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SMF Launches \$1.3 Billion Expansion Project



SMForward is embarking on a transformative journey with the launch of six ambitious projects in 2024. Photo courtesy Sac County

Sac County
News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Department of Airports, which operates Sacramento International Airport (SMF), announced on February 1, SMForward, a \$1.3 billion expansion project that will reshape the airport to accommodate projected passenger growth over the next seven years.

SMForward is embarking on a transformative journey, with the launch of six ambitious projects in 2024, including the construction of a stunning \$140 million pedestrian walkway. This state-of-the-art walkway will seamlessly connect Terminal B to Concourse B, empowering passengers with the flexibility to choose between a leisurely walk to their gate or utilizing the airport's efficient train system.

Additional SMForward projects include expansions to both Terminal A and Concourse B, which will add gates and new amenities; a new Terminal B parking garage; and a consolidated ground transportation center that will centralize taxi, ride-share, and off-site shuttle providers into a single area that is walkable from both terminals. SMForward is expected to conclude in late 2027 with the completion of a new \$400 million consolidated rental car facility, allowing passengers access to

the airport's rental car providers without the need to ride a shuttle bus.

SMForward is a major milestone for Sacramento, representing the largest construction program in the airport's history. This ambitious project is not just an expansion, but a complete transformation of the airport experience for the people of Sacramento and its visitors. The project will bring about significant improvements and upgrades that will enhance the convenience, comfort, and accessibility of the airport for all.

"The airport experience is the first impression many people see when they arrive in Northern California – and the last as they leave," said Cindy Nichol, Director of Sacramento County Department of Airports. "SMForward will change the airport's skyline, but it also sets the stage for the airport's growth and our region's as a whole."

SMForward creates jobs and economic opportunities for local businesses and serves as a catalyst for further development in the region. The project will help Sacramento to be more competitive as a destination, attract more visitors and businesses, and ultimately contribute to the growth of the region.

SMForward is a visionary project that will be financed through a combination of federal and state grants, municipal bonds issued by

the airport, and user fees. This means that the burden of financing will not fall on the local taxpayers.

"Over the next five years, this transformation will create world-class facilities that will enhance our customer's travel experience while improving crucial infrastructure to meet our growth," said Nichol. "Our airfield has plenty of capacity, but our parking, concourses, and roadways have several choke points. SMForward will address these issues and create an airport ready to serve the modern passenger."

SMForward comes as air travel demand in the Greater Sacramento region continues to exceed peer airports in the region after unprecedented impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, SMF nearly returned to pre-pandemic levels with six consecutive years of year-over-year record-breaking passenger growth through 2019. Forecasts show steady passenger growth averaging 4.3 percent annually through 2041, underscoring the need for expansion.

"With record numbers of people traveling through SMF and the region's growing economy that continues to create new opportunities, Sacramento International Airport is at a crucial intersection," said Sacramento County Supervisor Phil Serna, "It is critical to invest in our aviation infrastructure to ensure we

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Community Coming Together to Fight Graffiti



Vanessa Castro and Emiliano Rosas at first community meeting to fight graffiti. Photo provided by Alfred Melbourne

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

A meeting was held at the Victory Outreach Church where approximately 70 community members gathered to fight the graffiti problem in the Broderick/Bryte area. Vanessa Castro, lifelong resident of West Sacramento, has a friend whose elderly mother had her home vandalized with graffiti at the end of 2022. What made things worse was that she said the City of West Sacramento had sent her friend's mom a letter saying that if she didn't get the graffiti cleaned up, that she would be fined. With the lady being an elderly veteran, she could not easily just clean it up on her own. They painted the fence and, by the next morning, it was painted again with graffiti.

In January of 2023, Vanessa started noticing posts on the West Sacramento Community Discussion Board, on Facebook, from concerned community members about the growing graffiti problems. She had responded to a couple of the comments with suggestions. People started responding to her statements like she was in charge of fixing the problem. Realizing that this is not the City's responsibility, nor do they have the funding for graffiti abatement, she decided she would do what she could.

Vanessa made up a flyer and talked to the Pastor at the Community Outreach Church on the corner of Sacramento Ave. and Kagel for a place to hold a meeting. She set up two different dates, in case the first date didn't work out for anyone. She went to homes in the Broderick and Bryte areas, where she saw graffiti on the homes. She also went around their

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Community Schools Coming to West Sac

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - River City High School and Riverbank Elementary will be starting Community Schools in fall of 2023. Washington Unified School District (WUSD) was one of 42 districts, nationwide, to be chosen to receive this year's grant to help put community schools into our schools. Partnered with United Way California Capital Region will receive \$500,000 annually for the next five years from the Department of Education in order to support the

launching of two Full Service Community Schools (FSCS).

The FSCS will be housed in RCHS and Riverbank, with the opportunity to expand to other sites. They will serve as neighborhood hubs, providing access to health-care, mentoring, expanded learning programs, adult guidance and other services. Community Schools are described as a school within a school. They will include a wellness and resource center. It will be a place where students, their families and neighbors around the school

can come for help with "direct support and trauma informed care."

Community Schools are designed to assist in whatever the problem is that is creating chronic absenteeism and opportunity gaps. WUSD and United Way are working together to improve overall health and academic success. Many students struggle with hunger, homelessness, and many other issues, creating gaps in opportunities that other students may have. These struggles in turn effect their physical and mental health.

Community Schools will

be a way to repair those reasons that are holding students back. The WUSD Community Schools are planned to be up and running by fall of the 2023/24 school year. Only 100 places have been established across the country since 2008 through this program and WUSD is proud to join that list.

You can learn more about Community Schools by visiting <https://www.wusd.k12.ca.us/District/Community-Schools/index.html> or www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org. More information will come to as it becomes available. ★



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SMF Launches Expansion Project

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can meet the needs of residents and travelers who will make the region an even better place to live, work and visit.”

“SMForward represents the continued implementation of SMF’s master plan, which the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved in February 2022. The plan evaluated past and projected passenger growth along with infrastructure needs as a basis for developing a plan to accommodate that growth,” said TJ Chen, Deputy Director of Airport Planning and Development. “In addition to roadways and gates, the master plan anticipates the additional facilities and airfield infrastructure needed to meet the growing demand for air travel.”

“A lot of hard work and planning has gone into ensuring the success of SMForward,” Nichol said. “I want to thank the SMF team and Sacramento County leadership for their dedication and support in helping shape this project.”

Additional information and business opportunities within SMForward can be found on the newly launched website at SMForward.com. The website provides a wealth of information on the projects, timelines, and opportunities for businesses and individuals to get involved and be a part of this exciting journey of shaping the future of travel. Stay informed, stay connected, and be a part of the revolution.

The Sacramento County Department of Airports is responsible for planning, developing, operating and maintaining the county’s four airports: Sacramento International Airport, Executive Airport, Mather Airport and Franklin Field. Sacramento International Airport offers more than 155 daily nonstop flights on 12 domestic and international carriers to 36 destinations. The regional economic impact of the Sacramento County Department of Airports is more than \$4 billion annually. For more information, visit sacramento.aero. ★

Community Coming Together to Fight Graffiti



Members of the community gathered at the Victory Outreach Church to discuss the graffiti problem in the Broderick/Bryte area. Photo provided by Alfred Melbourne

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neighborhoods, handing out flyers and speaking with community members.

To her surprise, some 70 people showed up to the meeting. Attendees included Mayor Martha Guerrero, Councilwoman Norma Alcala and Police Chief Rob Strange. This was no simple meeting where the community members listened to speeches about how it would get better. This group of people came up with action plans, both short-term and long-term. They agreed to help each other out offering to paint over the graffiti for those who couldn’t do it themselves.

Councilwoman Alcala said that the City doesn’t have a graffiti abatement fund, however she was able to get the City to donate paint. She and Mayor Guerrero said that they would look into City resources that may help. John Archuletta, a member of the Knights of Columbus, offered \$250 dollars on behalf of the Knights to help with costs and said that a local paint store may be willing to donate some paint. A task force was formed, and plans were in place to help each other with the graffiti, as well as help the police to catch the vandals. The police, in turn, are going to increase their efforts in trying to catch the vandals.

This is something the community realizes they may have to handle themselves. They are also trying to come up with ways to provide places to paint. Perhaps providing places that can be painted over and over. Finding places to paint murals was one suggestion. This may be an option for those who do it for the art. However, some of the tagging is part of a gang turf claim, according to the WSPD. That tagging is a little harder to stop because it’s an on-going battle.

Perhaps some of the people who do the painting could come to a meeting (without police presence) and explain the painter’s side. Would a public place to go paint without getting in trouble keep painters from painting people’s property? Regardless of the reason, this community, both business and residential, is tired of how the graffiti makes their neighborhoods look, and they will be working together, installing cameras and watching closely for vandals.

“My main goal was for the community to know that they had support, and I am very proud of the community for being there and willing to go to work and work together to help each other.” ★

Vanessa Castro provided some of the content for this story.

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Career Training and Referral Program Enrollment Extended Through 2023

With Public Input, SAFE Grants \$5,000 to Help Curb Homelessness

County of Yolo News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) is extending their weekly enrollment session for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program through the remainder of the calendar year. These events will be held every Thursday in 2023, from 10 - 11 a.m., in both West Sacramento and Woodland. At each event, participants will connect with a WIOA Case Manager and learn more about the program and how

we can help make their career goals a reality. The WIOA Program offers (for those who meet eligibility requirements): funding of up to \$5,000 for eligible training and education programs; leads on employment opportunities and events; career and interview preparation; and referrals to support services. Enrollment sessions will take place at the Woodland and West Sacramento HHS offices: **West Sacramento:** YoloWorks! Career Center, 500 Jefferson Blvd. Ste. A, West Sacramento, CA 95605

Woodland: HHS - Gonzalez Building (Clarksburg Room), 25 North Cottonwood St., Woodland, CA 95695 Individuals interested in attending the WIOA Enrollment Sessions are encouraged to register in advance at www.yoloworks.org or <https://bit.ly/YoloWIOAEnrollmentSessions>. Additional information is available by visiting www.yoloworks.org under the WIOA section or contacting WIOA program directly via phone at (530) 661-2710 or by emailing WIOAprogram@yolocounty.org. ★

SAFE Credit Union News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Jan. 30, 2023, SAFE Credit Union awarded Sacramento Cottage Housing Inc. a \$5,000 grant to fund new educational courses for its formerly homeless clients to learn important life and financial skills.

The grant was awarded through the credit union's Community Sustainability Grant Program, which provides funds to Sacramento region nonprofits with programs that support education, healthcare, and veterans. To engage the community and our members in our corporate giving initiatives, SAFE invited the community in December to determine the two grant recipients offering education programs that address inequities. Voters chose Sacramento Cottage Housing Inc. and the Construction Industry Education Foundation to each receive \$5,000 grants.

"The grant that SAFE is giving is such a gift and blessing for Cottage Housing," says Sacramento Cottage Housing Program Director Cynthia Hunt. "It is another tool that we can use to engage our residents on an everyday basis to address the causal factors that led to their homelessness so we can watch them bloom like the flowers in our garden."

Based in Sacramento, Cottage Housing works to lift unhoused people into independence and self-sufficiency. They provide



Two Sacramento Cottage Housing Inc. residents show off their artwork. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Cottage Housing Inc.

shelter, security and programs to families and individuals to help them focus on personal and professional development to gain confidence. At the heart of their program are two communities: Serna Village in North Highlands and Quinn Cottages near downtown Sacramento.

Part of their program includes Life Skill Development classes that provide applicable lessons on parenting, healthy eating, budgeting, and employment skills. SAFE's grant will go to create a new course on independent living skills and a second course of the residents' choosing.

The courses are designed in part to provide knowledge and skills needed for the residents to move forward on a more solid financial footing.

"I think financial freedom for our participants is giving them all the tools they need so they can live a life where they won't have debt, can make purchases and know how they're spending their money,"

Hunt says. "And to be able to do the things they want and to teach those tools to their children."

The grant to Cottage Housing was one of eight totaling \$95,000 awarded to nonprofits from SAFE in 2022.

"Our Community Sustainability Grant Program provides funding to programs that seek to make our communities economically stronger by giving people the tools and resources they need to live fulfilling, healthy lives," says SAFE Community Impact Manager Amanda Merz. "Cottage Housing is providing essential work to address the causal roots of homelessness in our community through programs that truly work. SAFE is honored to help fund new courses that will directly help residents gain the confidence and knowledge they need to lead lives full of promise and hope."

Learn more about SAFE's Community Sustainability Grant Program see Funding Opportunities at safecu.org ★

West Sacramento News Briefs

MPG Staff

Via's Free Ride Program Extended

Via's FREE ride program expanded through 2023 - There will be Broderick/ Bryte trips available for free for the rest of year. Starting Wednesday, February 1, the City is expanding Via's rideshare on demand Free Rides program thanks to a Clean Air Funds grant awarded by the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. Now you can ride anywhere in town for FREE through 2023 when you start or end your ride in the Broderick/ Bryte neighborhoods.

CPUC Climate Credit

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has accelerated when residential electric customers will receive the next Climate Credit on their energy bill. PG&E is pleased to administer the credit to help reduce customer energy bills. This credit will help offset higher-than-normal natural gas and electricity bills, which have been increasing

due to higher demand and tighter natural gas supplies, especially on the West Coast. For natural gas residential customers, the credit will be \$52.78, and for electric residential customers, the credit will be \$38.39. Customers who receive both services will receive a total credit of \$91.17. Customers do not need to do anything to receive the credit, it will automatically appear as an adjustment on a customer's bill under the Adjustments Section on the Detailed Charges page. Read more here: <https://www.pgecurrents.com/articles/3647-california-climate-credit-totaling-91-17-help-customers-high-winter-bills>

For help with local resources and support, call 211 or visit 211.org. 211 is a free and confidential resource that helps Californians find support during hardships.

School Counselor Appreciation Week

This week WUSD would like parents and students to go onto social media and leave a comment of appreciation in support of all of the work that counselors do. ★

Leaving Behind a Legacy

By Michele Townsend and Maryanne Flores

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - If you've lived in West Sacramento for any period of time and have been involved in your community at all, there is a good chance that you have spoken to, or knew, John Flores. John was born on May 22, 1952, and has been a West Sac resident for 66 years. He attended grade school locally and was on the football team at Washington High School. The happy, fun-loving guy never changed as he aged in life – always seeming to have a smile on his face.

As an adult, John was a cook at UC Davis Med Center Food & Nutrition Department for 37 years. He took that skill and used it as a volunteer cook for the Bryte VFW for years. He rarely ever missed cooking their Sunday breakfasts – always happy to be there and help. John always made sure that the people around him were okay and was quick to help if they were in need of anything. John enjoyed going to the VFW and other local bars with the love of his life, Debbie – his wife of 27 years. Strolling every Thursday and Saturday brought a smile to everyone's face because they were just as happy to see the couple. Everyone who knew John knew that he was a kind, loving and peaceful person.

If the bar scene is not your place, that's okay. There were plenty of other places to see John as well. As much as he loved his community, it was nothing compared to how he loved his family. John and Debbie would jump in the car and go for drives while listening to oldies and just enjoying life, which they also listened from their front yard – relaxing, having a beer, or two... or three.

John was also a devoted grandfather. When John retired from the hospital, his real enjoyment began. He described his new role as "full-time grandpa daycare," bussing his grandkids to and from school to spend time with them. John never missed a Little League game that his grandkids or great grandkids were playing. With a smile in his face, he could always be found cheering for and encouraging the kids.

John's love for his siblings was unconditional – always being unselfish and



John Flores (1952-2023) RIP. Photo courtesy of the Flores family

making sure they had what they needed. John was a simple man and never asked for anything, always putting his family ahead of anything. His family's health and happiness were all he needed – he lived for his family!

John passed away on January 20, 2023, at the age of 70 with his family by his side. The loss of him was completely unexpected, leaving family and friends shocked and deeply saddened. He will be missed by a large portion of this community.

"He enjoyed being around those he loved, and he absolutely loved all of us," said his daughter Maryanne.

John is survived and missed by his wife Debbie, his daughter Maryanne, son Joe and daughter-in-law Eleanor. Forever cherished and remembered by his grandchildren: Gregory, Anthony, Michael, Isabella, Janessa, Joe Jr., Alexa, and Melissa; great grandchildren: Virginia, Emma, Anthony Jr., and Xavier. His memory will be cherished by his siblings: Leticia, Irene, Theresa, David, Mike, and sister-in-law Vicki as well as beloved nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents Manuel and Maria Flores and brother Jesus. ★

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Kings Provide Mentorship Opportunities during National Mentorship Month

Sacramento Kings Communications

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Each year, January is recognized as National Mentorship Month, an opportunity to spark interest in youth about possible career path and inspire them to work hard. This year, the Sacramento Kings continued their commitment towards mentorship with events held throughout the month.

Kings Launch Opportunity for Students to Learn How to “Go Pro” without Being an Athlete

The team launched “Fastbreak Mentoring: In-Game Edition,” a behind-the-scenes mentorship opportunity for young people ages 12 to 18 to shadow franchise professionals across various departments during a game day. Through this initiative, students learn firsthand what goes into different aspects of an NBA game, showing youth they can “go pro” without being an athlete. Mentoring sessions tipped off on February 25 as the team took on the Toronto Raptors with students from a local elementary and middle school. Through their pairings with Kings team members, students had the opportunity to attend press conferences, film team content, interview fans for social media, meet with partners and more. This effort will continue throughout the remainder of the season.

Curtis “50 Cent” Inspires Local Youth with his Journey to Success

On January 11, as the team hosted the Houston Rockets, Grammy award-winning musician, two-time New York Times best-selling author, executive producer, entrepreneur and philanthropist Curtis “50

Cent” Jackson took part in a Studio Session designed to inspire and motivate attendees from MENTOR California and Improve your Tomorrow. During the session, Jackson joined Kings Play-by-Play Announcer and Host of Kings Pregame and Postgame Live Kyle Draper in Golden 1 Center’s Music Recording Studio for a Q&A that encouraged participants to dream big.

Franchise Amplifies the Lessons and Honors the Life of Martin Luther King Jr.

On January 13, as the team took on the Houston Rockets, the franchise celebrated the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the contributions of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). Before the game, the franchise hosted Transformative Leadership for Transformative Times, a networking luncheon and panel with leaders in the Sacramento area focused on the power of transformative leadership, in partnership with Sacramento State University and SMUD. Panel speakers included Sacramento State Vice President of Inclusive Excellence Dr. Mia Settles-Tidwell, Sacramento State’s Dr. Elizabeth H. Morgan, Sacramento State’s Dr. Geni Cowan, Sacramento Kings Vice President of Diversity, Inclusion and Social Impact Kindra Montgomery-Block and SMUD Program Manager of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Dr. Jon Wedding. Moderators included Sacramento State Director of Civic Affairs Rita Gallardo-Good and United CORE Alliance and Sacramento State Black Alumni Chapter President Khalil Ferguson. The group discussed strategic connections through the lens of MLK’s vision for community.

Additionally, four HBCUs, Jackson State University, Southern University, Tennessee

State University, and Clark Atlanta University and all nine of the Black Greek Letter Organizations (The Divine Nine), Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Omega Psi Phi, Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, Sigma Gamma Rho and Iota Phi Theta, had representatives attending the Kings vs. Raptors game. In addition, Kings Manager of Social Jonathan Bradley reflected on his experience at Morehouse College and the impact of fellow alumnus Dr. King. During halftime, local artist Aliyah Sidqe presented her painting in honor of the late civil rights activist. And Trajectory Foundation, United College Action Network, Inc. (UCAN), Sacramento HBCU Alumni Network, Sacramento National Pan- Hellenic Council, Southern University, Tennessee State University, Jackson State University and Clark Atlanta University shared information with fans on the concourse.

During the game, the Kings partnered with Trajectory Foundation and the G Unity Foundation to present “The Future is Yours,” a \$20,000 scholarship to support a local high school senior heading to an HBCU, to Cherish Jackson, a Grant High School student who will be attending Howard University in the fall. Additionally, South Sacramento-based restaurant Louisiana Heaven hosted a “Pop-Up Kitchen” on the Golden 1 Center concourse, selling their famous seafood gumbo. Kings Pop-Up Kitchens offer attendees the opportunity to enjoy foods that align with the game’s theme night.

On January 16, to continue to honor MLK Jr., Kings team members participated in marches across the region and

the organization debuted a video on their social media platforms featuring Kings players Harrison Barnes, Richaun Holmes and Kings Play-by-Play Announcers Mark Jones and Kyle Draper. In February, the team will host and recognize the recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration essay competition in game.

Team Convenes Community Conversations

On January 18, as an extension of the Kings Do Good Summit, the team hosted community conversations in partnership with Raley’s and SMUD to learn, listen, share and collaborate around education issues and how to deeply connect with youth.

Kings Recognize Local Dynamic Mentor

On January 23, as the team hosted the Memphis Grizzlies, the organization, in partnership with MENTOR California, recognized Dr. Letitia Bradford with a Community Impact Award. Dr. Bradford, a board-certified Orthopedic Surgeon and fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons, is currently the Executive Director of Nth Dimensions, the most successful medical pathway STEM program, exposing students of color and women to underrepresented fields and focused on improving care to underserved communities by diversifying medicine.

Kings Bring Inspiration to Youth Detention Facility

On January 24, the team joined the Anti-Recidivism Coalition and the Sacramento County Probation Department to host a mentoring event for young men and women at the Youth Detention Facility. During the event, Kings President of Business Operations John

Rinehart and Player Development Coach Lindsey Harding spoke with the youth about overcoming obstacles, embracing self-love, setting goals and life skills. After the discussion, youth joined Harding and Jr. Kings coaches for a skills and drills clinic. Additionally, the youth received Kings gear and new basketball sneakers courtesy of the Kings.

Continuing Mentorship Efforts

Throughout the month, the team elevated the importance of mentoring through the team’s social channels and billboards throughout the region with resources and videos sharing messages from Kings players and team members.

The Kings are committed to investing in Sacramento-area youth, and for the past five years, the team has partnered with Build.Black. to support the annual Kings and Queens Rise Co-ed Youth Sports and Mentoring League, which provides young people opportunities to engage in inter-community activities which help prevent and interrupt violence.

In addition, the team continues to use Golden 1 Center’s music studio to make top entertainment talent accessible as mentors, including recording artists Montell Jordan and Coolio, hip-hop legends Sugar Hill Gang, DJs Samantha Ronson and Steve Aoki, 2020 America’s Got Talent winner Brandon Leake, premier choreographer Charm La’Donna, all-female tap dance band Syncopated Ladies, rapper and producer Lupe Fiasco, rapper and Sacramento native Saweetie, rapper Wale and more.

For more information on the Kings ongoing efforts to give back, visit Kings.com/Community. ★

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO

January 11, 2023 - January 31, 2023



- 1-11-23 MARTIN TORRES Arrested for Reckless driving, driving w/o a license, driving while license is suspended.
- 1-15-23 AGAALOFA MAEA Notice to appear for possession of controlled substance.
- 1-24-23 SYRA DRONES Arrested for disorderly conduct: under influence of drug after Police responded to suspect allegedly threatening employee.
- 1-24-23 DAMION SCOLA Arrested for warrant after being seen allegedly going against the direction of traffic.
- 1-26-23 ANTONIO ANDRADE Arrested for threaten crime with intent to terrorize, vandalism in excess of \$400, parole violation, petty theft after allegedly going into a store, attempting to steal air pods, when employee electronically locked him in store. Suspect allegedly began breaking items in store including \$7,000 freezer door and then threatened to shoot him.
- 1-28-23 FRANCISCO MARTINEZ-NAVARRO Arrested for DUI alcohol causing great bodily injury, hit & run resulting in death or injury.
- 1-29-23 RAFAEL SILVAJIMENEZ Arrested for petty theft from Raleys.
- 1-29-23 SHAYLA OWENS Arrested for three warrants after police responded to a call for service where subject was taking their pants off and dancing in roadway.
- 1-31-23 JOSHUA ALLEN Arrested for carrying concealed weapon in vehicle, receiving known stolen property, carrying concealed weapon with priors, carrying concealed weapon in prohibited class/ unlawful possession, felon in possession of firearm, carrying a loaded concealed weapon on person, prohibited person possessing ammunition.
- 1-31-23 SHALINI SINGH Arrested for carrying a concealed weapon in vehicle, receiving known stolen property.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 1-11-23 Subject cited and released for reckless driving after Police allegedly observed him doing several donuts in wet, rainy conditions. Driver was found to have expired license. Driver released, car impounded.
- 1-12-23 Shoplifting suspect stole approx. \$4170 of legos. Grand theft.
- 1-17-23 Unknown suspect(s) broke the back window to victim's apartment.
- 1-20-23 Petty theft at Target. \$1,867 loss.
- 1-25-23 The following report is in regards to the informational report of a suspicious person.
- 1-25-23 Front door of business was broken open and multiple items were taken including the DVR with the footage of incident. Burglary. \$2,199 loss.
- 1-25-23 Theft of a purse. Theft of personal property. \$740 loss.
- 1-26-23 Unknown suspect(s) opened a community mailbox and possibly stole mail. Commit mail theft.
- 1-25-23 Catalytic converter theft. \$3,000 loss. Grand theft.
- 1-27-23 Theft of catalytic converter. \$4,001 loss. Grand theft, vandalism, tamper w vehicle, conspiracy to commit crime.
- 1-30-23 Transient located in unlocked delivery truck sleeping. No prosecution desired.
- 1-30-23 Burglary that occurred with unknown number of items stolen.
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PG&E Pays \$339 Million in Taxes

Newsom Shuns Blame for California's Unseemly Issues

PG&E News Release

OAKLAND, CA (MPG) - During the second half of 2022, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) paid property taxes of over \$339 million to the 50 counties where it owns properties that support gas and electric service to 16 million Californians.

“Property tax payments are just one of the many ways PG&E helps drive our hometown economies and supports essential public services like education, public health and public safety,” said Chris Foster, Executive Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer for PG&E. “These payments reflect the substantial local investments we are making in our gas and electric infrastructure to create a safer and more reliable system, and to better mitigate against wildfire risk.”

PG&E’s payments of more than \$339 million covers the period from July 1 to December 31, 2022. Total payments for the fiscal property tax year of July 1, 2022, to, June 30, 2023, will be more than \$678 million – an increase of more than \$57 million, or 9%, compared with the prior tax year.

The increase in property tax payments

reflects PG&E’s continuing investments to enhance and upgrade its gas and electrical infrastructure for safety, reliability, and wildfire mitigation across Northern and Central California.

PG&E supports the communities it serves in a variety of ways. In 2022, PG&E and the PG&E Corporation Foundation contributed \$25 million to communities throughout Northern and Central California to enhance educational opportunities, preserve the environment, and support economic vitality and emergency preparedness. This included more than \$1 million in relief to communities impacted by emergencies like severe winter storms and wildfires. PG&E employees provide volunteer services in their local communities. The company also offers a broad spectrum of economic development services to help local businesses grow.

PG&E’s first installment of Property Taxes paid by December 12, 2022, included the following counties: Butte, \$7,176,104; Sacramento, \$10,130,645; Solano, \$8,591,176; Sutter, \$1,903,727; Yolo, \$3,905,974; and Yuba, \$1,964,641. ★



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom’s obvious efforts to raise his national profile have taken two forms – touting California as a societal model and criticizing red states such as Florida and Texas for their supposed shortcomings.

Increasingly, Newsom employs a third tactic – shifting blame for California’s less seemly aspects.

That tendency is particularly evident in something that Californians rate as one of their top concerns – its worst-in-the-nation incidence of homelessness, manifested in thousands of squalid encampments in the state’s cities.

While running for governor in 2018, Newsom promised to appoint a cabinet-level official to concentrate on homelessness but later, when reporters pressed him, responded, “You want to know who’s the homeless czar?” Newsom. “I’m the homeless czar in the state of California.”

Despite that self-appointed role, as homelessness continued to grow, officially approaching 200,000 people but probably much higher, Newsom began shunning responsibility.

Last year, he blamed local officials for a lack of effective action, at one point suspending state funds. He later restored the money but continued to castigate them.

“If we can’t clean up the

encampments and address what’s happening chronically on our streets, I’m going to be hard-pressed to make a case to the Legislature to provide them one dollar more,” Newsom said as he introduced a new state budget in January.

Another example of Newsom’s fingerpointing occurred last week as a congressional committee dominated by Republicans delved into why states – particularly California – handed out billions of dollars in unemployment insurance benefits to fraudsters.

The state auditor had issued a report citing the Employment Development Department’s “poor planning and ineffective management” for shortcomings in handling unemployment insurance claims. But the current EDD director, Nancy Farias, sent the committee a four-page letter blaming Donald Trump’s administration for as much as \$30 billion in fraudulent payments.

“Unfortunately, the Trump Administration expressed no interest in establishing (a) coordinated national response when these (emergency pandemic unemployment) programs were initiated in 2020, leaving states to fend for themselves against a clear pattern of sophisticated, international criminal syndicates at work,” Farias’ letter, which no doubt was approved by the governor’s office, said.

A third example of blame-shifting also popped up last week when Fresno County District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp cited Newsom’s support for lenient prison policies that allowed the alleged killer of Selma policeman Gonzalo Carrasco to be released after serving just six months of a 64-month sentence for a previous crime.

“Today, Governor Gavin Newsom, and every legislator in the state of California who supports this over-reaching phenomenon they try to disguise as legitimate criminal justice reform, has the blood of this officer on their hands,” Smittcamp said.


“The governor and his political allies who continue the quest to close state prisons are increasing the incidents of violence to everyone who lives in, or visits, the state of California,” Smittcamp continued. “No city or county is safe from the wrath of this misguided thinking, and this mismanaged prison system.”

Newsom quickly fired back, referring to the plea bargain that Smittcamp’s office accepted: “She should blame herself. I’ve been listening to this for years from her. She has the prosecutorial discretion. Ask her what she did in terms of prosecuting that case.”

Smittcamp persisted, saying, “Governor Newsom continues to demonstrate his ignorance and lack of understanding of how the criminal justice system works. His arrogant and defensive response is proof positive that he is attempting to deflect responsibility for his failed policies.”

It is outrageous that the alleged killer, a self-proclaimed gang member with an extensive criminal record, was released after just six months. And it does exemplify the uber-lenient penal policies California has adopted in recent years, begun by former Gov. Jerry Brown and continued by Newsom.

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



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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FIRE 2-10-23

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Publish: Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023
REGAL 2-24-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230013
The following person(s) is doing business as: The John Drewes Company, 3870 Channel Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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JOHN 2-24-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230087
The following person(s) is doing business as: Harvest Moon Embroidery, 610 Poplar Lane, Woodland, CA 95695.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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HARVEST 3-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230037
The following person(s) is doing business as: Advent Transportation, LLC, 2449 Starling Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Advent Transportation, LLC, 2449 Starling Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 21, 2022.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 1/12/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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ADVENT 3-3-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230067
The following person(s) is doing business as: American Realty & Mortgage, 2125 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 26, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
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AMERICAN 3-3-23

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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EV 3-3-23

ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20230038
The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Efficient Mortgage Processing, 1401 Halyard Drive, Suite 130, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on March 3, 2022, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Lori Hawkins and Greg Hawkins, 3095 Asante Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The business was conducted by: A Married Couple.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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EFFICIENT 3-3-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2022-2200
Wazir Mohammad Zalmi and Haseena Zalmi have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Hela Wazir to Hela Zalmi.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 16, 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.
Dated: December 22, 2022
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 2023
WAZIR 2-10-23

COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-18
Erin Regina Jackson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Erin Regina Jackson to Erin Regina Lutz Greysen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 28, 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.
Dated: January 5, 2023
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
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ERIN 2-10-23

COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2022-1896
Jasmine Marie Molina has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alibra Faith Alexandria Lanzi to Alibra Faith Alexandria Molina.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, Room: Zoom, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 22, 2023
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JASMINE 2-10-23

COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
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#CV2023-094
Sterling Hart Ickes has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sterling Hart Ickes to Sterling H. Hart.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 1, 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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STERLING 2-17-23

COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
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#CV2022-2258
Sarah Jean Beard has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sarah Jean Beard to Sarah Jane McMillan.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 8, 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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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 975 F ST West Sacramento, CA 95605 on 02/21/2023 @ 2:00PM: Bonnie Tienken Household, Diane Brandt boxes and furniture, Antony Huffer Home furnishings, Daniel Quincy Papers and clothes, Daniel Quincy Personal items, Tillery Elder household items, Daniel Quincy household goods, Christopher Beaugez SR Unknown, John Rivera 1 bed room house, boxes, Kay Ebanks 2 California king size bed room sets, Several boxes of clothes, shoes and kitchen supplies. This auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
2/3, 2/10/23
CNS-3662854# NEWS-LEDGER
DJ_854 2-10-23

LIEN SALE NOTICE
Notice Is Hereby Given Pursuant to Sections 3071 and 3072 of the Civil Code of the State of California, the Undersigned, Citizens Towing & Impound, 1244 Fortna Ave., Woodland, CA 95776 Will Sell at Public Sale on: February 17, 2023, 10:00am, the Following Property:
2011 CHEV IMPALA
LIC# 6VKB945 CA
VIN# 2G1WF5EK4B1110839
2/10/23
Cns-3666179# News-Ledger
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LYNNE HAVELY
CASE NO. PR2022-0277
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Lynne Havely deceased.
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The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Dylan P. Hyatt, The Law Offices of Hassell and Hyatt, PC, 7420 Greenhaven Drive, Suite 115, Sacramento, CA 95831; 916-292-8009
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (PARENTAGE – CUSTODY AND SUPPORT)
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): FL2021-989
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Jessica Varatch-Scarse
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado, Lea la informacion a continuacion y yan la pagina siguiente.
PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE): Jeffrey M. Burns
You have 30 CALENDAR

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-22-939749-AB Order No.: EOR20220623-5349106 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/11/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY

MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): CARMEN SINGH, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 8/17/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0032067-00 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California; Date of Sale: 2/24/2023 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$633,297.06 The purported property address is: 3130 CARMEL BAY RD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 Assessor's Parcel No.: 045-563-033 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of

which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-939749-AB. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you

match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-939749-AB to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-

OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have

no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION . TS No.: CA-22-939749-AB IDS-Pub #0183608 2/3/2023 2/10/2023 2/17/2023 QLSC_608 2-17-23



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WTP MECHANICAL LAB BUILDING UPGRADE PROJECT [22036]

The City of West Sacramento invites qualified proposals for upgrade of the Mechanical lab building. The scope of work includes replacing of old lighting fixtures with new LED fixtures, replacing electrical wall-plates, painting, carpet replacement, re-flooring with linoleum, minor furniture and equipment for breakroom. Proposal should include various materials equivalent or of higher quality to that which is stated in the attachment as a guide. All required permits, licensing and warranty are the responsibility of the contractor.

SCHEDULE

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400 North Harbor Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95605
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- April 19, 2023 City Council
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- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed by within Forty-five (45) working days of the Notice to Proceed
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the Virtual Project Manager services of CIPList.com. You must sign up to use this service which will automatically inform you of updates and amendments. Plans and specifications are available for download at www.OpenGov Procurement Sign up or sign in to download the project documents including bidder's list etc. Hard copies are not available from the City.
- Questions:** Questions about this Request for Proposal should be submitted through the City's procurement link at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is Wednesday, October 6, 2022, by 5:00 PM local time.
- Bid Security:** Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or Bid bond executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code section 22300, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.
- Construction License:** Bidder must possess a current **Class "A" General Engineering Contractor's License** issued by the State of California, at the time the Bid is submitted.
- Contractor Registration:** All Bidders, and Subcontractors subject to Public Contract Code section 4104, must have registered with the California State Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 prior to submitting a bid. Furthermore, a Contractor, and all Subcontractors subject to Public Contract Code section 4104, must be registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 before entering into a contract to work on a public project.
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By: _____
Inambao Lifanu, Project Manager II

Date: 02/10/2023

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WTP HIGH SERVICE MANIFOLD REPAIR/REPLACEMENT/VAULT INSTALLATION – ASSESSMENT & DESIGN PHASE [21041]

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to identify and retain a firm for Assessment and design engineering services of the High Service Pump Station. The scope of work includes;

- Assessment of current condition: Assess Piping and valves for possible corrosion, or damage and the pH level of soil from the top to the depth of the pipes
- Design of a Vault: The WTP desire a vault to provide operators a clear view and access to the mechanical assembly of its High Service Pump Station housing 16 pumps and valves. This will help operators and contractors perform maintenance, replacement of parts and diagnosis of the assembly. The vault is expected to be open and meet standard access, security and safety requirement including lighting, stairway, guard rail and sump and process drain to remove ground water.
- Design of Flow Meter Vault to accommodate a water meter and associated piping.

The consultant is asked to provide an assessment current condition, provide recommendations for possible solutions, and provide the most reasonable design of the vaults for the WTP needs. A bid package will be required to be completed along with the cost estimate for each, design, and specifications of the vaults. Building permit and all associated permits, compliance standards and USA are required for this project.

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Social Security Matters

Will Social Security Be There for Me?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 56 and hope to hold out to get maximum Social Security at age 70. However, with all of the talk of Social Security funds being depleted, is it wise to continue with this mindset? Will there even BE Social Security benefits for folks in my age bracket? Should I think about starting Social Security benefits as soon as I am eligible? I am employed; however, I don't have a large amount of savings. I contribute to my company's 401(k) and receive the match, and I own my own home (almost paid off) with an estimated \$250,000.00 in equity, but I won't be able to stay in the home long term. Any insight you can provide would be greatly appreciated. **Signed: Weary Worker**

Dear Weary Worker: I don't suggest changing your strategy due to fears of Social Security not being there – it will be. Although the program is facing some future financial issues, the very worst that could happen is that everyone's benefits might be cut by 20+% if Congress fails to act to restore the program to solvency before the Trust Funds are depleted in the early to

mid-2030s. In my opinion, Congress will not likely fail to act because to do so would be political suicide. The fact is, they already know how to fix Social Security's financial issues; they just lack the bipartisan spirit and political fortitude to do so until they extract every possible ounce of political capital from the issue. So, it's largely a matter of how long Congress will wait to reform the program.


Right now, the Social Security Trust Funds hold about \$2.8 trillion in reserves to ensure full benefits will be paid. But Social Security now pays out more in benefits than it receives in revenue, so the extra money needed to pay full benefits is taken from those reserves. What is needed is reform which addresses the reality that people today are living much longer and collecting benefits for much longer than the program is structured to accommodate. Many possible solutions are on the table in Congress, including raising the full retirement age a bit to deal with the reality of people living much longer, and increasing the program's tax revenue by withholding a bit more from American workers. The eventual reform will likely include some variation of both, as well as other "tweaks" which further guarantee the program will be there for future generations.

As for the thought of claiming your benefits as soon as you are eligible (age 62), be aware that Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects benefits before reaching full retirement age (FRA). If you are

working full time when you first become age-eligible, you likely wouldn't be able to collect benefits because your benefit amount would be insufficient to pay the penalty for exceeding the earnings limit (\$1 for every \$2 over the limit) within one year. And, as you may already know, your age 62 benefit would be cut by about 30% from your FRA amount, while your benefit at age 70 would be about 76% more than your age 62 benefit.

So even if the worst case scenario happens (which it almost certainly won't), an across the board cut of 20+% to your age 70 benefit would yield a higher monthly payment than that same cut to your age 62 benefit amount. So, I suggest you stick with your current strategy to continue working and wait as long as practical to claim your benefits (up to age 70). As an aside, AMAC (Association of Mature American Citizens) has, for years, been proposing (to Congress) its "Social Security Guarantee Plus" which would restore Social Security to solvency for generations to come and would not require an increased payroll tax rate. Congressional reaction has been generally positive, leading us to be hopeful for a reasonable solution to the problem.

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BOOKS
By Amy Shane

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Delicious Monsters

by Liselle Sambury

Daisy has always dealt with her unusual gift of seeing dead people. Trying not to let it take hold of her is the hard part, especially when you live in a big city. But when her boyfriend Noah breaks up with her, everything starts to fall apart. Then her mother gets a call, offering them the chance of a lifetime. A secluded mansion, nestled within a small island, is theirs to inherit as long as they agree to live on the property. Daisy jumps at the chance to leave her old life behind, and before she knows it, they arrive at the mansion, but not without a firm set of rules. Most importantly, she is never to set foot inside the mansion. Daisy quickly learns that this house is not like other houses. This house is alive, harboring so many secrets, lies, and ghostly inhabitants that Daisy begins to spiral out of control. But it's not just the house hiding things beyond its walls; it's Daisy's mom.

Brittany will do anything to shake her overshadowing mother, famous for talking about her stay at "Miracle-Mansion," the same mansion a girl named Daisy and her mother lived ten years prior.



- ◆ Publisher: McElderry Books
- ◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
- ◆ Rating: ♥♥♥♥
- ◆ Release Date: Feb. 28, 2023

Brittany knows that the mansion is anything but a miracle, that her mother is a sham, and it's finally time to uncover the truth on her popular web series. But Brittany is unaware of the mansion's power, and it will take everything she has to uncover the truth. The only problem is, whose truth is she about to uncover?

In a story that runs a decade apart, dual timelines will parallel each other, rocketing readers through a story that yearns to be heard.

Delicious Monsters explores the power and the danger behind the monsters that hide right in front of you, hidden

behind the mask of those you know and trust. Liselle Sambury knows how to dive deep into the heart of her readers and squeeze. With an intense narrative and realistic characters, Sambury takes her time to carefully craft a story that winds around many trigger issues that are usually buried so deep that the truth rarely finds a way to surface.

Heavy-laden and often delivering blows to the gut, Delicious Monsters keeps its readers on edge, the way good stories often do. Readers will fall for the authentic, raw characters, all filled with their own faults, traumas, and pasts, while simultaneously trying to uncover the mystery that binds everyone together. This story is unlike any other. The main characters make their own choices, good or bad, while also choosing to be angry, defiant, or even guarded. In the sense of unapologetic authenticity, they all display the real emotions of anyone who has had trauma, difficult life events, or life struggles. With twists and turns at every bend, this story will keep readers up late at night and thinking about it long after it's finished. ★

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- Of many years
- Malaria symptom
- Instagram post
- River, in Spanish
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- Dodge
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- The Cat in the Hat's headgear (2 words)
- Campbell's container
- International Civil Aviation Organization
- *President Hayes' first name
- "Through" in a text?
- Pelvic bones
- Plural of #54 Down
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- Reverse action
- Mother-of-pearl
- *Lake off Ohio, the state known as "the Mother of Presidents"
- Baseball's "The Say Hey Kid"
- Navigate

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- *Present tense of #26 Across
- Tibetan priest
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- Nearly
- Apprentice
- Name on apple cider vinegar bottle
- R in R&R
- Cognizant of
- "Sophie's Choice" protagonist
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- Bye, to Emmanuel Macron
- Relating to Scandinavia
- Casino bandits
- Sign of assent
- *Civil Rights Act of 1957 signer
- Dueler's blow
- Hyperbolic tangent
- Football great Graham
- *Executive Mansion, colloquially (2 words)
- Misrepresent
- Make over
- *One of four presidents to have never been elected
- "Goodness gracious!"
- "Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me" band, The _____
- High school student, usually
- Spermatozoa counterparts
- Not marathons, pl. (2 words)
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- Ownership document
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- Pandemonium
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- Not a slob
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WEEKLY COMICS

Amber Waves

CLASS, TODAY WE'RE GOING TO MAKE VALENTINE'S CARDS.

BE SUPER CREATIVE WITH THE PINK AND RED PAPER, HEARTS AND GLITTER.

WE WILL THEN PASS THEM OUT TO YOUR VALENTINES.

OK, TO A 10-YEAR-OLD BOY VALENTINE'S DAY IS THE CREEPIEST OF HOLIDAYS.

by Dave T. Phipps

THE SPATS

I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH OF YOU!

RUB RUB RUB

CAN I KEEP WHATEVER IS LEFT OVER?

Out on a Limb

WELL, TEX, APPLYING THIS CREAM THREE TIMES A DAY FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS SHOULD DO THE TRICK FOR THAT ITCHY TRIGGER FINGER.

by Gary Kopervas

R.F.D.

WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME...

THESE GUYS WHO, IN THE DEPTHS OF WINTER, BUNDLE THEMSELVES UP TO THE MAX...

YET STILL WEAR SHORTS!!!

by Mike Marland

GRIN & BEAR IT

"MY CLIENT IS A SIMPLE SHOEMAKER. OK, SO THEY'RE CEMENT SHOES."

Just Like Cats & Dogs

YOU SERIOUSLY WANT ME TO TRY ON CLOTHES FROM A STORE THAT HAS SILVER MANNEQUINS AND BLARING TECHNO?

by Dave T. Phipps

Flash Gordon

FLASH AND THORNE ARE PURSUED THROUGH A MYSTERIOUS CASTLE BY ITS MONSTROUS INHABITANTS!

UP HERE, QUICK! I THINK IT'S A WAY OUT!

WE CAN'T HOLD UP HERE FOR LONG. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF AMMO!

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HEADS UP!

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What Are ‘Red Flag’ Laws and How Can They Prevent Gun Violence?

By Lisa Howard,
UC Davis Health Public Affairs

California’s red flag law, which allows people to obtain gun violence restraining orders (GVROs), went into effect seven years ago. Since then, GVROs have been credited with deterring at least 58 potential mass shootings and other types of gun violence in California, including suicides. Currently, 19 states and the District of Columbia have red flag laws, also known as extreme risk protection order laws.

But what are they, and how do they work?

“Red flag laws are a tool law enforcement and others can use when somebody is clearly at high risk of doing something with a firearm, but they can’t be arrested because no crime has been committed and they don’t appear to need a mental health hold or qualify for one,” Amy Barnhorst said.

Barnhorst is a psychiatrist at UC Davis Health and an expert on violence prevention. She is vice chair of Community Mental Health and the director of the BulletPoints Project, which teaches clinicians how to prevent firearm violence. She remembers the days before California’s red flag law. “When somebody was making threats about hurting people at their school or even threats of suicide, there wasn’t much that could be done,” Barnhorst said. “Red flag laws have changed that. With the law, there is something that can be done about people who are making threats or have concerning behaviors.”

Obtaining a gun violence restraining order

Gun-related deaths remain high in the U.S. The Gun Violence Archive, which tracks firearm violence in the U.S., reports 648 mass shootings, 20,176 homicides, and 24,090 suicides in 2022.

Research has found that in



Currently, 19 states and the District of Columbia have red flag laws, also known as extreme risk protection order laws. Photo courtesy Nightunter | Dreamstime.com

about 80% of cases, people who commit mass shootings or suicide make their intentions known in advance to family members or friends or via social media. “It’s really important that if you are concerned about a student in your school, or you’re a concerned parent, teacher, employer, or somebody who’s worried about someone, know there is a way to intervene and reduce the risk. But you need to tell someone, such as law enforcement, who can act,” Barnhorst said.

“If you’re in California, and there is someone you’re concerned about who may be at risk of firearm injury, and they have access to guns, you can go

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to the Speak for Safety website. It can help walk you through how to pursue a gun violence restraining order,” Barnhorst said. The website has different tabs you can select for your relationship to the person at risk, such as employer or co-worker, family or household member, law enforcement or teacher or school employee.

The California Courts website also has information in English and Spanish about how to obtain a GVRO.

“In many cases, law enforcement can get an emergency GVRO on the scene, and they can remove any firearms from the person at risk at that time,” Barnhorst said. “If the judge

determines that the person is at risk, the judge can continue the prohibition. The guns will continue to be kept away for the duration of the order, which can be renewed after a year or longer in some cases.”

Barnhorst explains there is due process during all stages of the legal procedures. “People who have had their firearms removed can appear in court to give their side. If the judge determines they are not a danger, the prohibition can be lifted, and the firearms returned,” Barnhorst said. She notes GVROs are civil court actions. They don’t involve the criminal courts, and they don’t become part of a person’s criminal record.

Most people don’t know about GVROs

Despite the potential to reduce mass shootings and suicides, the use of GVROs in California has been limited. One of the biggest barriers appears to be the lack of awareness about them. A recent survey found that nearly two-thirds of the respondents did not know about GVROs, although 70% said they would consider using one in a high-risk situation.

“The GVRO law empowers people to play a role in preventing firearm violence among friends, family members, co-workers and classmates by providing a tool to remove firearms from crisis situations,” said Veronica Pear, an assistant professor at the Violence Prevention Research Program at UC Davis. Pear studies violence prevention and has published numerous studies about the efficacy of red flag laws. “However, the law can only save lives if it is used, and for that reason, education is key,” Pear said.

For more information about how to obtain a gun violence restraining order in California, visit the Speak for Safety website or the California Courts webpage. ★

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Man Convicted of Forcible Rape Sentenced to State Prison

Yolo County DA News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On January 26, 2023, Yolo County Superior Court Judge Dave Rosenberg sentenced 23-year-old David Padilla-Chicas to three years in state prison for forcible rape. Padilla-Chicas, a resident of San Pablo, CA, was found guilty of the crime by a Yolo County jury on December 27, 2022. The jury found Padilla-Chicas not guilty on three other related charges.

The jury heard evidence that in early April of 2019 the victim, a 19-year-old bay area woman, attended a party at an apartment on the UC Davis campus with more than forty people. Padilla-Chicas, who was not a student, nor affiliated with the university, also attended. After becoming intoxicated, the victim went to the restroom. Padilla-Chicas followed, offering to help her. Inside the restroom, Padilla-Chicas forcibly raped the victim

on the floor and told her to pretend to be throwing up as he exited the restroom.

Witnesses found the victim in distress on the floor of the restroom, where she immediately reported the rape. Padilla-Chicas vehemently denied any sexual contact with the victim when he was subsequently contacted by law enforcement. However, DNA evidence revealed the presence of Padilla-Chicas’ semen and DNA on several parts of the victim’s body.

At trial, Padilla-Chicas changed his story and testified that it had been consensual intercourse. The jury rejected Padilla-Chicas’ story and convicted him of forcible rape after four and a half hours of deliberating.

Stephanie Allen, one of the prosecutors on the case, stated, “The victim was so courageous. With all the trauma she suffered, I know it was so affirming for her when the jury, after thoughtfully listening to all the evidence, came back with a guilty verdict.” ★

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