

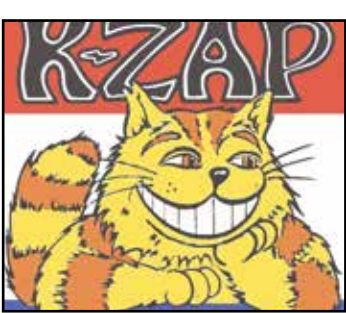


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Levee Trailhead Has New View



On June 13, city officials and Southport Levee Trailhead partners gathered to cut a bright red ribbon, symbolizing the trailhead's official opening to the public's new recreation spot.

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - An inaugural horse ride officially opened the Southport Levee Trailhead to the public.

On June 13, Mayor Pro Tem Dawnte Early and city officials welcomed the public to a Parks and Recreation Department project with all the perks, including an equestrian staging area and trail art.

Parks and Recreation Director Kate Smith started the ceremony. "This is an exciting day because it

reconfirms the city's commitment to access, leisure, parks and trails and continues to contribute to the quality of life for our West Sacramento residents," Smith said of the project and amenities, including an information kiosk, shade pavilion, bike repair station and vault style restroom.

The project started in 2017 when city officials created the Southport Setback Levee Recreation Trail Report, according to Early.

"It analyzed and identified trail locations and linkages as part of the Southport Setback Levee Project

construction and located support amenities such as trailhead access and parking areas," Early said. "One of the priority recommendations included having multiple access points to and from the levee trail for cyclists and pedestrians."

That priority is now a reality.

"These driving factors helped create this beautiful facility, providing recreational opportunities for residents to enjoy our riverfront," Early said about the trailhead that provides Americans with Disabilities Act

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Ride-Share Program Fuels Up for Three More Years

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - City officials extended a three-year ride-share program contract with Nomad Transit LLC on June 5.

West Sacramento's senior transportation planner and project manager Stephanie Chhan recalled the May 15 Workshop on the Budget Continuation of the West Sacramento On-Demand Ride-share Program, a turnkey service available through an app.

Before officials adopted the three-year term totaling \$10,036,950, Mayor Martha Guerro thanked Chhan for the thorough May presentation that detailed the May 2018 ride-share program launch and contract to Nomad Transit LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Via



A Via ride-share vehicle is parked in front of West Sacramento Town Hall. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

Transportation, Inc.

Resident Larry Langford has been driving with Via for more than two years.

"Via is one of the best

things West Sacramento has ever done for its people," Langford said, adding that a vast majority of riders he has recently

encountered are upset.

Why?

"Because the weekly pass that was available

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Yolo County Library's Summer Reading Program Returns



"Adventure Begins at Your Library." is the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program. Photo by Michal Jarmoluk from Pixabay

County of Yolo
News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Join Yolo County Library's annual Summer Reading Program that started June 1 and runs through Aug. 15. Children, teens and adults can participate and earn prizes by logging their reading and engaging in activities and programs that complement this year's theme: "Adventure Begins at Your Library."

All participants can choose a free book from a selection available at their local branch library upon signing up. Children from infants to 12 year olds who complete the program will receive another free book, a medal, certificates for a free kid's meal at Panda Express and Raising Cane's, and a voucher for a free amusement ride at the Yolo County Fair.

Teens ages 13 to 17 who complete the program will receive another free book, a choice of a medal or tote bag and a voucher for a free amusement ride at the fair.

Adults who complete the program will get a free book and a tote bag.

All program finishers can opt to complete a bonus challenge to earn an additional free book. Participants who complete the program will be entered into a grand prize drawing if they return to the library by Aug. 15. More prizes might be offered; check with your local branch for details. Prizes will be available to pick up through the end of August or while supplies last.

Participants are encouraged to track their books, log reading minutes and complete activities to earn badges online through the Beanstack platform

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West Nile Virus Activity Detected in Yolo County

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District, in partnership with Yolo County, announced June 13 that the first signs of West Nile virus (WNV) activity have been detected in Yolo County.

A house finch, found dead near Jack Slaven Park in southeast Woodland, tested positive for the virus. Concurrently, West Nile virus activity is gradually increasing in Sacramento County, with more mosquito samples and dead birds testing positive June 13.

“As the weather gets warmer, WNV activity will steadily increase,” said Gary Goodman, district manager. “This is a cause for concern, especially with summer around the corner and the hottest months of the year approaching, when activity typically intensifies.”

Earlier last week, the first mosquito sample and several dead birds tested positive in the area of South Land Park in Sacramento.

“We urge residents to continue taking proper

precautions to protect themselves from mosquitoes,” Goodman said.

In response to these findings, the district will continue to monitor West Nile virus activity through widespread mosquito trapping and testing. Ground treatments will be performed as necessary to quickly reduce mosquito populations and protect public health.

West Nile virus is primarily transmitted through the bite of infected mosquitoes, which acquire the virus from infected birds. Symptoms usually develop within a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Symptoms of West Nile virus can include fever, nausea, headaches and muscle aches, lasting from a few days to several weeks.

While most infected individuals have no symptoms, severe complications such as meningitis, encephalitis, paralysis or even death can occur, particularly in those over 60 years old or with compromised immune systems.

“The report of a dead bird testing positive for West Nile virus means it is time for residents to begin protecting themselves from mosquitoes,” said Yolo County’s Public Health

Officer, Dr. Aimee Sisson. “Last year, multiple Yolo County residents died from West Nile virus infection. Take the time to protect yourself against mosquito bites; it just might save your life.”

There is no specific treatment or vaccine for West Nile virus. Therefore, adopting preventive measures remains crucial in minimizing the risk of contracting the virus. To reduce the risk of West Nile virus infection, Yolo County Public Health and Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District recommend following the “7 Ds” to reduce mosquito exposure:

Drain any stagnant water to eliminate mosquito breeding sites.

Dawn and Dusk, when mosquitoes are most active, are times to limit outdoor activities.

Dress in long sleeves and pants when outdoors.

Defend against mosquitoes by using effective insect repellents containing DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.

Ensure Doors and windows screens are intact to prevent mosquitoes from entering homes.

For assistance, contact the district at 1-800-429-1022 to address mosquito



A bird gets tested for West Nile virus. Photo courtesy of Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District

concerns.

Mosquito activity is expected to increase throughout the summer and this week has been declared National Mosquito Awareness Week by the American Mosquito Control Association, an international organization of nearly 2,000

public health professionals dedicated to preserving public health and well-being through safe, environmentally sound mosquito control programs since 1935.

For current information about National Mosquito Awareness Week as well as district activities, visit

www.FIGHTtheBITE.net.

2024 West Nile virus activity update:

Sacramento County: eight dead birds and two mosquito samples have tested positive for West Nile virus, as of June 14.

Yolo County: 1 dead bird has tested positive for West Nile virus, as of June 14. ★

Yolo County Library’s Summer Reading Program Returns

Continued from page 1 on the web or via the app. Parents or caregivers can sign up and log their own and their children’s reading under one main account. Instructions and sign-up information are available at www.YoloCountyLibrary.org/Summer. Alternatively,

paper game boards will be available at the library branches.

Summer reading programs encourage even reluctant readers to explore what interests them. Studies have shown that participation helps children and teens

develop a love of reading and retain and improve their skills over the summer. Adult participation promotes a lifelong habit of reading and learning and encourages caregivers to support their child’s literacy development by reading with them.

Yolo County Library will also offer fun activities and events, including magic shows, animal encounters, arts and crafts, puppet theater and musical performances, at library branches throughout the summer. A schedule of Summer

Reading Program events can be found on the library’s online calendar at www.YoloCountyLibrary.org/Events.

The Summer Reading Program is free and sponsored by the Yolo County Library Foundation and various Friends of the

Library groups. For more information or to sign up, visit your local Yolo County Library branch or www.YoloCountyLibrary.org/Summer. Connect with Yolo County Library on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok at [@yolocountylibrary](https://www.instagram.com/yolocountylibrary) ★

Same-day care for your Summer needs.

It’s that time of year—warm evening walks, backyard BBQs, later bedtimes. But the need for same-day care can happen year-round. If you’re feeling under the weather, or you experience Summer-related medical conditions like excessive sunburn, heat stroke, bee stings, rashes, asthma, and more, Dignity Health Mercy Medical Group offers a variety of same-day care options. Schedule an in-person or video visit appointment with your doctor, or walk in to our Dignity Health same-day care centers in Midtown and now Roseville. We’ve even partnered with urgent care centers throughout Greater Sacramento to offer you care where you are, when you need it. Learn more about Mercy Medical Group’s same-day care options at dignityhealth.org/same-day.



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Southport Levee Trailhead Has New View



Two art sculptures along the new trailway show off artist Wesley Horn's talent while featuring local wildlife.

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(ADA) access to the levee crown that gives pedestrian and cyclist access to the expanding trail network. Smith credited the California Department of Parks and Recreation Habitat Conservation Fund Program with providing two grants totaling \$573,000 for the project. "One to assist with the purchase of the property in 2017 and a second to fund construction in 2019," Early said. Artist Wesley Horn received thanks for his two trail art sculptures, which Smith called two "beautiful Wayfinding and Placemaking" pieces. The nine-foot-tall freestanding "Bird Balance" sculpture

depicts local birds, including the California Quail, Yellow-billed Magpie and Kestrel. "The birds are positioned on a mosaic base inspired by the Golden Poppy Flower, serving as a vibrant landmark at the trailhead," Smith said. "The entire surface is adorned with colorful ceramic tiles and hand-made ceramic elements." The second art installation, the "River Wheel," is a mandala mosaic relief mural located on the restroom's exterior wall, representing local wildlife, including the Sacramento squaw fish, steelhead trout, king salmon and a river otter. "The mural has a blue

mosaic tile background and encourages a tactile experience for visitors," Smith said. Before ending the ribbon cutting, Smith thanked city officials, commissioners and the levee project team, whom she invited to enjoy the new view on the access ramp. This project and the recent 5th Street Widening and North Riverwalk Trail Extension are part of an overall vision for city officials. "This site also represents the first trailhead along the five-point six-mile Southport Levee Recreation Trail, which is currently in design," Early said. "When complete, it will provide a paved trail for all to enjoy." ★

Highest New Home Sales in May Since 2005



New home sales in May 2024 are up 115 homes over May 2023 in the Sacramento Area. Graphic courtesy of North State BIA.

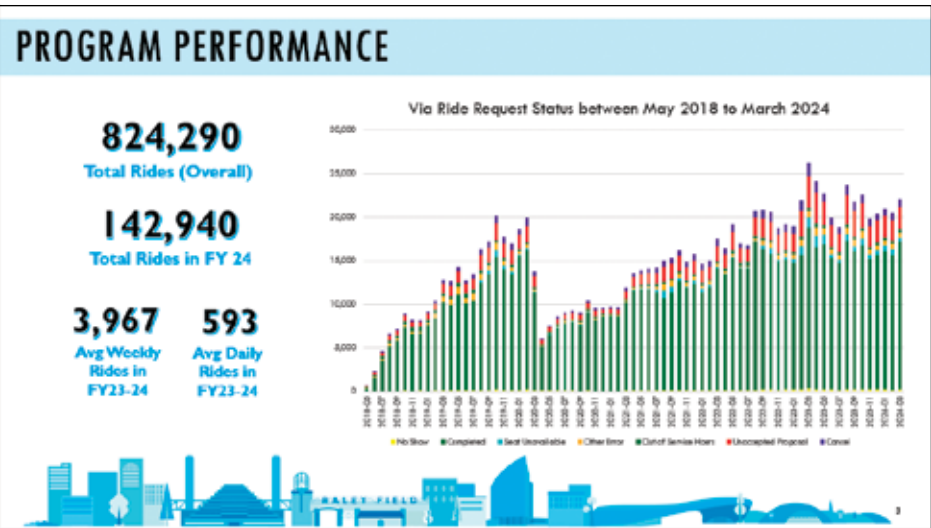
North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sales of Sacramento-area new homes maintained their rapid pace during May as North State Building Industry Association (BIA) members reported selling 666 new homes in the seven-county region. That is the highest number of new homes sold during May since 2005 during the peak of the housing boom. The total is also 200 sales higher than the average number sold during the month. North State Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said the continued strong sales volume reflects the advantages that new homes provide

to buyers. "Besides the fact that new homes come with extended warranties, the latest in technology and the opportunity for buyers to customize their homes, in today's market, homebuilders are able to offer incentives that buyers can't get when purchasing existing homes," Murphy said. "Simply put, builders can offer creative solutions to today's higher interest rates and help make buying a new home possible. "And with June being National Homeownership Month, I'd encourage anyone thinking of buying a home to explore the nearly 200 new home communities in our region to find the home and lifestyle they're looking for," Murphy said. As has been typical, the highest number of new homes were sold in Placer

County's Roseville (137) and the next four highest sales volumes were reported in Sacramento County: Rancho Cordova (98), Elk Grove (87), Sacramento (74) and Folsom (63). The Top 10 was rounded out by Lincoln (29), Plumas Lake (26), Woodland (26), Natomas (23) and El Dorado Hills (21). See the graphs below for more details. Building Industry Association statistics include sales by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. The North State Building Industry Association represents more than 500 members. For more information, visit www.northstatebia.org ★

Ride-Share Program Fuels Up for Three More Years



Pictured here are rates for West Sacramento's ride-share program that offers daily and weekly rates. Photo by Angela Underwood

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is no longer on the app," Langford said. "I know that staff tells you that it only affects five to 10 percent of the people but they have their numbers wrong because it's more like 95 percent of the people cannot access that pass." Langford explained Via rates, detailing the \$3.50 per ride cost or \$1.75 for seniors or the weekly pass for \$15 at four rides daily. "The vast majority of riders we have are students, elderly people, disabled people, lower-income people, and if you excuse the expression, blue-collar workers, not white-collar workers," Langford said, adding the \$15 weekly pass should remain. Resident Danielle Langford admitted she once doubted Via but not now. "I was against it 100%," Langford said, raising her hand to testify. "Then I got to know people who actually use it." She cited her friend, who was legally blind, using the service when her husband

was out of town. "I encourage you as well to leave it," Langford said. Chhan confirmed the weekly pass rate will remain, regardless of the technical issues with the app. "The contract will remain the same," Chhan said. "If we were to adjust any fares, that is a policy decision that must go through the City Council." Before awarding the three-year contract, a seven-member multidisciplinary evaluation panel reviewed three proposals from Nomad Transit LLC, RTW Management Inc. and Tower Wav LLC. According to the staff report, the pricing proposal considers a three-percent annual increase in line with the consumer price index, with Nomad's pricing proposal broken down into three fiscal years. The proposal includes \$3,247,258 for Fiscal Year 2024-25, \$3,344,676 for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and \$3,445,016 for Fiscal Year 2026-27. In May, city officials had

concerns over expanding the service into downtown Sacramento, according to a staff member citing "potential funding shortfalls requiring service area expansions to revert to prior levels, retaining tax dollars within West Sacramento, and possible impacts on service availability within West Sacramento." City officials were specifically concerned about expanded service to Kaiser Medical Offices, the Sacramento Valley Station, Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) transit connections, and state employment centers. However, based on the staff report, "rides must start or end in West Sacramento to certify the ride's association with the city." Since its inception, the rideshare program has provided 824,290 rides, including 142,940 in 2024. If West Sacramento is awarded funding in the future, the staff report notes a downtown Sacramento pick-up and drop-off location pilot program might be possible. ★

Sacramento's K-ZAP Launched '10 to Feed the Kitty' Donation Drive



K-Zap has been a widely beloved radio station in the Sacramento area for many years. Photo courtesy of K-Zap




Peter Rizzo is the promotions director and underwriter at K-ZAP. Photo courtesy of K-ZAP

K-ZAP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento's beloved K-ZAP, the all-volunteer LPFM rock/blues radio station broadcasting 24/7 at 93.3 FM in the metro Sacramento area, on the K-ZAP apps and streaming at k-zap.org, launched its "10 To Feed the Kitty" donation drive on June 9. The station is calling on its listeners to donate just \$10 each to help keep the lights on and the tunes rolling. Founded by former staff members of the legendary Sacramento radio station KZAP, Dennis Newhall and Tom Cale, K-ZAP has been a staple in the Sacramento community since its return to the airwaves on July 4, 2015. Now, as the station approaches its ninth anniversary, it is looking to the community for support to continue its mission of providing quality rock/blues music to Sacramento and the world. "We've been rocking Sacramento for nine years now and we want to keep the party going," said Newhall, station general manager and owner. "With the '10 To Feed

the Kitty' campaign, we're asking our listeners to help us reach our goal of raising \$100,000 by July 4. It's a small amount that can make a big difference." The "10 To Feed the Kitty" donation drive will run from now until July 4. Listeners can donate online at k-zap.org/donate using their credit, debit card or Venmo. In addition to the online campaign, K-ZAP will promote the drive at various events in the community, including the Carmichael Concerts in The Park on June 15 and the Red White & Blue Celebration at La Sierra Community Center on June 29. "We're not asking for a lot, just \$10 from each of our listeners," said Peter Rizzo, promotions director and underwriter. "We know that a little can go a long way and we're hoping that with the support of our community, we can continue to provide the best rock/blues music to Sacramento and the world." For more information, contact Newhall at dnewhall@k-zap.org or Rizzo at prizzo@k-zap.org. ★



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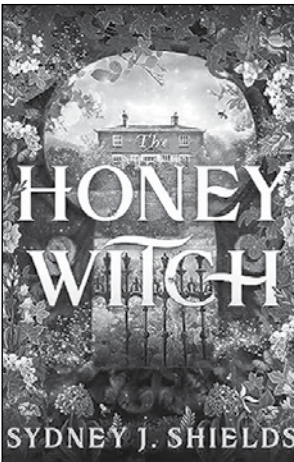
The Honey Witch

by Sydney J. Shields

Marigold Claude always knew she was slightly different. While her siblings spent their days dreaming of the perfect suitor, Marigold was perfectly happy with the spirits that danced within the woods. Feeling the pressure of finding a suitor, Marigold jumps at the chance to move to her grandmother's family cottage, Innisfree, training as the next Honey Witch.

To Marigold's surprise, Innisfree is dripping with magic. The type of magic she has felt her whole life. Beautiful magic that is alive with the hum of bees and encapsulated within the tinted orange glow of their honey. However, magic comes at a price, and Marigold is now cursed because no one can fall in love with a Honey Which. And while Marigold feels the love of bees and magic is all she needs. She will soon discover just how much of a curse it really is.

After a year of being alone on the island, Marigold is thrilled to have visitors, her best friend August, and the horrible skeptic Lottie. While August is there for help to mend his broken



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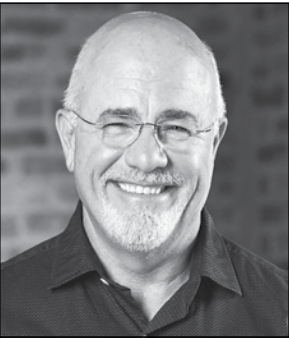
heart, Lottie is only there to judge and criticize Marigold's magic, which only makes Marigold even more determined to prove her wrong. The longer they stay, the more the tempting bloom of affection begins to blossom, and with that, a darker magic awakens. With a new threat determined to take everything Marigold holds dear, she soon realizes there is more to fear than just losing her magic; she could lose her heart as well.

The Honey Witch is the perfect read for the season, paired with warm summer wind and the delicate, sweet taste of honey on the tongue. It is a story for grandmothers and

granddaughters and those who love the tempting bloom of magic and true love.

Sydney J. Shields captures the beauty of honey magic and finding oneself. This cozy, cottage-core read that drips with honey is a story of awakening, not just magic but love. The slower-paced storyline and soft prose are perfect for sitting on a porch swing on a hot, summer afternoon. Interlaced with characters that are unapologetically real, with their flaws, sharp tongues, and personal trauma, only lends to a stronger storyline. The unique storyline will whisk readers back to the 1800s but in an altered cottage core setting while adding delightful bee facts and spells made from the finest ingredients in nature.

This story delves into many different themes, but it particularly emphasizes the beauty of opposites: honey and ash, life and death, love and heartache, and enemies to lovers. Each theme has its own purpose and its own given place. With all its delightful nods and turns, The Honey Witch is sure to enchant its readers. ★



There's Nothing Passive About Real Estate

Dear Dave,

We sold our rental property recently. When we bought it, we thought it would be a good source of passive income. But owning it wasn't passive at all. It got to the point where the work and hassle became too much. We have \$240,000 from the sale, and we're debt-free except for our home. We owe \$140,000 on our house, and could pay it off instantly, but part of me wants to invest the proceeds from the sale of the rental property. Is it better to become completely debt-free at this point, or should we invest it so we can have even more money for retirement?

– Anthony

Dear Anthony

You mean you had to actively manage your rental property? Listen, anyone who tells you real estate is passive income is full of crap. It's a natural extension of the garbage people spout about how it's okay to go into debt to buy real estate,

Dave Ramsey Says

because the renter is making your payments. No, it's your payment. And when the renter doesn't pay, or it sits empty, guess what? You have to pay it.

If you want passive income, buy an S&P 500 index fund. Set it and forget it. You won't have to fix a leaky roof, replace worn out appliances or try to collect from deadbeat tenants. Real estate is a great way to invest, if you do it the right way. I love it. It's anything but passive, though.

Let me ask you this about your situation. If you had a paid-for house, would you borrow \$140,000 against it to invest? Of course not. It's pretty much the same thing, and that would be dumb. Pay off your home, brother. Just pay it off. You'll be debt-free, and you'll still have six figures to invest.

I love that you're thinking about the future, Anthony. And I know the compound interest you're visualizing down the road is really tempting. Your compound interest calculator will tell you some amazing things, but what it's leaving out is risk. It also can't tell you about the carefree way you'll walk, and how it'll feel like a huge weight has been lifted off your shoulders when you don't have a house payment. You'll be able to live life on

your terms, and all the decisions you make will come from a completely different point of view—one that isn't burdened by the weight of bankers hovering around, waiting for you to give them what's theirs.

The borrower is always a slave to the lender. Think about it. Only one implication of slavery is mathematical. All the rest are spiritual, physical, relational, emotional and mental. Being debt-free changes your life from the inside-out. Not only does it make your life better, but it allows you to give with incredibly generosity, and be an agent for positive change in the lives of others.

Pay off the house!

– 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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Social Security Matters

I'm Already Collecting Social Security - How Will My WEP Reduction be Calculated?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I don't understand exactly how the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) works for my situation. I turned 62 in 2017 and am currently still working in a "non-covered" job, not paying into Social Security, but from which I will get a government pension when I retire. I began collecting Social Security at my full retirement age in 2021 and am now collecting \$1507 per month thanks to the cost of living adjustments since I started. Will my Social Security benefit be reduced by \$587 if I retire this year?

Signed: Confused by WEP

Dear Confused: You're certainly not alone to be confused by WEP, and your situation is somewhat special because you started your SS benefits before taking your "non-covered" government pension. And, unfortunately, most tools and charts which suggest how much WEP will reduce your Social Security benefit don't accommodate that nuance very well.

In your case, when you claimed Social Security at your full retirement age (FRA), you were awarded the full benefit you were entitled to, unreduced by WEP because you were not yet

collecting your non-covered government pension. You were able to collect your full SS amount and receive each year's full cost of living adjustments (COLA) to those higher amounts. What actually happens is that each person's Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) is first determined at age 62, and Social Security applies an annually awarded COLA to their PIA (primary insurance amount), even if they're not yet receiving benefits. You received your full PIA, including COLA, because you claimed at your full retirement age. But when you start collecting your pension from your non-covered government job, the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) will kick in and reduce your Social Security benefit.

The amount of WEP reduction depends on how many years you had contributed to Social Security from "substantial" earnings but, with 20 or fewer years, the maximum WEP reduction is determined by the year you turn 62 and doesn't change. Since you turned 62 in 2017, your maximum WEP reduction, according to Social Security's process, is \$442.50 – lower than the \$587 you suspect.

Nevertheless, due to the way Social Security calculates the WEP reduction, the reduction from your current amount will seem larger than the WEP maximum. And that's because of the way Social Security applies the WEP reduction to your benefit. They start by first removing all cost-of-living increases since you were 62 from your primary insurance amount (PIA). They will then take your PIA (sans COLA) and subtract \$442.50

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Yolo County Board of Supervisors Announces New Phase of Road Rehabilitation Efforts

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is dedicated to enhancing the quality of roadway infrastructure across the community, prioritizing an improved quality of life and safer travel for Yolo County’s residents and visitors. By strategically investing in pavement preservation and rehabilitation, the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Community Services’ Public Works Division are working to ensure that upcoming contracted improvements are both effective and minimally disruptive to residents.

“The robust infrastructure improvements underway across the community represent our commitment to investing in the future of Yolo County,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Lucas Frerichs. “Improving the road between Winters and Davis has been a top priority for residents of both communities, and also a top priority of mine. I have been working to ensure this project is completed and the county makes needed improvements to make this heavily used corridor better for all users including vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians.”

“My commitment to Clarksburg goes beyond infrastructure: it’s about a thriving community where residents feel safe and connected,” emphasized Yolo County District 1 Supervisor Oscar Villegas. “The upcoming road rehabilitation project demonstrates our dedication to road maintenance and the safety of

our residents.”

Tentatively scheduled from June 13 through October, the 2024 Road Resurfacing Project will focus on the following areas:

Downtown Clarksburg, Downtown Esparto, west of Yolo Avenue and several county roads in the Esparto area

County Road 25A, between County Road 97 and State Route 113, Russell Boulevard/County Road 32, County Road 93A and County Road 31 corridor from I-505 to County Road 98 between the cities of Winters and Davis, and County Road 94B, between County Road 19 and State Route 16.

“Investing in Esparto’s road infrastructure is about much more than just pavement; it’s about laying down the foundation for a safer and more connected community,” added Yolo County District 5 Supervisor Angel Barajas. “While Esparto has seen numerous investments over the last few years, this upcoming road rehabilitation project is by far the most transformative. By enhancing the quality and safety of our county roads, we are ensuring that residents and visitors alike can enjoy smoother, safer travel experiences.”

Residents can expect localized pavement repairs followed by the sequential application of three pavement seal coats over the entire roadway: a micro-surface type III sealing, a asphalt rubber chip sealing, and a micro-surface type II sealing. Roads will be restriped after the final treatment.

Residents are urged to adhere to the contractor’s guidelines concerning

parking restrictions on days designated for road treatments. Certain roads will undergo three consecutive treatments, spaced about one week apart. It is imperative that these roads remain clear of parked vehicles during each treatment day to facilitate the contractor’s asphalt work. Additionally, residents are advised to stay informed throughout this process by accessing resources such as Yolo County’s GIS Road Improvement Map, accessible at www.YoloCounty.org/RoadImprovement, or by contacting the Department of Community Services at 530-666-8811 for assistance or inquiries.

The bid opening for the 2024 Road Resurfacing Project was held on April 23 with Pavement Coatings Co., based in Jurupa Valley, offering the most competitive bid of \$6,650,296.05. The project is funded by gasoline taxes distributed from the State of California through the Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account. As construction approaches, this contractor will notify residents in the neighborhoods anticipating treatments to help coordinate their work efforts.

Additionally, the Department of Community Services’ Public Works Division, responsible for the upkeep of more than 752 miles of roads, 147 bridges and critical infrastructure components, urges residents to prioritize road safety and promptly report any maintenance issues through the online portal at www.YoloCounty.org/RoadMaintenance. For updates on road closures, residents can visit www.YoloCounty.org/RoadClosures.

Aguiar-Curry Pregnancy Leave for Educators Act Passes

Office of Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters) announced that her Assembly Bill 2901 passed the Assembly Floor with resounding bipartisan support. This important legislation will grant public school employees, including community college faculty, up to 14 weeks of leave with full pay for pregnancies and pregnancy-related health issues.

Under current state law, if an educator who experiences pregnancy or pregnancy-related complications needs more time than the standard six weeks of leave, they must begin to use up their accrued sick leave. The lack of paid disability leave contributes to problems with attracting and retaining educators in the workforce, as many educators are forced to leave the profession when they become pregnant and often do not return. In an environment where California schools and community colleges are having widespread difficulty hiring and retaining educators due in part to low pay, high housing costs, and other rising costs of living, penalizing women educators with a “gender penalty” in their retirement “throws gasoline on the fire.”

Educators who have exhausted their sick leave due to pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from those conditions are at a huge disadvantage – on average, women educators earn almost \$100,000 less in retirement than their male colleagues.

“A system that forces educators to use all their sick leave and pay for their own substitute in order to start a family is shocking. It is time we put an end to this discriminatory practice that puts women at a massive financial disadvantage,” said Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters). “AB 2901 will create more equity in the education workforce and give educators and community college faculty the necessary time off to care for themselves and their children as we ask them to give so much to care for ours. It’s time to stop asking them to sacrifice their financial security, the health of their families, and the health

of their school communities in order to do their critical jobs.”

“I am very proud that California will be the first state in the nation to issue SUN Bucks benefits to our youth. As someone who depended on government assistance in order to combat childhood hunger, I know how critical it is to ensure that our children have access to food that supports their healthy growth and development,” said Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. “We know that the nutritional needs of our students do not take a break when school lets out. The combination of SUN Bucks and the California Universal School Meal Program shows our children that we are committed to showing up for them year-round.”

“This historic legislation will fix a broken system for public school educators who go without any paid leave related to pregnancy. This disproportionately harms women as they are required to deplete their sick leave balances and creates a massive gap for women educators in retirement,” said Erika Jones, California Teachers Association Secretary-Treasurer. “We are excited to hear that this legislation is headed to the Assembly floor. The 310,000 educators in the California Teachers Union fully support this legislation and urge the Assemblymembers to do the same. The Time is Now. We must correct this discriminatory practice.”

AB 2901 will end the discriminatory practice of giving pregnant employees across schools and community colleges no choice but to deplete their sick leave. This bill gives educators the time they deserve for pregnancy and matches the International Labor Organization’s recommendation of 14 weeks for maternity leave. Further, the bill aligns with the goals of the Paid Family Leave Task Force convened by Gov. Newsom in 2019 by increasing leave access, providing better job protections, and expanding the length of coverage for a critical segment of California’s workers.

Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry represents the 4th Assembly District, which includes all of Lake, Colusa, Napa, and Yolo Counties, and part of Sonoma County.

California Restaurants Now Want an Exemption from the State’s New Hidden Fees Law



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

In “1984,” George Orwell’s novel about a dystopian future, he describes “newspeak,” a propagandistic language of euphemisms and inversions used by officialdom to mask the reality of their meaning.

We got a dose of California-style newspeak last week when state Sen. Bill Dodd, a Napa Democrat, introduced Senate Bill 1524. It would exempt restaurants from his previous legislation, SB 478, which requires businesses to fully include extra fees in their prices, rather than tacking them on after services or goods have been delivered.

Dodd declared his proposed new legislation would “enhance consumer protection” for restaurant patrons by “clarifying state law” on how fees and other service charges should be disclosed.

“Restaurant customers shouldn’t be surprised when they get their checks by a slew of extra charges they were not expecting,” Dodd said. “Many restaurants are up-front with their business practices but too many aren’t, necessitating action.”

In fact, Dodd’s original legislation, passed last year and due to take effect on July 1, was aimed at eliminating “a slew of extra charges” on restaurant bills and other consumer transactions. But SB 1524 would

reduce consumer protection by allowing restaurants to avoid full disclosure of their prices by burying the notices of extra fees within their menus, where customers are least likely to notice them.

The deceptive descriptions of Dodd’s new legislation accompany assertions by bill sponsors in the restaurant industry and their unions that if surcharges are included in food prices, they would somehow lead to pay reductions.

“Cutting the pay of banquet servers and ballpark workers was never the intention of SB 478, as the bill’s authors have made clear,” said Mario Yedidia, western political director for UNITE HERE, a union that represents some food service workers.

“This will enable restaurants to continue to support increased pay equity and to make contributions to worker health care and other employee benefits,” added Matthew Sutton, senior vice president of the California Restaurant Association.

There is absolutely nothing in the current law that prevents restaurants from raising their prices as much as they desire to increase their workers’ pay and benefits. That’s simply business as usual throughout the economy.

Nor is requiring restaurants and other businesses to list their full prices before consumers decide whether to make transactions such a novel idea.

Take, for instance, gasoline prices.

If you pay \$5 for a gallon of gas, it includes about \$1.50 in state and federal taxes and other surcharges. The full prices are displayed on signs and on the gas

pumps themselves. Gas stations cannot advertise fuel for \$3.50 and then tack on the extra fees and taxes after you’ve already filled your tank.

Before you buy a house and take on a mortgage, state law requires you to be informed of transaction fees before signing the final papers. Same applies for buying a new car.

When SB 478 was going through the Legislature last year, somehow those in the restaurant business assumed that it would not compel them to list full prices in their menus, even though there was nothing in the bill itself to support that assumption.

Uncertainty about SB 478’s effect on restaurants led Attorney General Rob Bonta to declare recently that they would be subject to the new law, generating a strong backlash from those in the industry and pressure on Dodd and other legislators to grant an exemption.

We shouldn’t be fooled by the newspeak descriptions of SB 1524. It does not “enhance consumer protection.” It would purposely undermine consumer protection by allowing restaurants to resume their bait-and-switch tactics – giving patrons menu prices that don’t fully reflect what their final bills will be.

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.

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May 31: Theft of vehicle wheels and tires. \$5,000 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.

June 4: Male subject struck a victim's vehicle with a shotgun causing over \$500 of damage to the vehicle. Suspect then pointed the firearm at another victim, who felt in fear for her life. \$500 loss. Vandalism (\$400 or more). Exhibit firearm threatening manner.

June 4: Gate broken and three atv's and a trailer stolen. \$5 loss. Vandalism: damage property. Take vehicle w/o owner's consent/vehicle theft.

June 5: ATM machine vandalized. \$6,000 loss. Vandalism (\$400 or more).

May 13: Amazon package stolen. \$534 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.

May 28: Business was broken into for the second time in 2 months. This was also done in the same manner as the previous burglary where the suspect(s) entered by breaking the glass and stealing various items from inside the business. The victim wants to press charges for this, but the suspect is unknown at this time. Burglary: second degree.

June 2: Pursuit of a stolen vehicle. Evading peace officer.

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Sen. Dodd Appreciates Commissioner Lara's Insurance Proposal

Office of Senator Bill Dodd News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On June 12, Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, made the following statement in response to Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's announcement of newly proposed regulations to promote insurance coverage:

"We all know the status quo in the insurance market isn't acceptable. I appreciate Commissioner Lara's thoughtful leadership and partnership to protect consumers while ensuring insurance availability and affordability

throughout California. We've got to attack this problem from multiple angles by reducing wildfire risk and addressing the impacts of inflation and ratemaking on the insurance market. Advancing and refining these proposed regulations is another piece of the puzzle for creating a functional, fair, sustainable insurance system in California. As the state achieves needed reforms, we need to hold insurers accountable for stepping up and offering insurance, and these regulations would help do that."

The draft regulations would require that insurers that use new

catastrophe modeling to write more policies in distressed areas, with larger insurance companies required to insure properties in distressed areas equaling at least 85% of the insurer's statewide market share.

As part of the June 12 announcement, the Department of Insurance released a statewide map showing areas where wildfire risk and FAIR Plan policies are concentrated. With this map, insurance companies know where they need to write more policies in the state to utilize catastrophe modeling in their rates that are subject

to department approval. The draft regulations are part of the commissioner's Sustainable Insurance Strategy, a package of reforms to strengthen California's marketplace and maintain strong consumer protections.

Lara's announcement can be found at <https://www.insurance.ca.gov/0400-news/0100-press-releases/2024/release023-2024.cfm>.

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



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240504
The following person(s) is doing business as: The Taste Duo, 965 Bridge Street Apt 416, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Duong L Andrade and Guadalupe O Andrade, 965 Bridge Street Apt 416, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 11, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024
THE 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240499
The following person(s) is doing business as: Crazy D's Hot Chicken, 2020 East Main Street, Woodland, CA 95776.

D&A Foods Inc, 9 Main Street Suite 105, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 10, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024
CRAZY 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240503
The following person(s) is doing business as: Chulito Trucking, 90 W Elliot Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Carlos Eduardo Hernandez, 90 W Elliot Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 9, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 10, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024
CHULITO 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240480
The following person(s) is doing business as: Gen X Benefits Insurance Services LLC, 2945 Ramco Street Suite 110, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Gen X Benefits LLC, PO Box 579052, Modesto, CA 95357. 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 May 8, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 8, 2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024
GEN 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240495
The following person(s) is doing business as: Drone Field Innovations, Phil Ayon Media, 1384 Pear Place, Woodland, CA 95776.
Phillip Anthony Ayon, 1384 Pear Place, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 10, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 10, 2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024
DRONE 7-12-24

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

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 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

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.

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

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted **electronically** through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **2:00 PM local time on July 11, 2024**, at which results will be posted and available for public review for the:

POLICE DEPARTMENT COOLING PROJECT

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

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Mandatory Bid Walk:
June 27, 2024 - 10:00am
West Sacramento Police Department
550 Jefferson Blvd
West Sacramento, CA 95691
Meet outside front doors.
Please NOTE: Due to limited parking, it may be necessary to utilize on street parking.

Bid Release Date	June 21, 2024
RFI Question Cutoff	no later than 5:00pm July 8, 2024
Proposals Due	no later than 2:00pm July 11, 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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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 Capital 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.

Dated: June 12, 2024
June 17, 2024

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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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PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD Yolo County, California

NOTICE TO TAXPAYER

The State Board of Equalization has granted the Assessor an extension of time to complete this year's tax roll to August 1, 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period during which assessment protests will be accepted by the filing of a written application begins on July 2, 2024 and ends on December 2, 2024.

Assessment protests in the form of an application may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Yolo, Erwin W. Meier Administration Building, 625 Court Street, Room 204, Woodland, California. The application forms will be available in this office as of July 2, 2024 and at: www.yolocounty.org > Government > Clerk of the Board > Assessment Appeals.

Please note there is a \$45 non-refundable filing fee to file each application.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the time the Assessment Appeals Board will meet to equalize assessments of property on the local roll is August 28, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. and shall continue in session for that purpose from time to time until the business of equalization is completed.

Dated: June 21, 2024

Julie Dachtler, Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board

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Prepare for Boating Hazards



As fun as boating can be, it is also very important to practice it safely. Photo courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

U.S. National Weather Service News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Before you go out on the water, check the forecast at your local National Weather Service coastal office. You should also check for the latest National Weather Service buoy observations from the National Data Buoy Center. You should also make sure your boat has essential, and in cases, required, safety equipment and communications tools.

Life Jackets

Before you and your family get out on the water this year, grab a life jacket and "Wear It!" Nearly 85 percent of those who drown while boating were not wearing a life jacket. Wearing a life jacket is one of the most effective and simple life-saving strategies for safe recreational boating. Boaters are required to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket on board for every passenger on their vessel. Today's life jackets are available in a wide variety of shapes, colors, and sizes. They are comfortable, lightweight, and perfect for any boating activity. The most important thing is this: remember to grab a life jacket and "Wear It!" To learn more, visit the National Safe Boating Council online at www.safeboatingcouncil.org.

Fire Extinguishers

U. S. Coast Guard approved, marine-type fire extinguishers are required on boats where a fire hazard could be expected from the engines or fuel system.

When required, boats less than 26 feet must carry at least one B-I, Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher. Boats 26-40 feet must carry two B-I or one B-II Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher(s). Boats 40-65 feet must carry three B-I or one B-II and one B-I Coast Guard approved extinguishers. Fire extinguishers are classified by a letter and a number symbol. The letter indicates the type of fire the unit is designed to extinguish, and the number indicates the size of the extinguisher. A type B extinguisher for example is intended to extinguish burning liquids such as gasoline, oil or grease, all of which are common on a boat. You shouldn't have to travel more than half the length of their boat to get to the fire extinguisher. Check your fire extinguishers at least once a year to ensure they are properly charged, stored and are undamaged. Start your boating season with this vital safety check.

Communications: Cell Phones, Weather Radios and Other Options

If you have a smart phone, get weather news at mobile.weather.gov. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio All Hazards will sound an alert when the National Weather Service issues a weather advisory. Weather radio is a vital tool for a mariner. There are many other communications options available to mariners on the U.S. National Weather Service marine site. ★

Youth Offered Free RydeFreeRT Cards



Youth from transitional kindergarten through 12th-grade can ride free for the summer with the RydeFreeRT card. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit District

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Area youth can enjoy more freedom this summer to get to jobs, shopping centers, restaurants and more via Sacramento Regional Transit District's RydeFreeRT, the fare-free transit program for students/youth.

The cards are valid for transitional kindergarten-ers through 12th-graders. New RydeFreeRT cards with a valid date of June 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, are now available for students to ride for free the entire SacRT transit network, including Sacramento Regional Transit District fixed-route buses, light rail and SmarT Ride on-demand micro transit service. RydeFreeRT is available daily during regular SacRT service hours. To ride free, students/youth need a valid RydeFreeRT card. Youth who are experiencing homelessness or taking part in foster programs can participate in the program, regardless of their current



Pictured here is the card that can be acquired for youth to ride free. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit District

residence or school address. Students and youth who do not have a RydeFreeRT card can visit Sacramento Regional Transit District's Customer Service and Sales Center at 1225 R St. (adjacent to the 13th Street Station) or a participating Sacramento library. For more information, visit rydefreert.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877). Launched in 2019, RydeFreeRT was the first unrestricted youth fare-free ride program in the country, according to Sacramento Regional Transit District. The 265,000 youth living in Sacramento Regional Transit District's service area, from transitional

kindergarten to 12th-grade, including home-schooled students, foster and unhoused youth, can ride all buses and light rail trains for free, all day, any day of the year. The RydeFreeRT program has helped boost student ridership, which now accounts for nearly 25% of all Sacramento Regional Transit District bus and light rail rides over the last year. In fact, student ridership is on pace to carry 4.2 million youth in Fiscal Year 2024, double what it was in 2019 pre-pandemic. Note: The RydeFreeRT program does not apply to those over 18 years old that are pursuing their GED. ★

CalCompetes Program Reaches \$50 Billion of Private Investment

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) announced on June 14 the latest round of awards under the CalCompetes program. That brings the program's total job creation commitments to 159,000 and results in more than \$50 billion in private investment in the state through nearly 1,200 awards over the past 10 years. Governor Gavin Newsom said, "CalCompetes' success over the past decade is a proofpoint that investing in innovative and cutting edge businesses leads to economic growth and opportunity. Throughout the program's lifespan, over 159,000 good-paying jobs have been created along with \$50 billion of private investment across every region of the state." Over the past five years, CalCompetes has invested in companies such as Bosch to domestically design, develop, and manufacture the next generation of semiconductors and microchips; GoodRx to develop mobile and web-based applications that provide prescription drug pricing comparisons, discount programs, and pharmacy information; Pacific Steel to construct the first steel mill in California in more than 50 years in Kern County;

Relativity Space to expand their ability to manufacture 3D-printed rockets to carry satellites into space; and many more. The Golden State, which has the most equitable tax system in the entire country, is #1 in the nation for new business starts, #1 for access to venture capital funding, and the #1 state for manufacturing, high-tech, and agriculture. Last month, Governor Newsom announced that California's travel spending reached an all-time high of \$150.4 billion last year. This comes after the state's population increased for the first time since the pandemic and the International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook noting that California remains the 5th largest economy in the world for the seventh consecutive year, with a nominal GDP of nearly \$3.9 trillion in 2023 and a growth rate of 6.1% since the year prior, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. California's per capita GDP is the second largest among large economies. And just last week, Fortune announced that for the first time since 2014, California is home to the most Fortune 500 companies in the country – beating out Texas, Florida, and all other states. From tech to finance to entertainment, the state's diverse economy has 57 companies on the list, while Texas and New York are tied in second with 52 companies each. ★



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