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IRONMAN Triathlon to Bring Tourism to West Sacramento



The California State Capitol building will serve as an iconic backdrop for race finishers. Photo by Donald Miralle for IRONMAN

By Annie Kerr

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - West Sacramento is about to take part in one of the biggest triathlons in the world.

Right before Halloween, on Oct. 27, the world-renowned IRONMAN triathlon, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, will take over the city. Closures for the Etenesh Zeleke Public Dock and the Riverwalk have been announced and the city is fully preparing for the massive event.

Visitors and locals alike will

participate in the event, bringing thousands of visitors into West Sacramento. Visitors are sure to visit West Sacramento hotspots, such as Drake’s Barn, River Walk Park, Broderick Roadhouse and Jackrabbit Brewing.

With many visitors coming into town for the triathlon, the City of West Sacramento expects business to boom during the event weekend.

“The annual IRONMAN race brings significant benefits to the City of West Sacramento,” West Sacramento public information officer Paul Hosley said. “Beyond the

influx of thousands of athletes and visitors who support our local hotels, restaurants and businesses, the event showcases our beautiful parks and trails, highlighting the natural beauty along the West Sacramento riverfront,” he added.

West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero also said the triathlon will bring many positive aspects to West Sacramento.

“The IRONMAN competition is a tremendous benefit for West Sacramento because it showcases our city on a global stage, boosts

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Toys for Tots Yolo County Hosts Successful Fundraiser



Toys for Tots Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Toys for Tots Yolo County announced Sept. 25 that their benefit concert featuring Northern California favorite Mumbo Gumbo, and sponsored by and held at Sudwerk Brewing Co., was a success.

Held on Sept. 21, the event raised more than \$4,000 that will benefit local families.

Toys for Tots Yolo County Commandant Paul “Doc” Rowe thanked everyone at the event on Sept. 21.

“Since 1987, with the support of our wonderful and generous community, our organization has been able to ensure that thousands of families have presents under the tree for the holidays,” Rowe said.

Mary Gillis, Toys for Tots Yolo County program coordinator, stated at the concert that 100% of funds raised here in the county stay in the county.

“It’s important to know that your funds are helping your neighbors,” she said. “Toys for Tots has grown the last several years. We have gone from serving 600 families in 2022 to serving 800 families for the 2024 holidays. With the support of businesses like Sudwerk Brewing, Dowling Properties, Royal Guest Hotels, Walker Chiropractic and Vickers Automotive and Towing, our organization is moving forward into the 2024 holiday with the means to make serving our families easier.”

As a national program, Toys for Tots is expanding their reach to include different programs, including a birthday club where families that participate in the holiday event can come throughout the year to get toys for their children’s birthdays. Nationwide units are also organizing literacy programs to provide books in a variety of languages to local school districts and offering toys

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Meals on Wheels Sits Down

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - There is something about breaking bread with someone, especially in the senior years.

Meals on Wheels (MOW) Yolo County Executive Director Joy Cohan said the U.S. Surgeon General declared an epidemic of loneliness last year, pointing to the negative effects on physical and mental health.

“The impacts of this epidemic are especially poignant for seniors, many of whom already bore the brunt of the pandemic,” Cohan said.

But now Café Yolo, located in the City of West Sacramento Community Center, ends eating alone.

“Revitalizing the



Café Yolo, located at 1075 W Capitol Ave. in West Sacramento, offers a free meal and a place to sit and relax among other seniors. Photo courtesy of Yolo County Meals on Wheels

concept of social dining with Cafe Yolo throughout Yolo County, and especially in this fantastic

new location in West Sacramento, creates a warm and welcoming environment,” Cohan said,

adding easy accessibility to 1075 W. Capitol Ave. location encourages

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According to the city's government affairs manager Doug

West Sacramento is an idyllic place for a triathlon,

Last year, IRONMAN and Visit Sacramento agreed to a five-year host venue agreement to keep the IRONMAN California triathlon in Sacramento through 2028.

For more information about the triathlon, visit www.ironman.com/im-california. Good luck to all racers! ★



During the course, bikers will ride through idyllic farm and wine country.
Photo by Donald Miralle for IRONMAN

Leaders Asked to Step Up



The program's application deadline for accredited credentials and district-wide leading opportunities is Nov. 1. Photo courtesy of Washington Unified School District

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Businesses and individuals interested in volunteering during the holiday event can sign up at <https://woodland-ca.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-contact-us.aspx>. ★

By Angela Underwood

The Diverse Educators program will recruit 30 educators over the next three years, creating a pathway for aspiring leaders by investing in current employees' development and training as potential Washington Unified School District leaders, the

Students are the ones who make up the program. Through district-wide surveys, Kazanis said students made it clear they wished to

For more information, contact Jenna Raski in the Washington Unified School District Human Resources Department at jraski@wusd.k12.ca.us or call 916-375-7600, extension 1026. ★

West Sacramento K-9 Association Holds 5K, Celebrates K9 Retirement



Yoda, an 8-year-old female, served as a K-9 for six years. Photo courtesy of the West Sacramento K9 Association

By Annie Kerr

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Sept. 28, the West Sacramento K-9 Association held its third annual 5K/10K, and this time, it was to celebrate the retirement of Yoda, one of their beloved K-9's.

Held at River City High School from 9 a.m. to noon, the funds raised from the event went toward the K-9 Association, whose specific purpose is to assist with the expenses of the retired canines. Expenses include veterinary care, food and eventual burial expenses.

Linda Sherwood, a West Sacramento resident and K-9 Association volunteer, shared that the event was "wonderful."

According to Sherwood, the event featured K9 demonstrations from multiple Sacramento-area police departments. She noted that one of the West Sacramento officers even dressed up as Darth Vader during a demonstration, during which K9 Yoda came out and "took down Darth Vader one last time," paying homage to the classic "Star Wars" series.

Yoda, according to Sherwood, is 8 years old and served as a K-9 for six of those. It is undetermined at the moment where Yoda will spend her retirement years, but she is in good hands with the West Sacramento K-9 Association, Sherwood said.

In addition to the 5K/10K flanked by River City High School cheerleaders, Sherwood said there were many tables and booths set up encouraging community engagement, including the District Attorney's Office. She also mentioned there were options for food and drinks, and a kids' area featuring a bounce house.

Also, at the K-9 Association event was a raffle giving away at least 28 prizes.

The total amount of funds raised is unknown as of press time.

"It's a wonderful thing to get together and see what the dogs are trained in," Sherwood said. "More people should come out next year!"

For more information about the West Sacramento K-9 Association, visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080750319069. ★

Masons of California, Raising a Reader and WUSD Expand Programs to Improve Afghan Refugee Student Literacy



From left, G. Sean Metroka, Grand Master of Masons in California; Dr. Cheryl P. Hildreth, Washington Unified School District Superintendent; Michelle Torgerson, Raising a Reader president and CEO; and Doug Ismail, California Masonic Foundation president, pose for a photo. Photo courtesy of IdeaHall

IdeaHall News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As part of its partnership with Raising a Reader and Washington Unified School District, the Masons of California announced Sept. 24 its funding of bilingual books with Farsi translation for 150 young Afghan refugees currently enrolled in the Washington Unified School District. The Greater Sacramento region, where Washington Unified School District resides, is home to one of the largest populations of Afghan refugees in the United States.

"Imagine starting a life in a new country and not being able to communicate with your teachers and peers," said Doug Ismail, the California Masonic Foundation president. "As three organizations connected by their commitment to literacy, public education and improving educational outcomes, the partnership between the Masons of California, Raising a Reader and Washington Unified School District leverages key resources from each entity to maximize impact on Afghan refugee students throughout the district."

With 61% of Raising a Reader program participants reading at or above grade level in first-grade, compared to the 43% average, the bilingual books will improve educational outcomes for Afghan refugee students who did not grow up speaking English as a first language and increase access to growth opportunities in-school and beyond.

"As we launch Raising a Reader's new Farsi collection, we are reaffirming our commitment to ensuring that every child feels seen, supported and valued," said Michelle Torgerson,

Raising a Reader president and CEO. "By offering books in native languages, we help foster a love of reading and learning among children and families across the United States. This bilingual collection is particularly meaningful as it supports newly-arrived Afghan families and helps build strong family connections through reading together."

Through the partnership with Washington Unified School District, Masons of California will bring the Farsi-translated materials to 50 classrooms across the district. In total, the Masons of California have supplied Raising a Reader materials to more than 900 classrooms across California, primarily focusing on underserved schools with below-grade level reading scores. The organization hopes to continue expanding its Raising a Reader partnerships, with a goal of reaching at least 1,000 classrooms throughout the state.

"With approximately 10% of our student population from countries outside the United States attending school in our district, it is clear that West Sacramento is seeing a rise of 'newcomers,'" said Dr. Cheryl P. Hildreth, Washington Unified School District superintendent. "We are grateful to Raising a Reader and the Masons of California for partnering with us to improve the educational outcomes for these students."

In addition to its partnership with Raising a Reader, the Masons of California also support public education initiatives through its Investment in Success scholarship program, sponsorship of the California Teacher of the Year Awards, Career and Technical Education (CTE)

programs and more.

About the Masons of California

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About Raising a Reader

Raising a Reader (RAR) is a national nonprofit organization that partners with parents and educators to create brighter futures for children by strengthening family bonds. For more than 25 years, Raising a Reader has helped parents increase the amount of time reading with their children, which can lead to stronger reading skills. Forty independent evaluations consistently show that Raising a Reader increases parents' reading time with their children. Independent studies show that 74% percent of parents or guardians reported that they or someone in their households read to their children four or more times in a week (compared to 44% prior to participation). ★

Corrections

In the Sept. 20 West Sacramento News Ledger page-two story, "Rebuilding Together Sacramento – Every Step Counts," Linda Sherwood should have been

quoted as the city senior describing the Rebuilding Together Sacramento benefits.

In the Sept. 27 West Sacramento News Ledger front-page story, "Safer

Streets with Street Grant," grant funds should have been stated as being \$475,000.

The West Sacramento News Ledger apologizes for the errors. ★

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Social Security Matters

Veteran Asks About Special Credits for Military Service



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I just learned that if I served in the military during an active-duty period, i could get extra earnings for Social Security and that these benefits would be automatically added to my record, but I was never asked by the SS employee who calculated my benefits if I was in the military. I took benefits at age 62 (2013) due to health reasons. Should I ask for a recalculation or is it too late? **Signed: Proud Veteran**

Dear Proud Veteran: Thank you for your service to our country, for which you have every right to be proud. You likely heard about “Special Extra Credits for military service,” which applies to those who served in the military during certain periods earlier than the year 2001. This rule can add up to \$1,200 per year to your Social Security earnings record for the years you served and, since your SS benefit is based on your lifetime earnings record, your military earnings may have been included when calculating your Social Security benefit. But the rules for getting that “extra earnings credit” are a bit complex, and how much extra earnings credit you receive depends entirely on which years

you served. Here’s a quick summary:

- SS taxes have been withheld from military pay since 1957, so your actual military earnings are already included as part of your lifetime SS earnings record.
- If you served between 1957 and 1977, an extra \$300 for each quarter of active-duty service would be added to your military pay, up to \$1,200 per year maximum.
- If you served between 1978 and 2001, an extra \$100 would be added to your military pay for each \$300 of active duty pay received, up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year. FYI, no additional earnings are added to your military pay for service years after 2001.
- Those who served on active duty before 1967 should inform SS when applying for benefits about their military service (e.g., provide a copy of DD-214). For those who served after 1967, the “special extra credits” were automatically added to their military earnings record when they applied for SS benefits.

It’s important to note that the “extra credits” are additional earnings added to your military pay record – not an additional benefit amount added to your Social Security payment because of your military service. If, however, your military pay was included in the 35 years used to compute your Social Security benefit when you claimed, then your military pay affected your SS payment amount.

In any case, if you served in the military after 1967, the special extra earnings credits were automatically included

in your military pay record and, thus, were automatically included when calculating your Social Security benefit when you applied. If your non-military working career consisted of over 35 years during which you earned more than you did while serving, your years in the military wouldn’t be included when computing your Social Security benefit anyway (only your highest earning 35 years of earnings are included when calculating your SS benefit).

Although it’s never “too late” to request a recalculation, if you served after 1967 your military pay during your service years was automatically increased by SS to account for your military service. If you served before 1967, you could contact Social Security to ensure that the extra credits were included when calculating your SS benefit. FYI, here’s a copy of the Social Security rules on this topic: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10017.pdf.

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Bryte Park Receives \$15-Million in Federal Funding

MPG Staff

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Sept. 25, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-07) and the City of West Sacramento announced \$15 million in federal funding for the city’s Bryte Park Master Plan Implementation Project.

“The partnership between the federal government and the City of West Sacramento is crucial to deliver tangible results for our residents. This infusion of federal funds goes right into the heart of the city to reinvigorate Bryte Park,” said Congresswoman Matsui. “Parks have a transformative impact: expanding access to green space and recreation options creates a healthier, more resilient community. That’s why I have been such a strong advocate for our city staff and their forward-thinking approach to bring community conscious amenities where they are needed most.”

West Sacramento’s Bryte Park Master Plan will transform the park by developing a lighted, all-weather soccer field, an aquatics facility, a dog park, an outdoor amphitheater and ample green space.

“I am excited about these much-needed renovations coming to Bryte Park,” said West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero. “These amenities, which will include upgraded fields for both adult and youth sports used by our entire community, will enhance quality of life, promote healthier lifestyles, and provide a space for families to connect and thrive.”

Funding comes from the National Park Service’s Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Grants Program established in 2014. The nationally-competitive program provides matching grants to assist communities with little to no access to outdoor recreation opportunities in urban areas. Funds can be used for the acquisition and development of or to substantially renovate public parks and

other outdoor recreation spaces. West Sacramento was one of four communities across the country to receive the top allotment of \$15 million.

The 14 other California park projects receiving grants this cycle are:

- City of Adelanto – Bellflower Park: \$1 million
- City of Anaheim – La Palma Park: \$6 million
- City of Bakersfield – Martin Luther King Jr. Park: \$11.9 million
- City of Baldwin Park – Roadside Park: \$2.1 million
- City of Beaumont – Stewart Park: \$3.1 million
- City of Glendale – Central Park: \$5.95 million
- City of La Puente – Veterans Memorial Park: \$1 million
- Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles – Jordan Downs Central Park: \$11 million
- County of Los Angeles – Puente Hills Landfill Park: \$15 million
- City of Menifee – Quail Valley Nature Park: \$750,000
- City of Oxnard – Campus Park: \$6.7 million
- City of Redding – Panorama Park: \$4 million
- City of San Jose – Spartan-Keyes Park: \$4.5 million
- City of Stockton – Van Buskirk Revitalization Park: \$7 million.


Congresswoman Matsui represents California’s Seventh Congressional District, which includes West Sacramento, Elk Grove, Galt, Wilton, Rancho Murieta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay and the California Delta.

More information on the National Park Service’s Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grants Program is available on the California State Parks website at www.parks.ca.gov and the National Park Service website at nps.gov/index.htm. ★



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Trail Project Riding Along as Planned



City officials approved a transfer of almost a quarter million dollars to complete the Clarksburg Branch Line Trail, which was made possible with nearly \$1.9 million in grant funding. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Clarksburg Branch Line Trail is all over the map on local, regional and state planning sketches.

West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero pulled the item from the Sept. 18 meeting consent agenda to discuss the project progress, also detailed in a staff report.

In June, the City of West Sacramento awarded Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. almost \$1.9 million in grant funding from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). The Delta Protection Commission gave \$75,000 to the project and another \$143,000 was used from the Measure E fund.

In August, officials gave final approval for the overall \$2,177,877 for the extension of the city-owned trails' right-of-way from the Barge Canal locks to Pumphouse Road. The almost \$1.9 million SACOG funding covered the preliminary and final

engineering plans and the environmental exemption documentation for trail portions from the south city limit to Willow Point Road.

A 10% contingency of nearly \$199,000 was also allocated for unexpected complications. However, on Sept. 18, staff reported a monetary shortfall in the project and followed it with an answer: transfer \$248,761 to the one-time General Fund budget.

While officials did not mention the monetary change, Guerrero had something to say about the project.

"I wanted to make sure the community was aware we are in the process and the timeline for the construction," Guerrero said of the trail, of which 95% is city and county-owned, with a slight location on private property.

The mayor noted her trouble accessing a QR code for the trail, asking associate transportation planner Steven Rosen to look into the issue and suggesting an even more

precise map.

The staff report thoroughly details the project and cites the transportation app "Strava" to stress the importance of completing the trail. According to the app, Baby Boomers' median bicycle trip distance is 20.9 miles, and 14 miles for Gen Z riders.

Furthermore, the staff notes that with "approximately 13.75 miles to downtown Sacramento and approximately 11 miles to central West Sacramento, the ride is accessible to strong bicyclists and to the growing number who use e-bikes."

"People are going to be jumping on their bikes, and when they see that map, they will learn about the other trails throughout the city," Mayor Guerrero said of the trail projected to replace approximately 20,050 motor vehicle trips with bike rides, eliminate more than 439,000 vehicle miles traveled and save more than 19,000 gallons of gasoline.

"I am really looking forward to seeing the completion," the mayor said. ★

Meals on Wheels Sits Down



City of West Sacramento seniors Mark and Diane said bringing Café Yolo to the West Sacramento Community Center is a huge benefit, allowing them to socialize weekly with friends. Photo courtesy of Yolo County Meals on Wheels

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That camaraderie is why senior residents Mark and Diane attend the weekly early afternoon meals. Leaving out their last name, the couple said they love gathering with peers at 11 a.m. Wednesdays.

"It's much easier to plan lunch dates with friends because we used to try meeting downtown but it wasn't always convenient," the couple said.

The social gathering meets critical needs, according to gerontologist and Meals on Wheels Yolo County program director Alexa Torres, who said senior nutrition directly impacts physical, mental and emotional health.

"As we age, our bodies require specific nutrients to maintain muscle mass, energy levels and overall health while reducing the risk of chronic conditions such as heart disease and diabetes," Torres said.

A registered dietician ensures each meal meets the California Department

of Aging's rigorous nutritional standards, according to Torres.

"Proper nutrition is also crucial to maintain cognitive function, improve mood and support overall mental resilience as we age," Torres said.

By pairing balanced meals with the social experience at Cafe Yolo, Torres said, "We guarantee that seniors not only receive the nourishment they need but also benefit from meaningful community connections that contribute to their overall well-being."

The new café would not have been possible without the county's and city's partnership.

"Partnerships and collaborations are critical to the advancement of social services nonprofits, such as Meals on Wheels Yolo County, and among the most impactful partnerships are those with local government," Cohen said.

The executive director added that Yolo County "has invested deeply" in Meals on Wheels in recent

years with one-time, pandemic-era American Rescue Plan funds.

"That funding is part of what made it possible for us to pursue the partnership with the City of West Sacramento to move our Meal Connection operations in the city, including Cafe Yolo, to the community center," Cohen said.

To attend, reservations are required 24 hours in advance at mowyolo.org/locations. Reservations can also be made by email at welcome@mowyolo.org or by calling 530-662-7035.

"If you're looking for food, fun and friendship, join us at Cafe Yolo," Cohen said, adding that Yolo County Meals on Wheels aspires to go bigger than the community center. "Your support fuels our mission to nourish independence and dignity."

Mark and Diane could not agree more, saying there is no better place than Cafe Yolo to "sit down, relax and socialize in a welcoming environment." ★



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United Way Invites Women to “Innovate and Ignite”



Guests enjoy a previous fundraising event for United Way's Women United. The group will hold its fall fundraiser on Oct. 10. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thebaud Communications

Kristin Thebaud Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - United Way's Women United action group will hold its fall fundraiser, Innovate and Ignite, to connect and empower women in the community and raise funds for the local United Way's foster youth initiatives.

The Oct. 10 event, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Sequoia at the Cannery, 1601 Alhambra Blvd., Suite 200 in Sacramento, will include charcuterie, wine, networking and a fireside chat with

local women leaders. For tickets, visit www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org.

“This will be such a fun and meaningful night as we gather together to ignite change in our community,” said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. “We are eager to share exciting updates and invite women across the region to pool their passions, ideas, expertise and resources to help end poverty for local foster youth through our innovative initiatives.”

The event, sponsored by UC Davis Health, will include updates on Women United’s largest initiative,

the Collegiate Guaranteed Income program, which provides \$500 per month for 12 months to 10 former foster youth studying at Sacramento State Universtiy. The program launched in May.

“I feel blessed, thankful and cherished, and a lot of foster youth don’t get to feel that way from many people, so to feel that from strangers is an amazing and surreal feeling,” said Jaliyah, a participant in United Way’s Collegiate Guaranteed Income Program, when she entered the program. “I’m going to use these funds to pay for groceries because they’re expensive and to

fix my car because I need it to get to school. It will also help me pay for classes for next semester, so I’m ecstatic.”

United Way’s Women United action group is a philanthropic network of more than 250 women who work on their signature issue: ensuring foster youth are prepared for success in life. Since its inception in 2002, Women United has raised more than \$2 million to support foster youth through innovative programs focusing on education and increasing self-sufficiency. For more information, visit www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org.

www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org/Get-Involved/Women-United.

Founded in 1923, United Way California Capital Region has been a transformative force in the Sacramento community for more than a century, serving Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. The local United Way’s Square One approach to ending poverty is grounded in a public health model and uses a threefold strategy to address community needs from birth and beyond: helping youth excel in school, investing in families and strengthening schools. At United Way’s core is the philosophy that families

possess the blueprint for their success.

United Way supplies books to young children, provides literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region’s largest tax preparation initiative and launched Sacramento’s first guaranteed income program. United Way works across diverse school districts, providing case management for foster youth and leading the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org. ★

“American Pickers” to Film in California

Cineflix Productions News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The American Pickers are excited to return to California! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout our area in November 2024.

“American Pickers” is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking” on The History

Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable characters and their collections.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet

characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell...we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public. If interested, please send us your name, phone number,



The American Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Photo courtesy of Cineflix Productions

location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call (646)-493-2184. Facebook: @GotAPick. ★

Assembly Majority Leader Aguiar-Curry’s Bill Signed by Governor

Office of Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters) announced Sept. 25 that her Assembly Bill 2680 was signed by Governor Newsom. AB 2680 updates the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Conditions (ADRD) Advisory Committee to remove stigmatizing language in the code and ensure that Californians impacted by Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia disorders can participate fully in the Committee.

The Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Conditions Advisory Committee is essential for the planning and execution of strategic projects like the 2011 California State Plan for Alzheimer’s disease and the 2021 Master Plan for Aging.

In California alone, there are

approximately 690,000 individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease, a number that is expected to double by 2040. This condition disproportionately affects women, African Americans, and members of the Latinx community who are at increased risk for developing Alzheimer’s.

The Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Conditions Advisory Committee was established in 1988 to advise the Legislature on the needs of persons impacted by Alzheimer’s disease and dementia and includes representation from people living with Alzheimer’s, their families, caregivers, and providers. The Advisory Committee benefits from the collaborative efforts of its members, but due to its limited membership, several key stakeholders and care providers have been disconnected from its work.

Today, stigma around

Alzheimer’s disease still exists due to a lack of public awareness and understanding of the disease. This stigma prevents people from seeking medical treatment in a timely manner, planning for their future, participating in clinical trials and delaying an early or any diagnosis.

“I want to thank Governor Newsom for signing this critical legislation to support Californians living with Alzheimer’s and dementia, as well as their families and caregivers,” said Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters). “Since the creation of the ADRD Advisory Committee, the population of people living with Alzheimer’s has increased, the needs of the people affected by Alzheimer’s have changed, and society’s understanding of Alzheimer’s has improved. This bill modernizes the Advisory Committee to ensure Californians impacted by

Alzheimer’s disease have their voice heard. Out of respect for them, we’ve also removed outdated, stigmatizing term limits for members of the panel, and language in the code.”


This bill updates the name of the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Conditions to the “Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Conditions Advisory Committee” and expands it to have up to 20 members. Additional members include representatives from the Commission on Aging, an additional consumer representative, one representative from the California Alzheimer’s Disease Centers, two non-voting representatives from the State Legislature, and up to four representatives appointed by the Secretary of Health & Human Services.

“The Alzheimer’s Association extends our heartfelt thanks to both Majority Leader

Aguiar-Curry and Governor Newsom for their continuing efforts to fight for the needs and priorities for persons impacted by Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias,” said Jason Gabhart, Director of Government Affairs at the Alzheimer’s Association.

AB 2680 will ensure that relevant stakeholders’ voices are heard as the Advisory Committee issues necessary advice for addressing Alzheimer’s across California. Importantly, this bill also gives informal caregivers representation on the Advisory Committee by broadening caregiver terminology and removes unfair term limits that do not reflect advances in modern medicine.

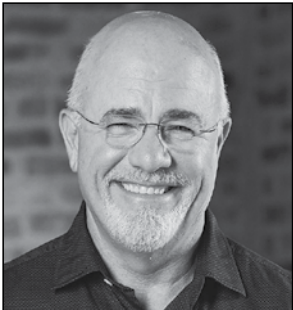
Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry represents the 4th Assembly District, which includes all of Lake, Colusa, Napa, and Yolo Counties, and part of Sonoma County. ★



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Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

Rewarding Success
and Planning Ahead

Preparing for Spooky Season

Spooky Season is quickly approaching, and readers will be armed and ready with these great books.



From department stores to movies and everything in between, Monsters seem to be around at every corner. So, this is the perfect time to catch up on the origin monster stress that is still a timeless classic today. The Monstrous Classics Collection from Aladdin Publishing, all with newly imagined and eye-catching cover art. One of the first classic monsters featured is Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, first published in 1818. Most people know the Monster, but do they know the story? How about the Monster’s name not being Frankenstein? Victor Frankenstein spent his life obsessed with creating life from lifeless body parts. Yet, what the scientist creates is more than he ever bargained for; instead of human likeness, Victor Frankenstein created a hideous beast of patchworked parts with an intelligence that blurs the lines between human and monster. Repelled by his own creation, Victor casts out the Monster, but the consequences of his actions turn into tragedy.

Follow the story of the

scientist, the man, and the Monster.

Follow the story, the letters, and the diary entries in the most notorious vampire story, Dracula, by Bram Stoker. English solicitor Jonathan Harker visits the Transylvania castle of Count Dracula, only to realize he has entered into a place frozen in time. He quickly finds himself under attack while also witnessing an unnatural transformation by the Count. Lucy Westenra is suffering from a weird illness that causes weird fits of sleepwalking and presents with two puncture marks on her neck. To uncover the truth of these strange happenings, readers must delve into the world of the unbelievable and the world of vampires.

Another infamous monster family is the pop culture icon from the 60’s, the Addams Family, with the all-new reawakening of this family through the Netflix film Wednesday. Readers can peek inside her library with “Delightfully dark quotes and gothic takes from one grim girl,” in The Addams Family: Wednesday’s Library. Readers will

get an inside look at the books that might grace the shelves of Wednesday Addams library. This book is filled with quotes and antics from famous poets and writers, complete with graphics and illustrations. A fun gift for any show fan or to add to any Halloween shelf.

Tim Burton’s The Nightmare Before Christmas is back with a new board book called Everybody Scream by Evie Dayne. This delightful pop-up book takes an all-new twist as it takes readers into Halloween Town. Meet each character From Jack to Oogie Boogie and be able to slide them to the top of the book for a fighting and delightful Halloween display that is Jack Skellington-approved.

Follow the journey of one little pumpkin as it dreams of becoming a jack-o-lantern in Stumpkin by Ruth Cummins. Stumpkin found himself different from all the other pumpkins; instead of a stem, he only had a stump, but he dreamed of being carved into a jack-o-lantern. Will he ever get his dream? ★

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are trying hard to get out of debt and start controlling our finances. We’ve always given our kids allowances in the past, but we’ve been considering putting their allowances on hold until we pay off our debt and get in better shape financially. What do you think about this idea?

– Cody

Dear Cody,

I’m glad you two are making smart changes in your lives, but I wouldn’t stop what you’ve been doing where your kids are concerned. It can be a series of great teachable moments for them. I would, however, stop calling it an allowance. In my mind, there’s a victim mentality attached to word “allowance,” and that’s not something you want taking root in their minds.

Kids should learn at an early age that money is connected to work. Even a kid who’s in kindergarten is old enough to begin doing some age-appropriate chores around the

house. So, let’s start calling it a “commission” instead of an allowance. Why? Because in situations like these shouldn’t be viewed as “allowing” them something. It should be looked at—by you and by them—as rewarding success.

My wife and I did this very thing with our kids as they were growing up. Each of them had a list of chores that were expected of them each day. If they did their jobs, they got paid at the end of the week. If they didn’t, they didn’t get any money.

Some people may look at this method and call it “tough love.” But it’s really not. It’s just love. It’s something you do when you’re trying to teach your children, and guide them toward becoming independent, responsible adults.

– Dave

Planning Ahead

Dear Dave,

I was wondering if you recommend including future purchases, especially major purchases, into your monthly budget. If so, how far in advance should you do this?

– Andie

Dear Cody,

When you wait until things go wrong or something breaks down, you’ll find yourself in a mess and the victim of your own poor planning. That’s why I’d start putting money aside in my budget as soon as I saw signs there would be a need for whatever item it may be.

Let’s say you’re pretty sure you’ll need a newer vehicle in a couple of years. Go ahead and start putting the money aside now. Decide on a reasonable, affordable ballpark price, then do the math to see how much you’ll have to save every month to make it happen. And if you can make it happen faster than two years? Great!


And remember, this kind of stuff is a whole lot easier when you don’t have things like car loans and credit card payments hanging around your neck!

– Dave


Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. ★

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12. Architect's drawing

13. Muhammad's teachings

15. *Leaning Tower city

16. Co-eds' military org.

17. a.k.a. Pleasant Island

18. *Angkor Wat country

20. Like some Christmas sweaters

21. Walt's Mickey

22. Blunder

23. Emerge

26. *Midsommar* flower arrangements

30. *Avenue des Champs-Élysées, technically

31. Plural of stria

34. Prescribed food selection

35. On pins and needles

37. Knee-related ungulate

38. Fur of the marten

39. Hissy fit

40. Political "shelter"

42. The night before Christmas

43. Eyewash vessel

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47. King Kong, e.g.

48. Milk quantity

50. *Verde National Park

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55. Short-trunked ungulate

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9. On one's guard

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14. * _____ Familia, Spain

19. Autocratic

22. Earlier in time, archaic

23. Use blunt end of pencil

24. Sack fabric

25. Change shoelace knot, e.g.

26. *China's Great attraction

27. *Mt. Everest's northern slope location

28. Tool handle

29. Ranch grazer

32. Poison ivy woe

33. * _____ Strait, Alaskan cruise destination

36. *Famous onion-domed cathedral's namesake in Russia

38. Ingratating behavior

40. Gobbled up

41. Relating to Utah

44. Like exes

46. Violent weather, pl.

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49. Site frequenters

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240704
The following person(s) is doing business as: B & C Partnership, 1011 Waterford Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
Shauna Snell, 1011 Waterford Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/19/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
B&C 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240752
The following person(s) is doing business as: California Casino Training, 3820 Cortes Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Long Vinh Huynh, 3820 Cortes Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 30, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/30/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
CALIFORNIA 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240754
The following person(s) is doing business as: BlastNBins, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.

Jose Luis Gasca, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, 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 August 30, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/30/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
BLASTNBINS 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240739
The following person(s) is doing business as: Ramos Fuels, 1515 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Ramos Oil Co., Inc., 1515 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/27/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
RAMOS 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240753
The following person(s) is doing business as: Cubit Construction Corporation, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776
Angel Osbaldo Gasca and Josefina Iniguez, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. 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 8/30/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
CUBIT 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240638
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Woodland Smiles Dentistry, 2061 Bronze Star Dr., Suite 100, Woodland, CA 95776 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 17000 Red Hill Ave., Attn: Legal Dept., Irvine, CA 92614
Gill and Macchiarella Dental Corporation, 17000 Red Hill Ave., Attn: Legal Dept., Irvine, CA 92614
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2023.
Gill and Macchiarella Dental Corporation
S/ Bianca Macchiarella, President,
This statement was filed with the

County Clerk of Yolo County on 07/24/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
kquam, Deputy
9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4/24
CNS-3830164#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240777
The following person(s) is doing business as: Timberwood Custom Cabinets, 2959 Promenade Street, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
John M. Zonneveld, 2959 Promenade Street, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 1978.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/9/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
TIMBERWOOD 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240773
The following person(s) is doing business as: JJ's Hawaiian BBQ, 2300 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
West Sac Food Inc, 205 Hawkecrest Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835. 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 9/6/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
JJS 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240688
The following person(s) is doing business as: West Valley Baptist Church, 18045 County Road 95, Woodland, CA 95695.
West Valley Church of Woodland, Inc., 18045 County Road 95, 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 3/27/1997.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/12/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
WEST 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240771
The following person(s) is doing business as:
United Rentals General Engineering, 100 First Stamford Place, Suite 700 Stamford, Ct 06902, County of Fairfield.
United Rentals (North America), Inc., 100 First Stamford Place, Suite 700 Stamford, Ct 06902
This business is conducted by Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/30/2019
/s/ JOLI GROSS, SVP UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA) INC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/05/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: MBRAUN, Deputy
9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11/24
CNS-3850570#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240700
The following person(s) is doing business as: Dollar Tree #10267, 375 West Main Street, Suite B, Woodland, CA 95695-3683.
Dollar Tree Stores, Inc, 500 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23320. 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 8/15/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
DOLLAR 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240800
The following person(s) is doing business as: Westlake Market, 1260 Lake Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616.
Gur Kirpa LLC, 878 Daffodil Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious

business name or names listed above on N/A
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/16/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
WESTLAKE 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240794
The following person(s) is doing business as: Speedy Pawz, 1401 Patriot Way, Woodland, CA 95776.
Speedy Pawz LLC, 1401 Patriot Way, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/23/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/13/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
SPEEDY 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240778
The following person(s) is doing business as: Penrith Home Loans/Scenic Oaks Funding, 1200 East Orangeburg Avenue, Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350.
Scenic Oaks Funding, LLC, 1200 East Orangeburg Avenue, Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350. 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 2/15/2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/9/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
PENRITH 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240776
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sunshine Healing Spa Massage, 512 College Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Xie Yongchao, 5630 55th Street, Sacramento, CA 95824. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 9, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/9/24
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024
SUNSHINE 10-25-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240827
The following person(s) is doing business as: Best Rate Motors, 5080 Chiles Road, Suite 2, Davis, CA 95618.
Waheed Khan, 23 Mount Stephens Court, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 1, 2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/25/24
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024
BEST 10-25-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240822
The following person(s) is doing business as:
BradyPLUS of California, 9353 Waxie Way Sandiego, CA 92123, County of Yolo.
WAXIE'S ENTERPRISES, LLC, 9353 WAXIE WAY SAN DIEGO, CA 92123
This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company (submit Articles of Organization from the Secretary of State).
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ Glenn Chamberlin, Vice President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/23/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25/24
CNS-3854905#
NEWS-LEDGER
BRADY 10-25-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-1964
Lidiia Chitoraga and Alexandru Chitoraga has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shalom Richard

Chitoraga to Richard Shalom Chitoraga.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 9, 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: August 28, 2024
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
CHITORAGA 10-4-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2280

Virginia Margaret Pascucci has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Virginia Margaret Pascucci to Virginia Margaret Nakano.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 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: September 9, 2024
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
NAKANO 10-11-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2117

Thi Dien Hoang and Quang Thai Le On Behalf Of Ngoc Nhi Hoang, A Minor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ngoc Nhi Hoang to Maggie Le.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 9, 2024
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
HOANG 10-18-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2168

Barbara Johnson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Barbara

Joan Johnson to Barbara Joan Mason.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 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: September 9, 2024
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
BARBARA 10-18-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2341

Mary Eatha Hagerly has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mary Eatha Hagerly to Mary Eatha Hagerly.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 20, 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: September 18, 2024
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024
HAGERTY 10-25-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
MATTIE ALINE BANKS, MATTIE A. BANKS
CASE NO. PR2024-0213

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mattie Aline Banks, Mattie A. Banks.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by John W. Mackey, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting John W. Mackey be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The indepen-

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

October 17, 2024

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas/planning-commission>), or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 or the City's YouTube channel and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on October 17, 2024.

Any interested person or authorized agent may appear and be heard. To submit a comment in writing, please email saraho@cityofwestsacramento.org and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 4:00 PM will be provided to the Planning Commission and posted on the City's website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

6:00 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Continued Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to Title 17 (Zoning) to Facilitate Tiny Homes on Wheels as Legal Dwellings (Berumen)
This item is a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to Title 17 (Zoning) of the City's Municipal Code that if approved, tiny homes on wheels, which are legally vehicles, will be employed as primary and/or accessory dwelling units in residentially zoned parts of the City. The amendments include proposed design and site planning standards as well. The Planning Commission will consider a Resolution making its recommendation to the City Council, who via Ordinance would make the final decision. The proposed amendments are categorically exempt pursuant to Class 5, Section 15305 of CEQA Guidelines (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations).

2. Public Hearing on Liberty Specific Plan (Hardy)
The purpose of this item is to conduct a public hearing on a variety of actions and recommendations related to the proposed 342-acre Liberty development project ("Project"). The Project covers an area generally bounded on the east by the Sacramento River setback levee; on the south by Davis Road; on the west by the Clarksburg Branch Line Bike Trail; and on the north (from east to west) by Linden Road, Bastone Estates, the Linden Acres community, the Linden South subdivision, and the Parlin Ranch residential development. The Project proposes a Liberty Specific Plan Land Use Plan that would support the development of a primarily residential community consisting of 1,503 single-family detached, single-family attached, and multi-family residences that would develop in three phases. The phasing of the Project generally calls for development to progress from north to south as logical extensions of the existing development pattern, with gradual transition from lower density uses on the edges to higher density uses in the center (consistent with the General Plan, the Southport Framework Plan, and Resolution 06-63). The Project would also include supportive uses such as a centrally located recreation area called "The Commons" that would contain private recreational amenities and a small neighborhood commercial site permitting with up to 10,000 square feet of retail and service uses. Finally, the Specific Plan Land Use Plan calls for an integrated network of parks and open spaces, including a community park, several neighborhood and pocket parks, and greenbelts. The Specific Plan also calls for the development of infrastructure and provision of services to support the new development.

The Planning Commission will consider the following actions related to the Project: approval of a Vesting Tentative Map and recommendations to the City Council concerning certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adoption of the Liberty Specific Plan, amendment of the City of West Sacramento General Plan, amendment of Southport Framework Plan, rezoning of the property covered by the Specific Plan, and approval of a Development Agreement.

The EIR was prepared by the City of West Sacramento, as lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.); the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations 15000 et seq.). The document is intended to be a project level EIR, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15168. APPLICANT: Pacific-Teal Development, LLC 25041 Trailview Terrace, Lake Forest, CA 92630. OWNER: Paco Steel & Engineering Corp 19818 South Alameda Street, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221.

Seamus Laffey

Seamus Laffey, AICP, Senior Planner
Planning Commission Secretary
City of West Sacramento Planning Division

If you disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission, you have a right of appeal. Only persons who participated in the review process by submitting written testimony or oral testimony at the public hearing, may appeal. Appeals are limited to those issues raised at the Planning Commission meeting. If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted **electronically** through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **2:00 PM local time on 10/24/2024**, at which results will be posted and available for public review for the:

WESTACRE PARK RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT

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

CITY SCHEDULE:

Mandatory Bid Walk:
October 8th, 2024/10:00AM Westacre Park
1755 Evergreen Ave.
West Sacramento, CA 95691
*You may need to utilize on street parking. We will meet at the basketball court.

Bid Release Date
RFI Question Cutoff
Proposals Due

September 25th, 2024
October 21st, 2024
October 24th, 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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Yolo High Wheelers Win 2024 Pioneer League Championship



High Wheelers celebrate their Pioneer League Championship. Photo courtesy of Yolo High Wheelers



High Wheelers pose for a well-deserved Championship team photo. Photo courtesy of Yolo High Wheelers

From Yolo High Wheelers Website

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Bobby Lada delivered a legendary moment for Yolo, sending the High Wheelers to their first-ever Pioneer League Championship with an 8-7 victory over the Glacier Range Riders on Sept. 21 at Dobbins Stadium. Trailing 5-0 after five innings,

Yolo's comeback began in the sixth when Lada launched a solo home run to left-center. Yolo right fielder Tanner Smith followed with a clutch grand slam to tie the game at 5-5. Glacier struck back with a two-run home run by Ben Fitzgerald in the seventh, giving the Range Riders a 7-5 lead. But the High Wheelers refused to go quietly. In the bottom of the ninth, Edwin De La Cruz singled to

bring the tying run to the plate, and with two outs, Braylin Marine extended the game with a single down the third base line. With the championship on the line, Lada crushed the first pitch he saw, a towering three-run homer off the left-field foul pole, securing the title and sparking a jubilant celebration at home plate. “I was just thinking of crushing that ball, and that’s what I

did,” Lada said. “Ben Fitzgerald and I were college teammates, and when he hit two homers, I had to keep up.” Manager Billy Horton couldn’t contain his excitement: “You can’t script this. I dreamed of moments like this all season. I was jumping up and down, screaming ‘Bobby Lada!’ like a little kid.” Brandon McPherson earned the win with a scoreless ninth

inning, while Jonah Jenkins kept Yolo within reach with two scoreless frames in the fifth and sixth. The High Wheelers finished their inaugural season with a 58-44 record, capping it off with their first championship in dramatic fashion. For more information on the Yolo High Wheelers visit the team website at www.highwheelers.com. ★

Stay Healthy This Fall: Join Yolo County’s Free Flu Vaccine Clinics

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - As flu season approaches, the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is encouraging all residents to stay current with their vaccinations. To support this effort, Health and Human Services Agency will host nine free flu clinics throughout Yolo County this fall. The clinics will provide residents with easy access to the influenza vaccine, which is recommended for everyone aged six months and older. Below is the schedule for the clinics:

- Oct. 10

5 to 7 p.m.

Winters High School

708 Railroad Ave., Winters
- Oct. 17

4 to 7 p.m.

West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento
- Oct. 24

5 to 7 p.m.

Mutual Housing at Spring Lake, 2170 Farmers Central Rd., Woodland
- Nov. 1

5 to 7 p.m.

Knights Landing Resource Center, 9544 Mill St., Knights Landing
- Nov. 7

2 to 4 p.m.

Davis Community

- Meals, 1111 H St., Davis

Nov. 14

4 to 7 p.m.

Woodland High School, 21 N. West St., Woodland
- Nov. 21

5 to 7 p.m.

Westfield Village Elementary School, 508 Poplar Ave., West Sacramento
- Dec. 5

5 to 7 p.m.

Cesar Chavez Elementary School, 1221 Anderson Rd., Davis
- Dr. Aimee Sisson, Yolo County’s Public Health Officer, emphasized the value of these free clinics by stating, “Vaccines play a key role in reducing
- severe illness, hospitalization, and death. I strongly recommend that everyone in Yolo County who is six months old and older get a flu shot every year. Now is a great time to get a flu vaccine before flu season begins in November.” While these clinics focus on making flu vaccinations available to people without insurance and do not offer other vaccines, residents are also encouraged to consider RSV and COVID-19 vaccinations heading into winter. An updated ’24-’25 COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older. In addition, the CDC recommends a single dose of the RSV vaccine for infants younger
- than 8 months, high risk infants and toddlers up to 18 months, people who are 32 to 36 weeks pregnant, adults aged 75 and older, and for adults aged 60 to 74 with increased risk of severe RSV disease. In addition to the county-run flu clinics, residents can obtain flu and other vaccines through their healthcare providers and local pharmacies. To find nearby vaccination options, visit www.Vaccines.gov/Find-Vaccines. To learn more about Influenza, its symptoms, prevention, and treatment options visit www.YoloCounty.gov/Influenza. For more information on vaccination opportunities,
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Yolo County Hosts Public Food Safety Forums

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Department of Community Services' Environmental Health Division is hosting a free Food Safety Forum intended to foster collaboration and dialogue among local food industry stakeholders, academics and residents.

One meeting took place after press time on Oct. 1 and the second meeting is from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7- 2 to 3 at the Department of Community Services complex located at 292 W. Beamer St., Woodland.

"This forum is an essential opportunity for all stakeholders to come together, share insights, and enhance our food safety initiatives for the benefit of the community," said Yolo County Environmental Health Director April Meneghetti,

The Food Safety Forum will serve as a platform for Environmental Health to

engage with retail food facilities and the broader community, addressing food safety challenges and sharing upcoming program enhancements. These forums are held semi-annually, offering both in-person and virtual participation options to accommodate diverse schedules and preferences. Retail food industry professionals, consumers, and academic professionals are all invited to contribute their insights and perspectives.

Interested participants must preregister for the free forum by visiting www.YoloCounty.gov/FoodSafetyForum. For inquiries or additional information, contact the Environmental Health Division at EHealth@YoloCounty.gov or 530- 666-8646.

The success of Yolo County's retail food safety programs relies heavily on robust industry and community input, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts in advancing food safety standards. ★

Hitch In Higher Ed Master Plan: California's Colleges Still Don't Work Well Together



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's Master Plan for Higher Education, adopted 64 years ago, envisioned that three systems — the University of California, California State University and dozens of community colleges — would cooperatively, seamlessly and inexpensively generate the educated citizenry and workforce a rapidly growing state needed.

The plan assumed that community colleges — eventually numbering more than 100 — would provide sub-professional job training to some students while preparing others for transfers to four-year schools.

The state colleges (later state universities) would train teachers, engineers, accountants and other professionals and award master's degrees in some fields.

The University of California would admit students with especially high potential, educate them in scientific and other complex fields up to the doctorate level and conduct research.

It didn't quite work out that way.

The three systems often have been more competitive than cooperative, particularly when vying for money from governors and state legislators. They've erected barriers that make transfers

difficult and squabble over academic turf.

Community colleges, for instance, have encountered stiff opposition from the state university system as they sought legislative permission to award four-year degrees in some fields, while the state universities have faced equally tough resistance from the UC system to their efforts to award doctorate degrees.

The master plan's assumption that higher education in California would be inexpensive to students also has taken a beating as other programs and services claimed ever-larger shares of the state budget.

That's been particularly true since 1978, when the passage of Proposition 13, California's iconic property tax limit, forced the state to become the major source of financing for K-12 schools, a role that a 1988 ballot measure, Proposition 98, lodged into the state constitution.

The current state budget allocates more than \$81 billion to K-12 schools while higher education would get less than \$24 billion. UC estimates that a year of attendance at one of its campuses costs about \$45,000.

Finally, students who seek to transfer from community colleges to either a UC campus or a state university face daunting barriers because the three have differing notions of how that should occur, as a new report from state Auditor Grant Parks underscores.

"Although most transfer students who applied to CSU and UC gained admission to at least one campus in those systems, CCC students still struggle to transfer," Parks said in a letter summarizing

his agency's audit. "Only about 1 in 5 students who began community college from 2017 to 2019 and intended to transfer did so within four years, and transfer rates were even lower for students from certain regions and demographic groups. The vast majority of students who did not transfer never reached the point of applying to CSU or UC, mainly because they had not earned enough units."

Parks suggests that community colleges could make transfers easier with counseling and giving students "a clear roadmap," but he points out that "another barrier to transfer is the variation in transfer requirements across and within the three systems, which makes the process difficult for students to navigate."

There's nothing that would prevent the three systems from reducing the barriers to transfer that Parks cites, but they have taken only fitful and obviously inadequate steps in that direction.

Parks' report is only the latest bit of evidence that the 1960-vintage master plan never worked out as planned and needs a thorough overhaul if its rosy vision is to even approach reality.

Although the plan's deficiencies have been obvious for years, neither governors nor legislators have expressed interest in making needed changes, because the politics of dysfunction are so daunting.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and 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. ★

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EV Chargers Require More Revenue to be Profitable

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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Just like gas stations, EV charging infrastructure requires additional sources of revenue to be profitable. Whether it's a gas station or an EV charging station, co-located services and amenities are needed to improve return on investment, according to a new report and EV driver survey released today by Next 10 and authored by the Institute for Transportation Studies at UC Davis.

A survey from the same report finds that California EV drivers, whether or not they can charge at home, are willing to pay a premium for more accessible fast public charging, especially if one can charge near other services with little to no wait. Based on these insights, the report, Analyzing the Business Case & Consumer Preferences for Fast Chargers in California, includes recommendations on where to place EV charging stations to maximize use and revenue.

"We already know that the next generation of EV owners want more public chargers," said Noel Perry, founder of the non-partisan, non-profit Next 10. "This report shows that building chargers where people are and where they want to be, especially for longer trips, is what's best for both California drivers and charging station investors."

This analysis shows public chargers are frequented more when located within 500 meters of both dining services (with an average increase of 2.7 times more charging events per month per nearby restaurant) and grocery stores (with an average increase of 5.2 times more charging events per month per nearby grocery store). Chargers could therefore bring more customers to businesses (improving business revenue) or fast chargers could be located with amenities co-owned by charging providers to provide a viable alternative revenue source and help break even on EV charger costs.

The survey data



EV drivers, whether or not they can charge at home, are willing to pay a premium for more accessible fast public charging, especially if one can charge near other services with little to no wait. Photo courtesy Kindelmedia

reinforces the findings on charging behavior:

Rest stops (74%), malls (71%), parking garages (65%), and restaurants (59%) were the most commonly selected public charging locations, indicating that California EV drivers also prefer charging at destinations they frequently travel to or where they have opportunities to do other activities while they charge.

California EV drivers are 37% more likely to choose a charger with additional amenities (for example, restrooms and convenience stores).

Drivers are also more likely to choose chargers that are closer to travel routes, have shorter wait times, and have faster chargers.

"Our research shows us what electric vehicle drivers want: fueling infrastructure located with additional amenities that can also help stations become profitable," said Dr. Scott Hardman, Associate Research Faculty for the Electric Vehicle Research Center at UC Davis. "Whether it's a gas station or an EV charging station, co-located services and amenities are needed to improve ROI and are what

people want."

The survey found that EV drivers are willing to pay a premium for chargers with no wait time, and access to other services along with charging is especially attractive for California EV drivers. This added cost for convenience is offset by the savings of fueling with electricity instead of gasoline.

California EV drivers would be willing to pay almost a dollar more per hundred miles of charge if no wait time is required.

The cost to go 100 miles in an EV falls between \$8 to \$13 while the average gasoline car costs approximately \$18.50 to go the same distance.

Wait times for chargers deter drivers. If a charger requires a wait, the odds that a driver will choose that charging station decrease by 13% (0.87).

Every minute of extra wait time reduces the willingness to use a charger by 6%.

A California EV driver is 37% more likely to choose a charging station within close proximity to other services (like a restaurant or playground) than one located in isolation.

Making fast chargers available at frequently

visited public locations like grocery stores, green spaces and restaurants is likely to address the concerns of EV drivers while adding potential revenue to adjacent businesses.

"EV drivers are telling us that they want chargers co-located with amenities like cafes and restaurants, and they are willing to pay more to charge at locations with the amenities," said Alan Jenn, Assistant Professor at the Electric Vehicle group of the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis. "This symbiotic relationship between businesses and EV chargers may benefit both EV chargers and local businesses."

Subsidies allow for faster recouping of costs regardless of whether services and amenities are co-located to drive additional revenue. Subsidies are important for creating greater access where co-locating with services isn't possible or not profitable. Without subsidies, it would take more than 10 years to break even on charging infrastructure investments based on average use. Other options for reducing the payback period include leveraging symbiotic business relationships

between convenience stores or restaurants and EV chargers, changes in the charging model, increases in electricity prices, or reductions in charging installation costs beyond subsidies.

Historically, new technology adoption requires subsidies to get infrastructure where it's needed most. For example, this year's federal budget set aside more than \$40 billion for states to build broadband internet infrastructure. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invested \$2.5 billion in the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program with a 10% set-aside from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. Globally, fossil fuel subsidies reached a record high of \$7 trillion in 2022.

"California is leading the nation in EV charging infrastructure investment," continued Perry. "We hope our research will help fill a gap in understanding so we can continue to be strategic about where and how EV charging gets built to best serve drivers and our communities. For now, subsidies remain critical to meeting that goal."

While the demand for public charging is strong, the report survey reiterates the importance of home charging, finding that, without access to home charging, 35% of EV owners would replace their EV with a traditional gas car, while 38% and 41% would replace their EV with a plug-in EV or a hybrid, respectively.

84% of California EV drivers are worried about the lack of charging options outside their homes.

70% of California EV drivers surveyed reported having used public charging stations.

66% of California EV drivers said they were concerned about the cost of publicly available chargers.

84% of California EV drivers are worried that public chargers would take them too far out of their way.

"EV sales continue to rise so we must do what we can to speed the build-out of charging infrastructure to meet growing demand," concluded Perry. "We can't lose sight of where the market is headed and meet these challenges head-on."

Many California utility providers and air districts offer rebates for home charging stations. Governor Newsom's Executive Order requires the installation of 250,000 publicly available EV chargers by 2025. For every 1,000 EVs in the United States, there are approximately 20 publicly available fast chargers — half of those are in California.

Overall, the report recommends that California continue to support charging access at home and in the community while balancing subsidies with strategies for improving the profitability of charging stations. Key recommendations of the report include:

Increase the availability of public chargers at places where Californians do or want to visit, while upping the efficiency with DC fast chargers.

Increase public support for home charger installation while using consumer preferences as a guidepost.

Balance public subsidies with strategies for encouraging the profitability of EV charging stations independent of outside intervention. ★

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