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The team at Lyon Real Estate. From left to right: Marina Bobrowsky, Amy Busch, Andrew Kerch, Gary Bradley, Debbie Bair, Hannah Parinas, Randy Randazzo, Jina Lis. Photo courtesy of Computers 4 Kids

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG)** - A donation drive was held at Lyon Real Estate for the non-profit organization, Computers 4 Kids. People brought their outdated, old, working and broken computers to Lyon Real Estate and enjoyed a free hotdog

while being entered into a raffle. Computers 4 Kids needs old desktop computers, laptop computers, computer keyboards, speakers, printers, monitors and any other computer hardware you may have.

Computers 4 Kids is an organization that provides free or low-cost laptop and desktop computers to low

income families. Working together with Washington Unified School District and United Way, Computers 4 Kids will take broken or old computers and repair or refurbish them. By updating or repairing old or broken computers and computer accessories, it keeps the e-waste out

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## Yolo County Achieves Record Assessment Roll of Over \$36 Billion

Yolo County News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Yolo County experienced another year of growth as reflected in the assessment roll value released on Friday, June 30, 2023, by the county's Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters Jesse Salinas. According to Salinas the annual assessment roll reached \$36.13 billion, a 6.87% increase over the prior year.

The assessment roll reflects the total net assessed value of all real and business property in Yolo County as of January 1, 2023. Salinas shared, "Local entities and services depend on the assessment roll values to operate, including public schools, community colleges, cities and the county. We as a community rely on these invaluable resources and the timely and accurate completion of the assessment roll."

The Yolo County assessment roll was delivered on June 29, 2023, representing the eighth consecutive tax roll delivered ahead of the statutory deadline of July 1, 2023. "I am extremely proud of staff as their collective efforts have exemplified the true spirit of professionalism and teamwork," said Salinas.

This is the eleventh consecutive year of growth. The year's growth in property assessment is most notably due to a strong ongoing demand for single-family housing as well as a strong market growth in the industrial properties throughout the county. The city of Winters experienced a 10.78% increase, the largest Yolo County increase for the seventh consecutive year. West Sacramento and Davis experienced the second and third largest increases within the county at 9.52% and 6.20%, respectively. The city of Woodland increased by 6.11% and unincorporated areas of Yolo County grew by 4.34%. These percentage increases reflect a comparison of this year's assessment values to the prior year. Detailed figures

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## Getting Answers from Management

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG)** - For the last two weeks the News Ledger has brought you information about just a few of the concerns with the Port of West Sacramento. We sat down with the CEO of the port, City Manager Aaron Laurel and Port Manager, Rick Toft to get answers to some of the questions that we have posed.

**Q: Is it a conflict of interest for the City Manager to be the CEO of the Port? Is it all about the money?**

**A:** At the time the city took over the port, the port had a large deficit. The city agreed to pay off that debt as part of the agreement. The city was then faced with the job of coming up with a business plan that would prevent the port from losing money. They came up with a "landlord" style of management. This means that the city would be in charge of the land and land use and they would lease to the different tenants, who would do their own business development and investing. This way the tenants would be the operators and the city would just be the landlord. Laurel said it didn't take long before they went from losing over a million

dollars a year to making an annual revenue of "pretty good numbers". Since then, the Port has been able to pick up a lot of additional property.

"If the port hits hard times we won't have to sell the farm in order to survive," said Laurel. We are making it sustainable and also diversified. The port is its own entity, but by having the city as the landlord, the port can utilize the different departments within the city. Otherwise, the port would require its own staff, its own Human Resource department, its own office space. Rick Toft said, "We have developed a very efficient way to manage the port. It is fragile, but the way we have it embedded with the city it is very efficient."

**Q: Since the 2006 restructure, the Port Commission is now consisting of all City Council Members (with the exception of County Supervisor, Oscar Villegas). Was this done so that there will be no resistance in upcoming plans? Why wouldn't you have Port Commissioners that include someone that lives and breathes the Port, like Tim Campbell?**

**A:** "You have people that are in the role to be policy makers and we

have a professional staff. The city has engineering staff, they have finance staff, they have the city clerk's office. We tap all of those resources to manage the port. We are not port employees so the port pays a fee to the city, but it is a far lower amount than if they had to supply the office space and all of these people," Laurel said

Laurel said he and Rick Toft are, in fact, experts. "It is our job to learn all of the information of the complicated issues, and if we don't know then we bring in consultants that do know." Laurel says they then present the information to the Port Commissioners so that they can make an informed decision and not be a full on expert themselves.

In addition, Laurel says he spends a lot of one-on-one time with most of the City Council members. As individual policy makers, it's Laurel's job to make sure they understand complicated issues so that when they are in that 'one meeting' where they are making decisions, they make informed decisions. Laurel also said that if the city council members are the ones making the appointments

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# Traumatic Brain Injury Research Could Lead to Therapeutic Treatment

Kathy Keatley Garvey,  
UC Davis

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Most studies of traumatic brain injuries (TBI) focus on the pathology of the injured brain, but newly published research indicates that the liver plays an important role in TBI, and a soluble epoxide hydrolase (sEH) inhibitor discovered by UC Davis distinguished professor Bruce Hammock could lead to therapeutic treatment.

The research, led by Professor Xinhong Zhu of the School of Biology and Biological Engineering, South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, and tested in the Zhu lab, appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

Youngfeng Dai, PhD., is the first author.

"Using animal models, we found that the liver has a neuroprotective effect in the pathophysiology of TBI, although its role was very weak," Zhu said. "Our data suggest that enhancement of this neuroprotective role of the liver could provide novel strategies for developing treatment of TBI." Plans call for "moving toward a clinical study to detect whether hepatic sEH manipulation benefits patients with TBI."

Their results highlight the neuroprotective role of the liver in TBI and suggest that targeting this neuroprotective role may represent a promising therapeutic strategy for TBI. Earlier clinical studies

report that the overall mortality in patients with TBI and cirrhosis is nearly twice that in patients without cirrhosis.

In the paper, "Enhancement of the Liver's Neuroprotective Role Ameliorates Traumatic Brain Injury Pathology," the authors describes TBI as a "pervasive problem worldwide, for which no effective treatment is currently available," and "as a devastating injury that often results in long-term neurological deficits, including locomotor function and memory impairments."

"Blood-brain barrier (BBB) disruption is a hallmark feature of TBI and is associated with brain edema and neuronal death," the authors wrote. "Studies have shown that sEH inhibitors protect the BBB from brain injury. Therefore, we investigated whether deletion of hepatic Ephx2 protected the BBB following controlled cortical injury (CCI)."

In the United States alone, annual statistics show that 1.5 million people a year are diagnosed with TBI; 230,000 are hospitalized; and 52,000 die. Heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali estimated that he received 290,000 blows to the head during his 21-year professional boxing career. But more commonly, TBI results from falls, statistics show. The National Institutes of Health defines TBI as being "caused by forceful bump, blow or jolt to the head or body, or from an object that pieces the skull and enters the brain."

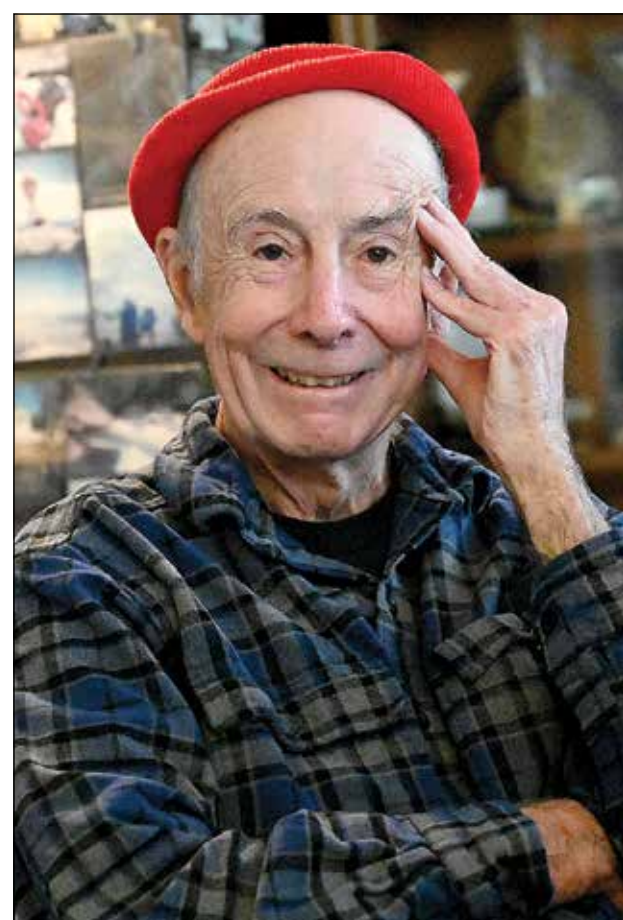
"TBI leads to a breakdown of the blood brain barrier," said co-author Hammock, a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Inventors and whose pioneering work on sEH inhibitors spans 50 years. "We see from cases like Muhammad Ali that repeated TBI can lead to chronic central nervous system injury, dementia and other issues."

"In the study from the Zhu laboratory, one of the exciting basic discoveries is that mammals have a natural mechanism to partially address traumatic brain injury," said Hammock, who holds a joint appointment with the Department of Entomology and Nematology and the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center. "By a mechanism under investigation, the injured brain communicates to the liver to down-regulate the production of an enzyme called the soluble epoxide hydrolase (sEH) that degrades natural inflammation resolving mediators. Thus, the concentration of these injury-resolving mediators also produced in the liver go up reducing deleterious inflammation throughout the injured animal. This soluble epoxide hydrolase inhibitor used as a tool in these studies is building on this natural mechanism to minimize the harmful effects of TBI."

"Importantly, the soluble epoxide hydrolase inhibitor that the authors used here is also currently in human clinical safety trials for treating pain and inflammation," said psychiatrist and neuroscientist Dr. Andrew Pieper, the Rebecca A. Barchas Professor in Translational Psychiatry, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland. "The results shown here indicate that this agent, or related materials altering this same pathway, might mitigate the acute and long-term complications of TBI, or of neuroinflammatory conditions of the brain in general. Pieper, who holds both a Ph.D. and a M.D., is the Morley-Mather Chair in Neuropsychiatry, University Hospitals of Cleveland Medical Center; director of the Brain Health Medicines Center, Harrington Discovery Institute; and psychiatrist at Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, Cleveland.

Neuroscience researcher Daniela Kaufer, associate dean of biological sciences at UC Berkeley and a professor with the Department of Integrative Biology and Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute, praised the research possibilities. "The brain has a barrier which helps protect it from harmful materials in the blood," said Kaufer, who was not involved in the research. "TBI reduces this barrier and its reduction is associated with aging. Possibly the pathway described in this PNAS paper could be manipulated to protect the blood brain barrier and reduce the apparent aging of the brain caused by repeated TBI."

"The reality is that we know moderate and severe TBI leads to significant disability in a high percentage of patients," said neuroscience researcher Gene Gurkoff, an associate professor in the Department of Neurological Surgery, UC Davis Health, who specializes in traumatic brain



UC Davis Distinguished Professor Bruce Hammock. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

injury and epilepsy.

"My understanding of how we classify milds at UC Davis right now is that these are patients that behaviorally are mild injuries, but that they have something on a CT or MRI scan that indicates that the injury is more than a concussion, said Gurkoff, who was not involved in the research. "These patients are more likely to have long-term effects than concussion alone, but a lot less likely than moderate-severe. They also don't usually end up in the ICU. Then there are the concussions. Head injuries but no evidence of a radiological finding."

"Add on top of that, repeat mild or repeat concussion," Gurkoff said. "While some investigators will suggest that we have a good handle on repeat TBI - I still think it is the Wild West. It is clear that in a subset of humans, repeat TBI, even concussive, is catastrophic. Others seem to be fine. We also haven't dissected whether repeat TBI on its own is causal - or because many of the patients are in high risk/high stress situations - and it is the combination of TBI/repeat TBI with something else."

"What gets me excited about certain compounds - Bruce's would be an example - is that if you have a low-risk compound, is it feasible that you give it to patients who might not develop long-term consequences?" Gurkoff asked. "For example, let's say a patient comes in and based on his injury and history, we might estimate there is a 10 percent chance he has a problem. You aren't going to schedule these patients for surgery - on the extreme - because the risk is too high given they most likely will recover. Having a low-risk compound that can be given to soldiers, athletes, etc, with mild or repeat mild - or concussion/repeat concussion - would be fantastic!"

The research drew financial support from the National Natural Science Foundation of China, Scientific and Technological Innovation, and partial support from Hammock's grants from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences' RIVER Award (Revolutionizing Innovative, Visionary Environmental Health Research) and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Hammock, who co-founded the

Davis-based EicOsis LLC in 2011 to develop a drug candidate to treat chronic inflammation, sees similarities between the sEH inhibitor cited in the newly published research and the drug candidate in EicOsis that is moving through human safety clinical trials. "In fact," Hammock said, "the same compound was selected by the National Institute of Aging for a long-term aging study in mice, in part because TBI and loss of the blood brain barrier function may lead to apparent aging of the brain."

"This pioneering study provides clear evidence of the importance of liver-derived epoxy fatty acids (EpFAs) and reactive astrocytes from the immune system in protecting the brain from significant damage and post-traumatic dysfunction following percussive injury," said William Schmidt, EicOsis vice president of clinical development. "As of now, there are no proven drug therapies that provide protective effects to the brain following single or repeated blows to the head from falls, auto accidents, or sports injuries."

"The data from this study," Schmidt said, "provides a pathway for developing inhibitors of sEH that, in turn, will enhance the availability of EpFAs circulating in blood to protect and restore the blood-brain barrier following TBI. I am hopeful that further preclinical studies will confirm these data and lead to a new type of drug therapy based on inhibitors of the sEH enzyme."

"Clinical studies for TBI may still be a year or so away," Schmidt added, "but EicOsis has an sEH inhibitor in early clinical development that may be suitable in the future for evaluation in patients with TBI."

Hammock and colleague Sarjeet Gill co-discovered sEH in 1969 when they were researching insect developmental biology and green insecticides in the UC Berkeley lab of John Casida (1929-2018)

The enzyme is a key regulatory enzyme involved in the metabolism of fatty acids. It regulates a new class of natural chemical mediators, which in turn regulates inflammation, blood pressure and pain. The epoxy fatty acids control blood pressure, fibrosis, immunity, tissue growth, depression, pain, and inflammation, to name a few processes, Hammock said. ★



Professor Xinhong Zhu of South China University of Technology and first author Yongfeng Dai. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

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# Getting Answers from Management

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of commissioners, then it stands to reason that they should be the one that controls the CEO of the port versus an independent CEO or Port Commission.

“That would bring us back to 2005, and it didn’t work in 2005,” said Laurel. He also said that one of the reasons the city took on the port was because they understood the importance of the interaction with the port and the city.

Laurel says, “The city and the port have been joined together since 2006 and the future of the port is so important, as far as its current operations, it being the largest land owner of the city, it having the type of revenue potential and risk it has and to have outside stakeholders be in the commissioner roles would potentially run counter, down the road, to what’s in

the best interest of the city. That’s why the code was set up the way it was.”

**Q: Can we have a look at what your long-term and short-term vision is for the port land?**

**A:** Laurel says he thinks it’s nice that people give him that credit, but it’s not his vision. He said there are plans in place. The projects and deals they make are in line with those plans. They are always trying to make deals that will benefit West Sacramento with good, higher paying jobs and affordable housing. Laurel says that there are no current plans to shut down the port.

**Q: What does the change in finances in 2026 mean for the port?**

**A:** The port’s assets are the port’s assets. If property is sold by the port, the revenue from that goes to the

port. There is a provision for the Seaway property, once the purchase price goes over a certain amount, some of that money would go to a fund that would benefit river front development projects that would benefit both Sacramento and West Sacramento.

“What we’ve done is try to align the interests of the city and the port district, but we’ve done that since day one in 2006. However, it has nothing to do with the cargo operations, it has to do with the port being able to offer benefits to the residents of the community,” said Laurel.

The News Ledger asked many more questions about the port and the city’s plans. We will bring you more answers in the next issue of the West Sacramento News Ledger. ★

# Computers 4 Kids Accepting Donations



An intern accepts the computer donation at Computers 4 Kids donation drive. Photo courtesy of Computers 4 Kids

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of the landfills and it helps out kids that may not otherwise have a computer.

With this program, if available, they will set up an individual with a complete system. In addition, they offer tech support, digital literacy training and repairs. If your child receives a computer from them and it gets broken or outdated, they will trade it

in for a new system. What they give you will always depend on what they have in stock. But they really do try to make sure that your child has everything that they need. They even, on occasion, have new computers for low prices.

Computers 4 Kids is located at 2455 West Capitol Ave. Ste. 106, West Sacramento. They are in the little strip of businesses where

Togo’s is located. Computers 4 Kids is hoping to have another donation drive soon. You can look for their trailer, or you can call Computers 4 Kids at (916) 572-1152 if you or your company have e-waste that you would like to donate. This is also the number to call to see if you qualify for the program.

For more information on Computers 4 Kids visit [c4kca.org](http://c4kca.org) ★

# Yolo County Achieves Record Assessment Roll of Over \$36 Billion

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for every area within Yolo County are posted online and available here: <https://tinyurl.com/ydw98np5>

“Taxpayers should know that we’re closely monitoring the rapidly changing real estate market,” said Salinas, while reminding the public that the taxable value represents the value as of January 1, 2023. We encourage taxpayers to review their assessed value closely and contact the Assessor’s Office with

questions or concerns at (530) 666-8135 or by email at [assessor@yolocounty.org](mailto:assessor@yolocounty.org).

The Assessor’s informal review filing period for residential properties is July 2nd – December 31st. The 2023-2024 assessed values are available: <https://common1.mptsweb.com/mbap/yolo/asr> for review beginning in late August. Tax bills are typically mailed in mid-September. Please note appeal applications are accepted July 2nd through November 30th.

For questions regarding Assessment Appeals, call the Yolo County Clerk of the Board at (530) 666-8195 or visit: [www.yolocounty.org/assessment-appeals](http://www.yolocounty.org/assessment-appeals).

We encourage residents to connect with Yolo County ACE – Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections on Facebook: @YoloACE, Instagram: @YoloCoACE, YouTube: @Yolo County ACE, and Twitter: @YoloCoACE to receive the most up to date information. ★



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## WS Police Department Hosts Youth Academy



Ten high school aged cadets attended the two-week academy hosted by the West Sacramento Police Department. Photo courtesy of WSPD

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG)** - The West Sacramento Police Department hosted their Youth Academy. There were ten high school aged cadets attending the two-week academy, where they were immersed in all things criminal

justice. Activities included presentations for all divisions within the Police Department, visits to the Dispatch Center, visits to the District Attorney's office and visits to the Courts. It also included a tour of the California Highway Patrol museum and a visit to the California

Peace Officer's Memorial, located on the grounds of the State Capitol. Cadets learned about what it takes to be a Police Officer and were exposed to professional staff positions to include physical agility testing, Property and Evidence, CSI and Records. ★

## Advocates Scramble to Save I-80 Widening



The June 28th California Transportation Commission meeting in Suisun gave out \$3.3 Billion - but did not fund the Yolo80 widening of the causeway. No one from Yolo County showed up to advocate for funding of Yolo80 widening. Photo courtesy of Alan Hirsch

Commentary by Alan Hirsch

Don't expect to see an official press release on this: The 17-mile Yolo I80 widening project was not given the missing 54% funds (\$103 million) at California Transportation Commission meeting. (CTC) Wednesday 6/28. This means the initial \$87 Million earmarked federal fund for the project will be lost as it will time out before it can be spent: This is because Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD) and Caltrans have no alternative queue up in the Environment Impact Study (EIR) to spend it.

At the June 6th meeting in Davis that council wanted to delay the EIR to add transit options not the EIR study, but they were told this was not possible due to the fact the initial money would time out if EIR was completed by the end of this year. What was not discussed with council was the \$87 million in earmarked Federal money could ONLY be used for widening, i.e., it was a pre-wired choice from congress. So, if an EIR instead choose a transit alternative that Davis council wanted considered, it might have been a poison pill for the funding already lined up.

At the 6/28 CTC meeting, I was the only "civilian" public commentator speaking on this or any projects though there

were many letters from public opposing Yolo I-80 project which were received.

The CTC gave out billions for over 100 different projects, but none to Yolo80 widening. Many local representants from south and central California flew or drove in, as well as Bay Area transportation agencies came and spoke in favor of funding their projects. But even though the meeting was local - in Suisun - not a single Yolo county representative showed up to speak.

It should be noted, some Yolo Cities had written a letter for support in winter and spring 2023. But these letters were written without consulting their city's transportation or climate committees, some signed by the city manager who seem to have been led to believe no one questioned the project.

At the meeting I quoted from some of those letters received opposing the project. They included some from the leader at the UC Davis Transportation think tank. The letters quoted studies indicating they believe the current Yolo I80 wouldn't fix congestion for long but will be a major setback for addressing climate change.

The Yolo I-80 project itself was not supported by the CTC staff report, and not a single CTC commissioner asked questions or discussed this finding.

And maybe Yolo

officials realized their project was a bad one: Caltrans itself listed it dead last on their own internal prioritization list for funding.

I expect Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD) will now likely go back to Feds-and congress to "save" the \$87 million. Activists hope any revised Federal earmark grant will be written more flexible so that it can be used for transit also, not hard wired in advance by congress into freeway widening.

They also note the seriousness of providing equitable transportation options in the area: Capitol Corridor rail ticket from Davis to Sacramento cost \$18 day round trip - and the widening solution proposed were toll lanes - possible discount for carpools which of course would favor Tahoe traffic over locals.

The YoloTD and its board have known of this likelihood of CTC nixing funding for three weeks, but they have not shared what their next step will be - or if the public - or even local city the freeway run through - will get to weigh in on the decision making. Autumn Bernstein Executive Director of YoloTD at its 6/12 board meeting suggested it would be discussed next behind closed doors at their ad hoc toll policy committee. Activists have noted this would be a violation of the Brown Open Meeting Act.

Alan Hirsch  
Yolo Mobility,  
Davis, California

## Clarity on Actual Water Use by Agriculture

California Farm Bureau News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Recent scientific work by the California Bountiful Foundation, the 501(c)(3) science and research arm of the California Farm Bureau, has found that California farmers and ranchers use only 15% of the total water the state receives.

These findings, now available on the California Bountiful Foundation website under Research and Studies, offers a data-based analysis of water use of California agriculture, the largest food producing sector in the U.S. The data contradicts stereotypes often repeated on the share of water used for agriculture.

A policy brief and

peer-reviewed scientific publications will follow to memorialize this work, said Dr. Amrith Gunasekara, director of science and research for the California Farm Bureau.

"We set out to understand how agriculture water is allocated, portrayed, and presented," Dr. Gunasekara said. "What we found out is that commonly expressed beliefs over water use by farmers and ranchers are simply not supported by actual data on how much water California receives."

The California Bountiful Foundation, in collaboration with the Governmental Affairs Division of the California Farm Bureau, has started to release policy briefs to educate policy makers and stakeholder groups.

"For an agricultural sector that leads the nation in food production and provides a diverse, nutritious, affordable and safe food supply, this data shows that California agriculture is highly efficient," said California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson. "We are working hard to educate our policy makers to bring understanding to California's critical agricultural food production."

More information on policy briefs can be found at [www.cfbf.com/california-bountiful-foundation/research-studies](http://www.cfbf.com/california-bountiful-foundation/research-studies).

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 29,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.3 million Farm Bureau members. ★

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Jiequan Kuang and Shubing Chen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shubing Chen to Icy Kwong and Jiequan Kuang to Jacky Kwong.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 18, 2023, 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.

Bridget Crenshaw Mabunga has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bridget Alicia Crenshaw Mabunga to Bridget Alicia Mabunga.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 1, 2023, 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.

court on August 10, 2023, 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.

Robyn Renee Bell-Wohlgemuth has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Robyn Renee Bell-Wohlgemuth to Robyn Renee Wohlgemuth.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 3, 2023, 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.

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NOTICE: RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouse or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

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The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Yolo County Superior Court, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section § Section 54954.6 of the Government Code of the State of California, under States and Highways Code 22556, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on July 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 23-49 CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING IMPROVEMENTS (MAINTENANCE) TO BE MADE FOR THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1

Pursuant to Government Code Section § Section 54954.6 of the Government Code of the State of California, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on July 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 23-50 CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 (RALEY'S LANDING)

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code 12811, of the Government Code of the State of California, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on July 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 23-55 CERTIFYING INCLUSION OF DELINQUENT CHARGES AND PENALTIES FOR WATER, SEWER AND REFUSE SERVICES ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE GENERAL TAXES AND DIRECTING THAT A LIEN ALSO BE PLACED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES

The hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and express opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

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

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3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and

4. creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affects the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court. Before revocation of a nonprobate transfer can take effect or a right of survivorship to property can be eliminated, notice of the change must be filed and served on the other party.

You must notify each other of any proposed extraordinary ex-

penditures at least five business days prior to incurring these extraordinary expenditures and account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after these restraining orders are effective. However, you may use community property, quasi-community property, or your own separate property to pay an attorney to help you or pay court costs.

**NOTICE: ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE:**

Do you or someone in your household need affordable health insurance? If so, you should apply for Covered California. Covered California can help reduce the cost you pay towards high quality affordable health care. For more information, visit [www.coveredca.com](http://www.coveredca.com). Or call Covered California at 1-800-300-1506

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 California law provides that, for

purposes of division of property upon dissolution of a marriage or domestic partnership or upon legal separation, property acquired by the parties during marriage or domestic partnership in joint form is presumed to be community property. If either party to this action should die before the jointly held community property is divided, the language in the deed that characterizes how title is held (i.e., joint tenancy, tenants in common, or community property) will be controlling, and not the community property presumption. You should consult your attorney if you want the community property presumption to be written into the recorded title to the property.

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# A Father's Guide

By Cline Moore

Welcome to Cline's Corner, a feature posting positive, encouraging, and valuable advice on how to not only survive a child custody battle but maintain the best relationship with the ones that need your presence, proactive efforts, and sanity the most, your kids! While not everyone's situation, complexity, or emotional toll is the same, I will offer my perspective, aided by my background in Behavior Science and 30 years in education, assisted by input from a variety of experts in the field, as we explore various issues and nuances that any father dealing with the Child Court and Support system needs to know. My goal is to be the best father I can be and to enlighten, empower, and empathize with others who have the same goal by sharing tried-and-true tips, tools, and tactics to help your family avoid the traps and trauma that will try and tire you throughout your custody journey. Don't give up! You are not alone. We can be the dad we need to be for our children by following these 101 gold nuggets of wisdom from someone who has been through it too!

sleep forever or want to get in your car and start driving and not stop till you're in another country! But there is only one way to truly feel better about your situation: To face things straight up and head on, to man up and show up for your kids and for your own pride and peace of mind.

Knowing you are doing everything you can is sometimes the most satisfaction you can get. You can be sure that if you aren't in the room when decisions are made, then no one will represent your interests... and certainly, not as well as you would. Yet decisions about custody, parenting time, where your kids will live and go to school, get medical care, worship, vacation, etc. will be made with or without your input so rest assured that your participation is key. Now that doesn't mean you have to go it alone!

Support from friends and family, a good attorney or expert legal advice, assistance from community family and father support groups are all great assets to have in your corner, however, the key ingredient is YOU! I have personally driven 100 miles to and from the courthouse where my case is heard, over 30+ times in the past 3 years, to sit for hours, listening to case after case where there is nobody sitting in the chair opposite the mother. These men are always absent for one reason or another, they're angry at the situation, they've given up, they have run out of hope, maybe they're incarcerated, struggling with addiction, have a restraining order against them or some other excuse that makes it painful to show

up. But I have never heard a favorable judgement be awarded to those guys in their absence...EVER!

There is no sympathy, discussion, or charity extended to an absent dad who can't even make it to face the reality that comes with a split family. So, when it's my turn, I take my place at the table, and yes, sometimes don't hear what I would call fair treatment or justice, but everyone in that courtroom can't deny that I'm there, on time, and fighting for my kid's future with the guarantee they will always have a caring and responsible dad who's active in their lives...and you can be too.

Even if you haven't got the best track record, when you make up your mind to step up, formulate a plan, and be there for your kids, you can request a modification and turn that "deadbeat" label into a drumbeat, your heart-beat for your children Live with the pride and promise that this struggle will one day be behind you. Free family law assistance centers are at nearly every court to help you get started, look online, or contact me for more resources in your area. But you've got to show up. You can do it... Good luck!529-word count

*Cline Moore is a published author and currently works as a Behaviorist for the County Office of Education. He is a proud father of four and has dedicated his energies to helping fathers realize their full potential as a positive force in their children's lives. For questions, concerns, comments and compliments contact Cline at [ClineMoore@gmail.com](mailto:ClineMoore@gmail.com) ★*

**Tip # 2: Show Up**

Real Talk: Life is hard sometimes, it can get stressful, unfair, tedious, and downright tiring. Add to that a drawn-out custody battle and the frustration level is almost through the roof with hardly an end in sight! It can make you want to curl up in bed and

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Self-Storage unit contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash or credit card by **CubeSmart Self Storage** 541 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691 to satisfy a lien on July 12, 2023, approx. 12:00pm on [storagetreasures.com](http://storagetreasures.com)

Kyle Tyson, Patricia Szabo, Anthony Dunbar, JEWELL WILKINS, Susan Buck, Rahkell Howard, Corazon Fernandez, Gabriela Beltran, Leearthe Stokes, Robert Fitzwater

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**LIEN SALE**

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below:

**Life Storage #0635 3280 Jefferson Blvd West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916) 492-2056**

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Angela Alcaraz - Hslid gds/Furn. TV/Stereo Equip. Tools/Aplnces

And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at [www.StorageTreasures.com](http://www.StorageTreasures.com), which will end on **Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 10:00AM**

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## Dave Ramsey Says

until the mortgage is paid off. I'd still tell you to pay down the house, even if you were making 20% on your money. Just make sure you're following the Baby Steps, and you're already putting 15% of your income into good retirement investments before attacking the house. Paying down your mortgage is not an expenditure that's just lost money. The cash is sitting there, you're just banking it in your home and land. And on a side note, with all the craziness in the market over the last three years, you might come to realize breaking even over that time wasn't so bad after all.

Johnny, the shortest distance between where you are and your first \$1 million to \$5 million in net worth is getting your house paid off. After that, load 15% to 20% of your income into a serious retirement plan. And by that, I don't mean playing financial footsie

with some little brokerage account. Investing in good, growth stock mutual funds with a proven track record of at least 10 years is a proven way to build wealth the right way.

I'm sure you can find someone on TikTok telling you to do the exact opposite of what I'm suggesting. But you won't find that kind of advice coming from real millionaires.

- Dave

*\*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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 the company Ramsey Solutions. ★*

**Pull From Stocks and Put Toward Mortgage?**

Dear Dave,

I bought a house about a year ago. Currently, I have \$45,000 sitting in an account with a money manager. I've had this account for a little over three years, and the investment hasn't grown much, if at all. Under the circumstances, and being single, too, would it be better to pull the money out of that investment and put it toward my mortgage?

- Johnny

Dear Johnny,

I recommend putting 100% of any non-retirement savings, above your emergency fund, toward paying off your mortgage

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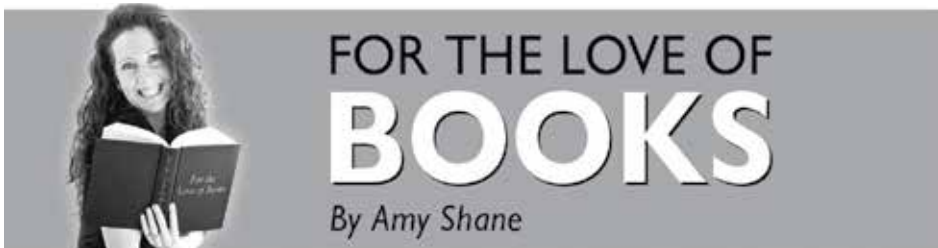
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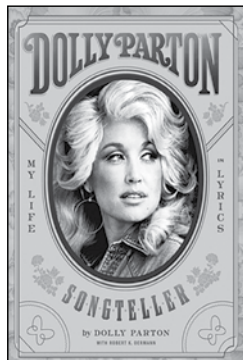
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## Librarians Check Out This Year's Annual Library Book Convention



While the phrase "Librarians Gone Wild" has been around for years, everyone can agree that they are wild for books. This year librarians from around the country had the chance to come together to listen, learn and talk about this fall's lineup of new releases. From picture books to romance books and all the way to graphic novels, this meeting had it all. While the legendary Judy Blume opened up this year's convention, the overall theme encompassed "boundless horizons that lie ahead for libraries." While, ending on a beautiful note of hope and the beauty of creating change with the youngest presidential inaugural poet, Amanda Gorman, and Caldecott Honor Award Winner, Christian Robinson

With over 25,000 attendees, the Chicago convention center was a fanciful flight of publishers and authors ready to talk and share about their favorite books. Thousands of librarians rushed the convention hall in a mad dash to be the first to grab a book

or line up for some of the most anticipated books of the season. This season's fall lineup's primary focus will be on bringing readers more diverse storylines and characters while sprinkling in a new lineup of thrillers; mysteries to chill off those warm fall evenings.

Special-interest books took the exhibit hall by storm, causing fans to line up hours in advance in hopes to be the first to receive a copy. Wonder Woman's origin story topped the fan count, with hundreds of fans anxiously awaiting the chance to meet the legendary comic book writer Kelly Sue DeConnick. Fans of DC Comics will be in awe of the exquisite *Wonder Woman Historia- The Amazons* from the outstanding talents of Kelly Sue DeConnick and Phil Jimenez (pictured above). This first book in the new series heads back to the very beginning delivering the entire story of the Amazons in awe-inspired, stunning collectors' book.

*Dolly Parton Songteller*

*My Life In Lyrics*, written by Dolly Parton and Robert K. Oermann and published by Chronicle Books, wins as the heavy hitter of the convention. Weighing in at over four pounds, this stunning book is a collector and fan's dream. This coffee table-sized book features 379 full-color pages of personal stories, lyrics, photographs, and more. Readers will feel like they have been invited to sit in Dolly's living room with a tall glass of sweet tea as she intimately recounts the memories, the inspiration, and the journey of her awe-inspiring career.

Lastly, follow Alice down the rabbit hole as Applesauce Press and renowned illustrator Charles Santone spin a new look on the classic work *Alice in Wonderland*. This oversized edition features the entire classic story by Lewis Carroll alongside Santone's truly stunning illustrations, including three giant fold-out illustrated pages. This book is the perfect gift for any Alice fan or personal library. ★

## How Friction Between Two Major California Laws Impedes Housing Construction



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When California Gov. Gavin Newsom made an unusual appearance on Fox News, it was inevitable that conservative commentator Sean Hannity would bore in on California's chronic housing shortage and homelessness crisis.

Why, Hannity asked, did California have such problems?

"Because housing costs are too high," Newsom replied. "Our regulatory thickets are too problematic. Localism has been too impactful, meaning people locally are pushing back against new housing starts and construction."

Newsom's synopsis of the issue is quite accurate. The state's housing shortage stems from the over-regulation of development, largely driven by local opposition. It drives up costs to tenants and would-be homebuyers and pushes some into the streets.

That cause-and-effect relationship was confirmed in a recent in-depth study of homelessness by a UC San Francisco research team.

Having pinpointed the underlying causes of the crisis, one might think that Newsom would energetically attempt to address them.

Last week, as part of a broader budget agreement, the governor persuaded the Legislature to modify the California Environmental

Quality Act, which is commonly misused to thwart housing developments, but he didn't do it for housing. Rather, he wants to streamline CEQA's effect on public works projects, particularly those involving renewable energy and water supply.

Indirectly, therefore, Newsom told Californians that while he says it should be done, he's not willing to take on the heavy lifting to lessen CEQA misuse on housing. His posture continues predecessor Jerry Brown's position of declaring CEQA reform to be "the Lord's work," but being unwilling to do it.

By happenstance, the Capitol's wrangling over CEQA – albeit while ignoring its effect on housing – coincided with the publication of a very lengthy, deeply researched and well-sourced article on how the 53-year-old law thwarts much-needed housing construction.

Christopher Elmendorf, a law professor at UC Davis who specializes in housing issues, and Timothy Duncheon, a San Francisco attorney, focus on "the slow-motion collision" between two overarching "super-statutes," CEQA and the Housing Accountability Act, or HAA.

They demonstrate through case studies that, while the latter attempts to streamline housing construction, the former is used to slow or even kill housing projects by local interests and labor unions.

They focus on a notoriously torturous case in San Francisco, whose Board of Supervisors used CEQA to block a much-needed apartment project on a vacant downtown parking lot due to special interest pressure, simply by decreeing that they

needed more information before giving the development CEQA clearance. But they also cite other cases in which the contradictory priorities of the two laws collide.

Their conflict, Elmendorf and Duncheon say, ties the courts up in knots as judges must, in effect, choose which law is dominant. Sometimes they opt for CEQA and sometimes the HAA, leaving the overall legal atmosphere unclear.

"The ostensible 'super-ness' of the two statutes creates a predicament for courts and other actors because CEQA and the HAA could not be more different in their basic institutional and normative principles," the authors write.

"CEQA's working premise is that 'new construction' is bad for the environment," they point out. "By contrast, the HAA regards housing construction in urbanized areas as presumptively good for the environment."

Carefully drafted legislation and/or CEQA implementation guidelines issued by Newsom's administration could, Elmendorf and Duncheon say, reconcile the two. They could limit CEQA to cases in which there are genuine environmental issues, rather than allowing it to be misused for motives that having nothing to do with the environment, such as forcing developers to use unionized labor.


Their paper lays out the roadmap for the CEQA reform that's needed to truly address California's housing crisis. It should be required reading in the Capitol.

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

# Crime Reports

## WEST SACRAMENTO

June 9, 2023 - June 24, 2023



- 6-19-23 TONY ROBINETTE Arrested for a warrant after a traffic stop.
- 6-20-23 ANTONIO ANDRADE Arrested for parole violation and disorderly conduct:alcohol after Police were dispatched to a drunk in public call.
- 6-21-23 KRYSTAL KING Arrested for a bench warrant.
- 6-22-23 ALONZA HOLMES Arrested for disorderly conduct:loitering, conspiracy and obstruction.
- 6-23-23 SAMUEL WHITE JR. Arrested for vandalism when Police were dispatched to the Crest Motel for a physical fight in progress. Upon arrival Police viewed video of the suspect allegedly throwing a chair through a window.
- 6-24-23 URIEL MAGALLANES Arrested for two failure to appear warrants after a traffic stop.

### INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 6-09-23 Theft from motor vehicle. \$400 loss. Petty theft.
- 6-10-23 Vehicle had items stolen out of it. \$800 loss. Petty theft.
- 6-15-23 Suspect broke a vehicle window to retrieve merchandise from car parked in front of business. Customer confronted suspect who proceeded to get into a physical struggle with customer. Suspect succeeded in getting merchandise and fled in a waiting sedan. \$3,000 loss. Robbery.
- 6-16-23 Car window broken. Printer was stolen with bag of shoes and toiletries. \$620 loss. Burglary: First degree.
- 6-16-23 Theft of \$5,000. \$5,049 loss. Grand theft.
- 6-17-23 Car back driver window broken. Checks and cash taken. \$7,000 loss. Grand theft.
- 6-17-23 Damage to vehicle. \$1,280 loss. Vandalism.
- 6-17-23 \$500,000 was scammed by an unknown suspect online. \$500,000 loss. Grand theft.
- 6-17-23 Victim was robbed at knife point for \$100. Suspect fled. Late reported. \$100 loss. Robbery.
- 6-19-23 Theft from motor vehicle. \$200 loss. Petty theft.
- 6-19-23 Theft of a push camera used for underground pipeline inspections. \$11,000 loss. Grand theft.
- 6-20-23 Unknown suspect hopped fence to roadway and stole a cart off a bike that was left unattended on the property. \$300 loss. Burglary.
- 6-20-23 Shoplifting from Walmart. \$575 loss. Petty theft.
- 6-21-23 Unknown suspect(s) took the grill and headlights from victim's vehicle. \$650 loss. Tamper with vehicle.
- 6-21-23 Violation of stay away order. Contempt of court.
- 6-22-23 Three males fled from officers in a vehicle and then fled on foot. Related to previous 211. Stolen license plate on vehicle. Receive known stolen property, evading Police, evading a peace officer:wrong way driver, disorderly conduct:loitering, conspiracy, obstruction:resisting arrest.
- 6-22-23 Subject arrested and booked into Yolo County Jail for firearm offenses after a verbal argument inside an indoor soccer court lead to firearm brandishing. Carry loaded handgun:not registered owner, exhibit concealed firearm.


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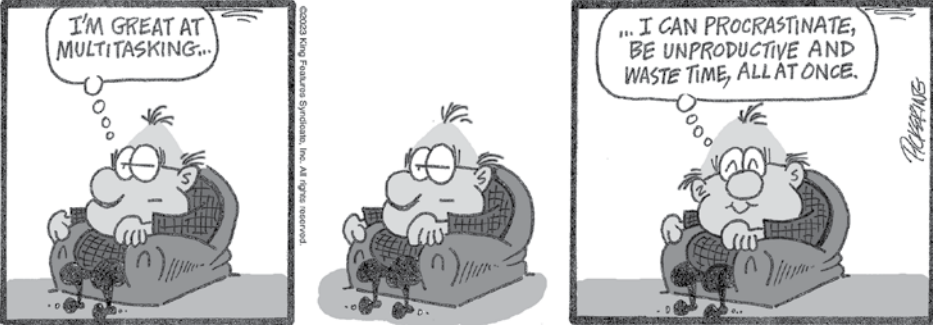


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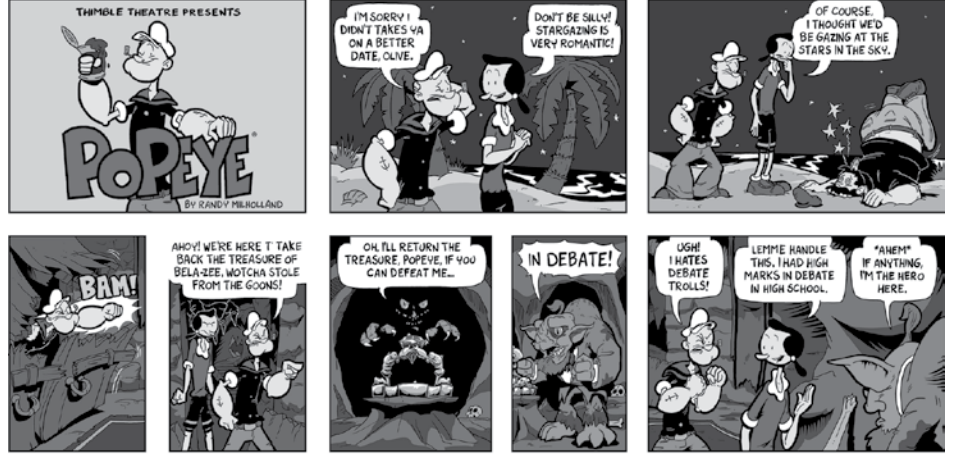


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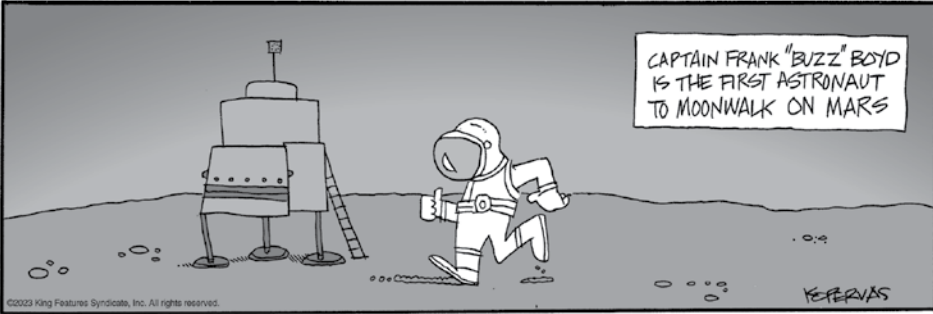


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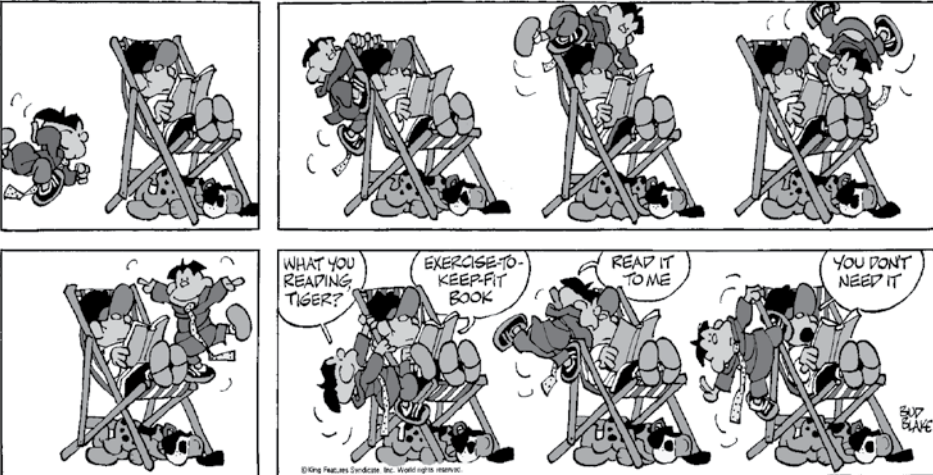
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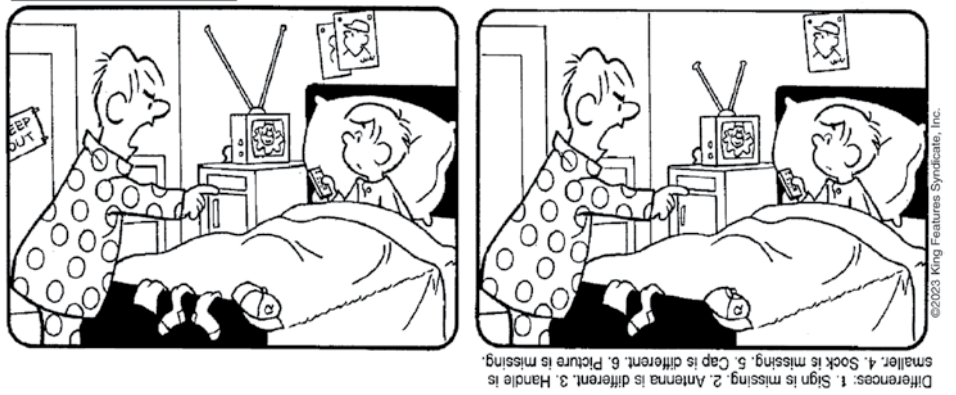
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  - Golf shirt
  - \*\*"Marmaduke" animal
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  - Game "field"
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  - Vending machine
  - Rocks, to a bartender
  - Bowling prop
  - Lush
  - Trots and canters
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  - Highland tongue
  - Sock pattern
  - Bring into play
  - Go back over
  - Theater passages
  - Part of a cheer
  - Lump of anything
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  - Wheel on a spur
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  - Private theater box
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  - Lyric poem
  - Immediately, doctor's jargon
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# Improved Passage Lets Threatened Sturgeon, Salmon and Other Species Return to Spawn

**DWR News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Dozens of adult sturgeon and hundreds of other large fish including threatened Chinook salmon have moved safely from receding floodwaters within the Yolo Bypass back to the Sacramento River thanks to the coordinated operation of the Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage among the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), NOAA Fisheries and Yolo County.

Over one 48-hour period when the Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage was opened on April 28 and 29, the facility's fish-counting sonar counted 55 sturgeon passing through the facility to the Sacramento River to migrate upstream and spawn. Sturgeon are large fish that often measure 6 to 7 feet long and certain species can live over a century. They must reach the river to spawn, which they do only every few years.

In another 24-hour window between May 3 and 4, seven more sturgeon passed through the facility. Hundreds of other large fish and Pacific lamprey were also counted moving back to the Sacramento River during the two operational windows in April and May.

Before the passage was modified and greatly expanded in 2018, biologists rescued trapped sturgeon and other fish species in the Yolo Bypass by hand. Stress from handling



This is the second year the Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage has operated. Due to drought conditions, the facility was last operated in the winter of 2019. Photo courtesy of DWR.

could cause the fish to stop their upstream migration and not spawn. Finding ways for fish to swim through on their own – as they can do now – is highly preferable for the fish and for the safety of biologists working in the flooded conditions.

**Protected Sturgeon Benefited**

Given the time of year, scientists believe many of those sturgeon passing through the Fremont Weir were federally threatened green sturgeon in addition to white sturgeon. The sonar images don't provide enough clarity to distinguish one species of sturgeon from the other. The southern population of green sturgeon in California is believed to number only around 1,000 fish.

"Green sturgeon are a threatened species that are so long-lived and with such a small population

that every fish is crucial in supporting their recovery, especially when they are of spawning age," said Garwin Yip, Branch Chief for Water Operations in NOAA Fisheries' West Coast Region.

White sturgeon in the Sacramento-San Joaquin system represent the southernmost spawning population of the species and support a popular recreational fishery.

"This is a huge success for these iconic fish species and for our agencies working together to support these species," said Colin Purdy, Environmental Program Manager for CDFW's North Central Region. "Those 62 total sturgeon could very well represent the majority of California's spawning population for the season, so to get these fish to their spawning grounds is critical for recruitment and recovery."

California's sturgeon populations are particularly vulnerable after consecutive years of drought and due to an algal bloom that occurred in San Francisco Bay last summer that killed many sturgeon.

**Passage Allows Sturgeon Spawning**

Sturgeon are slow to mature. They spawn just once every two to four years. Like salmon and steelhead, they are anadromous, meaning they migrate up freshwater rivers to spawn. Sturgeon and other fish species enter the Yolo Bypass floodplain from the Sacramento River in high water years and can become stranded when the waters recede.

"Seeing so many fish utilize the Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage in such a short period of time shows the success that can happen when state, federal and local entities work in partnership to develop

a plan to provide immediate relief to threatened and endangered fish species," said Josh Martinez, DWR's Restoration Ecology Unit Manager. "We're especially grateful to Yolo County, which quickly communicated with surrounding communities that the adult fish passage would operate outside its normal winter season. This is a win for fish and the communities that depend on them."

Oscar E. Villegas, Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, said, "We appreciate our state and federal partners' early engagement on this effort and look forward to future collaboration in protecting and enhancing our mosaic landscape of agriculture and wetlands."

Since 1965, a small fish ladder was in place in the northern end of the Yolo Bypass within Yolo County. That passage

through the Fremont Weir back to the Sacramento River proved far too small and difficult for large fish to navigate. White sturgeon can exceed 12 feet in length.

In 2018, DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation modified, modernized and greatly expanded the fish passage structure to accommodate sturgeon, adult salmon, large striped bass and other adult fish species. The upgraded structure includes a fish-counting sonar station, a large stream channel leading to and from the Sacramento River and a control gate that can be opened and closed remotely as needed to accommodate fish passage and water flows.

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