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2019 Year in Review

City granted control of levee care

BY MICHELE TOWNSEND

In March, the News-Ledger brought you a story about the “battle” for the governance, or control, of the upkeep and care of West Sacramento’s levee and storm drain system.

In the past, the levees that surround West Sacramento have been maintained by several organizations. The organization that held primary control was Reclamation District 900 (RD900). It, along with RD537, The Army Corp of Engineers, and a small section run by the City of West Sacramento, collectively care for and maintain the levee systems that completely surround city limits. In addition, RD900, along with help from the city (in some capacities), have been in charge of the care and maintenance of our storm drain system.

Due to the Local Reorganization Act in 2000, the City of West Sacramento submitted a proposal to Yolo County LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) for the reorganization of the care and maintenance of our levees.

LAFCO’s purpose is to oversee how local governments are spending money, and to assess and make changes when warranted to ensure the efficiency of services with that money. With the thought in mind that a single agency running the flood control system of West Sacramento, the City believes that it will be more cost efficient, and organized if all aspects of this come out of one office. City officials believe that the combination of needs will be more easily handled if the city assumes the responsibility of the overall operation, while reducing administrative overhead.

RD900 submitted a counter proposal that the care of the levees remain as is, but let the city take control of the storm drain system. They stated that their finances were proper, without being over or under budget.

On July 25, Yolo LAFCO conditionally approved the city’s proposal. LAFCO released a statement that, in part, states: “The proposal involves a reorganization to establish RD 900 as a Subsidiary District to the City of West Sacramento, detaching the City portion of RD 537 and its Sphere of Influence (SOI), annexing RD 537’s Detached Territory, RD 537’s SOI, and the Balance of RD 900’s SOI within the West Sacramento Basin Levee System into RD 900. These actions would consolidate West Sacramento Basin reclamation district services under RD 900 and the city council would act as its ex official board of directors in order to streamline the provision of flood control services in the West Sacramento Basin.”



New name for River Cats ballpark announced at Aug. 23 game

The River Cats revealed that its ballpark will be renamed Sutter Health Park at the conclusion of the 2019 season. With the new name and expanded community partnership, the River Cats and Sutter Health will team up on a variety of community-focused projects to improve the total health and wellness of the Sacramento region.

The surprise announcement was made Friday, Aug. 23 during a family festival attended by thousands of River Cats and Sutter Health employees from the Sacramento area, who cheered as the new name was unveiled.

“Sutter Health is excited to expand our nearly 20-year community partnership with the River Cats,” said Sutter Health Chief Operating Officer James Conforti. “Together we call this region home, and we are passionate about supporting our vibrant community. Communities are stronger when there is greater access to sports, athletics and outdoor activities, which are powerful ways to improve individual health and wellness.”

Known as Raley Field since the River Cats’ inaugural season in 2000, the name of the baseball stadium that’s the jewel of West Sacramento is being passed from one historic Sacramento-area institution to another. Raley’s began in the 1930s in the region and is based in West Sacramento. Sutter Health, which is headquartered in the capital city, began in 1923 with a hospital in midtown Sacramento and has become a leading Northern California healthcare provider.

Mayor of West Sacramento Christopher Cabaldon and Mayor of Sacramento Darrell Steinberg take questions from the media at the Sutter Health

Park announcement event, Aug. 23, 2019.

“The Sacramento River Cats and Raley’s have made a special imprint in our community. They are a part of our city’s history and will continue to shape our future,” said Cabaldon. “We welcome Sutter Health into their new role with the River Cats and all the different ways it will champion greater community health.”

As part of its collaboration, the River Cats and Sutter Health will together expand its support of youth physical and mental health, as well as access to play and the outdoors across the region. Plans include providing field makeovers for youth baseball and softball fields and promotion of youth mental health awareness.

Source: Sutter Health

<https://www.sutterhealth.org/newsroom/new-name-river-cats-ballpark-huge-hit-unveiling>

First phase of West Capitol make-over is complete

BY MICHELE TOWNSEND

The first phase of West Capitol’s makeover is completed. The city of West Sacramento reported that West Capitol Ave. has been reconfigured to include two way bike lanes, and the first section of that project has been completed. Last year, the News Ledger reported a meeting that was held at City Hall to gather the input of community members about what they thought the best option would be for including safer bicycle and pedestrian areas along West Capitol. There were several options to choose from, and a complete breakdown of each option.

The first section of West Capitol Ave that has been completed lies between West Capitol Avenue, by Capitol Bowl, to 5th Street.

The city has reported that this new section has the following features...

This project provides streets, sidewalks, and utilities for future mixed use development. West Capitol Avenue has been reconfigured to improve transportation to better accommodate bicycles, pedestrians and automobiles with these new additions:

Two-way separated bicycle path along West Capitol Avenue (Grand Street to 5th Street)

New traffic signal at Tower Bridge Gateway – 7th Street intersection

West Capitol Avenue auto segment converted to one-way (eastbound) for traffic

New 7th Street Segment (West Capitol Avenue to Tower Bridge Gateway)

7th Street Parking Lot with Accessible Ramps

The plans were as follows for the remainder of the rehabilitation project: Traffic Studies took place in the summer of 2018. Environmental clearance and Stakeholder focus groups occurred in fall of 2018. Community outreach took place in the fall and winter of 2018. Final design to be approved in winter of 2019 (the beginning of the year). Bidding will begin in the spring of 2019, and the goal for construction to begin is in June of this year.

Candido Ramirez, project manager, said, “The goal is to work that entire season (2019), until October-ish (until it rains), take the winter off and come back and work the entire season of 2020 to finish the job.”

West Sacramento flood control projects missed funding opportunities

Flood control projects in the West Sacramento area did not receive the requested federal funding for levee improvement projects, according to a June 25 Yolo County Grand Jury investigative report. The missed funding opportunities were significant. The Grand

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Flood

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Jury tracked the funding requests in an attempt to determine why this occurred.

California has large-scale flood management plans. However, it is the responsibility of each community to secure funding for flood protection. The West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA), comprised of the City of West Sacramento and Reclamation Districts 537 and 900, attempted to obtain funding for its flood protection projects. WSAFCA lacked extensive knowledge of the funding process and had little critical collaboration from regional, state, and federal agencies.

The Grand Jury found that the process local government agencies must follow to secure state and federal funding for flood protection is complicated and subject to change. It was

also found that it is essential to have specialists in flood control funding at the lobbying and consulting levels.

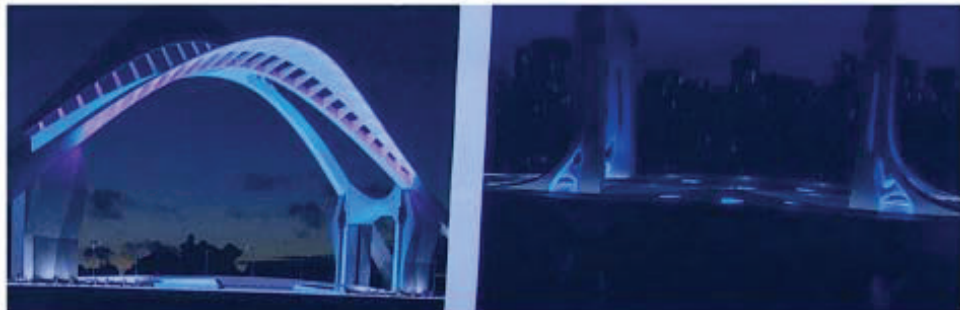
WSAFCA failed to secure federal funding for its flood protection projects in the last two budget cycles. The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) received its entire requested amount. When neighboring urban centers, such as Sacramento, strengthen their flood defenses, flood risk could be transferred to neighboring unimproved levees. In this case, the unimproved levees of West Sacramento and Yolo County could be at risk.

The Grand Jury developed three recommendations. First, the City of West Sacramento and WSAFCA should immediately establish and maintain clear, open lines of communication with supporting regional, state and federal partners. Second, they should maintain ongoing relationships with



consultants and lobbyists with expertise in current practices who specialize in flood protection. Finally, given the flood risk in most of our county communities, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors should lead the creation or reactivation of a county-wide flood protection collaboration group.

The purpose of the Yolo County Grand Jury is to act as a citizen "watchdog," to review and investigate citizen complaints about local government, and to report its findings and recommendations to Yolo County residents.



Raley's Landing: The transformation of the waterfront continues

The Teel Family Trust to further transform the Sacramento waterfront progresses with the latest design plans submitted to the City of West Sacramento for a mixed-use project adjacent to the Tower Bridge.

Mike and Julie Teel recently formed a partnership with Mark Friedman of Fulcrum Property in an effort to explore the site's development potential. The plans submitted include an exciting concept that will enhance, activate and connect both sides

of the waterfront by creating a residential, hotel and community experience unlike anything in the region.

The proposed project sits on the Raley's Landing development on the shores of the Sacramento River. The original dock was developed in 1981 by Tom Raley, founder of Raley's Supermarkets and grandfather to Mike Teel. Tom Raley's efforts to embrace the Riverfront led to the signing of The Raley's Landing Development Agreement between the City of West Sacramento, Raley's and the Teel Family Trust in 1996 and laid the foundation for the transformation of the Riverfront between the

Tower Bridge and the I Street Bridge.

"My grandfather was ahead of his time. He had a vision of developing the West Sacramento waterfront," said Mike Teel. "River 1 is the missing piece of my grandfather's legacy and I am honored to bring this project to life."

Raley's Landing spans approximately 18.2 acres located on the West shore of the Sacramento River. It is comprised of four parcels of land initially identified as the Washington Street Property, River 1, River 2 and River 3.

The River 2 site is home to the pyramid shaped Ziggurat building that marks the existing skyline.

Originally built by The Money Store in 1997, it is now home to the California Department of General Services. The River 3 site has been home to The California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) since 2008. In addition to their existing 400k sf, 17-story tower, CalSTRS recently announced approval for a 275k sf second building. The new building is scheduled to break ground this year with a targeted completion date of 2022. The Washington Street Property now houses the Capitol Yards apartments. The fourth parcel, River 1, sits directly across from the Old Sacramen-

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THIS 'n' THAT

Homemade for the Holidays



BY CAROL BOGART

Here's a farm fact I still find fascinating. My mom was a 'pioneer wife' at heart.

She'd "set-a-spell" with my aunt and grandmother to make quilts by hand (tiny even stitches. NO machine). Or, they'd 'visit' over bags of 'rags' for rugs. Old house-dresses supplied the rags (strips of cloth). Patterned dresses they no longer wore first became aprons with rickrack borders.

My grandma used words like 'tain't' and 'tisn't'. If 'a nice breeze' kicked up, damp sheets were soon billowing on the line.

For 30 years, Mom put up the harvest from dad's big garden. By age 11 or so I was allowed to help. I liked it – sitting under the apple tree, shucking fresh-picked peas with grandma, aunt Mabel and my mom.

We put up the crop from the fruit trees, too. Family favorite: mom's quince jelly.

Three decades later I bought a farm and planted two quince trees of my own. After a bee man put 12 hives in my walnut grove, the quince trees were loaded!

Aunt Mabel told me (by phone) how to make quince jelly.

I wrote down her instructions and picked as many as she'd told me to – plus a few extra, in case I made mistakes.

They were the first quinces I'd ever harvested. On dad's farm, I was tasked with moving the stepladder around the cherry tree to pick as



USDA PHOTO BY STEPHEN AUSMUS
A few quince varieties at a U.S. Dept. of Agriculture repository in Oregon.

many sour cherries as I could reach (before the birds got 'em). Peaches, pears, apples, QUINCES; black walnuts, morel mushrooms, dandelion greens (yuk) – all of that was mom.

I didn't think to ask my aunt what color a ripe quince should be.

And here's the thing. There's more to making jelly than ordering equipment from a cat-

alogue. Jelly-making is an art with many steps. Such as skimming the 'froth' off liquid quince before you pour said liquid into a jar. Then there's testing the liquid to see if it has 'set' (jelled). This involves endless repetitions of rolling a drop off a spoon. When the drop doesn't ... drop ... but clings, you are ready to seal the jar with paraffin

(wax). Presuming you've mastered how to melt it.

I never sealed a single jar. The liquid stubbornly refused to cling to the spoon. Perhaps due to the non-existent sugar content in bright GREEN quinces.

p.s. a ripe quince is yellow

The quince jelly project was an utter failure. Accepting that I would never be a pioneer throwback like my patient mother; I sold the jelly-making gadgets in the farm auction.

Since Pennsylvania Dutch figures in my ancestry, I thought Amish quince jelly might be similar to mom's when I found some for sale in Ohio's 'Amish country.' Bought four jars. Gave my brother two that Christmas.

We agreed that it was good. But not as good as mom's. (Is anything ever as good as mom's?)

I sometimes wonder if the nice young family that bought my farm kept the quince trees. Just in case, on the kitchen counter I left my aunt's instructions for making jelly from the quinces but with this caution: Quinces should be **bright lemon yellow** when you pick them.

One last thing. Doing research for this column, I read where you can ripen a green quince on your windowsill (like you can a semi-green tomato). As it ripens, the quince "will make your home smell like apples and vanilla."

huh. imagine that.

Makes me want a green quince for in my window.

Here's a link for buying Amish-made quince jelly: <https://www.amazon.com/Mrs-Millers-Home-made-Quince-Ounces/dp/BOOK00BRX4>. Comments, questions? Contact Carol at carol@bogarton-line.com.

Yolo County Library's announces the first annual Winter Reading Program

Capitalizing on the success of its annual Summer Reading Program, Yolo County Library is launching its first Winter Reading Program from Jan. 1 to 31.

The Winter Reading Program will use an online platform from Beanstack that allows participants to engage in reading challenges, log reading time and books, earn badges and prizes, and discover great books.

Yolo County Library will join over 1,500 schools and libraries across the nation offering reading challenges during the month of January. The Winter Reading Program, designed for adults and teens,

encourages participants to read at least 10 hours during the month of January to earn a free book. Alternatively, adults who complete the program can select the "Read Off Your Fines" option and have up to \$10 in late fines removed from their account in place of their finisher prize. Participants may complete optional activities to earn additional prizes. Pre-registration for the program begins December 19 at: yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org.

The Yolo County Library Foundation (YCLF) is sponsoring a three-year subscription to Beanstack, which aligns with one of their

top funding priorities to expand access to Yolo County Library's reading programs. The Beanstack software platform and mobile application will make it easier and more convenient for participants to record their reading habits anytime and anywhere and stay motivated throughout the program with more frequent incentives and optional reading suggestions based on their interests.

"I am thrilled that with the support of the Yolo County Library Foundation's generous donation to provide this platform and mobile application, we will make our reading programs more accessi-

ble for local readers," said Yolo County Librarian Mark Fink. "Additionally, we will be able to respond to direct feedback from our community to provide a more immediate and convenient way to log their reading time."

For more information about the Winter Reading Program, visit your local Yolo County Library branch or go to: www.yolocountylibrary.org. For more information about the Yolo County Library Foundation, visit: yclfoundation.org. Connect with the Yolo County Library on Facebook at www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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Department of Toxic Substances Control January 2020

Public Notice

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EMERGENCY PERMIT
Bayer U.S. LLC, CropScience
890 Embarcadero Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605

On December 6, 2019 the Bayer U.S. LLC, CropScience requested an Emergency Permit from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for on-site treatment of expired chemicals at 890 Embarcadero Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605. The items to be treated are two 4-liter containers of tetrahydrofuran.

The Clean Harbors Environmental Services company has been contracted to conduct this treatment. The chemical is potentially reactive and unsafe for transport in its present state. The treatment involves the addition of liquid solution to the containers to stabilize the chemical. Once the chemical is treated, it will be transported off-site for proper disposal. DTSC has determined that the chemical poses an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment if not properly managed. Therefore, an emergency permit should be issued. This Emergency Permit is effective from **December 20, 2019 through January 19, 2020**. The Emergency Permit includes measures to minimize any adverse impact to the community and the environment.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA): DTSC has determined that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA and filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse. The Emergency Permit, NOE, and Bayer U.S. LLC, CropScience's request for this permit are available for review at the following DTSC office:

DTSC Sacramento Regional Office
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
(916) 255-3758, call for an appointment

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/22/2019.

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/s/David Wu
Notice-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk.

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
State of California,
County of Yolo
Jesse Salinas,
County Clerk Recorder
Date: November 27, 2019
/s/Kimberli Quam,
Deputy Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILED NOV 15, 2019 FILE NO. 2019-965

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as **Team Tube**, 1075 Triangle Court, West Sacramento, CA 95605 in Yolo County.

Registered Owner(s)
RMCL, LLC, 2105 Ridge Pointe Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/15/2019.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor.)

/s/RMCL, LLC, Rolando R. Pozos Villarreal, Manager
Notice-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk.

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Jesse Salinas,
County Clerk Recorder
Date: November 15, 2019
/s/Kimberli Quam,
Deputy Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILED DEC 3, 2019 FILE NO. 2019-1012

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as **The Old Teahouse**, 825 Russell Blvd. #22, Davis, CA 95616 in Yolo County.

Registered Owner(s)
Sunrise Restaurant Group Inc., 590 Lentini Way, Sacramento, CA 95834
The business is conducted by: Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor.)

/s/Sunrise Restaurant Group, Tom Zhang, Sun Xian, President
Notice-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILED DEC 2, 2019 FILE NO. 2019-1010

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as **Farm Fresh to You**, 3880 Seaport Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 in Yolo County.

Registered Owner(s)
fieldTrue LLC, 3880 Seaport Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/30/2019.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor.)

/s/fieldTrue LLC, Freeman Barsotti, Managing Member
Notice-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. PT 19-2148

Petition of Stephanie Michelle Holm For Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Stephanie Michelle Holm filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Guyrlande Dorelus Holm to

Gyrlande Marie Holm
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 8, 2020
Time 9:00 a.m. Dept.: 8
The address of the court is: 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper

of general circulation, printed in this county:

The News-Ledger
Date: November 20, 2019
/S/Peter M. Williams
Judge of the Superior Court
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. PT 19-2365

Petition of Oleg Stiven Otkidychev For Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Oleg Stiven Otkidychev filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Oleg Stiven Otkidychev to

Oleg Mysyn
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: February 3, 2020
Time 9:00 a.m. Dept.: 7
The address of the court is: 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
The News-Ledger
Date: November 15, 2019
/S/Stephen L. Mock
Judge of the Superior Court
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. NO. 19-20496-SP-CA Title No. 190902322-CA-VOI A.P.N. 046-351-001-000 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE:

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Date of Sale: 01/10/2020 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$246,299.72 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1650 Randolph Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. 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 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. 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personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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:
Date: **January 9, 2020**
Time: **9:00 a.m.** Dept: **10**

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Yolo 1000 Main Street, Woodland, California 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.
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PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



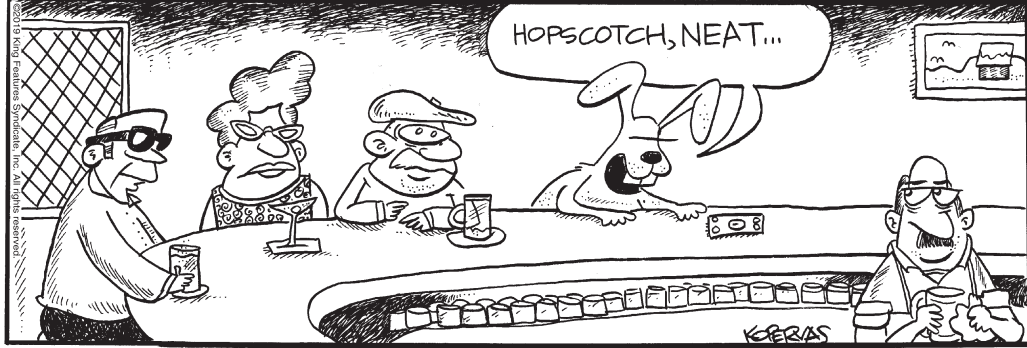
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

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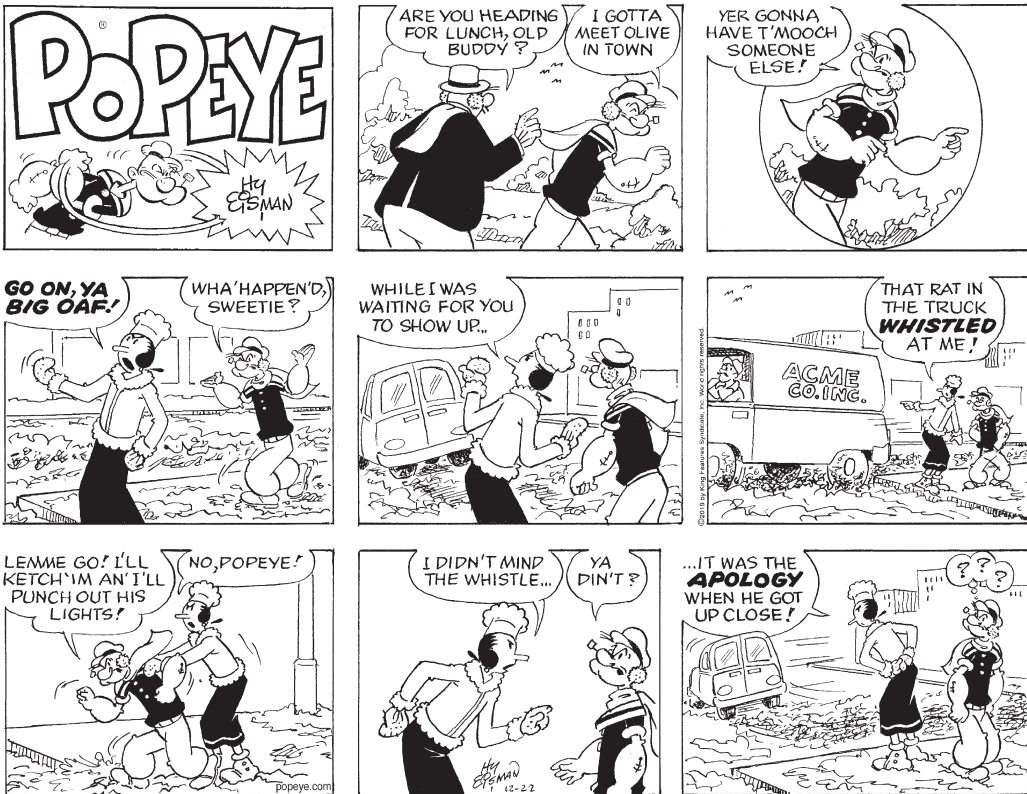
Puzzle Answers are on page 8

Super Crossword

COUNTING DOWN

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nothin' at all
 - 4 Got on board
 - 12 — Hill (Theodore Roosevelt's home)
 - 20 Altar
 - 21 promise
 - 21 Quiche —
 - 22 Zealous campaigner
 - 23 With
 - 39-Down, business for attorneys
 - 24 Dreams up
 - 25 Enrobing
 - 26 Thorax
 - 28 Cloister resident
 - 29 Native
 - 31 See
 - 69-Across
 - 32 Lena of "The Wiz"
 - 33 Gal at a ball
 - 34 Big fashion inits.
 - 35 Blue shade
 - 37 Haul to court
 - 38 "Time — the essence!"
 - 40 Wagged part
 - 42 Closest to nil
 - 46 Verizon competitor
 - 49 Artificial hair
 - 51 Skier
 - 89 Tommy
 - 52 Ali or Frazier
 - 53 Klutz type
 - 54 Radon, e.g.
 - 55 Indian "Mr."
 - 56 Dangerous way to skate
 - 58 Haglike
 - 60 Darkened
 - 62 Uprightness
 - 63 Like radon
 - 64 Actress
 - 65 Alluring
 - 66 Kanga's son
 - 67 Pitched shelter
 - 68 "— knew?!"
 - 69 With
 - 31-Across, start to enjoy
 - 70 Snooze site
 - 71 Like sexist
 - 69-Across jokes and such, for short
 - 75 Mai —
 - 76 Ring official
 - 77 "Piggy"
 - 78 River of Grenoble
 - 79 Like much hemp
 - 83 Actress
 - Cuthbert
 - 85 Was deeply agitated
 - 86 Air impurity
 - 88 Battle (for)
 - 89 Favorite
 - 90 "— -haw!" ("Whee!")
 - 91 Bicolor snacks
 - 92 Slender fish
 - 93 Polar laborer
 - 94 Hit into from behind
 - 96 1988 Olympics
 - 97 Is in a hole
 - 99 Film scorer
 - Schifrin
 - 101 Sportage or Soul maker
 - 102 Clairor products
 - 104 Gibbon, e.g.
 - 106 — -relief
 - 107 White wader
 - 110 Enthusiasm
 - 113 Soup
 - 115 Dandy fellow
 - 116 Full of cheek
 - 117 Rift-causing
 - 119 Least near
 - 122 Sci-fi gift
 - 123 Hand-thrown weapons
 - 124 Scottish beef animal
 - 125 Scrabble 4-pointer
 - 126 Right to use another's land
 - 127 Opera text
 - 128 Scrabble 1-pointers
 - 30 Trendy
 - 36 Typical lab rat, e.g.
 - 39 See
 - 23-Across
 - 41 It has a charge
 - 43 Pivotal line
 - 44 Split-off group
 - 45 Deuce follower
 - 46 Specifically
 - 47 Neighbor of Quebec
 - 48 Place (down)
 - 50 * Request for a hand slap
 - 57 Engine cover
 - 59 LCD
 - alternative
 - 60 Ski —
 - 61 Consume
 - 64 * Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman
 - 68 "Hold on!"
 - 69 Styling stuff
 - 70 Furry scarf
 - 71 Consume
 - 72 Occasion to shout out the ends of the answers to this puzzle's starred clues (from left to right)
 - 73 Dress fussily
 - 74 Handed over
 - 75 In this way, informally
 - 76 Withdrawal
 - 77 * "She Loves You" band's nickname
 - 78 * Tangoing truisms
 - 79 Lofty poetry
 - 80 Heart
 - 81 Toast topper
 - 82 * A state of bliss
 - 84 Window area
 - 85 View
 - 87 Rustic denial
 - 89 View
 - 95 Capital of Latvia
 - 98 Helical form
 - 100 Taoism founder
 - 103 Omit in speech
 - 105 Nicholas Gage memoir
 - 108 City in Germany
 - 109 Styles
 - 110 Knife feature
 - 111 Old Italian currency
 - 112 Bird class
 - 114 Bird hangout
 - 118 Snead of golf
 - 120 Classic British sports car
 - 121 Hard drinker

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Waterfront

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to Waterfront, between the Tower Bridge and the Ziggurat building. The plans submitted by the Teel and Friedman partnership include an initial phase of the development that consists of approximately 57 residential units, a 193 room boutique hotel, restaurant/bar, and retail space. The two building structures are planned to surround a shared outdoor space that leans into the river, offering views of Tower Bridge, The Old Sacramento Waterfront and Downtown Sacramento. The project would offer the region a first of its kind; urban living on the waterfront.

“Raley’s Landing is one of the most significant redevelopment efforts in the history of Sacramento. We look forward to partnering with the Teel’s on further extending that legacy,” Friedman said.

Second Bridge Replacement Workshop Held

BY MICHELE TOWNSEND

The second of three planned, community workshops was held at River Walk Park, on Wednesday, July 10, to gather community input on the I Street Bridge Replacement Project.

The new bridge will cross the Sacramento River between the Sacramento rail yards and the West Sacramento Washington neighborhood and will provide a new automobile, bicycle, transit and pedestrian crossing.

In other words, on the West Sacramento side, we enter the current I Street Bridge from C Street, right next to Burgers and Brew. The on-ramp curves to the right before we approach the bridge, and comes out at the top of Jaboom Street on the Sacramento side of the river.

Plans show that we will enter onto the new bridge at the same place, however the on-ramp will curve to the left with the other side of the bridge coming out at Railyards Boulevard on the Sacramento side (Railyards Boulevard is the street at the base of current Jaboom on-ramp). The I Street Bridge will remain. It will still be used by the railroad, and the top part (where we currently drive) will be transformed into a beautiful pedestrian and bike path.

The total project construction for the new bridge is estimated at \$150 – 250 million. The cities have identified approximately \$138 million thus far in state and local funding and are continuing to seek additional funding.

The two cities have agreed to share the local expenses associated with the construction of the bridge.

Project manager of the West Sacramento side and co-project manager of the entire project Jason McCoy said, “By Sacramento taking the lead in this project, it opened us up to funding that would not be available to us if West Sacramento were in charge. However, it is a definite combined effort and we are working together to meet everyone’s needs.” He continued with “This is a huge project, with many aspects to be considered. For example, lighting on the river can affect fish, how will the traffic affect residential, etc.”

At this stage, the design team has narrowed it down to four designs, named: Thru, Garden, Spring, and Solar Arch. This workshop provided a layout of each design and specific details about each. A booklet was given to each visitor that included an overview of information from the first information gathering workshop as well as information and questions, such as: Does it have the benefits of plant life? Or, is it solar powered? Can drivers see the river from the road or are they forced to focus on the road? Are there places to sit and look at the river? Are there amenities? Is the path wide path for all to share, or will there be travel zones will it include that separate faster commuters from slower site-seeing pedestrians? Should the design be grand and iconic or should it blend in?

The design team also gathered opinions on the importance of plant life, the material that should be used, whether shade is vital or a luxury and if aesthetic lighting should be visible or minimal at night.

Information that was gathered or explained during this workshop was primarily about the Replacement Bridge, but Chris Dogherty, project designer of West Sacramento’s bike path system, was on hand to answer questions about any plans for the conversion of the I Street Bridge, once the replacement bridge is built. “Timing will be key when it comes to funding” said Dogherty.

West Sacramento and Sacramento are working together to ensure that this project meets the needs of everyone that uses it.

Former West Sacramento School District Employee Convicted of Misappropriation of Public Funds

A Yolo County jury convicted 46-year-old Mary Ann Elizabeth Colby, of West Sacramento, of embezzling over \$16,000 from the Washington Unified School District in West Sacramento from July, 2012 through October, 2013.

The jury heard evidence that Colby, a former administrative assistant in

the WUSD Business Office, was in charge of creating invoices for facilities rentals. Colby would not log the invoices properly and then pick the checks up in the mail. Even though it was outside of her job responsibilities, Ms. Colby would volunteer to make trips to the bank to deposit funds raised as part of fundraisers and field trips for schools in the district. Once given the deposits, Colby would take cash in an equal amount to the checks she had collected.

Colby’s deception was sophisticated and difficult to detect by the school district. Colby’s scheme was only discovered after she collected a check that the district’s bookkeeper was expecting. Once the bookkeeper saw a copy of the check, she recognized the Colby’s handwriting and the district immediately launched an investigation.

After reviewing 21 deposits over a 15-month time period, a Certified Forensic Accountant, hired by the district, was able to determine that Colby took at least \$16,028.82, but that losses to the district could have risen to \$60,000 during the time Colby was in charge of facilities rentals for the district.

Colby was convicted of felony violations for Grand Theft, Misappropriation of Public Funds, Keeping a False Account, and Fraudulently Alter-

ing or Falsifying an Account. Deputy District Attorney Michael Vroman, who prosecuted the case, said, “Public employees are trusted with using the public’s money for the public good. They are held to the highest of standards. Ms. Colby is being held accountable for violating the trust the community placed in her.”

Colby is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Janine Bero-nio, who presided over the trial, on November 22, 2019. Depending on the recommendation from the Yolo County Probation Department, Colby’s sentence could range from probation with up to a year in jail to up to three years in County prison.

THIS ‘n’ THAT: City planners side with Rivers developer

BY CAROL BOGART

I asked to see the new Rivers Master Plan and Environmental Impact Report that allowed 50-plus trees to be destroyed in natural acreage off Lighthouse north of Douglas at the Rivers.

Here is the city’s response to my public records request for these documents:

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This 'n' That

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West Sacramento Public Records

Hi there
A message is now available for you to see for records request #19-180:

No subsequent CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) was determined to be needed with the design review application that was processed for the Strand Apartments by MBK Rental Living. Planned Development 29 permits by right multifamily where the Strand Apartments are being constructed. PD-29 has a certified EIR which was prepared November 2005.

I have many questions. After 2005 (I only moved to West Sac in 2008), I obtained a copy of the then-approved Master Plan and CEQA for the Rivers from the Rivers Homeowners Association. In addition, when, some years later, Richland (then-Homes) Communities (which the city says still owns the Rivers) bought the property, I interviewed the company rep and reviewed the mockup of Richland's proposed Phase 1 and Phase 2 spread out on a table in the Welcome Center. It's continued development of the property did not include a 400 units new apartment complex.)

The following (somewhat rewritten) response to the city references those documents and research:

I have a copy of the original Rivers MP and EIR. The approved density (number of people/vehicles) near, but not where, this apartments megastructure is to be built, was for three or four 2 to 3 story high end condo buildings at the corner of Douglas and Lighthouse (and originally included a ground floor collection of little businesses, such as a café, laundry, maybe bookstore. It did not approve a 400 units apartment building with clubhouse to the rear of this old parking lot, which will have a new huge parking lot to serve those 400 units.

Since the natural area behind some of the houses in the 800 block of Lighthouse is where (so far) most of the trees were destroyed, and it's not where the complex is building built according to a Richland employee, perhaps this is where the massive parking lot will go.

More than 50 trees – with active bird nests, some with bronze tags designating them as valuable trees – were woodchipped. Destroying such trees is specifically prohibited in the EIR approved by the council prior to Richland acquiring the property. Richland's rep, when the property changed hands, told me, quote, "no changes would be made to the original MP" or Richland would "have to do a new EIR." What happened? Did the state say no to the company's request for a levee en-

croachment easement to sell those remaining 12 pricey lots topping its too-short, leaking, not setback levee – and this is its consolation prize?

How was 'no new EIR (CEQA) needed' decided? Were there public hearings for all West Sac residents? If so, please mail me a copy of those notices. Did it go before the council three times? Please mail me the minutes of those meetings, as pertains to this issue. Please also mail me a hard copy of the renderings for these 400 high-end multifamily apartments, complete with the parking lot plus the planned width of each parking space plus how many, the dimensions and amenities of the clubhouse (will it have a pool? How big?) and the mitigations for these lost trees and impact to the birds and wildlife.

Please include in this mailing the performance deadlines: when ground will break; when prospective tenants can tour the buildings; how many units will be 2-bedroom; when the buildings will be open for occupancy; what will be each unit's amenities? When will leases be signed plus what will be allowed and what will not (example: dogs)? What is the anticipated loss of property value for existing Rivers' homeowners? What are the projected impacts re: construction noise, increased traffic, air pollution, public safety (police and fire), West Sac schools? The corner of the Rivers property that was supposed to be a new school in the original MP proved to be too contaminated to risk letting school kids come in contact with the soil. What sort of soil and groundwater tests have been done for these family apartment buildings, where construction work (such as moving

disturb trenches in this known landfill?

An interior street that's to be abandoned (off Lighthouse access to the current Rivers Aquatic Center) has been used for years (as approved in the original EIR/MP) by many neighborhood residents – for exercise, physical therapy, family outings (children in strollers), dog walking, and, previously, bird and wildlife watching. Closing it, as is part of this Richland plan – this doesn't constitute a material change to the original EIR? Taking down old growth redwoods with bronze tags – in part to create a new entrance off Douglas for this MASSIVE project – no new EIR was needed to do that? And, a little history, why was Richland permitted to turn off irrigation during drought years to all of this former golf course, weakening previously healthy trees and turning understory into a wildfire hazard? When the city watered some of the stressed trees using water trucks – was that cost passed on to Richland? How about the city's disking of the property to reduce the risk of wildfire after the understory (former golf course landscaping; native grasses and wildflowers; habitat for an abundant array of wildlife, songbirds and raptors) dried out and died? Did Richland compensate city taxpayers for the expense in manpower and fuel incurred by West Sacramento?

As the trees were being destroyed across the street, I asked the city's information officer if Richland Homes still owned the former Grupe property (Rivers) and the answer was "Richland Communities." MBK Rental Properties is – who? Richland's rental arm? In a minute here, I'll look it up. If, as the city claims, this apartment project ad-

heres to the original MP and EIR (which clearly, it does not), where will it put that 4-5 acres new PARK promised West Sac's northside residents as mitigation/compensation for the loss of the public golf course? It's been over a decade since that promise was made. Richland's rep said Richland paid the city the \$1.6-million Grupe stifled it. Where's the park?

Will it be disclosed to new Rivers residents that they'll be living on property that used to be Sacramento's city landfill – and presently is prone to flooding? Or does Richland plan to update the section of its levee that does not conform to the state standard for flood protection? Richland's rep told me not getting the levee easement so as to sell/develop those lots was a 'risk' for Richland, but that the company got the entire property 'so cheap' that Richland could afford to 'sit on it and just wait' for the single family housing market to pick back up. Please mail me the levee improvement plans as approved by the Army Corps of Engineers including the completion date – which, for the safety of Rivers' and all West Sac residents, will, presumably, predate the groundbreaking for any new dwellings on this property?

And, finally, a Facebook follower of mine has asked: "Where are your mayor, and council?" So, I've asked the city: Were Richland's present impacts – current and future – taken to the city council for a vote? If so, please provide date, and minutes, of that vote.

Carol Bogart lives across the street from what has been happening at the Rivers, and has personally seen two ready-to-fledge Mockingbird nestlings dead on the ground after the tree company hired by Richland Communities (Davey Tree) destroyed Rivers' trees during migratory bird nesting season. Contact Carol with thoughts, comments (and corrections, if any), at carol@bogartonline.com.

Three Sisters Gardens: Growing food and community in Broderick

BY STACY GROW

When Broderick resident Alfred Melbourne was released from prison

three years ago, he knew he wanted to give back to his community. But he wasn't sure how. He had just served 18 years in prison, due to bad choices he made in his youth. Prison was "a horrible experience" for Alfred. "Sitting in jail, I wondered how I could stop people from having to experience what I did. I wanted to give young people a better opportunity."

Last year, Alfred was intrigued when local activist Francisco Gonzales offered the use of an empty lot on C and 4th Streets as a potential space for a community garden. Alfred accepted the offer, but his vision was more expansive than just planting a garden. He wanted to create a program where he could teach young people how to grow food and eat healthier, while providing mentoring and community engagement.

The first step to achieving his dream? Removing 30 bags of garbage from the vacant property and testing the soil for contaminants. When the results came back clean, Alfred planted seeds and installed water lines. Friends and neighbors came out to support the garden. The initial crop of summer vegetables grew well, and harvests were distributed to community members.

Last August, Alfred officially started a nonprofit called Three Sisters Gardens. "Three sisters" refers to the trio of beans, corn, and squash that Native Americans planted together to strengthen and support each other's growth. Drawing on his Native American ancestry, Alfred based the nonprofit on "traditional native teachings of protecting our Mother Earth and respecting all living things."

Alfred says that his goal is to empower and inspire youth through gardening. "Being born and raised in Broderick, I've seen a lot of young people who got in trouble due to lack of programs that help them. Yolo is the third highest county in the state for juveniles being involved in the criminal justice system. I wanted to create a program where we can bring young people out and teach them something they can use."

Alfred wants to work with more young men like Miguel Lopez, a frequent Three Sisters volunteer who lives across the street from

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Gardens

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the garden site. With a mom who leaves for 12-hour work shifts at 1 a.m. and a father who has always lived elsewhere, high school sophomore Miguel has long had an abundance of unsupervised free time. Last year, Miguel says his grades were poor and he had started to “get in trouble”. Then he met Alfred.

For the first time in his life, Miguel began learning how to grow food. He says volunteering has been “beneficial” for him. “It makes me feel good because I get to learn about vegetables from Alfred. It also keeps me out of trouble.” Miguel says he wants to get more of his friends to come out and volunteer. Alfred notes this is exactly what he wants to accomplish. “Now, as Miguel comes out, he sees there’s a place where he can get respect and acknowledgement from people who are looking out for him. He has a safe place where he can be himself. We want to get more youth involved where they can have a place where they can learn.”

Alfred is both pleased with the progress he has made towards this goal and excited for what the future holds. The community stepped up to support Three Sisters Gardens on December 22 when the nonprofit held its first fundraiser, a tamale feed at the Bryte VFW Hall. Funds were raised to support the gardens and over 100 community members attended, including City Council member Martha Guerrero. Guerrero says that the work being done at Three Sisters Gardens “is enriching our community”. She calls it “a valuable project that teaches culture, history, values, and community collaboration. I look forward to proving additional support in any way I can.”

According to Alfred, his work is just beginning. Starting this spring, he will actively farm a second West Sac location, an urban farm at Douglas Street and Cummings Way. Plans are also under way for a second Three Sisters Gardens site at D-Q University, a tribal college located in Davis. Readers can

follow “Three Sisters Gardens” on Facebook, or email threesistersgardens@yahoo.com for more information.

Another church loses its home, and with it the Winter Warming Center had to vacate by mid-March

BY MICHELE TOWNSEND

For a while now, Mayor Christopher Cabaldon has ‘led the troops’ in beautifying West Sacramento. As part of those efforts they have really tried to clean up West Capitol Avenue, by either cleaning them up, renting out the empty buildings with businesses, tearing them down or starting from scratch.

I’m sure that West Sac natives remember that funny shaped building between Silvey’s Hotel and Budget Inn. The actual address is 1020 West Capitol Ave. For years, it kind of appeared abandoned and had the occasional graffiti across the face of the building. Then, about six years ago, they got the place rented out. The temporary chain link came down, it got a paint job, and a little TLC. The West Sacramento Community Church had moved in there, and they were fixing her up!

It wasn’t long before we started seeing a lot of activity there. Occasionally, we would see a good size group of people coming out of the back with smiling faces and painted kids’ faces! They hosted four major events on the grounds during their time here. The West Sacramento Community Church began 12 years ago, but has spent the last six in this home. Not a giant congregation, around 30 – 40 people, but that is part of its charm. In addition, it was a nonjudgmental and loving atmosphere for those in our community that are most in need.

Led by Pastor Ray, with the love and assistance of his wife Pastor Maria, The West Sacramento Community Church was a place that people were not shunned away. They were not talked down to, or scowled at... they were welcomed.

Like many churches, this isn’t just a building. On the second and fourth Wednesdays, and the second and fourth Sunday, they handed out food boxes to those in

need. They were also a part of serving hot meals each month. They offered counseling, clothing, and classes that celebrate recovery. They were even apart of the first annual Winter Warming Center.

Well, I guess it is onward and upward with the “beautification of West Sacramento”. The West Sacramento Community Church must leave. On March 13, they had to vacate the building so that it can be leveled, to make room for a new hotel. The problem is, they have nowhere to go!

As a church and non-profit, any money that was raised went to “keep the lights on”. Any leftover went to supplies such as toiletries for the unfortunate.

Cities of West Sacramento and Sacramento announce name selections for two important spots on waterfront Both cities to honor grandmothers with strong contributions to the community

BY STACY GROW

On October 16, the cities of West Sacramento and Sacramento announced that two names have been selected for an art project that renames two public docks on the Sacramento riverfront.

The project, called “River Crossing: I want to communicate with you”, is commissioned by the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, and will be created by British artist Joshua Sofaer.

This summer, residents of both cities were asked to nominate people to be commemorated by the project. After receiving over 650 nominations, a panel of five local judges selected the two winning entries: Isabel S. Naranjo and Etenesh Zeleke. An existing dock in Old Sacramento will be renamed after Isabel S. Naranjo and a new dock currently under construction in West Sacramento will be named after Etenesh Zeleke. The judges noted that both women were nominated by their granddaughters, demon-

strating “the importance of intergenerational role models.”

Isabel S. Naranjo was a migrant farmworker with a 4th grade education. She was a single mother and provider who later “received her college degree and became an advocate for migrant families”. She helped establish child-care centers for children of migrant farmworker families and secure funding for meals, recreation, and education. She also frequently delivered supplies, food, and clothing to migrant farmworkers families. The judges wrote that Naranjo “gives immigrant children hope that they too can achieve their dreams”. They stated that by renaming the dock after Naranjo, they hope that visitors to Sacramento will “see the city as a place that welcomes immigrants with open arms.”

Etenesh Zeleke, whose first name translates to “you are my sister,” immigrated to West Sacramento from Ethiopia in the 1990’s. Her full story appears at the conclusion of the article. The judges said they were “inspired by her unique story of modern immigration, the abundance of love she had for her family, and her connection to the river.” They appreciated the balance she struck between helping her family integrate into their new community in West Sac “while maintaining ties to their Ethiopian heritage through gatherings and storytelling”. Finally, the judges were “drawn to the beauty and uniqueness of her story and believe everyone can see a part of themselves in Etenesh.”

Etenesh passed away in 2016, but some of her family still lives in the Sacramento area. Her granddaughter Selam Bekele, who submitted her grandmother’s name, expressed gratitude to the River Crossing panel for selecting her nomination. “It means a lot for my family and I to have a space to celebrate our Emama and rekindle our ancestral relationship with the river. I’m grateful for Abaynesh, my great-grandmother, for finding me on that rainy evening in New York when I was writing this story. It’s an honor to share her story, and our story, and continue to build relationship through memory.”

“Etenesh Zeleke’s name and story carry forward a message about the rich intergenerational

history of immigrants that helped build West Sacramento,” said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon. “The West Sacramento nominations overall revealed how strongly our residents value and hold connections with their neighbors, friends, and family as an important City legacy.”

The panel of judges who selected the names included West Sacramento residents Jess Millbourn of Devil May Care Ice Cream and River City High School music teacher Felicia Weatherly. The panel was rounded out by news reporter Leticia Ordaz, art commissioner Maya Wallace, and poet/activist Yeshahyah Yisrael.

As a final component of the art project, glowing lightboxes will spell the names of Naranjo and Zeleke in colorful maritime signals at their respective locations along the Sacramento River. The installation will occur in early 2020.

Along with the selected two names for the docks, a total of 33 nominees, their photos, and the submitted stories will be available on the project website: www.rivercrossing.name. Etenesh’s full story follows:

Etenesh: “You Are My Sister”

In East Africa, the Nile River has always been a point of friendship. Wherever the river runs, the people would gather. The river is where people would take a break, share their secrets, and pour

their stories into a vessel that will never overflow.

Growing up in West Sacramento, my river was my grandmother, Etenesh. As the story goes, my great-grandmother was an only-child who carried the weight of loneliness. She had no one to grow up with, and no one to hear her stories. So when her daughter was born, she named her Etenesh which means “You Are My Sister”. Etenesh was her announcement of friendship, and a proclamation of the end of her loneliness.

Etenesh went on to have 11 children, who each had children of their own, and we all emigrated from Ethiopia to West Sacramento in the mid-90s. At first, it was difficult to adjust to a new country, a new culture, and cope with the longing for our homeland. But every week, we went to visit our river, and build a community full of laughter and joy. West Sacramento became a second home, and new memories began to flow.

Etenesh was my river in the way that she carried my family through infinite journeys and provided a fluid space for communal storytelling. Etenesh lived in a small home in West Sacramento and passed away in 2016. She was a stream of hope for her mother, and continues to provide solace wherever she flows.

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VETERANS-HELPING-VETERANS: A group of military veterans is forming a local Veterans Discussion Group to meet, explore and discuss issues of common interest. Anyone interested in participation or in getting more information can do so by

sending a contact e-mail to: AmVetNet@yahoo.com, Subject: VETERANS-HELPING-VETERANS. You will receive dates, time and location for our discussion assemblies; and recover some of the camaraderie that we remember from service time. Any military veterans from any and ALL periods of service are invited to join us and

explore the possibilities. We plan to meet at VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 8762, 905 Drever Street, West Sacramento. If you have any interest in a veteran or patriotic issue or idea, e-mail: AmVetNet@yahoo.com for support and information.

RIVERFRONT FARM STAND: Come out to

buy fresh produce including kale, summer squash, lettuce and more. The Farm Stand operates every Thursday through late September/early October. To stay current on upcoming events, visit the West Sacramento Urban Farm Program on Facebook. 4 to 6 p.m., The Barn, 985 Riverfront St. West Sacramento, California 95691.

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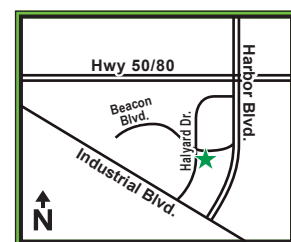


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