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Hats Off to WUSD Class of 2024



Seniors were not the only 2024 graduating class, as seen here, with kindergarten students moving to first grade for the 2025-26 school year. Photo courtesy of Washington United School District

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - River City High School Class of 2024 graduates officially moved their gold tassels on their maroon hats from the right to the left side.

Washington Unified School District (WUSD) Superintendent Dr. Cheryl P. Hildreth said the 2024 academic year was a resounding success.

"We continued to prioritize equity, excellence, and empowerment for all our students," Hildreth told the West Sacramento Ledger for an

end-of-the-year interview. "Our community's unwavering commitment to providing a high-quality education that nurtures every child's unique talent and potential has yielded remarkable results."

Some of those results include rising high school graduation rates at 92% and transitional kindergarten (TK) through 12th-grade attendance trending upward at 94%.

"TK-12 chronic absenteeism continues to dip from our all-time high of 30% in 2021-2022 to 18% in 2023-2024," Hildreth said.

The high attendance rates could be due to an above-the-bar curriculum and comprehensive classes. The superintendent detailed Washington Unified School District's expanding "innovative programs and partnerships, ensuring our students have access to cutting-edge resources and opportunities that prepare them for success in college, a career and beyond."

"From STEM initiatives to arts and cultural enrichment, we have fostered an environment that celebrates

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San Pedro Festa Celebrates 102 Years

San Pedro Association News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Celebrating 102 years of Festas, descendants of many of the original Portuguese immigrants who came to live in what was then Riverbank (Bryte, California) are carrying on the tradition with the San Pedro Festa—more lovingly known by locals as the "Portuguese Picnic." This event is held at San Pedro Park on Saturday, June 29, and Sunday, June 30.

Beginning in 1922, these 'Festas Padroeiras' (folk celebrations) were held yearly on the riverbank



Grand Marshal Ed Sequiera and brother Peter Sequiera cook Espetada de Carne. Photo courtesy of San Pedro Association

or hosted by families with spacious backyards. Similar to the celebrations

held in their homeland, the families would celebrate Saint Peter the

Fisherman, their chosen patron saint. Names

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Bird Tests Positive for West Nile Virus



Lab director Sarah Wheeler tests a dead bird for signs of disease. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District

Sacramento Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On June 10, the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District confirmed that the first mosquito sample of the season has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). The mosquito sample was collected from the city of Sacramento, in the area of south Land Park in close proximity to the first positive bird reported last week. "As we expected, the very warm weather we've had recently increased the number of mosquitoes and accelerated virus activity," said Gary Goodman, District Manager. "It's important for residents to take these findings seriously and do everything they can to protect themselves," added Goodman. As part of the laboratory results received today, two dead birds also tested positive for the disease. Other counties throughout the state have also started to report West Nile virus activity. Last year in California, there were 433 confirmed human cases of the disease, including 19 fatalities.

The detection of this recent WNV activity is evidence that the disease is present, and the public should take proper

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Make It Happen for Yolo County Receives \$25,000 to Help Foster Youth



A Make It Happen for Yolo County representative poses with the check with a Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Community Fund representative. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thebaud Communications

Kristin Thebaud Communications News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Local nonprofit Make It Happen for Yolo County has received a grant of \$25,000 from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Community Fund to ensure local under-resourced transition age foster youth can become successful first-time renters. The grant will help the nonprofit increase the number of youths served as it expands from a volunteer-run organization to one with paid staff.

"We were honored when the Yocha Dehe Community Fund presented us with our first gift a couple years ago that allowed us to grow, and this increased gift will help us further expand and grow our services to reach more local underserved youth," said Cathi Schmidt, executive director, Make It Happen for Yolo County. "We are tremendously grateful to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation for trusting us with these funds and for showing these youth who often feel invisible that they are valuable to our community."

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Make It Happen for Yolo County provides local transition age youth ages 18 to 24, many of whom have been in foster care or experienced homelessness,

with furniture, appliances and household items needed to move into their first apartments. The nonprofit receives furniture donations from the community and purchases new appliances and household items to help youth involved with the Yolo County child welfare, mental health and probation divisions, as well as the UC Davis Guardian Scholars program and other local nonprofits. Since its founding in 2014, Make It Happen for Yolo County has helped more than 250 transition age youth. To make a financial or furniture donation, visit www.MIHYolo.org.

The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is committed to building strong communities and helping those in need, establishing the Community Fund to advance this mission. The Community Fund has established partnerships with more than 400 organizations throughout Yolo County, the state and nation, and granted nearly \$40 million in philanthropic aid to support programs and initiatives dedicated to assisting people in need. The Community Fund prioritizes grants that help people help themselves in critical areas: education, Native arts and culture, environmental protection, Native rights and tribal sovereignty, and health and wellness. For more information: visit www.yochadehe.gov/giving/community-fund. ★

\$2.4 Million of Park Space in Question



An aerial view of proposed park space that the city is considering partnering with the Washington Unified School District.

Story and photo by Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - City officials are considering a \$2.4-million parkland purchase.

Parks and Recreation director Kate Smith explained to city officials at the June 5 council meeting why the purchase of 1.2-acre property on 2286 Del Monte St. is significant due to its adjacency to 1100 Clarendon St., 26.5 acres of green space and parkland currently owned and used by Washington Unified School District (WUSD).

Smith explained the understanding the city made with the district in 2018 to construct and maintain recreation and park space through a Joint Use Facilities Agreement with Washington Unified School District.

"It will allow the city to renovate that space and offer it to the public and residents," Smith said. Del Monte Street has a parking lot and a single-story, 12,000-square-foot industrial building once approved for a failed cannabis manufacturing facility. Smith said officials plan to conduct a feasibility study to see if the facility can be used for indoor recreation.

According to a staff

report, the purchase stems from the 2019 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, which includes five acres of park space per 1,000 residents. Due to its deficiency of parkland, with only 3.68 acres of park space per 1,000, West Sacramento must purchase a minimum of 110 acres by 2028 to meet the goal of five acres per 1,000 residents.

Councilmember Norma Alcalá asked if residents know about the \$2.4-million purchase, including \$250,000 of Park Impact Fee Funds, a 10% down payment.

"Do we hold something to make the public aware of this purchase," Alcalá asked.

Smith said the city was only aware of the privately owned Del Monte Street property sale in April.

"We came to the city in closed session on May 1," Smith said, adding real estate dealings were delayed until that night.

Like Alcalá, Councilmember Dawnté Early wanted to clarify some items for the "public that may not see or understand" the staff report detailing the purchase and project of the 26 acres referenced in the 2019 Parks and Recreation Open Space Master Plan.

Councilmember Early noted the absence of

parking at the 26 acres. She acknowledged parking in the private residential development with other public members when attending her sons' sports events on the sports fields. However, purchasing the property could entail needed egress and parking into the park space.

"I think it is really important to talk about the potential that this purchase would be," Early said.

Mayor Martha Guerro asked what would happen if the council did not turn over the needed \$250,000 Park Impact Fee funds to proceed with the proposed plans, which Smith explained would be a \$120,000 risk at this point in the game.

Resident Danielle Langford rose for public comment, saying she has concerns "especially for the \$120,000 if we back out." Two questions are why it has not been discussed publicly and whether the railroad tracks will be removed.

"I have a problem with our city being in the real estate business," Langford said.

The mayor made it clear when looking at revenue sources to consider the county. Officials have until Dec. 31 to continue studying the site and possible plans. ★



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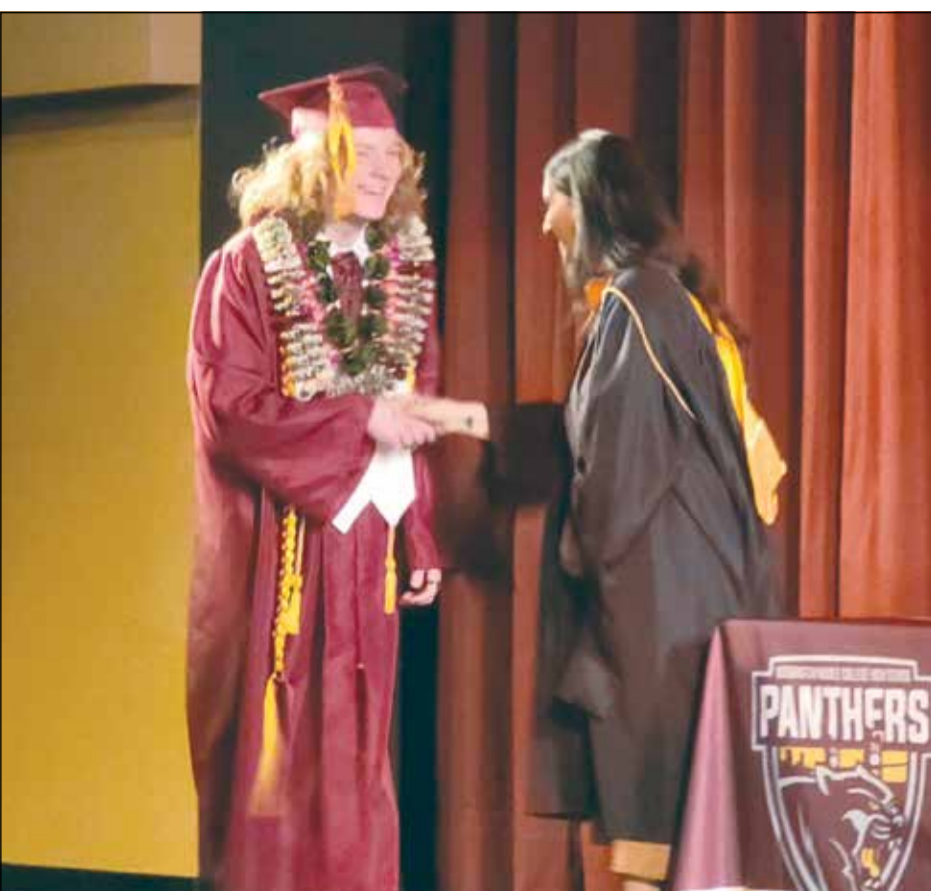
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Hats Off to WUSD Class of 2024



A proud graduate of the Class of 2024 accepts his diploma at this week's ceremony. Photo courtesy of Washington Unified School District

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diversity and empowers our students to explore their passions," Hildreth said.

The most significant result of the academic school year is the graduating Class of 2024.

"At WUSD, we believe that preparing our students for success extends beyond academic achievement," Hildreth said. "We have focused on developing well-rounded individuals equipped with the skills, knowledge and mindset to thrive in an ever-changing world."

According to the superintendent, that focus consisted of comprehensive college and career readiness programs giving invaluable guidance and resources to the Class of 2024.

"From personalized counseling and mentorship to internship opportunities and career exploration workshops, we have ensured that our students are well-prepared to navigate the next chapter of their lives, whether they pursue higher education or enter the workforce," Hildreth said.

The superintendent said the Class of 2024's success

is more than just a grade point average.

"We have emphasized the importance of social-emotional learning, equipping our students with the tools to manage stress, build resilience and cultivate healthy relationships," Hildreth said. "These life skills are essential for their overall well-being and success in any endeavor they pursue."

The superintendent credited educators for the year's success, saying dedicated teachers, staff and administrators "worked tirelessly" to make this year a remarkable success.

"Additionally, I want to acknowledge the invaluable support of our families and community partners," Hildreth said. "Their involvement and collaboration have been instrumental in creating a nurturing environment that fosters excellence and empowerment for all our students."

After the hard work of the 2023-24 school year comes respite. Giorgios Kazanis, Washington Unified School District executive director of communication, said it is the perfect time to provide students and staff a dedicated

time to reset and relax before transitioning to the next grade.

"The educational journey can be mentally and emotionally demanding, and it is essential to strike a balance between rigorous learning and rejuvenation," Kazanis said.

Over the summer, students have the opportunity to decompress, reflect and recharge their batteries, Kazanis said, adding, "The break allows them to process the experiences and lessons from the previous year, fostering a sense of closure and preparing them mentally for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead."

Speaking of the future, the superintendent said as Washington Unified School District celebrates 2024's milestones and achievements, the district remains committed to continuously improving and adapting to meet the evolving needs of its students.

"We will continue to embrace innovation, promote inclusivity and strive for excellence in everything we do, ensuring that every student in our district has the opportunity to reach their full potential," Hildreth said. ★

San Pedro Festa Celebrates 102 Years

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of many of those families that may be familiar to those in West Sacramento are Silva, Ramos, Pinto, Freitas, Jardim, Frates, Carvalho, Beata, Augustino, Sequeira, Sardine, Andrade, Cardoza, Anzore, Perreira, Carvalho, Nevis, Paulo, Neves, Rodrigues, Lawrence, Lopes, Gonsalves, Neto, Enos, Fonseca, Santos, Perry, Amaral, and Pena.

An association was formed, named the San Pedro Association (SPA). The 'founding fathers' of the SPA were Father Jose Jardim, Domingos Sequeira, Francisco Carvalho, Noe P. Ramos, Antonio G. Silva, Arthur Lawrence, Antonio J. Pinto, Antonio P. Ramos, John Rodrigues, Albino Freitas, Sn., Frank Neves and Jordan P. Ramos.

As years passed, the event grew, and soon, the entire community began to attend the Festas. With the attendance at a high, they needed more space to accommodate the guests. The SPA acquired property from the Silva Family and built what is now historic San Pedro Park. Volunteers and skilled artisans from the SPA and community built the Capela and large bar building in San Pedro Park, both of which are still used today. The annual Festas raised money to maintain these buildings and add more to the park as years passed. A permanent Bingo booth was included in the park, adding more fun and excitement to each passing Festa. The SPA invited other community organizations, such as the VFW and the Bryte Volunteer Fire Department, to participate in the annual festivities.

Descendants of those first San Pedro Association members, who live all over the Sacramento Valley and beyond, have continued the Festa tradition by hosting an annual event reminiscent of those that began in the 1920s, continuing to raise funds to maintain the little gem that is historic San Pedro Park.

The 2024 San Pedro Festa will take place on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30. Saturday's festivities are from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., featuring traditional food favorites like Espetada de Carne (marinated beef barbecued on a spit), Linguica sandwiches, Portuguese sweet bread, and Portuguese beans and poncha (a Madeira Island cocktail). The traditional 'Crowning of the Festa Queens' will begin in the evening. The band Maya



Junior Queen Ryleigh Sequeira Smith points out the original founders of San Pedro Association on a memorial wall at San Pedro Park. Photo courtesy of San Pedro Association

Latin Roots will perform live music from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This highly acclaimed Latin Tribute Band is known for its diverse repertoire and old-school favorites that will get everyone dancing.

The 2024 Junior Queen, Ryleigh Sequeira Smith, is the daughter of Alicia Sequeira and Nathan Smith. Ryleigh descends from a long line of San Pedro Association (SPA) and Festa volunteers on both sides of her family stretching over many decades. She is the great-great-granddaughter of one of the founders of the San Pedro Association, Domingos Sequeira, as well as founder Francisco Carvalho. In recent years, Ryleigh has volunteered at the Festa alongside her Grandparents, Ed and Debbie Sequeria, Mom Alicia, and Aunt, Marissa Sequeira.

Our Senior Queen, Marisa Koike Freitas, is the daughter of Miyoko and David Freitas, and the great-granddaughter of Albino Freitas, Sr., one of the founders of the San Pedro Association (SPA). Marisa and her parents are a US Embassy family, which means that in addition to the Washington, D.C. area, Marisa has lived abroad in cities such as Johannesburg, Kathmandu, and Recife. She will be returning to the US this June and will be "state-side" for a year, giving her the opportunity to participate in her family's Madeiran traditions. Her grandparents, Dennis and Sharon Freitas, have been dedicated lifelong volunteers, keeping the park and the SPA going for decades. Sunday's events and

traditions start with a Mass held at Holy Cross Church at 9 a.m. A procession from the church begins at 10 a.m., winding through the streets of Bryte (West Sacramento) and ending at San Pedro Park. In keeping with the traditions of the Madeiran culture, the statue of Saint Peter will be decorated and carried in the procession. The procession will also feature Grand Marshals Debbie and Ed Sequeira, lifelong volunteers and San Pedro Association (SPA) members. Debbie and Ed have not only participated in the parade and Festa as children and adults but have dedicated hundreds and hundreds of hours to fundraising events and maintenance projects at the park.

Members of the public are welcome to join in the procession along with the newly crowned Festa Queens, folkloric costumes, the Painted Ladies horses and riders, the Sacramento Youth Band and San Pedro members.

The park will open at 11 a.m. on Sunday, and the fun will continue with traditional food offerings, music, games, a silent auction, a live auction, and a 'Friends of San Pedro' key drawing. Become a member of SPA and you can participate in the key drawing.

San Pedro Park is located at 708 N. Hobson Avenue, West Sacramento (Bryte).

Holy Cross Church is located at 1321 Anna Street, West Sacramento.

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Bird Tests Positive for West Nile Virus

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precautions to stay protected. "Summer is around the corner and as more people enjoy outdoor activities, it's important to remember that the best protection against mosquito bites is an effective insect repellent," said Goodman. Residents are also encouraged to report dead birds, neglected pools and other mosquito problems.

As a response to the finding of WNV, the district will increase its mosquito trapping and monitoring in the area to find sources where mosquitoes may be breeding. Targeted ground spraying may

also be conducted to rapidly decrease the numbers of adult mosquitoes.

For current information about District activities, please visit www.FIGHTtheBITE.net. Residents may also subscribe to mailing lists to receive email notifications for upcoming mosquito treatments by zip code. To sign up, go to SprayNotifications.com on the website.

2024 West Nile virus activity update:
Sacramento County: 3 dead birds and 1 mosquito sample have tested positive for West Nile virus to date.

Yolo County: No activity has been registered so far. ★

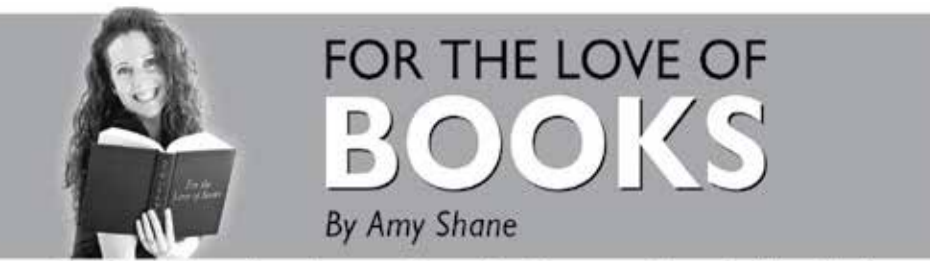
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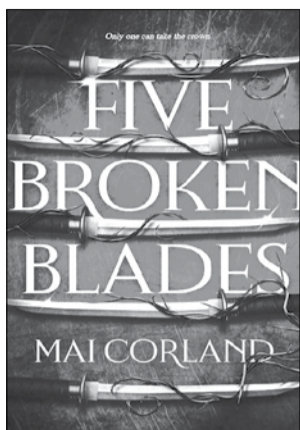
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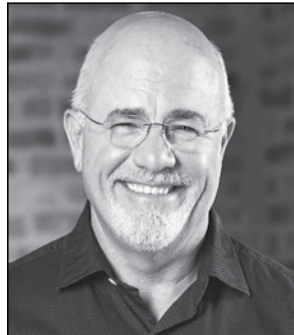
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Think, Pray and Find Your Calling

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have been very blessed financially over the course of our lives. We make a little over \$200,000 a year combined, and we currently have a net worth of around \$4 million. But what do you do when you’re not motivated by that kind of thing anymore? How do you find and live out God’s purpose for your life, when you’ve already had a better life than you ever expected?

– Amanda

Dear Amanda

I can’t tell you what your calling is, but I can say this. There’s a lot of fulfillment and joy to be found when you’re doing something that serves the people and things in your life that matter most.

If you’ve studied psychology a bit, you may remember something called Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs. Basically, it says once your physiological and safety needs have been

Dave Ramsey Says

met, you begin to feel the need to find other things to motivate you. It sounds like you’re both hard-working, performance-driven people. I am, too. And people like us get our relaxation, and even fulfillment, away from work in different ways than most people.

If I were in your shoes, I’d start trying to think about ways you can serve other people or causes you care about. Maybe there were dreams you had a long time ago, and you put them aside for your career. What really speaks to you right now, at this stage of your life? For you, if you have kids in the house, it might mean becoming a stay-at-home mom and really pouring yourself into them. It might mean starting an animal shelter, or providing meals for people who are homebound. Everyone has dreams, and everyone’s dreams are different.

It sounds like you’ve been thinking about this for a while, so here’s my advice to you. Take a day, or even a weekend, all to yourself. Get away from everything and everyone—any and all outside distractions—and think about your future self. Bring along things to eat and drink, a bunch of notepads, pencils and a

Bible. Then, before you do anything else, take a deep breath, relax and pray.

From that point on, be completely honest with God and with yourself. Open up your heart and mind to things you care about and all the possibilities. You have to have a goal that’s worthy in mind, and that’s the one thing that’s missing. But a time of thoughtful prayer—and yes, even daydreaming—may just put you closer to an answer than you’ve ever been before.

Congratulations on your success, Amanda. You and your husband truly have been blessed. But now, it may be the time to become a blessing to others!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★

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By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I've been reading a lot lately about speculation on what next year's benefit increase will be, and it seems like most of the experts are suggesting a range of 2.5% to 3%. My neighbor says don't worry about it, because there will always be some level of increase come January. It's guaranteed, right? **Signed: Retired But Questioning**

Dear Retired: You've brought up a common belief about the annual Social Security COLA, one that we hear often. Let's start with some background. Each year's COLA results from comparing the third quarter average Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) each year to the same average from the preceding year. The result of dividing the current year's average by

the previous year's average produces the COLA for the following year. For 2024's adjustment, the 2023 third-quarter average was 301.2 and the comparable figure for 2022 was 291.9, producing the 3.2% benefit addition.

It's not always the case that the year-to-year CPI calculation produces a positive result, as was the case three times so far this century. As recently as 2016, for example, the 2015 third-quarter average was 233.3 and the comparable figure for 2014 was 234.2, producing a negative change. Fortunately for beneficiaries, Social Security law prohibits a negative COLA, so the negative result was ruled out and the COLA for 2016 was zero.

So, the rumor that there will always be a benefit increase in January is untrue, although having only three zero COLA years since the start of automated adjustments in 1974 leads folks to assume there will always be a boost in the new year. The size of the adjustment fluctuates with economic cycles and has ranged from a high of 14.3 percent in 1980 to 0.3% in 2017 (excluding,

of course, the zero years). Incidentally, the historical average since automatic COLAs began is 3.8%, so the 2024 adjustment of 3.2% isn't that far from the average.

Social Security's rules are myriad and often confusing, but no question is too simple to be asked. The AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service is available, at no charge, to answer all your Social Security questions, via email at SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org or call 1.888.750.2622. *This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.* ★

Help Shape Yolo County's Transportation at Open House Events

Yolo Transportation District News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD) is excited to invite the community to three upcoming open house events in Davis, West Sacramento, and Woodland. These events will offer residents a chance to learn about and provide valuable feedback on two important transportation planning projects: The innovative Yolo Active Transportation Corridors (YATC) project and The Yolobus Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP).

The YATC project is a groundbreaking effort to enhance active transportation in Yolo County. It will guide the development of new walking and biking paths and trails, addressing the current lack of facilities outside incorporated cities. The plan aims to improve safety and connectivity,

especially for low-income and minority residents, and ensure better travel conditions for all ages and abilities.

The (SRTP) for Yolobus is a project that will develop a future service "roadmap" for our fixed route, Beeline on-demand, and Yolobus Special paratransit services.

Open House Events:
Davis Open House: Monday, June 17, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, 315 E 14th Street, Davis.

West Sacramento Open House: Tuesday, June 18, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Arthur F Turner Community Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento.

Woodland Open House: Thursday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Yolo Transportation District Board Room, 350 Industrial Way, Woodland. These events are a

crucial part of the community-driven planning process. Yolo County residents are encouraged to participate and share their experiences and insights. The feedback collected will play a vital role in shaping the future of active and public transportation in the region.

In addition to the open house events, the YATC project has hosted ten workshops in unincorporated communities across Yolo County. For those unable to attend in person, additional information and an interactive comment map are available online in both English and Spanish:

English: https://bit.ly/YATC_EN

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Retire Flags with Dignity at SAFE Credit Union

SAFE Credit Union News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - To celebrate Flag Day, SAFE Credit Union will provide flag retirement bins at all its branches in the Sacramento area and its headquarters in Folsom now through Saturday, June 29 for people to bring weathered and damaged flags. At the end of the month, the bins will be collected and the flags properly retired.

“Our branches are honored to be able to provide this service,” says Janine Southwick, SAFE Credit Union’s vice president Retail Branches. “It’s another way we can connect with our members and a unique way to show we honor the national symbol.”

SAFE’s heritage stretches back to 1940 when it started as a credit union serving Army Air Corps personnel at what would later become McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento. Today, SAFE has many employees and members who are active National Guard and reservists, veterans, and families and loved ones of active and retired military.

The flag retirement initiative is being led by a new employee resource group at SAFE focused on employees with military connections called Veterans and Loved Ones Resource (VALOR).

“Flag Day is an opportunity to reflect on the significance of the American flag and what it represents: unity, freedom, and the enduring spirit of our nation,” says Loan Servicing Manager Yvette Tibbs, who leads VALOR. “The flag is a powerful symbol of our shared values and the sacrifices made to uphold them.”

People are encouraged to bring flags ready for retirement to SAFE branches this month or they can find



Tyler Batista, relationship officer at the SAFE North Natomas branch, poses next to the in-branch bin for retired flags. Photo courtesy of SAFE Credit Union

other flag retirement services with Scouting and veterans’ groups. For more information regarding proper American flag etiquette, visit the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) website.

- Participating Branches:
- Antelope Branch, 7887 Walerga Road
 - Citrus Heights Branch, 7475 Madison Ave.
 - East Elk Grove Branch, 9312 Elk Grove Blvd.
 - East Sacramento Branch, 6341 Folsom Blvd.
 - El Camino Branch, 3560 El Camino Ave.
 - Folsom Branch, 2740 Bidwell St.
 - Granite Bay Branch, 8789 Auburn Folsom Road
 - Hazel Branch, 5261 Hazel Ave.
 - K Street Branch, 2901 K St. in Sacramento
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- Grove Land Park Branch, 4700 Freeport Blvd.
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 - Sunrise Branch, 7601 Sunrise Blvd.
 - Watt Branch, 4636 Watt Ave. in North Highlands
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 - West Sacramento Branch, 2105 Town Center Plaza
- For more information about the flag retirement bins, contact Senior Communications and Design Specialist Susan Burns at Susan.Burns@safecu.org or (916) 212-0485. ★

California Seeks a More Resilient Water Supply as Familiar Sides Battle for Access



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California is a semi-arid state in which the availability of water determines land use, and in turn shapes the economy.

That, in a nutshell, explains why Californians have been jousting over water for the state’s entire 174-year history.

The decades of what some have dubbed “water wars” may be approaching a climactic point as climate change, economic evolution, stagnant population growth and environmental consciousness compel decisions on California’s water future.

A new study, conducted by researchers at three University of California campuses, projects that a combination of factors will reduce California’s water supply by up to 9 million acre-feet a year – roughly the equivalent of all non-agricultural human use. They include effects of climate change, new regulations to stem the over-draft of underground water, reducing Colorado River diversions and increasing environmental flows, especially those through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

In an average year, around 200 million acre-feet of water fall on the state as rain or snow. Evaporation and percolation take most of it, leaving about 80 million acre-feet to be divided up among three major uses. Agricultural irrigation and environmental flows to

the ocean are roughly equal at around 35 million acre-feet while residential, commercial and industrial users take the remainder.

The latter is not only the smallest of the three uses but has been remarkably stable – even declining somewhat, despite decades of high population growth – thanks to intensive conservation programs.

Although water officials constantly beseech Californians to limit their personal consumption of water, the real conflict in recent years, particularly during periods of drought, has pitted agricultural interests against environmentalists over the flows needed to nurture fish and other wildlife.

Environmentalists have pressed state water officials, particularly the Water Resources Control Board, to compel farmers to reduce diversions from rivers to enhance flows. Agriculture is also being squeezed by new restrictions on tapping aquifers via wells. Moreover, California’s largest-in-the-nation agricultural sector has also been shifting from seasonal crops to nuts, grapes and other permanent, high-value products, which need year-round watering.

“Good management and policy for this situation requires organized serious attention and consistent long-term policy, without complacency or panic,” the UC study concludes.

The new study bolsters a 2022 policy paper issued by the Newsom administration calling for 4 million acre-feet of new water storage, another 1.3 million in savings through conservation and reuse of wastewater, and new supplies from desalination and other processes.

The study also arrives at legislation that would set new

targets for increased water supply, Senate Bill 366, makes its way through the Capitol with broad support from water interests of all varieties.

It’s one thing to point out that California faces a potential water supply crisis and should be earnestly trying to avoid the effects, but actually doing something confronts two steep hurdles: the glacial pace of water projects of any kind, and unresolved conflict over water rights, some of which date back to the state’s founding in 1850.

The Sites Reservoir exemplifies the former. The western Sacramento Valley project, which would add 1.5 million acre-feet of off-stream storage, has moved closer to reality in recent years after seven decades of sitting on the shelf. Ditto for the long-planned canal or tunnel that would bypass the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The notion of a comprehensive, long-range program making California’s uncertain water supply more resilient sounds great, and the clock is ticking. However, it assumes that officialdom has the legal authority to make it happen.

Until and unless the issue of water rights is resolved, the much-discussed reallocation of supplies – more for environmental flows and less for agriculture – will remain stalled.

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. ★

Dodd Declares June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Office of Sen. Bill Dodd News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On June 4, Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, announced a resolution designating June as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in recognition of a serious and growing crisis in California that was worsened by the coronavirus pandemic and continues to threaten the state’s most vulnerable, especially the homeless.

“Turning a spotlight on the tragic nature of this problem as well as the warning signs are critical steps toward prevention,” Sen. Dodd said. “It is critical that we pay particular attention to how this crisis is affecting the homeless. Because unfortunately, not a day goes by without reports of horrific cases of abuse or exploitation of the elderly or adults with disabilities.”

Senate Concurrent Resolution 153 comes as California’s population continues to age. It’s estimated that the number of those over 60 will increase 166% by 2060 with more than half of the 58 counties experiencing a 100% increase in this

demographic.

At the same time, 10% of Americans 60 or older experience abuse. One in every nine people over 65 are living with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia and up to 25% experience mild cognitive impairment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seniors experienced an increase in stress and isolation, both of which have been shown to be highly detrimental to health.

There are 6 million cases of elder abuse nationwide with 11% of all cases in California, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse. Another report from the National Council on Aging shows only 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse are ever reported to authorities. Over the past five years, Alzheimer’s disease and dementia deaths increased by 16% as resources and caregivers were stretched to the limits.

The death rate of older homeless adults is five times greater than the rate for housed adults, according to the California Commission on Aging.

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month is recognized globally during the month of

June. Throughout his tenure in the Legislature, Sen. Dodd has written multiple awareness month bills, mirroring national and international recognition of the problem.

“We wish to acknowledge and thank Sen. Dodd for authoring Senate Concurrent Resolution 153, and for his ongoing leadership and commitment to improving the lives of California’s most vulnerable communities,” said Leza Coleman, legislative director for California Commission on Aging, a resolution supporter. “This resolution reinforces the Legislature’s commitment to implementation of Gov. Newsom’s 2019 Executive Order calling for the development of a 10-year Master Plan for Aging by specifically addressing the current and growing crisis of abuse committed against our most vulnerable population.”

Sen. Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Yolo, Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento and Contra Costa counties. More information on Senator Bill Dodd can be found at www.senate.ca.gov/dodd ★

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



- May 24: Jahvaughna Christine Stige arrested for misdemeanor bench warrants.
- May 29: Katie Petrina Mota arrested for misdemeanor bench warrants.
- May 29: Andrea Christina Rasul arrested for misdemeanor bench warrant.
- June 2: Vavy Ros arrested for trespass: refuse to leave property.
- May 29: Carlos Antonio Martinez arrested for evading peace officer and vc reckless driving.
- June 3: Bianca Connetris Cole arrested for possess stolen vehicle/vessel/etc.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- May 24: An unidentified suspect defaced personal property, resulting in \$400 of replacement costs. \$400 loss. Vandalism less than \$400.
- May 29: Commercial burglary. \$120 loss. Burglary.
- May 30: Unknown female suspect entered victim’s motel room to borrow cash. As she walked out of room, two unknown male suspects ran into room, brandished handguns, ransacked room, and took victim’s property and money. \$150 loss. Robbery: first degree: cab/etc/inhabited dwelling. Conspiracy: commit crime.
- May 25: Unknown suspect drove their vehicle through the fence of victim’s business and stole an unknown value of equipment. \$1,000 loss. Vandalism: destroy other’s property. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- May 22: Theft of unsecured unattended bicycle. \$150 loss. Petty theft.
- May 24: Theft of truck tailgate off the vehicle. \$2,000 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- May 25: Reporting party left her wallet at Walmart. She was notified by her credit and debit card companies that her cards were being used without her permission in the surrounding area. \$20 loss. Theft by use of access card information.
- May 29: Reporting party arrived at location and observed recycling bin was missing. Upon further inspection, reporting party noticed front door lock was broken and a drill bag containing a drill and batteries was taken from inside. \$250 loss. Burglary.
- May 29: Unknown suspect started fire on northwest side of Triangle Court. \$1 loss. Causing fire of property.
- May 29: Commercial burglary with 12 bikes stolen and 5 recovered. \$644 loss. Burglary.
- June 1: Officers responded to location regarding a vandalism. Victim advised he did not have suspect information. \$5,000 loss. Vandalism (\$400 or more).
- June 2: A female stated that she was carjacked on 5/27/24 by an unknown male in the parking lot of the Town House Motel. \$4,000 loss. Carjacking.
- June 3: The victim’s backpack was stolen from her workplace at Domino’s. The suspect was seen on CCTV cameras stealing the bag from below the register and leaving with the items. The suspect then made multiple fraudulent transactions with the victim’s stolen credit cards at various locations along West Capitol Ave. The victim wants to press charges against the suspect if he can be identified. \$183 loss. Petty theft. Theft by use of access card information. Obtain credit/etc: use others’ ID.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-01254 Brianna Lynn Ford has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Paige Madelyn Delaney to Paige Madelyn Ford. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 5, 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: May 21, 2024 Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024 FORD 6-21-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-1301 Melissa Donnelly-Gowdy and Kevin Baldwin has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Andrew Kenneth Baldwin to Andrew Kenneth Gowdy-Baldwin and

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Jack Watkins Baldwin to Jack Watkins Gowdy-Baldwin. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 16, 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 28, 2024 Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024 BALDWIN 6-28-24

LIEN SALE

LIEN SALE NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 3071 AND 3072 OF THE CIVIL CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE UNDERSIGNED, CITIZENS TOWING & IMPOUND 1244 FORTNA AVE WOODLAND CA 95776 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC SALE ON: JUNE 21, 2024 10:00AM THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: 2007 DODG RAM LIC# 8X64971 CA VIN# 1D7HA18P87S114324 6/14/24 CNS-3821388# NEWS-LEDGER 6-14-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHARON MARIE TORRES CASE NO. PR2024-0129
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Sharon Marie Torres. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Jorge Alberto Torres, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Jorge Alberto Torres be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the 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: July 10, 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 Petitioner is: Jorge Alberto Torres, 3390 Ballena Bay Road, West Sacramento, CA 95891; 707-208-1758 Publish: June 14, 21, 28, 2024 TORRES 6-28-24

T.S. No.: 24-10439 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No.: *****0735 APN: 072-365-023-000 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 10/27/2020. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Oscar Martinez, An Unmarried Man Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 10/29/2020 as Instrument No. 2020-0036692 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale: 6/24/2024 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: North entrance West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$400,653.84 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 4070 Prosser Street West Sacramento, CA 95691 A.P.N.: 072-365-023-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 793-6107 or visit this Internet Website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-10439. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 793-6107, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-10439 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: 5/17/2024 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (800) 793-6107 Patricia Sanchez, Trustee Sale Officer Publish 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 2024 News Ledger 6-14-24

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City of West Sacramento's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until 1:30 PM local time on July 17, 2024, at which results will be posted and available for public review for the:

STATE STREETS PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

This Invitation to Bid (ITB) is for the construction phase of the State Streets Pavement Rehabilitation. The on Project encompasses a comprehensive set of tasks aimed at restoring and upgrading the neighborhood's road infrastructure. Paving and surface treatment tasks involve applying over 9 miles of slurry seal and over 8 miles of 6-inch hot mix asphalt. The City is seeking a qualified contractor to provide all labor, material, equipment, and services necessary.

CITY SCHEDULE:

Pre-Bid Meeting (Not Mandatory):
June 28, 2024 - 11:00am
Virtual meeting link available at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>

Bid Release Date	June 20, 2024
RFI Question Cutoff	no later than 5:00pm July 3, 2024
Proposals Due	no later than 1:30pm July 17, 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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NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE GREAT CALIFORNIA DELTA TRAIL - CLARKSBURG BRANCH LINE EXTENSION PROJECT

The City of West Sacramento (City) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms or individuals ("Proposer") to provide planning and engineering services for the development of 6.4 miles of a multi-use trail called the Clarksburg Branch Line Trail.

Project Description: This project is 6.4 miles of a mixed-use trail on former rail right-of-way. It will include a paved path, native soil equestrian path, and a telco conduit. The project will extend the trail from the West Sacramento city limits through Yolo County to the unincorporated town of Clarksburg.

This procurement includes all pre-construction work, including: data collection & surveying, the development and execution of a community-engagement program, alignment alternatives analysis (last mile), project approvals and environmental documentation (PA&ED), plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E), right-of-way engineering and last-mile property acquisition (R/W) and developing a funding plan for construction and long-term operations and maintenance (O&M). All work is to be consistent with the Caltrans LAPM.

Timeline: Project Release Date: June 21, 2024
Question Submission Deadline: July 12, 5:00pm
Question Response Deadline: July 19, 2024, 5:00pm
Proposal Submission Deadline: August 5, 2024, 5:00pm
Prospective Interview Date: August 20, 2024
Consultant Selection Date: August 23, 2024
City Council Award: November 6, 2024, 7:00pm

RFP Availability: Qualified Proposers are encouraged to visit the Bid & Contract Opportunities website at: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>, download the Great California Delta Trail - Clarksburg Branch Line Extension Project RFP, review the scope of work, and submit a proposal on or before the proposal submission deadline of **August 5, 2024**.

Written questions from Proposers are due by 5 PM on July 12, 2024, and may be sent via USPS mail to:

City of West Sacramento
Community Development Department
Attn: Jason McCoy
1110 West Capitol Avenue
West Sacramento, California 95691

Or by email to: mccoymj@cityofwestsacramento.org, stevenr@cityofwestsacramento.org
Please reference Clarksburg Branch Line Trail in the subject line.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section § 6062(a), the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on June 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and express opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING, BOOK OF FEES UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 24-44 APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO COLLECTION SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WM

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NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPER FEE STUDY AND THE INCREASE OF THE STATUTORY SCHOOL FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Washington Unified School District will hold a hearing and consider input from the public on the proposed adoption of a Developer Fee Justification Study for the District and an increase in the statutory school facility fee ("Level I Fee") on new residential and commercial/industrial developments as approved by the State Allocation Board on January 24, 2024. The adoption of the Study and the increase of the Level I Fee are necessary to fund the construction of needed school facilities to accommodate students due to development.

Members of the public are invited to comment in writing, on or before June 27, 2024, or appear in person at the hearing at 6:30pm on June 27, 2024, at the following location:

West Sacramento Civic Center
1110 West Capitol Avenue
West Sacramento, CA 95961

Materials regarding the Study and the Level I Fee are on file and are available for public review at the District Office located at 930 Westacre Road, West Sacramento, CA 95961.

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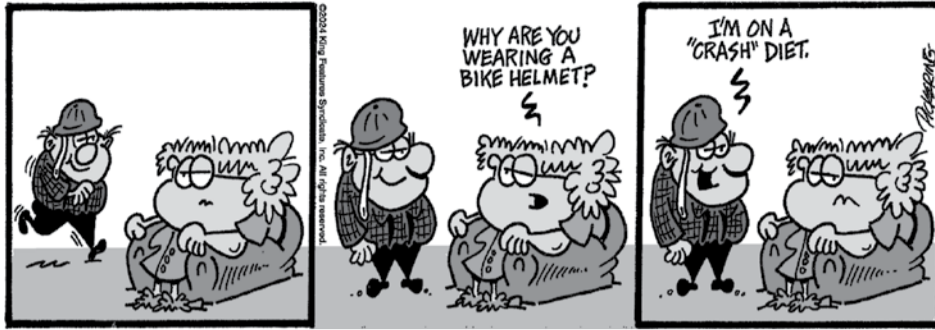
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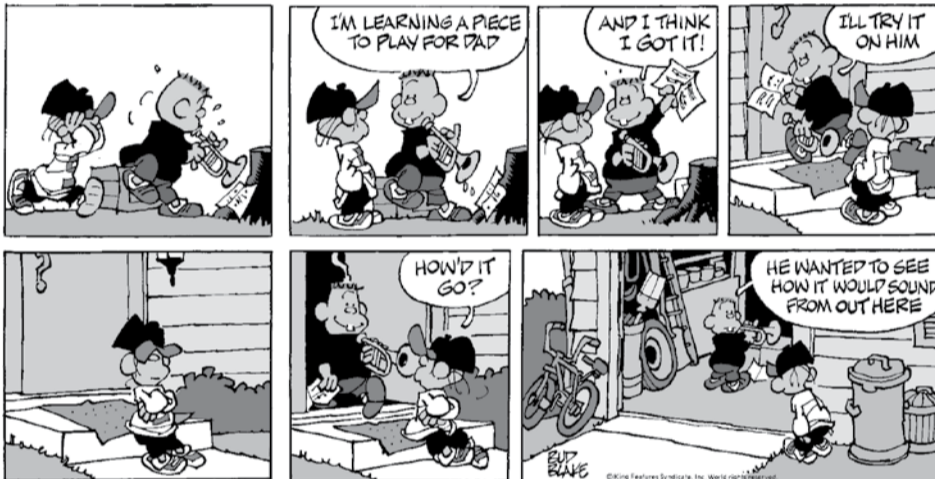
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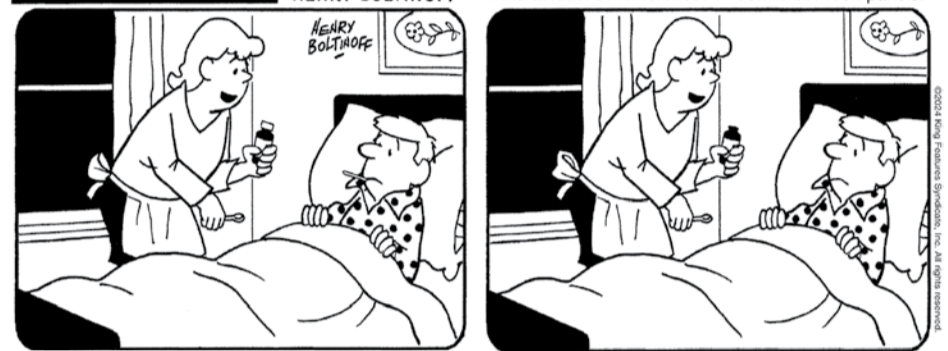
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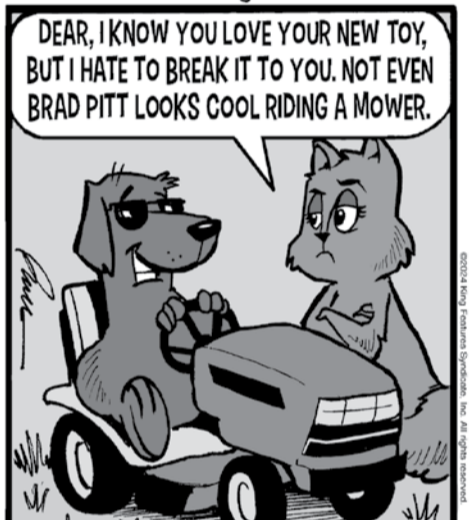


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Dominant May Leads Bivens to PCL Pitcher of Month Honor

Reliever Goes 2-0 with Three Saves

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Following a month in which he was 2-0 with a trio of saves and a 0.49 ERA, right-handed pitcher Spencer Bivens has been selected as the Pacific Coast League Pitcher of the Month for the month of May, as announced by the MiLB on Wednesday.

Bivens was as sharp as they come working out of the bullpen, making a total of nine appearances while allowing a single run on nine hits over the span of 18.1 innings of work with 17 strikeouts to only nine walks. Following his first outing in which he allowed

a single run in 2.2 frames, the tall righty did not allow another in the rest of his eight appearances, a stretch that spanned 14.2 innings.

Of those eight scoreless outings, Bivens started the stretch by not allowing a hit in the first four games (8.1 innings), and three times struck out three opposing hitters. He faced only two batters over the minimum in those four games, which were a pair of walks with one reaching intentionally. Additionally, two of his three saves were converted in those four contests, and for the month he pitched more than one inning a total of seven times.

This is the first PCL

Pitcher of the Month honor for Bivens, and it is the first monthly honor in his career. Previously, he was named an AFL Rising Star while a member of the Scottsdale Scorpions in 2022.

It is also the first monthly honor this season for the River Cats, who have not had a PCL Pitcher or Player of the Month since Austin Slater was named the PCL Player of the Month in August 2016. It is the third honor they have earned in total this season, as Mason Black was named the PCL Pitcher of the Week on April 14 while Tyler Fitzgerald was tabbed as the PCL Player of the Week on May 26. ★



Bivens was as sharp as they come working out of the bullpen for the River Cats in May. Photo by Ralph Thompson Photo

1 in 6 New Trucks and Buses in California Are Zero-Emission

Office of Governor Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- The sales of new zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty trucks in California in 2023 have doubled from the prior year, now representing 1 out of every 6 new vehicles sold for services that include last-mile delivery, freight transportation, and school buses, according to a report released by the state on June 6.

With 18,473 medium- and heavy-duty ZEVs sold in California in 2023, the state has exceeded its Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) goal two years ahead of schedule and selling five times the required

amount. Since 2021, a total of 26,921 medium- and heavy-duty ZEVs have been sold in California.

“California is once again proving what can be done by turning ambition into action. We’re achieving our goals years ahead of schedule. The fifth biggest economy in the world is moving away from dirty polluting big rigs and delivery fleets – cleaning our air and protecting public health,” said Governor Gavin Newsom.

The latest figures are a preliminary look at annual data that tracks sales of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in California and points to continued momentum for zero-emission vehicles

ahead of rules that start phasing in later this year requiring the gradual deployment of clean vehicle technology for fleets.

“California set visionary targets to move key transportation sectors toward zero-emissions technology and the market is stepping up to be part of the solution for cleaner air and climate action well ahead of required targets,” said CARB Chair Liane Randolph. “The data shows that the future is zero-emissions and that fleets are finding value in making the switch early.”

Why it matters

The Advanced Clean Trucks and Advanced Clean Fleets regulations establish a phased-in shift

toward sales and use of zero-emission technology.

California communities that sit near trucking corridors and warehouse locations with heavy truck traffic, which often are low-income and communities of color, have some of the worst air in the nation.

While trucks represent only 6% of the vehicles on California’s roads, they account for over 35% of the state’s transportation-generated nitrogen oxide emissions and a quarter of the state’s on-road greenhouse gas emissions.

How we got here

Advanced Clean Trucks requires manufacturers of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to phase-in the sale of

zero-emission options in California as an increasing percentage of sales.

A similar rule has been adopted by 10 other states, including New York, New Jersey, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Washington, Oregon, Vermont, Colorado, Rhode Island and Maryland. Together, these 11 states represent over 25% of new heavy-duty vehicle registrations annually in the nation.

The Advanced Clean Fleets regulation includes a first-of-its kind requirement for all medium- and heavy-duty vehicles sold into California fleets to be zero-emissions beginning in 2036 and is expected to introduce 1,690,000 ZEVs into the California

fleets by 2050.

To ensure that the needed technology will be available to meet upcoming milestones, CARB and the nation’s leading truck and engine companies signed the Clean Truck Partnership in July 2023, which commits participating manufacturers to meeting California’s vehicle standards, regardless of whether any other entity challenges California’s authority to set more stringent emissions standards under the federal Clean Air Act. In turn, CARB has agreed to work collaboratively with manufacturers to provide more flexibility in meeting CARB’s requirements. ★

Thompson Applauds Historic Vote to Pass Fire Victims Tax Relief Bill

Office of Rep. Mike Thompson News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)

- On May 21, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) applauded the House of Representative’s vote to pass the Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act (H.R. 5863). The bill includes Rep. Thompson’s legislation that would exempt thousands of qualified wildfire victims in California, including PG&E fire victims, from having to pay federal income tax on their settlement money or pay tax on attorney fees that are included in the settlement. This relief would also apply retroactively to qualified victims.

“Fire survivors have been through enough in the wake of losing their homes and livelihoods to wildfires—it’s wrong to tax them on the settlement money meant to help them rebuild their lives,” said Rep. Thompson. “Today’s

bipartisan vote to provide tax relief to fire survivors is an important step towards recovery for those who lost homes, businesses, and loved ones and sends a clear message to Senate Republicans: It’s time to work with us to pass much-needed relief for disaster victims.”

Rep. Thompson serves as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Tax for the Ways and Means Committee. He introduced the original legislation to provide tax relief to PG&E fire victims in the 117th Congress and has worked to advance the legislation ever since.

Last week, Rep. Thompson and Rep. Greg Steube (FL-17) led a bipartisan group of 218 Members of Congress to successfully advance a discharge petition which forced House Speaker Mike Johnson to bring the Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act to the House floor for today’s vote. The

historic advancement of Rep. Thompson and Rep. Steube’s petition marked only the third time a House discharge petition has succeeded in the 21st Century.

The Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act excludes from taxpayer gross income, for income tax purposes, any amount received by an individual taxpayer as compensation for expenses or losses incurred due to a qualified wildfire disaster (a disaster declared after 2014 as a result of a forest or range fire). It also excludes relief payments for losses resulting from the East Palestine, Ohio, train derailment on February 3, 2023, and designates Hurricane Ian, among other federally declared disasters, as a qualified disaster for the purposes of determining the tax treatment of certain disaster-related personal casualty losses.

The bill now goes to the Senate for a vote before going to President Biden’s desk for his signature. ★

The Most Popular Veterans Benefits Don’t Expire

By Dr. Paul Lawrence

While some people may think that the veterans benefits they have earned from military service could evaporate or disappear, this is inaccurate. The most popular veteran benefits have no expiration date. You can apply at any point and are not time-bound.

The three most popular veterans’ benefits are disability compensation, home loan guaranty and education/G.I. Bill.

For these benefits, there are important dates to remember. If you miss those dates, you may be inconvenienced but these benefits are still available, providing you qualify.

Disability compensation is a tax-free monthly payment based on an injury or disability that occurred during service. A veteran completes an application, referred to as a claim. Accompanying this claim is information about their service and medical conditions. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) evaluates the claim and grants or denies benefits.

A disability compensation claim can be filed as early as 180 days prior to completion of active duty and throughout the remainder of a veteran’s life. In short, there is no expiration date for disability compensation.

Many veterans file multiple claims throughout their lives as new conditions are identified or previously identified conditions

worsen. This is called a claim for an increase. There is no limit on how often this can be done.

There are two important dates to keep in mind relative to disability compensation. The first concerns the Intent to File. In advance of actually applying for disability compensation, you can complete an Intent to File form. This tells the VA that you will file in the next year and preserves the effective day (i.e., the date on which benefits will begin).

For example, a veteran completes an Intent to File form establishing Feb. 1, 2024, as his/her effective date. After collecting all the needed information and forms, benefits are granted on Dec. 1, 2024. The first payment would include a retroactive payment reflecting the intent to file date of Feb. 1.

You can get assistance with your VA claim for no cost from an accredited representative such as your county veterans service officer or an accredited veteran’s service organization, such as the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans or the VFW.

Home Loan Guaranty allows veterans to purchase a home with no money down. This is a tremendous advantage over our civilian counterparts, who must save for a down payment prior to purchasing a home. Subject to restrictions, this can even be used to purchase a mobile home or farm residence.

There is no time restriction on this benefit. It can be used repeatedly by veterans as they move and purchase new homes.

Education/G.I. Bill benefits are significant for veterans. Serve for three years and you can earn four years of free college. It can also be used for high-tech apprenticeships, advanced Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math training, and credentials and certificates.

In 2017, a new law, often known as the Forever G.I. Bill, was introduced. If your service ended on or after Jan. 1, 2013, this benefit will never expire.

If your service ended prior to Jan. 1, 2013, you still could qualify for the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill or the Montgomery G.I. Bill for active duty or reservists. Each of these has an expiration date, so check those dates carefully at VA.gov.

Veterans’ benefits are an important part of the rewards for military service and you can apply at VA.gov. The best time to learn about your benefits is well before applying for them. But remember, it’s never too late to start and some of the most popular veterans benefits never expire.

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