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## West Sacramento Presents Annual Police Awards



Group Photo: Front Row From left are Julie Cortez, Ricardo Ramirez, Sal Lombardo, Rob Strange and Victoria Vincent. Back row, from left, are Gerardo Romero, Andrea King, Louis Esway, Jesus Gonzalez, Mitchell Williams, Jason Winger, Jason Fortier, Jerry Watson, Ryan Lukins, Andrey Kinda, Matthew Montez, Charles Meeks, Curtis Adams and Dearl Smith. Photo courtesy of the West Sacramento Police Department

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG)** - The West Sacramento Police Department held their Annual Awards dinner to honor the outstanding work that West Sacramento's finest did in 2023. With all of the officers in their finest blues and sporting their shiniest awards, stripes, bars and stars, our distinguished Police force was able to relax for the night as they received the praise that they so often earn but are so rarely given. The West Sacramento Police Department has been working very hard to interact with the community in a positive way, while still doing what is required to safeguard our city. Carl Crouch was MC for the evening. He started off by stating that the "hard-working law enforcement employees are the backbone of our community's safety and security. Whether patrolling the streets, investigating crimes, working behind the scenes to support department operations or engaging with the community, their efforts contribute to fostering a sense of safety and trust."

Chief of Police, Rob Strange, had some very touching words about the West Sacramento Police force. "True character is revealed in the most difficult of times... and we have experienced and endured those events and period of time both personally and professionally throughout 2023", he said. The chief spoke about the comradery and support that "serves to

soften even the sharpest pains," while talking about the force's brotherhood.

The West Sacramento Police Department Awards are as follows: Commanding Officer's Citation - Traffic Secretary Jessica Hunt. Commanding Officer's Citation - West Sacramento Police Department SWAT has been activated and deployed to an increasing number of critical incidences, which forces them to balance their primary responsibilities with their critical role as a SWAT member. West Sacramento Police Department SWAT Team: Sergeant Alexei Venikov, Sergeant Andre Kinda, SIU Detective Nate Ogden, Detective Cody Coulter, Officer Seth Killion, Officer Hector Torres, Officer Jesus Gonzalez, Officer Jonas Eiremo, Officer Curtis Adams, Former members Naziry Yakimchuk and Nick Lewis.

Commanding Officer's Citation - Investigations Unit. In this past year, the Investigations Unit has worked very hard in their duties. But in addition to their own case load, they often had to assist others. Also, because of being short staffed, many of the Investigating Officers filled various shifts on patrol, while simultaneously investigating a homicide. Commanding Officer's Citation - Finance Analyst Shawnae Brooks.

**Exceptional Performance Ribbon** - Sgt. Jerry Watson. Sergeant Watson, in addition to patrol, is a training officer. In 2023,

he coordinated field training for four community service officers, five police officers and six police recruits. He has balanced the schedules for the officers, accommodated new recruitment ideas and worked with other agencies to support the recruit's progress, visits academies and even attending training graduations. Many times, these items are outside of his regular duties.

**Exceptional Performance Ribbon** - Officer Mitchell Williams is enthusiastic with a positive outlook on his job. He is a Field Training Officer who also serves on the Recruitment Team. He is known to treat everyone with respect and will always take the time to help someone with a question.

**Exceptional Performance Ribbon** - Officer Ricardo Ramirez, while working mandatory overtime, became aware of a call of a fight with a knife. He assigned himself to the call and responded while cover officers became available. He was quickly alerted to a victim with multiple stab wounds. Officer Ramirez administered medical care until West Sac Fire arrived. While officers were still arriving, Ramirez was able to provide crucial information that led to the suspect's arrest. This was vital because at that point, officers believed the suspect was a victim.

**Exceptional Performance Ribbon** - Sgt. Jason Fortier is the sergeant of the traffic unit. In

addition to responding to the city's traffic complaints, he is also in charge of traffic for all big events in West Sacramento. In 2023, the city hosted multiple large-scale events and Sergeant Fortier managed this with only half the staff.

**Life Saving Medal** - Officer Michael Muro responded to a shooting that occurred in the area of Tradewinds Circle. Officer Muro arrived within three minutes of the call and found the victim had been shot in the leg. Officer Muro applied a tourniquet, while translating from Spanish to English, vital information to responding officers. It was later determined at UC Davis Hospital that the victim had a damaged artery in his leg and the tourniquet applied saved his life.

**Life Saving Medal** - Officer Hector Torres and Officer Jonas Eiremo responded to a two-vehicle accident on West Capitol Avenue and Westacre Road. Upon arrival, the two officers assessed two victims that were trapped in one of the vehicles. Officer Eiremo broke the window to gain access. While Eiremo was assessing the victim, officer Torres pulled the damaged door out of the way. The officers checked the passenger's vitals. She was unconscious with shallow breathing. The officers removed her from the car and could not feel a pulse. They administered CPR until they were relieved by West Sacramento Fire D and AMR, who continued CPR until the female's

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## Yolo County Fair Mall Permanently Closed

By Michele Townsend

**YOLO COUNTY (MPG)** - After years and years of the County Fair Mall being in business in Woodland, they have finally closed their doors for good. Located

across the street from the Yolo County Fairgrounds on Gibson Road, the mall has struggled to stay open. Stores have been in and out of that location in hopes of picking up business.

During a county

fire inspection, the Woodland Fire Department inspected the mall, as part of fire safety standards and discovered significant fire code violations. Among the violations, the most concerning problem is with the mall's fire

suppression system. Officials were going to allow JC Penny's to remain open, but due to the seriousness of the repairs needed and for the safety of the occupants, the owners decided to vacate the remaining sections of the mall.

Ownership and management of the mall were notified that immediate repairs needed to be made, but no response from either, was received by the Fire Department. The mall is now closed down, and legal

litigation has begun between the tenants of the mall and the owners for violation of lease and early termination of lease.

There are no plans reported for repairs to be made in the near future, or for the mall to re-open. ★



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# Learn About the Criminal Justice System at the District Attorney's Citizens Academy

Applications now being accepted

## Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Applications are now being accepted for the annual Yolo County District Attorney Citizens Academy. The academy is sponsored by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office in cooperation with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, the California Highway Patrol, the Davis Police Department, the UC Davis Police Department, the West Sacramento Police Department, the Winters Police Department, the Woodland Police Department, and the Yolo County Probation Department.

The Citizen's Academy is an eight-week journey designed to involve diverse communities in participating in mutual learning about the criminal justice system. The goal is

to educate the public and improve relationships and communication between the many different communities in Yolo County and the criminal justice system. The academy is scheduled to be held in person at the Yolo County Administration Building in Woodland.

Topics this year will include: the role of the District Attorney; the role of law enforcement; victim services; gangs; restorative justice practices and collaborative courts addressing mental illness and addiction. In past years, participants observed a DUI trial and K-9 officer presentations. Participants will also learn about the innovative programs implemented at the District Attorneys' Office aimed at addressing racial inequity and increasing transparency.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated

that "The Academy provides a comprehensive look at the criminal justice system in Yolo County. Together we will explore how the system interplays with our communities from West Sacramento to the rural areas." Reisig continued, "I think participants will be educated, enlightened and entertained."

The Academy will meet every Thursday for eight weeks, from April 25, 2024, to June 13, 2024, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. To enroll please contact Wendy Wilcox by email at: [wendy.wilcox@yolo-county.org](mailto:wendy.wilcox@yolo-county.org), by phone at: (530) 666-8356, or you can log on to [www.yoloda.org](http://www.yoloda.org) for more information. Class space is limited. Applicants must be 18 years of age and be connected to Yolo County through residence, work, or education. Application deadline is April 3, 2024. ★

# West Sacramento News Briefs

By MPG Staff

## A Message from PG&E -

Now that we are well into our winter season, many customers may experience weather-related power outages due to strong winds, heavy rain, snow and mudslides. While we will always do our best to safely restore power as quickly as possible, restoration can take longer when there is extensive damage or safety hazards. Preparing ahead of time can help keep your family safe in the event of an outage.

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- Sign up for outage notifications to receive information via text, call or email.
- Build or restock your emergency supply kit with food, water, flashlights, batteries, first aid equipment, cash, and other critical supplies.
- Track the weather by visiting PG&E's interactive weather map.
- Keep important contact information close and handy, including phone numbers of relatives, friends, doctors, the local police, and fire departments.
- Help children learn the importance of emergency preparedness.
- Plan ahead for family members with disabilities with our emergency preparedness guide.

-Stay away from downed powerlines and treat them as if they are energized. Call 911, then notify PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.

For help with local resources and support, call 211 or visit [211.org](http://211.org). 211 is a free and confidential resource that helps Californians find support during hardships.

For more safety tips for you and your family, visit [safetyactioncenter.com](http://safetyactioncenter.com).

## Black Box Theater -

**BILLIE! BACKSTAGE WITH LADY DAY**, Starring Synthia L. Hardy, is coming to the Black Box Theater, February 16th, 17th, and 18th!

Don't miss this interactive performance that tells the story of portions of Billie Holiday's life. Learn about the heartache that led her to drug use and hear some of her most famous hits performed live!

The Black Box Theater is located upstairs in the Community Center, located at 1075 W. Capitol Avenue. Show times will be Friday February 16: 7:30 pm, Saturday February 17: 7:30pm and Sunday February 18: 2:00pm.

Don't miss this spectacular show that was planned to only run a couple of months but is still going strong after 15 years! ★

# Yolo County Offers Unemployment Do's and Don'ts Webinar for Employers

## County of Yolo News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - YoloWorks!, the Yolo County Workforce Innovation Board, and the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency have collaborated with the California Employers Association to offer a series of free informational webinars for businesses in Yolo County. The second webinar in the series, titled "Unemployment Do's & Don'ts", will be held virtually on February 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This webinar will

specifically address crucial topics relevant to employers dealing with unemployment. Yolo County employers interested in participating can register online at [www.tinyurl.com/YC222](http://www.tinyurl.com/YC222) or visit [www.YoloWorks.org](http://www.YoloWorks.org) for more information.

Attendees will learn how to successfully navigate unemployment claims and:

- How to decide if you should dispute a claim or not
- What information should you include when responding to a claim
- How to prepare for an unemployment hearing
- The values of witnesses

and witness statements. Additionally, we invite Yolo County employers to also register for these upcoming YoloWorks! webinars:

Communicate Like a Leader: March 21, 2024 (10 - 11 a.m.)

<http://tinyurl.com/YC321>  
What is ChatGPT and Why Should I Be Paying Attention? - April 30, 2024 (10 to 11 a.m.)  
<http://tinyurl.com/YC43024>

For more information, please contact Erica Johnson at [Erica.Johnson@YoloCounty.org](mailto:Erica.Johnson@YoloCounty.org), call/text (530) 631-2289, or visit [www.YoloWorks.org](http://www.YoloWorks.org) ★

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# RC Girls Soccer has Another Solid Season

By McKenzie Cagle

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The varsity girls' soccer team at River City High School is celebrating another successful season, with a league record of 9-0-2. Their outstanding performance has earned them a spot in the CIF Division 1 playoffs for an eighth consecutive season, which will begin Saturday, February 10th. The team is confident heading into their play-off run.

Meanwhile, the junior varsity team has also had an impressive season, winning

first place in league as well. This is a tribute to the strong program and talented players at River City High School. The team's success can be credited to the dedication and hard work of the players, as well as their skillful coaching staff. The team's fellowship and teamwork have also been key factors in their great achievements this season.

Hoping we can fill the stands and support the group as they try to win another San Joaquin section title, which they last did in 2018. Come out and support these young ladies. ★

# Elections Office to Begin Accepting Vote-by-Mail Ballots for Presidential Primary Election

County of Yolo News Release

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Yolo County Elections Office completed a successful logic and accuracy testing of the voting equipment on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Starting Monday, February 12, 2024, the Elections Office will begin to process Vote-by-Mail ballot return identification envelopes for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.

Beginning on Monday, February 5, all active registered voters in Yolo County were mailed a Vote-by-Mail ballot. All active registered voters in Yolo County can expect their ballot to arrive in their mailbox by Monday, February 12, 2024. If your ballot has not arrived by Tuesday, February 13, 2024, please

contact the Yolo County Elections Office.

Voters are encouraged to sign-up for vote-by-mail ballot tracking at [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov). Those who sign-up will receive automated notifications about their vote-by-mail ballots by email, text, or voice call.

The Elections Office will continue to process and accept vote by mail ballots during regular business hours, and, if needed, after business hours and weekends. For the most up to date daily times for return identification envelope processing, please contact the elections office at (530) 666-8133. Return identification envelope processing will occur at the Yolo County Elections Office, 625 Court St., Suite B-05, Woodland.

"To promote transparency in elections, the

scanning and processing of ballots is open to the public," says Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters. Those interested in observing should email [elections@yolocounty.org](mailto:elections@yolocounty.org).

For more information about this election, visit: [www.yoloelections.org](http://www.yoloelections.org). Information about Vote Centers, Mobile Vote Centers and Ballot Drop Box locations are available at: [https://www.yoloelections.org/voting/polling\\_place](https://www.yoloelections.org/voting/polling_place).

The Yolo County Elections Office encourages residents to connect with Yolo County ACE - Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections on Facebook: @YoloACE, Instagram: @YoloCoACE, Threads: @YoloCoACE, YouTube: @Yolo County ACE, TikTok: @yolocoace and X: @YoloCoACE to receive the most up to date information. ★

# Yolo County Children's Alliance Empowers Families with Free Tax Assistance

Yolo County Children's Alliance News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA), an organization dedicated to the well-being of local families, is excited to announce its renewed partnerships with Yolo County and United Way California Capital Region to provide free tax assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Families in Yolo County with a household income of less than \$66,000 can qualify.

Key Features of the Free Tax Prep Program:

1. Maximize Refunds: Qualifying families can take advantage of state and federal credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Young Child Tax Credit, and the new Foster

Youth Tax Credit, providing crucial financial support.

2. Save on Tax Preparation Fees: If your 2023 household income was less than \$66,000, the program can help you save an average of \$200 in tax preparation fees.

3. Convenient Locations: Appointments are available now at the following locations throughout Yolo County:

- YCCA West Sacramento Family Resource Center; Call (916) 572-0560
- Empower Yolo in Woodland; Call (530) 661-6336
- UC Davis; Call 2-1-1
- RISE in Esparto; Call (530) 787-4110
- Arthur F. Turner Library in West Sacramento; Call 2-1-1

Yolo County Children's

Alliance is proud to partner with Yolo County to bring these essential tax services to various communities across the county. Families can schedule an appointment at their preferred location by calling 2-1-1.

"I'm excited to bring this valuable service to our community again this year" says Miguel Guerra, YCCA Family Resource Center Assistant Manager. We offer year-round appointments in English, Spanish, Russian, and Dari, allowing us to truly serve our diverse community."

For more information about YCCA's involvement in the Free Tax Prep program, eligibility criteria, and appointment scheduling, please visit [www.yourfreetaxprep.org](http://www.yourfreetaxprep.org) or contact the YCCA Family Resource Center at (916) 572-0560. ★

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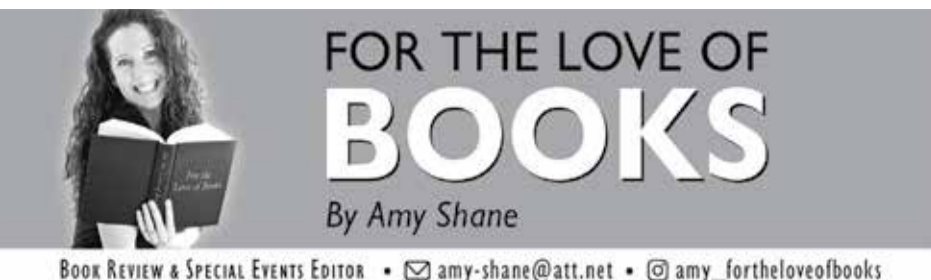
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## Give The Gift Of Love And Books This Valentine's Day



### Love is My Favorite Color by Nina Laden and Melissa Castrillon; Simon and Schuster

The world around us holds so much magic and beauty if only we took a moment to look at it through a child's eyes. Every feeling and emotion can be transformed into an item or a thing when looking at through the wonder of a child. Caring can be an animal because you want to care for each one you see. Knowledge is a door that welcomes you to walk in. Sharing is the best gift you can give, and peace is a song you can sing from your heart. Most of all, love is a color because you can love everything you see.

*Love is My Favorite Color* is a stunning picture book that will inspire readers to take a moment to notice the world around them in a new light.

### The Berenstain Bears Extra Special Valentines by Mike Berenstain; Harper

Valentine's for all their friends, but Brother has a very special one. All Day, sister tries to find out who the special Valentine's is for, but Brother keeps it a secret.

Find out who Brother's special Valentine is for in this all new, I Can Read special Valentine's Feature.

### Same Love, Different Hug by Sarah Hovorka, illustrated by Abbey Bryant; Clarion Books

Everyone loves hugs. There is a special type of hug for everyone, whether they are the giant leap-in-your-arms hug or the soft and gentle type of hug. Follow along as a child shares all the ways their family loves to be hugged. Sometimes, they are rough and tough, gentle and quiet, or even a sneak attack. Sometimes, a hug can be a gentle wave from a distance or a song for someone who is sick. Ultimately, no matter which way you like to hug or which way others around you want to be hugged, the

Hug is a beautiful exploration of love and hugs. Author Sarah Hovorka touches readers' hearts by sharing all the many ways to share your love in a beautiful, understanding, and inclusive way.

### Doris

by Lo Cole; Boxer Books

Doris doesn't like standing out, but as a bright red elephant, she is very easy to notice. All Doris wants is to fade in the background and not be seen, but each time Doris finds a colorful place to hide something happens. Follow Doris on this hide-and-seek journey where learning to be confident in who you are, is the best place to be.

Doris is a bright hide-and-seek adventure exploring the desire to blend in, combined with the message of confidence. This vibrant, colorful story is a wonderful exploration of feelings while also being a beautiful celebration of primary colors and

# Social Security Matters

## How is my Social Security Benefit Calculated?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social  
Security Advisor

*Dear Rusty:* I appreciate your recent article dispelling the myth that politicians have stolen Social Security money. As a CPA, I dispel this myth repeatedly to clients who falsely claim SS funds have been raided. But another thing I deal with often is how SS benefits are calculated. I know the formula for determining each person's benefit amount is complex, but I have had to explain numerous times that those who put the most into Social Security get the lowest rate of return and those who put the least in get the highest return based on the way the benefit formula is structured. I get tired of people complaining that monthly Social Security payments are higher for retired doctors and other highly paid individuals. Can you please explain how Social Security is weighted in favor of lower income workers? **Signed: Tired of the Misunderstandings**

*Dear Tired:* Please don't be frustrated. Because of the program's complexity, Social Security is prone to misunderstanding, and educating the misinformed is an important professional duty we share. Here's how each person's SS benefit is determined:

The first thing to know is that each person's SS retirement benefit is not based on their financial contributions to the program. Social Security's

purpose is to provide a benefit which replaces a portion of the person's pre-retirement income, so the SS benefit is based on actual lifetime earnings, not on the payroll taxes withheld from those earnings.

Social Security has your lifetime earnings record (obtained annually from the IRS) and that record determines your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA." Your "PIA" is initially determined in your eligibility year (usually age 62) and is the amount you will get if you claim for benefits to start exactly at your full retirement age (FRA).

To develop your PIA, Social Security first adjusts (indexes) each year of your lifetime earnings (up to the annual payroll tax cap) to account for inflation. They then select the 35 inflation-adjusted years in which you earned the most, from which they compute your average monthly earnings over your lifetime (this is called your Average Indexed Monthly Earnings, or "AIME"). They then break your AIME into three segments, the first of which includes a majority of - and possibly all of - your AIME. They then take a percentage of each segment and total those three amounts to determine your PIA. The first segment is the largest and 90% of that first segment contributes most of your PIA. Smaller percentages of the other two segments (32% and 15% respectively if your AIME is higher), are then added to the first computation to arrive at your full PIA - the amount you get if you start benefits in the month you reach your FRA. Note that since most of the PIA comes from the first large segment of each person's AIME, lower income workers get a higher percentage of their lifetime average monthly amount.

Since benefits are based on earnings, those with lower

lifetime earnings do, indeed, get a smaller benefit than those with higher average lifetime earnings, but the percentage of pre-retirement replacement income lower income workers receive is higher than for those with higher monthly average lifetime earnings. The Social Security benefit for lower income workers is typically about 40% of their pre-retirement average monthly income, while those with higher lifetime average earnings may get a benefit as little as 20% of their average monthly pre-retirement earnings. In that sense, the Social Security benefit formula is progressive and weighted in favor of lower income workers. Nevertheless, albeit a smaller replacement percentage, higher income workers receive a higher monthly SS benefit because of their higher lifetime earnings. Even so, those higher earners did, indeed, contribute more payroll taxes from their higher earnings.

So, each person's SS retirement benefit amount is a percentage of their pre-retirement income. Coincidentally, those with higher pre-retirement income also contributed more to the Social Security program than did those with lower earnings. But their higher SS benefit amount is based on their higher pre-retirement earnings, not on payroll taxes paid from those higher earnings.

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## Will California Leaders Nurture Or Strangle The State's Economic Golden Goose?



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

During California's 174 years of statehood, it has undergone periodic and often dramatic changes of economic personality.

Its admission to the union in 1850 was largely driven by the gold rush, which temporarily supplanted the agriculture and cattle ranching that had been economic mainstays.

When the gold rush cooled in the late 19th century, farming and ranching resumed their central roles. It's hard to believe now, but Los Angeles County was the nation's most agriculturally productive county in the first decades of the 20th century.

The state's northern reaches developed a major timber industry, and oddly oil was first discovered in 1865 amid Humboldt County's dense forests, a historic fact perpetuated in the name of a tiny hamlet, Petrolia.

However, Southern California saw a much larger oil boom in the final years of the century, and California quickly became the nation's biggest petroleum producer. Simultaneously, the movie industry blossomed in Southern California, thanks to its scenic settings and sunny weather and the

desires of early movie moguls to escape from the East Coast's intolerant attitudes and legal disputes.

California's economy, still largely rooted in extracting resources from the earth, underwent a major change when the nation became embroiled in World War II. It became a staging point for the Pacific war, the site of numerous military training bases and an industrial powerhouse producing airplanes and other tools of war, such as ships.

California's central role in producing weaponry and training military personnel continued after the war because the United States soon found itself in a cold war with the Soviet Union, one aspect of which was a hot war in Korea and later another conflict in Southeast Asia.

California also saw post-war expansions in civilian industries with steel mills, petrochemical plants, auto assembly lines and multiple other factories. However, by the 1970s, California's heavy industry was shrinking as one-by-one the plants that had employed hundreds of thousands of workers shut down, with the last remaining major manufacturing industry, aerospace, drying up as the Cold War ended in the 1990s and Pentagon contracts disappeared.

Fortunately, military research contracts and Stanford University had spawned a new industry - digital technology - centered in the Santa Clara Valley south of San Francisco. For many decades, it was

an agricultural center. Renamed Silicon Valley, it has anchored California's economy ever since, generating immense wealth that percolated through other economic sectors.

California's economy may be undergoing another evolution. Silicon Valley's high-flying past is giving way to a more uncertain future as companies shed thousands of workers and other states see tech industry growth.

California's past, present and uncertain future deserve intense political, media and academic attention because how its economy evolves will determine how well the state as a whole manages during the 21st century.

That's why a recent announcement that the Public Policy Institute of California is creating an economic research arm is important. Hopefully, the Economic Policy Center's research will persuade political and civic leaders to stop taking the state's economy for granted and reconsider policies that are strangling the golden goose.

However, the center's first paper - aimed at framing the existing economic picture - is not reassuring. It all but ignores the structural factors that threaten the economy, dwells on superficial effects, and shows a fondness for political mitigation of those effects rather than fixing the fundamentals.

*Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers.* ★

## CHURCH DIRECTORY



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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240032  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. Enterprise Business Park III, 2. Enterprise Commerce Center III, 1741 ENTERPRISE BOULEVARD, Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 1121 SW Salmon St., Ste. 500, Portland, OR 97205 Schnitzer Properties, LLC, 1121 SW Salmon St., Ste. 500, Portland, OR 97205 This business is conducted by a limited liability company The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/00. Schnitzer Properties, LLC S/ Jeffrey F. Nudelman, Secretary, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/10/2024. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder KLOPEZ, Deputy 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/24 CNS-3775028# NEWS-LEDGER 2-16-24

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231076  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Smart AZ, 188 Harvey Way, Davis, CA 95618. Alexander Zakharenkov, 188 Harvey Way, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 27, 2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 SMART 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240047  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: River Bend Nursing Center, 2215 Oakmont Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO  
River Bend Holdings, LLC, 2305 Historic Decatur Rd., Ste 100, San Diego, CA 92106  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/12/2018. River Bend Holdings, LLC S/ Richard Martin, Manager  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/17/2024.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder kquam, Deputy Publish: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/24 CNS-3777566# NEWS-LEDGER 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240056  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. Dentists of Davis, 2. Dentists of Davis Dental Group, 4625 Second Street, Suite 100, Davis, CA 95618 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 17000 Red Hill Ave., Attn: Raela Apollito, Irvine, CA 92614 Mak and Vicuna Dental Corporation, 4625 Second Street, Suite 100, Davis, CA 95618 This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Mak and Vicuna Dental Corporation S/ Sergio Vicuna, Treasurer, This statement was filed with the County Clerk

of Yolo County on 01/16/2024. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder kquam, Deputy Publish: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/24 CNS-3773985# NEWS-LEDGER 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240039  
The following person(s) is doing business as: HANDYMAN HAULING & BEYOND, 2455 W CAPITOL AVE., APT. 286 WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691, County of YOLO. VIKTOR USTINOV, 2455 W CAPITOL AVE., APT. 286 WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691  
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/2023 S/ VIKTOR USTINOV  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/12/2024.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder By: K LOPEZ, Deputy Publish: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/24 CNS-3775838# NEWS-LEDGER 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231019  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Khalsa Truck Trailer Repair, 5766 Lolet Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Jessi Gurha, 5766 Lolet Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 1, 2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 6, 2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: Feb 9, 16, 23 March 1, 2024 KHALSA 3-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240074  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Rod Equipment Rental, 1550 Harbor Boulevard Suite 140, West Sacramento, CA 95691. ROD Transport Inc, 1550 Harbor Boulevard Suite 140, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 24, 2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024 ROD 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240088  
The following person(s) is doing business as: The Goodnight Room/The Goodnight Club, 524 Main Street Suite 101, Woodland, CA 95695. Nightcap Enterprises LLC, 2375 Russell Circle, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 31, 2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024 GOODNIGHT 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240087  
The following person(s) is doing

business as: JC AG Services, 600 Snapdragon Ct. Winters, CA 95694, County of Yolo. Justin Rominger, 600 Snapdragon Ct. Winters, CA 95694 Catherine Roman, 600 Snapdragon Ct. Winters, CA 95694  
This business is conducted by General Partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A S/ Justin Rominger S/ Catherine Roman  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 01/31/2024.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder By: kquam, Deputy 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8/24 CNS-3782060# NEWS-LEDGER 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240099  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Extra Space Storage (#3597), 19389 County Road 102, Woodland, CA 95776 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 2795 E Cottonwood Pkway, Ste 400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121 - Salt  
Extra Space Management Inc, 2795 E Cottonwood Pkway, Ste 400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/28/2023.  
Extra Space Management Inc S/ Gwyn Goodson McNeal, VP, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 02/05/2024.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder KQUAM, Deputy 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8/24 CNS-3776160# NEWS-LEDGER 3-8-24

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2024-0094

Rebecca Rose Estrada has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rebecca Rose Estrada to Rebecca Rose McCarter-Ribakoff.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: January 10, 2024  
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 2024 ESTRADA 2-16-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2024-0067

Belqeas Sirat has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of FNU Zahra aka (No Name Given) Zahra to Eva Adam.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be

granted.  
Dated: January 11, 2024  
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 2024 SIRAT 2-16-24

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC SEC. 6105) ESCROW NO. 15131S  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: JONG YONG PARK, 2544 PORT ST, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691  
Who's chief executive office is: SAME AS ABOVE  
Doing Business as: PROCALI IMPORTS LLC AKA CHONG WHOLESALE (Type - CLOTHING IMPORTS)  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: CHONG'S WHOLESALE  
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: PROCALI IMPORTS LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 2544 PORT ST, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691  
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 2544 PORT ST, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691  
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is MARCH 6, 2024  
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be MARCH 5, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.  
Dated: JANUARY 31, 2024  
PROCALI IMPORTS LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Buyer(s) 2140899-PP NEWS-LEDGER 2-16-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILLIAM FREDRICKSON, AKA WILLIAM EDWARD FREDRICKSON CASE NO. PR2024-0021  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of William Fredrickson, aka William Edward Fredrickson.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Patricia Ballenger, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Patricia Ballenger be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: February 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 11. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim

with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raphael S. Moore, 413 F Street, Davis, CA 95616; 530-758-8317  
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more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of Yolo County, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695  
The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Joshua C. Boyce, Frank Penney Injury Lawyers, 1544 Eureka Road Suite 120, Roseville, CA 95661 916-788-1960.  
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In the Matter(s) of THOMAS GROGAN NO: JV-20-50-2 CITATION  
Dependent(s)  
To: Thomas G. Grogan  
**You Are Hereby Cited and Required to Appear** at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 1000 Main Street, Woodland, California 95695, on April 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 6. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Linda Parker on March 14, 2008. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.  
Dated 01/16/2024  
Paul K. Richardson Judge of the Juvenile Court  
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### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted **electronically** through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **2:30 PM local time on March 21, 2024**, at which results will be posted and available for public review for the:

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT T1 PROJECT

This Invitation to Bid (ITB) is for the construction phase of the Police Department T1 Project. The City is seeking a qualified contractor to provide all labor, material, equipment, and services necessary.

#### CITY SCHEDULE:

**Mandatory Bid Walk:**  
February 27, 2024 - 11:00am  
West Sacramento Police Department  
550 Jefferson Blvd.  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Bid Release Date	no later than 5:00pm	February 16, 2024
RFI Question Cutoff	no later than 2:30pm	March 8, 2024
Proposals Due		March 21, 2024

#### INQUIRIES:

Questions about this Invitation to Bid should be submitted through the OpenGov at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system.

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# Woodland Opera House Unleashes Disney Magic, Music, and Legacy!



**Descendants 07: Some of Woodland's Disney Descendants stars.** Photo courtesy of Woodland Opera House

## Woodland Opera House News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Jennifer Goldman, D.D.S and Amy Thu Tran, D.D.S. present Disney's Descendants: The Musical Woodland Opera House, 340 Second Street, Woodland, CA 95695

March 1-17, 2024 - Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Disney's Descendants: The Musical is based on the popular Disney Channel original movies. It is a brand-new musical, jam packed with comedy, adventure, Disney

characters, and hit songs from the films! Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost (home of the most infamous villains who ever lived), the teenaged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have never ventured off the island...until now. They have a difficult choice to make: should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

Content Advisory: Disney's Descendants: The Musical is a family-friendly production suitable for all ages. Parents of younger viewers should be aware of the

following: some scenes include Fantasy Violence (sword fighting/moments of peril), and themes of Good vs Evil are a large part of the storyline.

Performances are set for Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Reserved seating is \$20 Adults, \$18 Seniors (62+), and \$10 Children 17 and under. Balcony tickets are \$12 for Adults, \$7 for Children. Flex Pass specials and group rates are available. Purchase tickets at [www.WoodlandOperaHouse.Org](http://www.WoodlandOperaHouse.Org) or at the Box Office (530) 666-9617 / 340 Second Street, Woodland. ★

# Suspects in Custody After Assault on 6th and F



Police findings at suspects' residences.

## West Sacramento Police Department News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On Thursday, February 8, at approximately 4:00pm, Officers responded to a call of an assault with a deadly weapon with multiple subjects assaulting a victim in the area of 6th and F Streets. The victim had significant injuries and was transported to the hospital for medical treatment. The suspects fled the scene, and were located in the area of Kagle, Joan and Sharian Streets. Officers set up a perimeter and began searching for the suspects with a police K9 as well as air support.

Two suspects were taken into custody, and the SWAT team was able to safely search the homes and area within the perimeter and determined no other suspects were inside. Both residences in question were searched, and four handguns, including two which were found to be stolen along with extended magazines, ammunition and additional evidence related to the earlier assault were collected.

While this is still an ongoing investigation, we would like to thank our neighboring agencies for their support, as well as our community for your patience as we worked through this active investigation into the evening hours yesterday. ★



## Fruit Fly Quarantines Multiply to Prevent Threats to Farms

Seven counties remain under quarantines in a battle to eradicate and stop the spread of four different species of invasive fruit flies that agricultural officials say could wreak havoc on California farms and hundreds of crops. The Oriental fruit fly triggered quarantines in parts of Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Portions of Los Angeles County have been under quarantines due to findings of the Mediterranean, Tau and Queensland fruit flies. The Queensland quarantine largely affects Ventura County centered around Thousand Oaks.

## Governor Announces Strategy to Protect Salmon Populations

As California experiences hotter, drier temperatures due to climate change, Gov. Gavin Newsom has announced the state's first strategy to protect and help restore salmon species to reduce their risk of extinction. The California Salmon Strategy, released last week, is a 37-page document that outlines actions state agencies are already taking to stabilize and recover salmon populations. The strategy calls for steps including removing barriers and improving infrastructure for salmon migration, restoring habitat, protecting water flows in key rivers and modernizing hatcheries.

## Pg&E Electric Transmission Project Raises Concerns in Lodi Wine Country

Farmers and vintners in northern San Joaquin County are expressing concern about an electrical transmission project they say would bisect farm properties, restrict the ability to change crops and negatively affect property values in one of the state's top wine regions. Growers with farms in the path of the transmission system proposed by investor-owned Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and the local municipal power provider, Lodi Electric Utility, raised concerns during a virtual meeting last week of the California Public Utilities Commission.

## Wine Sales Slow Amid Messaging Discouraging Drinking

Winemakers in the U.S. and abroad are struggling to sell their product, and leaders in the sector are increasingly focused on anti-alcohol messaging. Shanken, a news organization that collects data on wine, beer and spirits, reports that 2023 was the third consecutive year of negative volume growth for U.S. wine sales, following more than a decade of flattening consumption. Some in the wine sector have traced the origin of negative health messaging around wine to a 2018 study published by The Lancet, which found there was "no safe level" of alcohol consumption. ★

# Presidential Primary Election Update: County Voter Information Guide and Vote-by-Mail Ballots

## County of Yolo News Release

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - County Voter Information Guides (CVIG) for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election have been mailed to Yolo County voters. The CVIG includes Ballot Drop Box, Vote Center, and Mobile Vote Center locations and days/hours of operation, local candidate statements and measures and other important information. Voters that have 'opted out' of receiving a paper version of the CVIG may view it on the Yolo County Elections website: <https://sites.omniballot.us/06113/app/home>.

Today, (Monday, February 5, 2024), the Yolo County Elections Office started mailing Vote-by-Mail ballots for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. All active registered voters in Yolo County can expect their ballot to arrive in their mailbox by Monday, February 12, 2024. If your ballot has not arrived by Tuesday, February 13, 2024, please contact the Yolo County Elections Office by emailing [elections@yolocounty.org](mailto:elections@yolocounty.org) or by phone at (800) 649-9943.

"We are pleased to announce that all needed election materials are on schedule to be received by Yolo County voters within the first two week of February," says Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters. "We are diligently working through our election processes and are on track for a very successful election," says Salinas.

## Key Information Regarding Vote-by-Mail Ballots

You do not need to request an absentee/Vote-by-Mail ballot – all active registered voters will be mailed a ballot beginning February 5, 2024.

Vote-by-Mail ballots must be filled out and returned in the provided return identification envelope. Voters can return their voted ballots in their signed return identification envelopes:

Via the mail (no return postage needed); it must be postmarked by March 5, 2024, and received by our office no later than March 12, 2024.

By dropping it off at one of our 15 Ballot Drop Boxes from February 5, 2024, until 8:00 p.m. on

March 5, 2024 (Locations are listed and mapped here: [https://www.yoloelections.org/voting/polling\\_place](https://www.yoloelections.org/voting/polling_place));

By dropping it off at one of our 13 Vote Centers (VCs) – three of our VCs are open beginning Saturday, February 24, 2024, and the remaining ten (10) are open beginning March 2, 2024. Voted ballots in their signed return identification envelopes must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on March 5, 2024 (Locations are listed and here: [https://www.yoloelections.org/voting/polling\\_place](https://www.yoloelections.org/voting/polling_place)).

The Yolo County Elections Office encourages you to return your vote-by-mail ballot before Election Day.

## Key Information Regarding Vote Centers

Yolo County has replaced the traditional neighborhood polling places with 13 Vote Centers (VCs) placed strategically throughout the county for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. Yolo County voters can visit any VC in the county to drop off or cast a ballot in person.

Locations are listed and mapped here: [https://www.yoloelections.org/voting/polling\\_place](https://www.yoloelections.org/voting/polling_place).

Three Vote Centers are open for eleven (11) days beginning Saturday, February 24, 2024, through Monday, March 4, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Election Day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ten (10) additional Vote Centers are open for four days beginning Saturday, March 2, 2024, through Monday, March 4, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Election Day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All 13 Vote Centers are open on Election Day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vote Centers offer many services. Voters may:

- Drop off voted and signed vote-by-mail ballots
- Pick up a replacement vote-by-mail ballots for yourself or a return identification envelope
- Vote a regular ballot
- Receive language assistance or copies of translated ballots for reference
- Use accessible ballot marking devices
- Complete same-day voter registration and conditional or provisional voting

Yolo County operates a

Mobile Vote Center (MVC) which provides all of the services you will find at the other Vote Centers. The MVC will be visiting seven townships and unincorporated communities beginning Tuesday, February 27, 2024, and will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at each location.

Locations are listed and mapped here: [https://www.yoloelections.org/voting/polling\\_place](https://www.yoloelections.org/voting/polling_place).

## Key Election Dates

Monday, February 5: Mailing of ballots to all registered voters begins.

Voted ballots may be returned in any of the Ballot Drop Boxes located throughout the county or anywhere in California.

Tuesday, February 20: Close of voter registration for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by this date or delivered to the Elections Office by 5:00 p.m. Online voter registration must be completed before midnight on this date at <http://www.registertovote.ca.gov/>.

Wednesday, February 21: National Voter Registration (CVR) begins (also known as: Same Day Registration) at the Yolo County Elections Office and Vote Centers (once opened).

Saturday, February 24: Three Vote Centers throughout the county open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27: Last day to request a Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot be mailed to you. After this date, VBM ballots are available only at the Yolo County Elections Office or at any Vote Center.

Saturday, March 2: 10 additional Vote Centers open throughout the County, for a total of 13 Vote Centers, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5: Election Day, all Vote Centers throughout the County open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Yolo County Elections Office encourages residents to connect with Yolo County ACE – Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections on Facebook: @YoloACE, Instagram: @YoloCoACE, Threads: @YoloCoACE, YouTube: @Yolo County ACE, TikTok: @yolocoace and X: @YoloCoACE to receive the most up to date information. ★

# Important Election Update

## County of Yolo News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - During a post print review of the Yolo County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) it was discovered that the recalled statement submitted by the officer whose recall is being sought within the Woodland School District Trustee Area 2 was unintentionally not included in the county voter information guide. This impacts approximately 4,100 Yolo County voters within Woodland School District Trustee Area 2.

Within hours of

confirming this, the Yolo County Elections Office determined the number of impacted voters and is implementing a corrective plan. This plan includes expediting to all impacted voters a correction notice letter along with the recalled statement. The statement is also available in the online version of the Yolo County Voter Information Guide. You may visit our official website <https://sites.omniballot.us/06113/app/home> to access the statement in the accessible county voter information guide.

Yolo County Elections is committed to ensuring

transparency and accuracy in all election-related information. "Our team has taken immediate action to remedy the error and is reviewing our processes to prevent similar occurrences in the future," says Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters.

We understand the importance of providing accurate and complete information to our voters, and we apologize for any inconvenience this oversight may have caused. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (800) 649-9943 or [elections@yolocounty.org](mailto:elections@yolocounty.org) ★



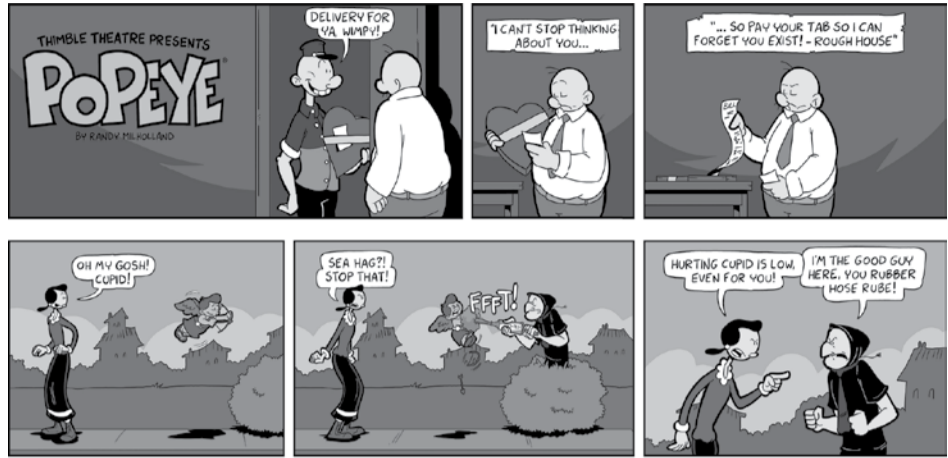


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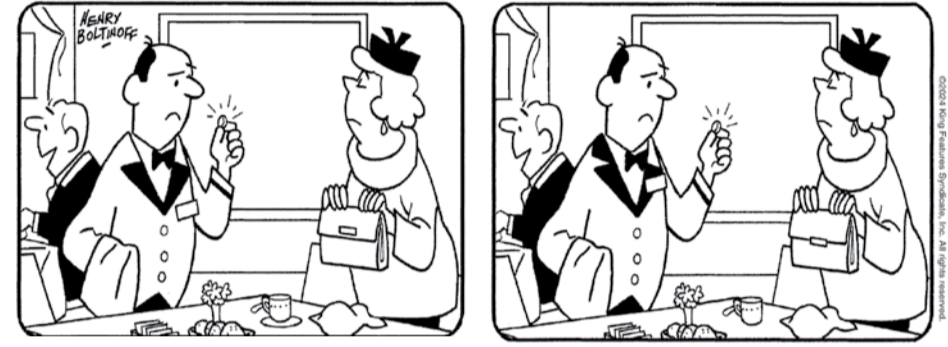


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# West Sacramento Presents Annual Police Awards

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**Community Recognition Citation** – CPS Liaison Savannah Cazares was given this award for being a vital part in the department’s interactions with juveniles and sometimes their families.

**Chief’s Citation** – Information Technology Specialist II Sean Dunn and Information Technology Support Specialist I Bryan Lembach received this award for their pivotal role in the advancement of technology-based systems and tools within the

department.

**Distinguished Leadership Award** – Sgt. Alexei Venikov was given this first-time award for his exceptional leadership skills and contributions to the vision of the department’s mission and values. With his high standards of integrity, he motivates fellow officers in a positive work environment. He has stepped in to carry a heavy workload to help the department succeed.

**Volunteer of the Year** – Jeshmin Singh is a volunteer who helps the Police Department in organizing events with

community outreach and recently wrapped presents for more than 800 local youth they supported in the annual toy drive during the holidays.

**Employee of the Year** – Police Records Technician Julie Cortez was given Employee of the Year for her dedication and professionalism. Her attention to detail and willingness to train new staff when she was relatively new herself was noted. She continues to exceed expectations while providing officers with support and enhancing community relations.

**Manager of the Year**

– Lt. Ryan Lukins has received Manger of the Year for his approachability and dedication to mentorship. His consistent support to the team has contributed significantly to the well-being of the officers.

**Team of the Year** – Sgt. Lou Cameron, K9 Officer Matt Montez, Officer Erika Barajas, Officer Brandon Pegos and Officer Ricardo Ramirez received this award for the exceptional performance and noteworthy success in fulfilling the department’s mission.

**Officer of the Year** – K9 Officer Matthew

Montez received the highest honor bestowed on an individual officer.

Officer Montez is an exceptional officer who is always willing to cover a shift, work overtime, bring his partner Yoda to assist at events or on calls. Both Montez and Yoda are likeable, approachable, professional members of the West Sacramento Police Department. Officer Montez was the spearhead for a top-notch, very successful 5k run to benefit the K9 Association.

Chief Strange told the officers “You are the ones who stand the

line in an unpredictable and increasingly volatile environment. You are the courageous ones who can be the compassionate counselor, the teacher, the problem solver... but you are also the ones that quickly switch into the absolute WARRIOR for the vulnerable, for justice, for righteousness, every single time it is called for.” He also said, “For 2024, I would ask that you keep that focus... continue knowing that you chose to do something that matters; to do something that will last, and with impacts that may change generations. ★



**Employee:** From left are Chief Rob Strange, Julie Cortez and Lt. Sal Lombardo. Photo courtesy of the West Sacramento Police Department



**Manager:** From left are Chief Rob Strange, Lt. Ryan Lukins and Deputy Chief Charles Meeks. Photo courtesy of the West Sacramento Police Department



**Officer:** From left are Chief Rob Strange, Officer Matthew Montez, Deputy Chief Charles Meeks and Yoda. Photo courtesy of the West Sacramento Police Department



**Volunteer:** From left are Chief Rob Strange, Jeshmin Singh and Division Manager Community Outreach Taylor Nelson. Photo courtesy of the West Sacramento Police Department

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