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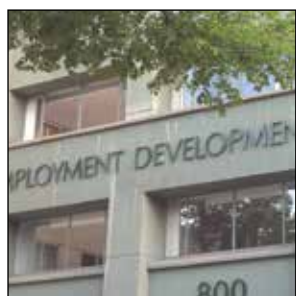
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## Giving Circle Planned for Food Bank



Local elected officials pose for a photo with Executive Director Karen Baker at Yolo Food Bank's donor celebration on March 15 in Woodland. Photo courtesy of Yolo Food Bank

### Yolo Food Bank News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - The largest private gift in the history of Yolo Food Bank was announced on the occasion of the organization's inaugural donor celebration held on March 15 in Woodland, California. Longtime Davis resident Katherine Chambers passed away on April 6, 2022, naming Yolo Food Bank as a beneficiary of her estate. The organization states this gift of more than \$900,000 will impact tens of thousands of lives for decades to come and will serve as a seed gift for a planned giving circle to be named after Chambers, launching later this year.

"This is an extraordinary gift that doesn't happen every day – what a testament this is to our mission," said Karen Baker, executive director of Yolo Food Bank. She added, "Yolo Food Bank is honored and grateful to receive a gift of this magnitude that will have a lasting impact not only on our organization, but on the members of our community most in need. We are so grateful for Katherine and hope this will inspire other donors to consider similar ways to shape the present and future of the communities they hold dear."

Born in Rochester, New York, Katherine Chambers was the only child of Edward Chambers and Edna

Messeroll Chambers. Her studies led her to obtain a degree in biological sciences from the Alfred University in Ithaca, New York and a Master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan. Chambers settled in Davis, California in 1984 after accepting a position in the biological and agricultural department of Shields Library at UC Davis. During her 25-year tenure, she curated materials for the library's collection and taught science database classes and offered her botany and bee culture research expertise for faculty and students.

Chambers lived a life of service  
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## Easter Egg Express Train is a Delightful Way to Spend the Season

### River Fox Train News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - An unforgettable Easter-time treat awaits those of all ages who are ready to hop aboard the River Fox train's Easter Egg Express on April 8 & 9. This is a chance to journey on an hour-long, 10-mile round trip through the countryside of Yolo County with spring-time views of ivy-covered woodlands, budding orchards and the glistening Sacramento River.

"The Easter Bunny has been keeping an eye on our train and has left treats for both kids and adults to find," said River Fox Express General Manager Jeffrey Weeks.

Passengers may seat themselves in an indoor or open-air train car while enjoying light snacks available for purchase and, for adults, an extensive selection of delicious Mimosas, craft beer and local wines.

Children are also invited to bring along their own egg baskets (or grab one in the gift shop) for the Easter Egg Hunt happening at the train's private park along the river.

Festive photo opportunities are also a joyful part of the experience, which averages about two hours in duration. It's an easy location to reach, just 15 minutes from downtown Sacramento off Interstate 5 (18095 County Road 117, West Sacramento). The River Fox Easter Egg Express runs on April 8 & 9. Tickets are \$59.95 for ages three and older; and \$10.95 for ages two years and younger.

For tickets and information visit: <https://www.riverfoxtrain.com/experiences/easter-egg-express>

Built in 1911 by the Northern Electric Company, the River Fox Train's 10-mile track originally transported passengers in the Sacramento area. Electric passenger travel ended in 1941, but the line remained active with diesel freight, creating a link between the fertile farmlands of the Sacramento Valley and the rest of California. In 2003, Sierra Railroad merged with the Yolo Shortline,  
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## West Sac's Community College Emerges from Pandemic

### Story and photo by Bill Laws

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Alicia Still, Supervisor at the West Sacramento Center of Sacramento City College smiles enthusiastically in her office as she speaks of ongoing changes at the community college. "I'm myself learning about the important changes happening at the college," she explains.

After three years of the "pandemic era," West Sacramento Center represents the vanguard of emerging "in-person" higher education in West Sacramento. Students, before and after class, can be found snacking on the red metal benches outside of the college doors. There are books, backpacks and even a few happy young faces.

Alicia points to the new optician program as an example of new organizational structures. The

program's laboratory, she mentions, is largely in place. The students are actively in "learning mode." Not far off, she adds, community members in West Sac will be able to receive optical services at the college facility. That means new lenses, repair of glasses and prescriptions for reduced cost or perhaps free of charge.

Still, the opening of class is a work in progress. Many of the courses continue to be offered remotely through computerized systems. In part, explains Joseph Fry, a lead tutor at the West Sacramento campus, the automated learning is the major thrust throughout education. The CANVAS system, he relates, is used by teachers and staff to provide instructional content as well as to manage school procedures such as assignments, grading and the scheduling of tests.

However, remote learning and computerized



A student sits outside West Sacramento Center of Sacramento City College after finishing class. On a somewhat sunny day following the pandemic years, student-life at the community college begins to return to normal.

classes have severe drawbacks. According to The Language Center at Harvard University (<https://language.fas.harvard.edu/>) difficulties with remote learning have been researched and identified. Lecture presentations,  
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# California Lifts Target for 15% Water Conservation

By Alastair Bland,  
CALMatters.org

With the Sierra Nevada smothered in snow, large swaths of the Central Valley underwater and many Californians weary of water, state officials announced today that they are lifting some drought-related provisions on water use.

“Our water supply conditions have improved markedly,” said Secretary of Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot.

The state is rescinding its request for voluntary 15% water conservation statewide, which was issued in July 2021, and instead, Crowfoot said, shifting to an approach of making conservation a “way of life.”

“We need to maintain our vigilance,” he said. “It’s not about going back to normal anymore. It’s really adjusting to a new normal.”

Some of the state’s emergency provisions were ended and some were left in place. Wasteful uses of water, such as hosing down sidewalks and watering ornamental grass on commercial property, remain banned, according to state officials.

The state, however, is ending its requirement that local water agencies implement Level 2 drought contingency plans, which are locally written water use regulations—such as limits on watering lawns—that are invoked during water shortages.

In total, 81 drought-related provisions were enacted since April 2021.



California ended its voluntary statewide target, triggering concerns from experts that many water supplies remain depleted. Other drought measures remain in place. Photo courtesy of Marysmn Dreamstime.com

Just 33 remain in place, said Gov. Gavin Newsom at a press briefing today.

State officials also announced today a large increase in the amounts of water that local suppliers will get from the State Water Project, increasing from 35% announced last month to 75% of requested supplies. The water is provided to 750,000 acres of farmland and 27 million people, mostly in Southern California.

The announcements come as some of the state’s reservoirs near capacity, with some of the state’s largest

expected to fill by late spring. And the snowpack of the Sierra Nevada, nearing record levels in the southern portion of the range, continues to grow.

When Newsom issued his voluntary conservation target almost two years ago, many water experts said Newsom should have made it mandatory, as former Gov. Jerry Brown did during the previous drought. They also criticized him for failing to reduce use by farmers, who consume 80% of the state’s delivered water supply.

State officials say even though the 15% target was voluntary, it worked. However, the data does not back that up: Californians used 6% less water from July 2021 through December 2022 compared to 2020—falling far short of Newsom’s 15% goal.

Heather Cooley, director of research at the Pacific Institute, an Oakland water supply thinktank, said California must not relax its ethos of water conservation.

In spite of wet weather, the state’s largest water supply—its ground-water basins—remain depleted.

and enough water to serve 1.2 million households in a year.

Crowfoot stressed that the drought is not over, noting that drought status “is not a completely binary situation.” In some parts of the state, drought conditions have dramatically eased, but not in others. Crowfoot said the Klamath River basin and the region of Southern California that relies on Colorado River water continue to face “acute water shortages.”

Thousands of households lack drinking water due to depleted ground-water basins, which have been overdrafted for decades and experts agree they will not rebound in a single rainy winter.

Joaquin Esquivel, chair of the State Water Resources Control Board, said the hope is that cities “are not just rebounding” to old ways of water use.

“Conservation remains a priority,” Crowfoot added.

Michael Anderson, a climatologist with the California Department of Water Resources, said snowpack is at 278% of normal, with another storm system expected to hit the North Coast and move inland and south from there, starting Monday. The system, he said, will deliver a relatively cold storm originating in the Gulf of Alaska, unlike some recent blasts of tropical moisture. This means it will drop more snow in the mountains.

“Not massive accumulations, but could be locally heavy,” he said. ★

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Yolo Food Bank’s donor celebration event was held on March 15 in Woodland, CA. Photo courtesy of Yolo Food Bank

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and volunteering with numerous organizations in Yolo County, including Yolo Food Bank. She was also a dedicated member of The Friends of West Pond, a volunteer organization and community group who cares for the enhanced wetland wildlife habitat at the West Area Pond in Davis. As a local resident, her favorite weekend destination was the Davis Farmers Market where she would ride her bicycle, as she chose not to drive a car.

“While the amount of this gift is certainly astonishing, what matters most to us is that Katherine Chambers has chosen to trust us with carrying on her legacy,” said Yolo Food Bank Senior Director of Development and Communications Steven Loya. “As food insecurity levels throughout our region keep rising, this major gift could not have come at a more critical time.”

In the coming months, Yolo Food Bank will introduce a planned giving circle to its supporters in honor of Chambers to inspire future gifts by promoting others to consider

meal delivery programs, homeless and domestic violence shelters, migrant centers, college campuses, mental health facilities, recovery centers, and more. Working with a network of passionate volunteers, committed donors, grocers, retailers, farmers, processors and food distributors, Yolo Food Bank recovers, stores, and distributes more than eight million pounds of food each year.

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Longtime supporters Tom and Shelley Muller stand next to Karen Baker and Steven Loya of Yolo Food Bank near an image depicting the hands of the late Joseph Muller Sr. Photo courtesy of Yolo Food Bank

# West Sac’s Community College Emerges from Pandemic

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for example, are nearly impossible to deliver successfully with virtual formats. Some students, in addition, “self-identify” as being uncomfortable learning over a computer screen.

According to Joseph, West Sacramento Center is adapting to these needs. One experienced teacher from the main campus, for instance, drives to West Sacramento as needed to help struggling students. Joseph actually works directly in the classroom with one of West Sacramento’s excellent English as a Second teachers. In the next few weeks, in fact, he hopes that his tutorial hours will be increased and rearranged so that he can assist with more students in their in-person, direct instruction classroom experiences.

A few lecture areas, such as artistic composition, which require direct learning are now taught in the in-person format. In the case of artistic composition, a high concept load (balance, focal points, shading, etc) requires lecturing but also immediate checks for understanding by an experienced and credentialed teacher.

Most significantly, West Sacramento Center appears committed to enriching the experience of students through College

and Career Access Pathways (CCAP). This program helps high school counselors structure course loads that help students prepare for community college.

On graduating high school, students need (in addition to remote learning) “asynchronous” or off-line educational experiences that fulfill the learning purposes of remote, computerized learning. They need credentialed teachers to guide them in projects that demonstrate understanding. They need to find in-person settings that infuse them with social excitement and motivation to continue on their educational journeys.

At present, West Sacramento Center, located near the modern and inviting government center on West Capitol Avenue, is the perfect venue for developing in-person learning.

Interestingly, one experienced art teacher has expressed her openness to encouraging her students to show their completed drawings at the nearby city gallery. Also, the well-managed library next to the college has resources, as well, that can be accessed only by in-person students.

Given all indications, these rich and direct learning experiences are on the verge of happening. ★

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# Aging Workers Are in Demand; They Are Reliable, Mature and Professional

**Commentary**  
**by John Grimaldi, AMAC**

**WASHINGTON, DC, (MPG) -** It’s a given that the state of the U.S. economy over the past several years has caused many elders in our population to go back to work or, for those who are already in the workplace, to keep their jobs as long as they can. The inflationary cycle triggered by the policies of the Biden administration didn’t make it easy for older workers to make ends meet. The cost of living has increased considerably over the past two years. But, according to a survey conducted by the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies, “almost half of Baby Boomer workers (49 percent) expect to or already are working past age 70 or do not plan to retire. Their reasons for doing so are almost as likely to be healthy aging-related (78 percent) as financial-related (82 percent).”

The first boomers, those of us born between 1946 and 1964, celebrated our 65th birthdays in 2011 but many of them opted to keep working. The online employment agency, Indeed, says these aging workers are in demand. For one thing, “Baby boomers often aim to work as long as it takes to reach their goals and try to differentiate themselves by attaining the promotion, raise or acknowledgment they want. This generation has experienced the benefits



The senior services organization, Vantage Aging, says that this results “in a strong work ethic. With an older worker, you often find yourself with someone who works hard to get the job done right. Photo courtesy of Pixabay.

of hard work and dedication, which is something they expect from their employer.”

What makes senior citizens particularly valued members of the American workforce? Reliability, maturity, and professionalism. The senior services organization, Vantage Aging, says that this results “in a strong work ethic. With an older worker, you often find yourself with someone who works hard to get the job done right.

It is estimated that the aging of the U.S. will continue for another four decades during which the numbers of the 65-year-old population will increase by more than 37 million, increasing from 46 million today to more than 98 million in 2060. The American Psychological Association reports that, going forward, “older adults will live longer than ever before: One out of every four 65-year-olds today will live past

age 90. This demographic shift has moved the focus of researchers, health care providers and policymakers from how to extend the lifespan to ways to improve the quality of our later years. Staying healthy, active, and productive are admirable goals for our nation’s older adults. However, society’s view of ‘old age’ has not always kept up with the reality of being old in America. Many current beliefs about aging were based

on information that is no longer valid given recent scientific advances.”


The aging process is not kind to the elderly. Many of us will have memory issues, we might find some complex chores are harder than they used to be, and we might have difficulty staying focused. But the National Institute on Aging that o [NIA] tells us that “aging may also bring positive cognitive changes. For example, many studies have shown

lder adults have more extensive vocabularies and greater knowledge of the depth of meaning of words than younger adults.” However, the NIA also points out that “despite the changes in cognition that may come with age, older adults can still do many of the things they have enjoyed their whole lives. Research shows that older adults can still: learn new skills, form new memories, and Improve vocabulary and language skills.” ★

## Crime Reports

### WEST SACRAMENTO

March 21, 2023 - March 27, 2023



3-21-23 JACE ZAJACKOWSKI Arrested for a warrant after a traffic stop.

3-21-23 STANISLAV BOGATYREV Arrested for DUI 0.08%/refusal to take test.

3-21-23 LARRY BURTON Arrested for two warrants.

3-21-23 ANGELO VELAZQUEZ Arrested for a warrant after police responded to a disturbance call.

3-21-23 FREDERICK DURANFOWLER arrested for two warrants.

3-22-23 ANGELO CECCHI Arrested for assault with a deadly weapon: not a firearm after police responded to a call about a physical fight with a baseball bat involved. He allegedly struck his roommate with the bat during an argument.

3-22-23 RODNEY LARA Arrested for disorderly conduct: under influence of drug.

3-22-23 JOEL RUIZ Arrested for disorderly conduct: alcohol and a bench warrant after police responded to a call about a man urinating on the sidewalk.

3-24-23 KENNETH MAYBERRY Arrested for two warrants after a traffic stop.

3-24-23 LES CURLEE Arrested for disorderly conduct: alcohol when police responded to a call about a man being drunk and trying to kick his girlfriend's door.

3-25-23 MARCELLA DELGADO Arrested for DUI alcohol and DUI alcohol 0.08%.

3-25-23 SUZANNE WITLOX Arrested for four warrants.

3-26-23 CATHERINE PENDLETON Arrested for five warrants.

3-26-23 CATHERINE PENDLETON Arrested for a warrant after a Police received a call about an alleged attempted theft.

## INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

3-13-23 Suspect broke windows to victim's vehicle and poured paint in the interior of the vehicle. \$2 loss. Vandalism.

3-18-23 Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim vehicle by breaking the window and took approximately \$500 worth of property. No suspects and no leads. \$600 loss. Burglary.

3-21-23 Vehicle was burgled overnight. \$1 loss. Burglary.

3-21-23 Commercial vandalism. \$2,000 loss. Vandalism.

3-21-23 Vehicle burglary, tobacco products stolen. \$2,610 loss. Burglary.

3-21-23 Unidentified suspects attempted to steal catalytic converter. Suspect damaged vehicle in process. \$7,300 loss. Vandalism more than \$400.

3-21-23 Unknown suspect stole victim's catalytic converter. \$400. Petty theft.

3-21-23 Unknown subject(s) removed catalytic converter from unoccupied vehicle. \$1,000 loss. Grand theft, tamper with vehicle.

3-22-23 Vehicle window smashed and vehicle was ransacked but nothing was taken. \$405 loss. Vandalism.

3-22-23 Unknown suspects pointed firearm at victim and demanded money. Suspects fled in vehicle. Robbery, assault with firearm on person.

3-23-23 Victim was assaulted by unknown suspect. Victim stated that he was hit 8-9 times in head, arm, back, and legs by an aluminum bat. Assault with a deadly weapon with force: blunt object.

3-23-23 Two males entered and stole about \$4,000 worth of legos. \$4,000 loss. Grand theft, conspiracy to commit crime.

3-26-23 Vehicle rear driver and front passenger window shattered and a couple of items were taken. \$55 loss. Burglary.

3-27-23 An unknown suspect forced entry by breaking the front window with an unknown object. Suspect was seen on camera walking around inside. Unknown at this time what was taken.

3-26-23 Two semi-trucks, owned by the same victim, had their computer system stolen. \$10,000 loss Burglary.

3-27-23 Unknown subject used victim's ID to open several accounts. Obtain credit using others ID.

3-27-23 Catalytic converter stolen. \$2,000 loss. Grand theft.

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# EDD Deemed ‘Non-Responsive’ by Congressional Committee

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A person in a coma is considered to be non-responsive.

Unironically, also considered to be non-responsive is California’s Employment Development Department (EDD) when it comes to answering Congressional questions.

The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability – which is looking into various aspects of the pandemic response, including its financial impacts – has deemed the EDD’s answer to a January information request as not nearly good enough.

“The EDD has not provided documents requested by Chairman (Kentucky Republican James) Comer,” said a committee spokeswoman. “We intend to have additional follow up on the document request.”

When asked by the Globe for a comment, the EDD provided a copy of a letter it sent to Comer’s committee in late January and did not address the current issue of their failure to provide the requested documentation.

Non-responsive, indeed.

The committee is attempting to get to the bottom of the massive fraud perpetrated against the EDD during the pandemic. The current estimate is that the EDD lost about \$40 billion to illegitimate claimants, including prisoners (and not just from California prisons,) garden variety local scammers, and international fraud rings, all of whom simply walked right in to the department’s completely unprotected system.

While the EDD has claimed it did the best it could, it should be noted that the EDD – even though it could have purchased basic fraud protection software that would even work with its antiquated IT systems for about \$5 million- had no way to prove if an applicant was who they said they were until the end of 2020,



California has 12% of the nation’s workforce, but had more than 20% of the country’s unemployment benefit fraud. MPG file photo

months after the pandemic began.

The EDD also had no system to check to see if people in prison, people from out-of-state, and people from overseas – all ineligible for benefits – were getting benefits in the form of a chipless debit card pre-loaded with up to about \$15,000 – each.

The EDD did not even cross-reference addresses to notice and potentially flag as fraudulent when a single home received dozens, if not hundreds, of cards (they used to have one but stopped paying for it when a federal grant ran out a few years ago.)

Particularly telling is that California has about 12% of the nation’s workforce, it saw more than 20% of the unemployment benefit fraud in the country, meaning that word spread very quickly in the fraud world that the state was an especially easy mark.

In January, the committee requested the following:

1. All processes and procedures

*related to the disbursement of unemployment insurance benefits during the pandemic, including policies and procedures intended to ensure payments are made to the proper individual, and to ensure that the individual is a qualified recipient of unemployment insurance;*

2. All documents and communications between employees of the California EDD and employees of the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the state’s UI benefit program;
3. All documents and communications related to efforts to prevent payment of fraudulent UI claims;
4. All documents and communications related to efforts to recoup UI claims paid improperly;
5. All documents and communications related to identifying the total number of improperly paid UI benefits and documents sufficient to show whether those funds remain in the United States or were transferred to entities outside the United States.

The committee spokeswoman would not specify exactly how the EDD was “non-responsive” – for example, was the information missing or unrelated or gibberish – but stressed the agency remains very prominently on Congress’ radar.

In the January letter to the committee – the one that was re-provided to the Globe – department chief Nancy Farias blamed the Trump administration for the massive fraud, stating, in part, “... we object to the Chair’s mischaracterization of California’s response to the UI fraud attacks and the Chair’s failure to acknowledge the inadequate response by the Trump Administration, which left neglected state UI systems fighting domestic and international criminal enterprises effectively on their own.”

In other words, the feds didn’t hold their hand tight enough.

Either way, this claim flies in the

face of a California State Auditor’s report that states flatly that the feds “warned the state at least three times in the early months of the pandemic to beef up its fraud protections.”

The date for the next response deadline is not yet clear nor is exactly when Farias and other EDD employees will have to testify in front of Congress.

As of midnight Wednesday, the EDD – which, again, suffered a very preventable loss of \$40 billion – still owed the federal government a principal amount of \$18,735,210,647.41 in addition to interest of \$142,361,804.80.

Finally, the state has increased unemployment insurance taxes on California businesses to make up the shortfall and it is not clear if anyone at the EDD has been fired for the failure; in fact, the person in charge at the time, Julie Su, could become, the next Secretary of Labor in the Biden administration. ★

# Community Invited to Free Gardening Basics Class on April 19

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**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Spring is around the corner and it’s time to dust off your gardening tools and begin preparing for a spring and summer garden. Yolo County residents are invited to learn

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This free, interactive class is presented by the Yolo County Health and

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This class is available to

all and is part of HHSA’s commitment to providing education to help residents eat more fresh fruits and vegetables and live healthier lives.

Pre-registration is required by April 18 and can be completed by contacting David Linebarger at (530) 666-8429 or david.

linebarger@yolocounty.org.

Please dress for cold weather and wear 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

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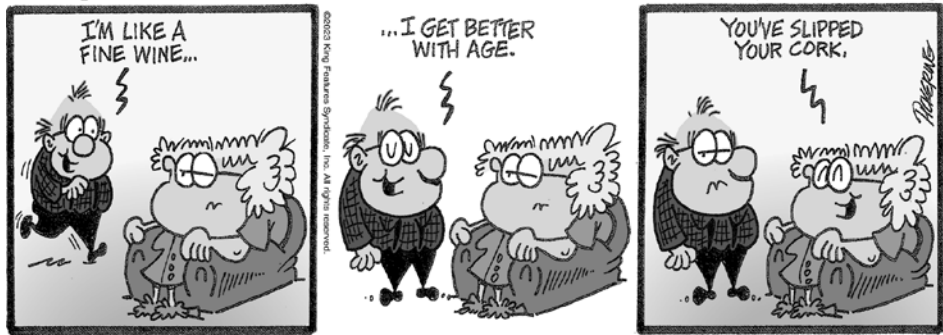






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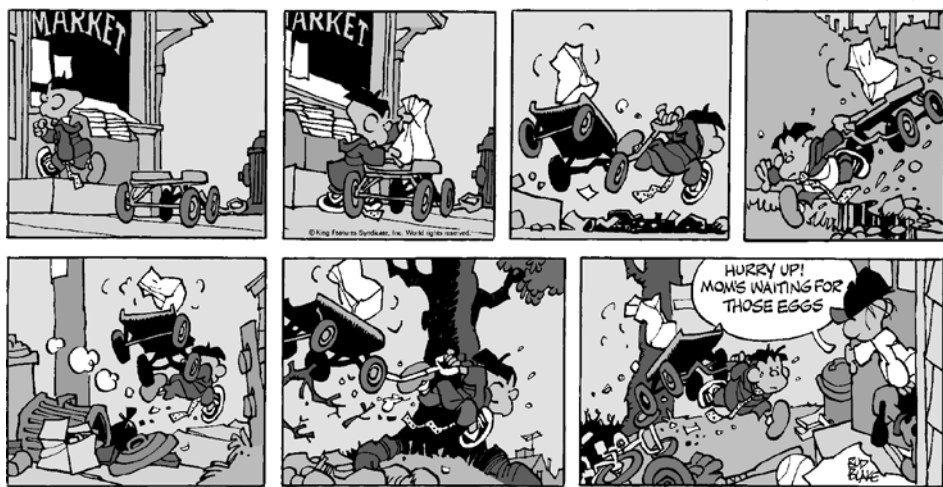
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# Today’s Tale of Bullfrog Blight

By Callum Wyeth

Did you know that one of California’s top 10 invasive species lives right outside your door? In fact, you can hear its distinctive call in the early evenings. It sounds a bit like a humming cow which is maybe why it has “bull” in its name. It is the American Bullfrog or *Lithobates catesbeianus*.

The native habitat of the American Bullfrog is eastern North America. However, the American Bullfrog is invasive in the West. Here in California, it was introduced by the gold miners in the late 1800s and early 1900s as a food source, but it quickly spread to aquatic and semi aquatic biomes throughout California. The bullfrog is a carnivore, or a secondary consumer. It eats mainly primary consumers like small fish, baby birds, small mammals, other amphibians, tadpoles, and lots of insects; basically, whatever it can fit in its very large mouth. It can grow up to 8 inches long and can weigh up to one pound. It has large and powerful legs and in the winter months can travel up to a mile per day looking for food.

This massive frog is a dangerous predator here in California and has been decimating our native amphibian populations since it arrived, most specifically the vulnerable red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) and the endangered foothill yellow legged frog (*Rana boylei*) who lives here in our local watershed. In fact, red-legged frogs were the basis for Mark Twain’s famed short story “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County”, but they are now so scarce that bullfrogs are used for the competition instead.

There are three main reasons why the bullfrog is threatening our native ecosystems. First, at several stages in its life cycle the American Bullfrog preys



The American Bullfrog *Lithobates catesbeianus* is an invasive species which reproduces at a rate 10 times higher than the native frog population. Photo courtesy of Tuleyome

upon our native frogs. Although the bullfrog tadpoles are mostly herbivorous, they will occasionally eat smaller, native frog tadpoles and insect larvae.

Further, as adults the American Bullfrog both competes with and eats native amphibians in such high amounts that one study done by a UC Davis ecologist in San Joaquin County showed a survival rate of just 5% of native red legged frogs in areas with bullfrogs compared to areas without.

Second, the bullfrog reproduces at a rate 10 times higher than the native frog population and can lay 20,000 eggs per clutch and two clutches per year compared to the native frogs which average 2,000 to 3,000 eggs per year. This high reproduction rate combined with its ability to travel and

quickly invade new water systems makes the bullfrog hard to eradicate completely and a dangerous competitor.

Finally, the bullfrog carries the chytrid fungus (*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*) but is not affected by it. The chytrid fungus is a severe skin disease that causes death in susceptible native species. It disrupts the function of the skin in both the tadpole and adult frogs and specifically affects the native Californian mountain yellow legged frog. This fungus has caused the extinction of 100 amphibian species worldwide since 1970.

So, what can we do about this voracious, opportunistic predator? California allows the importation of bullfrog tadpoles as pets and adults for food. Approximately 2 million are brought here annually and many of them are released or escaped

to wreak havoc on native ecosystems. Banning importation or increasing permit fees can help limit the negative impacts. Also, we as residents can help! We can report bullfrogs when we see them and not keep them as pets.

If you are on a hike or see a bullfrog in your neighborhood you can report it to the CDFW Invasive Species Program or email to [Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov), or by calling (866) 440-9530. ★

Below: Callum is a 13 year old student in Davis, CA. Photo courtesy of Tuleyome



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