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Yolo County Board of Education Swears in Trustees, Selects New Officers

Board Welcomes New Member, Elects President and Vice-President



From left are Shelton Yip, Elizabeth Esquivel, Maria Olmedo and Armando Salud-Ambriz. Courtesy photo

Yolo County Office of Education News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Elizabeth Esquivel and Maria Olmedo, representing West Sacramento, were among those at the Yolo County Board of Education's final 2024 meeting being sworn in for the upcoming year.

During the Dec. 16 meeting, the board welcomed two trustees: Olmedo of Woodland was elected to her first term and Shelton Yip of Davis was re-elected to a four-year term.

New trustee Olmedo will serve a four-year term representing Trustee Area 3, which covers Woodland

and a portion of West Sacramento. Olmedo's oath of office was administered by her husband, Eduardo Jimenez.

The oath of office for Yip was administered by County Superintendent Garth Lewis. Yip has served for more than a decade on the Board of Education. In 2022, Yip was elected to a two-year term to complete the remaining term for Trustee Area 4, which covers central and southern Davis, following a vacancy. He was re-elected in November to serve another four years. Yip previously served as a trustee on the board from 2012 to 2020.

The December meeting was also

the board's annual organizational meeting. Trustee Armando Salud Ambriz of Woodland was elected president. Salud-Ambriz was elected to his first term on the board in November 2022. He is serving a four-year term representing Trustee Area 5, which covers Esparto, Woodland and Knights Landing.

Esquivel of West Sacramento was elected vice-president. Esquivel was appointed to the board in 2022 and elected to a four-year term in November 2022.

Additional information on the Yolo County Board of Education can be found on the Yolo County Office of Education website at www.ycoe.org. ★

Handyperson Exemption Increases to \$1,000

Contractors State License Board News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A new law will raise the threshold for work requiring a contractor's license from \$500 to \$1,000.

Assembly Bill 2622 (Carrillo, Chapter 240, Statutes of 2024), effective Jan. 1, allows an unlicensed person to complete small projects up to \$1,000 without obtaining a contractor's license if they do not hire workers and no building permits are needed. If a consumer's project under \$1,000 requires workers or permits, a contractor's license in the appropriate license classification is required.

The new law states that a person who is not licensed can advertise for construction work if the total contract price for labor, materials and all other items on a project is less than \$1,000. The \$1,000 includes all costs associated with the project. The advertisement must state that the person is not licensed.

As with any home-improvement construction project, Contractors State License Board cautions that a down payment should not exceed 10 percent of the contract price and any subsequent payments should not exceed the value of the work completed or the materials delivered.

If an unlicensed person provides a bid greater than \$1,000, performs work requiring a permit or employs any workers, that person is subject to legal action. Penalties for unlicensed contracting include administrative fines of up to \$15,000, jail sentences of up to six months and fines up to \$5,000. Repeat offenders can face a mandatory 90-day jail sentence and a fine of \$5,000 or 20 percent of the contract price, whichever is greater.

Contractors State License Board operates under the Department of Consumer Affairs' umbrella and licenses and regulates about 285,000 contractors in California. ★

Matsui Sworn in to 119th Congress

Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Jan. 3, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA), issued the following statement after she was sworn in to serve California's 7th District in the 119th Congress.

"Serving my community in the seventh district continues to be the honor of my life," Matsui said. "This is a critical time for the future of our country. My mission is as clear as ever: to advance the interests of our region and make sure Sacramentans continue to thrive despite the challenges we face. My House Democratic colleagues and I will continue to push for progress to improve the economy, lower the cost of living, revitalize our infrastructure and keep our communities safe."

"As a leader on the Energy and Commerce Committee, I'm privileged to work on issues that have a transformational impact on our country," Matsui continued. "I'll continue

to fight for expanded access to health care, a future with a livable planet, and broadband access for everyone. I'll continue to defend our democratic institutions and stand up for communities of color, the unhoused, and the most vulnerable among us. I'm ready to get back to work to tackle the pressing issues facing our neighbors and fellow Americans."

California's 7th Congressional District encompasses the heart of the Sacramento region, including the communities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, West Sacramento, Galt, Rancho Murietta, Wilton and the Delta communities.

Matsui has represented the Sacramento region in Congress since 2005. CMatsui has been a champion of our regional community, securing billions of dollars of federal funding for infrastructure and flood protection projects across the region. As a leader on the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee, she spearheads crucial policy to expand health care access, combat the climate crisis,



Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) was sworn in to serve California's 7th District in the 119th Congress on Jan. 3. Photo by Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui

and tackle the technological challenges of the 21st century economy.

Congresswoman Doris Matsui represents California's 7th Congressional District, centered in Sacramento, and includes the communities of Elk Grove, Galt, West Sacramento, Wilton, Rancho Murietta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay and the California Delta. ★



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CHP Highlights New Laws for 2025

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is highlighting the new public safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative session and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom. Unless otherwise noted, the laws referenced below took effect on Jan. 1.

Combating Retail Theft

Crimes: Organized Theft (SB 982, Wahab)

Senate Bill 982 makes the crime of organized retail theft permanent and strengthens measures to address retail crime. The bill eliminates the expiration date for specific provisions targeting organized retail theft, ensuring long-term tools for law enforcement to combat this issue.

Crimes: Fires (SB 1242, Min)

Senate Bill 1242 amends Penal Code Section 452 regarding the unlawful setting of fires. It updates penalties and legal language to clarify offenses, including circumstances involving organized retail theft.

Sentencing Enhancements:

Sale, Exchange, Or Return of Stolen Property (SB 1416 Newman)

Senate Bill 1416 focuses on combating organized retail theft by increasing penalties for those involved in the resale of stolen goods, often referred to as "fencing." The bill, until January 1, 2030, creates sentencing enhancements for individuals who sell, exchange, or return stolen property for value, particularly when the property exceeds specific thresholds. Punishment increases from one year to four years based on a property value scale ranging from \$50,000 to over \$3 million.

Theft: Jurisdiction (AB 1779, Irwin)

Assembly Bill 1779 addresses

the issue of organized retail theft by streamlining the prosecution process. Specifically, it allows district attorneys to consolidate charges for theft offenses committed across multiple counties into a single trial, provided all affected county district attorneys agree.

Crimes: Organized Theft (AB 1802, Jones-Sawyer)

Assembly Bill 1802 ensures that the crime of organized retail theft remains permanently defined in state law and extends the CHP's Property Crimes Task Force indefinitely. This bill eliminates the "sunset" clause that would have allowed the statute and the task force to expire.

Regional Property Crimes Task Force (AB 1972, Alanis)

Assembly Bill 1972 expands the scope of the CHP's Regional Property Crimes Task Force to include cargo theft as a property crime for consideration and requires the task force to provide logistical and law enforcement support for railroad police.

This bill emphasizes cargo theft as a specific priority and aims to strengthen resources for law enforcement agencies to combat these issues. As an urgency statute, AB 1972 went into effect immediately upon its passage last August.

Crimes: Shoplifting (AB 2943, Zbur)

Assembly Bill 2943, also called the "California Retail Theft Reduction Act," strengthens measures to combat organized retail theft by creating a specific crime for serial retail theft, allowing the aggregation of property value for thefts committed within 90 days to qualify as grand theft. It empowers law enforcement to make arrests using video evidence or sworn statements, shields businesses from lawsuits for reporting crimes and promotes rehabilitation through diversion programs

for minor offenders. The bill aims to dismantle theft rings while balancing public safety and criminal justice reforms.

Crimes: Theft: Retail Theft Restraining Orders (AB 3209, Berman)

Assembly Bill 3209 creates a retail crime restraining order. A court can issue a restraining order when sentencing an individual for specific retail theft-related crimes, including vandalism of a retail store and assaulting a retail store employee.

Emergency Alert Information Sharing

Electronic Toll Collection Systems: Information Sharing: Law Enforcement (AB 2645, Lackey)

Assembly Bill 2645 allows transportation agencies operating electronic toll collection systems to share real-time license plate data with law enforcement during active emergency alerts, such as AMBER, Ebony or Feather Alerts. This legislation eliminates the need for a search warrant in such situations, enabling quicker responses to locate suspect vehicles linked to emergencies, such as child abductions.

Tools to Address Reckless Driving and Sideshows

Vehicles: Speed Contests (AB 1978, Sanchez)

Assembly Bill 1978 permits storing a vehicle when an individual is arrested but not taken into custody for obstructing or placing a barricade on a highway or off-street parking facility for purposes of aiding a speed contest or exhibition of speed.

Vehicles: Impoundment (AB 2186, Wallis)

Assembly Bill 2186 permits the arrest and custody of individuals engaged in an exhibition of speed in an off-street parking facility. It permits the impounding of the individual's vehicle for not more than 30 days.

Vehicles: Sideshows and

Street Takeovers (AB 2807, Villapudua)

Assembly Bill 2807 defines a "sideshow" and a "street takeover" as the same type of event.

Vehicles: Removal and Impoundment (AB 3085, Gipson)

Assembly Bill 3085 provides authority to seize and impound a vehicle with a warrant when the vehicle was used in violation of a speed contest or exhibition of speed (including aiding or abetting). This bill also permits electronic service of the notices of impoundment and storage hearings.

Electric Bicycle Safety

Electric Bicycles, Powered Mobility Devices and Storage (SB 1271, Min)

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, SB 1271 focuses on improving the safety standards for electric bicycles (e-bikes), powered mobility devices and related lithium-ion batteries. It requires these devices and their components, such as batteries and charging systems, to be tested by accredited laboratories to meet specific safety standards. The bill also mandates labeling these products to show compliance with safety regulations, ensuring consumers are informed. Furthermore, it prohibits distributing, selling or leasing e-bikes and related equipment unless they meet these standards, aiming to reduce risks such as fire hazards and electrical malfunctions. Beginning Jan. 1, 2028, the bill would prohibit a person from renting or offering for rental an electric bicycle, powered mobility device, charging system or storage battery unless it has been tested to the specified safety standard.

Vehicles: Electric Bicycles (AB 1774, Gipson)

Assembly Bill 1774 prohibits modifying an electric bicycle's

speed capability to an extent it no longer meets the definition of an electric bicycle.

Clean Air Vehicle Sticker Extension:

Vehicles: High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (AB 2678, Wallis)

Assembly Bill 2678 permits vehicles with a Clean Air Vehicle decal to drive in High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes until Jan. 1, 2027, if federal law permits.

Autonomous Vehicles

Vehicle Equipment: Driver Monitoring Defeat Devices (SB 1313, Ashby)

Senate Bill 1313 prohibits using, possessing or selling devices designed to interfere with driver monitoring systems in vehicles equipped with advanced driver assistance systems or autonomous technology. These systems monitor driver alertness and help ensure safety when automated features are used. Violating this law is classified as an infraction. Exceptions are provided for manufacturers testing new technology, vehicle repairs and updates compliant with safety standards or modifications for disability accommodations.

Autonomous Vehicles Interactions with First Responders and Traffic Violation Notices – AB 1777 (Ting)

Upon the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) adoption of necessary regulations, AB 1777 creates new authority for a law enforcement officer to issue a "notice of autonomous vehicle (AV) noncompliance" to an AV manufacturer for an alleged traffic violation committed by one of their vehicles. Beginning July 1, 2026, AB 1777 establishes additional requirements for how AVs that operate without a human operator in the vehicle interact with first responders, including a requirement for manufacturers to provide a two-way device in the vehicles to communicate with first responders. ★

Cat Tales Feline Health Center Opens in Davis

BluePrints Veterinary Marketing Group News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Seasoned veterinarians Julie Cole, DVM, DACT, PhD, and her husband, Chris "Shac" Shacoski, DVM, have opened Cat Tales Feline Health Center to redefine northern California's veterinary landscape by setting a new standard in specialized feline care.

Located at 606 W. Covell Blvd. in Davis, they offer state-of-the-art knowledge in feline-only care to provide exceptional medical treatment and concierge-level services, all tailored specifically for cats and the people they own.

The veterinary team holds unparalleled cat-care credentials and has forged partnerships across the feline-care community, including with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, ensuring cats access to even more advanced expertise when needed.

Cat Tales Feline Health Center clinical services include behavior/lifestyle counseling, dentistry, diagnostics, medical boarding, nutrition counseling, surgery and wellness and preventive care.

Alongside its clinical offerings, the Center is committed to providing faster, more efficient online scheduling, longer



Shadow would be well taken care of at Cat Tales Feline Health Center in Davis. Photo by Mike Powers

appointment times allowing for comprehensive exams that address both physical health and

emotional well-being, a serene and stress-free environment (honoring their Cat Friendly and Fear Free certifications), and personalized care plans, meticulously tailored to each cat's unique needs.

"After spending years working in and visiting traditional veterinary practices, I've seen the critical need for a peaceful, calm experience for cats," said Dr. Cole. "Most existing practices are noisy, and their approach doesn't effectively address cats' anxiety. Everything we do at Cat Tales is designed with cats – and the people who love them – in mind. From the colors of the walls to the quiet atmosphere and the specialized

cat-focused training our team undergoes, we strive to provide a place where both cats and their owners can feel as comfortable as possible."

Beyond clinical care, Cat Tales also offers Davis' first cat lounge, Tabby Tea Cat Lounge & Adoption Center. Open to the public and by appointment, cat lovers can sit and relax alongside adorable adoptable, shelter cats and enjoy a complimentary beverage and Wi-Fi. To reserve your spot, call 530-517-5800.

Cat Tales Feline Health Center hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 530-517-5100 or book an appointment online. ★

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Dignity Health Woodland Memorial Hospital Welcomes Kara Estenson

Yolo Community Foundation Announces 2025 Scholarship Opportunities



Dignity Health Woodland Memorial Hospital announced the appointment of Kara Estenson as its new Chief Nursing Executive/Chief Operating Officer. Courtesy photo

Dignity Health News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Dignity Health Woodland Memorial Hospital announced the appointment of Kara Estenson as its new Chief Nursing Executive/Chief Operating Officer. Estenson replaces Lesley Winger, who served as Interim Chief Nursing Executive/Chief Operating Officer since May 2024.

Estenson comes directly to Woodland Memorial from Adventist Health Sonora where she served as Chief Nursing Officer and Patient Care Executive since 2020. In that role, she oversaw the pharmacy, oncology, surgical services, emergency and ICU departments, among others.

"I am thrilled to join the exceptional team at Woodland Memorial Hospital and contribute to the outstanding care this hospital is known for in Yolo County," Estenson said. "Together, we will continue to advance care, support our dedicated staff and make a lasting impact on the health of our community."

Prior to Adventist Health Sonora, Estenson was the Chief Nursing Officer at Palmdale Regional Medical Center. She has previously served as Chief Nursing Executive at Southwest General Hospital (Steward Healthcare) in San Antonio, Director of the Emergency Department at Kaiser in Redwood City and Renown Medical Center in Reno, and Critical Care Services Director at Kaiser Foundation

Hospital in Walnut Creek.

"We are delighted to welcome Kara as our new Chief Nursing Executive and Chief Operating Officer," said Gena Bravo, president and CEO at Woodland Memorial Hospital. "Her passion for patient-centered care, commitment to excellence, and strong leadership will be invaluable as we continue to elevate the care we provide now and into the future."

Estenson earned her Bachelor of Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Phoenix, as well as her Doctor of Nursing Practice-Executive Leadership from American Sentential College in Denver.

About Dignity Health

Dignity Health is a multi-state nonprofit network of 10,000 physicians, more than 60,000 employees, 41 acute care hospitals and 400-plus care-centers, including community hospitals, urgent care, surgery and imaging centers, home health and primary care clinics in Arizona, California and Nevada. Dignity Health is dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality, and affordable patient-centered care with special attention to the poor and underserved. Dignity Health is a part of CommonSpirit Health, a nonprofit health system committed to advancing health for all people and dedicated to serving the common good. For more information, visit online www.DignityHealth.org. ★

Yolo Community Foundation News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG)

The Yolo Community Foundation (YCF) is thrilled to announce that applications are now open for the 2025 scholarship season. We invite students in Yolo County to apply for a range of scholarships designed to support those pursuing higher education, vocational training, or community service projects.

Yolo Community Foundation is pleased to collaborate with the Sacramento Region Community Foundation to offer the following scholarships for the 2025 academic year. All applications are due by March 14, 2025.

The Saylor Family Scholarship

This scholarship supports students in Davis or Winters who have faced significant life challenges, including foster care, the loss of a family member during high school, teen parenthood, behavioral health issues, or financial hardship. Awardees may receive up to \$2,500.

The Mary Ellen Dolcini Scholarship

In honor of a long-time community leader, this scholarship is available to high school seniors of Mexican American descent from Davis, Woodland, and surrounding areas in Yolo County. Awardees can receive up to \$10,000 to pursue a college education.

The Julia R. Millon Memorial Scholarship

Created to honor Julia Millon's spirit, this scholarship supports high school students living within the Winters School District who plan to attend a Four-Year College/University, Community College, Vocational, Trade or Technical school in the

Fall. Awardees will receive \$1,500.

Roy and Cynthia Kroener Family Scholarship

Designed for graduating high school seniors from Davis, CA, this scholarship is for students with a minimum 3.0 GPA who demonstrate financial need. Awardees may receive up to \$5,000.

The Yolo Youth Service Award (YoYoSA) Scholarship

This scholarship supports high school seniors who have volunteered at a Yolo County nonprofit organization for at least 60 hours during their junior and/or senior years. Awardees will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$500 grant to their sponsoring nonprofit.

The NorYo Opportunity Scholarship

For high school seniors from Northern Yolo County, this scholarship supports students planning to attend a community college or vocational school. Award amounts range from \$1,000-\$3,000.

The David Breaux Scholarship

Honoring a beloved Davis community member, this scholarship is open to high school seniors and first-year college students who demonstrate financial need and a commitment to social justice and compassionate service. Awardees can receive up to \$2,000.

The Richard & Lucille Harrison Scholarship

Awarded to students from Woodland with aspirations to improve their lives through education and training, this scholarship offers up to \$10,000 in support.

For more details on each scholarship and to submit an application, visit Yolo Community Foundation Scholarships.

Additionally, local

students are encouraged to explore further scholarship opportunities through the Sacramento Region Community Foundation at Sacramento Region Community Foundation Scholarships. All scholarship applications are due by Friday, March 14, 2025.

Local High School Scholarships

Local high schools in Davis Joint Unified School District also offer scholarships supported by Yolo Community Foundation fundholders, including:

The Barbara Neu Memorial Scholarship for students graduating from a high school in Davis who attended Fairfield Elementary.

The Todd Erickson Memorial Scholarship for students graduating from a Davis high school with a history in Davis swimming and/or water polo.

The Paul Makley Memorial Scholarship for students graduating from a high school in Davis exhibiting integrity, kindness, and a commitment to community service.

For more information about deadlines and how to apply, please reach out to Davis Senior High School for more information.

For more information or to set up a scholarship fund, please contact Yolo Community Foundation at info@yolocf.org or call 530-312-0593. You can also visit www.yolocf.org.

About Yolo Community Foundation

Yolo Community Foundation is committed to building a stronger community by supporting variety of local initiatives through grants, scholarships, and charitable funds. We aim to enhance the quality of life in Yolo County by fostering philanthropy and supporting those who serve the community. ★

Court Gives Text Scam Alert

Sacramento Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Superior Court has been notified of an active "smishing" campaign in California.

Smishing is a cyber-crime in which text messages are sent pretending to be from reputable companies to convince

individuals to share personal information, such as passwords or credit card numbers, and install malicious software via links attached to the text message received by the targeted individual.

The Sacramento Superior Court has become aware that text messages impersonating court staff and trusted court organizations meant to trick text

message recipients have been circulating.

The Sacramento Superior Court asks the public to be mindful of text messages received from unfamiliar numbers and scrutinize them carefully.

As a precaution, if you receive a smishing text message, do not click on any links or attachments in the text message and do not reply to the text message

sender. The text message can be reported as spam and the text message sender's number can be blocked through the text message program. Finally, delete the text message completely.

For more Sacramento Superior Court news and notices, visit its website at www.saccourt.ca.gov.

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Social Security Matters

I Use only VA Healthcare; Can I get back Medicare Taxes Paid?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'm 72 years old with 20 years of military service. I am retired collecting Social Security, my military pension, and State retirement benefits. According to my SSA statement, over my working lifetime I paid \$14,302 into Medicare, but I never used that medical plan. I only bring in \$33,000 in annual income. Can I get those Medicare taxes back somehow? I've run into dead ends at SSA, Medicare and IRS websites. **Signed: Veteran Seeking Answers**

Dear Veteran Seeking Answers: First, I want to thank you for your military service to our country. You may find the "For Veterans" section of our www.amacfoundation.org website of interest.

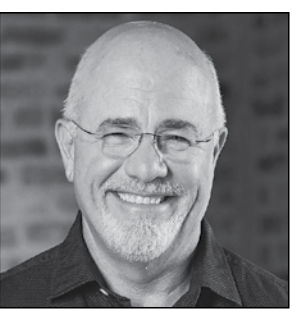
Regarding the contributions you have made over the years to federal Medicare, I'm afraid you cannot get any of those taxes back even though you have never used Medicare healthcare

services. That's because Medicare, like Social Security, is a "pay as you go" program where all contributions received from workers are used to pay for benefits for current beneficiaries (contributions aren't put into a separate account to pay for your coverage). It's also important to know that your Medicare taxes were used only to fund Medicare Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services. Those contributions (via payroll taxes) did not entitle you to outpatient healthcare services, as provided by Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium).

FYI, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A to collect Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare Part B isn't mandatory to collect Social Security, but assuming that, as a retired military veteran, you now receive healthcare benefits under the military's TriCare-for-Life program for retired veterans, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B to maintain your TriCare-for-Life coverage. Your military TriCare coverage coordinates with Medicare to pay for your healthcare costs. Thus, even though it may not be transparent to you, you may be benefiting from your current

enrollment in Medicare. Note that some non-career veterans can use VA healthcare services based on their service years, instead of TriCare-for-Life for retired military veterans. Non-career recipients of standard VA healthcare services are not required to be enrolled in Medicare but, in any case, cannot receive their past Medicare Part A contributions back if they choose to decline Medicare. You may have interest in this article I previously published on the topic of VA benefits versus Medicare: www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-i-have-va-coverage-should-i-get-medicare-part-b/

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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I'm 38, and after looking and waiting for years, I think I've found a rental property scenario I like. My plan is to take \$30,000 out of my retirement account, and use it as a down payment on a property. My loan payment would be \$1,400 a month, but I could easily rent the place for \$1,800 a month. What are your thoughts?

– Colin

Dear Colin,

No offense, but I can tell you've never been a landlord before. Bringing in nearly \$1,800 a month, while paying out \$1,400 may seem like a nice place to be. But you've left one very important factor out of your equation—risk. Rental properties just sit there empty sometimes. And this happens to all rental properties. You'll also have repairs to contend with, renters who don't pay and other expenses. See what I'm saying? You won't be able to count

Dave Ramsey Says The Game's Not for Everyone and The Safest Place?

on an easy \$400 in your pocket every month.

Now, I love real estate. I understand the excitement and allure. But what you're really saying is you want to cash out part of your retirement, get hit with a penalty and take on debt, all to buy an investment property. This is not a good plan.

My advice is to save up, and pay cash for one small, decent rental property to see if the landlord game is really for you.

– Dave

The Safest Place?

Dear Dave,

Where is the best place to keep my savings?

– Angie

Dear Angie,

In my mind, when it comes to savings, the idea is to park the money in a safe place—like a money market account or basic savings account—and keep it separate from the rest of your cash, so you don't accidentally spend it on the wrong thing. I'm not really concerned

with making money in a savings scenario, so things like setting money aside for an emergency fund or vacations fall into this category.

Investing, on the other hand, is when you're going to leave the money alone for a bare minimum of five to 10 years in order to grow it. Things like college planning and retirement fall into this category. In these instances, I recommend good, growth-stock mutual funds that have stable track records of at least 10 years.

I hope this helps, Angie!

– 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. ★

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

- Daniel Alejandro Avina**, 24, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 21 in West Sacramento by the West Sacramento Police for DUI alcohol and DUI alcohol with blood alcohol concentration >.08. Avina was transported to Yolo County Jail.
- Misael Ramiro Torrez Hidalgo**, 33, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 21 at Rice and Glide Avenues by West Sacramento Police for DUI. Officer observed suspect committing a traffic violation and initiated an enforcement stop. Officer contacted the driver and observed signs and symptoms of alcohol intoxication. Field sobriety tests were conducted, and the suspect was arrested for DUI and transported to the Yolo County Jail for booking.
- Abraham Villa Sanchez**, 55, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 22 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for a bench warrant / failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.
- Sheena Sheneea Slaton**, 35, was arrested Monday, Dec. 23 on Merkley Avenue for trespassing / occupying property without consent. Slaton entered a property after being evicted. The property manager signed a citizen's arrest report.
- Jace Bernard Zajackowski**, 38, was arrested Monday, Dec. 23 in Yolo County by Yolo County Sheriff for possession of a controlled substance, driving without a license and revocation of probation – rearrest of person previously placed on mandatory supervision.
- Zane Jason McLeod**, 28, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 24 at Grant Line Road in Elk Grove by Sacramento County Sheriff for DUI alcohol / drugs with bodily injury and DUI alcohol with blood alcohol concentration >.08 with injury.
- Selena Illeen Garcia**, 36, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 25 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for a bench warrant / failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge. Officer on patrol observed the suspect's vehicle driving late at night without lights. An enforcement stop was initiated and a records check of the driver's information revealed a Sacramento County warrant. The driver was arrested for the warrant and transported to the Yolo County Jail.
- Joseph Dixon**, 19, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 26 in Sutter County by Sutter County Sheriff for being intoxicated in public.
- Lucas Gardner**, 37, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 26 in Placer County by Placer County Sheriff for warrants or holds only.
- Reiland Spencer Dees**, 25 was arrested Thursday, Dec. 26 at Westacre Road and Merkley Avenue for DUI by West Sacramento Police. Officer observed the suspect fail to come to a complete stop at the intersection. Officer contacted the driver, who displayed objective signs and symptoms of alcohol intoxication. Dees consented to perform a standard field sobriety test, then was transported to West Sacramento Police Department for an evidentiary breath test. Dees was later transported to Yolo County Jail for booking.
- Julian Galvan**, 62, was arrested Friday, Dec. 27 on Bruceville Road in Elk Grove by Sacramento County Sheriff for warrants or holds only.
- Randall Patrick Kinney**, 34, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 28 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for second-degree burglary. Officers were dispatched to a retail store regarding a shoplifting call. Loss Prevention provided a description of a male who shoplifted clothing and a beverage. The male had left the store and returned by the time officers arrived. Officers contacted a male matching the description inside the store. Kinney was detained without incident and verbally identified himself to officers. Loss Prevention asked to press charges for shoplifting and Kinney was arrested. He admitted to not having any money or form of payment for the merchandise he took. He was transported and booked into Yolo County Jail.
- Cody James Shaw-Montgomery**, 35, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 28 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for possession of unlawful paraphernalia and a bench warrant / failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge. Officer was dispatched to a retail store for a reported shoplifting. Upon arrival, Officer contacted the male suspect, and a records check revealed an active warrant out of Sacramento. Suspect was placed under arrest and a search at time of arrested located a glass pipe with a bulbous end that had burnt white residue throughout the pipe. Shaw-Montgomery was transported and booked into Yolo County Jail.
- Jeremiah David Woodard**, 51, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 28 at West Capitol Avenue and Westacre Road by West Sacramento Police for DUI alcohol and refusal to take a chemical test. Officer on patrol observed the suspect commit multiple traffic violations and initiated an enforcement stop. Officer conducted a field sobriety test and Woodard was arrested. Officer transported Woodard to the Yolo County Jail for booking.
- Keyondre Barker Scott**, 21, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 29 at Watt Avenue and Palm Street in North Highlands by Sacramento County Sheriff for evasion and wanton disregard for safety.
- Jordan Dobbs**, 33, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 29 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possession of a hard drug with prior conviction. Officer contacted Dobbs during a call for service and found suspected fentanyl in his possession. Dobbs has at least two prior narcotics convictions and was arrested and transported to Yolo County Jail for booking.
- Anthony Tyrone Carter**, 43, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 29 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for a bench warrant / failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge. Officer was dispatched to the incident location for reported trespassing. Upon arrival, officer located a subject matching the description given by the original reporting party. A records check revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for Carter's arrest. He was arrested without incident, transported and booked at Yolo County Jail.
- David Esiquio Huizar**, 24, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 29 at Capitol Mall in Sacramento for DUI, combined alcohol and drugs and carrying a concealed weapon in his vehicle. Officer on patrol observed suspect driving at night with no lights on and initiated an enforcement stop. Officer conducted field sobriety tests on the driver and arrested Huizar for DUI. He was transported to Yolo County Jail. During a vehicle inventory, officer located a loaded firearm concealed in the center console.
- Julian Russell Gilbert**, 21, was arrested Monday, Dec. 30 in San Diego County by National City Police for being intoxicated in public.
- Roselynda Fernandez Olivas**, 37, was arrested Monday, Dec. 30 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple charges. Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle with no plates. Olivas was the front passenger, and a check revealed multiple active confirmed warrants for her arrest. It also revealed Olivas was on probation for multiple offenses including searchable terms. A probation search of her purse revealed a handgun with a loaded magazine. Both driver and Olivas stated the firearm was not theirs. Due to the firearm being in Olivas' purse, she was placed under arrest for the firearm and her warrants. She was transported and booked into Yolo County Jail without further incident.
- Eric Anthony Graham**, 33, was arrested Monday, Dec. 30 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for a bench warrant / failure to appear on a felony charge. Officer responded to a trespassing subject at the location. Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS) was contacted and confirmed a warrant for Graham's arrest. He was placed in handcuffs and transported to Yolo County Jail for booking.
- Brandy Janesette Horrocks**, 47, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 31 on Ballpark Drive by West Sacramento Police for trespassing and obstructing / resisting a peace officer. Officer was dispatched to the location for a trespassing incident and observed the suspect sitting in front of the ballpark's main gates. The officer asked Horrocks to leave the property; she stood up and began to yell profanities at the officer. Horrocks took a fighting stance and balled her hands into fists. Officer asked her to leave again, but she refused and continued yelling at officers. After multiple attempts, officer spoke with the reporting party, an agent of the property, who signed a citizen arrest form. Officer asked Horrocks if she would fight them, to which she stated, "yes." Officers deployed a non-lethal pepper ball, at which point Horrocks complied with officers' commands and was detained without further incident.
- Lucy Lu Tompkins**, 25 was arrested Wednesday, Jan. 1 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple charges. Officer arrived at location for a probation search of a known probationer, who was not there at the time, but three other subjects were present. One, later identified as Tompkins, identified herself by a different name. The officer located a purse laying on the bed where Tompkins was laying. Inside the purse, the officer observed a red silicone narcotic smoking device. A zip-lock style bag was also inside, containing tablets the officer knew to be a controlled substance or counterfeit version thereof. There was also a wallet with a California Driver License matching the name Tompkins originally provided, but the photograph was not Tompkins. When confronted, she admitted her real name. She was found to have multiple confirmed active warrants in Placer and Sacramento Counties, and previous convictions for possession of hard drugs. Tompkins was placed under arrest and transported to Yolo County Jail.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- Monday, Dec. 23** – an unknown suspect broke into the victim's vehicle at a parking lot / garage on Evergreen Avenue. The suspect stole approximately \$1,000 worth of Christmas gifts and caused about \$400 damage to the vehicle.
- Tuesday, Dec. 24** – at a single party home on Carrie Street, the reporting party's husband was in the front yard arguing with neighbors about a noise complaint when a female came up and shoved him on his left shoulder. West Sacramento Police officers arrived, separated the parties and de-escalated the scene.
- Thursday, Dec. 26** – an unknown subject entered a business on Enterprise Boulevard after hours by unknown means. They took miscellaneous power tools, keys belonging to several forklifts and equipment valued at a total of \$30,000.
- Friday, Dec. 27** – an unknown suspect charged a total of \$655 to the victim's debit card.
- Sunday, Dec. 29** – a subject on Marston Street stated his phone, valued at \$200, was taken from his vehicle while he was unloading groceries.
- Monday, Dec. 30** – a victim at a commercial / office building on Enterprise Boulevard reports commercial burglary as well as vandalism and stolen vehicles. Stolen items include a custom pocketknife, a PlayStation Gameboy and a Nikon Cool Pix Camera. Three pickup trucks were stolen or damaged. Loss estimated at \$66,800.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240993
The following person(s) is doing business as: Luminoso Power, 104 Hedy Lane, Davis, CA 95618.

Lorenzo A Guzman, 104 Hedy Lane, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 5, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/05/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240974
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sacramento Signature Services, 2874 Pitzer Circle, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Veronica Serrato, 2874 Pitzer Circle, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240988

The following person(s) is doing business as:

WHPLSH MEDIA, 2212 SIMPSON ST, WOODLAND, CA 95776, County of YOLO.

THE CRUCIAL CO. LLC, 2212 SIMPSON STREET, WOODLAND, CA 95776

This business is conducted by LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (SUBMIT ARTICLES OR ORGANIZATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE).

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/14/2024

/s/ MICHAEL BYRNE, MANAGER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/02/2024.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: KQUAM, Deputy
12/20, 12/27/24, 1/3, 1/10/25
CNS-3878119#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20241020

The following person(s) is doing business as: Embarc Woodland/Embarc Dispensary/Embarc Woodland Dispensary/Embarc Woodland Cannabis Dispensary, 825 East Street, Suite 102 & 103, Woodland, CA 95776.

Woodland Responsible and Compliant Retail LLC, 1616 Webster Street, Alameda, CA 94501. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/13/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20241022

The following person(s) is doing business as: RTI, 3432 Kauai Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Raavi Transportation Inc, 3432 Kauai Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 28, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/13/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20241031

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Small Town Vibes, P.O. box #475, Winters, CA 95694 County of YOLO Mailing Address: P.O. box 475, Winters, CA 95694

Erick Andres Navarrete Silva, 7458 Locke Rd, Vacaville, CA 95688

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/2024.

S/ Erick Andres Navarrete Silva This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/17/2024.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

[Deputy], Deputy
1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24/25
CNS-3863270#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20241014

The following person(s) is doing business as: STORQUEST-WEST SAC/EVERGREEN, 2600 EVERGREEN AVE SACRAMENTO, CA 94361, County of YOLO.

Mailing Address: 100 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE 400 SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

WILLIAM WARREN PROPERTIES, INC., 100 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE 400 SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

This business is conducted by

CORPORATION.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/1/2024

/s/ CLARK PORTER, MANAGER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/13/2024.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: KQUAM, Deputy
1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24/25
CNS-3874711#
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-3091

Hikmatullah Safi and Mahbooba Safi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Muhammad Sultan Safi to Sultan Safi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: March 29, 2023
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2638

Amanda Raquel Laufer has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Amanda Raquel Laufer to Amanda Raquel Laufer-Valle.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 5, 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: December 11, 2024
Samuel T McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court

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LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to satisfy Extra Space's lien, by selling personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated.

19389 County Rd 102, Woodland, CA 95776 on 1/22/25 @2pm: Merrena Gonzales, Jaime Evans

975 F St, West Sacramento, Ca, 95605 on 1/22/25 @11am: Alitha Pearson: Christopher White: Destinee Duncan: Jewell Arceaux: David Leachman
1100 N 1st St, Dixon, CA 95620 on 1/22/25 @2pm: Alexis Brianna Estrada

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NADZHDA STRASTKOVA
CASE NO. PR2024-0252

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Galina Neverov, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Galina Neverov be appointed as personal representative(s) 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. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: February 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 14. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Galina Neverov, 3701 Cat Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691; (916) 715-5256
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO):
23DR403312

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Janice Wilson Plaintiff, vs. Sean Wilson Defendant, TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiffs at 140 Stone Ridge Drive, Suite 430, Columbia, SC 29210 within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you. exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within that time, the Plaintiff shall apply to the Court for a judgement of Default against you for the relief demanded in the said Complaint. The Plaintiff, Janice Wilson, complaining of the Defendant, Sean Wilson herein, would respectfully Show unto the Court that: 1. The Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of Richland County, South Carolina and has been so for more than one (1) year prior to the commencement of this action. 2. The Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Defendant, Sean Wilson, is a citizen of the state of California. 3. The Plaintiff and Defendant last lived as husband and wife in Richland County, South Carolina. 4. The parties do not have any children born from their union. 5. The Plaintiff and Defendant married on September 14, 1996 in the city of Columbia, Richland County, South Carolina. 6. The issues raised in this Complaint are within the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court pursuant to the South Carolina Code Section 20-7-420. 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes that South Carolina is the most convenient forum under the South Carolina Code Section 63-15-342. DIVORCE ON THE GROUNDS OF DESERTION/ABANDONMENT 8. Plaintiff repeats her previous allegations. 9. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant deserted the marital home in March of 2003. 10. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant moved into his father's home and left me and my biological children in our marital home alone. I was not in agreement with this separation. 11. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant was unsatisfied with his weight gain throughout the years of their marriage; and wanted to pay for weight loss surgery and stop paying bills in the marital home; including the mortgage for the marital home. 12. Plaintiff alleges that due to Defendant's actions, me and my children became homeless. Me and my children had to separate and live with my family members, until I was able to afford and find a home in which we could all stay together. 13. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant never returned to the marriage and did not try to assist her after the marital home was lost. 14. Plaintiff is informed and believes that she is entitled to an Order from this Court granting her a divorce on the statutory ground of desertion. DIVORCE ON THE GROUNDS OF LIVING SEPARATE AND APART, CONTINUOUSLY, FOR ONE YEAR 15. Plaintiff repeats her previous allegations. 16. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant left the marital home in March of 2003. 17. Plaintiff alleges that she and the Defendant have not cohabited continuously for more than one year. 18. Plaintiff is informed and believes that she is entitled to an Order from this Court granting her a Decree of Separate Support and Maintenance 19. Plaintiff reiterates the allegations above. 20. Plaintiff alleges that due to Defendant's actions the parties are no longer living together as husband and wife. 21. Plaintiff is informed and believes that she is entitled to an Order from this Court granting her a Decree of Separate Support and Maintenance SPOUSAL SUPPORT 22. Due to the disparity in income between the parties, and Defendant's fault in the breakdown of the marriage and all other relevant statutory common law facts, Plaintiff is informed and believes

that she is entitled to an Order of this Court requiring Defendant to pay alimony in amounts to be determined at the discretion of the Court. EQUITABLE APPORTIONMENT 23. During the course of this marriage, the parties have accumulated some assets. In addition, the parties have incurred certain debts. Both Plaintiff and Defendant have contributed, both directly and indirectly, to the acquisition of marital property; including retirement accounts. Plaintiff is informed and believes that she is entitled to an Order of the Court Equitably apportioning the marital assets and debts in accordance with applicable law. 24. Plaintiff requests an Order of this Court enjoining either party from destroying, liquidating or disposing of any marital assets, including but not limited to real or personal property, bank account, retirement accounts, etc. RESTRAINING ORDER 25. Plaintiff requests an Order of this Court enjoining the Defendant from harassing, molesting, or interfering with her life and from interposing any restraints upon her personal liberty. ATTORNEY FEES and COSTS 1. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Defendant's conduct necessitated this action and requests that the Defendant be required to reimburse the Plaintiff's attorney's fees, court costs, and/or any other costs associated with this action. NO RECONCILIATION, FRAUD or COLLUSION 27. There is no possibility of reconciliation. 28. There is no fraud or collusion between the parties for the purposes of obtaining relief requested in this action. This action is brought in good faith. 29. Plaintiff is informed and believes that he is entitled to reasonable discovery pursuant to the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Family Court. PRAYER FOR RELIEF WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for an Order of this Court, Awarding Plaintiff an absolute divorce from Defendant on the statutory grounds of desertion/abandonment; 2. Alternatively, awarding Plaintiff an absolute divorce from Defendant on the statutory grounds of living separate and apart, continuously, for one year; 3. Alternative; granting Plaintiff a decree of Separate Support and Maintenance; 4. Establishing an appropriate amount of spousal support/alimony for Defendant to pay Plaintiff; 5. Awarding an equitable apportioning all other marital property and debt, including retirement accounts; 6. Requiring Defendant to pay Plaintiff's attorney's fees and costs; 7. A restraining order enjoining Defendant from harassing, molesting, or interfering with him and from interposing any restraints upon his personal liberties, temporarily and permanently; 8. Ordering both parties at all times hereafter to keep each other informed of their respective home telephone numbers and street and mailing addresses, temporarily and permanently; 9. Authorizing and allowing the parties to engage in pre-trial discovery as authorized by the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and South Carolina Rules of Family Court; 10. Any other and further relief as this Court Deems just and proper. Wendy M. Bowen #71742, Bowen Law Firm, LLC 140 Stone Ridge Drive, Suite 430, Columbia, SC 29210; (855) 523-9377(telephone); BowenLawFirm@SCLadyEsq.com
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 2024-00216 APN: 045-673-011-000 Property Address: 3329 Aruba Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/7/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. The trustee is informed and believes that she is entitled to an Order from this Court granting her a divorce on the statutory ground of desertion. DIVORCE ON THE GROUNDS OF LIVING SEPARATE AND APART, CONTINUOUSLY, FOR ONE YEAR 15. Plaintiff repeats her previous allegations. 16. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant left the marital home in March of 2003. 17. Plaintiff alleges that she and the Defendant have not cohabited continuously for more than one year. 18. Plaintiff is informed and believes that she is entitled to an Order from this Court granting her a Decree of Separate Support and Maintenance SPOUSAL SUPPORT 22. Due to the disparity in income between the parties, and Defendant's fault in the breakdown of the marriage and all other relevant statutory common law facts, Plaintiff is informed and believes

Entrance to the City Hall, West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Ave, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$107,916.30 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 3329 Aruba Street West Sacramento, CA 95691 A.P.N.: 045-673-011-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering 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 866-266-7512 or visit this internet website www.elitepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-00216. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: 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 866-266-7512 or visit this internet website www.elitepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-00216 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/16/2024 Sokolof Remtulla2301 Dupont Drive, Suite 505Irvine, CA 92614Sale Line: 866-266-7512 Cassidy O'Neal, Foreclosure Specialist EPP 42056
Pub Dates 12/27, 01/03, 01/10/2025
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CARCS-24020384 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/25/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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 800-280-2891 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case, CARCS-24020384. Information about postponements that are

very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. On January 24, 2025, at 01:00:00 PM, NORTH ENTRANCE, WEST SACRAMENTO CITY HALL, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, in the City of WEST SACRAMENTO, County of YOLO, State of CALIFORNIA, PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by OSCAR E. VEGA GARCIA, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustors, recorded on 4/28/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-0010703, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Property is being sold "as is - where is". TAX PARCEL NO. 045-613-056-000 LOT 26, SUBDIVISION NO. 4495, BRIDGEWAY ISLAND VILLAGE 5, PHASE 3, FILED SEPTEMBER 18, 2001, IN BOOK 2001 OF MAPS AT PAGE 99, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS OF WHATEVER CHARACTER THAT MAY NOW BE ON, OR THAT MAY LATER BE DISCOVERED ON, IN OR UNDER SAID PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGE OF THE GRANTOR TO THE USE OF SO MUCH OF THE SURFACE OF THE LAND AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO BUILD AND ERECT NECESSARY WORKS AND APPLIANCES TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT, EXPLOITATION AND OBLIGATING FOR THE REMOVAL OF SUCH OIL, GAS AND MINERAL, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO DIG, TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN STORAGE ON THE SURFACE OF THE LAND, AND THE RIGHT TO LAY AND CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN ALL SUCH PIPE LINE OR LINES AND TELEPHONE LINES AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR REQUIRED IN CONNECTIONS WITH THE OBLIGATIONS OR INCIDENTAL TO THEM, AS EXCEPTED IN DEED FROM LOIS W. ROSENBERG, ET AL, RECORDED FEBRUARY 2, 1982, IN BOOK 1509 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, PAGE 310, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 3445 MOLOKAI RD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$583,796.08. 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 TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the

What Happened To My Little Piggy Bank

Dr. James L. Snyder

This week, I had to do something I hadn't done before: go to the bank and deal with fraud in my checking account. Someone tried to write a check for \$1800 from my account. Fortunately, I didn't have that much money in my account, and I was a little provoked by this incident. How dare they!

When I was young, I didn't have an official bank account. I actually did not need a bank account at that time. My grandmother gave me a little blue piggy bank. When she gave it to me, she said, "Now, make sure you put money into this piggy bank every week." Then she handed me my first two quarters for my piggy bank.

I hid my little piggy bank in my bedroom so nobody could find it. Every time I got some money, I made sure I put some of it in the piggy bank.

Next door to where we lived was a little country store. It sold mostly food, like soda, ice cream, cookies and the like. Whenever my little piggy bank had enough money in it, I would take some out and

go to the little country store and get myself a well-deserved treat.

For many years, that little piggy bank served me quite well. It was always there when I needed it, and as far as I knew, nobody else knew it was there. Unfortunately, nobody contributed to my piggy bank.

Now, sitting in the bank trying to get my account back in order, I happen to think of my little piggy bank. I have no idea what happened to it. I would love to see it again and there might be a few coins in that little bank.

Whenever I got any money, I put some of it in the piggy bank, and I can never remember counting it. I just knew it was there. I thought about all of the presents I bought my parents and siblings with the money in my little piggy bank.

The bank finally fixed my account, and I was ready to leave.

Driving home, I could not help but think of how much that little piggy bank was a blessing. If I had not had that piggy bank that my grandmother gave me, I never would have saved any money. I would have spent it as soon as I got it.

Every time I got alone

with my grandmother, which wasn't often, she would whisper, "How's your little piggy bank doing?" and then she would hand me two quarters to put into my piggy bank.

Would it be appropriate for me to buy all of my grandchildren little piggy banks? Would they use them the way I used mine?

I thought of a Bible verse that is usually misquoted. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10).

Money isn't our problem, but the "love of money." Money is important to my daily life. If I allow money to become an obsession, it takes my mind off what is important. I need to use what little money I have to live a life pleasing unto the Lord.

Money can be a blessing or a curse.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala, FL with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail jamesnsnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamesnsnyderministries.com ★

Repeat Domestic Abuser Given Maximum Prison Sentence

Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 12, the Honorable David Rosenberg sentenced 28-year-old Cairo Jones of Davis to 11 years and eight months in state prison for inflicting corporal injury on a person with whom he had a dating relationship, while having a prior conviction for domestic violence, inflicting great bodily injury and using a deadly weapon.

On Nov. 1, Jones was convicted by a Yolo County jury of Making Threats to Commit a Crime Resulting in Death or Great Bodily Injury, Infliction of Corporal Injury on a Person with Whom Defendant had a Dating Relationship, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, False Imprisonment with Force and Violence, and Violation of a Court Order with Physical Injury. The jury also found true enhancements alleging that Jones suffered a previous

conviction for domestic violence in 2021, that he inflicted great bodily injury on the victim, and that he personally used a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony.

On Oct. 7, 2023, Jones and his girlfriend of five years were seated in their vehicle in the parking lot of the Dollar General in Woodland. An argument ensued between the two after Jones accused her of infidelity. During the argument, Jones punched her in her face, causing a laceration that split her face and lip open. The two then traveled to Davis, where the abuse continued. Near Interstate 80, Jones grabbed the victim by her hair, dragged her out of the vehicle, and punched and kicked her as she lay on the asphalt. The abuse culminated on County Road 89. Jones told her that he would kill her and severely disfigure her. Jones then grabbed a metal baseball bat and beat the victim in the head and torso. In desperation, she

tried to exit the still-moving vehicle, capturing the attention of a good Samaritan, who called 911. Yolo County Sheriff Deputies arrived on scene and arrested Jones.

The victim was transported to the hospital for her injuries, where she was diagnosed with a fractured nasal bone, multiple contusions and multiple lacerations. Jones had previously been convicted of strangling this same victim in their Davis apartment in 2021.

Deputy District Attorney Gustavo Figueroa prosecuted the case during the jury trial and sentencing stages of the case.

"We will continue to vigorously prosecute domestic violence offenders and protect the vulnerable victims of their abuse," said District Attorney Jeff Reisig. "Repeat domestic abusers pose an enormous threat to the lives of those they terrorize. This behavior will not be tolerated and the abusers will be held accountable." ★

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www.peakforeclosure.com using file number assigned to this case: CA-RCS-24020384 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible

tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PERSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any perspective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to

PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC. by 5:00 PM on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth above. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of the first publication of this Notice

of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to the return of the money paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse to the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

SALE INFORMATION LINE: 800-280-2891 or www.auction.com Dated: 12/27/2024 PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., AS TRUSTEE By: Lilian Solano, Trustee Sale Officer A-4831604
 01/03/2025, 01/10/2025, 01/17/2025
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to California Streets and Highway Code Section §8322 and 8323, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on January 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and express opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, at clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org, seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting to allow the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure access to this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE RESOLUTION NO. 24-118 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO ANNOUNCING THE INTENTION TO VACATE MIDDLE STREET, LOCATED AT 600 SUTTER STREET

WHEREAS, the City Community Development Department is requesting abandonment of a public right-of-way known as Middle Street; and

WHEREAS, the City does not require that portion of the public right-of-way proposed to be abandoned for any public purpose; and

WHEREAS, no private utility purveyors or other entities having interest in said public utility easement have indicated an objection to the proposed abandonment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that it is the intention of the City Council of the City of West Sacramento to vacate Middle Street, located at 600 Sutter Street, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Public Street, Highway and Service Easements Law (commencing at Section 8320 of the Streets and Highways Code) generally described as follows:

See attached Exhibit "A" and "B"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the proposed vacation is set for hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard on the 15th day of January, 2024, in the City Council Chambers of the City of West Sacramento.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be posted at least two weeks before the above hearing on the Directory in the lobby of City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, and notices of the hearing shall be published and posted in the manner prescribed by Sections 8322 and 8323 of the Streets and Highways Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Sacramento this 20th day of November, 2024 by the following vote:

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

EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION MIDDLE AVENUE RIGHT OF WAY ABANDONMENT

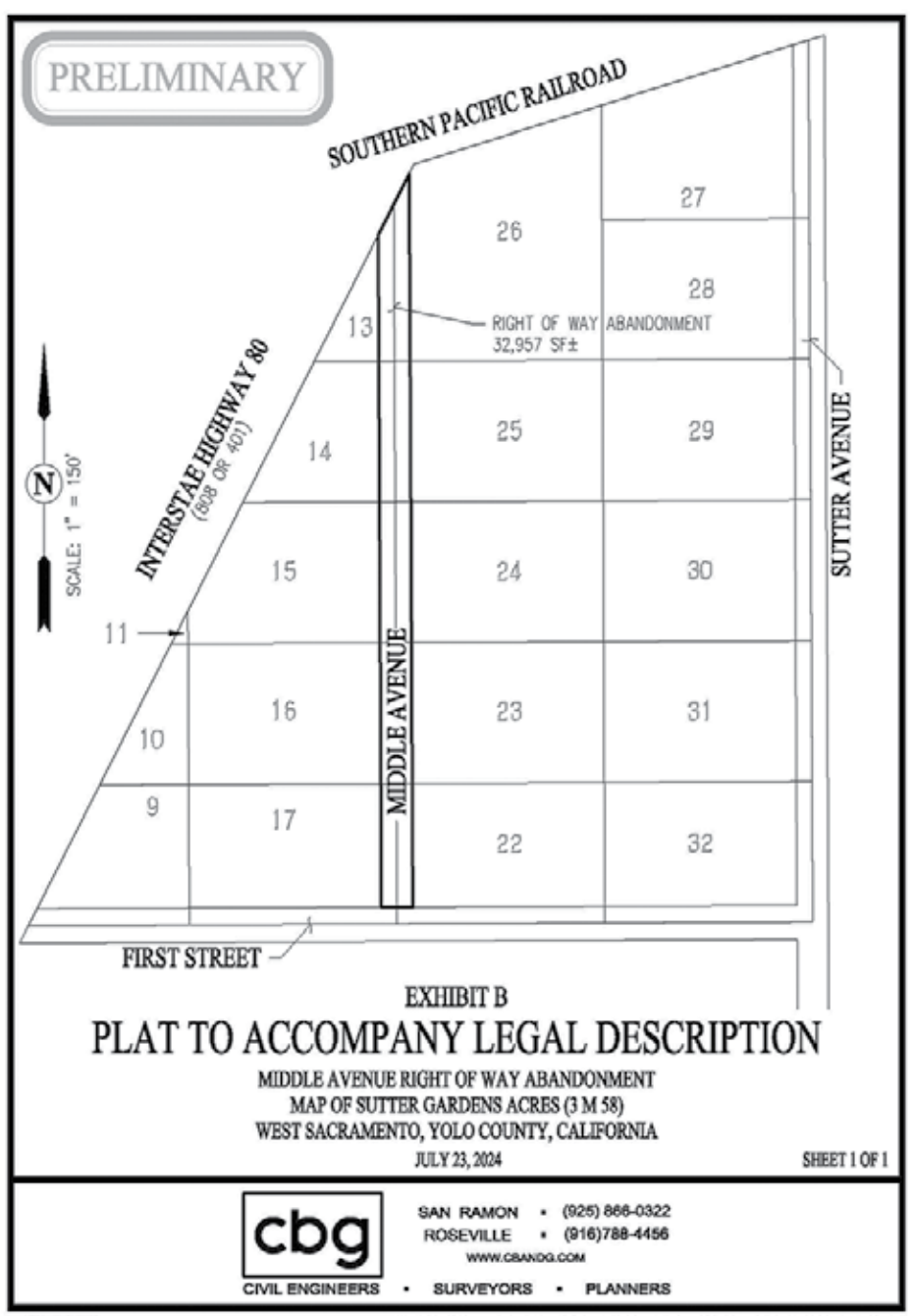
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EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BY DEED RECORDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1965, FILED IN BOOK 808, AT PAGE 401, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF YOLO COUNTY.

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ATTACHED HERETO IS EXHIBIT B, A PLAT TO ACCOMPANY LEGAL DESCRIPTION, AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.



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Revving Up Safety: Woodland CHP Adds Motorcycle Units to Enhance Patrols

California Highway Patrol News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is proud to announce the addition of a motor squad to the Woodland Area office. This expansion brings dedicated motorcycle officers, or "motors," to serve and protect the community with enhanced mobility and response capabilities.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



What a difference a week makes! Yes, a lot can happen in a week, and the Sacramento Kings are living proof.

Gone is former coach of the year, Mike Brown, and interim head coach Doug Christie not only is riding a season high 4-game winning streak, he's riding a basketball juggernaut as well.

Wins over injury depleted Dallas Mavericks and Philadelphia 76ers were welcome wins, but to handily defeat the Memphis Grizzlies and archrival Golden State Warriors back-to-back was a sign that the Kings were truly on the road to recovery.

A horrid 6-game losing streak was the undoing of Mike Brown, and every pundit, newscaster and fan had a different opinion. The general consensus was that coach Brown had lost the locker room, and after a meltdown loss to the Detroit Pistons in which collectively the Kings and in particular DeAaron Fox guarded no one, the Pistons came away with an improbable 1-point win. 4-point plays to win a game are a rarity, and it's no fun to be on the losing end, but that's precisely where the Kings found themselves.

Whether coach Brown had truly lost his voice with the team is still open to conjecture, but from this writer's perspective, his lack of any consistency as it relates to playing time for players off the bench, led to overall sub-par productivity. Players from Keon Ellis, Alex Len, to Trey Lyles never knew from one game to the next if they would see significant minutes or no minutes at all.

Doug Christie was tapped on the shoulder and asked to take over the head coaching reigns, and so far, he's been a welcome addition to the head seat.

Some players have commented that Christie brings the mindset of a former player to the table, and thus far his voice is being heard. In particular the defensive end of the court has seen significant improvement, and the past four games have featured some of the best defensive basketball that fans have seen in memory.

A wire-to-wire victory over the Golden State Warriors in which Sacramento never allowed the Warriors any breathing room, was a glimpse of what the

Sactown boys are capable of, and Malik Monk had perhaps his finest game of the season. Malik matched Steph Curry with 26 points and added a season high 12 assists, but his defense was equally impressive. Domantas Sabonis had his usual stellar performance, adding 22 points and 13 rebounds while playing only three quarters.

Does coaching make a difference? You bet it does. Does that mean that winning four of five games since Mike Brown's departure, the Kings are headed to the playoffs.

Too early to tell Kings fans but take solace in seeing what your hometown boys are capable of doing. Not just playing tough teams and winning, but actually accomplishing blow-out wins.

Keon Ellis has returned to form and did a yeoman's job in filling in for an injured DeAaron Fox in the win over the Warriors. Keon has a big upside, as does Trey Lyles who is also showing signs of looking like his former self, playing solid basketball on both ends of the court.

Say hello to Devin Carter Kings fans, and this young rookie has game! Playing in just his 2nd NBA game, Devin broke into the scoring column with 13 points while adding an impressive seven rebounds. This youngster has been on the sidelines all season recovering from off-season shoulder surgery, and he looks eager to impress his fans and teammates alike. I like what I see in Devin, and his defense in particular on Stephon Curry was impressive to see. His debut has been a long time coming, and it could not have come at a more auspicious time. I look for coach Christie to give him all the playing time he can handle, and with the unfortunate departure of Davion Mitchell, another guard that can play ferocious defense is a welcome sight.

Stay tuned Kings fans and stay away from ugly trade rumors. Trades will invariably come, but let's just hope it doesn't involve the core members we've come to love!

All be best!
Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

New Law Inspired by Ex-Lawmaker's DUI Adds to Alcohol Education in California Schools

By Ryan Sabalow, CALMatters.org

California public school students will get additional coursework on the harms of alcohol in 2025, thanks to a new law from a former lawmaker whose drunken driving arrest inspired her legislation.

In September, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2865 by former Los Angeles Democratic Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, whose DUI last year helped derail her political career.

California schools are already required to provide instruction about alcohol, narcotics and other dangerous drugs. This bill would require that schools also provide instruction about the short- and long-term harms of excessive drinking — including alcohol's link to chronic diseases, mental health problems and deaths.

As she pitched her bill to her colleagues in 2024, Carrillo told them that it was important for students to learn about alcohol's consequences in the hopes they don't go down the path she did.

"I wish I would have known in high school what I know now," she said at one hearing. "I would have made different choices."

On Nov. 3, 2023, Carrillo crashed into parked cars in Northeast Los Angeles. Police said her blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit, according to the Los Angeles Times. She ended up pleading no contest to the DUI in the middle of her race for Los Angeles City Council, which she lost. Because

she ran for city council, Carrillo left her Assembly seat this year.

Carrillo said her DUI was a wake up call for her. She said she started going to therapy and became sober. As she reflected on her life, she said her own struggles with booze began at an early age. And she was troubled by how prevalent alcohol is in society, despite its documented dangers.

Alcohol is a National and Global Health Issue

According to federal health officials, alcohol-related diseases kill 178,000 people in the U.S. each year, and death rates are increasing. Noting that alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer, including bowel and breast cancers, the World Health Organization last year declared that "when it comes to alcohol consumption, there is no safe amount."

Carrillo testified that 54 Californians die each day from alcohol.

"I want young people to learn early how something that is so legally and easily accessible can do so much harm if not consumed with more knowledge and more responsibility," she told her colleagues.

Her bill passed without any lawmakers voting against it.

What Law Will Do

Under the new law, school boards can decide which grades receive the new instruction. They can ask the state for reimbursements for the costs of instruction, training and updates to instructional materials, said Nicholas Filipas, a spokesperson for

the California Department of Education.

At the San Juan Unified School District in the Sacramento region, educators shouldn't have trouble rolling the bill's requirements into their schools' curriculum, said Raj Rai, a spokesperson for the district, which educates about 39,000 students.

"Alcohol education has been embedded into our high school health class curriculum for quite some time," Rai said in an email. "Our curriculum team will review the currently adopted health materials to see if anything additional is needed to meet the new requirements."

The district already has several programs that teach students grades six through 12 about the harms of alcohol and drugs with the goal of reducing or eliminating teen substance abuse.

The district's high schools also regularly participate in California's Highway Patrol's "Every 15 Minutes," Rai said.

The CHP describes the program as challenging teens to "think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others."

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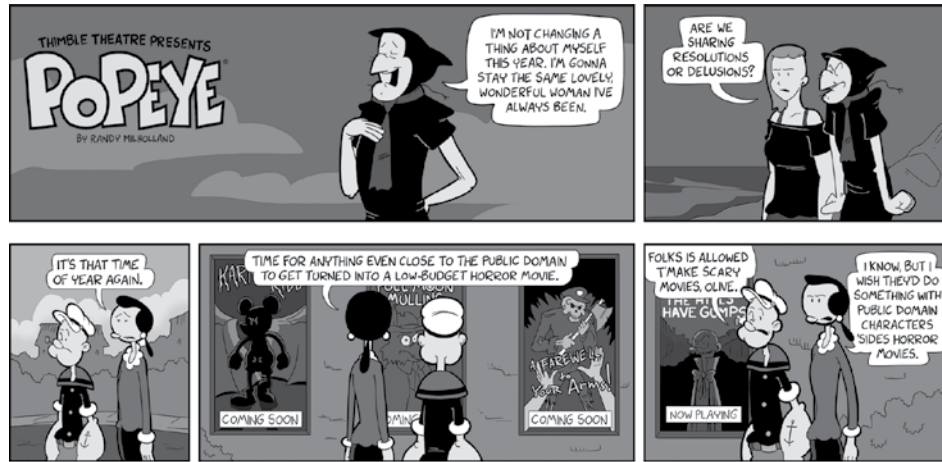
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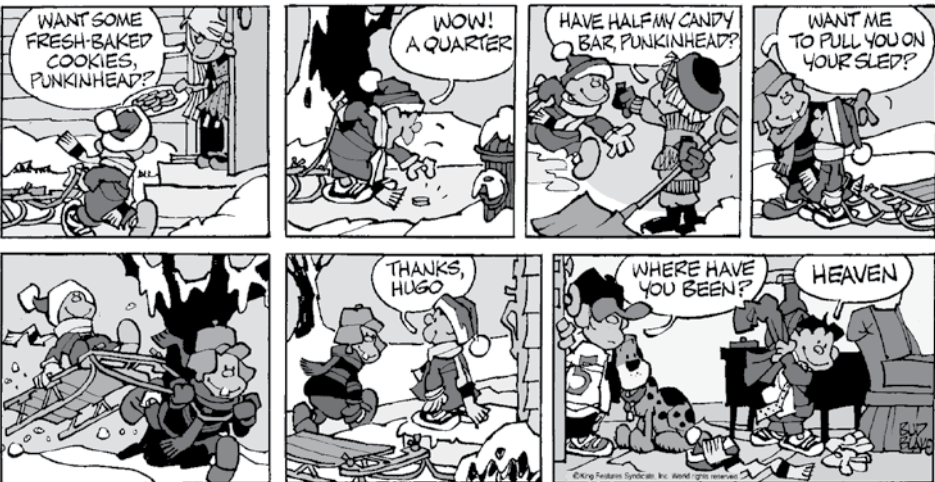
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- City in Belgium
- *Snow Day exercise?
- Poet Pound
- Ovine sign of the zodiac
- Tasseled hat
- All together (2 words)
- Military College of South Carolina, with The
- For every
- a.k.a. association football
- *All-day Snow Day garb?
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- Two heads are better than one, e.g.
- Bering Strait state
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- Tangerine plus grapefruit
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- #1 Down, pl.
- Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
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- Zugspitze, e.g.
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- Algae, sing.
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- Jack, English pirate
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When Losing is Still Winning

By Daniel Canfield

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Rio Linda High School alumnus and former Sacramento State Hornet Cam Skattebo gave 110% in the Sun Devils' 39-31 College Football Playoff loss to the Texas Longhorns in the Peach Bowl on New Year's Eve. Skattebo transferred from Sacramento State University to Arizona State University following the 2022 season and just completed his senior year, culminating with the thrilling overtime loss to the Longhorns.

Skattebo's frenetic "never say quit" playing style, he was famous for from his time as a Hornet, carried over to his time as an Arizona State Wildcat and was exemplified by his Peach Bowl performance.

Over four quarters and overtime of the 2024-25 Peach Bowl, the 22-year-old racked up 284 total yards, 143 rushing, 99 receiving, and 42 passing. Skattebo's Peach Bowl

performance included two rushing touchdowns, a passing touchdown, and a two-point conversion. A herculean effort from the 5-foot, 11-inch, 215-pound senior running back.

Skattebo's performance was so great that despite being on the losing end of the game, he was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the Peach Bowl. It's the first time in 26 years that a member of the losing team has won the game's Offensive Most Valuable Player award.

Prior to the Peach Bowl, Skattebo had foreshadowed his game performance in his media day comments on Dec. 30.

"There's nobody out there that can stop me," Skattebo said. "If they're studying hard, there's a reason. I have full respect for them, because they understand what they're playing against, and that's why I love playing in games like this, because they constantly look at me as a



Rio Linda High School alumnus Cam Skattebo won Offensive Most Valuable Player Award for the 2024-25 Peach Bowl played in Atlanta on Jan. 1. Photo by Arizona State University Athletics

threat, and that's something I've always wanted to be. And if I'm a threat on the football field against an SEC team that was the runner-up to win their conference, then I think I'm in a pretty good position."

In 2024, Skattebo had a

breakthrough senior season, rushing for 1,568 yards and 19 touchdowns while catching 37 passes for 506 yards and three touchdowns. Making him the first Big 12 player ever to have at least 1500 rushing yards and 500 receiving

yards in the same season and the first FBS player to do it since Christian McCaffrey in 2015. The star running back finished fifth in Heisman Trophy voting.

While Skattebo and the Arizona State University Wildcats would have

preferred to beat the Longhorns in the Peach Bowl and advance in the College Football Playoff, the Offensive MVP award is an admirable accomplishment for one of the nation's top running backs. ★

Hornet Sophomore Picked in MLS Draft



Sacramento State Hornet sophomore Donovan Sessoms (No. 21) was selected by San Diego FC in the 2025 Major League Soccer SuperDraft on Dec. 20. Courtesy photo

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A spectacular sophomore season has translated into a ticket to the next level for Sacramento State sophomore forward Donovan Sessoms, who was selected with the first pick of the third round (No. 61 overall) by expansion side San Diego FC in the 2025 Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft on Dec. 20.

Sessoms is the first Hornet to be taken in the MLS SuperDraft since Chimdum Mez was taken in the fourth round (66th overall) by the San Jose Earthquakes, and the fifth Sacramento State student-athlete to be drafted by an MLS club in school history along with Brandon Cavitt (1996 College Draft, Dallas Burn), Ernesto Carranza (2011 Supplemental Draft, Chivas USA), and Fernando Cabadas (2011 Supplemental Draft, New England Revolution).

San Diego FC had five selections in the draft, building a roster as the newest of Major League Soccer's 30 clubs that will compete in 2025. The city was awarded a franchise in May of 2023 and will play its first match on Feb. 23 against defending MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy.

An All-Big West first-team selection in 2024, Sessoms put together one of the finest offensive seasons in school history, finishing with a team-high 10 goals and 20 points for the year, both ranking among the top 10 in single-season history. Half of those 10 scored went for game-winning goals, ranking tied for fifth in the nation.

Among his Big West Conference brethren, Sessoms ranked third in the Big West in shot attempts (48) and led the league with 2.67 shots per match. He also finished fifth in the league in points, fourth in points per match (1.11), fourth in goals, and third in goals per match (0.56). ★

Athletics' President Resigns

Major League Baseball News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Dave Kaval, President of the Athletics for the past eight years, announced today that he is resigning to pursue new business opportunities in California. His last day with the team, which is in the process of building a new ballpark in Las Vegas, was Dec. 31, 2024.

"We are grateful for Dave's contributions and leadership over the past eight years. He guided our organization through a period of significant transition, and we sincerely thank him for his unwavering commitment to the team," said A's Owner John Fisher. "As we look ahead to the next chapter of our franchise, the team will continue to grow under new leadership, driving the organization toward success during our interim years in West Sacramento and at our new home in Las Vegas."

Sandy Dean, a longtime business partner with the Fisher family, will serve as Interim President. Dean has worked with the A's since John and his family became

owners in 2005. The club will begin a search for a new leader in the new year.

Kaval said that, given the substantial progress toward the team's move to a new, state-of-the-art ballpark in Las Vegas, "I will be staying in California to explore new opportunities at the crossroads of business and government. I am grateful to A's ownership for the opportunities they have given me."

Kaval, 49, served as the seventh president of the Athletics in the franchise's 123-year history. The franchise was founded in Philadelphia in 1901.

Prior to his role with the A's, Kaval served as president of the San Jose Earthquakes, where he played a pivotal role in the development of PayPal Park, home of the Earthquakes and Bay FC.

Kaval has also served as vice chairman of the San Jose Sports Commission, board member of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, member of the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board, and Executive Committee member of the Bay Area Council. He has also taught Sports Management at the Stanford Graduate School of Business for the past decade. ★

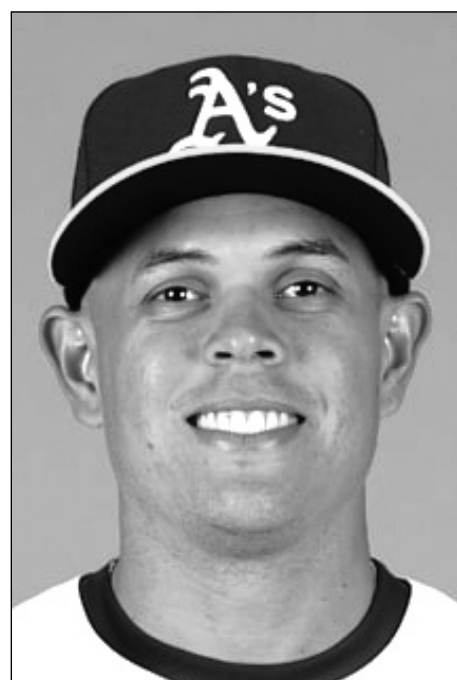
Athletics Add Infielder Gio Urshela

Major League Baseball News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Athletics agreed to terms with infielder Gio Urshela on a one-year contract for the 2025 season, the club announced on Dec. 22.

Urshela began the 2024 season at Detroit and was hitting .243 with five home runs and 37 RBI in 92 games when he was released in mid-August. He signed with Atlanta and batted .265 with four home runs and 15 RBI in 36 games with the Braves. The 33-year-old right-handed hitter combined for a .250 batting average in 128 games overall, making 102 starts at third base and 15 at first base. Urshela also went 0-for-6 in two postseason games for Atlanta, his fifth season with postseason experience.

Urshela is a .273 career hitter with 73 home runs, 332 RBI and a .729 OPS in 792 games over nine seasons in the majors with Cleveland (2015, 17), Toronto (2018), New York-AL (2019-21), Minnesota (2022), Los Angeles-AL (2023), Detroit (2024) and Atlanta (2024). He batted .299 in 62 games with the Angels in 2023 before a fractured pelvis ended his season in mid-June. The native of Colombia had



On Dec. 22, the Athletics announced infielder Gio Urshela will join the team for the 2025 campaign. Courtesy photo

his best season with the Yankees in 2019 when he hit .314 with 21 home runs and 74 RBI in 132 games. Urshela led Major League third basemen with a .992 fielding percentage in 2020 and has made 614 of his 700 career starts at third base. ★

River Cats Announce 2025 Promotions

River Cats News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fans will be sure to find plenty of fun and new surprises at Sutter Health Park next season as the Sacramento River Cats, proud affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, are excited to share the first half of their 2025 promotions schedule while also announcing single game tickets on sale for games through July 3.

Highlighting the beginning of the 2025 baseball season is the return of 2024 MLB All-Star Heliot Ramos, in miniature form that is, as Opening Night on Friday, March 28 will see the first 2,500 fans receive their own Heliot Ramos bobblehead presented by Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort.

The first half of the season includes three additional giveaway games on Saturday, May 3, Friday, May 30, and Friday, June 27. Fans can stay tuned to River Cats social media for the future reveal of these items or sign up for the River Cats email list by visiting rivercats.com/newsletter for first access to this information and other release.

Theme nights will be aplenty as Sacramento hosts nine during the first half of the season including returning favorites Green Awareness Night presented by SMUD (April 17), First Responder's Night (April 18), Dinger's

Birthday/Take Meow't to the Ballgame (May 4), Salute to Armed Forces Night (May 17), and Dino Night (May 31). Joining those for the first time in 2025 are AAPI Night (May 3), Bark in the Park (May 18), and Videogame Night (June 28).

SMUD Orange Fridays and Sutter Health Fireworks Saturdays return for the entirety of the 2025 season. Fans can watch the River Cats light up the sky with their bats and fireworks shows a total of 15 nights during the first half of the season concluding with a special Independence Eve Fireworks Spectacular following the game against the Reno Aces on July 3.

The River Cats will play four games as the Dorados de Sacramento this season as part of Minor league Baseball's 2025 Copa de la Diversión, celebrating baseball's Hispanic/Latino fan base. During the first half of the year, Sacramento will take the field as the Dorados on Thursday, May 1 and Thursday, May 29.

The Sacramento River Cats kick off their season at home with Opening Night on Friday, March 28 against the Albuquerque Isotopes at 6:45 p.m. (PT). The full schedule is currently available online at rivercats.com. Game dates, times, and promotional dates may be subject to change. Memberships, select ticket packs, hospitality rentals, and now single-game tickets are currently available by visiting rivercats.com or by calling the River Cats ticket hotline at (916) 371-HITS (4487). ★

