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River Cats Changing in the New Baseball Year



Fans arrive at Sutter Health Park to watch a day game.

**By Mitch Barber,
photos courtesy
of Sacramento River Cats**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - If you've ever watched Triple-A baseball, you know that it is extremely competitive and just one level below the major leagues. It also happens to be a lot of fun.

Before the 2024 season gets underway in late March, Messenger Publishing Group interviewed a well-informed man in Sutter Health Park's press box: Jake Ward, who is the Sacramento River Cats

communications coordinator. The interview began with discussion about Dinger, the River Cats' full-of-fun mascot who plays a key role with the team at and away from the ballpark.

"Every year, one of the big events that we do, one of our draws, is Dinger's birthday party. So, we have a lot of mascots in the area come to the game for his birthday," Ward said. "Last year, there was Quackals...Dunkson from Stockton...I believe Herky T. Hornet was here."

The UC Davis mustang mascot, Gunrock, also attended.

Dinger's birthday event will be on July 21 this year during the Albuquerque Isotopes game.

Ward outlined another enjoyable event, a ballpark get-together, that took place last year.

"We did a sleepover night where we had some fans who could purchase a package to stay on the field and then they showed the movie, 'Sandlot,' while they had some sleeping bags and some tents out there on the grass," Ward said. "...That was a pretty cool one (event)."

This year, on March 30, gameday *Continued on page 3*

Yolo County Library Introduces New Resource for K-2 Learners

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Yolo County Library is excited to unveil PebbleGo, a new educational resource tailored to the unique needs of young learners. This new resource is accessible from the library, home or anywhere with an internet connection by visiting www.YoloCountyLibrary.org/Learning/Children/.

PebbleGo is a database designed with the developmental stages of kindergarten through second-grade learners, cultivating foundational research skills and providing essential support for early readers.

With engaging audio voiceovers and text highlighting, PebbleGo fosters a stimulating learning environment that captivates young minds. This user-friendly platform offers easy navigation, inviting children to explore and discover new information. Featuring 50 nonfiction books in English and Spanish, covering topics ranging from basic science principles to intriguing biographies, children are empowered to expand their knowledge and curiosity.

Parents and caregivers can feel comfortable knowing that children are entertained and learning on an ad-free website bursting with resources to help them master many skills and learn fun facts they will be so proud to share, according to county staff.

"Explore PebbleGo with your child and let us know your feedback," said Yolo County Librarian Diana Lopez.

Yolo County Library offers a comprehensive educational experience for young learners by subscribing to multiple PebbleGo modules. These modules cover various subjects, including animals/animales, biographies/biografias, health/salud, science/ciencia and social studies/estudios sociales.

PebbleGo is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the state of California, administered by the California State Library.

For more information, visit Yolo County Library's website at www.YoloCountyLibrary.org. Connect with Yolo County Library on Facebook (www.Facebook.com/YoloCountyLibrary.org) and on Instagram and TikTok at [@yolocountylibrary](https://www.instagram.com/yolocountylibrary) ★

Yolo County Board of Supervisors Takes Historic Step to Right Past Wrongs

County of Yolo News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - In a symbolic but heartfelt gesture intended to rectify historical injustices, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors has unanimously adopted a resolution to rescind a regrettable and discriminatory decision made during World War II.

On June 10, 1943, during a turbulent period marked by fear and prejudice, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution opposing the release of Japanese Americans confined in internment camps across the United States. Today, recognizing the grave errors of the past, the current Board has taken the monumental action of rectifying this injustice.

"Many of us at the county were shocked to read the language of the original 1943 resolution; we know that the



The Feb. 27 Board of Supervisors meeting. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

internment of Japanese residents during World War II was a dark chapter in our nation's history, driven by discrimination and baseless fears," remarked Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Lucas Frerichs. "With our Board

action (however symbolic), the Yolo County Board of Supervisors finds the revocation of the 1943 resolution is a step towards reconciliation and healing of past discrimination that has no place in today's democratic society."

The newly adopted resolution not only apologizes for the Board's past support of unjust internment but also revokes the 1943 resolution, declaring it incompatible with the values of equality *Continued on page 3*



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Hollywood Production Films in Town

Story and photos by Matthew Malone

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The stars came out in the daytime on Feb. 25, as a movie whose cast includes Leonardo DiCaprio, Sean Penn and Regina Hall filmed in Galt.

Although the production has been shrouded in secrecy — no title or synopsis has been officially announced — it has attracted intense interest as it films on-location around Northern California.

Production vehicles lined the streets around Harvey Park in Galt and the sidewalks around the park were closed to the public.

Most of the afternoon filming took place in the space between the park and the Union Pacific railroad tracks that run through the city.

Groups of curious onlookers gathered on the far side of the streets around Harvey Park, hoping to catch a glimpse of one of the celebrities or get some insight into the filmmaking process. Every person approached by the Elk Grove Citizen had learned of the shoot through social media posts.

“It’s been all over social media,” Christina Tapia said, explaining that one of her daughters wants to be an actress. “She was the one that was like, ‘Mom, they closed off all the streets. Can we please go try to find them?’”

Her daughter, Selah, described hearing rumors of the movie shoot.

“We heard it from a bunch of friends. It was going around,” Selah said. “Some people were like, ‘Oh yeah, Leonardo DiCaprio’s coming to Galt.’ And I love Leonardo DiCaprio. He’s one of my favorite celebrities.”

Selah and sister, Rikki, hoped to see DiCaprio delivering lines or recreating a shot from his 2013 movie, “The Great Gatsby,” in which he raises a glass of champagne.

Maria Fernandez and Michael Tam were waiting nearby. Fernandez, a Galt resident, remarked on the



Actors Teyana Taylor and Sean Penn (both at center) wait between takes of a scene where Taylor leads Penn into a chain-link cage at gunpoint.

event rarity for the city.

“It’s kind of exciting because nothing really happens here in Galt that exciting, so I feel everyone’s excited for it,” Fernandez said.

Tam said, “I want to see what the process is, maybe catch a glimpse of whoever’s coming in and hopefully see some action scenes.”

The production involved its fair share of action; at one point, Penn filmed several takes of a scene in which he was led into a chain-link cage with a rifle at his back. Meanwhile, dozens of extras ran out of the Harvey Park baseball field into a semitruck. DiCaprio was also present, at one point rehearsing a scene that involved throwing an object on top of the cage.

Other stars seen on set included Hall and singer-songwriter Teyana Taylor.

The city of Galt posted on social media that “a special event” would involve simulated gunfire between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Paul Slaviero, who lives in San Jose, was visiting in-laws in town when he heard about the event. He told the Elk Grove Citizen why he and his wife decided to watch DiCaprio filming.

“He’s one of the greatest actors. ... You take a look at Ben Affleck and Leo

DiCaprio and some of the others, they’re the legacy now of great actors, who carry on the torch of what Hollywood, and what great acting, is all about. And here he is today. And I’m thinking that’s exciting for me to take my time to stay here to watch this,” Slaviero said.

The film is written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, who has also written and directed movies such as “Boogie Nights” and “There Will Be Blood.” Warner Bros. is the distributor.

Reached for comment before the Galt filming date, a representative told the Elk Grove Citizen. “For the safety of our cast and crew, we would like to refrain from doing any media until after our scheduled filming. Thank you for understanding.”

The production popped up in Humboldt County from late January to early February and filming moved to the Sacramento area starting on Feb. 3, with shoots at the Sacramento County Administration Building

and the Sacramento County Superior Court building, and, on Feb. 6, near the Bob Hope Theatre in Stockton.

The city of Galt acknowledged the filming directly in a Feb. 26 social-media post.

“First off, we would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to Warner Bros. Pictures for choosing Galt as a filming location for their upcoming movie! It is such an honor to have our small town showcased as part of this project,” the post read. It thanked residents for their patience, as

well as staff with the police, parks and recreation, and public works departments for their work during and before filming.

On the day of filming, some spectators crowding the sidewalks in the afternoon experienced the movie shoot close up when a production crew member approached and began recruiting individuals to be extras for the night scenes. Tapia, there to accompany her daughters, left to change clothes after the crew member picked her as an extra. ★



Leonardo DiCaprio practices throwing a water bottle in preparation for a scene.

MEMORIAL


PAUL L. DAVIS 5/28/1930 - 1/15/2024

Paul L. Davis passed peacefully at his home in West Sacramento, CA on January 15, 2024. He was born May 28, 1930 in Lindsay, CA. Married Joan Taverna in 1956 in Encino, CA. Moved to West Sacramento in 1960 where he and Joan raised his family of 9 children. Paul was a proud Korean War Army Veteran. A lifelong Catholic, he gave generously to the Church and many charitable causes. All 9 of his children attended Catholic grade school through high school. He managed Garden Acres Trailer Park until it was sold, worked as a contractor for many local businesses and then finished his career as maintenance supervisor at Our Lady of Grace school. He loved his family and seeing the 27 grand kids and 30 great grand kids and listening to their stories of what they were doing. Paul's joy was attending to his many prized rose bushes and garden, he grew the most delicious tomatoes that were enjoyed by everybody. This kept him busy until the day he passed. He was the kindest man and will be missed by everybody who knew him. The Rosary will be held at River Cities Funeral Chapel Friday March 15th at 5pm. A Memorial Mass of Christian burial will be offered March 16th 10:30am. at Our Lady of Grace Church.

MEMORIAL

WILLIAM (BILL) FRANK DELUCIA - 2/17/2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Bill (William Frank DeLucia) on 2/17/2024 after a battle with cancer. He was a resident of West Sacramento and he was 79 years of age.



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Yolo County Board of Supervisors Takes Historic Step to Right Past Wrongs

Continued from page 1 and inclusivity that Yolo County now upholds. Additionally, the Board reaffirmed its commitment to rejecting all forms of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, and other characteristics.

"Rescinding this shameful 1943 resolution is an important step in our county confronting a shameful part of our history. The internment of Japanese Americans was a racist and inexcusable act," added Supervisor Jim Provenza. "I was proud to work with then-Supervisor Mariko Yamada over 15 years ago to rescind a similar resolution in the City of Davis and I am grateful to Pattie Fong for bringing this issue to the county's attention."

"As WWII internment resister Fred T. Korematsu once said, 'If you have the feeling that something is wrong, don't be afraid to speak up,'" said former Supervisor and Assemblymember Mariko Yamada. "It's never too late to correct an injustice, and I thank the current Board for its leadership and recent action."

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors urges Yolo County residents and other communities to reflect on their own histories and join in the ongoing effort to



A photo of the resolution. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

confront and address past injustices. Together, Yolo County is leading the way towards a future where all individuals are treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their background or heritage.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors cordially invites the community to honor the resilience of Japanese American communities by attending the Japantown Monument Dedication Ceremony. Hosted by the Historical

Society of Winters, the ceremony will take place on May 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Rotary Park in Winters. This monument serves as a symbol of the challenges endured, including the fire damage sustained just as families were returning to rebuild their lives after the war. The Board of Supervisors extends their heartfelt appreciation to all who choose to participate in commemorating this significant event. ★

River Cats Changing in the New Baseball Year

Continued from page 1 festivities will revolve around the movie.

But the River Cats aren't a team of kids with one that says, "You're killing me, Smalls." They are a professional team affiliated with the San Francisco Giants in the Pacific Coast League (a league that includes the Sugar Land Space Cowboys, a team name indicative of more fun).

The River Cats' field is a step up from the makeshift one in the movie. Ward explained how Sutter Health Park is different from the former Raley Field: "We've been completely remodeling the inside of our clubhouse."

There is no irony in what the organization is doing with Sutter Health Park.

"Mental health is just as big as physical health," Ward said. "It's something that our organization stresses all the way from the Giants up at the top, all the way down through San Jose (its Single-A affiliate)."

"In addition to expanding our weight-room area and adding a second batting tunnel, they're also adding family rooms and they're adding a mental health room," Ward continued.

The family rooms would make it possible for players to meet a spouse or their children in a laid-back atmosphere.

Another modification has to do with the lights.

"We're replacing a lot of our lights; we're moving to LED lights just to be a little bit more energy efficient," Ward said.

He said they wouldn't have to go through the



Nick Avila, Turlock native and member of the Sacramento River Cats.

warmup period required of standard floodlights before they shine bright.

Ward was happy to announce that what will stay the same is the head coach.

"Dave Brundage will be back for his seventh season," he said.

Brundage has the second most wins in franchise history.

A staff change this season revolves around a promotion.

"Our pitching coach from last season — Garvin Alston — he earned one of those promotions (to the major leagues) and he is now going to be the bullpen coach for the Giants," Ward said.

He was happy about the news, but more focused on the River Cats. "The home opener is Friday, March 29, against the Salt Lake Bees at 6:45 p.m.," said Ward.

Ward also knew about another special game: "Just about a week prior — this

isn't our opening day but a big event that we're excited for — we'll be facing off against the Giants in our exhibition game on Sunday, March 24th."

The San Francisco Giants and the rest of Major League Baseball don't use the automated ball-strike (ABS) system, but this year, like last season, the River Cats and the rest of the PCL will use the automated ball-strike. The first three games of each six-game series "will be all-automated," Ward said, meaning that all ball and strike calls will be relayed to the umpire through an earpiece and called using the Hawk-Eye tracking system. (Tennis fans might recognize the Hawk-Eye name.)

The last three games of each series, Ward said, "We go back to a more traditional system where your umpire calls balls and strikes but we use a challenge system...so if a batter feels that a pitch was called a strike, but he thinks, no, that pitch was outside or it was high, he can turn around and he can initiate a challenge by tapping his helmet."

Each team will get three challenges to start the game. The pitcher, batter or catcher can initiate a challenge — the inquiry cannot be initiated by the dugout.

"It goes up on the jumbotron," Ward said.

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Yolo Basin Foundation Flyway Nights to Highlight the Wonders of Dragonflies

Yolo Basin Foundation News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Yolo Basin Foundation's Flyway Nights speaker series Thursday, March 7, 2024, highlights the work of Christofer Brothers, a PhD candidate in the Animal Behavior Graduate Group at UC Davis. He is gearing up for an exciting talk on dragonflies and damselflies. With his expertise, he'll dive into the world of Odonata, the insect order encompassing these ancient creatures, tracing their 300-million-year evolutionary journey. The series will be held virtually on Zoom.

Focusing on local species in Davis, Christofer will showcase the diverse insect life thriving locally including our own demonstration wetlands. From their complex life cycle to their mating behaviors, attendees will get a closer look at these fascinating insects and their ecological roles.

Christofer will share insights from his own research on dragonfly legs, shedding light on their functional morphology and prey capture behavior of both larval and adult dragonflies. By studying the intricacies of dragonfly legs, Christofer aims to unravel mysteries about the evolutionary trajectory and ecological roles of these remarkable insects. But it's not all serious science—Christofer's love for dragonflies extends to his free time, where



A Blue Dasher and Flame Skimmer on the same perch by Christofer Brothers. Join us for Flyway Nights on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 7 p.m. Photo courtesy of Yolo Basin Foundation

he enjoys catching them, indulges in the world of Dungeons and Dragons, and dropping puns.

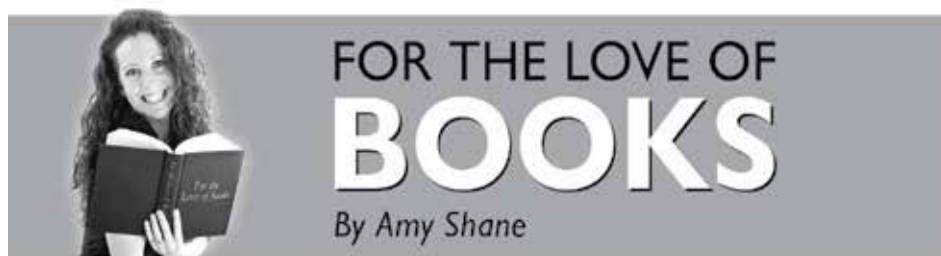
Christofer Brothers talk promises to inspire curiosity and appreciation for the fascinating world of dragonflies and damselflies.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link to the presentation. -<https://yolobasin.org/flywaynights/>.

Flyway Nights is a monthly speaker series highlighting

environmental issues, natural history of Northern California, and current research topics in conservation. Yolo Basin Foundation hosts Flyway Nights December to April through virtual presentations.

A donation to support the Foundation's wetland education programs is suggested. To register visit www.yolobasin.org/flywaynights or call Yolo Basin Foundation at (530) 757-3780. ★



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Olivetti by Allie Millington

"Being a typewriter is not as easy as it looks."

Once a proud family member, Olivetti now sits pushed aside on a desk, replaced by that fast-moving computer, forgotten. The family he lives with is made up of busy humans who are always rushing, too busy to sit and play and type on his keys. His family doesn't know that Olivetti remembers everything, every story, every moment, every keystroke that has ever been typed on him because a typewriter's job is to keep memories.

Then, one day, everything changes. Olivetti is finally remembered as he is scooped up by the mom, Beatrice, and taken on an adventure. But to his dismay, Olivetti was left at a pawn shop. Casually discarded, forgotten, like he wasn't part of the family, like he didn't keep any of the Brindle's secrets safely tucked inside him.

Olivetti is even more concerned when he discovers that Beatrice has gone missing; knowing that he can help, Olivetti breaks the only rule of typewriters and types out to Beatrice's son, Ernest.

Shocked and alarmed, Ernest does the only thing he can think of, he takes Olivetti and runs.

Now, what feels like them against the world, Ernest, Olivetti, and the pawn shop girl embark



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on a search across San Francisco, chasing clues brought together by Olivetti's typewritten memories. However, as the truth starts to spill out, Ernest realizes there might be more to his mother's disappearance and that sometimes looking at the past is the only way to face the future.

"Memories are like heartbeats. They keep things alive. They make us who we are."

Olivetti

How often have you cast your eyes upon an object, wondering the secrets they hold, the stories they have seen, and the truth that lies within? One typewriter is willing to break the code of silence in order to share the answers he holds. Emotional and enduring

Olivetti explores the many emotional sides of being lost, and the stories we tell ourselves. Olivetti takes a straightforward object and elevates it to an entirely new platform full of thought, purpose, care, and longing.

Allie Millington will have her readers casting their eyes at every typewriter, curious of the secrets they have nestled within. Some may even be left with the desire to load in a piece of paper, hoping for a type of written response. Chosen as Indie Next for middle-grade books, Olivetti is here to leave his mark. With its strong building storyline, Olivetti delicately touches on many issues simultaneously. Readers will fall right into the story of a family in crisis and everyone's individual response, highlighting how one fracture in communication can change a course in time. While this story builds on the theme of a communicating typewriter, there is much more to uncover, opening discussion to topics of mental health, cancer, and the power of a united family.

A story of secrets, memories, and the once treasured items that sometimes get forgotten. Head over to <https://www.alliemillingtonbooks.com> to learn how to win your custom-painted typewriter. ★

Gavin Newsom Is Unpopular, But A Second Recall Drive Is Doomed For Failure



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

On one level, it's completely understandable that many Californians believe they and their state would be better off without Gavin Newsom as governor.

California has some seemingly intractable issues that have worsened during the five years of his governorship – homelessness being the most obvious – and Newsom's penchant for braggadocio and grandstanding can be grating.

Although California is politically a deeply blue state, a recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California found that fewer than half of adult Californians and likely voters believe the state is headed in the right direction and approve of how Newsom has governed.

Although Newsom still enjoys strong support among his fellow Democrats and Republicans are, as one would expect, just as strongly critical, his loss of approval by independent voters is the chief reason for his overall negative image, PPIC's poll discovered.

Newsom's recent fixation on touring the country as a surrogate campaigner for President Joe Biden – and to build his own political standing – probably contributes to his poor image at

home. To many, it implies that the state and its problems, including a whopping budget deficit, now play second fiddle to Newsom's political ambitions, whatever they may be, and surely a factor in a renewed campaign this week seeking to recall the governor.

Orrin Heatlie, a retired Yolo County sheriff's deputy who headed the 2021 recall effort and is back as chairman of the group Rebuild California, insists that "this time is different."

"People are suffering in California now more than ever," he said as the recall effort was launched. "Gas prices and people's grocery bills are higher than ever before. Crime is out of control, stores statewide are closing their doors, and this governor is giving free handouts and health insurance to thousands of people who are here illegally while we are facing a \$70 billion dollar deficit, not to mention our taxes are the highest in the nation."

"This man has aspirations to become the next president," Heatlie added. "Although we want him to leave California government, we don't want him to move to Washington. The country can't afford that."

All of that said, a second campaign to recall Newsom is a waste of time and energy. He easily defeated the first recall in 2021 with nearly 62% of the vote. A year later, he won a second term with a similar margin and almost certainly would prevail again if recall proponents can collect enough signatures to put it on the ballot.

Even if they could force

a recall election – and even if they muster an impressive list of Newsom's failures – recall advocates would need a viable replacement to have even a faint chance of success. In California, a recall is a two-step process. Voters simultaneously decide whether they want to oust the incumbent and choose among the declared replacement candidates.

That was demonstrated in 2003 during the first and only successful recall of a California governor. Then-Gov. Gray Davis would almost certainly have survived the recall if actor Arnold Schwarzenegger had not offered himself as a replacement.

Three years ago, the leading candidate to succeed Newsom was right-wing radio talk show host Larry Elder, who obviously saw it as an opportunity for self-aggrandizement rather than a serious interest in governance. He was an easy target for the Newsom campaign.

Given the very thin bench of Republican politicians in California these days, it's difficult to imagine anyone who could, by running as a replacement for Newsom, make a difference – nor could they raise the millions of dollars that a campaign would require. The only alternative would be a wealthy celebrity who could self-finance a campaign, like Schwarzenegger, but who that might that be, if anyone?

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

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It all boils down to having a shared view of a proper marriage relationship. And the proper (and biblical) view is we own everything. There's no mine and yours anymore. Now,

you can't make her feel—or not feel—a certain way. But you can ask her questions to understand where she's coming from and what blockers are keeping her from being totally together in this. Talk about it. Put your heads together and practice thinking about your marriage as a union.

It will take some encouragement from you and some getting used to on her part, but if you work together, it's a muscle you can grow and develop together!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions ★

My Wife Thinks She Owes Me Money

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have been married for nine months, and we've been following your Baby Steps plan for three months. We have about \$50,000 in debt, and I recently cashed out an old whole life policy that enabled us to pay off \$22,000 of our debt. My wife still feels weird about us doing that, since the money paid off all the student loan debt she accumulated before we got married but none of the debt I brought to the marriage. I look at everything as ours, not mine and hers. What can I do about her sense of guilt and feeling indebted to me

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

This isn't an uncommon

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



- 2-09-24 ANTHONY NELSON Arrested for known probation violation warrant when recognized by Police.
- 2-12-24 BRUCE KACHO Arrested for a felony warrant after Police responded to a drunk in public call.
- 2-13-24 TRUDY MITCHELL Arrested for Disorderly conduct/Alcohol and Obstruction/Resisting arrest after Police responded to a call about a verbal fight. She allegedly said that she could call her boyfriend for a ride but delayed the call and ended up in a verbal fight with Police, followed by physical resistance during detainment process.
- 2-17-24 VALERIE LEE Arrested on two felony warrants after Police received a call of a suspicious person.
- 2-18-24 GREGORY RUSSELL Arrested for felony warrant when recognized by Police.
- 2-23-24 HEBREW JOHNSON Arrested for a misdemeanor warrant when caught sleeping at a business entrance.
- 2-24-24 TROY ALVERAZ Arrested for trespassing after being asked to stop sleeping between the glass doors on Springhill Suites property. He was allegedly escorted off of the property, instructed not to return and allegedly returned and blocked the front doors with a luggage cart.
- 2-25-24 VALEN MORRIS Arrested on a felony warrant during a jail transport.
- 2-23-24 RODRIGO MARTINEZ Arrested for Robbery, Possession of unlawful paraphernalia and Burglary after allegedly trying to shoplift.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 2-14-24 Acquaintance suspect allegedly came into victim's work and attacked the victim with a tire iron. Victim fought back, allegedly took the tire iron away from the subject and hit the subject with it. Subject fled the location prior to police arriving. Victim was not willing to identify subject and refused to press charges. Assault with a deadly weapon/not a firearm.
- 2-16-24 Fraudulent credit card opened in victim's name back in 2015. Approximately \$872.05 loss in fraudulent charges. Obtain credit using other's ID.
- 2-16-24 Vehicle burglary in parking lot of Russian Baptist Church. \$130 loss. Burglary, Theft by use of card information.
- 2-19-24 Victim's company was burglarized by an unknown suspect. \$3,000 loss. Burglary.
- 2-19-24 Victim's tires were slashed on vehicle by an unknown subject. \$300 loss. Vandalism.
- 2-20-24 Victim's rear passenger window had been smashed in. Approximate value of vehicle exceeded \$400. \$400 loss. Vandalism \$400 or more.
- 2-15-24 Garage broken into by unknown person and bike was stolen. \$800 loss. Burglary.
- 2-20-24 Victim stated that he found multiple catalytic converters stolen from U-Haul trucks. \$4,330 loss. Grand theft.
- 2-20-24 Victim's vehicle was burglarized by two unknown suspects. \$600 loss. Petty theft.
- 2-21-24 Victim's vehicle was keyed by an unknown suspect. \$500 loss. Vandalism.
- 2-21-24 Unknown suspect allegedly punched victim in the back of the head. Battery.
- 2-21-24 Unknown suspect brandished a firearm during a road rage incident. Exhibit firearm in a threatening manner.
- 2-22-24 An unknown suspect threatened to sexually assault and murder the victim via telephone. Victim believed the threat to be credible. Threaten crime with intent to terrorize.
- 2-22-24 Reporting person stated that someone has been using the corporate account number and taking money from the business account. \$5,000 loss. Get credit/Ect. Other's ID.
- 2-23-24 Hole cut from fence along the train tracks and batteries stolen from equipment machines. \$1,050 loss. Burglary.
- 2-23-24 Vehicle burglary. Personal vehicle parked in truck yard from September 2023 to February 2024. Sometime during that time vehicle was burglarized. \$4,000 loss. Burglary.
- 2-25-24 Victim woke up to find scratches on her car door and damage to the key fob lock. \$3,300 loss. Vandalism \$400 or more.
- 2-25-24 Victim's vehicle was burglarized in the Home Depot parking lot. \$4,000 loss. Burglary and Vandalism.
- 2-25-24 Victim's work vehicle was burglarized and the company's tools, that were assigned to the victim, were stolen. \$1,000 loss. Burglary.
- 2-26-24 Construction tools stolen from Westfield Village Elementary School work site. \$2,300 loss. Grand theft

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Sacramento Men Charged with Multiple Felonies After Retail Theft

Yolo County District Attorney News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Feb. 28, 44-year-old Antonio Garland Compton, and 35-year-old Michael Dean Cole, both Sacramento residents, were arrested by West Sacramento Police for a retail theft incident, which was committed at Target in West Sacramento.

Compton has been charged with conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor; possession of firearm by person previously convicted of a felony; carrying loaded firearm in public place when firearm is stolen; carrying loaded firearm when not the registered owner of the firearm; resisting executive officer by means of threats, force, or violence; and an enhancement for being armed with a firearm. An additional enhancement related to factors in aggravation

included being armed with or used a weapon at the time of the commission of the crime; the manner in which the crime was carried out indicated planning sophistication, or professionalism; engaged in violent conduct which indicated a serious danger to society; and that prior convictions are numerous or of increasing seriousness.

Cole has been charged with conspiracy to commit a

misdemeanor, and an enhancement for being armed with a firearm. An enhancement related to factors in aggravation alleged the manner in which the crime was carried out indicated planning sophistication, or professionalism; engaged in violent conduct which indicated a serious danger to society; prior convictions are numerous or of increasing seriousness; prior prison term; being on probation or parole when this

crime was committed; and for unsatisfactory performance on probation or parole.

"Our office takes retail theft cases very seriously," District Attorney Jeff Reisig said. "These offenses harm our local businesses and the quality of life for everyone."

Cole and Compton were arraigned on their charges March 1 at the Yolo County Superior Court., after press time. ★

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ROD Transport Inc, 1550 Harbor Boulevard Suite 140, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 24, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024
ROD 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240088
The following person(s) is doing business as: The Goodnight Room/The Goodnight Club, 524 Main Street Suite 101, Woodland, CA 95695.
Nightcap Enterprises LLC, 2375 Russell Circle, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 31, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024
GOODNIGHT 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240087
The following person(s) is doing business as:
JC AG Services, 600 Snapdragon Ct. Winters, CA 95694, County of Yolo.
Justin Rominger, 600 Snapdragon Ct. Winters, CA 95694
Catherine Roman, 600 Snapdragon Ct. Winters, CA 95694
This business is conducted by General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ Justin Rominger
/s/ Catherine Roman
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/31/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8/24
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240099
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Extra Space Storage (#3597), 19389 County Road 102, Woodland, CA 95776 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 2795 E Cottonwood Pkway, Ste 400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121 - Salt
Extra Space Management Inc, 2795 E Cottonwood Pkway, Ste 400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/28/2023.
Extra Space Management Inc S/ Gwyn Goodson McNeal, VP,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 02/05/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
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2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8/24
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240134
The following person(s) is doing business as: Northern California Breakthrough Parenting, 194 West Main Street Suite 201, Woodland, CA 95695.
Christy Bodily, 194 West Main Street Suite 201, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 13, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024
NORTHERN 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240060
The following person(s) is doing business as: MP Plumbing, 3453 Kauai Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
George Martinez, 3453 Kauai Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 22, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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MP 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240013
The following person(s) is doing business as: La Casita Del Tamal..., 1165 Chapman Street, Winters, CA 95694
Miriam Hyder Velarde, 1165 Chapman Street, Winters, CA 95694 and Velia Loreto, 955 Railroad Avenue Apt #62, Winters, CA 95694. This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 3, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 4, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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LA 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240069
The following person(s) is doing business as: Kalesa Transport, 1567 Carmel Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.
Kalesa Transport LLC, 1567 Carmel Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 24, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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KALESA 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240109
The following person(s) is doing business as: Pink Dozen, 1300 E Covell Boulevard Suite D, Davis, CA 95616.
Pink Dozen LLC, 1300 E Covell Boulevard Suite D, Davis, CA 95616. 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 January 1, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 6, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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PINK 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240130
The following person(s) is doing business as: LSGG LLC, 1712 Picasso Avenue Suite B, Davis, CA 95618.
LSGG LLC, 1667 Oak Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. 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 January 1, 2023.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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LSGG 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240116
The following person(s) is doing business as: NMMotions Transportation, 3142 Pender Island Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 7, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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NMMOTIONS 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240113
The following person(s) is doing business as:
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Mailing Address: Suite 1600, 1100 Melville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 4A6 Canada
Woodland Wood Preservers, Ltd., 1492 Churchill Downs Avenue, Woodland, CA 95776
This business is conducted by Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fic-

titious business name or names listed above on October 17, 2018 /s/ John Russell, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 02/07/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240114
The following person(s) is doing business as: Canavan Ranch, 17047 Forest Avenue, Guinda, CA 95637, County of Yolo.
Channa Ranch LLC, 17047 Forest Avenue, Guinda, CA 95637
This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A /s/ Sean Robert Canavan, Managing Member Channa Ranch LLC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 02/07/2024. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15/24 CNS-3783993#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240106
The following person(s) is doing business as: Anderson Automotive Refinishing, 2446 Rice Avenue Suite A, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Troy Wayne Anderson, 2518 Aspen Valley Lane, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 6, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 6, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
ANDERSON 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240157
The following person(s) is doing business as: Agile Motor Sales, 738 Elm Street B, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
Jamal Hassan, 738 Elm Street B, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 20, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
AGILE 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240122
The following person(s) is doing business as: Honest Inc, 1800 Enterprise Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Seej Inc., 1800 Enterprise Boulevard, 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 February 5, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 9, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
HONEST 3-22-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHERLY ANN FOREMAN CASE NO. PR2023-0279

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: SHERLY ANN FOREMAN
A Petition for Probate has been filed by TIMOTHY C. BATTS in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO.
The Petition for Probate requests that TIMOTHY C. BATTS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on MARCH 21, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in Dept. 11 Room N/A located at 1000 MAIN STREET, WOODLAND, CA 95695.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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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 3/20/24 @ 2pm: Corina Jimenez 975 F St, West Sacramento, CA, 95605 on 3/20/24 @ 11am: Nolan Simonton: Adrian Dumitru: Johnny Gonsalves: Sarah Mosca: Brevanna Geter: John Van Dusen 1100 N 1st St, Dixon, CA 95620 on 3/20/24 @ 2pm : Thomas Gomez The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.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. 3/8/24 CNS-3789435#
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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Business and Professional Codes #21700-217 Section 2328 of the UCC of the Penal Code, Section 535 the undersigned, StorQuest Express Self Storage/Ramco St. of West Sacramento, will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of: Albertina Ankomah A158, Mark Capobianco A177, Pamela Gould B120, Tommie Thompson B125, Brian Casias D119, Amber Woods D120, Alysia Pulido D143, Carlos Yanes D173, Sheila Mccowan'Veal D265. Property to be sold: Misc. Items.Household Items Auctioneer Company: www.storagetreasures.com The Sale will end at 10:00 AM, March 21st, 2024. Goods must be paid in CASH at site and removed at completion of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between the owner and obligated party. 3005 Ramco St. West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916)241- 8600 3/8, 3/15/24 CNS-3789778#
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REQUEST FOR BID

REQUEST FOR BID for Davis Non-Profit Facility, Davis CA.
YCN Project Oversight is seeking bids for qualified contractors to provide construction services for the Davis Non-Profit Facility in Davis, California.
The bid documents can be reviewed and obtained at the Sacramento Builders Exchange or by reaching out via email to Lisa.l@ycnoversight.com. Interested bidders are responsible for checking both the Exchange or links periodically for any updates, revisions, or Addenda.
The facility consists of a one-story wood framed building in a courtyard configuration with four distinct wings. The Main building totals approximately 8,712 square feet, without including the area of the courtyard. The main building includes various occupancy group types for different areas of the facility. In addition, there are two combined storage building structures totaling approximately 671 square feet. The facility is being designed and built to meet or exceed State of California childcare and crisis nursery licensing standards. This is new construction so a full complement of site improvements on approximately .71 acres is included as part of the bid scope. Approximate construction value is \$4.0M to \$5.0M.
A non-mandatory site visit is scheduled for 2:00pm on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 2525 Research Park Drive, Davis, CA 95618.
Sealed bids shall be received prior to 2:00pm on Tuesday March 12, 2024 at 2940 Spafford Street, #200, Davis, CA 95618. A public bid opening will occur immediately thereafter.
This is considered a non-prevailing wage project.
Each bid must conform to the requirements of the drawings, project specifications manual, and other documents comprising the Bid Documents. Inquiries regarding the project or bid document can be made by contacting Neal Cordeiro, Owner's Representative, at neal.c@ycnoversight.com. Bidders' questions can be received no later than Tuesday, March 5th, 2024.
No bid will be considered unless it is made on the bid form that is part of the Project Documents, filled out in its entirety, and accompanied by a cashiers check or bidder's bond for 10% of the amount of the bid including any additive alternates. Additional information and bid requirements can be found in the Bid Documents.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell at public auction the personal property described below. A lien imposed on said property pursuant to section 21700- 21716 if the Business & Professionals Code, and provisions of Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public auction by competitive bidding online at StorageTreasures.com March 21st, 2024 through April 4th, 2024. The premises where said property has been stored at **Southport Self Storage**, located at 3080 Promenade St., West Sacramento, CA 95691, phone # (916) 395-3080 the following described goods: Boxes, clothing, furniture, memorabilia, books, tools, and electronics. These goods are the lien property of the following tenants units:
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section § 7072(b), the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on March 20, 2024 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 Sacra-mento. 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 accessibility to this meeting.
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West Sacramento News Briefs

By MPG Staff

West Sacramento Home Run Ready, Set, Save program - Ready, Set, Save has released the calendar of pre-approved earning incentives for March. Ten events are approved for the 0-4 age group, 14 events approved for the 14 to 16 age group and three approved family events.

Family events in March are a family formal dance, a college savings workshop and Earth Day and spring celebration. Family events carry a \$20 incentive. Log on to wshomerun.org for details.

Turner Library - The schedule of events for Turner Library, located at 1212 Merkley Ave., include:

-Mondays - Maker Mondays and family storytime

-Tuesdays - Hug-a-bye Baby and Spanish conversion

-Wednesdays - Wiggle Wednesday, English conversion and one other event (March 13 is book club, March 20 is Teen Anime Club and March 27 is Teen Movie and Friends of the Library)

-Thursdays - Hara de Cuentos and yoga at the library

-Fridays - English conversion. Also, March 15 is a Lego Block Party and March 29 is a retro family movie.

-Saturdays - Bilingual

Russian storytime and Tax Help appointments. Go to yolocountylibrary.org or call 916-375-6465 for times and details.

Denim & Diamonds Family Formal Dance - The city of West Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department will host a formal family dance, Denim & Diamonds, on March 22 and March 23. The Denim & Diamonds family event includes dinner, dancing, crafts, photo opportunities and more at the City Hall Galleria, located at 1110 West Capitol Ave., from 6 to 9 p.m. Space is limited and tickets are required. West Sacramento resident ticket prices for one night are \$120 for a parent and one child, \$35 for additional child and \$85 for additional parent.

Non-residents can buy tickets with an additional \$8 non-resident fee. Tickets can be bought in person at the West Sacramento Community Center and the Recreation Center office, or online at https://westsacfun.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs.

City Council - Reminder that the next City Council meeting will be at 7 p.m. March 20 at City Hall at 1110 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. The city of West Sacramento invites residents to attend and share their concerns and compliments during public

comment. Residents' opinions can help to shape the city's development.

Capital Projects Community Listening Sessions - The Capital Projects Department wants resident feedback regarding community engagement and outreach related to Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs). Join the department from 9 to 10 a.m. March 9 at the West Sacramento Recreation Center, 2801 Jefferson Blvd, or from 11 a.m. to noon March 9 at the West Sacramento City Hall first floor, 1110 West Capitol Ave. Feedback can also be given from 6 to 7 p.m. March 13 at Bryte Career and College Training, 637 Todhunter Ave.

Learn more or view other sessions at <https://wsac.city/cplistingessions>.

RSVPs are required and can be made at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NQY2CWD>.

Earth Day and Spring Celebration - The free Earth Day and Spring Celebration is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 30 at Bryte Park, 1425 Todhunter Ave., West Sacramento. Learn, play, shop, eat and have fun at the community event! An egg hunt will be at 10:30 a.m. for ages 4 and under, 11 a.m. for ages 5 to 7 and 11:30 a.m. for ages 8 to 12. For more information, visit Recyclingfun.org. ★

Feeling Left Out is the Worst Feeling, Isn't It?

By John Sundt

CALIFORNIA REGION (MPG) - Psychologists have noted for decades that rejection and isolation are just about the worst human experience possible. The experience actually activates the part of the brain that signals physical pain.

How much more is suffering for a teenager who is undergoing a massive identity exploration for their self-worth? They're doing everything they can to find acceptance and affirmation, and not being included, thought about, or considered makes the process even more disorienting.

Remember when you were a teenager...Were there parties that cool kids went to that you didn't?

Imagine life as a teenager today — where you

get to (or have to) see photos and videos of the kids who are hanging out without you.

How much worse would that feel?

And, as we all know, when a teen feels rejected or lonely, rarely does that lead to wise, healthy decision making.

First of all, it's important to acknowledge that feeling left out is a big deal to a teen.

Naming feelings goes a long way, says Dr. Dan Siegel, a clinical professor of psychiatry at the UCLA School of Medicine. He has a catchphrase to help you reinforce the notion that naming your feelings will provide relief and a sense of release. He says, "Name it to tame it."

Second, although they might not want to hear it,

it's important to remind your kid that there will be more opportunities to spend time with friends in the future and how being left out doesn't equate to a lack of worth or value.

Those messages, given by caring adults over time, will sink in and provide a broader foundation for self-confidence and acceptance.

Finally, invite them to become more aware of how their social media use impacts their sense of self-worth. If going on social media on a Friday night leads to feeling left out every time, then perhaps it's time to make a plan to avoid it. That could include them taking the initiative with a friend or two earlier in the week to make plans to hang out, or it might mean intentionally putting their phone away. ★

Yolo County Animal Services Hold Successful Clear the Shelter Event



A Golden Retriever doing what he does best. Photo by Pixabay

Yolo County Animal Services News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Feb. 24 Clear the Shelter event found loving homes for shelter animals and provided crucial support for pets in need throughout Yolo County, according to Yolo County Animal Services staff.

Yolo County Animal Services staff said that more than 100 attendees were generous in their support of animal welfare in the community. Their commitment led to the successful adoption of 10 dogs and three older cats on Feb. 24. The event's

impact continued on Feb. 26, with two more adoptions occurring as attendees returned to the shelter after considering this significant decision.

Yolo County Animal Services staff "were overjoyed by the incredible support they received" from the community.

Yolo County Animal Services' mission is to support animals in need and ongoing opportunities for community involvement include adoption, volunteering, fostering and donations. More information can be found online at www.FriendsOfYCAS.org or by emailing INFO@YoloShelter.org. ★

California Continues to Expand Hydrogen-Powered Passenger Rail Fleet



One of the new rail fleets traveling through the countryside. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Caltrans today announced a \$127 million agreement with Stadler Rail, Inc. for six more zero-emission, hydrogen-powered passenger trainsets, building upon an earlier order to deliver the first four hydrogen-powered intercity trainsets in North America, furthering California's standing as a world leader in clean transportation.

The trains will help California adapt to climate change by strengthening the state's zero-emission passenger rail capabilities. The first trains are expected to enter revenue service in 2027. The trainset design will make them more efficient, lighter weight and more affordable than traditional locomotive-hauled coaches.

The purchase is funded through Governor Gavin Newsom's historic \$10 billion, multiyear zero-emission vehicle package, which included \$407 million for the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to purchase or lease state-of-the-art clean bus and rail equipment and

infrastructure.

The first trains will operate between Merced and Sacramento on the future Valley Rail service — an expansion of the existing Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) and Amtrak San Joaquins services that will eventually connect with the first section of California's high-speed rail service. The trains will also be demonstrated on corridors throughout the state in coordination with intercity and regional rail partners. With this option order, there are 19 option trainsets remaining on the base contract that Caltrans signed with Stadler in October 2023.

"California continues to lead the way to a cleaner, more connected transportation system," said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. "By expanding our fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trainsets, we are showing we are serious about deploying innovative and sustainable transportation options for the people of this state."

"These clean-energy trains are the future," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. "California is

building a climate-resilient transportation system that will help every community move around the state in a safe and sustainable way."

The vehicles will be based on Stadler's successful Fast Light Intercity and Regional Train (FLIRT) concept, extending work done with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority to develop self-powered multiple-unit trains using zero-emission hydrogen fuel cells without the need of a separate locomotive.

"We are very proud to be providing additional hydrogen trains to the California State Transportation Agency and Caltrans. With our multiple units, we are jointly driving the decarbonization of rail transportation in the U.S.," said Stadler CEO Martin Ritter. "We thank CalSTA and Caltrans for their trust and look forward to deepening our partnership."

California continues to build momentum in its nation-leading effort to harness clean renewable hydrogen power, critical to cutting planet-warming pollution and expanding the clean energy economy statewide. Caltrans' purchase of the first four trainsets in October came one day before the U.S. Department of Energy announced California will receive up to \$1.2 billion as one of the country's hydrogen hubs to accelerate the development and deployment of clean renewable hydrogen. ★

Bank of America Invests More than \$1.4 Million in Sacramento Nonprofits in 2023

Bank of America News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As part of its longstanding commitment to supporting economic opportunity in local communities, Bank of America has invested more than \$1.4 million across nearly 65 organizations in Sacramento this year through philanthropic grants and sponsorships to the region's nonprofits. The support helps nonprofits remove barriers to economic mobility, with most bank funding directed for workforce development and job skill training, entrepreneurship and small business development, housing, and hunger relief.

For instance, Bank of America continued its grants to food-related small businesses, local farmers and food entrepreneurs through its support of programs like Visit Sacramento's Farm to Fork Festival. Additionally, the Bank has provided grants to Alchemist CDC to scale

community-based small business programs, and Second Harvest Food Bank to combat food insecurity.

In addition to philanthropic capital, the company's local employees provided more than 18,000 volunteer hours throughout the year to local causes, ranging from assisting with food distribution, to providing free financial education workshops to more than 20 nonprofit organizations as part of the bank's Better Money Habits program.

"Sacramento's nonprofits know firsthand the needs and obstacles our communities face. Bank of America proudly helps nonprofits develop the solutions and services needed to promote economic opportunity," said CP Parmar, Bank of America market president for the Greater Sacramento region. "Bank of America will continue to deploy capital and resources to help create real impact for all members of the greater Sacramento community." ★

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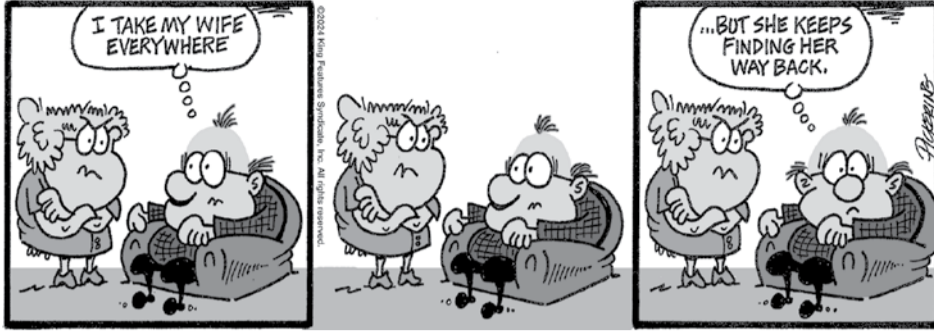
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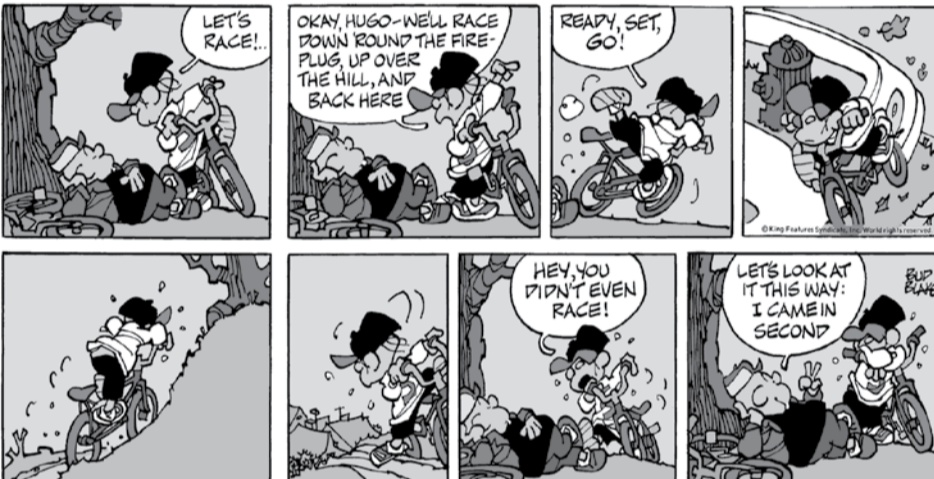
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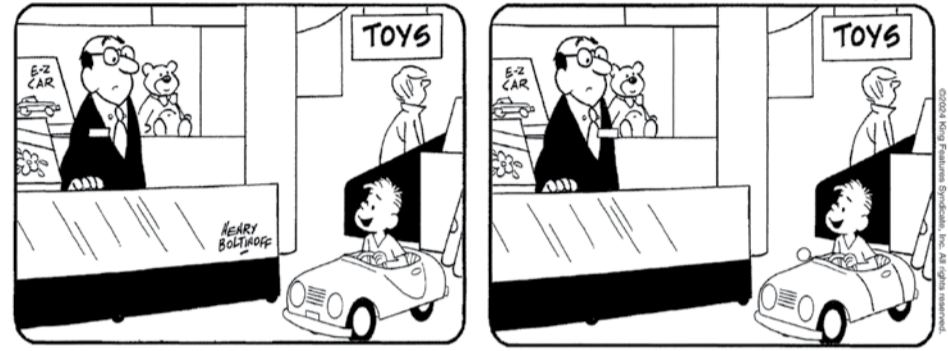
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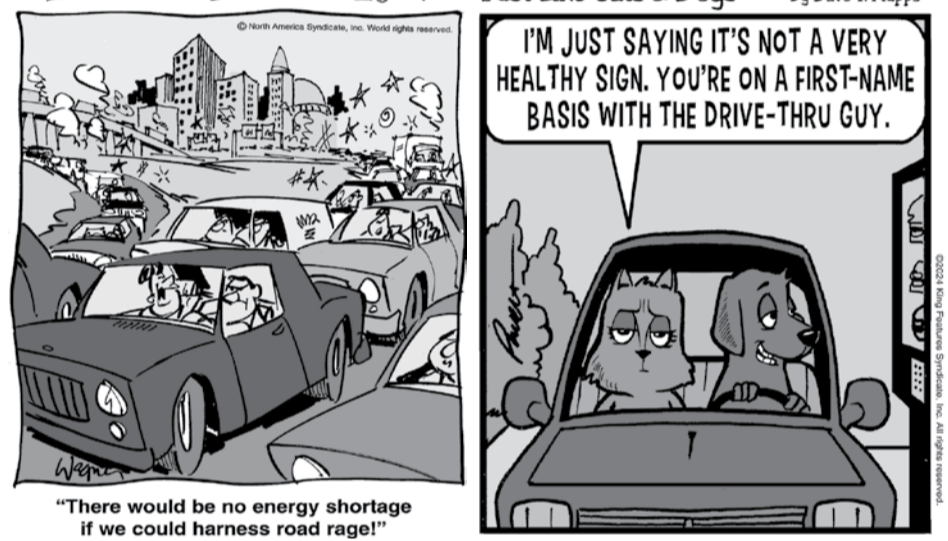
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Interview with Head Coach Mark Briggs

By Mitch Barber

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Mark Briggs has a clear mission for the 2024 United Soccer League (USL) season, Republic FC's 11th. He told the Messenger Publishing Group that "it is to go one step further than last year and win the championship. Pretty simple, I think, after where we got to last year and reaching the conference final. We gotta go one step further this year and try and be better than what we were."

The club won its only USL championship in 2014.

The Tower Bridge Battalion has been cheering since then.

Briggs said of them, "I think they're like a 12th person on our team. They give us extra energy when we're in difficult moments. They make us run those extra five yards when we're tired. I can't speak highly enough of the Tower Bridge Battalion. I think they're incredible and we're proud to have them as our supporters' group."

The Tower Bridge Battalion will support numerous players this season who made their way through the Republic FC Academy, such as forward Rafael Jauregui, the youngest goal scorer in club history; forward Da'vian Kimbrough, who just turned 14 and signed with the club at 13 becoming the youngest pro in U.S. team sports history; midfielder Blake Willey who grew up in the Pocket area; and 16-year-old central defender Chibuikwe "Chibi" Ukaegbu.

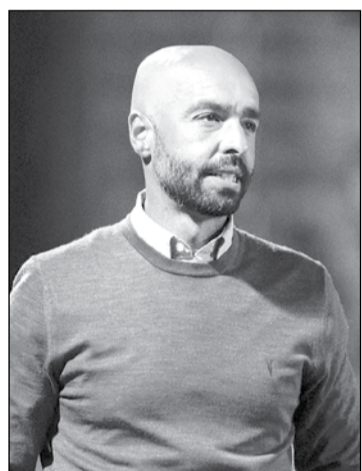
Briggs also started his own career at an early age in England. When asked about pickup soccer there, he said, "It's a huge thing. You drive past every park and there's people going on [the pitch] and, it was for me every single day growing up, soon as I finished school, there would be 20, 30 of us at the park just playing. I think it's where the game over here... You don't get that in America. I think you can go anywhere else in the rest of the world, England, Italy, Brazil, Argentina, like there's



Forward Rafael Jauregui prepares to kick the ball. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



Defender Chibuikwe "Chibi" Ukaegbu prepares to make a pass. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



Sacramento Republic FC Head Coach Mark Briggs. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



Assistant Coach Martin Vásquez gives instruction on the pitch during a Sacramento Republic FC practice. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

always just people playing, you know? Of course, you don't need anything —just a ball. [If] you can't find a goalpost, use trees, use whatever it is, you can just play and I think that's what I'd like to see happening a little bit more over here in America."

And then there's veteran midfielder Rodrigo Lopez, who was on Republic FC's 2014 championship team, winning MVP honors in

the final. He's from Guadalajara, Mexico, another country with quite the pickup soccer scene.

USL soccer is a different level of soccer. Coach Briggs said of

Republic FC, "You have professional players, a professional team of the highest caliber there has ever been in Sacramento. I think the reason to come out and support your

local club [is] first and foremost, but also you have top top players that are in this league, and I think a lot of people still have the perception that it's semi-professional, and it's not semi-professional; it's fully-professional. If you have a kid that likes soccer, there's no better learning tool than watching a professional live."

What does Briggs do when he isn't coaching elite soccer?

"I'm usually with the family: my wife, my kids, my dog. Usually walking around parks or playing with the kids," the coach said. "Every now and then, I pick up a pickleball racket or tennis racket. Sometimes a golf club and the majority of the time's with the kids and with my wife."

Briggs is comfortable in Sacramento. He said of the city, "It's not flashy — you know the glitz and glamour of your L.A.'s and San Diego's. It's humble people that work hard and enjoy life and I certainly feel at home here."

Let's see if he and the team can bring Sacramento another championship in 2024.

The Indomitable Club will open their season on March 9 against Orange County SC at Heart Health Park, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. ★

Food & Farm NEWS

Winegrape Production Outpaces Demand

California winegrape growers may be victims of their own success after harvesting a larger than average crop last fall during a cool growing season that has experts optimistic about the quality of the vintage. The 2023 crop came in at nearly 3.7 million tons, up from 3.3 million tons in 2022. But the production increase comes as U.S. wine sales dropped 9% in 2023, the third consecutive year of decline after more than a decade of flattening growth. The weakened consumer demand and the large bulk wine inventory has made it harder for growers to sell their fruit on the spot market.

Fertilizer Prices Stabilize, But Worries Persist Over Weather, Global Factors

After sharp spikes in fertilizer prices in 2022, farmers saw some relief last year as prices stabilized. With the 2024 planting season nearing, analysts say they're watching weather issues that could disrupt spring planting and transportation of fertilizers, as well as geopolitics that could affect fertilizer trade and production. Lower prices last year increased demand for fertilizer, and usage is expected to continue growing in 2024, but only by 1% or 2%, said Veronica Nigh, senior economist at The Fertilizer Institute in Arlington, Virginia.

World Ag Expo Highlights High-Tech Solutions for Farm Challenges

The World Ag Expo, celebrated as the largest outdoor farm trade show on the planet, lured throngs of attendees last week eager to see the latest in agricultural technology. Amid field demonstrations and more than 1,200 exhibits at the Feb. 13-15 event at the International Agri-Center in Tulare, expo presenters pitched agricultural innovation as a means to address farm labor challenges. Numerous equipment manufacturers showed off autonomous or efficiency-enhancing machinery as potential answers to farmers' struggles with rising labor costs and decreasing worker availability.

USDA Approves Use of Phosphine Gas on Citrus in Quarantine Areas

California citrus growers and packers within the Redlands Oriental fruit fly quarantine area of San Bernardino and Riverside counties now have a new postharvest treatment option. The U.S. Department of Agriculture earlier this month approved the use of phosphine fumigation in combination with five days of cold treatment as a postharvest treatment. That will allow growers to move fresh fruit from noncore areas of the quarantine to areas outside the quarantine. USDA said it approved phosphine fumigation because existing postharvest treatment options are not "economically viable." ★

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