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## Summer Internship Teaches, Pays



The Summer STEPS Internship Program promises a peek into public service for college students interested in public service. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

By Angela Underwood

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Some summer fun is unexpected.

Take a working internship, for example, where you get paid to gain experience in local government. The relaunch of the West Sacramento Summer STEPS Internship makes this possible.

Last utilized in 2019, the program started in 2015 and has helped many young adults find their calling. Public information officer Paul Hosley said nearly 20 young minds are soaking up everything in West Sacramento this season.

“Eighteen college interns have been divided among the different departments to learn about the city through guided tours, workshops and information sessions,” Hosley said.

For the eight-week commitment position, interns must be enrolled in an accredited college or university.

Additionally, applicants must have a relevant academic major or interest in public service and demonstrate strong written and verbal communication skills.

Meeting all mandates offers entrance into the eight-week intensive program from June to August. According to the program

description, it requires up to 30 hours a week of “unparalleled exposure to the inner workings of city administration.”

Additionally, if accepted, interns can become “actively involved in meaningful projects that align with their academic majors, making tangible contributions to our community.”

The internship offers successful applicants a salary ranging from \$18 to \$21 an hour, making the opportunity financially and educationally prosperous.

As an information officer, Hosley said, he sees first-hand how “the

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## California Expands Access to Naloxone

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA, (MPG)** - On June 21, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that CalRx-branded over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, 4 mg, will be available for free to eligible organizations through the Naloxone Distribution Project.

This follows the state’s contract with Amneal Pharmaceuticals to purchase an over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray product through CalRx’s Naloxone Access Initiative at a significantly lower price.

“The CalRx brand is more than a logo; it’s a way to show that the state cares. CalRx is proof positive of California’s innovation, business acumen, and most importantly, our heart. California is spending smarter by making life-saving drugs more affordable so that we stretch our dollars further – and make that same low price accessible to more people,” Newsom said.

Eligible entities can obtain CalRx over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, for free through the California Department of Health Care Services Naloxone Distribution Project. CalRx is also working on an option for individuals to buy CalRx over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray directly. Additional details will be shared on the Naloxone Distribution Project website as they become available.

Qualifying California business entities and organizations seeking to purchase CalRx over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, for \$24 per twin-pack can do so by visiting CalRx’s Get Naloxone website at <https://calrx.ca.gov/get-naloxone>.

In May alone, the state purchased approximately 24,000 units, leading to \$415,000 in savings. Since the Naloxone Distribution Project was created, more than 4,433,700 units have been distributed, and more than 277,000 lives have been saved.

“By making naloxone

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## Trail Extension Fights Compounding Carbon



A \$1.9-million grant through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments will fund a trail extension to Clarksburg on the above property. Photo courtesy of West Sacramento

By Angela Underwood

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Key stakeholders have one big goal: reducing carbon reduction.

Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Senator Bill Dodd, D-Napa, Yolo County and

West Sacramento officials announced that the city will receive a \$1.9-million grant through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Carbon Reduction Program.

“West Sacramento is

proud to be the gateway to the Great California Delta Trail network,” Mayor Martha Guerrero said.

The City of West Sacramento has owned the trails’ right-of-way from the Barge Canal locks to Pumphouse Road

since 2005, when the city acquired it under the National Trails Act’s “rails to trails” provisions.

“The Clarksburg Branch Line Trail will provide West Sacramentans with a safe and inviting way to

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# 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



**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.** Image by Marncom from Pixabay

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.* ★

## Still Need Your Landline? California Regulators Just Stopped AT&T From Pulling The Plug



**Its 4-0 vote came after a judge determined the application by AT&T California was “fatally flawed.”** Photo by Tahar Djemmad from Pixabay

**By Khari Johnson**

**CALMATTERS.ORG** - California’s Public Utilities Commission on June 20 rejected AT&T’s application to stop providing landlines and other services in areas where there is no other option.

Its 4-0 vote came after a judge determined the application by AT&T California was “fatally flawed.”

AT&T is the “carrier of last resort” for California, an official designation that means it covers most major cities, rural communities, and the land of more than 100 tribal governments. The commission first labeled AT&T a carrier of last resort nearly three decades ago.

More than a dozen speakers during the public comment period at the June 20 meeting supported keeping AT&T’s carrier-of-last resort designation and landlines. Previously, more than 5,000 public comments were written in response to AT&T’s application and nearly 6,000 people attended eight public forums held earlier this year.

Numerous commenters said that, due to inconsistent cell coverage in their area, their landline is their primary means of communication with family, medical providers, and the outside world in the event of an emergency. Those concerns are particularly important for senior citizens, people with disabilities, and people who say they are sensitive to electromagnetic activity.

AT&T has argued that the people its landlines are now serving in the areas in question can turn to voice over internet service offered by cable providers or to mobile phone service offered by wireless providers like Verizon.

Steve Hogle lives in rural Sonoma County and told the commission on June 20 that spotty cell phone coverage was a danger to his family during the 2019 Kincadee wildfire.

“If we didn’t have a copper landline we would’ve not known about the evacuation and the extremely serious fire that went

through here and most of our property,” he said. “I don’t want (voice over internet service) because if there’s no power, there’s no internet, and all these things are of extreme importance to the safety of this community.”

The company has attempted to end carrier-of-last-resort designation obligations in roughly half of U.S. states, but those efforts don’t always stay within the confines of the law, according to federal prosecutors. In 2022, AT&T Illinois agreed to pay a \$23 million fine to resolve charges it attempted to influence former Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan.

The commission’s decision does not bring an end to the carrier-of-last-resort debates in California. AT&T and roughly a dozen members of the California Legislature have publicly expressed support for Assembly Bill 2797, which would effectively bring an end to some carrier-of-last-resort obligations. The California State Association of Counties, Rural County Representatives of California, and Urban Counties of California said two weeks ago that they oppose the bill, adding in a letter to the bill’s author that it would “leave large swaths of the most vulnerable Californians without reliable and affordable access to basic telephone service.”

The Public Utilities Commission also voted on June 20 to begin proceedings to change rules for companies that are designated a carrier of last resort. It’s time to modernize those rules, said commission president Alice Reynolds, because a lot has changed in the past 30 years, including a shift toward cell phones and away from landlines, and it’s now part of the commission’s mandate to make high-speed internet access universally available.

“I’m hopeful that through this new rulemaking, we can really modernize these programs and move toward the future to meet our broadband for all objectives,” she said ahead of the vote.

*Khari Johnson is part of the economy team and is CalMatters’ first tech reporter.*

## Equity Grading: Grade Inflation Dressed Up in Woke Clothing

**Commentary by Lance Izumi**

As standardized student test scores plunge, some school districts are responding by masking student knowledge deficiencies through equity grading, which is little more than grade inflation dressed up in woke clothing.

There is little doubt that student learning across the country is at a dire level. On the 2022 National Assessment of Educational Progress, 69% of students taking the eighth-grade reading test failed to achieve at the proficient level, while 73% of eighth graders failed to score at the proficient mark on the math exam.

As their students are failing, school districts in California, New York, and other states are implementing equity grading, which eliminates penalties for late assignments, allows students to retake exams, and removes misbehavior as a grading factor.

Further, “zeroes” for failing to turn in homework and not taking tests are banned and, instead, students are given 50% scores.

Proponents of these changes justify them in the name of equity, which emphasizes the same outcomes for all students, regardless of merit-based factors such as punctuality and effort.

Education consultant and former teacher Joe Feldman, a top equity-grading advocate,

claims, “Many traditional grading policies that seem innocuous on the surface can reinforce existing disparities, rewarding students who already have more resources and punishing students who come to the classroom with fewer resources.”

Feldman points to a California school district that implemented equity grading and saw the number of D and F grades fall by almost a third.

However, that result is not evidence of increased student achievement. The reason that fewer low grades are given under equity-grading practices is because of simple grade inflation, not because students are learning more and performing better.

Even more troubling than equity grading’s mechanical inflation of grades is its misreading of student psychology.

When Janessa Tamayo, a New York City high school math teacher, switched to equity grading practices, fewer students did their homework. Also, fewer students participated in class, and many stopped taking tests seriously.

She said: “Grading for equity works fine for the small percentage of kids who are highly motivated. For the rest, it encouraged them to do the minimum.”

Students themselves are often frustrated by equity-grading practices.

One California student said that teachers in his high school “offer retakes on tests, to the point where you could just flunk a first

test and you don’t have to study and then you could keep retaking it, and it’s all in the name of equity.”

Ill-prepared students who are not pushed to pursue perfection and avoid mistakes are being set up for failure in the job market.

According to a college math instructor in California, “When you’re a software engineer you really have to drive towards perfection because every mistake that you make will show at some point and cost the company, so you’re under a lot of stress to be perfect.”

Unfortunately, “if you have an education system that is not encouraging that,” and instead the system easily forgives mistakes, students will collide with reality in high tech because “that is not the way Silicon Valley works.”

Rather than lowering grading standards, schools should implement higher grading practices that push students to try harder, which will lead to more learning. Despite its social-justice pretensions, equity grading is just another example of the soft bigotry of low expectations.

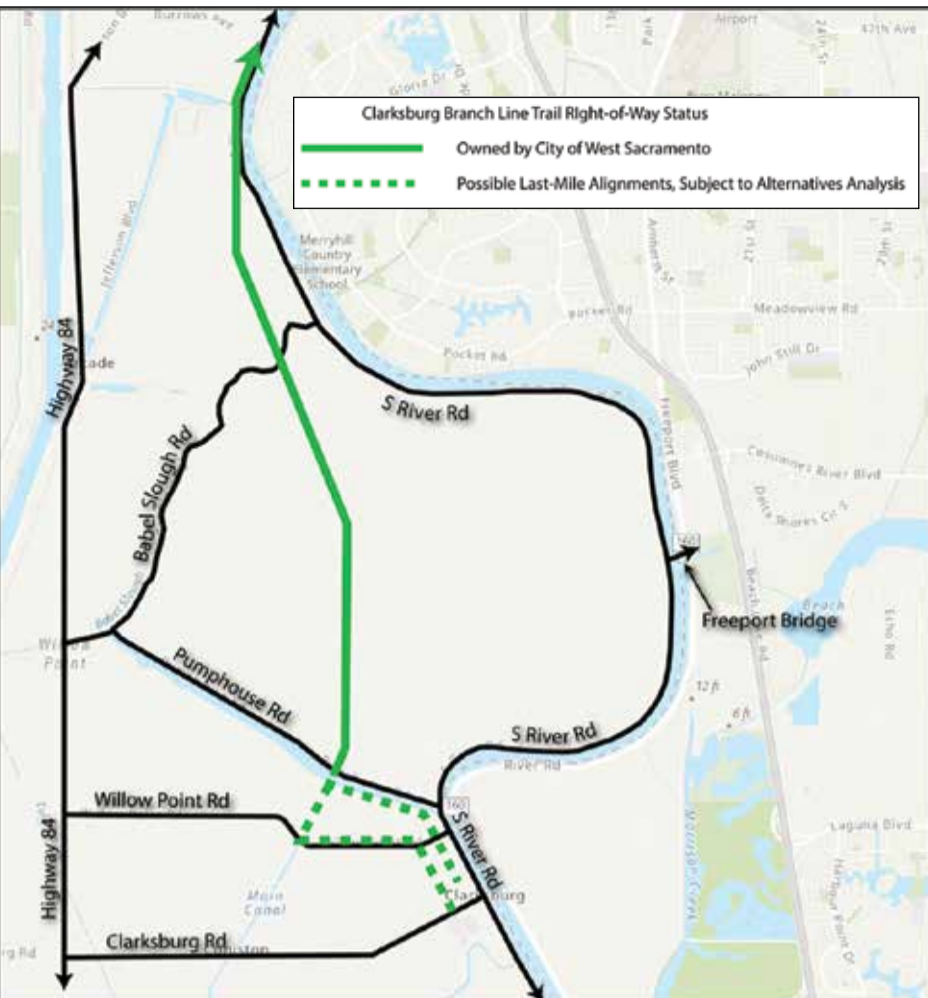
*Lance Izumi is senior director of the Center for Education at the Pacific Research Institute and the author of the forthcoming book, “The Great Classroom Collapse: Teachers, Students, and Parents Expose the Collapse of Learning in America’s Schools.” This piece first appeared in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.* ★

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# Trail Extension Fights Compounding Carbon



Here is a rendering of the complete trail extension when finished with nearly \$2 million in funding from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

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experience the Delta’s rural and natural beauty,” said Mayor Guerrero.

Congresswoman Matsui praised the partnership between the federal government, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, West Sacramento and the entire Yolo-Delta Trail Coalition.

“This investment underscores the importance of federal support for our local mission to address mobility barriers in underserved communities and reduce carbon emissions,” Matsui said.

Senator Dodd said the project will provide multiple benefits, including reduced carbon emissions and recreational opportunities.

“I am pleased to support its funding and applaud Yolo County and West Sacramento for advancing it, along with the Yolo Transportation District and Delta Protection Commission,” Dodd said of the grant that will promote, design and acquire the last-mile right-of-way for the Great California Delta Trail – Clarksburg Branch Line Trail Extension project, bringing the trail from the city limits to Clarksburg.

Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas said he is excited that the long-term project has come to fruition, bringing amenities to the West Sacramento and Clarksburg recreation corridor.

“The next steps in our rails-to-trails project, that is 20 years in the making, will allow for the Great Delta Trail expansion to serve as a recreational

corridor for generations to come,” Villegas said. “The project encourages our community to get out and get active along the trail and supports our climate efforts in the region to reduce carbon emissions by utilizing alternate forms of transportation.”

Some project highlights include facilitating safe, active recreation, promoting connectivity between neighborhoods and communities, and catering to equestrians.

The trail also proposes integrating high-speed fiber optic connectivity at the utility corridor, which can offer interpretive signs and design elements reflecting the city’s history.

Three executive directors could not say enough about the project and funding.

Delta Protection Commission Executive Director Bruce Blodgett said his group is “eager to work with our partners to study the proposed extension of the Clarksburg Branch Line and to ensure Delta residents’ needs and concerns are addressed as the Great California Delta Trail grows.”

Yolo Transportation District Executive Director Autumn Bernstein said that Yolo Transportation District is excited to partner on the Clarksburg Branch Line Extension.

“This project is a great opportunity to jumpstart our Yolo Active Transportation Corridors plan, establishing a roadmap for a safe and inviting network of off-street paths connecting Yolo County communities,” Bernstein said.

This 6.4-mile bike/pedestrian trail extension is identified in the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Regional Trail network, the Great California Delta Trail Master Plan, the Yolo Transportation District Active Transportation Plan, and West Sacramento’s Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan.

Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) Executive Director Deb Banks said that the Clarksburg Branch Line trail is an excellent amenity for West Sacramento and Sacramento cyclists and pedestrians.

“It links the cities to Delta communities with a low-stress bikeable, walkable trail in a beautiful setting,” Banks said, adding it benefits tourism and completes the regional trail network. “Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates is thrilled and looks forward to riding it in the near future.”

Both the congresswoman and senator tout the overall opportunities that the new project brings.

“By leveraging resources from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s Carbon Reduction Program, our region is leading the way to create new trail systems and active transportation options for our community,” Matsui said.

“The City of West Sacramento looks forward to the positive impact this trail extension will have on the community, enhancing recreation, connectivity and environmental sustainability,” Dodd said. ★

# City Summer Internship Teaches, Pays



In one of West Sacramento’s summer programs, mentors are crucial in keeping students engaged throughout the season. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

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eight-week internship gives students positive examples of public service, hands-on experience and insights about city government operations.”

The Economic Development Department still has a listing for the summer program, noting the role allows hands-on learning “in various department projects and initiatives that contribute to the economic growth and prosperity of our city.”

Speaking of prosperity, the Home Run Internship

Program, another city summer plan, kicked off June 10 at the West Sacramento Community Center with a half-day training event and an intern-supervisor luncheon.

“This City of West Sacramento program, which began in 2017, provides paid internships to local high school students and recent graduates,” Hosley said.

Hosley said city officials work with the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and the Washington Unified

School District to place interns with local businesses, nonprofit organizations, city government and the school district. The interns gain real-world work experience and mentoring.

“Interns also participate in weekly training focused on durable skills like communication, problem-solving, and collaboration,” Hosley said. “This year, 24 local employers stepped up to provide this opportunity to 58 young people, our largest cohort ever.” ★

# California Expands Access to Naloxone

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widely available and affordable, we are empowering communities and saving lives,” said California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. “This is a crucial step in our ongoing efforts to tackle the opioid crisis head-on.”

The overdose epidemic claims thousands of lives each year throughout the nation – and California is combatting this through an all-hands-on-deck approach. A critical component of that is through harm reduction services and methods like naloxone, which can reverse

opioid overdoses swiftly and effectively.

By making CalRx-branded over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray readily accessible, and maximizing the state dollars used to purchase it, California is taking a significant step toward reducing the number of opioid-related deaths and ensuring that over-the-counter naloxone is available when and where it is needed most.

Governor Newsom released the Master Plan for Tackling the Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis to support overdose prevention efforts like the CalRx Naloxone Access Initiative. Recently,

Governor Newsom launched Opioids.CA.GOV, a one-stop-shop for Californians seeking resources around prevention and treatment.


The CalRx Biosimilar Insulin Initiative continues to move forward to bring this lifesaving and life-sustaining drug to market as soon as possible. Following recent meetings with the US FDA, CalRx’s partner Civica has a clear path forward. California is using its market power as the 5th largest economy in the world to save lives and make health care and medication more affordable. More information about CalRx can be found at <https://calrx.ca.gov> ★

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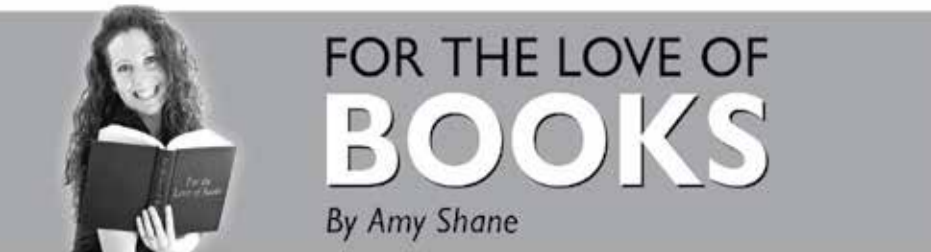
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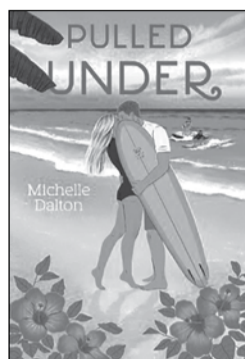
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## The Perfect Young Adult Summer Reads

Are you ready to embark on a journey of summer romance? What is summer if it's not being forced to go on that family vacation only to discover a summer crush waiting for you? These three books offer the perfect romantic escape or companion on your summer vacation, even if it's just in your own backyard.



Unexpected summer love awaits within a bookstore in **Fifteenth Summer** by Michelle Dalton. Chelsea isn't excited about spending summer at the lake, especially since her grandmother died. But her sisters are all too excited to plan which summer romance they want to jump into. The one thing she never expected was to meet Josh, the cute boy who works in the bookstore. He's everything she has ever dreamed of, and her summer quickly takes off in a blur of dates and stolen kisses. But now that the end of summer is coming closer, what will happen to them and her heart?

This darling story is filled with boat rides, picnics, bookstores, and summer love. It is perfect for any reader dreaming about their first crush while being a lightheaded, fast read that is a perfect escape for the younger young-adult reader.

Considered the very first young adult book, **Seventeenth Summer** by Maureen Daly was first published in the 40s. Now it's back with modernized text and cover. Angie thought high school romances were a silly waste of time, but then she met Jack Duluth. Now, her summer is quickly filled with romantic dates and stolen moments, all of which she never expected. But summer is quickly coming to a close, and with that, Angie and Jack will go in separate directions. Is their love one that can last past summer, or just a summer fling?

While this story might have been published decades ago, one thing remains the same: summer love. The age-old story of summer romance still remains true, and while this story might have a slower tempo, it is still a wonderful coming-of-age story written for a specific audience by a

teen writer herself.

It's time to catch some waves and summer love in **Pulled Under** by Michelle Dalton. All Izzy needs is a great sunny day and her surfboard. While everyone seems intent on breaking Izzy out of her shell, she is perfectly happy. Parties and hanging out with the tourists is not her scene, and that's ok. Then Ben Barker walks into the surf shop, and everything changes. Her days are now filled with teaching surf lessons and showing Ben around town. Then, somewhere between the pizza shack visits, surfing, and the budding friendship, there begins to be something more. Is Ben worth stepping out of her comfort zone, or will her summer end in heartbreak?

This fun beachy read is perfect for fans of Summer I *Turned Pretty* and summer romance. A great lighthearted story to get swept into and add to your summer romance shelf. ★



This is Way Out of Line

## Dave Ramsey Says

I'm going to be blunt here, okay? Since you weren't asked about any of this ahead of time, and had no say in anything, fair would be for you and your brother who weren't consulted to pay zero. Zilch.

Planning something that expensive without consulting everyone involved well ahead of time—and expecting them to lay out \$1,000 without warning—is way out of line. And don't let your older brothers lay a guilt trip on you, either. This has nothing to do with how much you love your parents, being greedy or anything like that. It has everything to do with consideration and communication, or in this case, a lack of these on their part.

If I were you, I'd let your oldest brothers know exactly what your financial situation is like right now. Explain what you're doing and why you're doing it, then let them know in a nice, but firm, tone

you'll give them whatever you can scrape up, but you won't be chipping in anything close to \$1,000. Oh, and I'd tell them next time they hatch up a big, expensive plan like this, to check with all their brothers way ahead of time.

Best of luck, Ronald. I'm sorry you have to deal with this.

— 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. ★

Dear Dave,

I'm trying hard to get control of my money and get out of debt, but I had a situation come up the other day, and I really don't know what to do. I'm one of four brothers, and our parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary is early next month. My two oldest brothers got together and made plans for a party without consulting the rest of us. They want everyone to chip in \$1,000 to help pay for things. I love my mom and dad, but the only savings I have is \$1,000 in my beginner emergency fund. Will you tell me how to address this situation?

— Ronald

Dear Ronald

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# Social Security Matters

## Why is there a Social Security Earnings Limit?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I try to read your article in the Carmichael Times each week and appreciate the information you provide. I am 62 and considering my retirement options and when I should do that to get the most benefit. I understand my full retirement age is 67, but what I don't understand, and I hope you can answer, is why there is such a thing as the Social Security earnings limit? I know that if I was to retire before 67, my benefits would be reduced. But since I have been paying into SS for 45+ years, and that money is technically money I have earned, why does SS care if I make more than the earnings limit? It doesn't affect them or my benefits. Can you tell me about the reasoning behind the earnings limit? I will, for many years after "retiring," continue working in my field.

**Signed: Working American**

**Dear Working American:** This is a great question and, as a point of interest, our parent company, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC), advocates doing away with Social Security's earnings test which affects those collecting benefits before reaching their SS full retirement age (FRA). In AMAC's view, it discourages

people from working and, thus, paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. It is, after all, SS taxes from the earnings of working Americans which largely pays for the benefits provided to Social Security beneficiaries. Eliminating the restriction would tend to improve Social Security revenue and help ease Social Security's current financial stress.

The reasoning behind the earnings test? Well, when Social Security was first enacted in the 1930s, the intent was that Social Security was for retired workers, meant to keep them from poverty in old age. The logic back then was that if a person worked they didn't need Social Security to sustain them, so those who worked could not collect Social Security at all. The current rule, after many adjustments over the years, says that annual earnings for those who collect early SS benefits are limited. If each year's earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024) is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (FYI, the penalty is less severe in the year FRA is attained).

Historical accounts suggest that the reasoning behind the wording in the original Social Security Act - that "No person shall receive such old-age annuity unless . . . he is not employed by another in a gainful occupation" - was quite controversial, except for the fundamental thought that if someone worked they didn't need Social Security. Over the ensuing decades the rule has been softened to provide that only those who collect benefits before their full retirement age (FRA) would have a portion of

their SS benefits offset by their work earnings. In any case, the earnings test, in its mitigated form, still persists today. FYI, H.R. 5193 - The Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act was recently introduced in Congress proposing to repeal the SS earnings test but has not advanced in the legislative process since introduced in August 2023.

In any case, under current rules, if you continue working after your FRA, the earnings test will not apply to you. And, if you lose any benefits before your FRA due to the earnings test, when you reach your FRA you'll get time credit for any months that benefits were withheld, resulting in a somewhat higher monthly payment after your full retirement age.

One final point: if you continue to work after starting your Social Security benefits and your recent earnings are higher than any of those in the inflation-adjusted 35 years used to originally calculate your benefit, your entitlement will be recalculated to give you credit for those higher recent earnings.

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The hours will be 9 AM to 5 PM, with set-up beginning at 6 AM. The vendor registration fee will be \$40 for a 10' x 10' space. There will be a limited number of electrical outlets available.

Items to be sold are new/hand-made. This will not be a "garage sale" but an event to showcase your crafts and business items.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice of Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Draft Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Utility Wildfire and Similar Operations and Maintenance Activities Statewide and Draft Environmental Impact Report

June 10, 2024. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024 CRAZY 7-12-24

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By: K. Quam, Deputy 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19/24 CNS-3826110# NEWS-LEDGER 7-19-24

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 Jack Watkins Baldwin to Jack Watkins Gowdy-Baldwin.

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.

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.

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.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAMES RICHARD CANTRELL AKA JAMES R. CANTRELL AKA JAMES

CANTRELL CASE NO. PR2024-0134

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of James Richard Cantrell aka James R. Cantrell aka James Cantrell.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Marie Heilman, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Marie Heilman be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Mandatory Bid Walk: June 27th, 2024 - 9:00am West Sacramento Police Department 550 Jefferson Blvd West Sacramento, CA 95691

Bid Release Date RFI Question Cutoff Proposals Due June 18, 2024 July 3, 2024 July 12, 2024

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## In Rain, Snow and Drought, California's Fights Over Water Rights, Supplies Persist



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

Legal rights to use water — particularly those obtained prior to 1914 — lie at the heart of California's perpetual wrangling over the allocation of increasingly limited water supplies.

For years state officials have been trying, with limited success, to reduce farmers' diversions, increase river flows and restore declining numbers of fish, particularly salmon, and other wildlife.

The conflict occurs even during periods when the state receives abundant rain and snow and its reservoirs are full. But it becomes more intense during the state's periodic droughts, as illustrated by what happened in 2014 when then-Gov. Jerry Brown, citing "one of the driest years in recorded state history," proclaimed a state of emergency.

The state Water Resources Control Board began notifying agricultural water agencies that they must curtail diversions from the Sacramento and San Joaquin river watersheds — essentially the entire Central Valley — having "determined that the existing water supply ... is insufficient to meet the needs of all water rights holders."

The state clearly had the authority to curtail diversions by agencies, with rights granted after the state assumed managerial control of California water in 1914 — ironically exactly one century

earlier. However, those with pre-1914 rights balked, contending that under state law the board could not order them to decrease diversions.

Political and legal squabbling ensued and the issue wound up in the courts, and in 2022 an appellate court ruled that the water board did not have legal authority to order pre-1914 rights holders to reduce diversions.

Although the case centered on the board's drought-induced curtailment orders, everyone involved knew that the outcome could affect the larger issue of water rights and the overall allocation of water supplies.

Environmental groups that had been pressing the board to become more assertive on water rights were disappointed.

"A recent decision by California's Sixth District Court of Appeal highlights everything that's wrong with California water law," two officials of CalTrout, one of the environmental groups, wrote in a guest commentary for CalMatters two years ago, adding, "the decision shields a class of property owners whose rights were enshrined in law at a time when the rights of citizenship, land ownership and common decency were only afforded to a privileged few."

Farm interests were, of course, pleased with the decision as they sparred with the water board over the larger issue of how much water must remain in rivers to support wildlife.

Environmental groups have urged the board to issue new water quality standards for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that would indirectly reduce agricultural diversions. Jerry Brown and his successor, Gavin Newsom, have urged

the adoption of "voluntary agreements" on diversions without a legal showdown over water rights, but that effort has not yet succeeded.

Last year, legislation was introduced to bolster the water board's curtailment authority, implementing a report by UC Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy and the Environment, underwritten by the water board, recommending that "the state needs to implement curtailments on a regular basis, not only in times of extreme crisis."

The most important, Assembly Bill 1337, would have given the water board direct authority to order curtailments of pre-1914 rights holders. However, it sat in limbo for more than a year until its author, Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks, an Oakland Democrat, finally dropped it this month.

The only survivor is AB 460, by Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, a San Ramon Democrat, which would increase fines for illegal water diversions and is blessed by a multi-party agreement.

The drought orders, the appellate court decision and the non-action by the Legislature this year indicate that California's water rights remain a major bone of legal and political contention as the larger struggle over water allocation continues.

*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. ★*

## Committee Clears Senator Dodd's Wheelchair Users Legislation

Senate District  
News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On June 21, Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, announced the advancement of the legislation aimed at granting power wheelchair users the right to repair their own equipment. This initiative aims to eliminate delays that could otherwise immobilize users, while also reducing costs for one of California's most vulnerable populations.

"The focus of this bill is enhancing quality of life for people with mobility issues," Sen. Dodd said. "The proposal allows power wheelchair users to get their wheelchairs fixed in an efficient and timely manner when things go wrong. Because it is essential that those who rely on wheelchairs can be operating as soon as possible."

Under existing law, manufacturers of power wheelchairs are not required to provide information or replacement

parts directly to consumers or independent repair shops. Colorado became the first state in the nation to address the issue, adopting a right-to-repair laws that granted wheelchair owners and independent shops access to parts, manufacturer software, specialized tools and other items needed to ensure timely and affordable wheelchair repair.

In California, Sen. Bill Dodd's Senate Bill 1384 ensures the same right to repair for California wheelchair users and streamline the process for getting complex rehabilitation technology repaired. Among other things, it requires independent repair shops to require written notice to consumers before conducting repairs and establishes guidelines on what parts can be replaced.

The bill is supported by advocates including Sacramento disability rights activist and wheelchair user Russell Rawlings. Senate Bill 1384 was approved

by the Assembly Privacy committee after previously clearing the Senate.

"If you have a power chair and are using it daily, it needs regular maintenance," Rawlings said. "But the industry as it stands has very little interest in making repairs. There can be months if not longer of waiting time. This bill seeks to change that by making it easier for owners and smaller shops to fill the repair need. Also, power chairs are increasingly controlled by software that is currently restricted to a small number of vendors. Owners having access to these tools would enable more freedom and ability to control their driving experiences."

Senator 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](http://www.senate.ca.gov/dodd). ★

## Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



### ARRESTS

- March 23:** Melissa Ann Reed. Arrested for petty theft: retail merchandise/etc.
- June 1:** Mario Anthony Medina. Arrested for possess controlled substance.
- June 6:** Jeffrey Mark Cole. Arrested for WSP muni code stopping or parking - 20 feet in any area established as a no - parking area.
- June 7:** Dean Allen Short. Arrested for petty theft: retail merchandise/etc.
- June 11:** Tanashia May McOwens. Arrested for disorderly conduct: under influence of drug.
- June 12:** Jesus Zavala Jr. Arrested for pc obstruct/resist/etc public/peace officer/emergency, felony bench warrants, possess controlled substance, give false ID to police officer, and disorderly conduct: loiter/etc private property.
- June 12:** Juan Jose Nosiglianieto. Arrested for felony bench warrant.
- June 12:** Maksim Bochkarev. Arrested for felony bench warrant, felon/addict/possess/etc firearm, prohibited person own/possess/etc ammunition/etc.
- June 13:** Nancy Marie Chatman. Arrested for burglary, possess/etc burglary tools, probation violation: rearrest/revoke.
- June 14:** Andrew Robert Lueras. Arrested for poss controlled substance while armed with loaded firearm, carry concealed weapon in vehicle, carry concealed weapon on person, peek inhabited building with loitering, possess/purchase for sale narcotic/controlled substance, carry loaded handgun: not registered owner, pc possess large capacity mag-felony.
- June 15:** Dina Joan Keon. Arrested for petty theft: retail merchandise/etc.
- June 6:** Aidan Neely Willett. Arrested for petty theft: retail merchandise/etc.
- June 15:** Rodney Edward Moore. Arrested for possess/purchase for sale narcotic/controlled substance, possess controlled substance for sale, possess/purchase cocaine base for sale, hs possess unlawful paraphernalia, misdemeanor bench warrant, give false ID to police officer.

### INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- June 18:** Unidentified subject struck reporting party's parked car with a hammer while reporting party was inside causing over \$450 in damage. Suspect fled in a vehicle. Reporting party said the incident was completely random and he did not know why the suspect did this. No video of incident. \$450 loss. Vandalism: damage property.
- June 3:** Suspect hit victim with his hands resulting in complaint of pain. Battery.
- June 4:** This report is in regards to a burglary. \$26,200 loss. Vandalism: deface property.
- June 5:** Two unknown suspects vandalized victim's Kia causing \$150 in damages. Victim declined prosecution at this time because she believed she knew who suspect was. \$150 loss. Vandalism: damage property.
- June 6:** Graffiti at Bridgeway Lakes Park. \$500 loss. Vandalism: deface property.
- June 6:** Theft of motorcycle helmet from IKEA parking lot. \$800 loss. Petty theft.
- June 10:** Victim's vehicle was broken into by an unknown suspect. Victim had a diaper bag with various credit cards, CA driver's license, and air pods stolen. The suspect broke into the vehicle via the front passenger window and the victim wants to press charges for the break in. \$1,250 loss. Burglary. Get credit/etc other's ID. Vandalism: damage property.
- June 9:** Suspect stole washer and dryer from location after moving out. \$1,276 loss. Grand theft: money/labor/property.
- June 11:** This report is in regard to a mail theft. \$1 loss. Petty theft.
- June 11:** This report is in regard to a vandalism. \$326 loss. Vandalism: deface property.
- June 12:** Victim's car was broken into by an unknown suspect. Victim's wallet and backpack were taken from inside the vehicle. The suspect(s) then attempted to use the victim's credit cards at multiple locations in the area. The reporting party wants to press charges and there is possible video at multiple locations. \$696 loss. Vandalism: damage property. Get credit/etc other's ID. Burglary.
- June 12:** Unknown subject walked into store and took approximately \$70 worth of merchandise without paying. \$70 loss. Petty theft: - \$950.
- June 12:** Unknown subject brandished a firearm at victim. Exhibit firearm threatening manner, assault with firearm on person.

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### Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission Notice of Availability of Draft MSR/SOI and Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 9:00 am**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) will hold a Public Hearing at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 625 Court Street, Room 206, Woodland, CA to consider adoption of a:

**MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI) UPDATE FOR FLOOD PROTECTION SERVICES (12 DISTRICTS AND 1 JPA) (LAFCO NO. 23-03)**

The intent of the Municipal Service Review (MSR) is to review the flood protection and drainage services being provided by the following 13 agencies: 10 reclamation districts (RDs) including RDs 150, 307, 537, 730, 765, 787, 900, 999, 1600, and 2035; County Service Area (CSA) 6; Knights Landing Ridge Drainage District; and the West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA), a Joint Powers Agency. The MSR makes recommendations regarding agency improvements and identifies a lead agency for each hydrologic basin along the Sacramento River System in Yolo County. On the basis of the MSR and in accordance with Government Code Section 56425(g), staff has reviewed the Spheres of Influence (SOI) of each agency and recommends that a SOI Update is necessary for RD 999. RD 999 as the recommended lead agency for the Clarksburg Basin, the SOI Update would add RD 307 and RD 765 territory into its SOI, indicating these RDs should be combined.

The Draft MSR/SOI for Flood Protection Services is available for public review at the office of the Yolo LAFCo and online at [www.yololafco.org](http://www.yololafco.org). Written comments on the MSR/SOI Update can be submitted to the LAFCo office either by mail at the address stated below, or via e-mail to the LAFCo Executive Officer at [Christine.Crawford@yolocounty.gov](mailto:Christine.Crawford@yolocounty.gov). Copies of the agenda, staff report, and supporting information will also be available and may be examined at the LAFCo office, located in the Yolo County Administration Building, 625 Court Street, Suite 107, Woodland, CA, and online at [www.yololafco.org](http://www.yololafco.org) at least five days prior to the noticed hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call Commission Clerk Terri Tuck at (530) 666-8048. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable LAFCo to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

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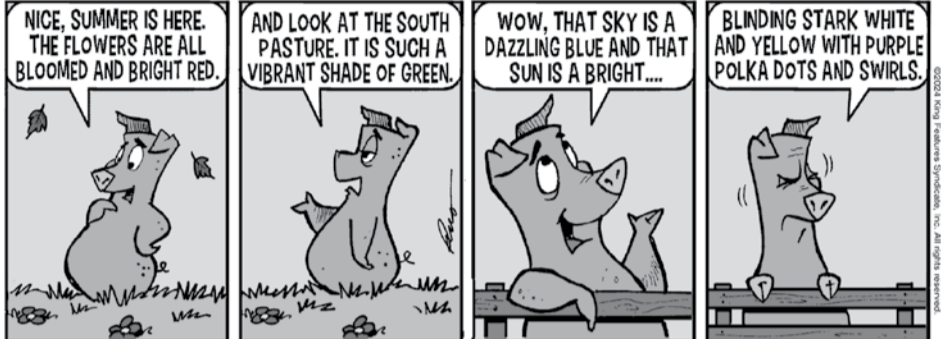
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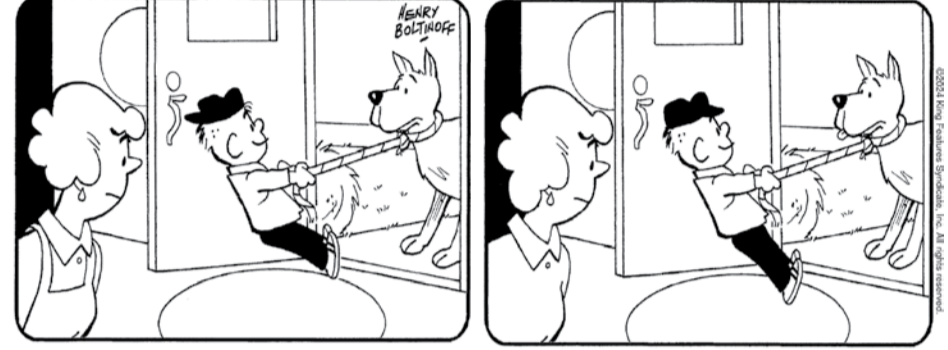


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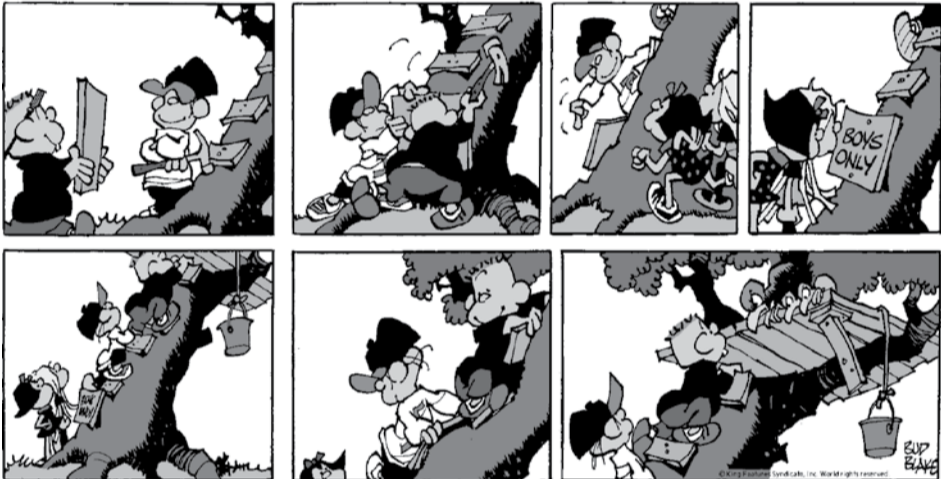
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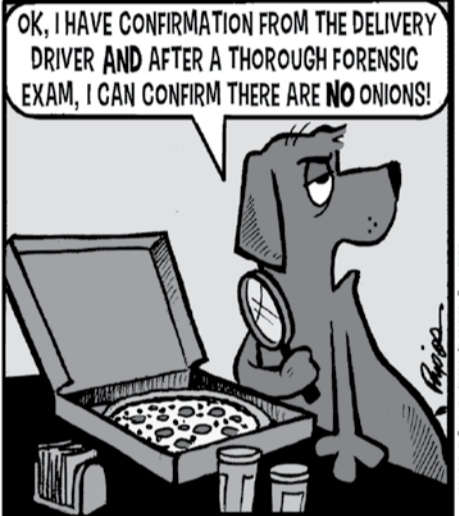
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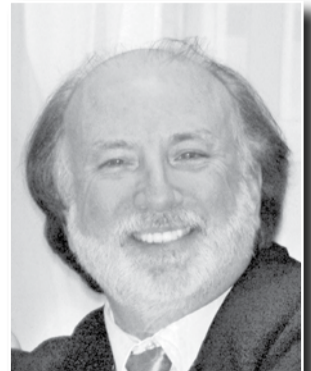


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# Public Health Confirms Measles Case in Yolo County

## Yolo County News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health Branch has confirmed that two residents who recently returned from international travel are infected with measles. These are the 10th and 11th persons diagnosed with measles in California during 2024. The last measles case in Yolo County occurred in 2015.

The children, who were not vaccinated against measles, have mild illnesses and are recovering at home, according to the Yolo County agency.

Measles is highly infectious, spreading through the air over long distances and through contact with contaminated surfaces. Contact tracing done by Public Health indicates that the individuals visited healthcare facilities in Sacramento County while they were infectious and might have exposed patients, visitors and healthcare providers at the following venues:

Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento Emergency

Department, 6600 Bruceville Road, Sacramento; June 12 between 3:30 a.m. and 5 a.m.

Kaiser Permanente Downtown Commons Pediatric Clinic, 501 J St., Sacramento; June 12 between 10:23 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento Emergency Department, 6600 Bruceville Road, Sacramento; June 14 to 15 between 10:20 p.m. and 2:10 a.m.

Kaiser Permanente Downtown Commons Pediatric Clinic, 501 J St., Sacramento; June 17 between 10:48 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Kaiser Permanente has identified and contacted patients and employees who might have been exposed by being in close proximity to the persons with measles. However, there might be visitors also exposed who have yet to be identified. Individuals who were at the above locations during the dates and times listed could be at risk of developing measles and are advised to contact Kaiser Permanente or Sacramento County Public Health's Communicable Disease Program at 916-875-5881, or Yolo County Public Health's

Communicable Disease Program at 530-490-3953. A specialized team is available to determine whether residents are at risk and whether preventive measures, such as vaccination with MMR, are recommended.

"If you weren't at the Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento Emergency Department or Kaiser Permanente Downtown Commons Pediatric Clinic during the dates and times listed, there is no risk of getting measles from these individuals," said Dr. Aimee Sisson, Yolo County public health officer. "However, this case highlights the risk of getting infected with measles during international travel, especially if you aren't vaccinated. If you are planning a trip overseas, please make sure you and the people traveling with you are up to date with measles vaccinations."

Measles can be prevented with a measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR) or a measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccine (MMRV). They are administered in two doses (typically given at 1 year old and 4 to 6 years old) and are highly effective: two doses are

97% effective in preventing measles and one dose is 93% effective.

Globally, vaccinations against measles fell during the COVID-19 pandemic and cases of measles have surged in many countries. Public Health encourages all residents, especially those planning international travel, to confirm their measles vaccination status. If they have not had measles in the past (every person born in the U.S. before 1957 is assumed to have had measles) and are not up to date with MMR vaccination, they are at risk of contracting measles if they are exposed and should contact their healthcare provider for vaccination. Children between 6 months and 1 year old can get an early MMR dose before travel, as can children between 1 and 4 years old.

People typically develop symptoms eight to 12 days after exposure to measles. Measles symptoms begin with fever, cough, red and watery eyes and a runny nose, followed by a rash three to five days later that starts on the head and spreads downward. Measles can result in serious complications and even

death for young children and vulnerable adults. Exposed people with symptoms should stay home and away from others and immediately contact Public Health. Persons needing care for their measles symptoms should call their healthcare provider's office in advance, rather than visit an office directly, so that the facility can take measures to prevent exposure to others.

Nearly all health insurance plans are required to cover the cost of MMR and MMRV vaccines. Insured persons should check with their healthcare provider or local pharmacy to see what vaccines are offered. Uninsured or underinsured children and adults can access free or low-cost vaccines at clinics enrolled in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Vaccines for Adults (VFA) programs. For a list of clinics that offer free or low-cost immunizations for persons who are uninsured or underinsured, call 2-1-1 or visit: [www.YoloCounty.org/ImmunizationClinics](http://www.YoloCounty.org/ImmunizationClinics).

For more information on measles, visit: [www.CDC.gov/Measles](http://www.CDC.gov/Measles) ★

## Women's Empowerment Receives \$15,000 to Help Unhoused Sacramento Women

### Kristin Thébaud Communications News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Women's Empowerment has received a grant of \$15,000 from Union Pacific's Community Ties Giving Program to help women experiencing homelessness in Sacramento find jobs and safe homes during the housing crisis.

"We are proud to once again partner with Union Pacific's Community Ties Giving Program to ensure unhoused women can find and retain employment so they can afford a safe home for themselves and their children," said Lisa Culp, executive director, Women's Empowerment.

Women's Empowerment provides a two-month employment-readiness and empowerment program,

paid job training, childcare and support services so women and their children can break the generational cycle of homelessness. Women's Empowerment offers the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically for women experiencing homelessness and their children. In 2023, 165 jobs were secured by graduates, and 189 women either

secured or maintained housing. Since 2001, 1,870 women have graduated from the program with their 4,002 children. Women's Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To make a donation: [Womens-Empowerment.org](http://Womens-Empowerment.org).

"Union Pacific proudly supports organizations that improve the quality of life where our employees

live and work," said Liisa Stark, vice president of public affairs, Union Pacific. "Investing in high-quality, nonprofit programs puts our communities in a position for future growth and prosperity."

For more than 160 years, Union Pacific has been committed to Building America — serving as an economic engine and improving the standard of life for millions across the country. Building

upon this heritage, the Union Pacific Community Ties Giving Program's mission is to build safe, prosperous, vibrant and inclusive communities by investing in high-quality nonprofits and programs in the cities and towns in which Union Pacific operates and its employees live and work. For more information: [www.up.com/aboutup/community/foundation/index.htm](http://www.up.com/aboutup/community/foundation/index.htm) ★



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