

## In brief

### Ex-con faces 8-year term for mall mugging

FAIRFIELD — An ex-con faces eight years in prison for a November 2015 mugging at the Solano Town Center mall.

Derrick R. Caldwell, 36, attacked a mall restaurant employee, stealing his cellphone and punching and kicking him in the face.

Fairfield police found Caldwell a short time after the mugging, hiding in his car in a parking lot across the street from the mall. Police found the stolen cellphone in the car's glove compartment.

Caldwell, who was found guilty last week, was in court briefly Wednesday where a judge confirmed Caldwell had been sent to prison three times in the past for serious or violent crimes. Those prison stints add more time behind bars for Caldwell's new crimes when he is sentenced April 24.

### Public defenders get recognition

FAIRFIELD — The Solano County public defenders will join similar offices across the nation Friday to celebrate National Public Defense Day.

According to 2015 numbers, the local office, with 53 attorneys, nine investigators and 20 clerical staff members, represented more than 20,000 clients in new and ongoing cases, the Solano County Administrator's Office reported.

"National Public Defense Day serves as an important reminder to the community of the important role public defenders play in society. Public defenders stand up for the dignity of their clients, representing them through all phases of the legal system," the County Administrator's Office said in a statement.

Solano County established its Public Defenders Office on Nov. 4, 1968, five years after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Gideon v. Wainwright that states are required to provide defense counsel to those who cannot afford attorneys.

### Cleo Gordon starts fund for injured youngster

FAIRFIELD — An education fund has been established for Vestia DeMarco, the 6-year-old girl who was hit Feb. 1 while playing on San Marco Street.

Those who wish to contribute can go to any Bank of the West. The account number is 043141597.

The Cleo Gordon Elementary School kindergartner, who has a twin sister, celebrated her sixth birthday in the hospital last month. She has returned to school and is doing well, according to her stepgrandmother, Doris Kogo.

"She is a very smart little girl," Kogo said in an email to the Daily Republic. "We are willing to do all we can to help with her education."

A GoFundMe account has also been established for the DeMarco family. It can be accessed at [www.gofundme.com/cleogordon](http://www.gofundme.com/cleogordon).

### Grownup coloring program returns to library

FAIRFIELD — Coloring is an activity we think of as being for children. However, it can be beneficial for adults.

The Fairfield Cordelia Library will host another Coloring for Grownups workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the library, 5050 Business Center Drive.

Coloring helps adults de-stress because when we focus on a particular activity, we focus on it and not on our worries, according to a library press release. Coloring generates wellness, quietness and also stimulates brain areas related to motor skills, the senses and creativity.

Coloring sheets and color pencils will be provided. Light refreshments will be served. The activity is for adults only.

For more information, call 1-866-57-ASKUS.

### Crash blocks 2 lanes on I-80 in Fairfield

FAIRFIELD — A motorcycle crash on eastbound Interstate 80 near the Abernathy Road on-ramp blocked two lanes of traffic for a brief period Wednesday afternoon, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The CHP reports that a collision between a motorcycle and a Jeep occurred at around 3:37 p.m., blocking two lanes of traffic. A regional traffic alert was issued at 3:46 p.m., with the roadway reopening fully to traffic at 4:04 p.m.

There were no reported injuries.

### Church youth organize safety event

FAIRFIELD — The Bilingual Faith Formation Confirmation students at Holy Spirit Catholic Church have organized their first community event.

The program will be a community awareness and safety event at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 2 at the church, 1050 N. Texas St., Fairfield.

For more information, contact "Call via Hangouts" at 425-3138.

### Ducks Unlimited schedules annual dinner

VACAVILLE — The Vacaville Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will have its annual dinner in April.

Ducks Unlimited for the past 78 years has been leading the way in wetlands conservation, according to a press release to announce the dinner, which will include a drawing, live auction and silent auction.

The dinner event will begin at 5:30 p.m. April 16 at the Vacaville Community Center, 1000 Ulatis Drive.

For more details and cost for tickets, call Rick Saenz at 425-2213.

# Vallejo man guilty of heroin possession for sales in Vacaville

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DAILY REPUBLIC

FAIRFIELD — A Vallejo man who Vacaville police found at a local motel with more than 10 grams of heroin faces up to four years in prison after being found guilty Wednesday of possessing heroin for sale.

Vacaville police went to the motel on Lawrence Drive on the night of March 11, 2015. Inside a room they found Lewis L. McCray with the heroin parceled out into several small baggies along with needles, scales, baking powder and a coffee grinder.

Police testifying at McCray's jury trial this week estimated the heroin was worth around \$1,000. One officer testified that in his long police career in Vacaville the motel had always been regarded as a place where drug users and drug dealers know to go to

use and deal narcotics.

After he was arrested, McCray told police his mother had rented the motel room for him.

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# Frank Sinatra Jr., 72, dies of cardiac arrest while on tour

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Frank Sinatra Jr., who carried on his famous father's legacy with his own music career and whose kidnapping as a young man added a bizarre chapter to his father's legendary life, died Wednesday. He was 72.

The younger Sinatra died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest while on tour in Daytona Beach, Florida, the Sinatra family said in a statement to The Associated Press.

The statement said the family mourns the untimely passing of their son, brother, father and uncle. No other details were provided.

His real name was Francis Wayne Sinatra — his father's full name was Francis Albert Sinatra — but he went professionally by Frank Sinatra Jr.

Sinatra Jr. was the

middle child of Sinatra and Nancy Barbato Sinatra, who was the elder Sinatra's first wife and the mother of all three of his children. Sinatra Jr.'s older sister was Nancy Sinatra, who had a successful musical career of her own, and his younger sister was TV producer Tina Sinatra.

He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1943, just as his father's career was getting started, and he would watch his dad become one of the most famous singers of all time. But he usually watched from a distance, as Sinatra was constantly away on tours and making movies.

He did, however, sometimes get to see him from the wings of the stage, especially when his father performed for long stints in Las Vegas. Sinatra Jr. got to see many other storied performers too, like Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Count Basie.

"I saw all the top stars perform," Sinatra Jr. told the AP in 2002. He said one of his favorite memories of his father was a show in the late 1960s at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

"He was sitting on a little stool, and he sang the Beatles song 'Yesterday' and 'By the Time I Get to Phoenix' and 'Didn't We,'" Sinatra Jr. said. "We were all crying and singing."

Sinatra Jr. followed his father into music as a teenager, eventually working for the senior Sinatra as his musical director and conductor.

The elder Sinatra died of a heart attack May 14, 1998, at 82.

Sinatra Jr. was able to provide a link to his father's music after his death, performing his songs and arrangements on tours and especially in Las Vegas.

"Since my father's death, a lot of people have made it clear that they're not ready

to give up the music," Sinatra Jr. said in the 2002 AP interview. "For me, it's a big, fat gift. I get to sing with a big orchestra and get to sing orchestrations that will never be old."

When Sinatra Jr. was 19 in 1963, three men kidnapped him at gunpoint from a Lake Tahoe hotel. He was returned safely after two days when his family paid \$240,000 for his release.

Barry Keenan, a high school friend of Nancy Sinatra, was arrested with the other two suspects, Johnny Irwin and Joe Amsler, and convicted of conspiracy and kidnapping.

Keenan masterminded the kidnapping, prosecutors said. He was sentenced to life plus 75 years in prison, but was declared legally insane at the time of the crime, had his sentence reduced and was paroled in 1968 after serving 4½ years.

# Union: New state prison guard pact includes 9 percent in raises

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — The union representing most California state prison guards said Wednesday it has agreed to a labor contract that includes a 9 percent salary increase over three years.

Gov. Jerry Brown's administration said the agreement includes concessions he sought last year to help reduce the state's long-term costs of provid-

ing retirees' health care benefits.

Correctional officers would start paying toward their eventual benefits under the proposed contract.

Officers hired after Jan. 1, 2017, would also have to wait longer for their benefits and would receive reduced health care coverage for themselves and their dependents when they retire.

The tentative agreement

calls for a 3 percent increase once the agreement is ratified by the union's 29,000 members, California Correctional Peace Officers Association spokeswoman Nichol Gomez-Pryde said. Other 3 percent hikes would follow over the next two years.

Correctional officers would also get more money if they work in remote prisons. An incentive for remaining physically fit

would be eliminated, with the \$130 a month incentive automatically going into officers' base pay.

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said base salary for guards currently starts at \$63,000 annually and can range to nearly \$80,000. Officers can earn more than \$100,000 a year with overtime at the state's 34 prisons.

# Cal to review head coach's role in harassment case

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY — Officials at the University of California, Berkeley, are reviewing whether the men's head basketball coach correctly handled sexual harassment allegations against one of his assistants.

The review aims "to dispel any doubts" about coach Cuonzo Martin's role in the case that led to the firing of assistant coach Yann Hufnagel, athletic director Mike Williams said in a statement late Tuesday.

"We firmly believe the results will support our confidence in Coach Martin," Williams said.

Supervisors and managers are required to promptly forward any sexual misconduct complaints, and those who fail to do so may face discipline, campus policy says. That includes head coaches, UC Berkeley spokesman Dan Mogulof said Wednesday.

A report shows the university launched the inquiry into Hufnagel in early July after a female journalist sent Martin a long email describing in graphic detail the unwelcome advances she received from his assistant.

The journalist wrote the email six weeks after she first told Martin by phone

about her concern Hufnagel was sexually harassing her. Her name and news

organization were redacted from the report released Tuesday.



**PUBLIC MEETING**  
MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD  
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)  
MARCH 2016 MEETING



The Department of Navy (DON) invites interested members of the public to attend updates and presentations with members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) made up of representatives from the local community, Navy, Federal and State regulatory agencies. The DON encourages the public to keep informed about the environmental cleanup at Former Mare Island Naval Shipyard (MINS), Vallejo, California.

**March 2016 Featured Topics**

**Paint Waste Area and Vicinity Remedial Investigation Results**

**Building 866 Area Commercial to Residential Reuse Investigation Area C2 Remaining Work to be Performed**



Date: Thursday, March 24, 2016  
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Mare Island Conference Center  
375 G St., Vallejo, CA

Ask questions and voice your concerns. You Can Make a Difference!

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