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## Yolo Food Bank Holds a Successful Global Rice Fest Founders Night



Group photo of attendees at Global Rice Fest Founders Night. Photo courtesy of Yolo Food Bank

**Yolo Food Bank  
News Release**

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Conaway Ranch was set aglow on the evening of October 13, as over 200 guests gathered for the highly anticipated Global Rice Fest Founders Night. Hosted by Yolo Food Bank in partnership with the City of Woodland and The Food Front, and with the founding sponsorship of Conaway Preservation Group and supporting sponsorships from Nugget Markets and Visit Woodland, the event offered a glimpse into the festival planned for 2024. The Global Rice Fest Founders Night gathered

guests from varied backgrounds including leaders from the rice, food, and agricultural industries, higher education leaders, farmers, elected officials, Yolo Food Bank board members, donors, volunteers, and community members. The night featured global music entertainment along with mouthwatering rice dishes from the following featured chefs: Chef Santana Diaz, UC Davis Health; Chef Craig Takehara, Binchoyaki; Chef Juan Barajas, Savory Café; Chef Greg Desmangles, Urban Roots and Chef Gene Hall from Preserve. Along with great food, the event showcased global

music and entertainment featuring the UC Davis student-run Taiko drummers, Bakuatsu Taiko Dan. “We are so grateful to all of the generous sponsors, in-kind donors, and chefs that made this event a joyful celebration,” noted Karen Baker, executive director of Yolo Food Bank. She added, “Rice is a staple food bank product and a highly desired item by our families from diverse cultures.” Conaway Preservation Group, the founding sponsor of the night, has been partnering with Yolo Food Bank for over a decade. It was noted during the event that the idea to donate rice to Yolo Food Bank

was sparked when Angelo Tsakopoulos, one of the region’s most widely recognized philanthropists and benefactors, and the late Jack DeWit, Yolo County Deputy Agricultural Commissioner at the time, sat down and sketched the partnership on the back of a paper napkin. “Our enduring partnership with Yolo Food Bank that began more than a decade ago is taking off to new heights thanks to the Global Rice Fest which Conaway Preservation Group is proud to be founding sponsors of,” said President & CEO of Conaway Preservation Group

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## Take Action for Flood Preparedness

**Yolo County News  
Release**

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - As we begin to experience more storms, such as the one last weekend, Yolo County residents are encouraged to become better informed and prepared for potential flood events. Roughly 34% of Yolo County, totaling approximately 220,000 acres, falls within a regulated floodplain. There are over 4,500 flood insurance policies in effect within the county, which is protected by a network of 214 miles of levees maintained by 14 separate agencies. Over the years, various measures have been implemented to reduce the risk of flood damage in Yolo County and its surrounding areas. The Yolo County Office of Emergency Services has successfully secured grant funding from the State to enhance emergency flood response plans, training, and supplies. Simultaneously, the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District collaborates with relevant authorities. This organization oversees an extensive irrigation system, which addresses erosion and storm-related canal damage, and closely monitors water flow throughout the county.

The Yolo County Community Services Department's Natural Resources Division also plays a vital role in flood mitigation, drawing on the insights gained from long-term studies. They are actively involved in significant projects, such as the Sacramento River Right Bank Levee improvements, Knights Landing Ridge Cut enhancements, and the Portuguese Bend Multi-Benefit Enhancement Area. These projects not only bolster flood control measures but also contribute to habitat restoration. Additionally, the department focuses on improving drainage infrastructure to ensure effective stormwater drainage. The County of Yolo urges residents to be prepared for floods, whether they live in a flood zone or not. Yolo County residents can view an interactive map showing the scope, cause, and magnitude of flooding in your neighborhood at [www.YoloCounty.org/FloodMapper](http://www.YoloCounty.org/FloodMapper) to see the risk profile for your

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## Swing’s the Thing for Stompers

**Story and  
photos by Susan  
Maxwell Skinner**

**CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)** - Hundreds of dancers are cutting a rug at the Spotlight Ballroom in West Sacramento every Friday night. In this smoke and alcohol-free den of dance, a group called Midtown Stomp sponsors lessons and – often – live bands. A recent performance by the Carmichael-based SwingMasters saw nearly 250 movers on the tiles. Guys Lindy-hopped with gals; gals jived with gals;



Big band leader German Gonzales Jr., (front center) sets the tempo for the Carmichael-based SwingMasters ensemble.

boys jitterbugged unselfconsciously with boys. The fanatics hoofed through band breaks and were still tripping as musicians packed up and headed home. “They never stopped,” marveled a band member. “All night, we played for a sea of amazing dancers. They were polite

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# Are Utilities Going Up? You Decide!

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The City of West Sacramento (referred to in this article as “the City”) has begun the process of getting the community involved in a rate study for water, wastewater (sewer) and solid waste (trash, recycling, green waste) services. Due to the rising cost of inflation, the City faces an increase in the cost to provide these services while complying with the ever increasing regulatory requirements.

To date, the City has hosted a webinar and two open houses to educate the public and gather survey information. Set up as stations for each significant topic, city workers were ready and willing to explain any question the community might have while attending the Open House. First, there was a video on how rates are set under California law. From there you could speak with those in charge of Water and Wastewater Services, Solid Waste Services, Rate Modeling, Billing and Finance and Tip to Lower Your Bill.

Each station had visual aids and giveaways that were fun and useful. Information at the stations included the following:

**Water and Wastewater Services**

The City’s Public Works Department is responsible for the city’s road, water, wastewater, storm drain, facilities, fleet, and equipment maintenance. Public Works also operates and maintains the City’s George Kristoff Water Treatment Plant.

**Solid Waste Services**

The City partners with Waste Management to provide trash, recycling, and organics services to residents, and trash and recycling to businesses. The Environmental Services and Sustainability Division promotes recycling, water conservation, and stormwater protection.

This division helps residents and businesses make sustainable decisions; and provides resources for conservation, education, and environmental stewardship.

**Rate Modeling**

Performed regularly, utility rate studies provide transparency into what the City can expect in the years ahead and ensure it has the financial resources to maintain the infrastructure, manage system capacity for growth, implement new technologies, address existing and new state and federal regulations, and implement the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Rates studies evaluate the costs to provide services and determines the appropriate rates to be charged to ensure that those costs are recovered in a fair and reasonable manner. A rate design is the structure of rates charged to customers, including the types of charges (such as fixed fees or variable charges), and the levels of those charges.

**Billing and Finance**

The Utility Billing Division of the Finance Department provides customer account service to well over 15,000 accounts for water, wastewater, and solid waste services. For individuals and families experiencing financial hardship, ask us about payment assistance options. With the LIHWAP program, if you own and live in your home and your household income is at or below 60% of the state median income, or if your household receives CalFresh, CalWORKs or LIHEAP benefits you may be eligible for a one-time credit of up to \$15,000 credit on your water and wastewater bills. For more information visit [wsac.city/LIHWAP](http://wsac.city/LIHWAP)

**Tips to Lower Your Bill**

The City has a number of resources available to help residents and businesses reduce water consumption. Here you could also receive helpful booklets

including A Homeowner’s Guide to a Water Smart Landscape a Practical Plumbing Handbook and valuable information on programs to make changes at little to no cost for those who qualify.

So, why is the City doing the study? Typically a rate study is done every three to five years. The last rate study in West Sacramento was in 2017. The City gathers information on the needs and wants and the costs incurred to provide the services. The utilities (or City) is not allowed to make a profit through rates charged. Each utility is self-funded, and its expenses and revenues must be equal.

The rate study will occur over the next several months. Updated information will likely be included in your bills, but the public is encouraged to follow the rates study process and learn more about the three services and how the rates are determined. For ongoing information follow [wsac.city/utility-rates](http://wsac.city/utility-rates). This is your chance to explain to the city how the rates may affect you. When the study is complete, a public hearing will be held, in which no less than 51% of the votes must be in favor of the rate change in order for it to pass. If it does not pass, the City will have to make choices regarding services that will be available.

If you have any questions regarding your garbage pickup, recycling, drinking water, storm water, green waste, hazardous waste, bulky items or what is or isn’t accepted visit [www.yolocounty.org/residents/landfill](http://www.yolocounty.org/residents/landfill) or call (916) 617-4656. This is also where you can schedule an appointment-based collection of hazardous waste. For any questions about curbside pickup, or to request a Residential Recycling and Trash Service Brochure, please call Waste Management at (866) 844-1508. ★

# Take Action for Flood Preparedness

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Whether you live in a flood-prone area, or not, remember these safety tips:

Depending on the type of flood: Evacuate if told to do so; Move to higher ground, or a higher floor; Stay where you are if you’re safe.

Never drive around closed road barricades. Local responders use them to direct traffic out of flooded areas safely;

Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio or local

alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions regarding flooding;

Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don’t Drown!

Stay inside your car if it is trapped in rapidly moving water. Get on the roof if water is rising inside the car.

This Flood Preparedness Week, ensure you have a plan for your household, including your pets, so that you and your family

know what to do, where to go, and what you will need to protect yourselves from flooding. Learn and practice evacuation routes, shelter plans, and flash flood response. Consider the medical needs of your household, including necessary medications, and use of durable medical equipment. Gather supplies, including non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, and water for several days, in case you must leave immediately or if services are cut off in your area. ★

# West Sacramento VFW Announces 2023 Veterans Day Parade

**VFW Post 8762 News Release**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - VFW Post 8762, West Sacramento’s last remaining Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, is proud to announce the much-anticipated 2023 Veterans Day Parade. This event is dedicated to honoring our heroes and will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2023, starting at 11:00 a.m. The parade route will begin at the old Westmore Oaks Elementary location (1100 Clarendon St) through Park Blvd and culminate at the corner of Park Blvd and Stone Blvd.

The VFW is proud to organize the parade with the support of West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero, who highlighted the VFW’s vital role in supporting the city's veterans. Mayor Guerrero stated, “The VFW is a rich part of West Sacramento’s proud history, serving as a popular gathering place for the community to celebrate, grieve, and bolster community-based organizations. It is my honor to take part in their effort to bring our community together to honor and celebrate our veterans.”

Several dignitaries are confirmed to participate in the parade, including Mayor Pro Tem Quirina Orozco, City Council Members Norma Alcala, Verna Sulpizio-Hull, Dr. Dawnté Early-West, and various city commissioners. Local groups, including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Southport Westmore Oaks Marching Band, and the River City High School Cheerleaders and Marching Band, have also pledged their participation. Additionally, numerous local organizations, clubs, private businesses, and community members will be part of this memorable event.

To cover the parade’s expenses and support veterans and their families, the VFW is accepting sponsorships and donations through Venmo (@vfwpost8762). For more information about the parade, please visit [westsacvfw.com](http://westsacvfw.com) and click on “Calendar/Events” and “Veterans Day Parade” section.

VFW Post 8762 has been serving veterans as a non-profit since 1946, offering a bar, banquet hall, and venue for public and private events. All proceeds from these activities go towards supporting veterans, their families, and community programs. ★

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# New Supervisor Sworn In

Dr. Mary Vixie Sandy is Appointed to Late Husband's Board Seat



Supervisor Mary Vixie Sandy is sworn in by her two sons: Owen Sandy (center) and Grayson Sandy (right). Photo courtesy of Yolo County

## Yolo County News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the formal swearing-in of Dr. Mary Vixie Sandy as Yolo County's 3rd District Supervisor on Monday, October 23, 2023 at the Yolo County Administration Building Atrium. Dr. Vixie Sandy was appointed by Governor Newsom on October 5th to her late husband's, Gary

Sandy, District 3 seat. Supervisor Vixie Sandy is the first woman to serve on the Board of Supervisors since 2011 and the first woman to represent the residents of the 3rd District. "I am tremendously honored and privileged to serve the communities of Woodland, Bryte, and Broderick," said Dr. Vixie Sandy. "I am ready and excited to take on the needs and concerns of my district and will be accessible and responsive to all the residents of

Yolo County." "On behalf of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, we are delighted to welcome Supervisor Vixie Sandy to serve on the Board. It is evident that she is shovel-ready to embrace the challenges of governance through her unique servant leadership lens," said Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, Oscar Villegas. Community members met with Supervisor Vixie Sandy and welcomed her to her new role. ★

# Swing's the Thing for Stompers



Dancers hop to retro swing hits at Spotlight Ballroom, West Sacramento. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

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and appreciative – they applauded every number. They were just incredibly nice kids. "Sometimes it was hard to see the floor for pounding feet." Midtown Stomp has run events for almost 19 years and its Spotlight Ballroom is a well-known secret among devotees. The weekly meet-up – among the biggest swing

dances on the West Coast – packs surrounding streets bumper-to-bumper with parked cars. Ten dollars admission (\$15 on live music nights) gets a handstamp. Then patrons enter a 1940s-style time warp, resonant with music; redolent with hot, jiving bodies. "Dancers range from teenagers to seniors," says instructor Amber Kaufman. "Everybody's

super nice and welcoming; it's an easy-going community. Swing dancing began to revive in popularity in the 1990s and gained a huge worldwide following. "There are so many sub-styles of the dance, you never get bored." Spotlight Ballroom is located at 2534 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento. Learn about Midtown Stomp at [www.midtownstomp.com](http://www.midtownstomp.com) ★

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# Yolo Food Bank Holds a Successful Global Rice Fest Founders Night



Recognition awards presentation. From left to right, City of Woodland City Manager Ken Hiatt, President & CEO of Conaway Preservation Group Kyriakos Tsakopoulos, and Yolo Food Bank Executive Director Karen Baker. Photo courtesy of Yolo Food Bank

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Kyriakos Tsakopoulos. "We are providing a four-year sponsorship as it continues to expand into a two-day event in the coming year. At Conaway Ranch, our tenants are not only generous farmers, but also stewards of the environment and the wildlife supported here, making us a fitting backdrop for a celebration of rice, a crop that nurtures both people and nature."

The Global Rice Fest Founders Night served as a launching pad for sponsors, industry leaders, and community leaders to come together around a shared vision for 2024. Next year, the Global Rice Fest is planned for October 4-5, and will feature a Sponsors Night at Conaway Ranch on the first night, and a family festival the following day.

"Day two of the Global

Rice Fest is set to be a family event, and will be held at the Woodland Community College's new Culinary and Performing Arts space thanks to the generosity of Yuba Community College District," said City of Woodland's City Manager Ken Hiatt. "Most of the nation's rice is grown right here in our backyards; it's economic impact is global and we are happy to be celebrating the cultures around the world that rely on this important food source, all while supporting those that are food insecure here in Yolo County."

The 2024 Global Rice Fest will showcase the best of Yolo County as the region continues to build on the farm-to-fork festivities. Interested sponsors should contact Maria Segoviano, Yolo Food Bank's director of

development and communications, at [marias@yolofoodbank.org](mailto:marias@yolofoodbank.org). Yolo Food Bank partners with Feeding America, a national non-profit with a network of more than 200 food banks, and annually serves the nutritional needs of more than 21,000 Yolo County residents through 140+ distributions events and via their 80+ partner agencies which include local food pantries, senior meal delivery programs, homeless and domestic violence shelters, migrant centers, college campuses, mental health facilities, recovery centers, and more. Working with a network of passionate volunteers, committed donors, grocers, retailers, farmers, processors and food distributors, Yolo Food Bank recovers, stores, and distributes more than eight million pounds of food each year. ★

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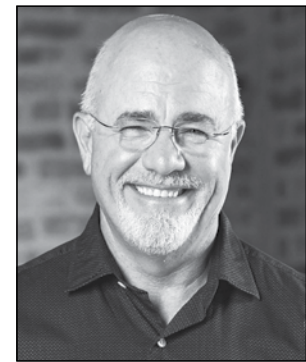
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Dear Dave,

My wife and I are both 36 years old, and we have two children. Our son is six, and our daughter will be four next month. We’ve been walking through the Baby Steps, and we should have our home paid off sometime next summer. We realized the other day the one thing missing from our financial picture is life insurance. We both work outside the home. She makes \$60,000 a year, while I make \$80,000 a year. At our age, and in our current situation, do you think we should we get 20-year or 30-year level term life insurance policies?

– Clay

Dear Clay,

You guys are doing a great job of getting control of your

Dave Ramsey Says

finances and planning for the future. Speaking of the future, do you plan on having more kids? If you do, you might want to go with 30-year policies. If you’ve decided two are enough, then based on your present situation I think 20-year policies would work out fine.

I recommend folks have 10 to 12 times their annual income in life insurance coverage. That means you’d need between \$800,000 and \$960,000 in coverage, while your wife needs a policy in the \$600,000 to \$720,000 range. But let’s take a deeper dive into all this.

Your kids will be in their mid-twenties in 20 years. Ideally, they both should have finished college by that time, or at the very least, be working and living on their own. If you continue to follow my plan, you and your wife will have paid off your home in a few months and be completely debt-free. And, you’ll have been saving 15% of your income for retirement over those 20 years. On average, that alone should give you more than

a half-million dollars for retirement.

Do you see where I’m going with this, Clay? Eventually, you two will become self-insured by getting out of debt, staying out of debt and piling up cash. So, if you’ve got \$500,000 or more in a retirement fund, no debt and your children are grown and out of the house, even if you or your wife were to die unexpectedly at that point, the other would still be taken care of and in great shape financially.

Keep up the good work!

– Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show.” He has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CBS This Morning,” “Today,” Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions. ★*

Supervisors Approve Assistance for Residents Affected by Property Tax Error

Yolo County News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - In response to a one-time property tax increase imposed to make up for taxes that were not collected in the prior fiscal year to pay for the 2004 Washington Unified School District (USD) Bond, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved two programs to assist West Sacramento taxpayers: the Tax Deferral Program, which allows affected property owners to request a delay of up to one year for paying the 2004 Washington USD Bond tax, and the New Buyer Tax Offset Program, which permits taxpayers who have purchased their property between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2024, to request an offset for any taxes they would not have paid had the error not occurred. Yolo County has also implemented internal process improvements to prevent similar situations in the future.

The Department of Financial Services sent a letter to more than 16,700 West Sacramento property owners during the week of October 30, 2023, outlining both programs. To take part in the Tax Deferral Program, taxpayers must submit an application online or by mail no later than November 27, 2023. For the New Buyer Tax Offset Program, taxpayers can submit applications until July 31, 2024. Applications can be submitted in person at 625 Court St, Woodland, or by mail to the Yolo County Tax Collector at P.O. Box 1995, Woodland, CA, 95695, or online at [www.YoloCounty.org/TaxAssistance](http://www.YoloCounty.org/TaxAssistance). If you have any questions, please contact the Yolo County Department of Financial Services at (530) 666-8001.

“We have heard the West

Sacramento residents’ concerns about the property tax error,” said the Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, Oscar Villegas. “As a result, we were able to quickly respond by creating the Tax Deferral Program and New Buyer Tax Offset Program. This is a great example of how local government can be held accountable and do what it takes to remedy matters for the people.”

Due to the erroneous omitting of taxes for the 2004 Washington USD Bond in the 2022-23 fiscal year, the tax rate for the 2023-24 fiscal year was raised to \$120 per \$100,000 of property's assessed value, rather than the expected rate of \$60 per \$100,000 for both years. This modification resulted in an average tax bill of \$391 for residential properties. While this adjustment was essential to avoid a default on the Washington USD bonds, it regrettably led to some confusion and frustration among homeowners.

“I am glad county staff and the board were able to find a way to reduce the immediate impact on homeowners in West Sacramento and to agree to monitor the rollout carefully over the coming year,” said Yolo County Supervisor Mary Vixie Sandy.

*Tax Assistance Programs*

**The Tax Deferral Program** offers taxpayers the opportunity to defer the payment of their 2023-24 taxes associated with the Washington USD 2004 Bond by one year, extending the deadline to December 10, 2024. To participate, individuals must submit their applications by November 27, 2023. Only the taxes tied to the Washington USD 2004 Bond for the specified year are eligible for deferral, while all other taxes, assessments, and charges must still be paid

as required. If approved, a revised property tax bill will be issued for the remaining non-deferred taxes, with the first installment due at least 30 days from the revised bill's issuance date and the second installment due by April 10, 2024, with potential penalties and interest for late payments. Taxpayers participating in this program will receive a separate property tax bill for the deferred bond taxes, due in full by December 10, 2024. Failure to pay by this date will result in penalties and interest and be treated as a delinquent tax as mandated by state law. Payment can be made in person, by mail, or online. Property owners whose taxes are managed by their mortgage company should consult with their mortgage provider before applying.

**The New Buyer Tax Offset Program** is designed for taxpayers who acquired property within the Washington USD between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2024. This program offsets the portion of the 2023-24 tax related to the Washington USD 2004 Bond that the new buyer would not have been responsible for if a tax had been imposed in 2022-23. Applications for this program can be submitted at any time before July 31, 2024. All taxes, including the bond tax, must be paid by the respective due dates. If an applicant is approved, the tax collector will determine the offset amount and inform the taxpayer of how it will affect their tax payments. This offset amount may be applied to a future installment payment or provided as a direct reimbursement. Importantly, taxpayers who choose to participate in the New Buyer Tax Offset Program are not eligible for the Tax Deferral Program. Applications for either program can be submitted in person, by mail, or online. ★

LONGSHORE OPPORTUNITY: PORT OF WEST SACRAMENTO, CA

To be considered for potential processing toward status as an “Identified Casual” longshore worker in the Port of West Sacramento, CA, all public applicants must complete the Online Application at <http://westsacramento.casualdrawingapp.net/public>. The Online Application requires that each applicant provide the applicant’s first and last names, (middle name is not required but recommended if there is one), mailing address, telephone number with Area Code, month of birth, numerical day of birth and a valid email address. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Phone calls regarding the process will not be accepted and any in-person or written applications submitted through the U.S. Postal Service will not be accepted. **Applications can be submitted online beginning 8:00 a.m., PDT, on November 2, 2023.** Applicants will be sent an email confirming submission of their application.

**On or about November 30, 2023,** a drawing will be held from a combination of timely received public applications and “Interest Card” applications. If the number of timely public applications received exceeds that of the timely Interest Card applications received, a preliminary drawing will be held just among the public applications to collect a number equal to the amount of Interest Card applications. **To be eligible for consideration, public applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., PST, November 9, 2023.** A sequenced list of those selected for processing will be posted for 30 days at [WWW.PMANET.ORG](http://WWW.PMANET.ORG). Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver’s license with photograph, have no disqualifying convictions, have a sufficient knowledge of English to speak and understand written and verbal safety warnings in English, and be eligible to work in the U.S. Those selected for processing will be advised of additional requirements. **Only one application per person.** Anyone attempting to submit more than one application (of any type) will be disqualified. Those submitting an Interest Card application may not submit a public application as described here. Duplication, sale or trade for value of an Interest Card or Interest Card code is strictly prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the applicant as well as discipline and punishment of the seller or trader, up to and including possible deregistration or termination of longshore employment and dispatch privileges. There is no fee or charge for applying. No money should be paid to any person or organization related to this recruitment program. Casual longshore workers are not eligible to receive benefits provided under the collective bargaining agreement only to registered workers (for example, health insurance, pensions, holiday pay, vacation pay). There is no guarantee of casual processing, employment, continued employment, or advancement; casual work is sporadic and never guaranteed, but casuals must nonetheless work sufficient available hours to retain longshore dispatch privileges.

A TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) is required by the Department of Homeland Security to enter all marine facilities. Applicants are urged to promptly familiarize themselves with TWIC application requirements: [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) and 1-866-347-8371 are resources (not PMA, ILWU, or the Joint Port Labor Relations Committee/JPLRC).

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Opinion

Improving Communities and Pathways for Academic Success In and Out of the Classroom

Commentary by  
Monica Valadez and  
Ashraf Popalzai

As the education landscape continues to evolve, school districts must adapt to meet the diverse needs of their students and unique communities. The Washington Unified School District's (WUSD) innovative community schools model, in partnership with the United Way California Capital Region, offers a beacon of hope for transforming education and empowering our residents.

At the core of the community schools model is the recognition that education does not exist in a vacuum. A child's success in the classroom is influenced by many factors, including their home environment, access to healthcare, food security, and community support. By integrating essential services and resources such as mentoring, expanded learning programs, and adult guidance into the school setting, the community schools model creates an inclusive and nurturing environment that fosters academic achievement and overall well-being.

The school district has

seen a steady increase in graduation rates and reading score proficiency in recent years, which gives us hope and marks admirable progress. However, this is simply not enough progress by itself and we understand that individual schools can only do so much. But that is why one of the most significant advantages of the community schools model is its focus on addressing systemic barriers to learning. This novel approach is rooted in the belief that schools, and the services they can and should provide, be at the center of the community's needs.

By partnering with organizations like the United Way California Capital Region, WUSD is ensuring that students receive access to critical services, such as medical and dental care, mental health support, and nutritious meals. These resources enable children to arrive at school ready to learn and better equipped to thrive academically. WUSD has launched four full-service community schools this fall. These schools will serve as neighborhood hubs that provide access to a variety of no-cost services that

support children, strengthen families and improve community health. Hubs will be located at Elkhorn Village School, Riverbank School, Westfield Village School, and River City High School.

This new approach is rooted in the belief that schools, and the services they can and should provide, be at the center of the community's needs. Some of the services that will be available include: Food and Nutrition Access, Mental Health Support and Therapy, School and Basic Necessity Supply Closets, Medical, Dental, and Vision Resources, and College Application Support. These hubs will be located at Elkhorn Village School, Riverbank School, Westfield Village School, and River City High School.

With WUSD being awarded nearly \$6.5 million over the next five years in grant funding through the California Community Schools Partnership Program, we believe the long-term benefits are unparalleled for our schools. By investing in this model, WUSD is not only supporting its students but also investing



Hubs supporting WUSD kids will be located at Elkhorn Village School, Riverbank School, Westfield Village School, and River City High School. Photo courtesy Mosaic Media & Communications

in the future prosperity of the entire community. We are excited to see what the future can hold for the broader West Sacramento community and the students and families that call this community home.

Providing every student optimal opportunity to succeed should be at the front

of anything schools are trying to accomplish. We are pleased to participate in this step towards progress. Let's start this school year right, by rallying behind this innovative initiative and shaping a future where every child thrives and community flourishes.

We invite you to

please visit [bit.ly/WUSDCommunitySchools](https://bit.ly/WUSDCommunitySchools) for more information, and to access free resources for your family and students.

Monica Valadez and Ashraf Popalzai are two of the four Community Schools Site Facilitators for the Washington Unified School District. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NO. F20230829  
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**Insite Consulting, 1975 Maxwell Ave. #E336, Woodland, CA 95776,** County of Yolo.  
Michael Anthony Yosenick, 1975 Maxwell Ave., #E336. Woodland, CA 95776  
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/s/ Michael Anthony Yosenick  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/27/2023.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: kquam, Deputy  
Publish: 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3/23  
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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FILE NO. F20230887  
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/s/ RYAN STRANGE, MANAGING MEMBER  
RJM Food Group LLC  
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV/2023-2098  
Sayed Kabir Sadat has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sayed Abdul Basit Sadat to Basit Sadat and Sayed Abdul Bais Sadat to Bais Sadat and Sayed Abdul Waris Sadat to Waris Sadat.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 5, 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: October 11, 2023  
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Oct 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, 2023  
SADAT 11-17-23

TRUSTEE SALE

TS No: CA08000087-23-1 APN: 008-303-006-000 TO No: 230021741-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 19, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 27, 2023 [NOTE: Original sale date has been postponed to a future date] at 12:45 PM, at the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on April 28, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0019706-00, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by JUAN SOLORZANO BRAVO, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for RESMAE MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 420 CHAPARRAL WAY, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 The under-

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-23-960107-NJ Order No.: DEF-556858 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/14/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NA-

TURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): HINEKA D. KEOMANY AND STACEY O. VONGSA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AND VANH VONGSA AND CHAN VONGSA (HUSBAND AND WIFE ALL AS JOINT TENANTS) Recorded: 2/26/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0007122-00 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California; Date of Sale: 11/14/2023 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$180,916.23 The purported property address is: 3131 WAKE ISLAND CT, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 Assessor's Parcel No.: 045-613-021-000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call

916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-960107-NJ. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-23-960107-NJ to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

November 16, 2023

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday November 16, 2023, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas/planning-commission>), or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on November 16, 2023.


Any interested person or authorized agent may appear and be heard. To submit a comment in writing, please email [tanyaf@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:tanyaf@cityofwestsacramento.org) and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 4:00 PM will be provided to the Planning Commission and posted on the City's website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

6:00 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Public Hearing Regarding Blackpine 440 West, LLC Development Agreement and Consideration of Resolution 23-5PC (Yancey)

This item is a public hearing regarding the consideration of a Development Agreement between the City and BlackPine 440 LLC ("Developer"). The Developer is the owner of approximately ±7.4 gross acres of property zoned Residential (R-3) within the Washington Specific Plan area. The proposed Development Agreement would vest the Developer in the current reduced impact fee program in the Washington District that was adopted by the City Council via Resolution 22-84 on September 22, 2022, for a period of five years from the effective date of the Development Agreement with a possible two-year extension. The Developer will be committed by the Development Agreement to construct a ±0.43-acre neighborhood park within twenty-four months from the effective date of the Development Agreement. This park is referenced as the Heritage Green Pocket Park in the adopted 2018 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. The Developer will also be entering into an Option Agreement to sell the land to the City with the park improvements for a set price in the future after the park is complete. In addition, the Developer will be obligating themselves to participate in a mechanism to fund the future operation and maintenance of the public park. On November 16, 2016, the City Council certified the General Plan 2035 Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR was prepared specifically to allow maximum streamlined review of subsequent projects that are found to be consistent with General Plan 2035 in terms of land use, density, etc. Staff prepared a technical memorandum in order to fully analyze any potential impacts associated with the Four 40 West project that would be beyond what was contained in the EIR. Based on the analysis presented in the technical memorandum, the proposed project is within the scope of the EIR prepared for the General Plan 2035, and no new or substantially more adverse impacts would occur through implementation of the proposed project. As a result, no new environmental document is required, consistent with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 and 15168(c)(2). Applicant/Owner: BlackPine 440 LLC, 8880 Cal Center Drive, Suite 350, Sacramento, CA 95826.

  
David W. Tilley, Secretary  
West Sacramento Planning Commission

If you disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission, you have a right of appeal. Only persons who participated in the review process by submitting written testimony or oral testimony at the public hearing, may appeal. Appeals are limited to those issues raised at the Planning Commission meeting. If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE ENTERPRISE CORRIDOR AND BRIDGE CROSSING PROJECT

The City of West Sacramento (City) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms or individuals (Proposers) to provide Preliminary Engineering, Environmental Analysis and Documentation (CEQA and NEPA), Community Engagement, and related services.

**Project Description:** This project proposes to redesign the Enterprise Boulevard corridor as a safe, multi-modal arterial street connecting West Capitol Avenue with Southport Parkway over the existing barge canal. The project includes evaluating alternative bridge crossing designs, costs, environmental considerations, and permitting requirements in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations. The Enterprise Boulevard crossing has been envisioned in the City's General Plan since the mid-1990s to promote goods movement in support of emerging industrial and commercial development in and around the Port of West Sacramento and Southport Industrial Park, to reduce road maintenance associated with increased truck mileage, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to improve local connectivity to the State Highway (I-80).

This procurement includes completion of the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of project development consistent with Caltrans LAPM. After the PA&ED and other preliminary scoping tasks are completed, the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and Right of Way (R/W) tasks advertised in this RFP may be offered to the same project team at the sole discretion of the City through a supplemental agreement.

**Timeline:** Project Release Date: October 25, 2023  
Question Submission Deadline: November 7, 2023, 4:00pm  
Question Response Deadline: November 9, 2023, 4:00pm  
Proposal Submission Deadline: November 27, 2023, 4:00pm  
Prospective Interview Date: December 5, 2023  
Consultant Selection Date: December 7, 2023  
City Council Award: January 17, 2024, 7:00pm

**RFP Availability:** Qualified Proposers are encouraged to visit the Bid & Contract Opportunities website at: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>, download the Enterprise Corridor and Bridge Crossing Project RFP (23-078-RFP) at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento/projects/63662/document>, and submit a proposal on or before the **November 27, 2023** proposal submission deadline.

**Written questions from Proposers must be received by 4 PM, November 7, 2023,** and may be uploaded to the OpenGov procurement site or sent via email to: [mccoyj@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:mccoyj@cityofwestsacramento.org)  
Please reference Enterprise Blvd. in the subject line.

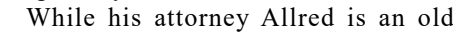
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**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Port of West Sacramento Community Alliance & Latino Information and Resource Center is hosting the 3rd annual Dia De Los Muertos Event for the City of West Sacramento. It will be Sunday, November 5 from 1-4pm at Bryte Park. There will be a band performing, lowrider car show, games, a community altar, Aztec dancers, cultural crafts and free food and community resources available. It is going to be a fun filled afternoon that

**Sugar Skull photo by Image  
by Brian Penny from Pixabay**

Bryte Park is located at 1225 Carrie Street in West Sacramento, Calif.



The major surprise behind “The Burial” is how it took almost a quarter-century for this compelling story to come to the screen. Apparently, the project bounced around various studios over the intervening years. Fortunately, we now have a film that is most definitely worth watching. ★

Sale Date: November 14, 2023.  
Time 9:00 AM  
Location: LJ's Towing, 2600  
North Avenue, Sacramento, CA  
95838  
Publish: November 3, 2023  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

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 11/21/2023 @ 11:00am:**  
Veronica Rivas household goods; Justin Mcamoil Household items. 3 br house  
The auction will be listed and



A proposed decision under consideration by the California Public Utilities Commission would bring changes to a program implemented to encourage private investment in on-site renewable energy. The state's Net Energy Metering Aggregation program, or NEMA, has led to increased adoption of solar and other renewables by farms, ranches and other businesses. The PUC on Nov. 2 is due to consider changes that would effectively eliminate the benefit of aggregation for power used and generated by customers with more than one utility meter. ★

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# Social Security Matters

## My Birthday is on the First of the Month; When Should I Claim Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 62 on November first and I have chosen to take my benefits early. I know that my benefit will be less than it would be if I waited and that does not concern me, but I don't want to be without income for a long period of time. I know that if my birthday is on the first or second of the month, then I can draw that month. Does that mean that when I turn 62 on November 1st that I can receive my first check on the second Wednesday of November? And should I select November as the month I'd like my benefits to start? I also read that I would be paid the month following the month I select, hence my confusion. **Signed: Confused Senior**

**Dear Confused:** There are a few different Social Security rules which come into play in your specific circumstance which are likely creating your confusion. First, since you will be 62 on November first, you will first become eligible for Social Security

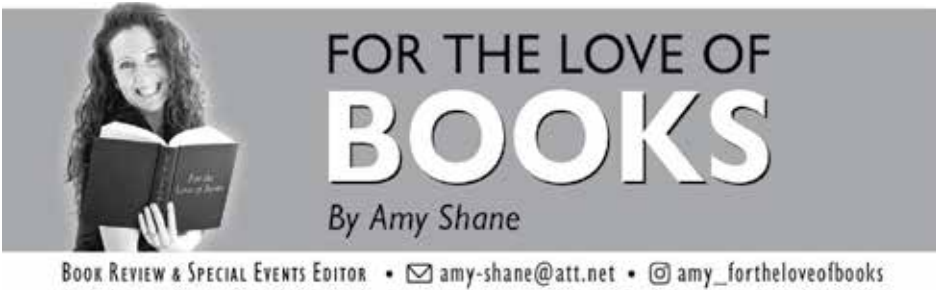
starting with the month of November. Those born on the first or second of the month are eligible for benefits for that entire month, whereas those who turn 62 later in the month wouldn't be eligible for benefits until the following month. To claim benefits, you must be 62 for the entire month and, because your birthday is on the first, your first month being 62 for the entire month will be November, and that is the month you should specify as your benefit-start month on your application.

The next thing to be aware of is that Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month those benefits are earned. That means that your November benefits will be paid in December. The exact payment date is determined by the recipients birthday – born before the eleventh of the month, SS payments are made on the second Wednesday; born between the eleventh and twentieth of the month, payments are received on the third Wednesday of the month; and for those born after the twentieth of the month, payment is received on the fourth Wednesday. Thus, since you were born on the first of the month and are claiming benefits to start in November, your first Social Security payment will be deposited in your bank account on the second Wednesday of December, and all subsequent Social

Security payments will be made on that same second-Wednesday schedule.

You can apply for your Social Security benefits up to 4 months prior to the month you wish them to start, and SS recommends you apply at least 2 months prior to allow time for processing your application. On the application, they will ask which month you wish your benefits to begin, and you can indicate November to get your earliest possible payment in December. Actually, you can simply select the following option on the Social Security benefit application: "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction," which will accomplish the same thing.

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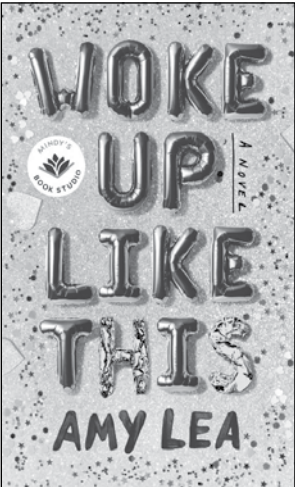
# Woke Up Like This

by Amy Lea

Charlotte Wu has always dreamed of ending high school with the perfect senior year and she has the list to prove it. Join the student council -check! Become Senior Council President- sabotaged by Renner! Get into her dream college- check! Plan the perfect Senior week -almost check. Plan the most incredible prom- in progress!

Charlotte Wu has almost everything she dreamed her high school experience would be, except for Senior Council president, which was ruthlessly stolen from her by the horrible arch-nemesis Renner. Now, forced to decorate for her perfect prom right next to him, the unthinkable happens, and a sudden slip off a ladder sends Charlotte propelling head-first straight into Renner. What they didn't expect was to wake up next to each other thirteen years in the future. Now thirty years old and engaged to each other Char feels like she is living a nightmare.

Forced with the new reality of their future, complete with jobs, engagement parties, and an upcoming wedding, Char and Renner need to figure out how to get back to their



- ◆ Publisher: Mindy's Book Studio
- ◆ Intended Audience: Young Adult
- ◆ Release Date: September 5, 2023



seventeen-year-old selves and quick! As both Char and Renner begin to navigate their strange new reality, they quickly realize they only have each other as they learn the future outcome of their families, friends, and everything in between. However, somewhere in the middle of hating one another and being adults, Char and Renner uncover there might be more than meets the eye. Maybe hatred could be a cover for feelings, and if they have a chance to return to the past, they might have to work together, even if that means they could begin to fall in love.

An enemies-to-lovers, rom-com for the ages, *Woke Up Like This* is a breakout hit for Amy Lea's young adult debut. Known for her contemporary romantic comedies, Amy Lea successfully transcends the nuances of teenage life with all the familiarity of quit wit, hard jabs, hidden feelings, and the need to perfectly control the world around you while trying to plan the perfect future. For anyone who was an ultra-organized list maker, goal chaser, carefree dater, popular and lovable jock who secretly is afraid people won't like them, or the friend always in a supportive role, this book is for you.

Fun, fast, and utterly entertaining, *Woke Up Like This* will have readers laughing out loud, crying alongside the characters, and rooting for love along the way. Along with the amazing, fast-paced story are also valuable life lessons: remember to be present, treasure the now, and don't let fear stop you short of what you really want. Full of high school nostalgia and feelings for the one that got away, this book is a fun new take for fans of *13 going on 30*. ★

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# Crime Reports

## WEST SACRAMENTO



10-09-23 VAUCELL ONIEL Arrested for Possession of controlled substance and Possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

10-13-23 RAMON MENDEZ Arrested for a misdemeanor warrant after allegedly being seen riding a bicycle against traffic with no light.

10-19-23 LORENZO HERRERA Arrested for Disorderly conduct: Under influence of drug after Police were dispatched to subject allegedly running around to motels and businesses, trying to get into cars and motel rooms. Subject was located and allegedly under the influence of methamphetamine and fentanyl.

10-20-23 DANIEL POPE Arrested for Burglary (2 counts), Vandalism, Prohibited person possessing ammunition, Obstruction, Receiving known stolen property, Appropriate lost property, Officer removes vehicle when driver arrested.

10-20-23 KIARA COLE Arrested for a felony bench warrant.

10-20-23 BRIAN MOORE Disorderly conduct: Drug and alcohol after Police responded to a call about man trying to open door and wandering around property.

10-20-23 MARK HOLLON Arrested for Disorderly conduct: Loiter and Probation violation.

10-22-23 EDUARDO ROQUE Arrested for Possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

10-22-23 SAMPSON TRUJILLO Arrested for two bench warrants.

10-24-23 DAVORRIS RAY Arrested for warrant.

### INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

10-15-23 Theft of electric bike. \$2,500 loss. Grand theft.

10-16-23 Vehicle burglary. \$2,958 loss. Burglary.

10-17-23 Reporting person's vehicle was broken into and around \$1,500 in items were stolen. \$1,035 loss. Grand theft, Burglary.

10-18-23 Three subjects broken into a closed business and stole a safe. The subjects left in a black 4d Honda sedan with no plates. \$400 loss. Burglary.

10-18-23 Unknown suspect forcibly grabbed ring out of victim's hand and physically assaulted the other victim. \$302,460 loss. Robbery, Grand theft.

10-18-23 Theft of money. \$5,269 loss. Obtain credit/use other's ID. 10-19-23 Vehicle burglary. \$901 loss. Burglary.

10-19-23 Window was broken with a rock. \$100 loss. Vandalism.

10-20-23 Subject arrested after allegedly being seen on camera breaking windows to vehicles and entering them in a private lot. \$460 loss. Burglary (2 counts), Vandalism, Prohibited person possessing ammunition, Obstruction, Receiving known stolen property, Appropriate lost property, Officer removes vehicle when driver arrested.

10-20-23 Subjects were caught breaking into store and fled from officers resulting in a pursuit. \$400 loss. Burglary, Evading, Vandalism, Hit & Run, towed vehicle: vehicle blocking driveway.

10-20-23 Subject arrested for Probation violation and Disorderly conduct after allegedly trying to open an apartment door that he did not live at. It was determined that he did not live in complex and had no business being there.

10-21-23 Subject and victim in a verbal argument over the food bank line. Subject allegedly punched victim and fled the scene. \$600 loss. Vandalism.

10-22-23 Two subjects forced entry into the business and stole approximately \$1,000 - \$1,500. Burglary.

10-22-23 Taco Tuesday's restaurant was burglarized. \$401 loss.

10-23-23 Unknown suspects stole \$4,000 dollars from victim's vehicle as she was using the ATM machine. The money was inside victim's purse that was left in the front passenger compartment inside the vehicle. Vehicle was left unlocked.

10-23-23 A large hay bale was on fire near the intersection of Lake Washington Blvd. and Jefferson Blvd. Bystanders detained a subject near the fire. Arson.



# COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

TUMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY KENNY MILKLAND

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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