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California Duck Days

A Youth and Family Nature Festival!



DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Yolo Basin Foundation is hosting California Duck Days, Northern California's wetlands and wildlife festival, on Saturday, April 27th. This family-friendly event will take place at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters and will include live animals, wetland themed arts and crafts, environmental education activities, hourly tours of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, and much more!

Whether kids help build Wood Duck boxes to create nesting opportunities, dissect owl pellets to learn about owls, or borrow rubber boots Foundation, City of Davis, and the and innovative partnerships.

the festival for those curious about the natural world. The exhibitor area will host more than 20 local environmental organizations providing information about their missions and offering interactive, hands-on activities. Animal ambassadors will include baby ducklings, large raptors, and ambassador bats. Food vendors will

The event would not be possible without the support of our generous sponsors, donors, and volunteers. California Duck Days is a collaborative effort between Yolo Basin

of Fish and Wildlife. The festival will take place on Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters at 45211 County Road 32B (Chiles Road), Davis, CA. Admission is \$20.00 per vehicle. Dogs are not permitted at the festival. For more information, visit www. yolobasin.org/california-duck-days/.

Yolo Basin Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the appreciation and stewardship of wetlands and wildlife through education

Protect Against Measles Before International **Travel**

County of Yolo News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The number of people infected with measles has increased worldwide as a result of fewer people receiving recommended vaccines amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Since December 2023, multiple California residents, including one individual who may have exposed hundreds of patients at a Sacramento County hospital earlier this month, have returned from international travel infected with the measles

Measles, a highly contagious viral illness, can lead to severe health complications such as pneumonia, encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), and death, particularly in unvaccinated individuals. The virus spreads through contact with infectious droplets or airborne transmission when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. The virus can remain infectious in the air and on surfaces for one to two hours after an infected person has left the area. Symptoms typically start with fever, cough, runny nose, and pink eye, followed by a rash two to four days later. People with measles are contagious from four days before the onset of the rash until four

Measles is preventable through vaccination. The MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) and MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella) vaccines are highly effective, with one dose preventing measles in 93% of recipients and two doses in 97%. In the United States, children usually receive measles vaccines at 12 months old and again at 4-6 years old.

days after.

Individuals planning travel, especially internationally, with children should consult their healthcare provider to ensure they are fully vaccinated against measles. Allow at least 2 weeks between vaccination and departure to allow the immune system to respond.

Infants 6 to 11 months old should receive one dose of MMR vaccine before international travel.

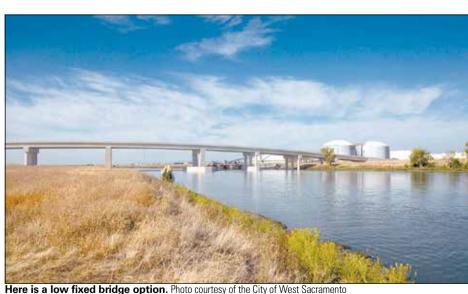
Children aged 12 months Continued on page 3

City of West Sacramento Approves Study **Contract for Enterprise Bridge Project**

City of West Sacramento News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of West Sacramento has taken a significant step forward in enhancing economic growth and mobility in the region by approving a contract to conduct a comprehensive study for the Enterprise Bridge project.

Since its inclusion in the City's General Plan in 1990, the Enterprise Bridge has been identified as a vital link to support economic expansion and mobility for the Southport Development area. Recent infrastructure investments in the Port Area, coupled with ongoing efforts



Here is a low fixed bridge option. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

around the decommissioned Stone Lock facility, underscore the City and Port of West Sacramento's commitment to bolstering

connectivity over the Deep-Water Shipping Channel (DWSC).

The Enterprise Bridge study will consider

multiple options to address environmental impacts and optimize the bridge's design, as required by the

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Empowering Our Community to Be the One

By the Yolo County Child Abuse **Prevention Council**

As we enter Child Abuse Prevention Month, it is essential to recognize both the progress we've made as a community and the work that lies ahead in safeguarding our children. This year's theme, "Be the One," speaks volumes about the power each of us holds to make a positive difference in the lives of children in our community.

Yolo County, like many communities, grapples with the reality of child abuse and neglect. In 2023. Yolo County Child Welfare Services investigated allegations of suspected child abuse and/or neglect involving 1,044 children.

While not every allegation was determined to be substantiated, the 135 Yolo County children who entered foster care that year underscore the ongoing challenges we face. Particularly concerning is the disproportionate representation of Black children in foster care entries; despite constituting just 2.44% of Yolo County's child population, Black children ages 0-5 accounted for 13.33% of entries into foster care in 2023.

As members of the Child Abuse Prevention Council, we are actively engaged in national initiatives aimed at reducing entries into foster care. Recognizing the pressing need to address this disparity, we have honed our focus this year

on preventing both child abuse and entries to foster care for Yolo County children - with a focus on preventing entries to foster care of Black children ages 0-5. This aligns with Yolo County's Comprehensive Prevention Plan that seeks to incorporate culturally responsive strategies to safeguard our most

vulnerable children and mitigate the disproportionate risk they face of entering

foster

care.

Poverty, while not deterministic of neglect, often exacerbates stressors on families, increasing the risk factors for child maltreatment. In California, 31% of families do not have their basic needs met, while in Yolo County, 24.3% of single-parent families experience poverty, highlighting the intersection between socioeconomic factors and child welfare (U.S. Census Bureau, 2020). The Yolo County Child Abuse Prevention Council continues to advocate for local initiatives that will improve the ability of families

County's most

vulnerable residents.

dence of child abuse and

neglect. By improving

parents' ability to provide

for their children's basic

needs, access developmen-

tally appropriate childcare,

and alleviate parental

to be self-sufficient and applauds the efforts of the Yolo County Basic Income Program (YOBI) that seeks to serve Yolo

stress and depression, we can create more stable and nurturing environments for our children to thrive.

It is essen-



ognize that child abuse prevention is Educational initiatives not solely the responsiaimed at strengthening bility of social services or household financial security can also play a pivotal role in reducing the inci-

law enforcement. It's a collective effort that requires community-wide engagement and education. Research by renowned psychiatrist Dr. Bruce Perry underscores the critical importance of positive relationships in mitigating the risk of child abuse and promoting resilience. Supportive connections with caring adults can serve as a powerful buffer against the effects of trauma, offering children a sense of security and stability in tumultuous times.

This year, all Child Abuse Prevention Councils Northern California have joined

> forces under the "Be the One" campaign, uniting our efforts to prevent child abuse

> > and pro-

mote

child well-being. It's a testament to the strength of our region's commitment to protecting our most vulnerable mem-

bers. It's remarkable how a single positive connection with just one person can change a child's life for the better. We feel the profound influence of social connections in our day-to-day lives. A hug from a friend or a smile from a stranger on a difficult day can alleviate stress and uplift our spirits. Research confirms the importance of strong social supports in pro-

moting the mental health

of parents and children

alike. We encourage you to extend a caring connection to someone today.

A simple smile, a listening ear, or a gesture of kindness can help alleviate the negative impacts of

stress and foster resilience.

Throughout Child Abuse Prevention Month, we invite you to join us in learning more about the efforts of the Yolo County Child Abuse Prevention Council. Visit www.strongfamiliesyolo. org to explore resources and information on how you can contribute to our collective mission. Whether you're a

parent, educator, healthcare professional, or concerned citizen, your involvement can make a meaningful difference. By becoming informed about the science of resilience and learning how to create more caring connections, we can provide support for those who need it most. Prevention goes beyond awareness; it requires action. Together, let's heed the call to "Be the One" who steps in for our children and ensures they have the safe, nurturing

environment they deserve. In closing, we urge you to join us in our collective efforts to create a brighter, safer future for the children of Yolo County. Together, we can empower our community to prevent child abuse and build a more resilient and compassionate society. Let's stand united as advocates for our children, because every child deserves to grow up in a world where they feel valued, cherished, and safe.







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Mikuni Donates \$5,000 To Help Local In Need Youth



Taro Arai of Mikuni Charitable Organization tours Make it Happen for Yolo County's storage units in Davis where the nonprofit provides furniture and household goods for transition age youth in Yolo County. Mikuni recently donated \$5,000 to the nonprofit. Courtesy photo

Kristin Thebaud Communications News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Mikuni Charitable Organization recently donated \$5,000 to ensure local under-resourced transition age youth can successfully live independently through services provided by non-profit Make It Happen for Yolo County. The donation will help Make It Happen provide furniture, appliances and other essential household items needed to establish a first home.

"Mikuni continues to be one of our most steadfast donors and ardent advocates for youth in le Organization tours Make torage units in Davis where re and household goods for anty. Mikuni recently donated whoto

Yolo County," said Cathi Schmidt, executive director, Make It Happen for Yolo County. "We are so thankful to Mikuni for using its important profile

as one of our region's top

restaurants to provide sup-

port for the youth in our

community who need it

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Make It Happen for Yolo County provides local transition age youth ages 18-24, many of whom have been in foster care or experienced homelessness, with furniture, appliances and household items needed to move into their first apartments. The

nonprofit receives furniture donations from the community and purchases new appliances and household items to help youth involved with the Yolo County child welfare, mental health and probation divisions, as well as the UC Davis Guardian Scholars program and other local nonprofits. Since its founding in 2014, Make It Happen for Yolo County has helped more than 250 transition age youth. To make a financial or furniture donation, visit MIHYolo.org.

"I am deeply moved by the challenges impacting the lives of youth who face homelessness or foster care," said Taro Arai of Mikuni Charitable Organization. "Providing these resilient young adults with essential household items as they embark on their journey to independent living is not just a gesture of support; it's an investment in their future. We are profoundly grateful to Make It Happen for Yolo County. Their commitment reflects a shared belief in empowering our youth and fostering a community where everyone can thrive."

Mikuni Charitable Organization maintains an ongoing focus on helping to improve and enrich the lives of people who live locally. Mikuni regularly sponsors events to raise funds for nonprofits, donating more than \$4.5 million to more than 500 nonprofits. For more information, visit MikuniSushi.com/

City of West Sacramento Approves Study Contract for Enterprise Bridge Project



This is a high fixed bridge option. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

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California Environmental
Quality Act. These options
will be thoroughly evaluated through the public
hearing process to ensure
alignment with community
priorities and long-term
objectives.

The Enterprise Bridge would reduce traffic congestion by creating more direct access to I-80, rerouting approximately 10,000 vehicles daily away from Southport and the Port entrance. This will also improve safety for all road users and enhance accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. The project aligns with the City's commitment to sustainability, with

anticipated reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and advancements in environmental equity.

The Enterprise Bridge project marks a transformative collaboration between the Port and the City, as well as several local agencies including the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and the California Department of Transportation.

"West Sacramento is committed to modernizing our transportation infrastructure to meet the evolving needs of residents and businesses," said West Sacramento City Manager and Port CEO Aaron Laurel. "The Enterprise

Bridge is a forward-thinking project that will relieve traffic, foster sustainable economic growth, and enhance goods movement and mobility throughout our city."

This proposed bridge will span from Southport Parkway across the DWSC to Enterprise Boulevard, offering an additional route for trucks and autos between Southport and major transportation corridors along I-80 and US-50. By alleviating traffic congestion and enhancing safety at the Port's entrance, the Enterprise Bridge is poised to serve as a cornerstone of regional mobility and economic

Protect Against Measles Before International Travel

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and older should receive their first MMR dose immediately if not already done, and a second dose 28 days later to ensure full vaccination before travel.

Teens and adults lacking two doses of MMR vaccine should receive these vaccinations before international travel. Adults born before 1957 are generally considered immune to measles and do not

require MMR vaccination before travel.

To learn more about measles, please visit www.CDC.gov/Measles. Nearly all health insurance plans are required to provide MMR vaccines at no cost. For a list of clinics that offer free or low-cost immunizations for persons who are uninsured or underinsured, call 2-1-1 or visit www.YoloCounty.org/ImmunizationClinics

Something's in the air.

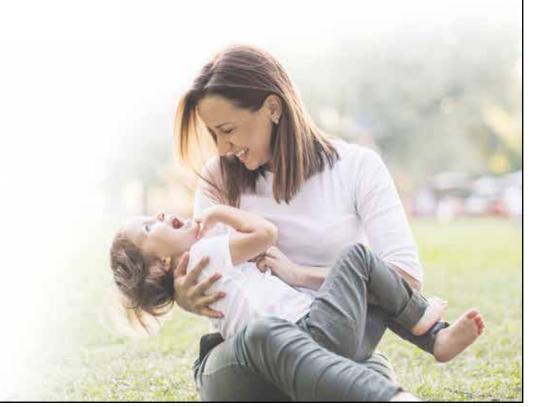
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Former President and CEO Honored as Distinguished Banker of the Year

First Northern Bank News Release

DIXON, CA (MPG) - First Northern Bank, the region's #1 local small business lender, is pleased to announce that its former President & CEO, Louise Walker, has been honored with the Distinguished Banker of the Year Award by the prestigious California Bankers Association (CBA).

This esteemed recognition honors a banker who personifies what it is to be a distinguished California banker - a banker who is dedicated to the industry, a role model for future leaders, engaged in their community, and serves as a leader within the association.

"We are proud of Louise and all the contributions she makes in the banking industry. She is a valuable resource and business advocate, who continues to make an impact in all the communities that surround her," said Jeremiah Smith, President & CEO of First Northern Bank.

The CBA's Bank Presidents Seminar, held in January, was attended by industry leaders and peers, celebrating Louise Walker's outstanding achievements.

After a successful 43-year career at First Northern Bank, headquartered in Dixon, California, Louise retired at the end of 2022. She began working at the Bank at the age of 18 as a file clerk and held a variety of positions in Operations, Human Resources, Risk Management, Compliance, Accounting, and Finance, before retiring as President and

Louise has exemplified her passion for community banking, supporting local communities, and inspiring others to do the same. Her contributions to community banking are complemented by her abilities as a strong, charismatic, and approachable leader who has always been personally committed to and invested in the success of her team members, the Bank's customers, and her peers in the

"It is humbling to be selected as the California Bankers Association's



Distinguished Banker of the Year," Walker said. "Banking has been my passion for more than 40 years, and what a fulfilling career it has been on so many levels. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the communities within the Greater Sacramento and Solano County regions at the local level, as well as the overall banking community at the industry level. My journey in banking has always been about championing for the people side of our business, and the important role banks and their employees play not only as trusted advisors who provide financial products and services, but how critical they are for the vitality of the communities they serve through sponsorships, donations, grants, and volunteerism."

Throughout her career, Louise's leadership has served her well as a board member for many private and public organizations including CBA, American Bankers Association, the Pacific Coast Bankers Bank, a member of the Executive Committee of the Valley Vision Board of Directors, and First Northern Bank's



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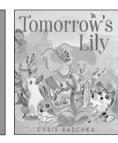
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Books to Celebrate Family and Spring

Easter is the perfect time to celebrate family and Spring. Uncover the magic of Spring in these beautiful books, then step outside and enjoy the beauty that Spring awaits. From Counting to exploring nature's bountiful eggs and skittery jittery bugs to the beauty of a flower, these books have a little something for everyone.









Ten Little Rabbits

by Maurice Sendak; Harper Collins

From the Author of Where the Wild Things Are comes the counting adventure Ten Little Rabbits. This picture book with pen-and-ink illustrations will make counting to 10 a fun and engaging adventure. With only numbers and no words, this book is simple for young readers to count along all the way to ten and back again.

Egg: Nature's Perfect **Package**

by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page; Clarion

This beautifully illustrated book will take readers from egg to creature. In an interactive book of discovery, readers will learn about all the different types of eggs and what comes from them. From little eggs to big eggs, packaging, and protection, every part of an egg's journey is explored. From egg layers to those who carry their eggs to how the baby gets out, this hands-on book is

packed with information and can even inspire a family nature egg hunt of their own.

Tomorrow's Lily by Chris Raschka,

Greenwillow

A beautiful celebration of life and those we bloom for. A pretty lily blooms for a short time, but each day she blooms for someone new: the baby, the cat, and even friends. However, a lily doesn't last forever, but the memory of it can. This is a brightly illustrated book of love and remembrance and a gentle reminder to celebrate the joy of those around us.

Bugs A Skittery, Jittery History

by Miriam Forster,

picture by Gordy Wright; Abrams

Insects are everywhere and have been on Earth for a very long time. This book is perfect for the young budding scientist and children wanting to know everything about bugs. Follow the timeline of these skittery jittery creatures from 520 million years ago, all the way to today. Learn about bug classifications and how scientists identify and sort them.

Then, it's time to explore and read about creepy crawly bugs such as harvestmen, millipedes, and centipedes. Then it's off to the sky with dragonflies, butterflies, and other winged insects. Learn about nature's janitors and follow the path of spiders, ants, and even larvae. This book then dives even more profoundly, exploring legs, breathing, wings, mouths, eyes, and more. Take off and explore the bugs of the day, such as walking sticks, spiders' bees, and butterflies. Then, turn off the lights for the bugs of night, such as crickets,

No matter what the question is, this book has an answer. This giant board book extravaganza is the perfect book to open the door to learning and appreciating all the bugs around us.

moths, and more.

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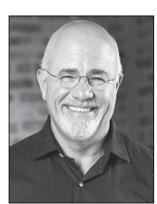
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Don't Risk It All

Dear Dave.

My husband is a good, hard-working man, who has been stuck in a job he really doesn't like for almost 10 years. He came to me the other day with an idea to cash out his 401(k) and using the money to open a business. He has always loved the idea of going into business for himself, and I want him to be happy, but I'm not sure this is a good idea. Do you have any advice?

Renee

Dear Renee,

Yes, I do have some advice. And it can be summed up in one word.

Don't.

I admire your husband's spirit, but the way he wants to approach this turns the entire situation into a trap. Think about it. If his business idea doesn't work out, you guys have lost your retirement savings, and bankruptcy becomes

Dave Ramsey Says

a very real possibility. Diving head-first into opening a new business just because you're bored with your current situation, or tired of answering to others, is not a good idea.

Look, I get it. Lots of folks have an entrepreneurial spirit. And everyone I know like that wants to live their dream. The problem is these dreams can turn into nightmares, for the entrepreneur and everyone around them, if they don't plan wisely and very carefully ahead of time.

In my mind, one definition of a nightmare in business is 'going all in." When you're playing cards, this means betting everything on a single hand. You never go "all in" when it comes to business. So, for the moment, the first question he needs to ask himself is this: How can I live my dream without going all in?

For starters, he needs to find something he truly loves doing and can look forward to every single day. To have any chance of success, he'll have to live and breathe that idea. I know you love this guy and want to help. So, the best thing you can do right now is express your concerns about his idea, and offer to help him think about what he could do every day that

would make him smile. Once he has the answer to that question, the next step is figuring out how to start that business without putting your entire financial world in danger. In other words, how can he save up some money-and start small—instead of blowing your entire savings or going into debt?

If you have some cash other than your emergency fund or retirement fund, it's okay to use some of that. But never, ever, go into debt to start a business, or pledge every dime you have to something that could be a complete di-

It's not an either/or proposition, Renee. He doesn't have to risk it all to get away from a job he hates and live his dream!

- 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

Crime Reports **WEST SACRAMENTO**



- 3-03-24 GREGORY RUSSELL Arrested for Possession of unlawful paraphernalia.
- 3-04-24 DAYMON MAYS Arrested for Possession of unlawful paraphernalia and Possession of controlled
- 3-13-24 JASMINE YASUI Arrested for a warrant after Police received a call regarding possible indecent
- 3-13-24 AMANDA HOWLE Arrested for seven warrants.
- 3-14-24 JOSE CUEVAS Arrested for three warrants after Police responded to a call about a transient who was known to be aggressive.
- 3-16-24 AUGUSTIN GARCIABIBIANO Arrested for DUI Alcohol after allegedly rear ending another vehicle at slow speed. Nobody was hurt.
- 3-18-24 NANCY CHATMAN Arrested For Attempt to commit receiving stolen property when Police received a report of a stolen trailer.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 3-06-24 Victim's camper was burglarized by an unknown suspect. Items stolen include military gear, tire chains, chain saw, power and hand tools, an ivory mammoth tusk and dremel tools. \$2,424 loss. Burglary, Vandalism.
- 3-10-24 Subject on a traffic stop failed to yield. Subject ran into a house and changed clothes. Violations include Evading Police, Reckless Driving and Obstruction of Justice.
- 3-12-24 Grocery bag with personal items were stolen out of a vehicle while the reporting person was vacuuming it out at Quick Quack. Petty theft.
- 3-14-24 Suspect was driving under the influence and crashed into a light pole. DUI Alcohol. 3-14-24 Multiple subjects worked together in order to shoplift from Target. \$257 loss. Petty theft and
- Conspiracy to commit crime.
- 3-16-24 An unidentified suspect forced entry into Jimboy's Tacos and took approximately \$200 in cash and then fled the scene on foot. \$200 loss. Burglary.
- 3-16-24 An unidentified subject vandalized a vehicle's windows and stole property from the vehicle.\$760 loss. Burglary.
- 3-17-24 Unknown suspect stole \$163.00 in merchandise from Raley's. Petty theft.
- 3-18-24 Two unknown suspects stole over \$1,000 worth of merchandise from Home Depot. \$1,042 loss. Grand theft and Conspiracy to commit crime.
- 3-1-24 Social Security money was withdrawn from account over Apple Pay in the amount of \$1,286.86. \$1,287 loss. Obtain money by fraud.
- 3-13-24 Victim at a residential facility was scammed via telephone and paid the suspect \$3,087.90 via PayPal. \$3,088 loss. Theft by false pretenses.

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Community Invited to Free Gardening 101 Class on April 24

County of Yolo News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Spring has arrived, and it is time to dust off your gardening tools and begin preparing for a spring and summer garden. Yolo County residents are invited to learn about gardening basics with Treva Valentine, a UC Master Gardener, on Wednesday, April 24, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Hanna & Herbert Bauer Memorial Community Garden in Woodland. This free interactive class is presented by the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and will cover topics such as soil preparation, strategies for planting, and timing for planting summer crops. Previous gardening experience is not required to attend, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of

This class is available to all residents as nart of HHSA's dedication to empowering the community with education to enhance access to fresh fruits and vegetables, fostering healthier lifestyles. Pre-registration is required by April 23 and can be completed by contacting Nick Gazda at Nick. Gazda@YoloCounty.org or (530) 666-8429. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather and shoes that can get dirty. The garden is located at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland, behind and along the west side of the HHSA Bauer Building.

Community garden classes are offered for free throughout the year by HHSA. Interested residents can learn more about garden activities and classes by visiting www.YoloCounty.org/CommunityGarden. Please Note: In the event of steady rain, the class will be moved indoors.

Yolo Community Foundation Scholarship Applications Due April 5

Yolo Community Foundation News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- The deadline for Yolo Community Foundation scholarships is fast approaching! Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are available for Yolo County students with a wide range of attributes and experiences, including students who demonstrate compassion, who have overcome significant life challenges, who have invested in volunteer services, who demonstrate financial need, and more.

The following scholarships are currently accepting applications through our partners at the Sacramento Region Community Foundation: all are due April 5:

The David Breaux Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of the late David Breaux, a beloved member of the Davis community, known for his conversations with others about the meaning of compassion. This new scholarship is open to high school seniors and first year college students who demonstrate financial need, are graduating from Yolo County high schools, are pursuing higher education, and demonstrate an abiding commitment to social justice and compassionate service. This is a \$2,000 scholarship.

The Saylor Family Scholarship provides support for promising students who have experienced significant life challenges, including but not limited to foster care, death of a family member during high school years or other family trauma, teen parenthood, behavioral health challenges, involvement with the juvenile justice system, or financial needs that resulted in the student working during high school. The scholarship may be up to \$2,500.

The Mary Ellen Dolcini Scholarship is made in honor of a long-time community leader. This scholarship may be up to \$10,000 and supports high school seniors of Mexican American descent from Davis, Woodland, and the surrounding area in Yolo County to pursue a college education.

The Julia R. Millon Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the spirit of Julia Millon, a Winters resident who was dedicated and passionate about all of the activities that encompassed her existence, especially life outdoors, ultra-trail running, reading, writing, science, health and wellbeing. The awardee will receive a scholarship of \$1,500.

The Roy and Cynthia Kroener Family Scholarship was created by Roy & Cynthia Kroener, who are long-term residents of Davis. They have enjoyed both professional and artistic careers in the Davis community. Their goal with this scholarship is to give something back to the Davis community while providing an opportunity for young adults to pursue a college degree. Awardees will receive up

The Yolo Youth Service Award Scholarship promotes youth volunteering and encourages Yolo County nonprofits to engage with young volunteers. YCF seeks applications from high school seniors who have volunteered with a Yolo County nonprofit for at least 60 hours during their junior and/or senior years of high school. YoYoSA student awardees will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to support post-high school education, which may include college, vocational or technical school. In addition, a \$500 grant will be awarded to the nonprofit agency sponsoring each YoYoSA student scholarship winner.

For details and application information, go to http://www.yolocf.org/ scholarships/.

In addition, several YCF fundholders support scholarships at local high schools:

The Barbara Neu Memorial Scholarship Fund accepts applications from seniors graduating from a high school in Davis who attended Fairfield Elementary School in Davis as a child. It supports their continuing education into and through adulthood, be it university,

college, trade school, or other relevant educational endeavor, with an award of \$5,000. Deadline: April 5, 2024

The Burns-Bellhorn Scholarship Fund accepts applications from seniors at Winters High School or Wolfskill Career Readiness Academy who are attending a community college, vocational school, or trade/ technical school in the fall with a goal of becoming a tradesman, business person or entrepreneur. The scholarship, which is a \$2,000 award, seeks to encourage and assist recipient's participation in making the world a better place. Applications are available in the counseling office and are due to Marcella Heredia. Deadline: April 10, 2024

The Todd Erickson Memorial Scholarship helps graduating seniors from a high school in Davis who had at least three years involvement in Davis swimming and/or water polo. Students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA, exemplary sportsmanship, contributed to the community and plans to attend a two-or four-year college or university. Award: \$1,500.

Deadline: May 1. The Paul Makley Memorial Scholarship supports a graduating senior from a high school in Davis who has a minimum 2.75 GPA, demonstrates financial need, participated in school-related activities and community service, and exhibits integrity, positive attitude, kindness, and generosity. Deadline: April 5, 2024.

Please reach out to the respective high schools for further information.

In addition to these scholarships, which are offered through the Yolo Community Foundation. local students can seek out scholarships (most also due April 5) from our partners at the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. Learn more at https://www. sacregcf.org/students/.

For more information about our scholarship program, or to set up a scholarship fund, please visit www.yolocf.org or contact YCF at info@ yolocf.org or 530-312-0593.

Yolo County Celebrates Construction of Knights Landing Community Park

County of Yolo News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - In a significant step towards fulfilling a longstanding aspiration of the residents of Knights Landing, the construction of the Knights Landing Community Park is set to commence, with a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for April 9. Led by the dedicated efforts of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and driven by the determination of the community, this project signifies the culmination of years of grassroots efforts and collaborative partnerships.

Beginning in 2018, Yolo County initiated a thorough community-based planning process with the intention of fulfilling the aspirations of Knights Landing residents. Although the project faced early funding challenges, the passionate advocacy of community members such as Maria Martinez and Catalina Ruiz endured. After partnering with Yolo County Supervisor Angel Barajas in 2020, advocates for this initiative embarked on a path of steady advancement, laying the groundwork for the progress we are witnessing today.

"This new park and recreation area will be such a valuable asset to the Knights Landing community," said Lucas Frerichs, Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. "I'm grateful to the many staff members in Yolo County and partner agencies who helped us reach this exciting milestone."

Situated on a vacant

lot centrally located in Knights Landing, adjacent to the Sci-Tech Academy and spanning over 7 acres, the park space is strategically positioned along Highway 113. Supervisor Barajas, recognizing the need for accessible recreational spaces, worked tirelessly with his Board colleagues to ensure funding would be allocated for the construction of a new park. From 2021 to 2023, Yolo County Supervisors approved a substantial amount of funding totaling \$5.7 million for the Knights Landing Community Park project while obtaining the property through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Woodland Joint Unified School District.

The partnership between Yolo County and the Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) approved a 30-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to dedicate the land that has been lying dormant for over two decades to Yolo County, underscoring the commitment to transforming this space into a vibrant community hub.

Expressing pride in the collaborative partnership, Woodland School Board President Rogelio Villagrana remarked, "I'm proud of the partnership forged with Yolo County for the Knights Landing Community Park. This project isn't just about recreation; it's about investing in our youth."

Designed to cater to the diverse needs of residents, the County Park will feature a variety of amenities, including a new soccer field, a little league/softball field, a basketball court, a children's playground, a walking/jogging path, a picnic and BBQ area, and more. This inclusive approach ensures that individuals of all ages and interests will enjoy the park's offerings.

Supervisor Barajas, representing the community of Knights Landing, expressed his enthusiasm for the project, emphasizing its significance beyond just a recreational space. "The Knights Landing Community deserves a park that will bring everyone together, in particular youth and seniors. Through collaborative efforts and perseverance, we have secured the necessary funding and planning to begin this transformational project. Yolo County residents deserve the best."

With the construction contract awarded to R&R Pacific Construction and a significant boost from a California State Parks grant of \$814,649, the project is set to move forward this spring. Together with the state grant, the total funding for the project amounts to approximately \$6.5 million.

A ceremonial groundbreaking for the Knights Landing Community Park will take place on Tuesday, April 9th, at 4:00 p.m., at the site formerly known as the Robert Sanders Soccer Field. Community members are invited to join in the celebration of this significant milestone, marking the beginning of a new chapter in Knights Landing.



California Agrees to Water-Supply Cuts from Colorado River

California has agreed to make longterm cuts to the amount of water the state uses from the Colorado River. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and seven states in the Colorado River Basin, as well as 30 tribes and Mexico, are negotiating a plan to protect the river after a decadeslong megadrought depleted flows and left key reservoirs Lake Mead and Lake Powell in danger of running dry. Under a Lower Basin states' proposal, which would take effect after 2026 and potentially last decades, California would forfeit about 10% of its allocation in most conditions.

With Groundwater Law to Turn 10 in 2024, Challenges Remain for Farmers

California's landmark 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which requires local agencies to create a roadmap to protect aquifer supplies for generations to come, turns 10 this year. The law was adopted amid the 2012-2015 drought, when a lack of surface water and depleted groundwater brought agriculture-especially California's citrus belt on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley—to a near halt. SGMA presents a difficult adjustment for agriculture. Researchers say the groundwater law could result in the fallowing of between 500,000 and 1 million acres of farmland.

Spring Planting Means Decision Time for California Farmers

Falling commodity prices, rising production costs and water supply uncertainty are some of the factors weighing on planting decisions for California farmers this season. They say their crop options have narrowed, with canneries needing less acreage of processing tomatoes and a major seed company ending its sunflower seed program in California. Growers who have pulled out permanent crops such as almonds and walnuts in recent years due to lower prices are also looking to plant annual crops on the open ground. Cotton and feed crops, such as corn silage, may be possibilities.

Researchers Study Whether Agave Can Be State's Next Drought-Tolerant Crop

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, are studying agave plants as a potential drought-tolerant option for California farmers. The research is centered on agave genetics, virus susceptibility, pest control, soil management and crop productivity. UC Davis began investigating the crop after farm owners Stuart and Lisa Woolf established a research fund to determine if agave is viable for agriculture in California. Agave, used to produce tequila and mezcal in Mexico, can be distilled into spirits, used as a fiber or converted into a sweetener.



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Easter! What does it mean to you? I know. It's Easter hunts and chocolate bunnies, family get-togethers and flowers. I can go on and on and I get it. We love all those symbols, but I hope we don't forget what Easter really means down deep. It's a rebirth of faith and hope and sharing too.

Did you ever wonder how the bunny got to be the BIG symbol for Easter? It's cute, but it's also universal and secular in its appeal. But would you believe I was told that the hare, not the rabbit, should be treated as the true symbol of Easter. Historically, the hare is the symbol for the moon. And legend has it, the hare never closes its eyes, not even for a single blink. The reason for having such a belief may be rooted in the fact that hares, not rabbits, are born with their eyes open. Rabbits are born blind. There is also a fertility thing in there some place. Maybe that's why the rabbit is more familiar in America. Rabbits beat hares, hands down, in being way more prolific.

Then comes the Easter eggs. Confusing since bunnies don't lay eggs. Despite claims that Easter eggs were originally pagan symbols, there is no solid evidence of this. It was not until the 28th century that Jakob Grimm theorized a connection with the goddess of his own whom he names Ostara, a suggested version of Eostere. At the Passover Seder, a hard-boiled egg dipped in salt water symbolizes both new life and the Passover sacrifice offered at the temple in Jerusalem. The ancient Persians painted eggs for Nowrooz, their New Year celebration falling on the Spring Equinox. In Christian times, the egg was a symbol of new life just as a chick might hatch from the egg. Also, the egg may have celebrated the end of the privations of Lent. In Medieval Europe, eggs were forbidden during Lent. It was during Easter that the consumption of eggs resumes after the strict Lenten fast.

Traditions change, but not the true meaning of Easter...rebirth. It can give us new hope, especially after all we have endured with the pandemic, war, hate and negativity in the world. So how can we take all the symbols we have come to love and make a difference in our life? Perhaps we can take it one baby step at a time. Easy doesn't make a difference. Take a chance. Example, there's so much negativity on the internet. Why not check out facts before you jump to conclusions. Remember, not everything you read and see may be true. Besides, with AI, it might not even be the real thing. How about this? Rebirth means little changes like sharing a smile or a positive thought each day with someone who has been difficult. You might be surprised the difference it can make. I will leave you with this quote from Kate McGahan. "True, it's not over till it's over, and even when it's over, it just begins again."

TRUE REBIRTH!

Social Security Matters

Veteran Uncertain About Social Security and Healthcare Coverage



By Russell Gloor, **AMAC Certified Social** Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'm not sure what I should sign up for in terms of Social Security: I am 64 and I am still employed full time and intend to stay employed until age 70. I am retired from the Navy and receive military retirement payments, and have military TriCare, as well as medical, dental, eye and life insurance through my employer. I don't want to lose benefits, but I also don't want to take Social Security until it reaches the maximum at age 70 (I think that is correct?). I will turn 65 in 4 months. Can you advise me? Signed: Uncertain Veteran

Dear Uncertain Veteran: First of all, thank you for your service to our country. From what you've shared, and since you're still working full time, not claiming Social Security yet is a smart decision. If you were born in 1959 your full retirement age (FRA) is 66 years and 10 months and, if you claim SS before your full retirement age, you'll be subject to Social Security's earning test which would likely make you ineligible to receive SS benefits at this time.

The 2024 earnings limit (limit changes yearly) when collecting Social Security early is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). If you significantly exceed the limit, SS will declare you temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits until you either reach your FRA or earn less. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA. So, if you're now employed full time and plan to stay so until age 70, and you expect at least average longevity (about 84 for someone your current age), delaying until age 70 to claim Social Security is how to get your maximum Social Security benefit.

As for your healthcare coverage as a veteran: TriCare requires you to enroll in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Part B (coverage for outpatient services) at age 65, but you do not need to take Social Security when you enroll in Medicare. You must, however, enroll in Medicare at age 65 or you will lose your TriCare (military) healthcare coverage. You could choose to delay enrolling in Medicare at 65 because you have "creditable" employer coverage, but if you do so you will lose your current TriCare coverage and need to rely solely on your employer healthcare plan. In that case, you would still be able to enroll in both Medicare and TriCarefor-Life without penalty prior to your employer coverage ending and have coverage under both programs thereafter. I suggest you contact TriCare directly at 1-866-773-0404 to discuss your personal TriCare coverage after age 65. You can also go to www. TriCare4U.com.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-0536

Sunshine Elise Faiad has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sunshine Elise Faiad to Sunshine Elise Flores

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 30, 2024, 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: March 1, 2023 Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the SuPublish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 4-12-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-0455

Tatyana M Arnautova aka Tanya Mikhailovna Arnautov and aka Tatyana Arnautov has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tatana M Arnautova aka Tanya Mikhailovna Amautov and aka Tatyana Arnautov to Tanya Mikhailovna

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 1, 2024, 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: February 21, ž024

Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024 4-19-24

ARNAUTOVA SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

#CV2024-0650 Kimberly Souza has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kimberly Christina Souza to Domonique Christina Souza.

CHANGE OF NAME

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 9, 2024, 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: March 21, 2024 David W. Rosenberg, Judge of

the Superior Court Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024 SOUZA 4-19-24

LIEN SALE

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CNS-3796486# **NEWS-LEDGER** 3-29-24 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20240216

The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Redwood Tree Apartments, 607 East Eighth Street,

Davis, CA 95616. The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on August 12, 2019, and is being abandoned by the registrants(s) listed below: Bart Connolly, 1949 Farndon Avenue, Los Altos, CA

94024, and Brooke C Brandow, 1528 Brown Drive, Davis, CA The business was conducted by:

A Limited Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on

March 7, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024 **REDWOOD**

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At their regular meeting on March 20, 2024, the West Sacramento City Council adopted by the vote noted below Ordinances 24-5 amending Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the City of West Sacramento Municipal Code relating to the reestablishment of speed limits on certain streets within the City of West Sacramento.

AYES: Alcala, Early, Sulpizio Hull, Guerrero ABSENT: Orozco.

ABSTAIN:

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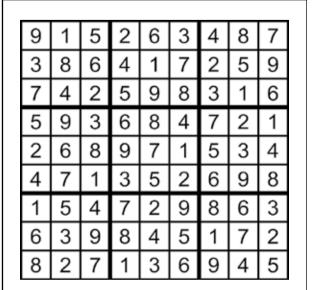
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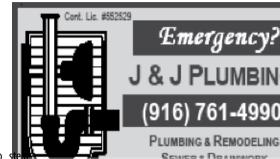
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Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



The Kentucky Derby is right around the corner, but for the Sacramento Kings this is their version of coming down the home stretch. The recent 2-1 road trip is reason for celebration, and the recent nail-biting win over the Orlando Magic should have every fan applauding.

It's hard to imagine any game that our multi-talented 6th man Malik Monk goes 0-11 from the field, and still the Kings pull out a victory. Still, that's what happened, and once again this frenetic squad continues to amaze.

What Domantas Sabonis is doing nightly is awe-inspiring, and I for one believe he will eventually set a new NBA record for consecutive double doubles. Imagine leading the league in rebounds for a second consecutive season, as well as leading the league in triple doubles.

Thirteen games to go, and for any naysayers as it relates to matching or exceeding last years 48 wins, I say shame on you. Dream the dream, and get behind these guys.

I love the way they play together, and when someone hits the hardwood, it's a mad dash to see who is going to help him up first!

The smiles these guys bring nightly are genuine, and if you need any more inspiration, I'd recommend watching the movie Hoosiers one more time. I can feel the magic in this team, and I'm beyond excited to see what the last 13 games will look like.

Every team in the NBA passed on Keon Ellis, and it took the Sacramento Kings to see promise in him. Rising from the depths of the G league, this unlikely prospect is having his own version of a coming out party. The recent injury to popular Kevin Huerter

has given Keon a temporary starting spot, and it appears he would like to make a case for it being permanent. Keon had a career-high 19 points in the gritty win over the Magic, and his defense has been consistent the entire season. Fast feet, quick hands, and stamina give Keon an edge that he takes advantage of every night, and like teammates Domantas Sabonis and De'Aaron Fox, he brings his lunch pail to work every night.

dreams of a championship, and it takes a

This team is full of unselfish players that not only talk the talk, but walk the walk. Every year 30 teams begin the season with

grueling 82 games before the playoffs begin. This year the Kings have a real shot at either the 5th or 6th spot, which would avoid the uncertainty of a one game playoff in the new format called the play-in for teams in the 7th

thru 10th positions. Over and over again this season, the Kings have beaten teams that are headed for the playoffs, and currently have a 50% winning percentage over teams they've faced with a winning record.

The Kings face a tough 76er squad Monday night, and then play back-to-back games against the Dallas Mavericks Tuesday and

Friday nights. Dallas has an identical record to the Kings, so this mini home stand looms large in determining who will make the top 6 and avoid the

dreaded play-in.

Why am I so optimistic? For one, the Kings have finally found some rhythm from the free-throw line, and although their overall percentage for the season is still abysmal, their recent performances are showing great improvement. Couple that with Keon Ellis's sudden offensive outburst, the yeoman like performances nightly from Sabonis and Fox, and the overall team defense that has suddenly hit their stride: hold onto your seats!

Coach Brown has suddenly been able to win some challenges, and that could not have come at a better time.

Sadly, NBA officiating, in my humble opinion, may be at an all-time low, and without a doubt, the league will need to address much needed changes in the off-season.

With heralded 7th man Trey Lyles sidelined with a knee sprain, it's critical that bench players Alex Len and Davion Mitchell continue to shine. Both players have a big upside, and the extended minutes they are likely to see will undoubtedly pay dividends when the playoffs arrive.

I continue to say that matching or exceeding the 48 wins from last season is not beyond this team's capability, so as fans let's give them all the encouragement we can.

Buckle up, but by all means get excited. This is what basketball is all about, and we have a real team to root for!

Give me your thoughts at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.

Enjoy the home stretch!

Publisher,

Paul V. Scholl

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