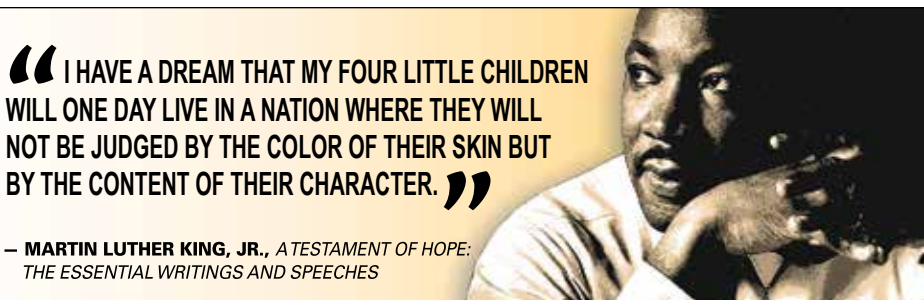




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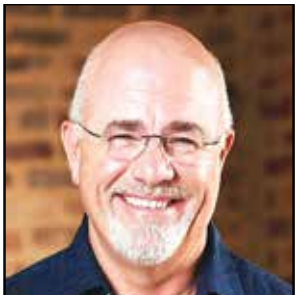
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Flooding Continues



So far, this winter's storms have been severe but not catastrophic. The region's two major reservoirs held, and the Sacramento and American rivers did not experience major floods. Photo courtesy DWR

**By Julie Cart
and Alastair Bland,
CALMatters.org**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA - Raising questions about whether California's elaborate system of flood protections will hold, another dangerous storm is barreling toward the Sacramento Valley, where rains already punched through some levees and floods killed at least one person.

Last weekend's storms have already tested the flood-prevention infrastructure across the region, which sits at the confluence of two major rivers and bears the brunt of heavy rains. "It's a bathtub, basically," said Beth Salyers, deputy district engineer for the federal Army Corps of Engineers in Sacramento.

An estimated 1.3 million people and \$223 billion worth of property in the Central Valley are protected by the state-federal systems of levees, dams and other structures.

California spends \$48 million annually for operating flood protections but needs much more — "\$3.2 billion over the next five years of implementation," according to the state's Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, a document produced in 2012 and updated last month. Of that, the state's responsibility ranges from \$1.8 billion to \$2.8 billion.

An estimated \$25 to \$30 billion in funding over 30 years could help the state "avoid the astronomical cost of catastrophic flooding in the Central Valley estimated to be as high as \$1

trillion, in addition to an incalculable toll on lives and public well-being," the plan says.

So far, this winter's storms have been severe but not catastrophic: The New Year's Eve storm "stalled out" over the watershed of the Cosumnes River. Portions of privately owned levees on the river gave way, flooding nearby areas. The levees, constructed to reclaim the land for agriculture, are generally rated only to handle a 10-year flood, according to Sacramento County officials. The breaching of the levees shut down Highway 99 and stranded motorists.

But the region's two major reservoirs held, and the Sacramento and American rivers did not experience major floods.

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Traffic Stopped for Governor's Walk



Governor Gavin Newsom walks across Tower Bridge with "First Partner" Jennifer Siebel Newsom, and children Hunter, Brooklyn, Dutch and Montana.

**Story and photos by
Michele Townsend**

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Traffic was stopped at 5th St. and Tower Gateway, near Sutter Park, and rerouted to the I Street bridge on the morning of Friday, January 6, as many gathered to walk across the Tower Bridge with

Governor Gavin Newsom. Supporters for the Governor waited behind barricades and temporary fences for Newsom and his family to make their entrance. Crossing was not allowed on the bridge and the area was lined with West Sac Police, California Highway Patrol and Secret Service to ensure that even

pedestrians were directed to the I Street Bridge.

Among the roughly 200 people waiting to walk in support of the Governor were Lt Governor Eleni Kounalakis, a large group of legislators, and the River City High School Drumline. Governor Newsom enjoyed the drumline performance during the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and invited them to be a part of the activities.

Also included in the crowd were members of the Carpenters Union, both North and South. Nor Cal Carpenter Union Executive Officer Jay Bradshaw explained why

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Preventing Crime in Your Neighborhood

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Neighborhood Watch is a program that has an ugly history of why it began in the United States, but since the 1970s it has developed into a very beneficial program that brings neighbors and neighborhoods together, which in turn makes your community a safer place to live. It is a program where the average citizen lends a hand to their neighbors.

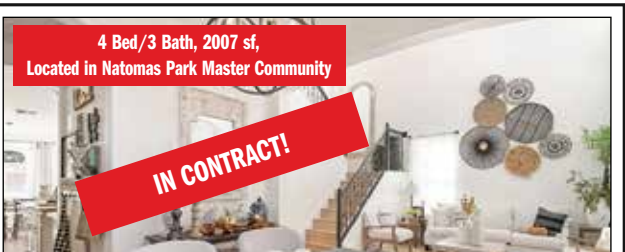
We're all aware of how West Sacramento continues to grow and yet our Police Department and Fire Department are not. That means that we need to step up and help out. West Sacramento is built on the strength of our community members. Those community members become stronger when they work together.

The best way to fight crime is to prevent it. The Crime Triangle identifies three factors that create a criminal offense. Desire of a criminal to commit a crime; Target of the criminal's desire; and the Opportunity for the crime to be committed. You can break up the Crime Triangle by not giving the criminal the opportunity to commit the crime. This could include simple things like locking your doors or not leaving highly desired items in plain view when left unattended. It can also be more structured and more effective by using programs like neighborhood watch.

"I'm no snitch" is a common phrase when talking to some about neighborhood watch. However, don't you want your neighborhood safe? What if it is one of your family or friends? Would you want someone to step up and give a description? Neighborhood Watch is not expecting you to watch everyone's neighborhood, it's just a way to watch out for your neighbors and know that they'll watch out for you.

According to the City of West Sac's website, in 2022 the following types of crimes were committed: Murder, Rape, Assault, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Property Crimes, Larceny, Car Theft, Arson, Grand Theft, Petty Theft, Corporal injury on a spouse,

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Diana Lopez Appointed New Yolo County Librarian



Diana Lopez, new Yolo County librarian. Courtesy photo

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County Board of Supervisors announced on January 10, 2023, the appointment of Diana Lopez as the new Yolo County librarian.

My colleagues and I are delighted to have Diana Lopez join the Yolo County community as the Yolo County Librarian.

Her experience and knowledge will undoubtedly have an impact within the community for years to come,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Oscar Villegas.

Originally from the Pasadena area, Ms. Lopez has over 10 years of experience in public library management and over 20 years of serving people of varying needs from different socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, ages, and abilities. Ms. Lopez holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from San Jose State University and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Cal Poly Pomona. Ms. Lopez is passionate about eliminating equity, education, and opportunity barriers within the community.

“I am very excited with the selection made by our Board of Supervisors to

have Diana Lopez serve as our next Librarian. Her commitment to providing great customer service and her strong track record of collaborating extremely well with diverse communities will make our library system even stronger. With the support of our highly talented library staff, Diana will continue the Yolo County tradition of excellence and innovation.” Said County Administrator Gerardo Pinedo.

Ms. Lopez was awarded the Library Journal Mover and Shaker Award in 2019 and the Marin City Community Services District Women’s History Month Community Service Award in March 2022.

Ms. Lopez will assume her new responsibilities on January 30, 2023. The annual salary range for this position is \$149,805-\$182,089.

Greta Eoff Appointed Executive Director for Association of REALTORS

Rasmusson Public Affairs News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Greta Eoff has been appointed Executive Director of the Yolo County Association of REALTORS®. YCAOR is a nonprofit founded in 1922 serving to support REALTORS® in their efforts to practice their profession ethically and effectively. The association also works to protect private property rights. Eoff replaces longtime YCAOR Executive Director Nicholas Marin-Kumko who has taken a position out of the area.

Greta served this year (2022) as YCAOR President and was appointed to the Executive Director position by the Board of Directors following a comprehensive search. She was born and raised in Paradise California, and attended CSU, Chico completing her undergraduate degree in Psychology, and her graduate degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at the University of Phoenix. She has been a REALTOR® for six years most recently with Bella Vie Real Estate, and resides in



Greta Eoff is the newly-appointed Executive Director of the Yolo County Association of REALTORS® Courtesy photo

Davis with her husband of 18 years and their two children.

YCAOR offices are located in Woodland and cover all jurisdictions within Yolo County except West Sacramento. ★

Bad Weather Tips

MPG Staff

Keep Leaves Off the Streets

Do you have more leaves than you can fit in your organics cart?

Help yourself and the Public Works crew this leaf drop season by bagging up your extra fallen leaves and placing them next to your full organics cart or requesting an extra organics cart for FREE.

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Please do not place piles of leaves in front of your house on the street. They will not be picked up and could possibly clog storm drains and cause flooding issues in your neighborhood!

Leaf Collection Reminders

Your garbage cart is for garbage only. Do not place leaves inside the automated garbage collection carts.

Learn more about your Organics Cart and the Waste Management collection schedule: <https://wsac.city/environmentservices>. View the 2022 Street Sweeping Schedule: <https://wsac.city/2022sweepschedule>

Potholes

A community member says she has reported potholes to the city several times and had them repaired promptly call (916) 617-4850. See this link for information: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/public-works/potholes-faq> ★

Traffic Stopped for Governor’s Walk



Approximately 100-200 supporters joined Governor Gavin Newsom in his inaugural walk into the Capitol on Friday, January 6, 2023.

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they were there to support the Governor on his inaugural day.

“There are many reasons we are here to support the Governor, but a couple of big ones are his support for smart transportation and housing solutions. Also, his respect for the working class, job creation. Where we’re standing, he has shown us through action.”

He continued, “Our relationship with the Governor is viable, you know. We don’t ask him to solve all of our problems. We talk about what’s affecting the working class overall.” Bradshaw continued to list reasons for being there in support.

“The housing problem in California has affected many other things, like transportation, childcare, employment... and the Governor and his team have been coming up with viable solutions,” he said.

Bradshaw, who is also on the California Transportation Commission, was soon



The River City High School Drumline was invited to accompany Governor Gavin Newsom and supporters into the Capitol during his inauguration ceremony.

joined by Commissioner Lee Ann Eager who agreed about the transportation advances.

Supporters were directed where they would be situated during the walk, and afterwards a few speakers expressed some encouraging words to get the crowd pumped up. A rehearsal chant was also practiced which was later performed

when they got close to the Capitol.

With all participants properly lined up, Governor Newsom’s family held hands and smiled as the entire group walked from West Sacramento, across Tower Bridge and to the Capitol lawn in front of the Capitol, where his second inauguration ceremony began. ★

Sac State and Street Soccer USA to Host 18th Homeless World Cup



Team USA celebrate after playing Norway at the Homeless World Cup in Cardiff. Photo courtesy of Street Soccer USA

Sac State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Homeless World Cup (HWC) street soccer tournament, in its 20th anniversary year after a three-year pandemic interruption, will be played at Sacramento State July 8-15, 2023.

The event will be in a U.S. city – and on a college campus – for the first time. Cardiff, Wales, was the host city the last time the tournament was held, in 2019. Previous tournaments have been in Europe, Australia, South America, and Africa. The event traditionally draws thousands of spectators.

The tournament, first played in 2003 in Graz, Austria, is the landmark street soccer event presented by Homeless World Cup Foundation, an umbrella organization for a network of charities that conduct year-round street soccer programs for men, women and children experiencing homelessness.

Sacramento State President Robert S. Nelsen said the University’s role as tournament host is another example of its commitment to “building deep and

meaningful connections in our community and beyond.”

“I am proud that we will host the Homeless World Cup in 2023, and I look forward to welcoming athletes from around the world to the Sacramento State campus,” Nelsen said. “This event will reimagine the conversations surrounding the global issue of homelessness while transforming the lives of the athletes as well as the spectators.”

Up to 64 HWC partners from around the world will participate, featuring hundreds of players who are experiencing homelessness. Matches will be played on three street soccer fields set up in Hornet Stadium. The playing areas are smaller than traditional soccer fields and enclosed, leading to fast-paced, continuous action.

University residence halls will provide housing for players during the competition.

Street Soccer USA, a national nonprofit working in more than a dozen US cities, is HWC’s American partner and features a robust program in Sacramento led by Sac State alumnae Tiffany Fraser and

Lisa Wrightsman.

“These players are people deserving of respect,” Wrightsman said. “They’re not out there playing for money or cars. They are people who have very little in their lives, and they’re working hard, and smiling, and lifting one another up. I hope that people watching them are able to appreciate that.”

Lawrence Cann, co-founder and president, Street Soccer USA said hosting the Homeless World Cup for the first time in the United States is a signal of Street Soccer USA’s ambition to drive social impact through soccer at scale and from the bottom up.

“Be prepared to feel the true power of teamwork and community before, during, and after this one-of-a-kind event,” Cann said.

“The Homeless World Cup places those across the world who are most in need at the very center of our attention and showcases not their challenges, but their abilities and humanity. We are grateful to the leadership of Sacramento State and proud to partner with them to bring this event and its legacy to the California capital.”

Mel Young, Homeless World Cup president and co-founder, said the tournament shows how sport can change lives while illustrating HWC partners’ commitment to the work of ending homelessness.

“Everyone at the Homeless World Cup, our global Member Countries and our loyal supporters are delighted that Sacramento State and the city of Sacramento will be our host in 2023.” ★

Sacramento Kings Announce Kingpin Classic in Partnership with Raley’s

Sacramento Kings Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Kings announced plans to bring back their fan-favorite Kingpin Classic charity bowling event in partnership with Raley’s. All proceeds from the annual tournament will go to the Sacramento Kings Foundation to help organizations in the Sacramento region continue and extend their youth basketball programs.

“We are excited to bring back Kingpin Classic for a night filled with fun and entertainment further

connecting Kings players and coaches with the community,” said Sacramento Kings Chief Operating Officer Matina Kolokotronis. “This signature event supports our efforts to help local organizations deepen their work in the Sacramento community.”

On Thursday, January 26, the Kings will host Kingpin Classic at AMF Land Park Lanes. This event is open to players of all skill levels and includes three sponsorship package options for teams of six. In addition, fans can purchase limited GA spectator tickets. Packages and tickets

can be purchased at Kings.com/Bowling. Registration is limited and available while supplies last.

Kingpin Classic will provide Kings fans the opportunity to bowl and interact with their favorite players and coaches while enjoying entertainment from the Kings Dancers, 916 Crew and Slamson. In addition, all participants will receive an exclusive Kingpin Classic shirt, Kings swag, unlimited arcade games, food, and beverages and more.

To learn more or to purchase tickets for Kingpin Classic, visit Kings.com/Bowling. ★

Successful First Fighting Fentanyl Campaign



The West Sacramento community unites in a combined effort against the dangers of fentanyl during the Fight Fentanyl campaign initiated on Saturday, January 7th at Muscle Systems Gym. From left to right: Michele Townsend, Yolo DDA Preston Schaub, WSPD Chief Rob Strange, organizer Rick Brazil, Jessica Piazza and Marcus Jackson of Access TV, Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Michele Townsend

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - West Sacramento father, Rick Brazil, organized the first Fighting Fentanyl event on Saturday, January 7th at Muscle Systems Gym. This was the first time that Rick has ever done something like this, but he was willing to learn what it takes for the sake of the message advanced.

Rick's 22-year-old son, Mason Brazil, passed away from fentanyl poisoning in the spring of 2022 so Rick decided to hold the awareness campaign in the same gym they used to train in MMA style fighting.

"We started training to get out some teenage aggression," said Rick, "but then from there it became a place where we could talk, and it brought us even closer than we were before."

Training for both was almost every day, and Rick will forever hold the memories shared with his son deep in his heart.

Mason had enough fighting skill that he had competed in a few matches, but he also loved to share with others his many talents – such as his love for music. In fact, he has several rap songs on YouTube.

The father explained that his mission through this event was to bring awareness about how much fentanyl is in our town and that just one pill can kill an unsuspecting victim.

"We have to get the word out on the street that these pills all look the same, and one pill can kill," he said. "They (victims) do not choose to do this. This is not what they mean to do and not what they think they are taking."

Rick is a well-known figure in the West Sacramento community as a little league coach of many years. He says that he knows everybody's kids and wants them to know that Mason was a good man, his best friend, and he didn't mean to do this. He wants everyone to talk to their kids and make sure they know what's going on.

In addition, there were also two speakers featured besides Rick.

WSPD Chief Rob Strange spoke saying that he was sad to be speaking on the back of Mason's tragic death, but that the community needs to come together on this matter. He said that everyone in the room probably knows someone that means a lot to them who is afflicted with an addiction of some sort.

Strange believes those with an addiction can beat it, rebuild their relationships as well as regain hope and that the only way to get them on that pathway is to normalize talking about it.

"Last year alone, we lost 16 West Sacramentans to overdose deaths," said Chief Strange. "The highest number we've had in the last five years by 25 percent."

Strange finished by thanking Rick for the event and said he was honored to speak as a member of the West Sac community.

Deputy District Attorney, Preston Schaub, spoke next. Preston is the West Sac Community Prosecutor, meaning he lives in West Sac and is the liaison between the DA's office and WSPD when there are problems in the community.

"Besides homelessness, I cannot think of any bigger problem than fentanyl in West Sacramento right now," said Preston.

Prior to COVID in 2018, fentanyl was not on anyone's radar, being that it was strictly in hospitals and used for pain relief by the microgram. In 2019 there was one death in Yolo County from fentanyl. In 2020 there were 8, in 2021 it was 13 and last year it was 28.

"By the time 2022 rolled around fentanyl deaths made up about 2/3 of our overdose deaths," Preston said, "And that matches up with the nation."

The DA Deputy's message was clear. Things are getting worse and will continue to get worse. Nobody can do this alone; community members must come together to share their knowledge and resources and tackle this. There must be open and honest communication about this.

The Fighting Fentanyl campaign provided literature explaining how easy it is to get the ingredients and supplies to make the fake pills. Fake Xanax, Oxy, and Percocet are made of fentanyl. Fake Adderall is made from methamphetamine. Furthermore, the literature stated that you must assume all M30s are fakes. Picture two grains of sand. That's how much Fentanyl it takes to kill you.

Free Fentanyl Test Strips were offered, and they can be obtained through Health and Human Services as well. During the presentations, Habitat for Humanity provided healthy snacks and Low Cost Liquor provided Gatorade and water.

Naloxone, or NARCAN, is a nasal spray and is the only thing that can reverse a fentanyl overdose. It can be found at schools, police departments, medical facilities and many other places.

Also available were cards that can be sent in for free NARCAN. However, during an overdose, individuals cannot self-administer the medicine. It is, therefore, advised to tell others around you so that if you need it, they know it's there. Additionally, it often takes more than one dose to reverse the effects – perhaps 5 or 6 doses.

Remember, two grains of sand is the difference between high and die. Assume that any pills that did not come from your own prescription are fake. Some decisions are just permanent. ★

New WIB Executive Director Announced

Yolo County News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Yolo County Health and Human Service Agency (HHSA) Announces that Erica Johnson is assuming the role of the Yolo County Workforce Innovation Board (WIB) Executive Director. Erica came to Yolo County from the east coast in July 2018 as the YoloWorks! Program Coordinator for Employment & Business Services with a background in employment, youth, housing, business and disability services. Erica has a Master's degree in Management from University of Maryland. In her short time with the County, Erica has helped to expand the array of services available through YoloWorks! Career Services, while also strengthening the relationships between the County, job seekers and employers.

With her ability to innovate and execute, Erica did not let the changing landscape posed by the COVID-19 pandemic slow down her progress in the community. She quickly pivoted to implement cutting edge virtual services through the use of Zoom, TalentSpace, and Google products to develop a Virtual Employment Center. Erica was instrumental in the launch of the Chromebook Loan to Own Program, expanding access to digital literacy through a Digital Workforce Readiness Certificate and Digital Badging

through MetrixLearning. Partnering with Google, Erica secured free Google Digital Certificates for Yolo County residents through the YoloWorks! Grow with Google Program. Currently, 251 Yolo County residents are actively completing course work that will result in a Google Career Certificate.

While balancing the demands of employment and business services, Erica spearheaded the County's dual purpose Great Plates Delivered program. This program provided healthy meals to eligible seniors and an economic stimulus opportunity for local hospitality businesses struggling to stay afloat during the height of the COVID-19 crisis.

As the pandemic becomes manageable and businesses normalize their operations, she continues to assist staff in revamping and maximizing opportunities for in-person services at the YoloWorks! Employment center locations.

As Erica assumes her new role as the WIB Executive Director and Manager over the Agricultural Labor and Business Services programs she will continue to use her solutions-based approach to any challenge that may come her way, which makes for an excellent and steadfast leader. We are thrilled to welcome her into her new role, and please join us in congratulating her on this exciting new endeavor. ★

MEMORIAL

FAIRY ANEL KALANUI • 5/25/1943 – 11/28/2022

Fairy Anel (Peterson) Kalanui passed away peacefully on Nov. 28, 2022, at her son's home in Yucaipa, CA. A longtime resident of West Sacramento, Fairy's home was always open and available. Fairy never knew a stranger and she was loved by everyone who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

An active lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Fairy served in many positions throughout her lifetime. She was also very active in the community and served in many organizations such as Bobby Sox, Boy Scouts, PTA and more. She attended Brigham Young University, Hawaii, which is where she met and fell in love with her husband, James. Fairy loved the Hawaiian culture and kept it alive by performing with her husband and children.

Fairy was preceded in

death by her husband, James Kalanui. She is survived by her five children and their spouses: Kimo Kalanui of Georgia, Lehua Tonra of Nevada, Iwalani White of many places, Kuuipo Kalanui of Saipan, and Kamuela Kalanui of California; two sisters Gay Reinhardt of California and Donna Sessions of Georgia, in addition to 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2667 Linden Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS

STUDENTS MAKING THE GRADE

We recognize local students who have achieved scholastic honors at their institutions of higher learning.

❖ ALFONSO RIVERA was named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ)

The following students were named to the Summer 2022 Dean's/President's List at Southern New Hampshire University (Manchester, NH)

❖ ELIZABETH LUGO (DEAN'S)

❖ STEPHANE TIENCHEU (DEAN'S)

❖ EMILIANO ROSAS (DEAN'S)

❖ XANDER BELL (PRESIDENT'S)

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Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO

November 3 - January 2, 2022



12-26-22 ANA BELTRANGARCIA arrested for DUI and DUI over 0.08% after alleged hit and run in a parking lot.

12-28-22 NICOLE STRATFULL Arrested for 7 warrants after Police responded to a call about a disturbance.

12-29-22 JAVIER GUTIERREZMARTINEZ Arrested for warrant.

12-29-22 BURNELL BLINDMAN Arrested for 3 warrants, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and appropriate lost property.

12-30-22 JOHNNIE GOINS Arrested for a warrant after causing a disturbance at Topline.

12-30-22 JUAN MONTEZDEOCA ARRESTED FOR WARRANT.

12-30-22 TREVOR BERGERHOUSE Arrested for five warrants, possession of controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia.

12-30-22 STEVEN POST Arrested for DUI and DUI alcohol above 0.08%

12-31-22 JOSHUA CUMBY Arrested for DUI alcohol/drugs/High BA/refusal to take test and DUI above 0.08% after ANR, WSFD and WSPD all dealt with him and after blowing a .35

01-01-23 Unknown suspect broke in business. Burglary.

01-01-23 LYNETTE BERETTA Arrested for warrant during transport from main jail.

01-01-23 JUAN DELAFUENTE Arrested for disorderly conduct after challenging the Police to a fight when then responded to a call about a fight between a couple.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

11-03-22 Victim address and mailed a check that was intercepted and cashed.

12-25-22 Three suspects allegedly entered a building on Port St. to steal items. Burglary.

12-26-22 Unknown suspects threw cement block at front door glass window causing the window to shatter. Vandalism.

12-26-22 Female suspect allegedly slapped a phone out of an employee's hand and slapped manager in the face. Battery.

12-26-22 Wallet was potentially lost in uber containing \$2,500 cash. 12-27-22 Found bb gun outside 7/11 on ground. Possible relation to other call.

12-27-22 Stucco and scaffolding stolen. \$30,000 loss. Grand theft.

12-27-22 Victim had two garages on Sacramento Ave. broken into. \$10,917 loss. Burglary.

12-27-22 Catalytic converters were stolen from 2 Penske trucks. \$2,000 loss. Grand theft.

12-28-22 Catalytic converter theft. \$1,000 loss. Grand theft.

12-28-22 unknown females shoplifted from Sally's beauty supply. \$867 loss. Petty theft and conspiracy to commit crime.

12-30-22 Victim's vehicle was broken into. Unknown suspect stole speaker/amp system from car. Vehicle was also vandalized. \$500 loss., Burglary, vandalism.

01-01-23 Vehicle was locked when left in parking spot. Suspeccts took pink slip, multiple pieces of mail, a survivalist backpack w/ multiple items inside, and siphoned the gas out. Burglary.

01-01-23 Vehicle broken into and handgun was stolen. Burglary.

01-02-23 Unknown suspect forced entry onto property. Burglary.

01-02-23 Burglary of warehouse.

01-02-23 Felony vandalism and attempted stolen. Take vehicle w/o consent and vandalism. \$4,000 loss.

01-02-23 EBT fraud that occurred with an amount of \$1,000 withdrawn out of account. Theft by forged/invalid access to card.

01-02-23 An unknown suspect entered residence and damaged walls. Burglary.

01-02-23 Burglary that consisted of approximately \$5,000 – 7,000 worth of items stolen at storage facility. Burglary.

How Environmental Law is Misused to Stop Housing



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

It's well known that the California Environmental Quality Act, signed by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan in 1970 and meant to protect the natural environment in public and private projects, is routinely misused to stop or delay much-needed housing construction.

Anti-housing NIMBYs in affluent communities misuse it to stymie high-density, multi-family projects, arguing that their neighborhoods' bucolic ambience would be altered. And construction unions misuse it to extract wage concessions from developers.

It's a long-running civic scandal and a major factor in California's chronic inability to reduce its severe housing shortage, one that cries out for CEQA reform, which former Gov. Jerry Brown once described as "the Lord's work." But neither Brown or any other recent governor has been willing to take on the task, which would mean confronting environmental groups and unions, two of the Democratic Party's major allies.

In the absence of comprehensive reform, governors and legislators sometimes grant CEQA exemptions for particular projects, such as sports arenas, or narrow categories of housing. However, CEQA misuse continues

and the courts have become venues for battles over its application.

Two recent state appellate court actions in the crowded San Francisco Bay Area – one expanding the use of CEQA by those who oppose housing projects and another that restricts its use – underscore the law's chaotic role.

Just before Christmas, one panel of the First District Court of Appeal issued a preliminary ruling that could open a new avenue for using CEQA to halt projects. It declares that a University of California student housing development in Berkeley violates the law because UC didn't consider the impact of having more people – 1,100 students – in the neighborhood, citing the potential of late-night parties and other gatherings that could worsen a "persistent problem with student-generated noise."

In other words, the court said that the presence of more people is an environmental impact – a novel theory that could hand anti-housing groups everywhere a potent weapon.

As UC law professor Chris Elmendorf tweeted about the draft decision, "The court's reasoning is devastating ammunition for racist white homeowners who would leverage CEQA to keep poor people and minorities out of their neighborhoods."

For example, he continued, "using the court's statistical-associations logic, white homeowners could argue that CEQA requires affordable housing developers to analyze and mitigate putative 'gun violence impacts' from any lower-income housing project in an affluent neighborhood. The homeowners would point to statistics

showing that poor people, and African Americans and Hispanics, are statistically more likely than affluent people and whites to be victims of gun violence."

A few days later, another panel of the same appellate court rejected efforts by a group opposing a 130-unit project in downtown Livermore, called Save Livermore Downtown, to employ CEQA. Attorney General Rob Bonta had interceded in the case, supporting the city's approval of the project and its win in Superior Court.

"Timing is critical for affordable housing projects, which often rely on time-sensitive funding sources like tax credits to finance development," Bonta said while intervening, adding, "Our state is continuing to face a housing shortage and affordability crisis of epic proportions. CEQA plays a critical role in protecting the environment and public health here in California. We won't stand by when it is used to thwart new development, rather than to protect Californians and our environment."

After the appellate court action, Bonta tweeted, "CA's housing crisis is dire. We won't stand by and let people misuse our laws to avoid being part of the solution."

The outcomes of both cases underscore the need for a fundamental CEQA overhaul to reinstate its original purpose, rather than continuing wasteful project-by-project skirmishes.

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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Dangerously Cold Weather



As a result of getting wet from rain, sweating, or being submerged in water for any reason, due to the cold, hypothermia can set in. Individuals who spend long hours outdoors like the homeless are at risk. Photo: Hubert Buratynski | Pixabay

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Every winter, when temperatures start to drop, people start having various health problems. Nobody ever thinks it will happen to them, but sickness and death are a real threat with severe temperature changes. Maybe it won't be you, but what if it's someone you love that gets stranded in the snow? It doesn't even have to be snow.

Hypothermia can set in at temperatures as high as 40°F. As a result of getting wet from rain, sweating, or being submerged in water for any reason, due to the cold, hypothermia can set

in. When exposed to cold temperatures, the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. This will eventually use up the body's stored energy, which will in turn lead to lower body temperatures.

When the body's core temperature descends too low, it begins to decrease brain activity thus causing the victim's thinking abilities to be diminished. Additionally, low temperatures also slow down physical mobility, which makes hypothermia even more dangerous, causing an individual to often times remain unconsciously in the cold for even longer periods. The most common victims

of hypothermia are older adults with inadequate food, clothing or heat, and babies sleeping in cold bedrooms. Individuals who spend long hours outdoors like the homeless, hikers and hunters are also at risk. Those using alcohol or illicit drugs are at high risk as well since their senses are already dulled.

Some of the signs of hypothermia for an adult are as follows: shivering, exhaustion or feeling very tired, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, and drowsiness. For babies – look for bright red skin, cold skin and very low energy. If you are concerned someone may be hypothermic, DON'T

WAIT. Hypothermia is a medical emergency. If you notice any of the above signs, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95 degrees, get medical help immediately.

If you are unable to get medical assistance right away, try to warm the person up. Get the person into a warm space. Remove any wet clothing. Warm the center of the person's body – chest, neck, head and groin – using an electric blanket if available. If one is not available, use skin to skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels or sheets. Warm drinks can help but no alcohol.

Even people that are not headed to the snow should have a winter kit in their car because you just never know what will happen. It may not be you who ultimately needs it. You may save someone's life. Keep a kit in your car that includes blankets, extra socks, juice and water. Other tips include keeping your gas tank full so that no ice forms in the gas tank or lines. Make sure your antifreeze levels are correct and keep extra containers of the fluid in your trunk.

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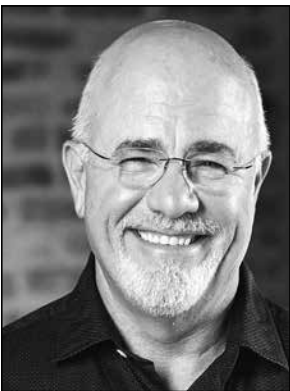
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Dear Dave,

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Dave Ramsey Says

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go into probate since I was listed as the beneficiary, and I was given a check for that amount. We've just never handled anything like this before, and my wife and I were hoping you would help us navigate things.

– Steven

Dear Steven,

There are a couple hundred thousand dollars in equity involved here. The fact that the will is

handwritten doesn't necessarily invalidate it, but it does increase the possibility of encountering some bumps down the road.

I'm not a lawyer, so the first thing I'd do is talk to a couple of probate attorneys in your county. Find out what they'd charge to handle things. I wouldn't spend thousands of dollars to get this done, but I would pay \$500, maybe \$1,000, to let someone who knows what they're doing handle things. If your county affairs people are right and everything's easy and straightforward,

it's not a lot of legal work for an attorney.

On top of that, if the attorney you work with knows folks at the courthouse and is familiar with how things work there, then it's kind of like traffic court, you know? It's almost automatic. I mean, we're only talking about three assets here — a bank account that's already been handed off, a car and a house that's mortgaged. For me, it'd be worth a little money to have someone on my side who knows the path through the woods.

I'm sorry to hear

your friend and neighbor passed on, Steven. But I hope I've been able to help.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions. ★

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/s/ Gary Whitesides, Manager
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/12/2022.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220907
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PDR 2-23-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. F20220972
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) commenced to

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Vencar LLC
S/ Bryna Athella Pascua, Managing Member,
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. F20220959
The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Petoonsy / Etoonsy, 813 Harbor Boulevard, #269, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on May 9, 2016, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Betty S. Miller, 820 Sinter Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The business was conducted by: An Individual.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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PETOONSY 1-20-23

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2022-2135

Angela Pena has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Angela Renee Pena to Angela Renee Ramirez; Ezra Michael Pena to Ezra Michael Pena-Ramirez.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 9, 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 13, 2022
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
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ANGELA 1-13-23

COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2022-2107

Scarlet Gamez Rivera has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of David Leandro Ochoa Gamez to Angel David Ochoa Gamez.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 7, 2022
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SCARLET 1-13-23

COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2022-2089

Matthew Lloyd Hummelgard II has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Matthew Lloyd Hummelgard II aka Alec Parker to Alec Hummelgard Parker.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 6, 2022
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
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MATTHEW 1-13-23

COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2022-2200

Wazir Mohammad Zalmi and Hascena 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
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WAZIR 1-20-23

COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2022-2171

Robert Cooper McKee and Sarah Marie Buer have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Colbin James McKee to Colbin James Buer McKee.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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ROBERT 1-20-23

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CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-0003

Kimberly Lynn Blancalana has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kimberly Lynn Blancalana, aka Kimberly Lynn Blancalana Esposito, Kim Esposito, Kim Blancalana, Kimberly Lynn Esposito to Kimberly Blancalana Esposito.

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 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: January 3, 2023
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 2023
KIMBERLY 2-3-23

LIEN SALE

PUBLIC LIEN SALE
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 01/30/23 @2:00PM: Cleveland Sudds household goods. Shelly Marquez Household items, clothes, furniture. Aspire Drinks Inventory. Diane Brandt Household Personal Items. FarCorp furniture. Jomari Morris household goods, Kenneth Mullins boxes, clothing. Eric Molavi Dresser, 5 boxes, Full size bed. Sean Micheal Moore household items, 1 bedroom apt. Deeta Perry household items. Nabi Hamdard speakers, boxes, mirrors. 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
1/13, 1/20/23
CNS-3656792# NEWS-LEDGER
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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Business and Professional Codes #21700-217 Section 2328 of the UCC of the Penal Code, Section 535 the undersigned, StorQuest Express Self Storage/Ramco St. of West Sacramento, will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of Jacob Stovall, Crissy Layne, Jason Washington, Rena Garrett, Johnny Manora, Emely Ramos, Michael Brown, Channa Gates, Brian Mitchell, Jessica Ramirez, Michelle Bone, Kelly Huffman, Karolyann Sisco, Jimmy Duncan, Quincy Forte, Cesar Cortez, Surinda Cole, Rebecca Hoffman, Jessica Montoya. Property to be sold: Misc. Items. Auctioneer Company: www.storage-treasures.com The Sale will end at 10:00 AM, January 28th, 2023. Goods must be paid in CASH at site and removed at completion of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between the owner and obligated party. 3005 Ramco St. West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916)241-8600
1/13, 1/20/23
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
GERTRUDE E. SPRINGER, AKA
TRUDY SPRINGER
CASE NO. PR2022-0269

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Gertrude E. Springer, aka Trudy Springer, deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Dean L. Springer, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Dean L. Springer be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: January 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: William E. Bernard, 1624 Santa Clara Drive, Suite 210, Roseville, CA 95661; 916-789-2266

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SPRINGER 1-13-23

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 101731-CA APN: 014-126-004-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/20/2007. 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

On 2/3/2023 at 12:45 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/27/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0015553-00 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: PAUL A. PUECH AN UNMARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 625 SMILAX AVE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$94,382.34 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 1-866-539-4173 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.SERVICELINKAUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 101731-CA. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, 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 (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 101731-CA 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: 1-866-539-4173 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117
Publish: Jan 6, 13, 20, 2023
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE
SELF STORAGE AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to the California Storage Act (Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code.)

West Sacramento Self Storage: Property is located in separate storage units at 2274 Lake Washington Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691. The auction will be conducted entirely online at: <https://bid13.com/> Auctioneer: Bid13.com 1-844-348-2776; agent for Owner. Contents such as household goods, clothes, children's toys, furniture, tools, and other miscellaneous items for the following lien units will be sold:

E135-MALINDA CRICHTON; E106-DESIREE WILLIAMS; B010-DONALD BONNER; H019-F110-C082-LEONARD RUBIO

Pictures of unit contents can be seen online. Bidding is held online beginning Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 at 9am and closes Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 12pm PST.

Payment must be paid for at the time of purchase. Cash only accepted. All items in the unit are sold **as is** and must be removed within two days of the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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Elk Grove Man Arraigned on Charges of Possession of Fentanyl

Yolo County DA News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On November 17, 2022, Jovan Jones, a 29-year-old resident of Elk Grove, CA, was arraigned in the Yolo County Superior Court

on charges of possession for sale and transportation of fentanyl. On November 15, 2022, at 8:40 a.m. Davis Police Officers were dispatched to a person who was “passed out” in his vehicle at the Chevron Gas Station in Davis, CA.

Davis police stopped the driver as he was leaving the gas station. The driver was identified as Jovan Jones who was on probation in Sacramento. A probation search revealed over 47 grams of presumptive fentanyl and over 78 grams of marijuana

suspected of being mixed with fentanyl, as well as assorted drug paraphernalia. Jones was arrested and booked into the Yolo County Jail on charges of 11351 H&S Possession of Narcotics for Sales, and 11352 H&S Transportation of Narcotics.

At his arraignment, Jones pled not guilty to the charges. Judge Samuel McAdam set bail at \$20,000. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for December 5, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Department 8. The CDC warns that

fentanyl is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. As little as 2 milligrams can be a lethal dose. For more information, see the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl> ★



Riley Reviews ‘BABYLON’ A DEPRAVED, DEBAUCHED SLOG; EPIX BECOMES MGM+

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“BABYLON” A DEPRAVED, DEBAUCHED SLOG
In the Paramount Pictures production notes for “Babylon,” this epic film is described as a tale of outsized and outrageous excesses that traces the rise and fall of multiple characters during an era of “unbridled decadence and depravity in early Hollywood.” This description of the period in 1920s Los Angeles is on the mark as well as oddly candid for the usual adulatory promotion that oozes out from a studio’s publicity machine. In fact, absorb the idea of rampant decadence and depravity as a warning. From the beginning moments when an elephant defecates on a worker transporting the animal to the debauched party set for that evening at the mansion of a Hollywood mogul, you should know it’s not the only grotesquerie that awaits. The party scene introduces the primary characters whose lives will intersect in different ways as the silent film era transitions to the talkies. The top star is dashing Jack Conrad (Brad Pitt), who evokes the likes of Douglas Fairbanks, John Gilbert and Rudolph Valentino.

the critics as well as the audience seems to be split, at least according to Rotten Tomatoes. In my view, “Babylon” is a three-hour-plus slog that is such a struggle to endure that if it had an intermission the temptation would have been to leave and cut my losses.

EPIX REBRANDING AS MGM+
The premium and commercial-free linear and streaming service EPIX is rebranding as MGM+ with a launch on January 15th timed with the Season Three premiere of the acclaimed series “Godfather of Harlem.” MGM has always been an archetypal brand in the world of cinema, and Michael Wright, head of MGM+ stated that the streaming service is a place for viewers to “find television that reflects and celebrates the legacy of the iconic MGM brand.” Simply stated, “MGM is television for movie lovers,” according to the streaming service’s desire to trade on its legendary brand to deliver “cinematic programming with sophisticated storytelling.” Current EPIX subscribers will be transferred to this new platform. One of the first programs to air on February 5th is the new true crime four-part docuseries that pulls back the curtain on America’s most infamous jewel thief Jack Roland Murphy in the provocatively titled “Murf the Surf: Jewels, Jesus, and Mayhem in the USA.” In October 2019, the New York Times published an article celebrating the 150th anniversary of New York’s American

Museum of Natural History. One of the most momentous events to take place on site was an epic jewel heist. This was the biggest caper in American history, mastered by a band of “surfer dudes” from Miami in 1964. The key to the operation was Jack Roland Murphy, otherwise known as Murf the Surf, whose name was propelled into pop culture after the heist. The heist created a notoriety that would stretch far beyond the caper. What followed Murf’s meteoric rise is a spiraling tale of unspeakable crime, murder, deception and mayhem which, to this day, remains shrouded in mystery. The documentary series explores the tumultuous life of the man behind the legendary nickname. Featuring exclusive access to Murphy himself prior to his death in 2020, the series addresses the blurred line between fact and fiction, faith and delusion, sanity and madness. The six-episode series thriller “A Spy Among Friends,” based on the New York Times best-selling book written by Ben Macintyre, dramatizes the true story of two British spies and lifelong friends, Nicholas Elliott and Kim Philby. Intelligence officer Philby became the most notorious British defector and Soviet double agent in history. His deeply personal betrayal, uncovered at the height of the Cold War, resulted in the gutting of British and American intelligence. Although a premiere date for “A Spy Among Friends” has not yet been set, it’s good to know that the cast features Emmy-winning actors Damian Lewis (“Billions”) and Guy Pearce (“Mare of Easttown”). ★

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TRUSTEE SALE
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 162209 Title No. 02-22009120 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/17/2006. 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. On 02/06/2023 at 1:00 PM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/27/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-0007768-00, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Jose Mercado, an Unmarried Man, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), At the North entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue,, West Sacramento, CA 95691. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 014-255-031 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be:728 Hardy Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and

advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$217,387.95 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 12/21/2022 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27455 Tierra Alta Way, Ste. B, Temecula, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 280-2832 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 (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - www.auction.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 162209. 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 Web site. 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 (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website www.auction.com or <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079/> for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case Ts# 162209 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. A-4768677 01/06/2023, 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023 SL_677 1-20-23

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 159899 Title No. 95525774-55 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/16/2005. 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. On 02/03/2023 at 12:45 PM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 06/21/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0029268-00, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Donald E. Bullard and Julia I. Bullard, as Trustees of the Donald E. and Julia I. Bullard Revocable Family Trust, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue,, West Sacramento, CA 95691. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 014-311-001-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1101 Hobson Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial pub-

lication of the Notice of Sale is: \$361,931.64 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 12/28/2022 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27368 Via Industria, Ste. 201, Temecula, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 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 (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - www.servicelinkASAP.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 159899. 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 Web site. 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 (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 159899 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. A-4769298 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/27/2023 SL_298 1-27-23



Preventing Crime in Your Neighborhood

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Willful Cruelty to a Child, Child Abuse, Robbery, Carjacking, Battery, Lewd and Lascivious Act with a Child, Shootings, Extortion, and more! Neighborhood watch is a way to reduce the chance of these things happening at yours and your neighbors' homes.

WSPD claims that the best crime-fighting tool ever invented is a good neighbor. With the Neighborhood Watch program neighbors are taught how to work with law enforcement, what to look for and how to report a crime. It includes when the report should go to law enforcement and when it goes to other agencies. They teach you when you should call 911 (when a crime is occurring

right then) and when you should call the non-emergency dispatch number (if the crime has already happened and there is no medical attention needed or threat of return by suspect). The program also teaches you what types of things you should report to West Sac Connect.

Most importantly, it's a good way to meet and get to know your neighbors. Once that happens you'll find that it is a good way to get reports on what crimes or incidents are taking place in your neighborhood so that you can protect yourself. At the meetings, you are introduced to neighborhood watch apps, taught strategies. In addition, many insurance companies will reduce your rates when they know you are part of

an active Neighborhood Watch program.

In the first meeting there is a list of items that you will be taught including how to set up the program, how to run it, what info your neighbors are specifically concerned about, what to look for, how to describe a person, vehicle or activity, location and direction of travel, when and if you are able to take photos or video, etc. Law enforcement will provide handouts.

If you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch program contact Ashley Irby, Police Services Coordinator West Sacramento Police Department, Community Outreach and Support at Ashleyi@cityofwestsacramento.org and she will be able to get you started. ★

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Flooding Continues

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“The investments we’ve made to the flood system have absolutely helped,” said Gary Lippner, the Department of Water Resources’ deputy director of flood management and dam safety. “At the larger scale, our system is much more ready for high-water events.”

The Central Valley has a long, painful history of deluges: The Great Flood of 1861-2, triggered by weeks of rain and snow, is still remembered as the worst disaster to ever befall California, inundating the entire valley, killing thousands of people statewide and devastating the economy.

The state’s capital city was built in a floodplain and requires an extensive system of dams and levees to protect it. Even now, federal, state and local authorities are in the midst of upgrading those defenses, particularly in the Sacramento region, where multi-year, multi-billion-dollar projects are underway.

Major improvements have been made in the region and more are underway, thanks to about \$1.8 billion in state and federal funds. The Army Corps and state have been upgrading about 45 miles of levees over a 5-year period, and work on the final 2.8 miles is scheduled to begin in the spring.

Among the structural upgrades are raising levee heights, boring as deep as 150 feet to reinforce levees to prevent seepage and piling rocks on riverbanks to reduce erosion.

“All of the work that we’ve done along the American and Sacramento Rivers are helping



Although the area has seen record numbers in terms of the amount of rainfall, the now-engorged Sacramento River is still several feet below flood stage. Photo courtesy DWR

Last weekend’s storm was relatively warm and produced rainfall at high elevations, where the liquid water fell on several feet of snow, melting it and magnifying the runoff into streams and rivers. Photo courtesy DWR

the current situation. We are not seeing flooding off these rivers,” Salyers said. The completed projects are now weather-tested, she said, and “performing the way we wanted them to.”

State officials expressed confidence that the Central Valley’s levees and bypasses will contain the deluges coming tonight and next week.

“We do have a significant amount of capacity within the bypass system in that 1,600 miles of levee, and I don’t anticipate ... there to be emergency management needs,” Lippner said.

But every flood-protection system has its limits.

Michael Anderson, a climatologist with the California Department of Water Resources, noted that impacts from the upcoming storm system could escalate to a “worst-case scenario” if it “becomes an unrelenting series of storms.”

Forecasters are warning residents in the Sacramento region and the Bay Area to prepare today and Thursday for yet another assault, this time from a “bomb cyclone” spinning in the Pacific that will not make land-fall but will amplify rain, wind and frigid temperatures along the coast and foothills.

Forecasters are expecting more atmospheric rivers — the powerful streams of tropical moisture that deliver most of California’s winter rainfall.

In the mountains that supply California’s reservoirs, snow

levels are now above average. The Department of Water Resources’ first snow survey of the season took place on Tuesday at Phillips Station, in the Sierra Nevada, west of Lake Tahoe. Scientists measured 55.5 inches of snow and a snow water equivalent of 17.5 inches. That’s 177% of average for this location. Statewide, snowpack levels are at 174% of average for that date.

Statewide, this is the best start to the snow season in 40 years, according to Department of Water Resources officials.

It would be hasty, though, to assume the ongoing storms and wet forecast mark an end to the prolonged drought. In 2021, record rains and heavy snowfall arrived between October and December. Then, California experienced its driest January-through-March — typically the state’s wettest months — in recorded history.

Experts say consecutive storms are made more dangerous by an already-soaked landscape’s inability to absorb more water. In addition to creating swollen creeks and mudslides, incessant rain reduces soils’ ability to hold vegetation, and California’s millions of drought-ravaged trees can easily fall over. Areas with wildfire burn scars are at risk of flash-flooding, officials said.

The state has established emergency shelters in Sacramento and San Mateo Counties and has stockpiled 3.7 million sandbags.

Some experts think the

flooding from the incoming storms could be tempered by the fact that the developing system is relatively cold. This will translate into more snow and less rain, at least at high elevations.

Last weekend’s storm was relatively warm and produced rainfall at high elevations, where the liquid water fell on several feet of snow, melting it and magnifying the runoff into streams and rivers.

The flood board updated Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, released last month, warns

of “1,000-year storm events ... and the need to act with renewed urgency and purpose before the next large flood event occurs in the Central Valley.”

The plan calls on nature-based solutions, like restored floodplains, and infrastructural improvements, like fortified levees near urban areas, to help reduce the impacts of higher-energy storm systems expected as a result of the warming climate.

Most of the historic floodplains along the Central Valley’s rivers have been separated from the water by levees. Scientists now say that restoring floodplains can be an effective flood control strategy by allowing surging rivers to spill their banks and shed their energy on unpopulated flatlands, rather than bursting through aging levees surrounding populated areas. Floodplains also provide fish and wildlife habitat and serve as groundwater percolation beds.

“It takes a lot of time for that water to find a way out,” said Mark Dickman, associate director

for data at the U.S. Geological Survey in Sacramento. “There’s just nowhere for it to go.”

It’s a persistent and familiar challenge: What to do with water when there’s too much and how to manage when there isn’t enough.

“We are built for this,” said Jeffrey Mount, a water specialist at the Public Policy Institute of California. “We built the system around the notion that we get occasionally wet years and mostly dry years. But, unlike the Colorado River Basin, where they can capture and control four years of runoff, we are full after one year. Our ability to store surface water is limited.”

The ongoing rains are already boosting California’s water storage system. Major reservoirs are rising, some rapidly. Folsom Lake was 29% full on Dec. 20, and as of Jan. 2 it jumped to 61%. The much larger Lake Oroville jumped from 29% to 38% in the same window — an increase of more than 300,000 acre-feet. ★



According to Gary Lippner, deputy director of flood management and dam safety for the Department of Water Resources, “The investments we’ve made to the flood system have absolutely helped.” Photo courtesy DWR