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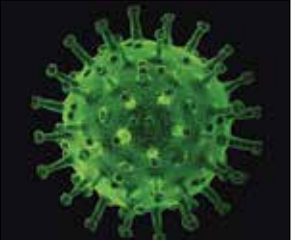
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Voters to Decide 1-Cent Transaction and Use Tax



City Manager Aaron Laurel explains to West Sacramento mayor and council members the need for a proposed tax.

**Story and photo by
Angela Underwood**

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A proposed one-cent transaction and use tax could provide the city with nearly \$20 million.

During the May 1 City Council meeting, West Sacramento City Manager Aaron Laurel and Government Affairs manager Doug Drozd presented Mayor Martha Guerrero and the City Council members with a tax proposal for the November ballot that would fund community safety, infrastructure

improvements, road upgrades and park maintenance.

While the proposal is “part of current strategic plan priorities,” Laurel said, it goes much further back than that.

“This council and the previous council have been struggling with the challenge of keeping the General Fund sustainable and addressing operation gaps,” Laurel said.

Those gaps include staffing, service levels, competitive employee compensation, facilities, equipment, vehicle maintenance, and infrastructure and road improvements. Calling

West Sacramento “a fairly new city,” Laurel said that since 1987, there have been 30,000 more residents, 1,000 new businesses, 10,000 new daily workers and computer trips.

The new tax addresses gaps in current and future service levels and better matches these expectations with reality, according to Laurel, who said it stabilizes further budgets and sustains investment and growth.

“The city still has a lot of growth to manage,” Laurel said, adding that while it is positive economic development growth, it comes with a

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Central Landfill and Northern Recycling Awarded \$10 Million

**Yolo County News
Release**

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County Central Landfill and Northern Recycling LLC announced this week receiving a \$10-million grant from CalRecycle to significantly expand their state-of-the-art compost facility.

The original facility, inaugurated in 2022, swiftly reached its capacity of 182,000 tons per year within its first year of operation. This expansion project will increase the facility’s capacity by approximately 50,000 to 60,000 tons per year, supporting Yolo County’s sustainability and waste management goals.

The grant, part of California’s Organics Grant Program under the California Climate Investments initiative, is projected to divert an additional 600,000 tons of organic waste from landfills over the next decade, effectively reducing greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 114,000 metric tons of CO2 equivalents (MTCO2e) during that period.

“Yolo County continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to our sustainability goals. Innovation in our operations at our publicly-owned landfill is consistently one of the bright spots in reducing Yolo County’s overall greenhouse gas emissions,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Lucas Frerichs.

Added Yolo County’s Chief Administrative Officer Gerardo Pinedo, “We are grateful for the strong support from the Board of Supervisors, which has led to the county’s Sustainability and Climate Action policies being embedded within our landfill operations, resulting in more recycling options for residents and an increase in the useful life of the landfill by an additional 43 years.”

Once complete, the expansion project will enhance Yolo County’s

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Port Commission Looks Forward

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Only some cities can boast a deep-water dock like the Port of West Sacramento.

General Manager Rick Toft shared the five-member Port Commission news after the monthly meeting on May 1, beginning with the landlord operating model implemented in 2013 to increase funding at the city dock.

Before the landlord model, the Port of West Sacramento experienced a long-standing structural operating deficit that needed to be more sustainable, according to Toft.

“The landlord operating model stabilized the financial viability of the port by shifting most of



Rice gets loaded on a ship at the West Sacramento Port at the North Terminal, where the primary export is shipped off. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

the Maritime Terminal’s operating expenses to the Terminal Operator and generating additional non-maritime revenues

from previously unproductive vacant sites,” Toft said.

Since opening in 1963, the Port of West

Sacramento has narrowed down two primary products for export and import. Today, the deep-water

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California Capital Airshow Welcomes Back Thunderbirds

California Capital Airshow News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - The United States Air Force Thunderbirds Jet Demonstration Team will be at this year’s California Capital Airshow lineup, in addition to the much-anticipated visit from the Italian Jet Team, Frecece Tricolori. The 18th annual California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the city of Rancho Cordova, returns to Mather Airport on July 13 and 14. This event will feature an extraordinary lineup of performers, miles of ground attractions and the return of nighttime aerial performances concluding with a massive pyro-musical fireworks show.

“To have both the Thunderbirds and Frecece Tricolori performing at the same show is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” said Darcy Brewer, executive director of California Capital Airshow. “Our attendees will get to see some of the best pilots in the world fly right here in Sacramento. We hope everybody is ready for jets, jets and more jets!” This unique show features four hours of nonstop aerial performances beginning at 6 p.m. each day. The United States Air Force Thunderbirds will kick off the event, followed



The skies will light up July 13 and July 14 with performances by the top airshow performers during the annual California Capital Airshow. Courtesy photo

by Frecece Tricolori, United States Navy F-18 Super Hornet, U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning and C-17 Globemaster demo teams and an impressive roster of highly-skilled civilian performers. As the sun sets, the show will continue with maximum afterburner followed by aircraft lighting up the night sky with pyrotechnics, walls of fire, a spectacular fireworks show, and more.

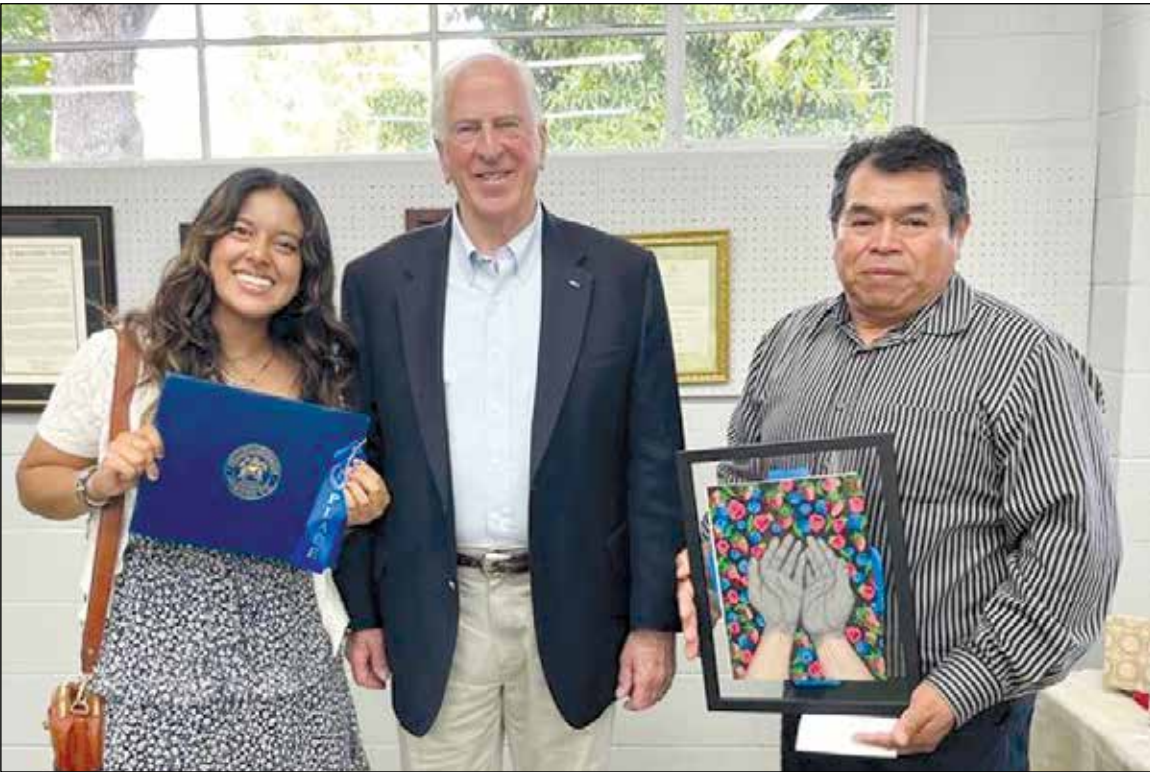
Airshow tickets are on sale now at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com. Tickets are limited and selling quickly, so those hoping to attend are encouraged to purchase their tickets soon. The California Capital Airshow’s partners are Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova, Modern Aviation, Keurig Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Visit Rancho Cordova, Folsom Lake Dodge,

Donaghy Sales, SMUD, Thunder Valley Casino Resort, Atlas Disposal, Sunbelt, Teichert, Elite Power, FOX 40, iHeart Media and UPS. In addition, the Airshow team is grateful to a long list of committed community supporters, as well as the teams of law enforcement and emergency services that give their time and energy to keep everyone safe. For more information,

tickets, event details and volunteer opportunities, check online at www.californiacapitalairshow.com. **About the California Capital Airshow** Established in 2004, the nonprofit California Capital Airshow plans and operates the family-friendly annual event designed to honor the Sacramento region’s rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the

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Thompson Announces Yolo County Finalist for Congressional Art Competition



Rep. Mike Thompson is with Yolo County finalist, Luzangely Martin (left). Photo courtesy of the Office of Rep. Mike Thompson



The winning piece by Napa’s Taylor Webster is entitled, “Forlorn,” and is composed with charcoal pencil. Photo courtesy of the Office of Rep. Mike Thompson

Office of Rep. Mike Thompson News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On May 5, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) announced that Taylor Webster of Napa County was chosen as California’s Fourth District winner of the 2024 Congressional Art Competition. Luzangely Martin was named as the Yolo County Finalist. “I always look forward to the Congressional Art Competition as it gives my colleagues, Capitol visitors, and me the opportunity to appreciate the incredible talents of our district’s high school artists,” said Thompson. “Congratulations to Napa County’s Taylor Webster on being named as this year’s winner from California’s Fourth District and congratulations to Luzangely Martin on being named as this year’s Yolo

County finalist. “Year after year, I am blown away by the skill and creativity of these young artists, and this year was no exception. Thank you to each of our student artists who submitted their work, to their families and teachers for providing mentorship, and to our judges for carefully evaluating the submissions. I look forward to seeing Ms. Webster’s piece on display in the United States Capitol.” This year’s Congressional Art Competition judges were Jose Martinez, art instructor and Mare Island Art Studios resident artist; Tara Thompson, Creative Sonoma executive director; and Maggie Morgan, University of California at Davis art and theater professor emeriti. Each spring, members of Congress host the Congressional Art

Competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent across their districts and the nation. Since the Artistic Discovery Competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated. To enter, students submit entries to their representative’s office and panels of district artists select the winning artwork. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. The winning works are displayed for one year in the halls of the U.S. Capitol. The complete list of artists recognized are Webster, Napa County, overall winner; Gavin DuBois, Lake County, finalist; Lilly Bertlin, Solano County, finalist; Ziqi Zheng, Sonoma County, finalist; and Martin, Yolo County, finalist. ★

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Voters to Decide 1-Cent Transaction and Use Tax

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cost,” Laurel said. “We can’t maintain a really aggressive and ambitious capital improvement program while you have challenges in the General Fund.”

General Fund sources include property tax, sales tax, service charges, transient occupancy tax and other sources.

However, the most significant part of the General Fund from property and sales tax is automatically used for public safety, including fire and police, which suffer recruitment and retention challenges.

Drozdz explained a transaction use tax, which is “a sales tax add-on cities can put before voters to go above the statewide base rate of seven and a quarter percent.”

“They are similar to sales use tax; however, sales use tax generally stays at the point of transaction, whereas a transaction use tax follows the merchandise,” Drozdz said, providing an example of purchasing an out-of-town vehicle. “That jurisdiction will get the sales use tax, but when you come back and register it, that is where the transaction use tax goes.”

If passed, it will be a 2% maximum combined tax, with increments of 0.125 percent. However, officials can only explain why they need the money in 75 words on the ballot.

Drozdz presented the council with the possible verbiage voters will see on the ballot, which reads the tax will help “rebuild roads and repair potholes, increase police and fire protection, recruit and retain safety personnel, maintain parks and trails, address homelessness, and keep public spaces safe and clean.”

No matter what the language, Councilmember Dawnte Early made it clear that officials “must be straight” with residents, “particularly because of transparency and public trust that what you vote on and what you say you are going to use those dollars for that is what the council will use those dollars for.”

There is no question that West Sacramento roads need improvement, according to Councilmember Verna Sulpizio Hull, who brought up present potholes causing daily issues, making it necessary for the “council to step up their game.”

With new trails and parks, Sulpizio Hull said, the city must maintain the city amenities, along with homelessness and housing concerns.

“As a council member, this is my first conversation about a sales tax measure and I want to note that I don’t take raising taxes lightly at all. However, through having this conversation, I am very clear that the minimal impact it will have on residents with the incremental amount of it,” Hull said.

Early and Councilmember Quirina Orozco made it clear that community safety is at hand.

“We need more police officers, and we need to be competitive in regard to our surrounding cities and how we can recruit,” Early said.

Orozco said, “core service needs that should have been funded three years ago” must be taken care of, especially for the police.

“We should have a facility that represents how we truly feel about our law enforcement officers and how they are working, and that includes fire,” Orozco said.

Orozco said that the “council is not the final decider; the public is,” and she “understands the financial pressure on the voters” with the measure presented during high healthcare, gas and food inflation.

“The crunch is real, and the impact in my household is real, and I can only imagine what it is like for other households here,” Orozco said.

Mayor Guerrero said she would like the public to know as much as possible about the proposed measure.

Laurel suggested creating a website that answers any questions the public might have.

Agreeing with her peers, Councilmember Norma Alcala said that while the public’s ultimate question is to answer, the council’s job “tonight is to get the ball rolling.”

The nearly hour-and-a-half workshop ended with Hull noting if officials do not do what they said on the proposed ballot measure, they should not be reelected.

The council had a second reading on the measure on May 15 for the proposal to move forward. ★

Aging Caregivers Task Force Virtual Meeting



The Aging Caregivers Task Force will meet again on Zoom on May 22. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Discussing death is complex, and the Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services wants to help residents have the talk.

The Aging Caregivers Task Force for intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID-DD) has been touring Yolo County, hosting a town hall series to help primary caregivers of adult children with disabilities prepare for an independent future.

Yolo County Deputy Supervisor Sheila Allen said housing and transportation are two critical topics being addressed.

"Because of the work of this

commission, we have started to work together to identify joint projects we already have on the books that they're going to be building in Woodland and West Sacramento," Allen said.

A virtual meeting via Zoom is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Residents can register for the meeting at <https://bit.ly/44mPTuS>.

The in-person meeting and virtual Zoom town hall meeting will have American Sign Language and Spanish interpretation available.

For more information, contact Sheila Allen at 530-757-5583 or sheila.allen@yolocounty.org. ★

Central Landfill and Northern Recycling Awarded \$10 Million

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capacity to manage organic waste sustainably, supporting the circular economic model promoted by CalRecycle. The increased composting capacity allows for further diversion of green waste by Yolo County, regional businesses and residents. State-mandated programs require that food waste such as coffee grounds, melon rinds, table scraps, and food-soiled paper napkins and towels be placed in compost bins. This not only diverts substantial amounts of organic waste from landfills but also produces valuable compost, a vital resource for soil health and carbon sequestration in agriculture.

Northern Recycling LLC, in partnership with the Yolo County Central Landfill, intends to expand Yolo County’s covered aerated static pile composting facility, utilizing grant funds to implement state-of-the-art composting infrastructure. This will include composting aeration systems, working pads, and equipment for screening and sorting food and green material.

“This grant reflects our ongoing commitment to creating green jobs and reducing climate pollution through innovative waste management solutions,” said Leslie Lindbo, Yolo County Department of Community Services director. “The expansion of our composting

facility will not only benefit our environment but also contribute to the creation of new, permanent jobs in our community.”

The grant awarded to Northern Recycling LLC and Yolo County Central Landfill is part of a broader initiative by CalRecycle to invest \$130 million across California in organics infrastructure projects, fostering economic growth while combatting climate change.

For more information about the Yolo County Central Landfill and the Yolo County Department of Community Services’ Integrated Waste Management Division, visit www.YoloCounty.org/YCCL. ★

Port Commission Looks Forward

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dock’s main export is rice and the top import is cement at the North Terminal on Industrial Boulevard. According to Toft, the two products “will continue to be the port’s primary cargos for the foreseeable future.”

“The Terminal Operator is always looking for new cargo opportunities,” Toft added.

Since “many ports cannot survive solely on maritime revenues, which are notoriously unpredictable and subject to economic factors outside of a Port Authority’s control,” the general manager said that there are several non-maritime leases at the Port of West Sacramento, which also owns more than 600 acres of vacant property.

“The Port of West Sacramento’s largest tracts of vacant land are not suitable for maritime development but are valuable sites for mixed-use development in accordance with West Sacramento’s General Plan,” Toft said.

Port revenue also comes from recreational opportunities, including rowing, sailing and outboarding. Toft said the dock waters offer unique recreational opportunities for West Sacramento residents and the broader region, including Sacramento, Davis, Woodland and Elk Grove.

“When the city took control of the port in 2006, the Port Commission immediately prioritized enhanced public access to port waters via the barge canal public-access area on Jefferson Boulevard, which includes a walk-in boat ramp and a bike and pedestrian trail,” Toft said.

Aside from a few smaller projects, including additional LED lighting upgrades, improvements to the Fire Training Tower and a new restroom facility for the recreational boat clubs, according to the general manager, the city dock has bigger goals. The

first is developing a modernization plan as a joint venture project with the Terminal Operator, Toft said, adding the Port Commission recently extended the Terminal Operator lease through June 30, 2028.

The next goal is to plan additional electrification projects at the Maritime Terminal.

“This is to continue the transition away from diesel-powered cargo handling equipment, thereby reducing emissions that impact the community,” Toft said.

Lastly, the Port Commission wants to advance a significant development project on the port’s Seaway property.

“All of these projects are multi-year efforts, which are currently in their early stages,” Toft said.

Officials will continue to discuss all plans at the next Port Commission meeting at 5:15 p.m. June 5, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., second floor, West Sacramento. ★

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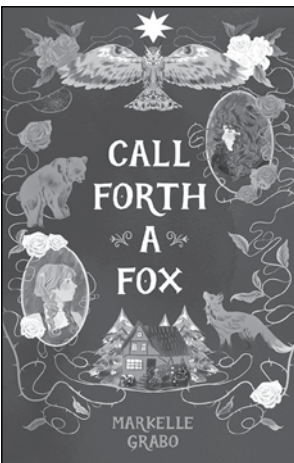
Call Forth A Fox

by Markelle Grabo

Ro has always loved her life in the western woods. Her father taught her to care for their garden and forage mushrooms along the forest floor while telling her grand tales of the faeries who lived amongst them. Her life was filled with so much joy until the day he was gone. With their home quickly falling in disarray and insufficient money to keep the family thriving, Ro's mother has set out to look for work and a new home out of town, leaving Ro and her sister Eirwyn behind to tend the house. While Eirwyn and her mother are excited about the move, Ro can't leave her forest home and all the memories rooted there.

Then, one cold, snowy night, Ro encounters a beautiful fox being chased by a bear and throws herself into its path without a moment's notice. Before her very eyes, the bear turns into a boy who has no memory of who he is. All he knows is he must kill the fox—the very fox that Ro feels she can't be parted from.

Just as everything seems to be spiraling out of control, Ro meets the sweet



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and caring Colette, but even she seems to be keeping her own deep, dark secrets. Now convinced the forest is filled with magic, Ro knows this must be a curse set by faeries, and she is the only one who can break it.

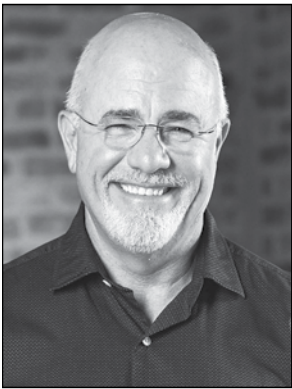
Left with only one choice, Ro and Eirwyn must uncover the forest's buried secrets and the truth behind the stories their father taught them to save her beloved fox and the cursed boy.

Cottage Core meets Fairy Core in the enchanting world of, Call Forth a Fox. Markelle Grabo

weaves a spellbinding tale, blending childhood lore with faerie curses in a way that is both charming and magical. The story, with its echoes of retold fairytales and forest lore, is filled with characters who will find a place not just in the narrative but also in the hearts of readers. The world they inhabit is vivid, atmospheric, and rich in detail, a place that will transport young adult readers into the heart of the forest and the fae world.

Interlaced with faerie lore, secrets, and magic, this story is perfectly suited for a story where readers can take their time being completely immersed in the characters and story.

With a main character that is strong and secure, confident she is the only one who can break the curse, and a sister, that stands tall in her own right, lends to two powerful voices. This captivating story of secrets, faery lore, and magical transformations highlights the powerful bond of sisterhood and confidence, reminding young adult readers the importance of knowing your place in the world. ★



The Walking Debt

Dear Dave,

A few years ago, I had a real problem with credit card debt. Since then, I've gotten much better at handling my money, and I'm making about \$80,000 a year. Two weeks ago, I received a letter about a credit card I had in 2020. The amount owed is \$7,688. The letter doesn't say I'm being sued, but it says I have to appear before a judge in two months for a pretrial conference. I live in Florida, and I've never heard of anything like this. I only have \$1,000 in savings.

– Damari

Dear Damari,

I'm glad to hear you're handling your finances better now than you did in the past. But at this point, you're learning that old debts don't necessarily die, aren't you? Ignoring debts isn't a good plan, because many times they

Dave Ramsey Says

come back to life like a zombie and come looking for you.

I'm not an expert on Florida law, but a pretrial conference in a case like this—over a \$7,688 credit card bill—is highly unusual. I've been helping people with money problems for 30 years, and I've never heard of anything like this. It could be some kind of new tactic the collections attorney is using to try to intimidate you.

If I were in your shoes, I'd call the attorney who's suing you and try to negotiate a payment plan or settlement. Do you have anything you can sell? Because I've got a feeling if you can come up with \$3,000 or so and offer it as payment in full, they'll take it. I don't mean to be unkind, but these guys figure you're a deadbeat because you've got a 5-year-old debt hanging over your head and haven't tried to pay it. They'll take almost anything they can get at this point.

In general, when you go to court over a situation like this, you're going to lose. You have a legal debt, and you haven't paid it. It's that simple. So, if you don't have anything to sell to

make some money that way, you need to get busy working an extra job or two. I'm talking about doing Door Dash or something—in the morning before work or in the evening after work. Kiss those weekends goodbye too. Just go nuts for a few weeks, and make a bunch of extra money fast.

It won't be easy, and you're going to be dog-tired for a while. But you can scrape together \$3,000–4,000 before June easily if you'll just put your head down and make it happen. Then, offer it up to the attorney. Demand a written release, with the debt declared settled and paid in full, and chances are, this thing will be off your back!

– Dave

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Social Security Matters

Future Retiree Worried About Social Security's Future



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I keep reading that the SSA will only be able to pay out 75% of benefits come 2033. If congress were to do nothing and this reduction in benefits occurred, would seniors already collecting benefits in 2033 have their benefits reduced or would it only be those who have not begun to collect have their future benefits reduced? I will be collecting my benefits no later than 2027 but my wife will not reach full retirement age until 2033 and we are looking for information on whether we need to adjust savings now to account for mine or my wife's possible reduction in benefits. **Signed: Worried Senior**

Dear Worried Senior: If Congress does nothing to prevent Social Security's reserves from depletion, Social Security – by law - will only be able to pay out benefits equal to income, which is estimated to be about 23% to 25% short of what will be needed to

pay full benefits starting in 2033. That would mean everyone who is already receiving monthly Social Security benefits would get a payment 23% to 25% less than they were previously receiving. And without reform, new beneficiaries would get benefits similarly reduced.

The action needed to prevent those cuts from happening resides with Congress, and any program reform they enact would likely only affect those who are not yet collecting. Whether or how that would affect you and your wife as future SS beneficiaries depends on the scope of reform Congress will enact which, of course, is not yet known. That uncertainty, itself, is reason enough to bolster your savings for your future retirement.

The probability of Congress allowing the Trust Funds to be depleted, thus necessitating an across the board cut in everyone's benefit is, in my opinion, slim (it would be political suicide). Congress already knows how to fix Social Security's financial woes – they just currently lack the bipartisanship and political fortitude to do so. And it's doubtful any Social Security reform will happen this election year - rather, the opposing sides will likely just sling accusations at each other in 2024. But rest assured that

both sides of Congress are acutely aware that reform of the Social Security program is needed soon, and we are already seeing signs that progress on reform may be forthcoming (but not until after the 2024 elections).

Congress is notorious for waiting until the last possible moment to act, and I don't suggest you alter your Social Security claiming strategy based on the unknown. But building a bigger nest egg for retirement is always a prudent goal. Also, calling your Congressional Representative to endorse needed Social Security reform which ensures your future benefits will not be cut would be a good move

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YOGA5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240291

The following person(s) is doing business as: Brookside Investors, 610 Barbera Place, Davis, CA 95616. Mark McNece, 610 Barbera Place, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 7, 2019. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 29, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024

BROOKSIDE5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240348

The following person(s) is doing business as: Ripple,, 135 Pendegast Street, Woodland, CA 95695. KF Bacon, LLC, 14138 Second Street P.O. Box #89, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 18, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024

RIPPLE5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240344

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. Dentists of Woodland, 2. Dentists of Woodland Dental Group, 1450 E Main Street, Suite 100, Woodland, CA 95695 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 17000 Red Hill Ave., Attn: Legal Dept., Irvine, CA 92614 Macchiarella and Gill Dental Corporation, 17000 Red Hill Avenue, Irvine, CA 92614 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. Macchiarella and Gill Dental Corporation S/ Sergio Vicuna, Secretary, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/16/2024. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder KQUAM, Deputy Publish: 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24/24 CNS-3801040#

NEWS-LEDGER5-24-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240369

The following person(s) is doing business as: Paperplanes, 601 Main Street Suite 210, Woodland, CA 95695. Elevation Enterprise LLC, 601 Main Street Suite 210, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 29, 2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 23, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024

PAPERPLANES5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240372

The following person(s) is doing business as: EVERGREEN PROPERTY SERVICES, 17292 COUNTY ROAD 117 WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691, County of YOLO. MANUEL HERNANDEZ, 17292 COUNTY ROAD 117 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 N/A /s/ MANUEL HERNANDEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/25/2024. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder By: KQUAM, Deputy 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31/24 CNS-3809766#

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240107

The following person(s) is doing business as: HTI Glass & Construction, 2919 Promenade Street Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Home Tech Remodeling, Inc., 9580 Oak Avenue Pkwy #7, Folsom, CA 95630. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed

above on January 30, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 6, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024

HTI6-7-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240398

The following person(s) is doing business as: Forever Rides, 1540 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Adam Avila Seeley, 1540 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 6, 2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 6, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024

FOREVER6-7-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-0544

Juan Gabriel Gomez Vasquez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cristian Alexander Reyes Rojas to Cristian Alexander Gomez Rojas. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 14, 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: March 26, 2024 David W. Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024

VASQUEZ5-10-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-0917

Mayra Yvette Rodarte has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dolores Yvette Alvaro to Lola Yvette Rodarte and Luis Alberto Alvaro to Luis Alberto Rodarte. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 24, 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: April 12, 2024 Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024

RODARTE5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-0852

Naima Gonzalez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Naima Gonzalez to Naima Cardona-Bregante. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 6, 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: April 19, 2024 David W. Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024

GONZALEZ5-24-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-1001

Erik Rodriguez-Huerta has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Erik Rodriguez-Huerta aka Erik Rodriguez Huerta, aka Erik Rodriguezhuerta) to Erik Rodriguez. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 4, 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: April 22, 2024 Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024

RODRIGUEZ5-24-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-1066

Jyll Michelle Pingree-Miller has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jyll Michelle Pingree-Miller to Jill Michelle Pingree. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 26, 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: April 30, 2024 David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024

MILLER5-31-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-1027

Arturo De Haro Salazar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of

Arturo De Haro Salazar aka Arturo Deharo Salazar aka Arturo S. Deharo aka Arturo De Haro to Arturo Deharo Salazar. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 11, 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: May 1, 2024 Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2024

SALAZAR6-7-24

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: CV2023-0269

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TRUSTEE SALE

TS No: CA08001601-23-1 APN: 014-345-015-000 FKA 014-345-15-1 TO NO: 230578574-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 March 13, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 7, 2024 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 March 27, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0011705-00, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by HENRY APODACA, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND RICARDO M. VEGA, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY 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: 1025 MILTON STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$233,746.49 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001601-23-1. 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 NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001601-23-1 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. Date: April 23, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001601-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0459862 To: NEWS LEDGER Publish: 05/10/2024, 05/17/2024, 05/24/2024

NEWS-LEDGER5-24-24

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 171172 Title No. DEF-599159 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/03/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 05/31/2024 at 1:00 PM, Prime Recon LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/01/2015, as Instrument No. 2015-0033437-00, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Malai-ka Katrina Singleton, unmarried, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), North Entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall, 1110W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST AND ATTACHED EXHIBIT A.EXHIBIT A THE LAND HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO, COUNTY OF YOLO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 165, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED "IRONWORKS AT THE TRIANGLE" FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 16, 2006 IN MAP BOOK 2006, AT PAGES 200-210, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS. APN 058-380-027 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 835 Graphite Ln, W Sacramento, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances,

Politicians Keep Shifting Blame as California’s Homelessness Crisis Worsens



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Over the last half-decade, state government has spent about \$24 billion to ameliorate California’s worst-in-the-nation homelessness crisis. Local governments and private charities have spent countless billions more.

Despite those immense expenditures, the number of unhoused Californians has continued to increase to more than 181,000 in the latest federal census. It’s not only the most of any state but the highest ratio vis-a-vis population, and 28% of the national total.

The data imply that whatever officials have been doing hasn’t worked – or even more ominously that underlying factors, such as extremely high living costs, particularly for housing, and macro economic trends are so powerful that officialdom can only nibble at the margins no matter how much money they spend.

Recent political discourse on the issue indicates that Gov. Gavin Newsom, state legislators and local government officials recognize, if not publicly acknowledge, the virtual impossibility of significantly reducing homelessness, and therefore have evolved into self-protective blame-shifting.

When Newsom was running for governor six years ago, he promised to appoint a “czar” who would wage a frontal assault on homelessness. A year into his governorship,

reporters pestered him about making good on the promise. Obviously irritated, Newsom pounded the podium at a budget news conference and snapped, “You want to know who’s the homeless czar? I’m the homeless czar in the state of California.”

As the number of homeless people continued to rise, Newsom began shifting from promises of effective action to blaming others for failure – local government officials in particular. Just last month, for instance, Newsom demanded more oversight of local performance and threatened to withhold additional funds for those deemed to be ineffective, saying, “I’m not interested in funding failure any longer.”

Local officials, most of whom are Newsom’s fellow Democrats, have responded with complaints that one-year budget appropriations prevent them from establishing permanent programs to move people off the streets and into housing.

Both Newsom and local officials complain about a federal appellate court ruling that homeless encampments cannot be cleared unless their occupants have access to housing. That issue is now awaiting a U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Meanwhile, the state auditor’s office last month issued a highly critical report on the Newsom administration’s Interagency Council on Homelessness, or Cal ICH, saying it has failed to accurately report on homelessness efforts and coordinate state efforts.

“Until Cal ICH takes these critical steps, the state will lack up to date information that it can use to make data driven policy decisions on how to effectively reduce homelessness,” the report declared.

State legislators of both

parties joined the finger-pointing game this week during an “oversight” hearing in an Assembly budget subcommittee.

They took turns roasting Meghan Marshall, the Cal ICH executive officer, for a lack of data on which programs have been effective.

“You come to a budget committee, and there’s no numbers,” Assemblyman Phil Ting, a San Francisco Democrat, told Marshall. “How many people have we helped? How many people are off the street? ... Because that’s what the public wants to know. What’s the money been spent on?”

She replied that “data quality issues” have delayed the collection of data Ting wanted. “That sounds like an excuse,” Ting snapped back.

“The long and short of it is we have to stop measuring success by how many dollars we’re spending,” Assemblymember Josh Hoover, a Republican from Folsom, chimed in. “I am frustrated by the lack of urgency that I see today and the lack of data.”

The finger-pointing will probably become even more intense as the homelessness crisis worsens, as voters become more frustrated, and as politicians, including a governor with national ambitions, try to avoid the fallout.

Dan Walters is one of most widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state’s political, economic, social and demographic trends. He began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981. He has been at CalMatters since 2017. ★

Bird Flu Detected in Raw Milk Products

Yolo County News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION, CA (MPG) - Public health officials in Solano and Yolo counties advise residents to refrain from consuming raw milk or raw dairy products, such as raw-milk cheese, due to the recent detection of highly-pathogenic avian influenza virus (H5N1), commonly known as bird flu, in dairy cows and their milk.

Avian influenza has been spreading among wild birds worldwide since 2021, with subsequent infections identified in domestic poultry flocks and now in dairy cattle in the United States. Since March, avian influenza has been confirmed in 35 dairy herds across nine states. Notably, raw milk from infected cows has been found to contain very high levels of the avian influenza virus.

During the current dairy cow outbreak, one person is known to have been infected with avian influenza, a dairy worker in Texas who experienced mild symptoms and subsequently recovered. However, little testing has been done in people and workers might be reluctant to report symptoms.

Yolo County Public Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson stressed the

importance of avoiding raw milk consumption, stating, “Based on the risk of exposure to avian influenza, I strongly recommend that people not consume raw milk or dairy products at this time. Pasteurized milk and dairy products made from pasteurized milk remain safe to consume.”

Solano County Public Health Officer Dr. Bela Matyas added, “Besides the current concerns with H5N1 and unpasteurized milk, there are potentially other harmful germs in raw milk that have been proven to cause human disease before, including tuberculosis, brucellosis and gastrointestinal diseases. Pasteurized milk and dairy is healthy and safe. Why take the risk?”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have conducted tests on pasteurized milk and dairy products from retail stores, showing the presence of avian flu virus particles but no live virus. This underscores the effectiveness of pasteurization in inactivating avian influenza virus in milk.

Not all milk sold in California is pasteurized. The sale of raw, unpasteurized milk is permitted in California, although health officials have long cautioned against its

consumption due to associated health risks. Raw milk can harbor various pathogens capable of causing severe illness and death, including tuberculosis, salmonella, E. coli and avian influenza virus.

Rather than wait for people to contract avian influenza by consuming raw milk before issuing a warning, local health officials are acting based on preliminary data to warn about the potential for contracting avian influenza by consuming raw milk and milk products. The potential symptoms in humans who consume raw milk contaminated with avian influenza virus are unknown. On farms with cows infected with avian influenza, several cats that consumed raw milk developed severe neurological disease and died.

For more information about raw milk safety, visit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s webpages at www.fda.gov/food/milk-guidance-documents-regulatory-information/questions-and-answers-regarding-milk-safety-during-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-hpai-outbreaks#raw-milkcheese, and www.fda.gov/food/resources-you-food/raw-milk, or visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s webpage at www.cdc.gov/food-safety/rawmilk ★

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TRUSTEE SALE

if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$102,142.64 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 04/30/2024 PRIME RECON LLC Prime Recon LLC. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27368 Via Industria, Suite 201 Temecula, CA 92590 (888) 725-4142 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 280-2832 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Washington Unified School District's proposed 2024-2025 Local Control and Accountability Plan and budget will be available for public inspection at the District Office, 930 Westacre Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691, and online at www.wusd.k12.ca.us, starting at 5:30 p.m. on June 11th, 2024. A public hearing will be held on the proposed 2024-2025 Local Accountability Plan and budget on June 13th, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 1110 W Capitol Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

West Sac News Ledger 5-17-2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on June 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to receive comments on the 2024 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program. The hearing will be held at the City of West Sacramento City Hall, second floor, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, California 95691.

The City of West Sacramento receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2024 Annual Action Plan will cover the fourth year of the City's 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan. CDBG funds must be used for projects that meet at least one of the three HUD national objectives: 1) benefiting low- and moderate-income households; 2) addressing slums or blight conditions; or 3) addressing an urgent need such as flood or earthquake damage. The City will receive \$519,475 in Entitlement CDBG funding for fiscal year 2024/2025. Additional resources for the 2024 Action Plan will include \$100,000 in anticipated program income and \$100,000 in prior year resources. The proposed CDBG activities for the 2024 Annual Action Plan do not include programs or projects that displace persons from their homes, businesses, or farms.

Recommended goals and amounts for the 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan will be as follows:

- Consolidated Plan Goal #1: Address the supportive services needs of persons experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness. (\$92,920);
- Consolidated Plan Goal #2: Create low barrier housing opportunities for persons experiencing homelessness and extremely low-income households (\$482,660);
- General administration and planning expenses shall not exceed 20% of the HUD allocation plus program income. (\$143,895).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, at clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org, seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting to allow the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Assistance is available to groups representing low-income residents that are interested in learning about CDBG funding for programs or projects. Questions or comments may be directed to Isaah Alford, Community Investment Planner, at (916) 617-4555 or by email at isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org.

The City of West Sacramento promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income households regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or disability.

Aviso de Audiencia Pública

De conformidad con la Sección 66018 del Código de Gobierno, el Concejo Municipal de West Sacramento llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el 5 de junio de 2024 a las 7:00 p.m. para recibir comentarios sobre el Plan de Acción Anual 2024 para el Programa de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario. La audiencia se llevará a cabo en el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de West Sacramento, segundo piso, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, California 95691.

La Ciudad de West Sacramento recibe una asignación anual de fondos CDBG del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés). El Plan de Acción Anual 2024 cubrirá el cuarto año del Plan Consolidado 2021-2025 de la Ciudad. Los fondos CDBG deben usarse para proyectos que cumplan con al menos uno de los tres objetivos nacionales de HUD: 1) beneficiar a hogares de ingresos bajos y moderados; 2) abordar los barrios marginales o las condiciones de deterioro; o 3) abordar una necesidad urgente, como daños por inundaciones o terremotos. La Ciudad recibirá

\$519,475 en fondos CDBG para el año fiscal 2024/2025. Los recursos adicionales para el Plan de Acción 2024 incluirán \$100,000 en ingresos anticipados del programa y \$100,000 en recursos del año anterior. Las actividades propuestas por CDBG para el Plan de Acción Anual 2024 no incluyen programas o proyectos que desplacen a las personas de sus hogares, negocios o granjas.

Las metas y montos recomendados para el Plan de Acción Anual CDBG 2024 serán los siguientes:

- Objetivo #1 del Plan Consolidado: Abordar las necesidades de servicios de apoyo de las personas sin hogar y las que corren el riesgo de quedarse sin hogar. (92.920 dólares);
- Meta #2 del Plan Consolidado: Crear oportunidades de vivienda de baja barrera para personas sin hogar y hogares de ingresos extremadamente bajos (\$482.660 dólares);
- Los gastos generales de administración y planificación no excederán el 20% de la asignación de HUD más los ingresos del programa. (143.895 dólares).

De conformidad con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA, por sus siglas en inglés), si necesita ayuda para participar en esta reunión, comuníquese con el Secretario de la Ciudad, a las clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org, setenta y dos (72) horas antes de la reunión para permitir que la Ciudad haga arreglos razonables para garantizar la accesibilidad a esta reunión.

La asistencia está disponible para grupos que representan a residentes de bajos ingresos que estén interesados en aprender sobre el financiamiento de CDBG para programas o proyectos. Las preguntas o comentarios pueden dirigirse a Isaah Alford, Planificador de Inversiones Comunitarias, al (916) 617-4555 o por correo electrónico a isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org.

La Ciudad de West Sacramento promueve la vivienda justa y pone todos los programas a disposición de hogares de ingresos bajos y moderados, independientemente de su edad, raza, color, religión, sexo, origen nacional, preferencia sexual, estado civil o discapacidad.

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COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Clothing joint

5. *Opposite of good

8. *Pre-

12. Guesstimate (2 words)

13. Sudden impulse

14. Group dice game

15. Stead

16. Naive person

17. Fancy necktie

18. *Compass point opposites (2 words)

20. A pinch between the cheeks

21. Earth tremor

22. Before skip and a jump

23. Constantly worry about something

26. More infinitesimal

30. Catch a wink

31. One weber per square meter, pl.

34. *Pre-recorded

35. Deed hearings

37. Cribbage piece

38. Bread spreads

39. Plural of focus

40. Making the way, in a way

42. "I Like ____," 1952 campaign slogan

43. Of somber color

45. *Like bride's accessories (2 words)

47. 60 mins., pl.

48. Indiana ball player

50. One of Three Bears

52. *Day periods (2 words)

55. Vernacular

56. Part of church

57. Soap bubbles

59. Type of small salmon

60. Bound

61. Domingo, Pavarotti and Carreras, e.g.

62. Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.

63. Key next to spacebar

64. Where users review

DOWN

1. Fa follower

2. Between Ohio and Ontario

3. *Opposite of on land

4. Fluffy dessert

5. Hillside in Scotland

6. Anti-seniors sentiment

7. *Opposite of awkward and clumsy

8. *Door instruction (2 words)

9. Fairy tale opener

10. Flat-bottomed boat

11. Bambino

13. Not like #26 Down

14. Popular breakfast item

19. MCAT and LSAT, e.g.

22. *Hers

23. *Switch positions (2 words)

24. Louisiana swamp

25. Glasses, for short

26. Three biblical sages

27. A logical connection (2 words)

28. Extract a memory, e.g.

29. Stitch again

32. R&R spots

33. Tolstoy's given name, in Russian

36. *Irvin Shaw's title opposites (2 words)

38. Checked out

40. Pimple fluid

41. Marked

44. Speak like Pericles

46. *Not airtight

48. Teacher's pet, e.g.

49. Balance sheet entry

50. *Cons

51. Muslim honorific

52. Facts

53. Donned

54. Nervous biter's victim

55. College assessment test, acr.

58. Janitor's tool

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American River Trail Guide Released

By Ashley Shult Langdon

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Outdoor enthusiast Ashley Shult Langdon is on a mission to help residents find new ways to discover and enjoy Sacramento’s wild and scenic river with her upcoming trail guide, “Mildly Scenic: A Trail Guide to Sacramento’s Lower American River.” The first-of-its kind book will be released on May 14.

“What began during the pandemic as a way to keep my preschool-aged boys from climbing out the windows soon turned into delightful daily discoveries along the Lower American River,” said Langdon. “It’s the guide I wished I’d had at my disposal in 2020.”

Langdon wanted to provide closer, easier doorways to nature for more residents.

“There’s no need to drive far or wait for the weekend – there’s a little slice of wild, natural beauty running right through Sacramento County,” said Langdon. “Spotting river otters on a run between work calls or finding wildflowers during an after-school outing is



Ashley Shult Langdon poses with her book, “Mildly Scenic: A Trail Guide to Sacramento’s Lower American River.” Photo courtesy of Ashley Shult Langdon

entirely possible.”

In researching her book, Langdon became Sacramento’s local expert for the vast network of trails, many of which have never been published in a trail guide or on a county map. So Langdon reached out to Sacramento State’s Geography Department to set “Mildly Scenic” at

the center of the upper division coursework last fall. In just a few short months, the students and their professor, Dr. Anna Klimaszewski-Patterson, churned out 18 original maps prominently featured throughout the trail guide.

“We were thrilled to have our undergraduates

engage as a part of this story via their expertise in GIS and mapping to help put this valuable resource in the hands of explorers of all ages,” said Dr. Klimaszewski-Patterson.

Looking to elevate “Mildly Scenic: A Trail Guide to Sacramento’s Lower American River” beyond a basic trail guide, Langdon collaborated with Greg Traverso, graphic designer and pop artist, who is the mastermind behind the book’s cover design.

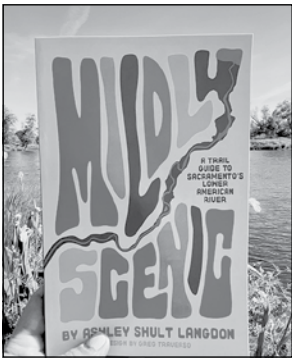
“From the beginning, Greg looked beyond what I was doing with the book and saw ‘Mildly Scenic’ as a lifestyle,” Langdon said. “And from there, he helped me build this super fun, engaging and beautiful book.”

The result is a 136-page full-color trail guide with photos, easy-to-read maps, at-a-glance trail tips and more than 70 options for trails from downtown Sacramento to Lake Natoma that families, runners, walkers and sun-bathers can all enjoy. Put simply, if you’re looking for an easy out-and-back loop in the sunshine or an affordable activity for out-of-town guests, “Mildly Scenic”

has got you covered.

“I’m excited for people to be able to use this guide just in time for summer. How lucky are we to have the mildly scenic American River right in our backyard? It’s wild and scenic,” Langdon said.

“Mildly Scenic” will be available in print (\$24.99) at bookstores and in eBook (\$9.99). For more information, visit mildly-scenic.com. ★



“Mildly Scenic: A Trail Guide to Sacramento’s Lower American River” is a first-of-its-kind book released this week. Photo courtesy of Ashley Shult Langdon



Ashley Shult Langdon covers 70 options for trails on the Lower American River. Photo courtesy of Ashley Shult Langdon

Commission to Consider Sutter's Fort State Historic Park General Plan Amendment

California Department of Parks and Recreation News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California State Park and Recreation Commission (Commission), pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 539, 5002.3, 5019.50, 5080.03, 5080.20, et al. of Public Resources Code, Section 11120 et seq. of Government Code, and other applicable law, will meet on June 11 in West Sacramento.

Agenda items will include consideration and possible action on the following department recommendations related to approval of the Draft General Plan Amendment for Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park. The Draft General Plan Amendment is available

for review on the State Park and Recreation Commission, Meetings of the Commission webpage at <https://www.parks.ca.gov/spremeetings>.

The documents might undergo modification and will be available on the State Park and Recreation Commission Meetings webpage prior to the Commission meeting, consistent with noticing requirements.

The Commission will hold an in-person meeting at 9 a.m. until adjournment on June 11 at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott West Sacramento (3455 Reed Ave., West Sacramento).

In addition to the in-person meeting, the virtual hearing will be hosted on the video conferencing service of Zoom. Members of the public will be able to comment on specific agenda items

through Zoom, phone, and in person. A full meeting agenda and a link to register to speak at the virtual hearing will be available on the Commission webpage by May 31, in compliance with California Government Code Sections 11125(a) and (b).

Anyone who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification in order to participate in the briefing and/or meeting can make a request by calling 916-902-8651, contacting SPR.Commission@parks.ca.gov, or sending a written request to State Park and Recreation Commission, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296. Providing your request at least five business days before the meeting will help ensure availability of the requested accommodation. ★

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Caltrans, in partnership with the California Department of Technology (CDT) and the Department of General Services (DGS), announced on May 9 historic contracts as California seeks to harness the power of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) to protect vulnerable road users and improve traffic flows throughout the state.

Deloitte Consulting, LLP and INRIX, Inc. were the selected vendors to investigate near misses of injuries/fatalities to identify risky areas and monitor interventions designed to increase safety of vulnerable road users. Read the full problem statement.

Accenture, LLP and Deloitte Consulting, LLP were the selected vendors to process and interpret complex data to improve traffic pattern analysis, address bottlenecks, and enhance overall traffic management. Read the full problem statement.

“With an average of 12 Californians dying on our roadways every day, we need to use every tool available to end the roadway crisis and reach our goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2050,” said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. “Today represents an important step in exploring how GenAI can help save lives. I applaud Governor Newsom and Secretary Tong for being at the forefront of testing how to responsibly harness this cutting-edge technology to help solve some of our most challenging transportation issues and

improve the lives of all Californians.”

“Caltrans has historically been an early adopter of new technology and working with these GenAI companies is another example of our forward-thinking approach,” Caltrans Director Tony Tavares said. “We are excited and optimistic of the ideas and solutions these vendors are working on in terms of improving safety on the highways and limiting gridlock in our busiest corridors.”

The selected vendors will collaborate with Caltrans to test their technology in a controlled environment with publicly available data to determine if it can help find innovative solutions to two of the state’s most complex transportation challenges: roadway safety and traffic management.

The contracts are in response to an Executive Order by Governor Gavin Newsom tasking state agencies to study the development, use, and risks of GenAI and begin the procurement process to responsibly evaluate and deploy GenAI technology.

Caltrans and CDT will work with the vendors to evaluate the technology’s capability in virtual testing environment known as a “sandbox.” This sandbox will be overseen by CDT, ensuring the vendors will adhere to strict state policies and regulations regarding data governance, privacy and cybersecurity. Governor Newsom’s directive included that any adoption of GenAI will be based on ethical and responsible implementations.

California’s transportation network is the lifeline

of its diverse economy and vibrant communities. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the number of fatal and serious injury collisions in California, especially those involving vulnerable road users like pedestrians, cyclists and highway workers, increased annually from 2011-2019. With nearly 36 million registered vehicles on California roads, Caltrans also faces a serious challenge in effectively analyzing available data to gain reliable insights on traffic patterns to address bottlenecks and improve overall traffic management on more than 50,000 miles of highway and freeway lanes.

One of the challenges is the volume of data generated from a wide range of sources, including traffic sensors, cameras, third party data streams, photos, and incident reports.

With a clear vision of the potential benefits and risks of GenAI, Caltrans seeks to integrate this technology to streamline data collection to enhance roadway safety, alleviate traffic congestion for all motorists, and strengthen strategic decision-making.

Caltrans will also study the technology’s potential to help navigate the evolving landscape of transportation demands, including the impacts of climate change and major events that can disrupt traffic patterns.

With a commitment to unlocking essential traffic data, Caltrans believes GenAI can be a valuable tool in helping build a transportation system that not only thrives on data but serves the ever-evolving needs of all Californians. ★

Organized Retail Theft Offender Sentenced to Prison

Conviction Secured Under DA’s FastPass Program

Yolo County District Attorney News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On May 8, Judge Daniel Wolk sentenced Cory Dolby to three years in county prison resulting from a felony conviction for organized retail theft.

Between September and December 2023, Dolby and his accomplices stole upward of \$15,000 worth merchandise from Target in Davis. They would then sell

the merchandise for their own profits. Dolby was also committing these crimes at Target stores in surrounding counties, totaling more than \$30,000.

The Yolo County District Attorney’s FastPass Direct File Program, which allows retailers to submit internal reports and evidence directly to the District Attorney’s Office played a significant role in revealing the full extent of Dolby’s thefts.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig commended the

collaborative efforts of law enforcement and leaders in the retail loss- prevention community.

“Organized retail theft is at an all-time high and is a crisis in California. Collaborations like this, strengthened by the FastPass program, are going to help address that crisis,” Reisig said. “My office is committed to holding these criminals accountable to keep our communities safe and thriving.” ★

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