including refrigerators and freezers.

Major appliances include materials that can cause serious harm to the environment if improperly managed. To protect our air, water and soil, the law requires that only Certified Appliance Recyclers—businesses with the necessary training and equipment—can accept such appliances.

The District Attorney's investigation, which originated from a complaint submitted by the Yolo County Central Landfill, also received assistance from the Landfill, the Yolo County Environmental Health Division, the California Air Resources Board and

the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. The investigation found Green Zone had a longstanding practice of unlawfully accepting large quantities of major appliances for recycling, and improperly processing those major appliances. This risked causing the release of ozone-depleting chemicals into our atmosphere, among other environmental damage. After the District Attorney's Office contacted Green Zone, the company ceased its illegal practices and cooperated with the investigation.

The Yolo County Superior Court ordered Green Zone to pay \$175,000.00 in civil penalties, partial cost recovery and supplemental environmental projects. The court also issued a statewide injunction to ensure ongoing compliance.

"Major appliances often include air pollutants and other chemicals that can damage our environment," said District Attorney

Reisig. "Breaking laws designed to protect our environment, and public health also creates an unfair advantage over businesses that make the investments necessary to follow the law. This office is committed to enforcing the laws that protect our environment and ensure a level-playing field for businesses."

Members of the public can do their part to protect our environment by only disposing of major appliances at the Yolo County Central Landfill, or through a Certified Appliance Recycler.

Contact the landfill at (530) 666-8729 for additional information. A map of Certified Appliance Recyclers in California can also be found on DTSC's website at <https://dtsc.ca.gov/certified-appliance-recycler-car-program/#CARmap>.

Yolo County residents should also ask whether a company is a Certified Appliance Recycler before using them to dispose of any appliances. ★



Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO

ARREST REPORTS

- Sydney Corrine Cook**, 35, was arrested by a citizen Monday, Oct. 7 at a store in Town Center Plaza for shoplifting. West Sacramento Police Officer issued a misdemeanor citation for the theft and advised the suspect that the store was trespassing her and that she was not to return. Citizen arrest form was completed.
- Ranjesh Singh**, 45, was arrested by a citizen Tuesday, Oct. 8 at a store in Town Center Plaza for shoplifting. West Sacramento Police Officer issued a misdemeanor citation for the theft and advised the suspect that the store was trespassing him and that he was not to return. Citizen arrest form was completed.
- Wendy Elizabeth Jackson**, 64, was arrested on Friday, Oct. 25 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police. She was detained by merchant and charged with petty theft: retail merchandise.
- Tracy Louisc Hibbs**, 55, was arrested on Saturday, Oct. 26 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police. She was detained by merchant and charged with petty theft: retail merchandise. Suspect was transported to Yolo County Jail.
- Thomas Michael Meece**, 51, was arrested on Friday, Nov. 1 on Merkley Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Suspect's identity was confirmed through a photo provided by dispatch. A records check revealed that suspect had a felony violation of parole warrant and an additional felony warrant out of Sacramento County. Meece was placed under arrest without incident, transported and booked into Yolo County Jail.
- Ivan Lopezarellanez**, 38, was arrested on Friday, Nov. 8 in Lake County by Lake County Sheriff for selling / furnishing marijuana / hashish, conspiracy to commit a crime and possessing marijuana for sale.
- Kelli Sue Olsen**, 56, was arrested on Saturday, Nov. 9 in Alameda County by Alameda Police for DUI alcohol / drugs and DUI alcohol with blood alcohol concentration >.08.
- Sushil Chand**, 42, was arrested on Saturday, Nov. 9 for two charges of felony vandalism and damage to property and five misdemeanor counts of failure to appear on misdemeanor charges. Officer was dispatched to a multi-unit residential property for a report of a male resident who was breaking the windows out of his unit and being verbally aggressive toward other residents. Property owner wants to press charges for the broken windows. Chand was placed under arrest and transported to the West Sacramento Police Department pre-booking area and later to the Yolo County Jail.
- Albino Freitas III**, 38, was arrested Sunday, Nov. 10 in Sacramento by South Sacramento CHP for DUI alcohol / drugs and DUI alcohol with blood alcohol concentration >.08.
- Stacy Lorraine Wheat**, 46, was arrested Monday, Nov. 11 on F Street by West Sacramento Police for 2 misdemeanor warrants out of Sacramento County and Sacramento PD. Suspect was arrested and transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.
- James Darnell, McDaniel**, 28, was arrested Monday, Nov. 11 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. He is charged with robbery and threatening crime with intent to terrorize. Suspect was arrested without incident and transported to the Yolo County Jail.
- Gilberto Correa**, 41, was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 12 in the area of C Street and 3rd Street by West Sacramento Police. A traffic enforcement stop for illegal tinted front windows led to a records / warrants check that revealed an active / confirmed misdemeanor warrant for his arrest out of Sacramento County. He was transported and booked into Yolo County Jail without further incident.
- Chayce Leeroy James Minter**, 35, was arrested Tuesday Nov. 12 in the area of C Street and 3rd Street by West Sacramento Police. He was a passenger in a vehicle at a traffic enforcement stop and identified by a prior jail booking photo. A records / warrants check revealed an active / confirmed misdemeanor warrant for his arrest out of Sacramento County. He was transported and booked into Yolo County Jail without further incident.
- Caitlin Leigh Affleck**, 32, was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 12 in the area of C Street and 3rd Street by West Sacramento Police. She was a passenger in a vehicle at a traffic enforcement stop and identified by a prior jail booking photo. A records / warrants check revealed an active / confirmed felony warrant for her arrest out of Yolo County. She was transported and booked into Yolo County Jail without further incident.
- Sherry Christine Laube**, 18, was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 12 at West El Camino Avenue and Millcreek Drive in Sacramento by Sacramento County Sheriff. She is charged with resisting / obstructing / delaying a peace officer, threatening a school officer / employee and selling / letting a minor consume liquor.
- Martina Garcia**, 27, was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 12 on West Capitol Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. She had a confirmed bench warrant / failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge. She was transported and booked into Yolo County Jail.
- Victor Soto**, 37, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 13 in Placer County by Placer County Sheriff for warrants or holds only.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- Wednesday, Oct. 23** – a grocery store at Town Center Plaza reported an attempted robbery. Loss Prevention agents reported the suspect stole merchandise from the business. When Loss Prevention attempted to detain the suspect, the suspect bit the Loss Prevention officer and fled.
- Thursday, Oct. 31** – a veterinary office / hospital on Jefferson Boulevard reported a call for service regarding a glass break alarm. No known suspects. Property loss estimated at \$2,000.
- Friday, Nov. 1** – an unknown suspect vehicle recklessly entered the grass field at a park on Southport Parkway in Bridgeway Lakes. Damage is estimated at \$3,500.
- Wednesday, Nov. 6** – an unknown suspect entered a rental / commercial storage facility on Ramco Street and stole jewelry / precious metals with an estimated value of \$1,000.
- Wednesday, Nov. 6** – an unknown woman entered a restaurant on West Capitol Avenue and scattered M&M candy all over the food. Loss estimated at \$153.
- Wednesday, Nov. 6** – victim reported a vehicle burglary on Reed Avenue with items taken valued at \$659.
- Saturday, Nov. 9** – victims reported vandalism of residential window on 3rd Street. A vehicle gas tank was also reported to be vandalized. Loss estimated at \$2,000.
- Saturday, Nov. 9** – victim reports that two suspects entered a store on Riverpoint Court and concealed merchandise inside a purse. As suspects passed all points of sale, they were confronted by Loss Prevention employees. One suspect threatened the employees to back away. Loss Prevention was in fear for his life due to the threats made. Suspects exited the store and left the area in a car. Loss estimated at \$150.
- Sunday, Nov. 10** – victim reports a petty theft at a rental / commercial storage facility on Harbor Boulevard. Gasoline was stolen from the victim's van. Loss value is estimated at \$140.
- Sunday, Nov. 10** – victim left items of value unattended and unsecured in a hotel room on West Capitol Avenue. When the victim returned weeks later, the items were missing. Stolen items include two laptop computers and two Chromebooks. Loss value estimated at \$1,650.
- Sunday, Nov. 10** – victim reported a petty theft at a store on Riverpoint Court. A duffle bag with personal items inside was taken from him. \$250 loss estimated.
- Sunday, Nov. 10** – unknown suspects broke into a residence on Lanai Court and stole costume jewelry valued at approximately \$2,000. Vandalism that damaged the property was also reported. Total loss estimated at \$3,500.
- Monday, Nov. 11** – an unknown suspect walked into a specialty cell phone store on West Capitol and stole a phone with a Volcano specialty stand. Loss valued at \$320.
- Monday, Nov. 11** – an unknown suspect stole tools valued at \$3,300 from the victim's unlocked truck bed in a residential driveway on Merced Way.
- Tuesday, Nov. 12** – a victim on Pheasant Hollow Drive reported burglary from a vehicle at his residence. Loss estimated at \$960.
- Tuesday, Nov. 12** – a suspect has reportedly called / harassed a State of California dispatch center over a period of several months. Charges include making phone calls with intent to annoy or harass with repeat calls / contact and making annoying calls to 911.
- Tuesday, Nov. 12** – unknown suspect(s) stole 2 stock wheels / tires off the victim's parked car in a driveway on Almond Street. A family member believes they found the tires for sale online. Loss estimated at \$600.


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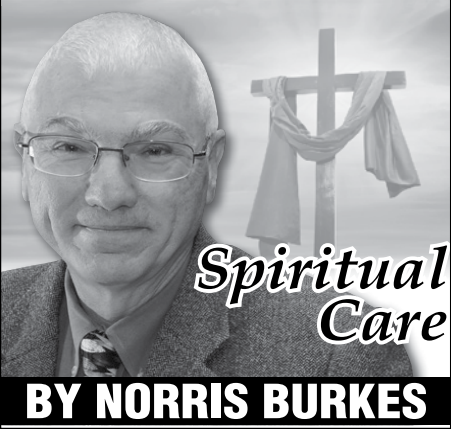




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Retirement, Really?



“Do you think you’ll ever fully retire?” my wife, Becky asks a few times a month. “Definitely!” “Mostly.” “Maybe?” I say, adding an I-dunno-know for good measure.

She asks, because she knows I struggle sometimes to write this weekly syndicated column, travel to speak in different venues, and pastor a small church.

Trying to explain my reticence, I simply say, “I’m just not sure of the best timing.”

In past years, you readers have sent me many emails with quick and sound responses to my writings. You’ve rolled out the red carpet for me during our dozen+ years together, hosting me for speeches in your colleges, hospitals, churches and civic organizations.

You’ve traveled with me to Honduras for Chispa Project, the charity my daughter Sara began for establishing libraries in Honduran elementary schools. Many of you are generous, regular donors.

When I think of full retirement, I’m struck with a sudden case of FOMO. “Fear of Missing Out.” I don’t want to miss out on more wonderful exchanges, meetings, and friendships this writing ministry has brought to me.

But alas, I’ve come up with a compromised writing retirement, giving us at least two ways to stay in touch no matter when I fully retire.

First, I’d like you to sign up to get my weekly column by email. You can do this by sending me a quick email to comment@thechaplain.net.

Or even easier, sign up for my weekly email at www.thechaplain.net/newsletter. The website also contains everything I’ve ever written or will write. Check out the audio versions of past columns too. Remember to spell chaplain correctly, not

chaplain. We’ve talked about this.

Second, while you’re on my website, consider ordering one or more of the four books I’ve written. These books are a compilation of my columns from the past twenty years. And of course, I’ll autograph them.

Keep the book on your nightstand or reading rack so you can read one 700-word story each time you crack open the book. You can read the books in any order and jump around between stories.

“No Small Miracles” contain stories I wrote as a pediatric hospital chaplain. “Hero’s Highway” recounts my deployment to a combat hospital in Iraq.

“Thriving Beyond Surviving” is a compilation book of the columns I wrote about faith, family, fun and forgivingness. And my most recent book, “Tell it to the Chaplain” recalls my chaplain experiences in the hospital, hospice, and the military.

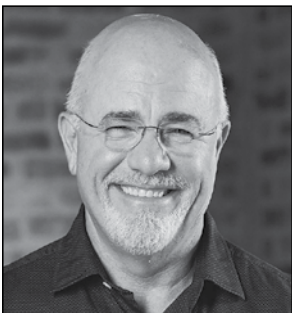
The last section of “Tell it to the Chaplain” tells the story of Chispa Project, so I especially hope you’ll read that one. Thanks to readers like you, we’ve reached over 22,000 kids in Honduras get their first books by creating school libraries with my daughter’s charity.

To say thank you, and “spark” you into action one more time, my family and I will be matching all reader donations up to \$5,000 postmarked between now and Giving Tuesday on December 3. I hope you’ll take up my challenge for this ambitious goal. You can donate online at www.chispaproject.org/chaplain or send a check made to “Chispa Project” to 10566 Combic Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602.

Every \$100 gives 4 kids a school library, training their teachers and parents, and providing books, shelves and colorful, painted murals. There are no words that can completely describe the joy that fills a child’s face when they hold their first picture book. It’s why I go back year after year to volunteer. (Details for 2025 volunteer trips at www.chispaproject.org/volunteer)

Finally, know that I’m not completely retired. I remain the pastor of Community Church, Nevada City, CA. It’s a little country church of two dozen in California’s Sierra Gold Country. They’ve been patient with me, but they miss me when I travel at least 8 Sundays a year as grandkids and foreign adventures keep calling.

Keep me in your prayers and thoughts, as I will for you. Thank you, for your faithful reading and support. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I’m 20-years old, and I’m in a bad spot. I’ve been a jerk for the last year, not listening to my parents about anything. Now, I’ve got over \$10,000 in debt from running up bills on credit cards and writing some bad checks. Two weeks ago, I also lost my job and totaled my car. I’m about to lose my apartment, too, because I don’t have the money for rent. A friend of mine said I could stay with him for a while, but I’m really scared. My parents say I created this situation all by myself, and I need to figure out a solution all by myself. Would you please give me some advice? I don’t even know where to start.

– Justin

Dear Justin,

It sounds like you’re about as close to rock bottom as a person can get. I know it’s a scary situation, especially for a young person. I’ve done stupid stuff, too. And the

Dave Ramsey Says When You Hit Rock Bottom

stupid things I did had lots more zeroes on the end than you’re looking at right now. So, I’ve got some good news for you. There’s hope! The simple fact that you’re looking for help, and have realized the way you’ve been living is stupid, means you want to change. That’s a good thing.

Still, when you do stupid things, you’ve got to pay what I call “stupid tax.” I’m talking about the consequences of your actions. It sounds like you’re going to have get two or three jobs, and find a really cheap car that will get you around for a while. If you do this for maybe 12 to 18 months, and live on a very strict monthly budget, you’ll probably be able to pay off all that stupid tax you’ve accumulated.

I think you’ve also recognized the fact that you left your integrity and self-respect on the sidelines for way too long. That means doing the right things really needs to be a priority from now on. The cool thing about the practical issues you mentioned—finding an-

other permanent place to live, something to drive and paying off the debt—is that all this will get better because you’ve made a conscious decision to be better.

You might want to think about finding and regularly attending a good church, too. Any understanding and caring pastor would be honored to pray with you, and walk with you as you get your life back together and headed in the right direction.

God bless you, Justin. You can do this!

– 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. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★

I Didn’t Know I Loved It That Much

Dr. James L. Snyder

One important thing I have learned is that you don’t appreciate something until it’s missing. I’ve learned that by many things that I just took for granted.

Last week, for example, I had some problems with my truck, so I had to take it in for service. It took longer than I had expected, but that’s how life is.

I had a doctor’s appointment across town that day, and I wasn’t expecting my truck to be unavailable. I knew I would have to make different arrangements.

I had two choices. First, I could cancel my doctor’s appointment, but you know how that can be trying to reschedule the next appointment. Second, I could ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage if I could drive her sissy van across town to my doctor’s appointment.

I cannot tell you how hard I wrestled with that. I did not want to cancel my appointment, and I did not want to drive that sissy van. Sometimes, life offers you situations just like this. No matter your choice, it will not be the right one.

Finally, I put my pride in my back pocket and asked The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage if I could use her sissy van to go to my doctor’s appointment.

It’s been a long time since I’ve seen her smile like that. She said, “Of course, my dear. You can take my car and go to your doctor’s appointment.” Then she giggled. I hate it when she giggles.

Standing at the door with the keys in her hands, as I was going out, she handed them to me and said, “Drive safely.” Then, another one of her giggles.

I took the keys and thanked her for allowing me to use her

sissy van. I looked at her with an artificial smile and said, “Thank you my dear. I promise I’ll drive safely.” Of course, I don’t know what that means.

The first chore I had with the sissy van was opening the door and getting inside. There was no way I was going to get inside that sissy van the way it was set. I had to push the seat back as far as it would go. Then I got in the seat behind the steering wheel, squishing my body as I got in.

No matter how far back I pushed the seat, my knees were still under my chin.

Next was the steering wheel. It took me 10 minutes to figure out how to adjust that steering wheel, and I still couldn’t get it to where it was comfortable for me to steer. I was beginning to remember the last time I was in the sissy van, and those weren’t such pleasant memories.

The next thing was the mirrors; the mirror inside the sissy van and the two mirrors outside on each side of the vehicle. It took me a while to figure out how to do that because it’s been a long time since I adjusted any mirrors in my vehicle.

I did have somewhat of a scare with the indoor mirror. As I adjusted it, a very scary face popped into view. I almost screamed, but then realized it was my face.

Finally, I got everything pretty close to normal and was ready to leave. I put the key in, turned it, and the sissy van started up right away. I sighed a deep sigh of relief.

I slowly put it in reverse and backed out of the driveway. Standing in the doorway of our house as I was leaving was The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, laughing and waving at me as if she was crazy.

Finally, I was on my way to my doctor’s appointment. As I was driving, I was so nervous I was wondering if maybe I

should make an appointment to see a psychiatrist. I was crazy at this moment.

I finally could settle down and enjoy the ride.

When I arrived at the doctor’s office, I pulled in and parked the sissy van. I thought everything was in order, but then I tried to get out of the sissy van.

The door opened relatively quickly, but that’s as far as it went. I twisted and turned, but I could not get out of my seat. My legs were jammed under the steering wheel, and I couldn’t twist.

If only Chubby Checker could be here to help me twist.

It took me rather a few minutes, and I eventually was able to extract my body from the sissy van slowly. I got out, stood up, and looked back to ensure all of me was extracted.

Driving back after my doctor’s appointment, I happened to think of how much I really loved my truck. Everything about it fits me perfectly, and driving it is my greatest pleasure.

I didn’t know how much I loved my truck, and I was forced to drive The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage’s sissy van. When I return, I will spend a little time telling my truck how much I appreciate it.

I often think about what the Apostle Paul said, “We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith growth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth” (2 Thessalonians 1:33).

I am committed to thanking God for everyone in my life while I can still do it.

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Forest Health Grant Funding Aims to Restore and Protect Thriving Forest Ecosystems



California landscape damaged by catastrophic wildfire. Photo courtesy of CAL FIRE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is announcing the availability of up to \$70 million in funding for projects aimed at improving forest health across the state. CAL FIRE is soliciting applications for projects that work to proactively prevent catastrophic wildfires and restore forests to healthy, functioning ecosystems while also sequestering carbon and reducing

greenhouse gas emissions. Applications will be accepted from Nov. 13 and are due by no later than 3 p.m. Jan. 15, 2025. “We know this work makes a difference both in forest health and wildfire resilience and that is why CAL FIRE is proud to have awarded over \$700 million in Forest Health grant funding since 2017,” said Chief Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director of Resource Management. “This Forest Health grant funding supports sustainable land management practices, reforestation efforts, promotes a healthier ecosystem,

and ensures that future generations can enjoy and benefit from California's natural resources.” The Forest Health Program funds active restoration and reforestation activities aimed at providing for more resilient and sustained forests. This ensures the future existence of forests in California while also mitigating climate change, protecting communities from fire risk, strengthening rural economies, and improving California’s water and air. A virtual pre-recorded workshop will be made available to

explain the grant process and requirements. Please check the Forest Health webpage at www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-health, to view the workshop. Any questions can be directed to ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov. Projects that receive funding from the Forest Health grant program are designed to complement the California Forest Carbon Plan, California’s Natural and Working Lands Implementation Plan, California’s Wildfire & Forest Resilience Action Plan, California’s Strategic Plan for Expanding the Use of Beneficial

Fire, and AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan. The Forest Health grant program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged communities. *Projects will reduce the risks to California’s forests from extreme disturbance events including catastrophic wildfires, drought, disease, and pest mortality.* ★

Veterans of Foreign Wars Announces Kids Christmas Party

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 8762 News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Kids 10 and under can join us for a jolly good time! The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8762 will hold their annual Children’s Christmas Party from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 905 Drever St. in West Sacramento. There will be fun for everyone between the ages of 2 and 10 with face painting, crafts, treats, snacks and a special visit from Santa. The children come in at 1 p.m., and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hand them gift bags (filled with treats, small toys and an apple or orange). Then they can go into the hall, where we have various crafts like coloring, scratch-off ornaments, building bead ornaments and a face-painting station. Snacks will be available for the parents and children (cookies, juice, donuts and others). Santa will come in and sit for pictures with the children. Gifts will be given to everyone (up to 80 children). Note: We only have gifts for ages up to 10 years old. The phone number for more information is 916-371-2207. We expect an adult to be with the children, so we might say “Bring your adult.” There is no need to register. ★



Above: This year’s Kids Christmas Party will be on Sunday, Dec. 1. Photo courtesy of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 8762

Right: The Kids Christmas Party will have multiple craft stations for children to get creative. Photo courtesy of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 8762

MLB’s Athletics Announce 2025 Regular Season Home Game Times

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - First pitch of the A’s inaugural game at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento will take place at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, March 31, as the Athletics take on the Chicago Cubs. Across the 81-game home slate, the A’s will play 60 night games, including 25 of their 28 games in June and July. Eleven of the A’s 21 total day games will be played in April and May, with only six Sunday day games scheduled from June through August. Night games will begin at 7:05 p.m. The home schedule features matchups against eight National League clubs, including the San Diego Padres (April 7-9), New York Mets (April 11-13), Philadelphia Phillies (May 23-25), San



Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento will be home to Major League Baseball’s Athletics for the 2025 season. Photo by MPG staff

Francisco Giants (July 4-6), Atlanta Braves (July 8-10), Arizona Diamondbacks (Aug. 1-3), and Cincinnati Reds (Sept. 12-14). The A’s will play at home for three popular summer holidays, taking on the New York Yankees on Mother’s Day (May 11), the Phillies over Memorial Day Weekend (May 23-25), and the Giants on

Independence Day (July 4). The A’s will share Sutter Health Park with the Sacramento River Cats. MLB and MiLB have coordinated home schedules to accommodate both teams, ensuring that there are no instances in which both teams play at home on the same day. The 60 home night games would tie the 1968 A’s for the most in a season in franchise history. A’s season tickets for 2025 are on sale now and will be released in phases. Current A’s season ticket holders will be notified when seats comparable to their 2024 plan are available to purchase. Fans who have placed a season ticket deposit will be notified based on priority when tickets are available for purchase. Single-game tickets will go on sale in early 2025. ★

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/s/ ROBERT CABITTO, MEM-
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File No. F20240856
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240810
The following person(s) is doing
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Drive, Sacramento, CA 95824.
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tember 19, 2024.
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GLO 11-29-24

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STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240911
The following person(s) is doing
business as: Mercy Auto Center
Davis, 1800 Olive Drive, Davis,
CA 95616.
Mahmoud Assaad Abouhawach,
3200 Rubicon Way, Sacramen-
to, CA 95821. This business is
conducted by an Individual. The
registrant commenced to trans-
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MERCY 11-29-24

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STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240910
The following person(s) is doing
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te, 840 Harbor Boulevard, West
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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VINCES 11-29-24

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STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240937
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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ARKIDSUP 12-6-24

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Liability Company. The registrant
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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EPIC 12-6-24

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STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240912
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agement, 730 Sunrise Avenue,
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enue, Suite 140, Roseville, CA
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ducted by a Corporation. The
registrant commenced to trans-
act business under the fictitious
business name or names listed
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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RENTPROS 12-6-24

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STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240892
The following person(s) is do-
ing business as: Tiger Ranches
Property Management, 049-110-
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95627.
Tiger Ranches Incorporated,
8543 Brackenwood Court, Rose-
ville, CA 95747. This business is
conducted by a Corporation. The
registrant commenced to trans-
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business name or names listed
above on October 18, 2024.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk of Yolo County on
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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TIGER 12-6-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240946
The following person(s) is doing
business as: Your Landscape
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Gabrielle Fandelle, 2728, Swee-
ney Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.
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Individual. The registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the fictitious business
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November 9, 2024.
This statement was filed with the
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By: Morgan Braun, Deputy
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YOUR 12-13-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2798

Jesus Eleseo Ledesma Jr has
filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing the name(s)
of Jesus Eleseo Ledesma Jr to
Jesus Chavez Ledesma.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-
sons interested in the above-en-
titled matter appear before this

court on January 8, 2025, 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: November 13, 2024
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of
the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 2024
JESUS 12-13-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
PEIGUI YIN
CASE NO. PR2024-0256
To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be other-
wise interested in the will or es-
tate, or both, of Peigui Yin.
A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Ke Yin, in the Superior
Court of California, County of
Yolo, requesting Ke Yin be ap-
pointed as personal representa-
tive(s) to administer the estate of
the decedent.
The petition requests the deced-
ent's will and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination in the file kept by the
court.

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, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent 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:
December 5, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
in Dept TBD. Superior Court of
California, County of Yolo, 1000
Main Street, Woodland, CA
95695.

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ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may
be in person or by your attorney.
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ceased, you must file your claim
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section 9052 of the California
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Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Kristin N. Capritto,
Downey Brand LLP, 621 Capitol
Mall, 18th Floor, Sacramento, CA
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
DONALD LUDLOW
CASE NO. PR2024-0245

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
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wise interested in the will or es-
tate, or both, of Donald Ludlow.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Alexandra Silva, in the
Superior Court of California,
County of Yolo, requesting Al-
exandra Silva be appointed as
personal representative(s) to ad-
minister the estate of the deced-
ent.

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, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent 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:
December 2, 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 grant-
ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections 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 de-
ceased, 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 rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal de-
livery 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 Cali-
fornia law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file
kept by the court. If you are in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal 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 tele-
phone number of the Attorney
for Petitioner is: Dylan P. Hyatt,
1555 River Park Drive, Suite
108, Sacramento, CA 95815;
(916) 292-8009
Publish: November 15, 22, 29, 2024
LUDLOW 11-29-24

SUMMONS

DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA
CASE NO.: A-24-894928-C
DEPT NO.: 29

MICHELLE OSTER, individually,
Plaintiff, vs. KILEIGH RAE LYNN
EMERY, individually; ANDREW
NEWMAN, individually; CAR-
MAX AUTO SUPERSTORES,
INC, a Delaware corporation
d/b/a CARMAX; DOES I –X, and
ROE CORPORATIONS I –X, in-
clusive, Defendants.
SUMMONS NOTICE! YOU
HAVE BEEN SUED, THE
COURT MAY DECIDE
AGAINST YOU WITHOUT
YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS
YOU RESPOND WITHIN 21
DAYS, READ THE INFORMA-
TION BELOW. TO THE DEFEN-
DANT: ANDREW NEWMAN. A
civil Complaint has been filed by
the Plaintiff(s) against you for the
relief set forth in the Complaint.
1. If you intend to defend this
lawsuit, within 21 days after this
Summons is
served on you, exclusive of the
day of service, you must do the
following: a. File with the Clerk
of this Court, whose address is
shown below, a formal written
response to the Complaint in
accordance with the rules of the
Court, with the appropriate filing
fee. b. Serve a copy of your re-
sponse upon the attorney whose
name and address is shown
below. 2. Unless you respond,
your default will be entered upon
application of the Plaintiff(s) and
this Court may enter a judgment
against you for the relief de-
manded in the Complaint,
which could result in the taking of
money or property or other relief
requested in the Complaint. 3. If
you intend to seek the advice of
an attorney in this matter, you
should do so promptly so that
your response may be filed on
time.

4. The State of Nevada, its po-
litical subdivisions, agencies,
officers,
employees, board members,
commission members and leg-
islators, each have 45 days after
service of this summons within
which to file an answer or other
responsive pleading to the com-
plaint.

CLERK OF THE COURT, s/
Demond Palmer, Deputy Clerk,
date 6/11/2024, 200 Lewis Av-
enue, 5th floor, Las Vegas, Ne-
vada 89155-1601, issued at the
direction of Joseph F. Schmitt,
Esq., Nevada Bar No. 9681,
Lerner & Rowe Injury Attor-
neys, 4795 S. Durango Dr., Las
Vegas, Nevada 89147, (702)
877-1500, jschmitt@lernerand-
rowe.com,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Publish: Nov 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 2024
NEWMAN 12-13-24

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 125557-CA APN:
072-051-003-000 NOTICE
OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO
PROPERTY OWNER: YOU
ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER
A DEED OF TRUST, DATED
10/11/2006. UNLESS YOU
TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT
YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY
BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC
SALE. IF YOU NEED
AN EXPLANATION OF
THE NATURE OF THE
PROCEEDING AGAINST
YOU, YOU SHOULD
CONTACT A LAWYER ON
12/20/2024 at 12:45 PM,
CLEAR RECON CORP, as
duly appointed trustee under
and pursuant to Deed of
Trust recorded 10/25/2006 as
Instrument No. 2006-0041933-
00 of Official Records in the
office of the County Recorder
of Yolo County, State of
CALIFORNIA executed by:
LAWRENCE HERTZOG, AN
UNMARRIED MAN WILL
SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION
TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR
CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK
DRAWN ON A STATE OR
NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK
DRAWN BY A STATE OR
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
OR A CHECK DRAWN BY
A STATE OR FEDERAL
SAVINGS AND LOAN
ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS
ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS
BANK SPECIFIED IN
SECTION 5102 OF THE
FINANCIAL CODE AND
AUTHORIZED TO DO
BUSINESS IN THIS STATE;
At the rear (North) entrance
to the City Hall Building,
1110 West Capitol Avenue,

West Sacramento, CA 95691
all right, title and interest
conveyed to and now held by
it under said Deed of Trust in
the property situated in said
County and State described
as: MORE ACCURATELY
DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED
OF TRUST. The street
address and other common
designation, if any, of the real
property described above is
purported to be: 3860 EAGLE
ST, WEST SACRAMENTO,
CA 95691 The undersigned
Trustee disclaims any liability
for any incorrectness of the
street address and other
common designation, if any,
shown herein. Said sale will be
held, but without covenant or
warranty, express or implied,
regarding title, possession,
condition, or encumbrances,
including fees, charges and
expenses of the Trustee and of
the trusts created by said Deed
of Trust, to pay the remaining
principal sums of the note(s)
secured by said Deed of Trust.
The total amount of the unpaid
balance of the obligation
secured by the property to be
sold and reasonable estimated
costs, expenses and advances
at the time of the initial
publication of the Notice of
Sale is: \$818,041.68 If the
Trustee is unable to convey title
for any reason, the successful
bidder's sole and exclusive
remedy shall be the return of
monies paid to the Trustee,
and the successful bidder
shall have no further recourse.
The beneficiary under said
Deed of Trust heretofore
executed and delivered to the
undersigned a written
Declaration of Default and
Demand for Sale, and a written
Notice of Default and Election
to Sell. The undersigned or
its predecessor caused said
Notice of Default and Election
to Sell to be recorded in the
county where the real
property is located. NOTICE
TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If
you are considering bidding on
this property lien, you should
understand that there are risks
involved in bidding at a trustee
auction. You will be bidding
on a lien, not on the property
itself. Placing the highest bid
at a trustee auction does not
automatically entitle you to
free and clear ownership of
the property. You should also
be aware that the lien being
auctioned off may be a junior
lien. If you are the highest
bidder at the auction, you are
or may be responsible for
paying off all liens senior to
the lien being auctioned off,
before you can receive clear
title to the property. You are
encouraged to investigate
the existence, priority, and
size of outstanding liens that
may exist on this property
by contacting the county
recorder's office or a title
insurance company, either of
which may charge you a fee for
this information. If you consult
either of these resources, you
should be aware that the same
lender may hold more than one
mortgage or deed of trust on the
property. The undersigned
Trustee disclaims any liability
for any incorrectness of the
street address or other
common designation, if any,
shown above. If no street
address or other common
designation is shown,
directions to the location of the
property may be obtained by
sending a written request to
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of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE
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mortgage or deed of trust on the
property. All checks payable
to Prestige Default Services,
LLC. NOTICE TO PROPERTY
OWNER: The sale date shown
on this notice of sale may be
postponed one or more times
by the mortgagee, beneficiary,
trustee, or a court, pursuant to
Section 2924g of the California
Civil Code. The law requires
that information about trustee
sale postponements be made
available to you and to the
public, as a courtesy to those
not present at the sale. If you
wish to learn whether your sale
date has been postponed, and,
if applicable, the rescheduled
time and date for the sale of
this property, you may call
(855) 313-3319 or visit this
Internet website www.
clearreconcorp.com, using the
file number assigned to this
case 125557-CA. Information
about postponements that
are very short in duration or
that occur close in time to the
scheduled sale may not
immediately be reflected in the
telephone information or on the
Internet Web site. The best
way to verify postponement
information is to attend the
scheduled sale. NOTICE TO
TENANT: Effective January
1, 2021, you may have a right
to purchase this property after
the trustee auction pursuant to
Section 2924m of the California
Civil Code. If you are an
"eligible tenant buyer," you can
purchase the property if you
match the last and highest bid
placed at the trustee auction.
If you are an "eligible bidder,"
you may be able to purchase
the property if you exceed the
last and highest bid placed
at the trustee auction. There
are three steps to exercising
this right of purchase. First,
48 hours after the date of the
trustee sale, you can call (855)
313-3319, or visit this internet
website www.clearreconcorp.
com, using the file number
assigned to this case 125557-
CA to find the date on which
the trustee's sale was held,
the amount of the last and
highest bid, and the address
of the trustee. Second, you
must send a written notice of
intent to place a bid so that
the trustee receives it no more
than 15 days after the trustee's
sale. Third, you must submit a
bid so that the trustee receives
it no more than 45 days after
the trustee's sale. If you think
you may qualify as an "eligible
tenant buyer" or "eligible
bidder," you should consider
contacting an attorney or

appropriate real estate
professional immediately for
advice regarding this potential
right to purchase. FOR
SALES INFORMATION: (855)
313-3319 CLEAR RECON
CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio
South, Suite 225 San Diego,
California 92108
Published 11/15/2024, 11/22/2024,
11/29/2024
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T.S. No.: 24-11720 Loan
No.: *****7670 APN: 045-
771-010-000 AKA 045-771-
10 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT
UNDER A DEED OF TRUST
DATED 4/12/2022. UNLESS
YOU TAKE ACTION
TO PROTECT YOUR
PROPERTY, IT MAY
BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC
SALE. IF YOU NEED
AN EXPLANATION OF
THE NATURE OF THE
PROCEEDING AGAINST
YOU, YOU SHOULD
CONTACT A LAWYER. A
public auction sale to the
highest bidder for cash,
cashier's check drawn on a
state or national bank, check
drawn by a state or federal
credit union, or a check drawn
by a state or federal savings
and loan association, or
savings association, or savings
bank specified in Section 5102
of the Financial Code and
authorized to do business in
this state will be held by the
duly appointed trustee as
shown below, of all right, title,
and interest conveyed to and
now held by the trustee in the
hereinafter described property
under and pursuant to a Deed
of Trust described below.
The sale will be made, but
without covenant or warranty,
expressed or implied,
regarding title, possession,
or encumbrances, to pay the
remaining principal sum of the
note(s) secured by the Deed
of Trust, with interest and late
charges thereon, as provided
in the note(s), advances, under
the terms of the Deed of Trust,
interest thereon, fees, charges
and expenses of the Trustee
for the total amount (at the
time of the initial publication of
the Notice of Sale) reasonably
estimated to be set forth below.
The amount may be greater
on the day of sale. Trustor:
Paris Clay, An Unmarried
Man Duly Appointed Trustee:
Prestige Default Services,
LLC Recorded 4/18/2022
as Instrument No. 2022-
0009719 in book --, page
-- of Official Records in
the office of the Recorder
of Yolo County, California,
Date of Sale: 12/9/2024 at
1:00 PM Place of Sale: North
entrance West Sacramento
City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol
Avenue, West Sacramento,
CA 95691 Amount of unpaid
balance and other charges:
\$318,194.68 Street Address
or other common designation
of real property: 2440
MEADOWLARK CIRCLE
WEST SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA 95691 A.P.N.:
045-771-010-000 AKA 045-
771-10 The undersigned
Trustee disclaims any liability
for any incorrectness of the
street address or other
common designation, if any,
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time and date for the sale of
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this Internet Website www.
auction.com, using the file
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Matsui and Blumenthal Introduce Bicameral Legislation to Restore Critical Public Health Funding

Office of Congresswomen
Doris Matsui
News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) and Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) introduced the Public Health Funding Restoration Act which would restore funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF).

The Prevention and Public Health Fund provides dedicated funding for innovative public health projects, including vaccination programs, chronic disease prevention programs, and health education programs.

“From increases in chronic disease rates to infectious disease outbreaks like the COVID-19 pandemic, the modern public health ecosystem demands continual, robust investments,” said Congresswoman Matsui. “Originally meant to reach \$2 billion in 2015, the Prevention and Public Health Fund has been underfunded for years. In addition to supporting existing core public health activities like vaccinations, restoring the Fund to its full amount is critical for developing and expanding innovative programs to prepare for pandemics and other unique public health threats that arise. The Public Health Funding Restoration Act reaffirms the importance of prevention in the United States health care system. It fulfills our promise to support our federal, state and local partners’ efforts to improve the health of all Americans.”

“This legislation ensures that vital public health programs receive the funding needed to

provide affordable and quality care,” said Senator Blumenthal. “Without full funding, our public health system is limited in its ability to combat health threats and to develop innovative public health initiatives. With the Public Health Funding Restoration Act, we make a critical investment in lifesaving public health programs and the health of our nation.”

The Prevention and Public Health Fund is currently funded at \$1.3 billion. The Public Health Funding Restoration Act would authorize and appropriate \$2 billion in Fiscal Year 2025 and each subsequent fiscal year to fully restore the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

In doing so, the Public Health Funding Restoration Act reaffirms the importance of prevention and public health programs to the Department of Health and Human Services’ and local and state health departments’ efforts and recognizes that cuts to the Prevention and Public Health Fund undermine both public health and efforts to establish an affordable and accessible health care system.

The legislation is cosponsored in the U.S. House of Representatives by U.S. Representatives Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), Nanette Barragán (D-CA), Paul Tonko (D-NY), Tony Cardenas (D-CA) and Ann Kuster (D-NH). It is cosponsored in the U.S. Senate by U.S. Senators Tina Smith (D-MN), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Patty Murray (D-WA) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN).

The legislation is supported by over 90 organizations, including Trust for America’s Health (TFAH), American Public



Congresswoman Doris Matsui. Courtesy photo

Health Association, AIDS Institute, American Heart Association, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

“The Prevention and Public Health Fund is a vital investment in our nation’s health in every state and territory. Restoring the Prevention Fund will advance critical efforts to reduce the burden of chronic disease and help to reduce long-term health costs,” said Trust for America’s Health President and CEO Dr. J. Nadine Gracia.

The full text of the bill can be found at www.matsui.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/matsui.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/BILLS-118hr10126ih.pdf.

Congresswoman Doris Matsui has represented the city of Sacramento and its surrounding areas since 2005. She currently serves California’s Seventh Congressional District, nestled between the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, which is centered in Sacramento, and includes the communities of Elk Grove, Galt, West Sacramento, Wilton, Rancho Murietta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay and the California Delta. ★

California’s Climate Rules Leave Working Class Behind

Commentary
by Senator Ted Gaines

The next time Governor Newsom puts on his detective hat and tries to get to the bottom of the “price gouging” that is supposedly driving absurdly high gas prices in California, he should start with the most obvious culprit in the state: himself.

Earlier this month, Newsom’s California Air Resources Board (CARB) voted to approve changes to the state’s Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS), potentially adding \$.65 cents a gallon to the already punitive cost of gasoline. Although consumers may be recoiling at the thought of even higher prices, political leaders must be relishing the opportunity to make it more difficult to own and operate an internal combustion vehicle.

It’s obvious that California Democrats and their national counterparts are pushing the state and nation into a rapid Electric Vehicle (EV) future that is having dreadful consequences for families and workers.

Of course, this leftist project is under the guise of “doing something” about climate change, regardless of practicality or without any cost-benefit analysis.

Newsom, for example, issued an executive order mandating that by 2035, all vehicles sold in California are zero-emission, a standard met only by plug-in electric vehicles. Although nobody, including the governor, can say with any precision how an all-electric vehicle fleet would change global climate, if at all, it’s easy to see how current EV policies are harming consumers today.

EV subsidies are forcing lower- and working-class fuel consumers to pay

for wealthy folks’ expensive electric vehicles. “Greening” the electricity supply in California has been a major driver of skyrocketing electricity rates. After all, what good would it be to run electric vehicles on coal power? This has pushed up rates nearly 4-times faster than the national average over the past decade. Pacific Gas & Electric’s residential electricity rates are double the national average.

As reported in The Wall Street Journal, “California households owed \$2.1 billion in unpaid utility bills at the end of 2023, more than four times the amount in 2019.” While climate effects may be tough to predict, policy makers should have seen this outcome from a mile away.

That’s not even counting economic pain caused by the never-ending attacks on the petroleum industry here, which cost jobs and add around \$1.50 in government costs to a gallon of gas, before the LCFS bump earlier this month. Soon, Californians could be paying more in taxes and fees for every gallon of gas than some states pay for an entire gallon.

Elitist Progressives put unpredictable and microscopic changes in potential future weather ahead of blue-collar jobs and affordability today. It’s no wonder that the Republican party is making huge inroads among working class voters.

These policy-induced high energy costs are one of the reasons why, when adjusted for cost of living, California has the highest poverty rate in the nation.

Between California’s highest-in-the-nation gas taxes and stealthy taxes such as the LCFS, California is banking profits from oil that would make John D. Rockefeller blush.



Ted Gaines

Poorer Californians, who already spend more of their incomes on basics such as transportation, are paying the price.

California is also about to ban Diesel RV sales in the state in a few weeks, choking off another practical, affordable living and travel option for our citizens. It never ends. Just for once, I’d love to see a more balanced approach from our politicians that acknowledges California environmental policy is creating the nation’s worst poverty. If that is a price the dominant political class is willing to inflict on our citizens, so be it. It would be nice to at least hear it.

But I stand with the working-class families who are struggling to get by and the many companies who are trying to survive in this hostile state. I support American sovereignty and American jobs. The government gas price gouging and reckless push towards electric vehicles must stop.

Senator Ted Gaines (Ret.) was elected to represent the Board of Equalization’s First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate, defender of Prop. 13, and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly ten million constituents in 34 counties of northern, eastern, and southern California. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines. ★

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Legal Advertising
7144 Fair Oaks Blvd #5
Carmichael, CA 95608

TRUSTEE SALE

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the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible

bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 11/5/2024 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (800) 793-6107 Patricia Sanchez,

Trustee Sale Officer PPP#24-004549
Published 11/15/2024, 11/22/2024.
11/29/2024
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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City’s Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **10:00AM local time on Thursday, December 12, 2024**, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION – GPS FURNISH & INSTALL

The following invitation for bid involves all labor and materials for the: EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION – GPS FURNISH & INSTALL. Update citywide traffic signal preemption to Opticom GPS system.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication			November 21, 2024
Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs	no later than	12 P.M.	November 27, 2024
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than	10 A.M.	December 12, 2024
Award of Contract			TBD

Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting: n/a

Project construction cost estimate: TBD

This is not a Federal Aid project.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within (60) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City’s Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.

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INVITATION TO BID

REVISED DATES

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City’s Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:15PM local time on Thursday, December 19, 2024**, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

FIRE STATION 45 WATER HEATER UPGRADE

The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor and materials for the: Fire Station 45 Water Heater Upgrade project.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication			November 25, 2024
Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs	no later than	5:00 P.M.	December 10, 2024
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than	2:15 P.M.	December 19, 2024
Award of Contract			January 15, 2025

Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting: December 5, 2024

Project construction cost estimate: \$50,000.

This is not a Federal Aid project.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within (30) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
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Let The Games Begin: 2026 Campaign for California Governor Now Looms



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has a lengthy — very lengthy — list of critical economic, social and policy issues that are very likely to remain unresolved when Gavin Newsom vacates the governorship 26 months hence.

The nation’s highest levels of poverty and homelessness, shortages and rising costs of housing, exploding energy bills, an uncertain water supply, street crime, chronic educational shortcomings, a bullet train project that seems to be going nowhere, and multibillion-dollar budget deficits are merely the most obvious flashpoints.

Most were evident when Newsom was elected governor in 2018, promising vigorous efforts to neutralize them, such as his ridiculous pledge to build 3.5 million units of housing, but most have become even more intractable during his reign.

Given that unfortunate history, why would any sane person volunteer to step into Newsom’s shoes? The fact that quite a few Californians are weighing 2026 bids for the governorship testifies to the essentially irrational nature of political ambition.

The next political cycle begins with no clear front-runners, which is a bit unusual. Rather, we have at least a dozen potential candidates, none of whom can claim more than

fractional support, plus one huge unknown factor: Vice President Kamala Harris’s career plans after losing her presidential bid.

A new poll by UC Berkeley’s Institute of Governmental Studies confirms the lack of a front-runner and, just for fun, tests the possibility of a Harris comeback run for governor, ala Richard Nixon’s vain attempt to become governor in 1962. While nearly half of voters surveyed said they would consider supporting Harris for the governorship, it could be as polarizing as her White House campaign.

“Considerations of Harris as a potential gubernatorial candidate are highly partisan,” the poll found, “with 72% of Democrats saying they would be very or somewhat likely to consider supporting her, while 87% of Republicans would not. Among voters not affiliated with either major party, 24% would be very likely and 13% somewhat likely to support a Harris 2026 bid for governor.”

Discounting a Harris candidacy, the poll found that another newly defeated Democrat, U.S. Rep. Katie Porter, sits atop the field, with 13% of voters ranking her as their first or second choice, followed closely by Chad Bianco, the Republican sheriff of Riverside County, at 12%.

Porter gave up her Orange County congressional seat this year to run for the U.S. Senate, but lost in the primary to another member of Congress, Adam Schiff, who claimed a Senate seat last week.

Among Democratic voters, Porter scores 22% support, more than twice what her most likely

Democratic rivals garner. Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, the state’s former attorney general, all are in the 10-11% range.

Among Republican voters in the survey, Bianco and state Sen. Brian Dahle are virtually tied at about a third each.

The chances for any Republican to become governor are almost nil, given the overwhelming Democratic voter majority, but the state’s top-two primary system makes Republican candidates more relevant against a large field of Democrats.

That tactical element was very apparent earlier this year when Porter faced Schiff and a third Democrat, Rep. Barbara Lee. Schiff spent heavily to help Republican Steve Garvey finish in second place in the primary, ensuring a November win.

Counting Porter, there are five reasonably viable Democrats who might run next year — not only Kounalakis, Villaraigosa and Becerra but Attorney General Rob Bonta. A five-way split of Democratic voters would make it easier for a Republican to finish second in the primary, as Garvey did, and indirectly help the leading Democrat to become governor.

Let the games begin.

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. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Sacramento Kings were 2-2 in the past week, but that doesn’t begin to tell the tale.

Beginning with a disappointing 116-96 loss to the San Antonio Spurs and concluding with a thrilling 121-117 win over the Utah Jazz, the Sac Town ballers had an up and down week that ended on a high note.

Sadly, injuries played a role, sidelining big man Domantas Sabonis and newcomer all-star DeMar DeRozan, both with lower back issues.

In between the Spurs and the Jazz, saw the Kings take a tough overtime loss to a talented Minnesota Timberwolves team, and win decisively over the Phoenix Suns by the score of 127-104.

The real story of the week was none other than the offensive show put on by point guard DeAaron Fox, who scored a total of 109 points in back-to-back games against the Timberwolves and the Utah Jazz.

Setting a Sacramento Kings scoring record, DeAaron put the team on his back against the Timberwolves, scoring 60 points and shattering his previous personal record. Just one game later, with Malik Monk, DeMar DeRozan, and Domantas Sabonis sidelined with injuries, Fox backed up his 60-point performance with 49 more, this time in a win over the Jazz.

Thanks to the offensive explosion of DeAaron Fox, the Kings now have a player in the top ten in scoring. DeAaron is currently #6 in the NBA in scoring, and remarkably the Kings are the only team in the NBA to feature three players with a scoring average of 20 points or higher per game.

In addition to raising his scoring average, DeAaron is fifth in the league in steals, averaging 1.8 per game. I look for Fox to challenge the top spot in steals as the season wears on.

Overall, the Kings are off to an 8-6 start, and most pundits and fans alike are well aware that their record could be decidedly better.

It took a few games for DeRozan to become completely comfortable with his teammates, and that should be taken for granted.

Since the first few games, DeMar has been the perfect fit, and teams are having

a difficult time trying to figure out who the go-to player is going to be. The Kings are spreading the boy to everyone on the court including Keegan Murray, who has had an up and down start to the season as it relates to scoring.

Keegan has made a noticeable move forward as he has focused on rebounding and improving his defensive efficiency.

Domantas continues to rebound with ferocity, and the rebounding champion of the past two seasons, is currently #2 in the NBA behind big man Nikola Jokic.

Nursing a sore back, Sabonis is on the sidelines, and with nothing definite coming from the Kings organization, Domantas is day to day.

So, what kind of a report card should the Kings receive as they play in their 15th game against the Atlanta Hawks on Monday night.

I give the team a solid B, considering the addition of DeMar DeRozan and understanding it takes time for a starting five to jell.

Let’s not forget the energy and scoring punch that Malik Monk brings to this team, and the sooner we see Malik back in action, the better off the Kings will be. Reportedly, Malik has a week to go before he’ll be ready for any hardwood action.

Sadly, after witnessing what I consider to be one of the worst officiating seasons in the past 50 years last season, the zebras were back to their old ways Saturday night and were it not for Kings ability to challenge two horrific calls by the referees, the Kings would have likely lost to the Utah Jazz.

I have no answer for what the NBA needs to do, but clearly the officiating is sadly lacking in quality, and this has not always been the case.

I credit the NBA with putting challenges into the mix, but there is still more that needs to be done.

Meanwhile, keep the faith Kings fans. This team is showing a lot of bright spots, so let’s get everyone healthy and see if the Sac Town boys can get on a winning streak!

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Sen. Dodd Comments on Insurance Commissioner’s Wildfire Insurance Regulations

Office of Senator Bill Dodd News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, issued the following statement Nov. 14 on the submittal by California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara of new regulations on catastrophic modeling that could help improve availability of insurance in wildfire-prone areas:

“I appreciate Commissioner Lara for moving this forward,” Sen. Dodd said. “It’s a complex problem and there isn’t a panacea, but this is one part of the

equation that has the ability to help. It will be critical that insurance companies are held accountable towards renewing and writing new policies.”

To read the Insurance Commissioner’s release, visit www.insurance.ca.gov/0400-news/0100-press-releases/2024/release057-2024.cfm.

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. ★



Sonoma County Farmers Celebrate Measure J Defeat

The defeat of a Sonoma County ballot measure last week brought relief for farmers in the county. As of Friday, more than 85% of voters had voted against Measure J, which within three years would have banned large dairies and poultry farms in the county. The measure would have capped the number of animals each farm can raise, banning large farms or forcing them to downsize. Doug Beretta, owner of Beretta Family Dairy in Santa Rosa and president of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, said he was “ecstatic” so many voters had sided with the county’s farmers. “The community came together to fight for agriculture,” Beretta said. “When those results came in, it really showed.”

Brussels Sprouts Nab More Acreage as Demand Grows

As Brussels sprouts have become trendy on social media and restaurant menus during the past several years, California farmers have been able to cash in on the vegetable’s popularity. “The market’s really grown, especially the fresh market, and a lot of that has to do with the food shows on TV and chefs’ artistic abilities,” said Monterey County-based vegetable grower Jeff Hitchcock. “It’s really put Brussels sprouts on the map.” U.S. per capita consumption of Brussels sprouts increased from 0.33 pounds in 2011 to 0.78 pounds in 2019, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics.

Agencies Identify Organized Farm Equipment Theft Ring

As part of a monthslong investigation known as Operation Tractor Pull, California law enforcement agencies have uncovered an organized agriculture equipment theft ring that targeted San Joaquin Valley farms. After conducting extensive surveillance operations throughout the San Joaquin Valley, authorities said evidence collected accounted for 24 pieces of stolen equipment valued at more than \$2.25 million. Authorities recovered \$1.3 million worth of equipment. “This is a large-scale theft ring impacting our farmers, our ranchers and our agricultural community,” said Tulare County Sheriff Mike Boudreaux during an Oct. 29 press conference.

Turkey Supplies Ample Heading into Thanksgiving

The Voice of California Agriculture podcast, produced by the California Farm Bureau, discussed turkey supplies heading into the Thanksgiving holiday season. Bill Mattos, president of the California Poultry Federation, said on the podcast that despite millions of turkeys being lost to bird flu across the country during the past two years, “I think you’ll find plenty of turkeys for Thanksgiving,” including fresh California turkeys. Mattos said prices may be slightly higher on average this year, but that many grocery stores offer steep discounts on Thanksgiving turkeys to get shoppers into their stores. The episode also covered the efficiency of autonomous sprayers, water flow standards for the Scott and Shasta rivers, and crop damage estimates resulting from hurricanes in Florida and North Carolina. ★



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The Lies of Alma Blackwell

by Amanda Glaze

Get swept up in family history of mystery, ghosts, and hidden secrets.

Nev grew up knowing that one day she would have to take the "Vow" to become the town's protector. Her grandmother is currently the one who has vowed to protect Hollow Cliff, but with her ailing health, Nev's time to step in is growing quickly. While Nev wants to do anything but take the Vow and be bound by the town's borders, she knows that others will die without Blackwell's bloodline taking the Vow. A blood oath is all she needs to give, and if she doesn't do it soon, more townspeople will die.

Once Nev arrives at her grandmother's large estate, she jumps right into work, giving tours of their famous estate while sharing her family's legacy. But even more scary than the ghosts that haunt the town is the fact that her grandmother is sicker than she thought, and she will have to take the Vow as soon as possible.

To make matters even more on edge, a strange boy named Cal enters the gift shop looking for a job,



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and while there is something off about him, she can't help but offer him the job. While Cal may seem untrustworthy, the things that happen when she is around him are even more unsettling. Now, she is even more anxious, as Cal causes her to doubt and question everything she knows about her past. Even more unsettling is the fact that he has keys to her past to start unlocking more than the truth, but lies shielding the truth from

being known.

As Nev delves deeper into uncovering her past, she begins to see Cal in a different light. He might be the only person she can truly trust, the only one who can help her unlock the secrets that have been buried for so long. Their journey together becomes a crucial part of Nev's quest for truth.

In a story of hidden pasts, ghosts, and family, the Lies of Alma Blackwell will take its readers to the California coast, a city controlled by a curse and one girl who holds the key to unlock it. This dark, gothic city has all the atmospheric vibes readers are looking for at the brink of winter; while also leaving readers with the desire to tour the Winchester Mystery House and unlock its many hidden mysteries. Amanda Glaze once again delivers a story that takes her readers deep into a storyline that will leave them flying through the story and looking for answers. Filled with family magic, flashbacks, secrets, and some detective work, this story is a perfect holiday escape. ★



Riley Reviews

“RED ONE” HOLIDAY ACTION COMEDY;
“ABSOLUTION” FOR A CRIME STORY

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“RED ONE” RATED PG-13

What exactly is the holiday cheer to be found in “Red One,” a picture that has action and comedy along with a heavy dose of surreal fantasy which seems a lot more like science-fiction drama than a celebration of the Christmas spirit?

Well-known actors take center stage with Dwayne Johnson displaying qualities befitting his physical persona of “The Rock” and Chris Evans shedding his Captain America image for that of a scoundrel with a skewed moral compass.

The titular character for “Red One” is J.K. Simmons’ Santa Claus, or known to his family and friends as Nick, who has the code name “Red One” for his security detail, and we thought only U.S. presidents had code names bestowed by the Secret Service.

We first see Chris Evans’ Jack O’Malley as a delinquent youth acting like a shake-down artist. In adulthood, Jack is a deadbeat dad completely lacking in scruples when stealing other people’s lattes and newspapers before retreating to his job of hacking computers and being a tracker for hire.

With Christmas Eve around the corner, the North Pole comes under attack by evil forces connected to the Christmas witch Gryla (Kiernan Shipka), who wants to punish all the allegedly naughty people in the world and not just children.

The first step in Gryla’s misguided plan is the abduction of Santa Claus to be imprisoned in a fortified snow globe, so that Nick won’t be able to fulfill his yuletide mission of delivering presents.

Operating under the underground moniker “The Wolf,” Jack is surprised as anyone that Santa’s head of security, Callum Drift (Dwayne Johnson), has noticed his apparently inadvertent disclosure of the location of Santa’s domain to the bad guys.

Considering that the unattached Jack is estranged not only from his son and the boy’s mother, one can easily figure that a reconciliation with his offspring, Dylan (Wesley Kimmel), is in the offing since this is a Christmas movie after all.

But first, Jack reluctantly joins Callum in an odd couple buddy team in the hunt for Santa, facing off against an assortment of otherworldly henchmen, including Santa’s estranged brother Krampus (Kristofer Hivju) who looks like a cross between a Viking warrior and a horned space demon.

One of Callum’s neat tricks is a shape-shifting ability to respond to physical attacks, as well as turning toy cars into real ones for chase scenes and action figures into fighting machines.

The banter, such as it is, between stoic

Callum and sardonic Jack is pretty much the comedic element here. “Red One” offers enough diversion to be enjoyably watchable for the most part and that may be enough.

“ABSOLUTION” RATED R

Ever since the 2008 action thriller “Taken” about a former CIA operative tracking down Albanian human traffickers for kidnapping his daughter in Paris, Liam Neeson has burnished his career with ongoing films in the same action genre.

Never mind that Neeson is now in the eighth decade of his life, he appears not to be slowing down in taking roles where a certain amount of mayhem and rough physical activity remains obligatory.

Unlike his usual good guy on a virtuous mission, Neeson’s character, only fittingly known as Thug, is an aging gangster who attempts to reconnect with his estranged children to rectify his personal failings.

Thug’s desire for absolution has much to do with a terminal illness with the incapacitating neurological malady of CTE, which usually afflicts athletes suffering too many concussions. Too many blows to the head apparently have happened to Thug, a former boxer.

Even though Thug is fading mentally and physically, he’s still capable of responding to deadly threats with his own lethality. The mystery centers on who wants to eliminate Thug before irreversible brain damage takes its deadly toll.

Having worked for crime boss Charlie Conner (Ron Perlman) for decades, Thug is tasked with providing tutelage to Conner’s lunkhead son Kyle (Daniel Diemer) to learn the ropes to eventually to take over his father’s criminal enterprise.

Meanwhile, Thug would like to repair what might be a lifetime of anguish for his alienated daughter Daisy (Frankie Shaw), who really wants nothing to do with her father, even though her young son Dre (Terrence Pulliam) appears curious about the mysterious grandfather.

Reconnecting with family is not helped when Thug can’t remember the name of his deceased son or where he’s buried. Perhaps he should have family information on the notebook used to keep track of things.

Don’t expect this film to be a non-stop action picture. It’s about an hour into the story before Thug even throws a punch, and while violence is toned down, the killer instinct of an aging criminal still emerges when the occasion arises.

The pace of “Absolution” is probably not exactly what fans of a righteous avengers usually played in action films by Liam Neeson would expect. As such, it’s a bit of slog with intermittent action, and you might as well wait until it ends up on a streaming service sooner than later. ★



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New Republic FC Stadium Back on Track

By Daniel Canfield

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A project that was on life support had some much-needed life injected into it on Tuesday, Nov. 12, when the Sacramento City Council voted unanimously to approve the framework for a \$321 million downtown railyards soccer stadium and entertainment venue. A long-awaited development needed to provide a permanent home for the Sacramento Republic Football Club (FC). According to the information provided by council staff in support of the proposal, the projects being approved include a soccer stadium with supporting infrastructure occupying approximately 31 acres, as well as a new 3600-seat live entertainment venue that would occupy existing historic buildings in the railyard. The agreement, albeit non-binding, does include information regarding project costs, economic impact and anticipated public and private funding sources. The estimated \$321 million price tag breaks down to, \$175 million for the new stadium, \$56 million for the new live entertainment venue and \$90 million for associated



Here is an architectural rendering of the new Sacramento Republic FC stadium to be built in the historic Sacramento Railyards district. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

infrastructure. The projects altogether are expected to generate more than 1,500 jobs for the Sacramento region. The agreement includes a provision by which the city would waive reimbursement for municipal services for off-site police, fire, emergency medical services, traffic control and code enforcement for stadium events for up to a maximum of \$300,000 per year for a ten-year period.

The official press release from the city indicates the new stadium will be supported and privately financed by the Wilton Rancheria Tribe which became majority owners of Sacramento Republic FC on Nov. 7. The press release includes a quote from Mayor Darrel Steinberg on the importance of the council’s vote. “We are breaking barriers and making history here in Sacramento,” said Mayor

Steinberg. “Wilton Rancheria is the first tribe to own a professional men’s sports team in North America, and the projects in The Railyards will double the size of the central business district—what an incredible opportunity! This is the foundation for something beautiful today that will become even more beautiful in the years and decades to come.” In a Nov. 7 press conference, in advance of the Nov. 12

council vote, city officials joined together with representatives of Sacramento Republic FC, Downtown Railyards Venture LLC and Wilton rancheria Tribe members to celebrate the new energy being pumped into the soccer stadium/railyard development. At the press conference, Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango commented on the importance of the project. “I am deeply proud to witness this moment, which stands as a profound testament to the resilience and determination of the people of Wilton Rancheria,” said Chairman Tarango. “In just over a decade, our Tribe has transformed from landless to becoming a significant economic force in the region. The opportunity to drive a project of such scale and importance, on land where our ancestors once walked, is deeply meaningful. This is not only a chance to honor our history and uplift our community, but also to envision a future where we are not only part of Sacramento’s past, but an integral part of its future as well.” According to the city, the stadium project is scheduled for completion by late 2026, and the entertainment venue by 2027. ★

Sac State Tennis Doubles Duo Reach Semifinals



Sacramento State doubles duo of Maddy Ferreros and Irene Riva showed well at last weekend's ITA Conference Masters event in Rome, Ga. Photo courtesy of Sac State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento State doubles duo of Maddy Ferreros and Irene Riva showed well at last weekend's ITA Conference Masters event in Rome, Ga., reaching the main draw semifinals and falling just one win shy of a berth into the 2024 NCAA Individual Championships. Facing teams from across the nation, the Hornet tandem opened their run with a straight-set victory over Emilia Valentinsson and Sara Zalukar from Miami University, 7-5, 6-3, then outlasted Bryant's team of Caitlyn Munson and Natalia Vela in three sets, 5-7, 6-4, 10-4. Ferreros and Riva continued to roll on day two, easing past the Naval Academy's Emily Tannenbaum and Parvathi Shanker, 6-2, 6-0, before suffering their first loss of the tournament in the semifinals to Appalachian State's Savannah Dada-Mascoll and Isabella

Romanichen, 6-3, 6-1. With the top three doubles teams earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament, Ferreros and Riva faced off against Celia-Belle Mohr and Sophia Webster from Vanderbilt for third place, winning the first set in a tiebreaker, 7-6 (5), before falling by the scores of 6-0 and 10-5 to finish fourth. In singles, sophomore Lou Baudoin fell in her main draw opening round match to Charleston Southern's Marina Skegro, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, but rebounded in the consolation draw defeating Illinois-Chicago's Mayu Ushio, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, and advancing to the semifinals with a walkover against South Carolina State's Sofiya Chursina. In the semis, Baudoin was finally subdued, falling to South Dakota's Beata Havlickova, 6-0, 6-4. The Hornets have wrapped up the fall portion of the team's schedule and will open the spring championship season on Jan. 26 at home against the University of the Pacific. ★

Hornet's Goalkeeper Sierra Sonko Earns Player of the Week Honors

Sacramento State University Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Sierra Sonko came up aces not once, not twice, but three times in penalty kicks for the Sacramento State women’s soccer team last week during the Big Sky Conference Tournament, stopping a pair of attempts in all three contests to earn National Player of the Week honors from Top Drawer Soccer on Tuesday, Nov. 12. It’s another award added to the mantle for the Seattle, Wash., native, who was named the Big Sky Tournament Most Valuable Player for her performance in net as the Hornets claimed their first league tournament championship, and the automatic NCAA berth that goes with it for the first time since 2010.

Having appeared in one match and playing in only five minutes during the regular season, Sonko answered when called upon for No. 5-seeded Sacramento State, stopping a pair of penalties following a 2-2 draw against No. 4-seeded Northern Arizona and repeating the feat against regular season champion, host, and top-seeded Montana after the Hornets and the Grizzlies played to a scoreless draw. Two days later, it took eight rounds of penalties to finally decide a winner, but Sonko stopped defending tournament champion Idaho on its fourth attempt as the Hornets drew even and then denied the Vandals on what turned out to be their final attempt of the day to secure the victory.

Following the match, Sonko became the third Sacramento State women’s soccer player to be named the Big Sky Tournament’s MVP, joining Katie McCoy (2007) and Elece McBride (2010). She was one of six named to the all-tournament team along with teammates Teysha-Ray Spinney-Kuahuia, Ellie Farber, Sydney Sharts, Dalen Lau, and Izzy Palmatier, matching the most selections in school history along with the 2007



Hornet's redshirt freshman goalkeeper Sierra Sonko earned National Player of the Week honors from Top Drawer Soccer on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Photo courtesy of Sac State Athletics

and 2010 squads. Riding a nine-match (3-0-6) unbeaten streak dating back to their last loss on Sept. 29, the Hornets open the 2024 NCAA Tournament against top-seeded and host USC on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. at Dignity Health Sports Park Track Stadium in Carson, Calif. Broadcast information for the match has not yet been finalized, but tickets are now on sale via the link posted on the women’s soccer schedule page at HornetSports.com. ★



River Cats Earn Gold, Three Bronze Medals from GOAL

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Thanks to the continued implementation of sustainability practices, the Sacramento River Cats have been awarded four medals from Green Operations & Advanced Leadership (GOAL) for their work on Waste Reduction, Diversity & Inclusion, and Sustainable Partnerships. For efforts throughout the 2024 season, the River Cats were awarded one Gold Medal as a Partner with Sustainability Solution-Focused Brands, and

three Bronze Medals in the following categories: Measure & Report Waste Data, Engage & Participate with Community, and Activate Partnerships to Support Community Impact Initiatives. The GOAL Medals are an opportunity to recognize leadership in a variety of sustainability-related topics from Environmental, to Social, to Governance topics. The ESG categories are

broken into to topics that GOAL Members



can be recognized for various actions at either a

bronze (good), silver (better), or gold (best) level. “It is such an honor to be recognized by GOAL as leaders in sustainability, and all in great company with many other fantastic sports venues,” said Sacramento River Cats Vice President of Facilities and Events Brittney Nizuk. “We are only getting started at Sutter Health Park, and we look forward to continuing the path towards greening

and environmental resiliency through new operating procedures, partnerships, and education.” GOAL provides their members with sustainability support including quantitative data collection, qualitative sustainability storytelling, sustainability validation, and a network of like-minded leaders. GOAL’s First Annual Venue & Event All Stars Award Ceremony was held on the evening of Monday, Oct. 14 after the day’s GOAL Invitational. This event celebrated best practices in global venue operations, including a spotlight on sustainability. ★