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West Sac Engine 45 Pushed in For Duty

Measure O Passage Enables Department to Return Fire Engine to Service



West Sacramento Fire Department staff and residents push Engine 45 into its bay at Station 45. The engine, mothballed since 2012, was restored to service due to the passage of Measure O. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

By John McCallum

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In a tradition that harkens back to the days of horse-drawn apparatus, the West Sacramento Fire Department returned one of its engines to service with a “push-in” ceremony Thursday morning, Dec. 5.

Fire Department staff and residents pushed Engine 45 into its bay at the headquarters building, Station 45, located at 2040 Lake Washington Blvd. The engine, which had been

out of service since 2012 due to lack of funding, was restored to service after sales-tax ballot initiative Measure O was passed in November.

The ballot measure passed with a more than 53% yes vote. The measure is slated to raise \$20 million through enacting a 1-cent sales tax that will go “to rebuild roads and repair potholes, increase police and fire protection, recruit and retain public safety personnel, maintain parks and trails, address homelessness, and keep public spaces safe and clean.”

At the Dec. 5 ceremony, West Sacramento Fire Chief Steve Binns said that the city has seen a 70% increase in the number of calls for service and 130% increase in strictly fire calls since 2008.

“So it’s gotten a lot busier here,” Binns added.

Engine 45’s restoration to service will add nine additional firefighter positions, three firefighters, three fire engineers and three captains. According to its website, the

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CDFW Enters into New Agreement

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is committed to restoring, protecting and conserving vulnerable species and habitats in the floodplains of the Sacramento Valley.

The Sacramento River Basin and its floodplains span from Sacramento to Chico, a coverage area of approximately 1,100 square miles, an area larger than the state of Rhode Island. Floodplains, low-lying areas of land around a river or stream that when flooded, fills the area with nutrients and provides precious habitat for native fish, including salmon.

In October, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife joined federal and State of California government agencies, overseeing water, agriculture, fish and wildlife, public lands and flood control, to enter into the Floodplain Forward agreement to enhance collaboration on floodplain water projects in the Sacramento River Basin.

This agreement supports existing efforts and paves new paths forward to streamline planning, design, implementation, monitoring, funding, and information sharing of projects located on the floodplains. This memorandum of understanding also aligns with California’s Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, Drier Future, which aims to restore and expand habitat for salmon spawning and rearing.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is focused on science-based efforts in the Floodplain Forward agreement to reconnect rivers to their historical floodplains and enhance flood protection, restore fish and wildlife habitat, improve groundwater aquifer recharge, and create better water flow and reliability.

This agreement also builds on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s

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City Council Gets Traffic Safety Report

Vision Zero Action Plan looks to achieve zero traffic deaths

By John McCallum

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - West Sacramento City Council members received an update at their Dec. 4 meeting on results of a study identifying dangerous stretches of city streets and intersections and citizen safety concerns.

The “Vision Zero Action Plan” objective is to “significantly reduce” fatalities and serious injuries on city roadways, with the ultimate goal being zero traffic deaths. According to West Sacramento Police Department traffic data used in the study, there were 101 fatal/serious injury (FSI) crashes between 2017 and 2023, with 117 serious injuries and 29 deaths.

Associate transportation



West Sacramento Quirina Orozco, right, is sworn in by former West Sacramento mayor and newly elected State Sen. Christopher Cabaldon during a ceremony at the Dec. 4 council meeting. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

planner Steve Rosen said the study, contracted by the city to Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, combined police department traffic data with

public input gathered from face-to-face contact with residents at community gatherings and meetings, along with an online survey. Results indicated

respondents did not feel safe on some city streets because of high traffic speed and volumes and had concerns about

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 department operates five fire stations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with each of three shifts always staffed by 17 fire personnel on duty.

Binns said adding Engine 45 back into service returns the department's fire apparatus complement to five engines and one ladder truck.

It costs \$1.5-million annually to fully staff Engine 45. West Sacramento public information officer Paul Hosley said the city is using budgeted overtime and one-time General Fund dollars to cover the costs of operating Engine 45 until

Measure O funds become available.

Binns said having the engine back in service will decrease incident response time, along with the amount of time it takes to get water onto an active fire. It will increase the number of firefighters that can be "on scene in a timely fashion," along with increasing the department's overall training capability.

"Most importantly, it will decrease our need for neighboring agencies to come into West Sac to assist us," Binns added.

According to the website FireRescue1.com, the push-in ceremony dates back to the 1800s and the

days of horse-drawn fire apparatus. Fire crews returning from calls were unable to back their animals into the station, requiring them to detach the animals from the apparatus and push the wagons back into the bays.

With the appearance and adoption of motorized fire apparatus, the need for this procedure was eliminated. It subsequently became a tradition of departments when taking delivery of new apparatus or opening a new fire station to honor those early crews with a push-in ceremony.

Engine 45 wasn't in its bay very long, as within 15 minutes, it was off on its first call. ★

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Vision Zero Action Plan looks to achieve zero traffic deaths

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 driver behavior, including impaired or distracted driving, particularly around places where children regularly frequent such as schools and parks.

According to public input, less than two out of 10 respondents felt West Sacramento streets were safe for school-age children to walk or bike along while three out of 10 felt unsafe crossing streets. Nine out of 10 respondents were concerned about "the design and quality" of city streets.

Of the accidents listed in the police data, most occurred between 6 p.m. and midnight Thursdays through Saturdays and on "roads characterized by high speed, high traffic volumes" and the presence of retail/service businesses, schools and parks. Fifty-eight percent of these crashes involved "vulnerable road users," individuals not protected by a motor vehicle body.

Individuals in the 20 to 29 age range accounted for 26% of the crashes, making that age group overrepresented when compared to their share of the city's population. Males accounted for 74% of all fatal/serious injury victims, although they represent 49% of residents.

Rosen said they have put together maps showing "high injury locations" in the city, classified as places where two or more accidents have occurred. These

locations account for 70% of all accidents in the city, with 79% identified as dangerous by citizen input.

These high injury locations only accounted for 3.5% of West Sacramento streets.

"When we show them (public) that 70% of these fatal or severe injury crashes happen on only 3.5% of our streets, it sends a message that it's something we can do something about," Rosen said.

Public input also indicated areas of improvement in the city's transportation system such as better cycling/pedestrian infrastructure, public transit/ADA accessibility, traffic safety education and traffic calming structures. Areas needing reduction are fewer larger vehicles on residential streets, driving violations, poorly maintained roads and dark/unsafe streets.

Rosen told council that the next steps were to identify what safety measures would be useful and appropriate for the city, followed by creating criteria for meeting community safety goals and developing and prioritizing projects to meet these concerns. Council members expressed a desire to ensure as many residents as possible were aware of the Vision Zero Action Plan so they could provide input on their concerns.

The study was paid for by a \$280,000 federal Safe Streets and Roads for All



West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero, is sworn into office by her daughter, Elaine Sanchez, during a ceremony at the Dec. 4 council meeting. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento



West Sacramento City Councilwoman Norma Alcalá, is sworn into office by her daughter-in-law, Arlette Alcalá, during a ceremony at the Dec. 4 council meeting. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

grant, with the city providing \$70,000 in matching funds and an additional \$27,966 to allow for a 10% project contingency. ★

CDFW Enters into New Agreement



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is committed to conserving the floodplains of the Sacramento Valley. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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 Wildlife's decades of work to conserve Sacramento Valley floodplains, including important investments in research and pilot projects such as Knaggs Ranch, California Rice Commission's Salmon Project and the North Delta Food Action to support salmon growth and diversity; leading restoration projects to support salmon in the Yolo and Sutter bypasses; helping to design important projects including the Fremont Weir, agricultural crossing removals, Weir 1 and Giusti Weir in Yolo

and Sutter bypasses to enhance salmon and sturgeon fish passage; funding and managing initiatives in the Sutter Yolo bypasses to improve flow and water quality; developing projects such as the Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback and Sacramento Weir Widening to improve flood control and grow habitats for juvenile salmon in the Yolo Bypass; conducting fish rescues in Yolo and Sutter Bypasses since 1954; studied and monitored salmon in Yolo and Sutter Bypasses since the 1990s, including tagging more than 1.7 million juvenile

salmon from 2006 to 2007 in Sutter Bypass; and managing 16,000 acres of rice, managed wetlands and tidal habitat in the Yolo Bypass.

California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crofoot said it best: "Restoring seasonal floodplains across California is a win-win-win."

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife remains committed to working with state, local, federal and tribal partners to ensure better conditions and quality of life for native fish and wildlife in the Sacramento River Basin and beyond. ★

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Yolo County and Dignity Health Celebrate 40 Years of Yolo Adult Day Health Center

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 5, Yolo County, in collaboration with Dignity Health and Friends of Adult Day Health Care, hosted a preview and celebration of the Sagewood Center, the new home of the Yolo Adult Day Health Center (YADHC) in Woodland.

This event also commemorated the 40th anniversary of the Yolo Adult Day Health Center, highlighting its enduring dedication to improving community care. This milestone has been 16 years in the making, focused on enhancing the health and well-being of Yolo County residents.

“This project has been one of my top priorities for my entire time on the Board of Supervisors and I am glad to join in this important milestone and to preview the Sagewood Center for Adult Day Health Care,” said Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza. “I am grateful for our partnership with Dignity Health and the leadership of the Board of Supervisors and county staff. By bringing this project to its conclusion, we will be doubling the number of seniors and disabled adults that can be served.”

During this special occasion, guests had the opportunity to explore the new Sagewood Center and learn about the innovative programs and services it will offer. The expanded and upgraded space is designed to significantly impact the lives of individuals, providing comprehensive support who are facing dementia, chronic medical conditions and mental health challenges. This new facility will play a crucial role in advancing Dignity Health’s mission of exceptional



From left are Yolo County Supervisor Angel Barajas; Yolo County Clerk-Recorder/Assessor/Registrar of Voters (ACE) and Dignity Health Woodland Healthcare Board Member Jesse Salinas; Supervisor Elect Sheila Allen; Yolo County Board of Supervisors Jim Provenza; President and CEO of Dignity Health Woodland Memorial Hospital Gena Bravo; Program Director of Yolo Adult Day Health Center Dawn Myers; and Yolo County Board Chair Lucas Ferichs. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

care and aligning with Yolo County’s commitment to improving residents’ quality of life.

The Yolo Adult Day Health Center, established in February 1984, was the first purpose-built adult day health center in California. Its mission

is to promote independence, self-esteem and choice for frail adults in Yolo County. The center was founded by four community advocates inspired by European chronic care programs in the 1970s. They formed Friends of Adult Day Health Care while Yolo County donated land and secured a license, making the dream a reality.

The center now offers a variety of services, including adult day health care, senior transportation, caregiver support and the CalAIM Enhanced Care Management program.

Since 1998, Dignity Health has operated the center under a contract with Yolo County, aligning with its mission to improve health, especially for vulnerable populations.

In 2023, Yolo County and Dignity Health identified Norton Hall as a potential expansion site to meet the growing demand for community-based chronic disease management. This renovation will enable the program to serve all referrals in a timely manner, break even with Medi-Cal reimbursement rates, and support frail adults while

keeping them out of nursing homes. The new site is expected to enroll at least 125 adults, with 85% on Medi-Cal, providing critical services to individuals with a variety of complex needs, including dementia, brain injuries and behavioral health issues.

“After 40 years of impactful service and partnership with the Yolo Adult Day Health Center, it’s a privilege to witness a preview of the Sagewood Center, which marks a significant step forward in our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Yolo County residents,” said Gena Bravo, president and CEO of Dignity Health Woodland Memorial Hospital. “Congratulations to the incredible team at the Yolo Adult Day Health Center for their continued dedication to providing vital services to our community.”

The celebration of the Sagewood Center marks a significant milestone in Yolo County’s ongoing commitment to enhancing the health and well-being of its residents. With the support of Dignity Health, Friends of Adult Day Health Care, and the community, this new facility will continue to provide essential services to those who need them most.

For more information about the Yolo Adult Day Health Center, visit <https://locations.dignityhealth.org/yolo-adult-day-health-center>. For Friends of Adult Day Health Care, visit www.FriendsofADHC.org. ★



From left, Yolo County Board Chair Dawn Myers, Supervisor Jim Provenza and Program Director of Yolo Adult Day Health Center Gena Bravo pose for a photo. Photo courtesy of Yolo County



Yolo County Board of Supervisor Jim Provenza speaks at the event. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

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Coalition Hosts 13th Annual Human Milk Drive

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Breastfeeding Coalition will hold the 13th annual Human Milk Drive on Dec. 16 located at Hansen Family Health Center, 215 West Beamer St. in Woodland from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This important event supports infant health by collecting human milk donations from lactating families in Yolo County. All frozen donated breast milk up to nine months from the expression day will be sent to the Mothers' Milk Bank, a certified, safe milk donation center in Northern California.

This year's event is a collaborative effort between the Yolo County Breastfeeding Coalition, local health organizations, hospitals and community partners. The goal is to ensure that every infant has access to the optimal nutrition that breast milk provides.

"We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of the Yolo

County community over the years," said Lizeth Betancourt, IBCLC and Yolo County Breastfeeding Coordinator. "This event is crucial in providing vulnerable infants with the best start in life, and we're excited to celebrate our 13th year of collecting donated milk. Every donation, no matter how small, makes a significant difference."

Breastfeeding remains the gold standard for infant nutrition, offering essential antibodies and numerous health benefits. Even as little as a quarter of an ounce of donated milk can help a premature baby thrive. The Human Milk Drive supports families in need and raises awareness about the ongoing need for breast milk donations and the benefits of breastfeeding for infant health.

How You Can Help

Donate milk: If you are a lactating mother, consider donating your milk to help infants in need. To get pre-screened online, visit www.mothersmilk.org/donate-milk/get-started.

Spread the word: Help us reach more people by sharing information about the event with your family, friends and community.

Volunteer: Volunteers are needed to assist with collection efforts and raise awareness about the importance of human milk donation.

To request milk: If you're a parent or a health care provider seeking milk, visit www.camilkbank.org/request-milk.

For more information about the 13th Annual Human Milk Drive, including donation guidelines or how you can get involved, contact Lizeth Betancourt at Lizeth.Betancourt@YoloCounty.gov or call 530-666-8427.

The Yolo County Breastfeeding Coalition is a community-driven organization committed to promoting and supporting breastfeeding as the best choice for infant nutrition. Through education, advocacy and support, the coalition ensures that all families have access to the resources and assistance they need for a successful breastfeeding experience. ★



Farm Groups Work to expand Outreach on Groundwater Law

As implementation of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ramped up during the past couple years, farmers who learned late about the far-reaching law have encountered additional challenges. In 2017, Madera County farmer Makhhan Singh borrowed money to purchase farmland and plant almond trees, long-term investments he may be unable to recoup due to the law's restrictions on groundwater pumping. As groundwater management tightens under SGMA in the coming years, some groups are expanding their efforts to educate farmers about the law.

Farmers Need Plan to Keep Employees Safe from Avian Flu

To protect employees who work with dairy cows and poultry from H5N1 bird flu, farmers should have a basic plan in place, even if their animals are not infected. Such advice and other guidelines were shared during a webinar last month hosted by the California Farm Bureau-affiliated Farm Employers Labor Service, or FELS. As of Dec. 2, 31 human cases of H5N1 bird flu had been confirmed in California, according to the California Department of Public Health. All but one have been Central Valley dairy workers who had direct contact with infected cattle. The workers have all experienced mild symptoms, primarily eye infections, with no hospitalizations.

Farm Bureau Celebrates Success as Organization Prepares for 106th Annual Meeting

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass reflected on the organization's successes this year as it prepares to hold its annual meeting Dec. 7-10 in Monterey. "These are indeed challenging times for farmers and ranchers in California, yet it's in moments like these that the importance of celebrating our accomplishments shines even brighter," Douglass said. "With Annual Meeting just days after Thanksgiving, it's a perfect time to pause and count our blessings—not just as individuals, but as part of this amazing organization we call Farm Bureau."

Farm Income Declines in 2024 Amid Challenges for Producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's farm income forecast for 2024 revealed a difficult year for the nation's agricultural producers. USDA projected net farm income at \$140.7 billion for 2024, down \$6 billion from 2023 and \$41.2 billion from \$181.9 billion in 2022 when net farm income reached its peak. "USDA's December report underscores the volatility of the U.S. farm economy as farmers face their second consecutive year of declining income," the American Farm Bureau Federation said in an analysis of the forecast. "Crop producers, in particular, face dramatic declines in cash receipts, with little hope for immediate relief as global supply chain disruptions continue and prices for key commodities remain depressed." ★

Social Security Matters Was Your IRMAA Article Incorrect?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: In a recent article about Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount" (IRMAA) and how IRMAA affects Social Security taxes, you described which income gets included in the IRMAA calculation. You said it is "your combined income from all sources, including 50% of the SS benefits you receive." That 50% number might be true in some cases, but I think a more accurate, general answer is that "your taxable SS benefit is what gets added to IRMAA." For example, we have enough income every year that we are always taxed at 85% of our SS benefit, so 85% of our SS values get added to our IRMAA. The way your answer reads, a reader of the article might think everyone has 50% of their SS benefit added to IRMAA. **Signed: IRMAA Victim**

Dear IRMAA Victim: I think you may have confused two terms I used when describing Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount" or "IRMAA." I also used the term "MAGI" (Modified Adjusted Gross Income), and it's important to distinguish between those two terms.

MAGI is what determines if the IRMAA provision applies, and IRMAA will affect how much your Medicare premium is. But MAGI is also used for

another purpose - to see if your SS benefits are taxable. Your MAGI consists of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your income tax return, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year.

IRMAA is a factor which will increase your monthly Medicare premium if your MAGI is over certain thresholds for your tax filing status. MAGI is used to determine if a higher Medicare premium applies, and it is also used to see if your SS benefits are subject to income tax.

Your MAGI does, indeed, always use only 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year (not 85% in some cases). That's because the SS contributions included in MAGI relate to SS contributions your employer paid on your behalf. Only half of your received SS benefits are used to determine MAGI because that's the amount of your SS benefits attributable to your employer's contributions. Said another way, the SS payroll tax you personally paid while working was from your taxable income, so it is not included in MAGI. But the amount your employer contributed was not taxable by the IRS and, thus, is included in MAGI. So, it's the portion of your SS benefits attributable to your employer which is included in MAGI. Thus, the terminology that MAGI is "your combined income from all sources, including 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year" is correct. MAGI is what determines how much of your SS benefits are taxable, but your MAGI also determines if IRMAA applies to your Medicare premiums.

Your benefits are taxable if, as a married couple filing jointly, your total MAGI exceeds \$32,000. If your

MAGI is over the first threshold but less than the 2nd threshold (\$44,000 for married filers) then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year are included as part of your income taxable by the IRS. But if your MAGI goes over the 2nd threshold (\$44,000 for married filers) then up to 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year will be included as part of your income taxable by the IRS.

In short, MAGI determines how much of your income is subject to taxation. But MAGI is also used to determine if IRMAA applies. And how much your MAGI exceeds the separate IRMAA thresholds determines what your Medicare premium will be.

So, the article correctly states that IRMAA only counts 50% of the SS benefits received because that is what is included in MAGI (which is what determines if IRMAA applies). But the amount of SS which may be taxable income by the IRS could be up to 85% of benefits received during the tax year if your MAGI is high enough.

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Initial State Water Project Allocation Announced

California Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 2, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an initial State Water Project (SWP) allocation forecast of five percent of requested supplies for 2025.

The State Water Project provides water to 29 public water agencies that serve 27-million Californians.

The December initial water supply forecast is the first allocation of the new water year and is based on current reservoir storage and conservative assumptions for precipitation to come. For comparison, the initial allocation for Water Year 2024 was 10 percent of requested supplies and it eventually increased to 40 percent by the end of the season.

The initial allocation forecast announced Dec. 2 does not take into account the series of strong storms that brought precipitation to above average across Northern California in the last two weeks of November. These storms will be taken into account, along with other variables, for future allocation updates. Prior to these storms, the start of the water year had been dry and warm.

"Based on long-range forecasts and the possibility of a La Niña year, the State Water Project is planning for a dry 2025 punctuated by extreme storms like we've seen in late November," said the Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. "We need to prepare for any scenario, and this early in the season, we need to take a conservative approach to managing our water supply. Our wettest months of the season are still to come."

"What we do know is that we started the water year following record heat this summer and in early October that parched the landscape. We must account for dry soils in our State Water Project allocation

planning and our runoff forecasts for the spring," Nemeth said.

Soil moisture is critical to the success of California's water years. If the soil is too dry, snowpack runoff in the spring will absorb into the ground instead of providing water supply to the state's reservoirs. The ability to incorporate soil moisture into runoff forecasts is one of many recent improvements for State Water Project operations. Investments in Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) and improved data collection through the Department of Water Resources' \$7-million California Stream Gage Improvement Program will also help the Department of Water Resources and other agencies to incorporate the best available science and data into water management decisions.

Also new this season, the State Water Project has revised its operating permit to allow for new tools and resources to better manage the water supply for endangered fish species and millions of Californians. Earlier this month, the State Water Project received a new Incidental Take Permit from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife that covers five species protected under the California Endangered Species Act: Delta smelt, longfin smelt, white sturgeon, winter-run Chinook salmon and spring-run Chinook salmon. The new permit went into effect on Nov. 4.

Each year, the Department of Water Resources provides the initial State Water Project allocation based on available water storage, projected water supply and water demands. Allocations are updated monthly as snowpack, rainfall and runoff information is assessed, with a final allocation typically determined in May or June. As the winter progresses, if California sees an increase in rain and snowfall, the allocation forecast might increase.

Historical data on State Water Project allocations is available at water.ca.gov. ★



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Community Calendar

December

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

Friday, Dec. 13: English conversation group, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14: Bilingual Russian story time, 10 to 11 a.m. and printmaking workshop, 2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 16: Family story time, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Hug-a-bye Baby, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon and English conversation group, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Teen Anime Night, 5 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19: "Hora de Cuentos" bilingual Spanish story time, 4 to 4:30 p.m. Yoga at the library, 6 to 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 20: English conversation group, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Lego Block Party, 3 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21: Bilingual Russian story time, 10 to 11 a.m. and winter ornament craft workshop, 2 to 4 p.m.

Call 530-666-8005 for more information on any of these events.

Yolo County Library and YoloWorks! are partnering to support farm workers this winter with a blanket drive. Now through Dec. 13, the community is invited to drop off new blankets or throws at select Yolo County Library locations during open hours including Turner Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. Contact Sue Billing at sue.billing@yolocounty.gov or Rodrigo Lopez at rodrigo.lopez@yolocounty.gov for more information, including other participating Yolo County libraries.

See's Candies available for sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Dec. 23 at the West Sacramento Moose Lodge 1762, 3240 Jefferson Blvd. This fundraiser supports scholarships, community service and other Moose projects. For more information, call 916-371-9684 or 916-440-3790.

Friday, Dec. 13: Kids Night Out, 6 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: Woodland Chamber Holiday Magic Parade, 4 to 7 p.m. Main Street, Woodland. The 57th annual Holiday Parade themed "Making Spirits Bright" will ride down Main Street from West Street, east to Sixth Street. For more information, contact the Woodland Chamber of Commerce at 530-662-7327.

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>.

Saturday, Dec. 14: Kids' Free Workshop: Spinning Snowflakes. Mini builders are invited to craft their own snowflake ornaments. Spark creativity assembling this enchanting decoration that captures the spirit of the season. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lowe's, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. Registration is required. For more information or to register, see website at <https://www.lowes.com/events/register/spinning-snowflake>.

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 Blvd., 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 St., Woodland, or day of the event at the Stonegate Boutique.

Sunday, Dec. 15: Gingerbread Workshops for the whole family, 2 to 4 p.m. Create cherished holiday memories at this festive workshop. Perfect for families, this heartwarming experience combines creativity, storytelling, and sweet holiday treats. All supplies are provided. For times, location and registration visit www.thewondergrove.org.

Saturday, Dec. 21: The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners will be available to

answer your gardening questions at their West Sacramento Gardening Q&A Desk. It will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at Lowe's, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. This desk is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jennifer Baumbach at jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736.

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 St. in Davis. More information is available at 530-758-3370.

Woodland Volunteer Bureau Food Closet "Season of Caring" 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 - January

Saturday, Jan. 4: The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions at their West Sacramento Gardening Q&A Desk. It will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at Lowe's, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. This desk is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jennifer Baumbach at jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736.

Saturday, Jan. 11: Zumba Heroes versus Villains Dance Party, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Come dressed as your favorite hero or villain. There will be a costume contest and dance battle - bring your best moves! Youth and adults of all fitness levels are welcome. Registration in advance is required; tickets will not be sold at the door. Select this special event on the following website to register: 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.

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 Ave. 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.westsacramento-chamber.com/> for more information including membership. Next Forum will be on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

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>. Due to the holidays, the next council meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15. ★

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Willie Lawrence Ellis, 49, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 27 by West Sacramento Police for charges of robbery, second-degree robbery and shoplifting with enhancements for repeat offender with felony convictions. Officer arrested Ellis at Sacramento Main Jail.

Sandra Ann Wilson, 35, was arrested Friday, Nov. 29 by West Sacramento Police at a store on Riverpoint Court for second degree robbery, possessing a key / tampering device, second degree burglary and bench warrant for failure to appear on misdemeanor charge. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Stashaun Earlthomas Webb, 28, was arrested Saturday, Nov. 30 by West Sacramento Police on I Street, Sacramento for bench warrant / failure to appear on felony charge. Webb was transported to Yolo County Jail and booked.

Robert Seymore, 51, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 1 in Yolo County by Davis Police for bench warrant / failure to appear on misdemeanor warrant - warrants or holds only.

Charlene Mae Deleon, 27, was arrested Monday, Dec. 2 in Elk Grove by Sacramento County Sheriff for warrants or holds only.

Pavel Zolnikov, 19, was arrested Monday, Dec. 2 in Sacramento by Sacramento County Sheriff for robbery.

Natalie Kuzmenko, 20, was arrested on Tuesday, Dec. 3 on I Street in Sacramento for bench warrant / failure to appear on felony charges of arson. This was a transfer from the Sacramento Main Jail to Yolo County Jail.

Artur Boger, 24, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 4 at northbound Highway 99 at Mack Road in Sacramento by Sacramento County Sheriff for vandalism \$5,000 or more.

Larence Leonard Sturgis, 34, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 5 on Arden Way in Sacramento by Sacramento County Sheriff for conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor and grand theft.

Spencer Bracey, 50, was arrested Friday, Dec. 6 on Selma Street in Sacramento by Sacramento County Sheriff for warrants or holds only.

Steven Ray Chio, 55, was arrested Friday, Dec. 6 on Lemon Hill Avenue at Lucero Drive in Sacramento by Sacramento County Sheriff for DUI alcohol / drugs and DUI alcohol with blood alcohol concentration >.08.

Cindy Saelee, 33, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 8 in Alameda by Alameda County Sheriff for resisting / obstructing / delaying a peace officer, possession of burglar's tools, grand theft of lost property, unlawful use of willfully obtained personal identifying information and unauthorized use of personal identifying information with previous conviction.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

Friday, Nov. 22 - two water heaters were stolen from a store on Lake Washington Boulevard. Loss estimated at \$2,458.

Wednesday, Nov. 27 - victim reported stucco damage by a small child on a motorized scooter. The incident was caught on camera at a residential facility on Lost River Lane. Unknown value of damage.

Saturday, Nov. 30 - unknown suspect(s) stole approximately \$3,000 to \$3,500 in diesel fuel from three big rig trucks in a parking lot / garage on Enterprise Boulevard overnight.

Monday, Dec. 2 - an unknown person broke into the victim's vehicle at a parking lot on Sacramento Avenue and stole a stereo, speakers and other miscellaneous items. Loss is estimated at \$1,500.

Monday, Dec. 2 - unknown subject threw a trash can through the window at a gas station on West Capitol Avenue. Subject threw the trash can after being told they could not use the business phone. Unknown value of damage.

Tuesday, Dec. 3 - Officer was dispatched to a store on Industrial Boulevard for a theft report. The reporting party provided their internal investigation information of the suspect. The reporting party wanted to press petty theft and embezzlement charges against their suspect. Loss estimated at \$3,978.

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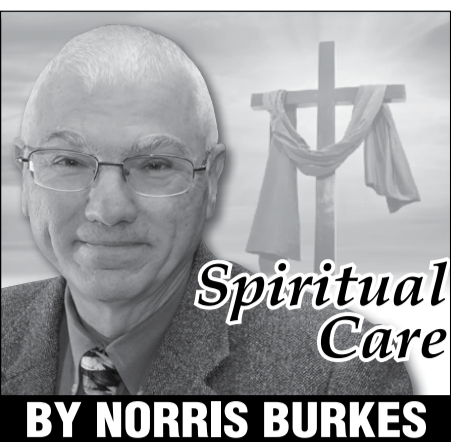
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Chaplain's Wife Misinterprets Dying Breath



BY NORRIS BURKES

This week, I'm very happy to announce the 65th birthday of my good friend Dale Swan. Yes, he's still alive, despite the wishes of his wife Jill.

No, wait. That sounds bad. Jill and Dale are a very fit and happy couple, so allow me to start this story again.

Dale Swan, a Sutter Hospice chaplain in Roseville, has always been clear with his wife, Jill, about how he wants to die.

"If I get sick and can't feed myself or make my own decisions, please don't let them put in a breathing or feeding tube. Let me go peacefully."

Jill, 62, is a CPA who is used to calculating the options, responded in the way many families do: "But I don't want you to starve to death."

Dale reassured his wife of 40 years that his hospice colleagues would be there for her and wouldn't let him suffer.

Dale is an avid cyclist who showed no signs of impending problems until one summer evening in 2018. He was watching TV from his recliner, eating a veggie burger and sipping a beer, when he was hit with troubling stomach pains.

He took some antacid and told his wife he was going to lie down. When Jill checked on him an hour later, she found his pain intensifying. She suggested a doctor, but Dale declined, instead making a restroom visit that brought only mild improvement.

An hour later, Jill heard Dale moaning with extreme pain. She insisted on taking him to the ER, but Dale countered by asking her to call 911. When paramedics arrived, they began assessing pain even as they were speculating it was a heart attack.

Within a few minutes, EMTs placed him on a gurney and loaded him in their ambulance. Beside him, they hung an IV

drip of Fentanyl, a strong opiate for pain control.

Once inside the ER, the doctor ordered blood tests, a CT scan and a sonogram. Dale was suffering from pancreatitis, but staff could find no cause. They ruled out stomach blockage, gallbladder problems and even alcohol abuse.

Dale's pain level was rising to alarming levels, with no apparent diagnosis. Nurses admitted Dale to a room, ordered that he have no food for four days, and administered Dilaudid.

However, once inside the room, the pain medication slowed his respiration to six breaths per minute. Dale was rapidly losing consciousness.

Hospital staff grew concerned they'd overdosed him and instructed Jill to keep her husband awake or they'd have to give him Narcan, a drug that reverses opioid effects. "If that doesn't work," they grimly warned, "we'll have to insert a breathing tube down his throat."

Jill remembered Dale's instructions and shocked the staff by saying, "Oh no, he doesn't want that! He's always said to let him die peacefully."

Jill felt prepared. She and Dale had discussed many of the crucial questions involving the end of life and placed those answers into an advance directive, (often called a Living Will). The Advance Healthcare Directive is a document that we should all have.

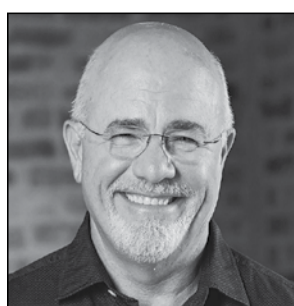
The directive instructs doctors what we want done if we become incapacitated. Without the directive, doctors are obligated to do everything possible to save our life — even if "everything" means a painful delay of our inevitable death.

Fortunately, the medical staff knew this wasn't a moment to give up on a healthy and strong patient.

They helped Jill understand that Dale's document didn't apply to situations where a full recovery could be logically anticipated.

While Dale has fully recovered and returned to work, the happy couple is taking no more chances. Dale's given Jill more detailed instructions. And Jill, ever the logical number cruncher, has reviewed their life insurance policies — just in case.

More information on state-specific advance directives is available at www.caringinfo.org. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

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After that, start throwing every nickel and dime you can scrape together, and save toward paying off those student loans as fast as possible.

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– Dave

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– Andy

Dear Andy,

If I were in your shoes, and maybe looking at a window of three or four years, I'd just park the cash in a good money market account. You won't make a lot off it, but

your money will be safe. I mean, all you're looking for is a smart place to stash it for a little while.

When it comes to long-term investing, I'm a big fan of growth stock mutual funds. The problem with that in your situation would be the volatility of the market. By the time you've saved up more money, and spent time deciding on a house, the market may be down.

You two are in a great place financially right now. With the path you're on, just imagine how incredible it will be in a few years to have a new home and be debt-free!

– 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. ★



Another Jingle Bell on the Tree

Dr. James L. Snyder

Working in my office the other morning, I heard some rattling noises on the other side of the house. Being as busy as I was, I didn't take the time to find out what that noise was all about.

It was around lunchtime, and I was still hearing that noise. I decided to go into the kitchen and see what we were having for lunch, and as I did so, I noticed The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was in the living room setting up our Christmas tree.

Sometimes, I think it would be really nice if there was a Santa Claus. Every year my parents would take me downtown where Santa Claus was, and I would sit on Santa's lap and tell him what I wanted for Christmas. I assured him I was a very good boy during the year.

Every year I sat on his lap and told him that I wanted a pony for Christmas and nothing more. He always went through his "ho ho ho" act and I believed he was going to do it for me.

I remember getting up on Christmas day and running into the living room, where my parents had their

Christmas tree surrounded by all the Christmas gifts. I looked around the tree then I got up and went to the back porch, looked out, and shouted to my parents, "Where is he? I can't see him."

Of course, my parents would say, "What you're talking about," and I always responded by saying, "Santa Claus promised me that he was going to bring me a pony. Now, where is that pony?"

The older I got, the more sophisticated my parents' response to that question was. Usually, it was something like, "Santa might have run out of ponies this year, so you'll have to wait until next year, and I'm sure he'll bring one next year."

Christmas went by, and another Christmas went by, and another Christmas went by, and there was no sign of any pony with my name on it.

I was thinking about this as I was eating lunch. There, the Christmas tree was in the process of being put together for Christmas. One of the routines at Christmas time was to buy a brand-new jingle Bell, usually at her favorite thrift store. As I was looking at the Christmas tree, I

noticed there was a space near the top of the tree, but no jingle bell.

I looked at my wife and said, "My Dear, where is the new jingle Bell and why is there a big space on top of the Christmas tree?"

"I guess you never pay attention to what's going on around here, do you?" Then she laughed a good, merry laugh. "I cannot put the new jingle Bell on until the night before Christmas. That has been our tradition for many years, in case you haven't noticed. That space near the top of the tree is where the new jingle Bell goes this year."

I sure do love it when a plan comes together, even if it's not my plan.

A verse of scripture came to mind, 2 Thessalonians 2:15, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."

Traditions are important, especially those grounded on the Word of God.

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Christmas Jug Band Returns to the Winters Opera House

Winters Opera House News Release

WINTERS, CA (MPG) - The purveyors of 100 percent acoustic seasonal skiffle, Santa-swing and jingle bell rockabilly are heading to Winters at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle jugabilly! Irreverence and merriment, it's what they do. Yes, it's time for the Christmas Jug Band, that motley crew of jugabillians and notable Bay Area musicians who, like most great American pioneers, got their start from "a Wild Turkey-inspired momentary lapse of sanity."

Make no mistake, the Jug Band might be comical but its venerable members are some of the best musicians in the Bay Area and beyond. Whether you're naughty or nice, you'd be wise to join this night of fun and hilarity.

Presale tickets are \$20 at www.winterstheatre.org and tickets at the door are \$25.

For more information, go to www.winterstheatre@gmail.com. ★



The Christmas Jug Band returns to Winters Opera House on Dec. 15. Photo courtesy of Winters Opera House

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240946
The following person(s) is doing business as: Your Landscape Guide, 2728 Sweeney Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. Gabrielle Fandelle, 2728, Sweeney Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 9, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/12/2024.

By: Morgan Braun, Deputy
Publish: Nov 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 2024
YOUR 12-13-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240930
The following person(s) is doing business as: Honeybee Hair Salon, 327 College Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Melissa Lynn Paulucci, 327 College Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 1, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/4/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 2024
HONEYBEE 12-20-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240975
The following person(s) is doing business as: Serenity Now Behavioral Health/Serenity Now – Salem/Serenity Now, 417 Mace Boulevard, Suite J-102, Davis, CA 95618. Serenity Now Behavioral Health LLC, 417 Mace Boulevard, Suite J-102, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 5, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/20/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 2024
SERENITY 12-20-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240940
The following person(s) is doing business as: Waters Above, 1897 E Gibson Road, Suite 1C, Woodland, CA 95776. Erto, Inc., 1897 E Gibson Road, Suite 1C, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 28, 2015.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/6/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 2024
WATERS 12-20-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240971
The following person(s) is doing business as: Jannette Hunt for WUSD School Board 2024, 3775 Industrial Boulevard 980121, West Sacramento, CA 95798. Mari Jannette Hunt, 3775 Industrial Boulevard 980121, West Sacramento, CA 95798. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 26, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/20/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
HUNT 12-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240984
The following person(s) is doing business as: Empire Specialties, 3701 Parkway Place, Suite A, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Polvera Drywall of Riverside Corp, 8315 Miralani Drive, San Diego, CA 92126. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 19, 2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/26/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
EMPIRE 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240951
The following person(s) is doing business as: Aegean Investment Team (AIT), 9 Main Street, Woodland CA 95695. Theofilos Fkias, Emmanuel Vasiliou, and Spiros Moulats, 7172 McKean Court, San Jose, CA 95120. This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 1999

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/14/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
AEGEAN 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240975
The following person(s) is doing business as: ACTIVE OASIS CARE HOME, 442 YOUNG DR, WINTERS, CA 95694, County of YOLO ACTIVE OASIS LLC, 649 PERIWINKLE DR, VACAVILLE, CA 95687. This business is conducted by LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/22/2024.

By: KQUAM, Deputy
Publish: 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/24, 1/3/25
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NEWS-LEDGER

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 persons interested in the above-entitled 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

SUMMONS

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

MICHELLE OSTER, individually, Plaintiff, vs. KILEIGH RAELYNN EMERY, individually; ANDREW NEWMAN, individually; CARMAX AUTO SUPERSTORES, INC, a Delaware corporation

d/b/a CARMAX; DOES I – X, and ROE CORPORATIONS I – X, inclusive, 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 INFORMATION BELOW. TO THE DEFENDANT: 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 response 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 demanded 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 political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators, each have 45 days after service of this summons within which to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the complaint. CLERK OF THE COURT, s/ Demond Palmer, Deputy Clerk, date 6/11/2024, 200 Lewis Avenue, 5th floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155-1601, issued at the direction of Joseph F. Schmitt, Esq., Nevada Bar No. 9681, Lerner & Rowe Injury Attorneys, 4795 S. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89147, (702) 877-1500, jschmitt@lernerandrowe.com, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Publish: Nov 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 2024 NEWMAN 12-13-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GILBERT EDWARD LOUIE AKA GILBERT E. LOUIE AKA GILBERT LOUIE CASE NO. PR2024-0278

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GILBERT EDWARD LOUIE AKA GILBERT E. LOUIE AKA GILBERT LOUIE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CENTRAL PACIFIC BANK in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CENTRAL PACIFIC BANK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. THE WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This Authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions,

however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/08/25 at 9:00AM in Dept. 14 located at 1000 MAIN STREET, WOODLAND, CA 95695 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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CNS-3875730# 12-27-24

TRUSTEE SALE

Trustee Sale No. 132588-1 Loan No. XXXX2537/NORTH CENTER Title Order No. 95314043 APN 043-272-019-000; 043-272-021-000 TRA No. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/20/2017. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES as the duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, described as follows: Trustor(s): SHARON R. PEREZ, TRUSTEE OF THE PEREZ FAMILY 1991 REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 24, 1991; OWNERSHIP VESTED AS SHARON R. PEREZ, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE JOHN PEREZ FAMILY 1991 REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 24, 1991 Deed of Trust: recorded on 08/02/2017 as Document No. 2017-0019744-00; modified by document recorded on 05/15/2018 as Document No. 2018-0011384-00; modified by document recorded on 07/05/2018 as Document No. 2018-0015751-00 of official re-

ords in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Trustee's Sale: 12/19/2024 at 12:45 PM Trustee's Sale Location: At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 The property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: ALL THAT PORTION OF LOTS 4, 5, 6 AND 7, BLOCK B, AS SAID LOTS AND BLOCK ARE SHOWN ON THE 'OFFICIAL PLAT OF HOLLAND LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION NO. 10 'A', RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF YOLO COUNTY IN BOOK 3 OF MAPS AT PAGES 50 AND 51, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A REINFORCING BAR TAGGED 'R.E. 20213', MARKING THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING ALONG THE NORTH-WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 4 NORTH 62°03'00" EAST 113.85 FEET TO A REINFORCING BAR TAGGED 'R.E. 20213'; THENCE SOUTH 25°53'02" EAST 150.95 FEET TO A REINFORCING BAR TAGGED 'L.S. 3185'; THENCE SOUTH 62°25'00" WEST 108.41 FEET TO A CROSS CUT IN CONCRETE LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH-WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOTS 7, 6, 5 AND 4 NORTH 27°57'00" WEST 150.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. APN: 043-272-019-000 / 043-272-021-000 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 36167-36185 NORTH CENTER STREET & ADJACENT LOT(S), CLARKSBURG, CA 95612. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$6,561,567.79 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. *SAID NOTE(S) ARE SECURED BY THE FOLLOWING DEEDS OF TRUST: RECORDED ON 12/03/2013 AS DOCUMENT NO. 20131203 PAGE 0629 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY; RECORDED ON 12/03/2013 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2013-148719 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY; RECORDED ON 08/02/2017 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 201708020484 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY 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 caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 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. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear

ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 132588-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. IF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY CONTAINS FROM ONE TO FOUR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES, THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer", you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder", you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 132588-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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: November 6, 2024 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES 7844 Madison Ave., Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com Marsha Townsend, Executive Vice President MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NFP0467411 To: NEWS LEDGER 11/29/2024, 12/06/2024, 12/13/2024 NEWS LEDGER 12-13-24

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on December 4, 2024, the West Sacramento City Council adopted by the vote noted below Ordinances 24-17 amending Chapters 9.28 and 12.12 and repealing and readopting Title 10 of the West Sacramento Municipal Code.

AYES: Alcalá, Early, Orozco, Sulpizio Hull, Guerrero.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

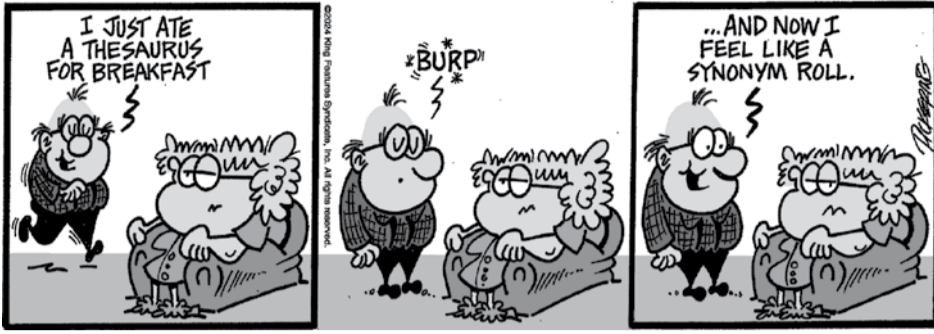
The full text of this ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.



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by Jeff Pickering



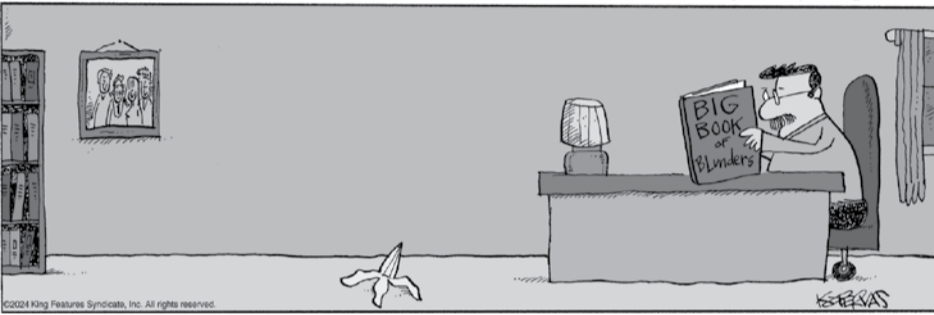
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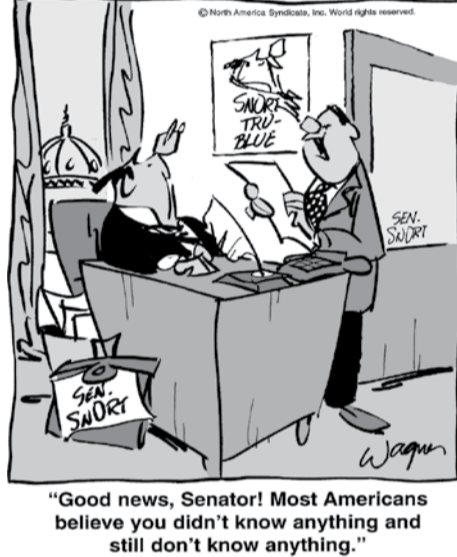
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- CLUES**
- ACROSS
- Cerberus' domain
 - Chop
 - Mama's husband
 - Unsuitable
 - Adam's partner
 - Echo sounder
 - Sunny prefix
 - Armed conflict
 - In a heated manner
 - *Highest grossing movie based on Broadway musical
 - *Time's 100 World's Most Influential People cover model in 2024 (2 words)
 - "___ and the City"
 - Not exciting
 - Accident
 - Rani's dress
 - Talking points
 - Affirm
 - Spanish sparkling wine
 - Slang for money
 - Velum, pl.
 - *November 5th 2024 winner
 - Short for "and elsewhere" (2 words)
 - Met's offering
 - River in Bohemia
 - Queen of Hearts' pastry
 - *Super Bowl winners in 2024
 - Visi___ or Ostr___
 - The Alan Parsons Project's "Eye in the ___"
 - ___ of passage
 - *Milton's center
 - *Miley Cyrus' Grammy-winning Record of the Year in 2024
 - *2024 Summer Olympic Games host
 - Cat's nine
 - Lowest or highest card
 - Accustom
 - E-wallet content
 - Backstabber
 - N in RN
 - Whipping mark
 - R&R spot
 - Support person
- DOWN
- "Say what?"
 - All over again
 - *MV___ cause of 2024 Baltimore bridge collapse
 - Long stories
 - Tends a fire
 - Obscene
 - Spermatozoa counterpart
 - Lost, in Paris
 - *Olympic Gold winner Katie Ledecky's "court"
 - Dead against
 - Explore by touch
 - Maisie Williams' "Game of Thrones" character
 - Hello, in Haifa
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 - Bet's predecessor
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 - Like steak order
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Sac Republic FC Re-Signs Rodrigo Lopez for 2025

Sacramento Republic Football Club News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 3, Republic FC announced the club has re-signed Rodrigo Lopez for the 2025 season. The veteran midfielder will be added to the club's roster, pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"RoRo is a special player and we're thrilled to have him back in Sacramento for another season," said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant. "We know how much winning another championship means to him, and we are looking forward to his continued leadership, both on and off the field."

"My injury last season was just a setback and it doesn't define me," said Lopez. "I'm ready to respond with everything I've got. I'm back and there is only one thing on my mind – to win another championship for this club and the city of Sacramento."

As the first signing in Indomitable Club history,



Sac Republic Football Club's veteran midfielder Rodrigo Lopez will be returning for the 2025 season. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

Lopez has been a fixture in the club's record books. He is currently the club's all-time assist leader (41), while also ranking second all-time in appearances (136), minutes

(10,108) and goals (41). In six seasons, Lopez earned several accolades including 2014 USL Championship Final MVP and two USL Championship All-League First Team selections

(2014, 2022). He was a standout player in Sacramento's historic run to the Open Cup Final in 2022 and became the first player to be named both the

Player of the Tournament and Lower-Division Player of the Tournament (TheCup.US) after leading all players with four goals and four assists.

In 2024, he was honored when U.S. Soccer renamed the Northern California Round of 32 & Quarterfinal to the "Lopez Division" – the only division to be named after an active player, the Modern Era Open Cup assist leader.

In an injury-shortened 2024 campaign, he made 9 appearances, with two goals and one assist, and earned two Team of the Week selections before suffering a torn ACL on May 21.

Lopez's professional career began in 2005 with MLS-side Chivas USA. After three seasons with the southern California club, he would move on to compete in USL PDL, MLS Reserve League, and Mexico's top leagues – Ascenso MX and Liga MX. In addition to his stints with Republic FC, he also featured in USL Championship for Rio Grande Valley FC, helping the team reach the 2021 Western Conference Semifinals. ★

Hornet Football Inks 10 Players on National Signing Day

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento State football team added the first pieces towards the future with the addition of 10 student-athletes on National Signing Day, it was announced on Dec. 4. The group is made up of eight defensive players and three offensive players.

The defensive side consists of three players who play on the line, including a pair of junior college transfers. Mario Savala III comes from Modesto JC and Eduardo Vega from Reedley JC. Both have helped their teams reach the postseason this year and will add a veteran presence to a defensive front which saw four players graduate from the 2024 roster. The unit will be boosted by freshman Micah Mosley who comes from Valley Christian HS in San Jose. Mosley was a three-star recruit from 247Sports and tallied nine tackles-for-loss as a senior.

The other four defensive signees will play in the secondary. Caleb



Casa Roble High School senior tight end Elijah Huddle has signed on to play football at the next level with the Sacramento State Hornets.

Reese is a cornerback from San Marcos HS in Oceanside, Calif., who had over 100 tackles and five interceptions during his career. Jojo Solis prepped at Aquinas HS in San Bernardino, Calif., where he starred on both sides of the ball. Solis rushed for over 4,700 yards and had 89 offensive touchdowns and had 102 career tackles and four interceptions as a safety.

The Hornets will also bring in a pair of nickel-backs. Jaron Hodson will see his prep career continue with Folsom HS in



The Hornet defensive line poised to make a big play. Photos by Sacramento State Athletics

the NorCal Playoffs this weekend. Hodson has tallied a tackle in every game for the Bulldogs this season, raising his career total of 95. He also has recovered three fumbles and had an interception over the last two seasons. Nash Burkart is the lone out-of-state member of the class. Burkart recently helped Kapa'a HS in Lihue, Hawaii win the state Div. I title and was named

all-Kauai Interscholastic Federation as a defensive back and as a kick returner.

On the offensive front, Graysen Lee and Jaxon Moore will come to the Hornets with college-ready frames. Lee stands at 6-foot-6, 280 pounds and prepped at Frontier HS in Bakersfield. The team will play in the CIF Div. 3-AA Southern Championship this

weekend. Jaxon Moore guided West Park HS in Roseville, Calif., to the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. II semifinals as a senior. The 6-foot-6, 305-pounder has been named first team all-section and all-league.

Tight end Elijah Huddle of Casa Roble HS completes the day's signees. Huddle earned a three-star grade from 247Sports despite being limited to five games as a senior. In

that span, he still managed to catch 18 passes for 294 yards and four touchdowns. That included eight receptions for 127 yards in the section playoffs against Union Mine HS.

The early signing period will remain open until Dec. 6 for high school recruits. Junior college recruits may sign until Jan. 15, 2025. The regular period opens on Feb. 5 and runs through Apr. 1. ★

Pioneer League Champion High Wheelers Have a New Home

High Wheelers News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Marysville City Council has approved a new lease agreement to bring the reigning Pioneer Baseball League Champion High Wheelers to historic Bryant Field. This decision comes on the heels of a successful inaugural season, where the High Wheelers won the championship in the Pioneer League while playing at Dobbins Field on the UC Davis campus. Despite on-field dominance, the team struggled to establish a sustainable presence in Davis due to several logistical challenges.

The High Wheelers are the latest addition to the Pioneer Baseball League (PBL), a Major League Baseball (MLB) partner league established in 1939, and the second team in the league's west coast expansion, following the Oakland Ballers. The league has a strong history of player development, sending multiple players to the MLB teams each season. As a part of the team's relocation the High Wheelers will be renamed the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers. In an effort to honor



High Wheelers celebrate their Pioneer Baseball League Championship in September 2024. Photo courtesy of High Wheelers

the Davis fans, team founders and staff will be hosting an open forum to speak directly with people who have questions about the move.

The Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers aim to become the premium destination for family entertainment in the Yuba-Sutter region by setting a new standard for investment in player development, community

engagement, and fan experience, surpassing anything previously seen from teams in the area. The High Wheelers were founded by the same ownership group that created the Oakland Ballers, a baseball team that made national headlines by bringing a new brand of fan-centered, community-driven baseball to a fanbase that was heartbroken with the departure


of the A's from Oakland.

"In Oakland, we developed a successful model of radical community participation. We are confident we can continue this in Marysville, while also staying nimble enough to consistently improve the player and fan experience. We can't wait to see how our new Yuba-Sutter fans truly make the team their own." said Bryan Carmel, co-founder of

the Oakland Ballers & the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers.

Marysville, located two hours northeast of the Bay Area, is a deeply historic baseball community and offers an opportunity to re-integrate baseball into the economic and cultural fabric of the Yuba-Sutter region. The team will be playing at Bryant Field, a historic stadium built from New Deal investments. Baseball has a rich history in the community, having hosted legends such as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Jackie Robinson.

About the High Wheelers
The High Wheelers joined the Pioneer League, which was founded in 1939, as its second ever West Coast franchise. The High Wheelers are committed to providing a fun, innovative and community focused baseball experience that puts families first, while providing a new model for sports franchises. The PBL, founded in 1939, features teams based in Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Utah, and California. As an independent MLB Partner League, the PBL comprises 12 teams playing a 96-game season from May to mid-September. ★



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Riley Reviews

**MORE HOLIDAY PROGRAMS ON TV
THE CLOSER WE GET TO CHRISTMAS**

**A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley**

It's not just Lifetime and the Hallmark Channel that offer holiday programming filled with Christmas movies and specials. UPTv is celebrating the "Most Uplifting Christmas Ever" with a schedule of over 500 hours of holiday cheer including 12 premiere movies.

In a press release, a UPTv executive is quoted as saying "Christmas is the time of year when families really come together. When people go out of their way to be kinder and to feel the joy that the season can bring." The holiday spirit at UPTv runs right up to Christmas Eve.

UPTv's "A Novel Christmas" finds children's book author Chloe Anderson (Brigitte Kingsley) heading to the cozy town of Noelville to spend time with her sister's family and help care for her recently widowed father.

Chloe did not expect the instant connection with the local bookstore owner and single dad, Ethan (Landy Cannon). Will the small town's charms be enough to rekindle a grieving family's Christmas spirit along with Chloe's dreams of writing her first novel, let alone a chance at love?

"North by North Pole: A Dial S Mystery" may sound like an Alfred Hitchcock title, but here Santa Claus is back to help a new couple solve a mystery and find romance. Zoey (Abby Ross) has one Christmas wish – to produce the perfect Christmas Festival for her hometown of Willow Creek.

The wish becomes more difficult when Dalton (Joey Scarpellino), the sponsor's handsome but aggravating son, becomes her partner and his modern ideas clash with Joey's more traditional vision.

However, when suspicious things start happening, Zoey and Dalton realize someone is trying to stop the festival. They must team up to save it and soon find that they have a lot more in common than they thought.

Lifetime always delivers holiday programs. In "How to Fall in Love by Christmas," Teri Hatcher's Nora, beloved writer-turned-CEO of her lifestyle brand, must secure a partnership with Take to Heart to save her company.

The only way to appease the partners is for Nora to write a column on falling in love by Christmas with the help of the charming and handsome photographer (Dan Payne) who has been assigned to the piece.

Lifetime's "The Holiday Junkie," stars Jennifer Love Hewitt (also serving as the director) as Andie, who runs a company with her mother Mimi that is a decorating and planning service for all holiday needs.

But after Mimi passes, Andie is forced to face her first Christmas without her mother and carry the torch for The

Holiday Junkie company all on her own. Despite the challenges, Andie may also find some love at Christmas along the way.

Positioned as a key element of the network's "It's a Wonderful Lifetime" holiday movie slate, "The Holiday Junkie" is a family affair with Hewitt's husband Brian Hallisay co-starring and their children also appearing in the film.

Tia Mowry stars in Lifetime's "A Very Merry Beauty Salon" as Sienna, the owner of the bustling Divine Beauty Salon preparing for Atlanta's Tinsel Ball, where she will be honored for her charitable work.

The annual event takes a glamorous turn with the arrival of Lawrence (RonReaco Lee), a charismatic CEO whose family's wine brand is now co-sponsoring the Ball.

Sparks fly between them, but Sienna's mother Georgia (Donna Biscoe) who is head of the Ball's committee, worries his involvement may ruin the event's traditions.

Romance blooms when Sienna and Lawrence are paired as dance partners, setting the stage for a steamy romance that challenges Sienna's thoughts on love and family and makes this year's Tinsel Ball the most memorable.

The Hallmark Channel reliably delivers a slate of holiday movies so extensive than hardly a dozen columns could cover them all. At Kansas City Chiefs home games singer Taylor Swift is often a presence all too often on TV broadcasts to cheer on her boyfriend Travis Kelce.

While neither one of them appears in "Holiday Touchdown: A Chiefs Love Story," Hunter King's Alana Higman is sure that her family's lifelong history Chiefs superfans makes them a frontrunner to win the team's "Fan of the Year" contest.

Derrick (Tyler Hynes), Director of Fan Engagement, is tasked with evaluating how Alana and her family stack up against the other two finalists. As Alana and Derrick spend time together, it's clear there's a spark between them.

But when Alana's grandfather's Chiefs lucky hat goes missing, Alana begins to doubt everything she believed about fate and destiny, even questioning her future with Derrick, unless a little Christmas magic can throw a Hail Mary.

Ashley Williams' Avery stars in Hallmark's "Jingle Bell Run" as an adventurous teacher whose sister secretly signs her up for The Great Holiday Dash, a Christmas-themed reality competition show where she's paired with former hockey player Wes (Andrew Walker).

Despite clashing at first, Avery and Wes' skill help them excel as they travel from city to city and compete in festive feats that have a local flavor. It's not long before a real connection between these opposites begin to blossom. ★

Holiday Gift Guide from Macmillan Publishing

The Holiday gift-giving guide returns with an exciting new array of Children's books. This year, our favorite publishers have curated their top picks for the holiday season, promising delightful discoveries for you and your little ones. So, if you are looking for the perfect gift or one that will bring holiday cheer or hours of entertainment, remember that the joy of discovering a new book is timeless.



First 100 Christmas-Priddy Books

Priddy book returns with a collection of brightly colored photographs and essential words of the holidays. This go-to guide, a sturdy board book, will be a favorite teaching tool for any baby or toddler on your list, helping them learn about Christmas in a fun and interactive way.

Santa's Perfect Present Priddy Books

It's time to pick a present for Santa, but what is the best gift? This sturdy felt board book is a fun story about giving and receiving.

Squeaky Santa and His Festive Friends Priddy Books

Press Santa's soft, fluffy bear and hear it squeak. When he isn't getting ready for Christmas Day, Santa is with all his friends.

Toddlers will delight in this squeaky board book highlighting Santa and his friends.

Night Night Santa Priddy Books

It's time to settle down and go to sleep with this

Christmas nighttime adventure. While little ones might be excited about Santa's visit, this board book is the perfect bedtime read.

Follow Santa on his Christmas Eve journey with this sturdy board book, and then it's time to say good-night and turn out the lights and see this book's glow-in-the-dark adventure.

The Christmas Book Flood by Emily Kilgore and Kitty Moss

Celebrate the beautiful Icelandic tradition of the Christmas Book Flood, where on Christmas Eve, everyone shares the gift of magical stories and books and spends the night curled up reading—together.

Follow this stunning illustrated display and beautiful story that captures the beauty of reading and books in a country nestled under the northern lights.

5 More Sleeps 'Til Christmas by Jimmy Fallon, illustrated by Rich Deas

Jimmy Fallon captures the sheer excitement of the last

few sleeps until Christmas in this humorous and adorable story. Adorable and captivating illustrations make this story leap off the pages as it takes readers into the magic of each day. This is a must-have book for readers of all ages.

Juniper's Christmas by Eoin Colfer

Follow the magical adventure of Juniper Lane when she is accidentally thrown into the magic of the North Pole when she decides to help a mysterious man in the park. It is a magical tale perfect for the middle-grade reader.

Let It Glow by Marissa Meyer and Joanne Levy

Parent Trap meets the Holidays in this adorable story of two adopted girls whose chance meeting opens a door of discovery and holiday traditions. When Aviva and Holly meet at the holiday pageant tryouts, it is like looking in the mirror. But the magic only continues when the girls decide to switch homes to see how each other celebrates the holidays. ★

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California Officials Plan for a Dry 2025 With Grim Water Supply Guesswork



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Each December, there's a new version of an old guessing game about how much water will be provided to agricultural and municipal users in the year ahead.

Federal and state water agencies post initial, and usually very low, estimates based on the current condition of reservoirs, soil conditions that affect runoff, and assumptions of rain and snow during the winter and spring.

Over the next few months, the estimates are upgraded as firmer precipitation data accumulates, often — but not always — increasing.

For 2022, as drought gripped California, the state Department of Water Resources initially projected zero water deliveries, later raised them to 15% of the contracted supplies, but finally delivered just 5%.

One year later, however, the department initially promised 5%, but after a very wet winter finally delivered 100%. This year began with a 10% estimate of state water supply and ended up with 40%.

The huge swings in initial allocations and final deliveries are an obvious headache for the 29 local and regional water

purveyors supplied by the state water system, serving some 29 million people. Do the public water agencies impose strict conservation on their customers in years with low initial projections, try to obtain supplemental supplies, take a chance that eventual deliveries will be higher, or all of the above?

The annual game resumed this week, when the Department of Water Resources announced an initial 2025 estimate of just 5%.

“Based on long-range forecasts and the possibility of a La Niña year, the State Water Project is planning for a dry 2025 punctuated by extreme storms like we’ve seen in late November,” department director Karla Nemeth said in a statement. “We need to prepare for any scenario, and this early in the season we need to take a conservative approach to managing our water supply. Our wettest months of the season are still to come.

“What we do know is that we started the water year following record heat this summer and in early October that parched the landscape. We must account for dry soils in our State Water Project allocation planning and our runoff forecasts for the spring.”

That’s a fairly grim scenario that may already be outdated because it was made without counting the heavy rains and snows that hit the state in late November.

“These storms will be taken into account along with other variables for future allocation updates. Prior to these storms, the

start of the water year had been dry and warm,” the department said. It’s also noteworthy that after the spate of storms, California’s weather has returned to dry and warm.

Another factor in the guessing game is the status of reservoirs, not only the state’s Lake Oroville, but the multiple storage projects managed by the federal government, such as Lake Shasta, and those owned by cities and irrigation districts.

At the moment, the state’s reservoirs are generally above 100% of historic averages after a couple of relatively wet winters, which indicate that ultimate water deliveries will be higher than the low initial estimates, although how much higher is uncertain. Shasta is at 113% and Oroville at 109%.

The annual guessing game would be more accurate if the state had done what it should have done decades ago — developed more storage capacity, either in reservoirs or aquifers, that could be filled in wet years and cushion the impact of drought.

A couple of storage projects are underway, Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley and an enlargement of the San Luis Reservoir in the Pacheco Pass west of Merced.

Much more is needed as climate change affects the precipitation cycle.

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



Will coach Brown find coal in his stocking this Christmas? It was certainly looking that way after an abysmal 4-game losing streak. After consecutive losses to the Hawks, Clippers, Nets, and Thunder, the spiraling Kings stemmed the tide with a rousing win over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Sadly, Sacramento returned to their losing ways, with a 115-106 loss to the Trailblazers, followed up by another heartbreaking performance against the Spurs, losing 127-125.

In sore need of a win, the Kings gave Sacramento a reason for hope outperforming the Houston Rockets 120-111. The Rockets are young and talented, headed for the playoffs, and a convincing win over a talented team was just what the doctor ordered.

The Houston win seemed to do something to our hardwood gladiators, akin to a wake-up call. The following game the Kings gave one back, losing to the Grizzlies 115-110 in a game that they certainly could have won.

Demonstrating that the Houston win was no fluke, the Kings put up back-to-back wins over the San Antonio Spurs and the Utah Jazz by a combined winning margin of 71 points over the 2-game span.

In Sunday’s win over the Jazz, the Kings shot the lights out, hitting a season high 22 3-pointers, while Kevin Huerter broke out of a prolonged slump, contributing 26 points in the victory. Huerter was equally good on the defensive end adding five boards, four assists, and a block in just 22 minutes of action.

The Kings shot a season best 50% from beyond the arc, and dominated both ends of the court from the jump.

Winners of three out of the last four games something appears to have changed, and the team is playing with more ferocity on defense, while finally connecting on both mid-range and 3-point shots with regularity.

Granted, the Jazz are at present not a good team, but there’s no denying the Kings are beginning to look more like the team we’ve grown used to over the past two seasons.

So, what’s changed?

Well, I can tell you from this writer’s perspective, Malik Monk has added some much-needed firepower to the starting lineup, and many basketball fans are asking

the question, why did it take so long for Monk to break into starting lineup.

Malik has long wanted to be a starter, and his college teammate DeAaron Fox makes it clear when asked that Malik makes the starting lineup much tougher on opposing teams.

Without question, the scoring has seen an immediate improvement, and Huerter looks more comfortable coming off the bench. Kevin is beginning to look like his old self again, and it couldn’t have happened at a better time.

Strangely, Keon Ellis has suddenly found himself in coach Brown’s doghouse, being summarily benched, ostensibly for a poor performance three games ago. Against the Rockets, Isaac Jones, Alex Len, Doug McDermott, and Jae McLaughlin all saw court action, but former Kings starter Keon Ellis rode the pines.

I have praised coach Brown in the past for seeing something in this former G-league player that others did not, and working with Keon over the past two years has seen incredible improvement to the point where he became a starter on the team.

Word has it that after an off night against the San Antonio Spurs in which Ellis scored eight points and grabbed just three boards, Brown was upset with his overall performance, and he sat the bench the following game in a win over the Rockets.

This is the same tactic used last season with Davion Mitchell when coach Brown suddenly benched the Kings defensive wizard for three straight games. Davion’s confidence took a hit, and it showed in his eventual return to the court.

I would hate to see the same thing happen to Keon Ellis, at a time when the Kings are looking for anything positive, and in particular defensive help. There are ways to inspire better play, without punishing a player and simply relegating him to the end of the bench.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because the Sactown Ballers have just won three out of the last four, and just maybe Santa Claus is coming to town!

All the best and Merry Christmas to one and all!

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

Yolo County Launches CARE Act

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act is a new civil court process that is available as of Dec. 1.

The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act provides community-based behavioral health services and supports to eligible Californians living with schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders. The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act aims to promote long-term stability and independence and to prevent more restrictive alternatives, such as conservatorships, incarceration and hospitalizations.

“Providing more accessible mental health services in our community continues to be one of our top priorities,” stated

Yolo County Board of Supervisor Chair Lucas Frerichs. “The CARE Act is a new opportunity for community members to connect with behavioral health services.”

The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act allows designated individuals, such as family members, healthcare providers, first responders, and others, to petition a civil court to establish either a voluntary Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment agreement or a court-ordered Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment plan. These plans may include treatment, housing resources, and additional services within Yolo County. A Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment agreement or plan is effective for one year, with the option for a one-year extension.

“Navigating the mental

health system can be overwhelming for individuals and their families. Through the CARE Act, we aim to be a guiding resource for those in need,” said Karleen Jakowski, Yolo County Mental Health Director. “By connecting individuals to clinically appropriate, community-based services, we can help ensure a pathway to recovery and stability.”

For more information about filing a Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act petition, visit www.SelfHelp.Courts.CA.gov/jcc-form/CARE-050-INFO. Yolo County Superior Court is now accepting petitions in person or by mail at 1000 Main St. in Woodland or electronically at www.Yolo.Courts.CA.gov/care-court. Petitioners can also receive assistance in filing a petition at the Yolo County Self-Help Center located on the second floor of the courthouse. ★

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