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Computers4Kids to Host Donation Drive



Computers4Kids volunteers work in the community providing free and low-cost computers and computer service. Photos courtesy of Computers4Kids

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WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, Dec. 4, Computer4Kids will host a computer donation drive event at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library. The event is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Consider donating your used computer devices to Computers4Kids! Computers4Kids takes used computers, securely cleans and refurbishes them and donates them to individuals in need. As part of the green technology initiative these efforts reduce electronic waste, and provide support



Pictured here is a typical Computers4Kids donation drive booth, staffed by young IT wizards. Photos courtesy of Computers4Kids

for individuals to access online education, health care and the job market.

Computers4Kids is a nonprofit organization serving the Sacramento region with the mission to improve the educational outcome of low-income

students in our community by providing free and low-cost computers. Services include free and lost-cost devices, digital literacy classes and low-cost internet sign-ups. Computers4Kids has collaborated with: United

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Computers4Kids provides services leading to digital equity for individuals and communities in the greater Sacramento area. These services help students get connected to the internet to support their schoolwork, and individuals get connected to assist them with their job searches and professional development. Computers4Kids works with schools, housing authorities, and local community nonprofits to get free computers, affordable internet,

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West Sacramento Parking Rates to Increase

By John McCallum

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The West Sacramento City Council took steps to update its parking and traffic municipal code sections by adopting the first reading of an ordinance at its Nov. 20 meeting.

The ordinance amends chapters 9.28, Aggressive Solicitation, 12.2, Parks and Community Service Facilities, and repeals and readopts Title 10. The two chapters were last updated in 1996 and 1989 respectively, while Title 10 hadn't been amended since 1987 and didn't reflect the current organization of city departments and commissions dealing with traffic.

Ordinance 24-17 also updated the city's Book of Fees, making changes to specific parking locations within the city and increasing overall on-street rates and parking violation fees. Meter rates would increase by 25 cents an hour for Tier 1, 50 cents an hour for Tier 2 and 75 cents an hour for Tier 3.

The monthly parking zone rate is now based on the monthly rate at the 5th and Bridge Lot, \$60 per month, while daily on-street parking fees are expanded to non-metered spaces. Parking violation fees have also increased, with the expired-meter fee jumping from \$45 to \$60.

When a \$15 "add-on" fee is included, violations now could result in a \$75 charge.

"Steep ticket," Councilwoman Dawnté Early said.

Parking manager Larry Lee explained the goal of fines "is to encourage turnover" of parking space occupancy. The city doesn't have enough spaces in the Washington, Bridge and Civic Center districts to accommodate drivers working in those areas along with visitors and customers and will face more challenges when the Oakland A's begin playing games at Sutter Health Park.

Under the current rate of \$45, Lee said, if someone started their meter in the morning and paid later in the evening, "It may be

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Why It Will Take Until Early December to Certify This Election in California

By Jesse Salinas

It is well-documented that final official election results in California take longer than other states.

Although the state's shift to voting by mail is a driving force, there are other reasons why the final certification of an election takes additional time in our state.

New laws and changing voter habits have lengthened the time needed for election officials to finish certifying local elections, particularly the Presidential primary and general elections where many candidates and parties are vying for votes.

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CHP Swearing-In Ceremony Marks Milestone

California Highway Patrol News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) proudly announces a major achievement in its ongoing recruitment efforts as it officially swears in 121 new officers, bringing the Department past its goal of hiring over 1,000 officers. This milestone underscores the CHP's commitment to enhancing public safety and strengthening its presence within communities across the state.

The swearing-in ceremony at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento on Nov. 15 marks the culmination of months of rigorous training for these new officers. Each will report for duty to one of the CHP's 102 Area offices throughout the state. This is the largest graduating class since June 2022, when 128 officers were sworn in.

"Two years ago, we set an ambitious goal of recruiting 1,000 new CHP officers – and today, with this class, we have officially surpassed that goal. But I want to be clear: that goal has always been about more than just filling slots or hitting a number. Each officer is the very manifestation of public service, of peacekeeping. Every cadet graduating today felt a calling to do right by their community and to make the world safer. On behalf of the state and all who call California home, I want to thank each and every member of this graduating class," said Governor Gavin Newsom.

"Today marks a significant step forward for our agency and all of our communities," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "By surpassing our recruitment goal, we're adding highly-trained, committed officers who are ready to make a positive impact and meet the evolving needs of California. We're grateful for



CHP swears in 121 new officers on Friday, Nov. 15 at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. Photo courtesy of the CHP

the dedication and passion these officers bring to their new roles."

The CHP started its successful multi-year recruitment campaign in June 2022. With over 21,000 applications submitted in the first ten months of 2024, the CHP has already surpassed last year's application total of more than 16,300 over the same period, representing a 29% increase. To accommodate this increase, the CHP conducts three concurrent cadet classes at its live-in training facility, where more than 250 cadets are currently in training. A new class of 160 cadets will arrive at the CHP Academy on Dec. 1.

Training at the CHP Academy is comprehensive, beginning with a foundation of nobility in policing, leadership, ethics,



A graduate is being officially pinned with his CHP badge by a loved one. Photo courtesy of the CHP

and cultural diversity. Cadets also receive specialized instruction in responding to mental health crises, vehicle patrol, crash investigation, first aid, and impaired driver evaluation. Additional training covers traffic control, report writing, stolen vehicle recovery, assisting motorists, emergency scene management, and mastery of the California Vehicle, Penal, and Health and Safety Codes.

The CHP is continuing its recruitment efforts. Join us in shaping the future of public safety in California. For more information about a life-changing career with the CHP, visit our website, recruitment.chp.ca.gov.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

Sierra Donor Services Celebrates Eye Donation Month

Transforming Lives Through the Gift of Sight

Sierra Donor Services News Release

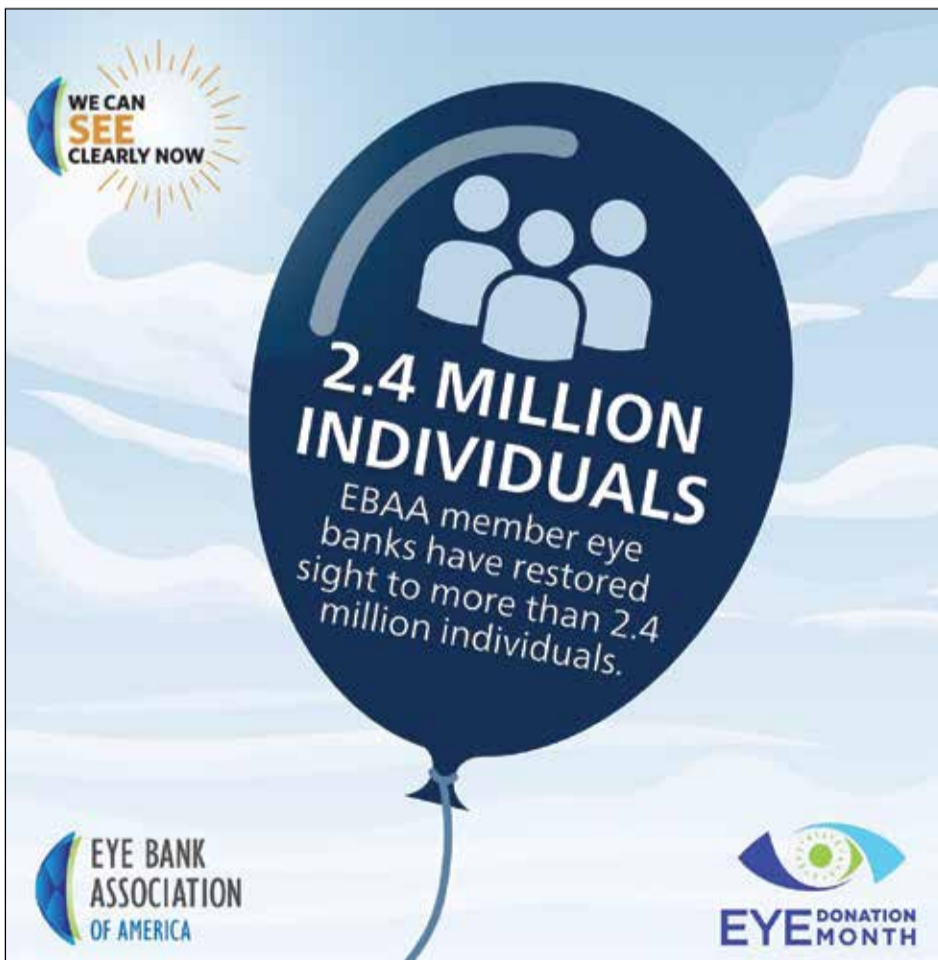
WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank is proud to observe Eye Donation Month in November, raising awareness about the profound impact of corneal donation and transplantation.

With the theme "I Can See Clearly Now," inspired by the iconic Johnny Nash song, the organization emphasizes the transformative power of eye donation, both literally and figuratively.

"Eye Donation Month is a time to honor the selfless donors who have given the gift of sight, celebrate the lives of recipients who have been transformed, and educate the community about the donation process," said Sam Ramos, Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank executive director. "We encourage everyone to consider registering as donors and help us illuminate the world for those waiting to see it."

Eye donation focuses on replacing the cornea, the clear front part of the eye. This procedure can restore sight for individuals suffering from cornea-related blindness. During Eye Donation Month, Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank is sharing inspiring stories from donor families and recipients, highlighting the life-changing impact of this generous act.

"I have cared for both organ and tissue donors and recipients throughout my



With the theme "I Can See Clearly Now," inspired by the iconic Johnny Nash song, the organization emphasizes the transformative power of eye donation, both literally and figuratively. Graphic courtesy of Sierra Donor Services

career," said Christine Lichti, a pediatric ICU nurse and a cornea transplant recipient. "Receiving the gift of eyesight through cornea transplantation was an emotional full-circle moment for me."

Be the Gift of Sight

This Eye Donation Month, Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank encourages you to consider registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor. By doing so, you have the power to transform lives and create a brighter future for those in need.

Visit bethegifttoday.com to register as a donor and join us in making a difference.

Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank is located at 3940 Industrial Blvd., West Sacramento. The phone number is 916-567-1600 and the website is sierraeyebank.org.

About Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank

Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank is a nonprofit donor network committed to facilitating the gift of sight through corneal donation and transplantation. By working with donor families, medical professionals and the community, the organization strives to restore vision and improve the quality of life for countless individuals.

Sierra Donor Services Eye Bank is a part of the DCI Donor Services, Inc. family of organ and tissue procurement organizations and facilitates the gift of sight in California, New Mexico, Nevada and Tennessee. For more information, visit sierraeyebank.org. ★

Making the Grade in West Sacramento

MPG Staff

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is proud to announce the recipients of a 2024 Love of Learning Award. The awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and career development for active Society members. Local

honorees include (10/7/24):
 Max Gibson of Davis at University of California-Davis
 Davrina Rianda of Davis at University of California-Davis
 Di Jody Zhou of Davis at University of California-Davis
 Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the

following students on being named to the Summer 2024 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August (9/25/24):
 Stephanie Tuazon of West Sacramento
 Roneel Prasad of West Sacramento
 Victoria Jenness-Sharrow of West Sacramento. ★

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Even with early voting options available throughout the state, many California voters wait until either just before Election Day or Election Day itself before casting their ballots.

This means that while all elections are complicated, presidential elections may be doubly so. It is the job of the Yolo County Elections Office and those in other counties across the state and nation to ensure the public can have faith in the final reported election results and the methods and means it took to certify those results.

The popularity of voting by mail requires extra verification steps that election workers must complete before counting each vote-by-mail ballot. Since the November 2020 election, 85% to 90% of Yolo County voters have utilized the vote-by-mail option to vote.

Each signature on a vote-by-mail ballot envelope must be compared and matched with a signature on file for the voter before that ballot can even be opened. If the signature does not match, additional reviews and extra steps must be taken to try and contact the voter to cure the issue with their signature. All of this takes staff time and lengthens final certification.

Vote-by-mail ballots received early and whose signatures were verified and the ballots that were voted at a Vote Center prior to Election Day, were included in the first batch of results released shortly after the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Night.

By law, we must wait until 8

p.m. to tabulate and post that first batch of unofficial results.

The updates that were provided Election Night reflect the ballots that were cast in the ballot box at a Vote Center that same day. To get those ballots to our election headquarters for processing and counting, at least two election workers safely and securely transported all those ballots back to our election headquarters for processing and counting.

Once the final Election Day unofficial results were posted for the night, election workers spent the next day organizing and preparing for post-Election Day work to finalize results and certify the election.

The official post-Election Day period, commonly referred to as the canvass period, begins the Thursday following Election Day. State election law provides elections offices a 30-day period to certify this election.

There are specific tasks of the canvass and associated deadlines to legally certify an election in California, all of which extends the time it takes to officially announce final results. Each step of this process ensures every legal vote is counted and counted accurately.

Vote-by-mail ballots mailed to the elections office at the last minute can, by law, still be accepted by the elections office up to seven days following Election Day, as long as they are postmarked on or before Election Day. Of course, we encourage voters to mail their ballots early or drop them off at the Yolo County Ballot Drop Boxes and Vote Centers.

In fact, California voters may return their vote-by-mail ballots to any California county official Ballot Drop Box or voting location. By law, our office can accept Yolo County vote-by-mail ballots returned in other California counties up to eight days after Election Day. All of these laws and deadlines require additional resources and time before election officials can provide certified results.

Additionally, Yolo County's student population of some 37,000 individuals also provides a unique reward and challenge. Although Yolo County is not the only California county with college students, our county has one of the highest per capita students' populations in the state at 16%.

High student engagement coupled with one of the highest per capita college student populations in the state and combined with the historical trend that most student age voters typically cast their vote late in the election voting cycle, created a significant post-Election Day processing crunch for our elections office that is unique across the state.

Another unique element of college-age voters is that they significantly increase the number of provisional/conditional votes our office must process after Election Day when compared to other counties our size.

Provisional voting has been used in California since 1984. Provisional ballots are those cast by voters who believe they are registered to vote, even though their names are not on the official voter registration list where they are voting.

This is one of the tenants of the California Voter's Bill of Rights. The submitted Provisional Ballot will be reviewed and only counted after the elections office has confirmed that the voter is registered to vote in Yolo County and that the voter did not already vote in the election.

In 2017, Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) became available to state voters, which allows voters to register and vote the same day. The Conditional Voter Registration ballots, just like Provisional Ballots, must be processed after all the in-person votes have been counted and all the vote-by-mail ballot envelopes have been reviewed to ensure no voter votes more than once.

Depending on the volume of these provisional and conditional ballots, this review process and need to register Conditional Voter Registration voters to ensure there are no duplicate votes cast can take more than a week to complete. For the current November 5, 2024, General Election, Yolo County has just under 5,300 conditional and provisional ballots it is in the process of reviewing.

Due to the requirements outlined in Assembly Bill 3184, election results cannot be certified in California until Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the earliest. This new law establishes specific timelines and procedures for certifying election results in California. As a result of this legislation, Yolo County Elections Office anticipates certifying the November 5, 2024, General Election and providing final official election results on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

By law, the certification date for

the election must be announced with a 10-day notice during the canvass period.

During this period, voters who forgot to sign their vote-by-mail ballot envelope or whose signatures were challenged will have the opportunity correct their respective issue. The final cut-off for voters to resolve all such issues is two days before the election is certified. The Unsigned Identification Envelope Statement and Signature Verification Statement forms are available here: <https://elections.yolocounty.gov/cure-letters>.

For the current election, these forms must be returned to the Elections Office by 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1.

As one can see, there are many legal requirements and unique conditions in Yolo County that require our office to finalize results and certify an election. Our office will continue to provide ongoing unofficial election results every Tuesday and Friday throughout the canvass period until the election is certified. The election results are published on our website at <https://elections.yolocounty.gov/current-election-returns>.

The Elections Office is committed to getting our final certified results completed accurately and as soon as possible, while ensuring all legal requirements are met and that the integrity and transparency of the election process is successfully achieved in every election.

Jesse Salinas is the Yolo County Assessor, Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters. ★

West Sacramento Parking Rates to Increase

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cheaper to get a violation than to actually pay for the parking."

"So, to incentivize folks to actually pay for parking," Early clarified of the increased fines.

Lee added that parking rates and violation charges have been adjusted to align with similar rates and fees charged in the area, especially in downtown Sacramento.

Councilwoman Verna Sulpizio Hull asked Lee to define "aggressive solicitation" in Chapter 9.28. Lee said it is mostly aimed at event parking and prohibits anyone from actively trying to aggressively direct drivers to park in specific lots.

The amended chapter now allows "persons authorized by the city manager or designee" to collect event fees from drivers on a public street when the action is associated with a special event, which Lee said would help traffic flow.

During public comments, resident Chris Curtis complained that residential parking permits have been going up and becoming

unaffordable, especially for families with children and multiple vehicles. He expressed concern that those renewing permits won't be "grandfathered in" and will pay the new rates.

Early asked Lee if this would be the case.

"No, so residents who were grandfathered in remain grandfathered in," Lee said.

Councilwoman Norma Alcalá questioned how the rates would impact senior citizens and individuals with handicapped placards. Lee said state law allows people with these placards to park in permit spaces and at meters without paying.

Responding to Curtis's testimony, Mayor Martha Guerrero said she would like the city to look at potential discounts and other adjustments to assist financially-strapped individuals and families.

The ordinance, 24-17, is tentatively slated for final adoption at the council's Dec. 4 meeting. The City Council meeting is at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at 1110 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. ★

Computers4Kids to host Donation Drive

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and digital literacy support for individuals. These services are called internet adoption services and pairing with statewide middle mile and last mile infrastructure projects they are the final link in providing internet to all.

The News Ledger reached out to

Computer4Kids regarding the organization's impact in the community. They reported that over the last year, the organization had assisted 192 individuals get connected to affordable internet and distributed more than 1,100 refurbished computers for free to students and qualified individuals. In total the

organization's financial impact over the last year has been more than \$528,000 in savings for households served.

The Arthur F. Turner Community Library is located at 1212 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento. For more information on Computers4Kids or to donate visit www.c4kca.org. ★

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LETTER FROM BILL DODD

By Bill Dodd

I decided to run for the state Legislature because California gave me so many opportunities, but I was concerned about the state we were leaving to our children and future generations. My mother taught me to leave a place better than I found it. And that's what I've tried to do over the last decade.

Term limits have me departing the Legislature after 10 years representing our region in the state Capitol and 25 years in elected public office, serving as a senator, Assembly member and county supervisor. It's an undeniably bittersweet moment. Serving in the California State Senate has been the greatest honor of my professional life, and I'm humbled by the opportunity and responsibility. Before leaving office, I want to reflect on the road we've traveled, and what lies ahead.

Despite catastrophic wildfires and the pandemic, we still managed to make progress together. I didn't start in the Legislature thinking I'd become a leader in wildfire issues, but the need demanded action. I'm proud that many of my laws are helping save lives, homes and livelihoods.

I've also tried to tackle any issue that needs attention -- from data privacy and generative AI to education, consumer protection and public safety to water resources.

We couldn't have accomplished what we did without my staff. I have had the best team in the Legislature, and I'm so proud of their work, led by my incredible chief of staff, Ezraha Chaaban. We passed 126 of my bills into law, cast 14,415 votes, secured nearly \$1.1 billion in wildfire prevention and emergency services funding, and brought over \$200 million back to the district through direct appropriations and grants. We helped 5,206 people from our district with casework, responded to 138,913 constituent emails and letters, hosted 83 community town halls.

Given the recent election, I've been reflecting on George Washington's farewell address which extolled the peaceful

exchange of power and checks and balances, while warning of partisanship and the need for every American to uphold ethical governance and the rule of law.

Today, many people are concerned what comes next. The reality is that there will be new challenges and opportunities, as there has been from the beginning. We can't just "resist" -- we need to innovate and continue building toward the Golden State we deserve. From tackling the homelessness and affordable housing to securing economic opportunities, the road ahead will require continued dedication and courage. I know my successor, Christopher Cabaldon, will do a great job delivering for our district and moving California forward.

We cannot forget that what unites us is so much greater than what divides us. My advice to policymakers is to talk and work together. And to remember that rarely is there an issue that's truly black and white. I worked to improve bills that came before me and to vote no when needed. I've always tried to find common ground, understand others' perspectives and try to find solutions. I wasn't perfect, but I sure tried.

President Harry Truman said, "America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." That's as true as ever, and it's doubly true for California. We have always been a state defined by resilience, innovation, and an unshakable spirit. I truly believe in our ability to meet the moment and overcome challenges.

After 25 years in elected office, I'll be enjoying more time with my wife Mary, our five grown children and our 13 grandchildren, who have been gracious enough to support my public service over the years. While I'm leaving elected office, I have no plans to retire. I'll stay active, and I expect to serve our state and community in different ways. Thank you for your support, partnership and allowing me to represent you.

Bill Dodd
Senator, District 3

Yolo County Awarded Engage Empower Implement (EEI) Grant to Boost Youth and Community

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On Nov. 4, Yolo County received the Engage Empower Implement (EEI) Grant, a funding initiative from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) that supports community partnerships for enhanced public outreach and engagement, with a total grant amount of \$277,619. In collaboration with Supervisor Villegas, the County Administrator's Office (CAO), submitted a proposal in August to partner with two local organizations, RISE, Inc. and the Health Education Council (HEC), to develop community outreach initiatives focused on supporting youth engagement services.

"We are proud to partner with the Health Education Council to support underserved communities in West Sacramento," said Oscar Villegas, District 1 Supervisor for the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. "By working directly with residents, we will address health inequities and build pathways to better outcomes for all. This effort reflects our commitment to ensuring every part of Yolo County has the opportunity to thrive."

This project involves a collaborative effort to enhance community engagement, outreach, and educational opportunities for vulnerable populations in Yolo County, with a focus on children, youth, and families. The aim is to provide direct funding to support youth engagement services, local services feedback, and community participation to develop and implement programs that reduce disparities in underserved areas of the County.

RISE, Inc. will assist with audience identification in Yolo County, particularly, identifying youth in rural areas and connecting them to engagement activities such as After-School enrichment programs, Leadership Workshops, and College Exploration sessions. These engagement activities would be an avenue to collaborate with Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) in a joint effort to empower youth

residents across the county with these targeted service efforts.

The Health Education Council will enhance outreach to engage residents in disinvested neighborhoods of West Sacramento's District 1. By leveraging existing strategies, partnerships, and stakeholder networks, the Health Education Council will listen to residents' concerns and solutions regarding health inequities. Through outreach sessions and key-informant interviews, the Health Education Council will identify opportunities to address barriers to healthier communities, building on current projects to achieve the desired outcomes.

Yolo County Office of Education is an additional key stakeholder that will provide access to platforms, tools, and supports that assists individuals and families in navigating career exploration, training and upskill opportunities, college options, and events that promote opportunities for youth and young adults to prepare for the 21st Century workforce. In particular, the College and Career Readiness team at Yolo County Office of Education can provide upskilling and professional development for practitioners, staff of community-based organizations thus growing capacity, local accessibility, and programmatic support. Yolo County Office of Education will perform service efforts that reinforce and expand RISE, Inc.'s outreach and engagement activities. All requested funding on behalf of Yolo County Office of Education will be to provide administrative and community navigation support in service to RISE, Inc.'s tasks and objectives.

The County of Yolo will be the grant administrator and support of the community partners to sustain effective outreach avenues that support their key initiatives. The County strives to provide a healthy, safe, and inclusive place to live, work, and visit for children, youth, and families through the community engagement, outreach, and educational efforts afforded by this grant. ★

Social Security Matters

When Should My Wife Claim Social Security Benefits?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I turned 64 in July and my wife turned 62 in August. My wife has not worked for approximately 15 years but does qualify for Social Security on her prior work record. My wife is having some physical issues and would like to not return to work. Since she is eligible to collect Social Security, that would be an option to provide additional income, so she doesn't have to work. My question is how would it affect her future SS spousal benefits based on my record if she begins collecting her own benefit now? I plan to work until at least my full retirement age (67), and maybe longer, but plan to start collecting SS at 67 even I continue working. **Signed: Working Husband.**

Dear Working: If your wife has the required 40 SS quarter credits, she is eligible to collect reduced retirement benefits at 62 (for that needed extra income), but her age 62 benefit will be about 70% of what it would be if she waited until her SS full retirement age (FRA) to claim. That reduction would, in turn, carry over to her spousal benefit when you eventually claim your SS benefit. Here's why:

Your wife's spousal amount when you claim will be a combination of her

own SS retirement benefit, plus an auxiliary amount (a "spousal boost") that she is entitled to as your spouse. At age 62, her own benefit will be cut by 30% and she can collect that reduced amount until you claim, at which point her spousal boost will be added to make her benefit equal her spousal entitlement. So, her total benefit as your spouse (when you claim) will consist of her reduced age-62 amount, plus an additional amount as your spouse.

If you claim at 67, your wife will be about 2 years short of her own FRA, which means that her spousal boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. That reduced spousal boost will be added to her already reduced (age 62) SS retirement benefit, which will make her total benefit less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

So, your wife claiming her own reduced SS retirement benefit at 62 also means her spousal benefit amount will be affected, and taking her spousal boost before her FRA means that the boost amount will also be reduced for early claiming. The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until she reaches her own FRA (67) to claim Social Security benefits.

Having said all of that, if your wife's physical issues suggest that she claims her benefits early and she is comfortable with the smaller benefit she will get, then that may be the right choice. For reference, the reduction to your wife's spousal boost amount (if you claim at your FRA) will be about 17%, and that reduced

spousal boost will be added to her reduced age 62 SS retirement amount. The end benefit for your wife (if you claim at age 67) will likely be about 42% of your FRA entitlement (instead of 50%).

FYI, you can further delay your own SS retirement benefit (up to age 70) for a higher benefit yourself, but that would also mean your wife would need to wait longer to get her spousal boost. You could also wait to claim your SS until your wife reaches age 67 (her FRA), which would give you a higher personal amount and also ensure your wife gets her maximum spousal boost (but her total will still be less than 50% of yours because she claimed her own SS retirement benefit at 62). When to claim Social Security depends on financial need and life expectancy. If a long life expectancy is anticipated, waiting longer to claim is often the best move. But financial need always trumps waiting longer.

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tax issues and IRS services, small business concerns, federal grant applications, student loans, military academy applications, military awards and commendations, veterans' benefits, or any other issue facing themselves or their community. ★



Virtual Fencing 'Game-Changer' for Ranchers Grazing Cattle

After the Caldor Fire destroyed 7 miles of fencing on their cattle ranch in 2021, Leisel Finley and her family needed to replace the fence. Finley, a sixth-generation rancher at Mount Echo Ranch in Amador County, learned about a pilot program for virtual fencing that uses GPS enabled collars to monitor each animal's location in near real time. Livestock producers can draw a perimeter on a map of their pasture using a laptop or smartphone application and send those instructions to the collar. The collar then uses audio and tactile cues to contain the animal in the area.

Farm Families Emphasize Importance of Mental Health

The Voice of California Agriculture podcast, produced by the California Farm Bureau, discussed the importance of mental health on farms. Tricia Stever Blattler, executive director of the Tulare County Farm Bureau, spoke with host Gary Sack about losing her husband, Robert, to suicide, and about the need to speak up about mental health in farming communities that face many stressors. "We have to keep normalizing and bringing that conversation forward," Stever Blattler said. The episode also covers efforts in California to combat the oriental fruit fly and a message from the California Farm Bureau

to president-elect Donald Trump and other newly elected leaders.

Port of Oakland Continues to be an Agricultural Export Powerhouse

The Port of Oakland continues to be one of the most important gateways for U.S. agricultural products. As of October, the port has exported nearly \$8.5 billion in agricultural commodities this year, ranking No. 1 in the nation in the volume of international refrigerated exports. "Agricultural exports are especially important commodities for our port's business," said Port of Oakland Maritime Director Bryan Brandes. "In any given year, agricultural products comprise between 37% and 45% of total exports from Oakland." **Probiotics and Prebiotics: Hype or Health?**

Consumers may have noticed a recent trend in food and beverage products labeled probiotic or prebiotic. The products often say they "support a healthy gut" or "boost your immune system" by providing good microbes that are often missing from people's diets. But how can consumers know if these products are really good for them? A new episode of the University of California, Davis, podcast Unfold took a closer look at the proliferation of probiotics and interviewed Maria Marco, a microbiologist and professor in the department of food science and technology at UC Davis. ★

Thompson Announces New Staff

Serving Solano County

Office of Rep. Mike Thompson
News Release

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Nov. 20, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) announced that Will Duncan has joined his team to serve as a field representative covering Solano County, including Dixon, Vacaville and Rio Vista.

"I'm excited to have Will join our team to serve the people of Solano County," said Thompson. "Will's passion for public service, local history, and familiarity with our community will be invaluable to our team and I know he will provide excellent service to our district as Team Thompson's 'eyes and ears' of Solano County."

Will Duncan grew up in Vacaville and attended Laurel Creek Elementary School, Foxboro Elementary School and Golden West Middle School before graduating from Vest High School. Will attended Solano Community College before graduating from Sacramento State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. Will interned with Assembly Member Jim Frazier and worked at Lucky as the Service Deli Department Manager. Will is a Navy veteran and his parents and sister still live in Vacaville. He will serve California's Fourth District as a Field Representative for Solano County.

Rep. Thompson and his staff support Fourth District residents in communicating

Community Calendar

November

Turner Library, located at 1212 Merkley Ave., has the following events this week:

Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29: Library closed for Thanksgiving.

Saturday, Nov. 30: Bilingual Russian Storytime, 10 to 11 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 2: Family Storytime, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 3: Hug-a-Bye Baby, 11 a.m. to noon. Library Teen Advisory Board, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 5: Hora de Cuentos Bilingual Spanish Storytime, 4 to 4:30 p.m. Yoga at the Library, 6 to 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 6: English Conversation Group, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7: Bilingual Russian Storytime, 10 to 11 a.m.

Call 530-666-8005 for more information on any of these events.

Yolo County Library and YoloWorks! are partnering to support farm workers this winter with a blanket drive. Now through Dec. 13, the community is invited to drop off new blankets or throws at select Yolo County Library locations during open hours including Turner Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. Contact Sue Billing at sue.billing@yolocounty.gov or Rodrigo Lopez at rodrigo.lopez@yolocounty.gov for more information, including other participating Yolo County libraries.

Saturday, Nov. 30: Join the "Turkey Tri" from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., presented by the West Sacramento Recreation Center. This popular annual sprint triathlon is a festive, family-friendly event that welcomes athletes of all levels to participate in various race formats designed to offer something for everyone, including a Fun Run, a Kids Bike-Run and a Team Relay. Contact Recreation Supervisor Jake Konkel, at JakeK@cityofwestsacramento.org for more information, or sign up at https://westsacfun.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wes/.

Pence Gallery Holiday Market is now open and runs daily from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 24 (with a few holiday exceptions). This Market is a treasure trove of hand-crafted items created by regional artists and artisans, perfect for holiday gift-giving. Visitors can enjoy selecting from cozy knit scarves, unique bags, jewelry, ceramics, paintings, and more, with over 50 artists participating this year. Free gift bag wrapping is available on request. The Gallery is located at 212 D St. in Davis. More information available at 530-758-3370.

Woodland Volunteer Bureau Food Closet "Season of Caring" November through January 2025. Donations may be made by check mailed to Woodland Food Closet, PO Box 803 Woodland, CA 95776 or via QR-code available for online subscribers to the Daily Democrat newspaper. Call 530-662-7020 for more information.

Upcoming - December

Friday, Dec. 6: West Sacramento Holiday Tree Lighting, 6 to 8 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave. The streets in front of City Hall will shut down and become a winter wonderland! Enjoy live music, local entertainment and a free picture with Santa. Shop local vendors and food trucks. Don't miss Santa Claus arriving on a fire truck before lighting the community holiday tree. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Recreation Supervisor II Sam Brinkhuis: samb@cityofwestsacramento.org.

Saturday, Dec. 7: "Dickens in the Valley" Home Tour, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Woodland. Sponsored by Friends of Meals on Wheels Yolo, this annual tradition features docent-led tours and open houses at five local residences uniquely adorned for the holidays, featuring seasonal treats and experiences. Tickets are \$30 presale and \$40 on the day of the event. More information at the website: <https://friendsofmowyolo.org>.

Saturday, Dec. 7: Native Plant-a-thon at Putah Creek Fishing Access, 9 a.m. to noon. Join us to plant a variety of native species that help support local pollinators and other wildlife. This is a collaborative project between Putah Creek Council and Yolo Resource Conservation District. All necessary equipment, water, and snacks will be provided. No previous experience is necessary, and all community members are welcome. Children under the age of 13 are recommended to have an adult accompany them. All volunteers must sign a waiver, and those under the age of 18 will need a guardian's signature. See website at <https://putahcreekcouncil.org/event/native-plant-a-thon-at-putah-creek-fishing-access/> to find the location and

the required waiver.

Saturday, Dec. 7: Holy Virgin Mary Antiochian Church holds their second annual Multicultural Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 3060 Jefferson Blvd. Items offered include spanakopita, Irish apple loaf, sausage rolls, holiday cookies and more. For more information, call 916-533-3848.

Sunday, Dec. 8: West Sac Kids Give Back 10th annual cheer pack celebration, 4 p.m. at the Civic Center Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Ave. Join local businesses, community members and parent organizations in helping West Sacramento children learn the importance of helping others and giving back to the community in a safe, kid-friendly environment. Activities include meeting Santa, enjoying cookies, face painting and assembling care packages for those in need. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/westsackidsgiveback>.

Friday, Dec. 13: Kids Night Out, 6 to 9 p.m. at the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Kids enjoy three hours of games, and activities like crafts and dancing, along with dinner and a movie. Tickets are not sold at the door. Register online at: https://westsacfun.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wes or in-person at the Community or Recreation Center. For more information, contact Lucy Ramos at LucyR@cityofwestsacramento.org.

Saturday, Dec. 14: Family Holiday Festival sponsored by Winters Friends of the Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Avenue. Enjoy musical performances, crafts to make and buy, visits with Santa, delicious food from Mrs. Claus' kitchen and quality used adult and children's books for sale. Information available at: <https://wfol.org/what-we-do/cultural-community/family-holiday-festival>.

Sunday, Dec. 15: Holiday Home Tour & Boutique, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., benefiting the University Farm Circle Scholarship Program. Tour five gorgeous Davis homes all decked out for the holiday season. Start your tour with a visit to the Stonegate Country Club, 919 Lake Boulevard, Davis, where beautiful baskets will be for sale. Tickets on sale now through Dec. 13 at the Pence Gallery, 212 D Street, Davis, or from Embellish Décor, 540 Main St., Woodland, or day of the event at the Stonegate Boutique.

Sunday, Dec. 15: Gingerbread Workshops for the whole family, 2 to 4 p.m. Create cherished holiday memories at this festive workshop. Perfect for families, this heartwarming experience combines creativity, storytelling, and sweet holiday treats. All supplies are provided. For times, location and registration visit www.thewondergrove.org.

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

Café Yolo Social Dining meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Seniors over 60 are invited to mingle and dine for free, sponsored by Meals on Wheels. Reservations required 24 hours in advance at 530-662-7035 or email welcome@mowyolo.org.

Cub Scout Pack 0049 - Meets first Monday of each month at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Road, West Sacramento. For more information, including how to become a Cub Scout, contact: westsacramentopack49@gmail.com.

Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento meets on Fridays at noon at Jackrabbit Brewing Company, 1323 Terminal St., West Sacramento. See <https://rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org/> for more information, including how to join the Rotary.

West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce holds an Economic and Government Affairs Forum on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. This is a benefit for Chamber members. Contact <https://www.westsacramento-chamber.com/> for more information including membership. Next Forum will be on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

West Sacramento City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., second floor, also viewable on Astound Cable channel 20 and AT&T channel 99. More information, including how to participate and Committee meeting schedules, can be found at: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas>. The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 4. ★

Matsui and Carter Applaud Extension of Telemedicine Prescribing Flexibilities



Doris Matsui

Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)

- Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA-07) and Congressman Earl L. "Buddy" Carter (R-GA-01) applauded the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Health and Human Services (HHS) decision to extend current flexibilities for telemedicine prescribing of controlled substances for an additional year.

The announcement comes after the lawmakers led a group of 18 House colleagues in urging the Drug Enforcement

Administration and Health and Human Services to issue such an extension earlier this year.

"The agencies made the right choice by averting a potential cliff for patients relying on telemedicine for their controlled substance prescriptions," said the lawmakers. "While we're relieved that patient care will not be interrupted at the end of this year, the agencies must continue to work towards a permanent framework for telemedicine prescribing that balances safety with patient access to critical medications. We must ensure no one is slipping through the cracks when it comes to the benefits of telehealth."

A Co-Chair of the Congressional Telehealth Caucus, Congresswoman Matsui is a longtime champion of telehealth and improving access to care. She authored the Telemental Health Expansion Act, which permanently added mental health to the definition of

Medicare-covered telehealth services, waived the geographic and originating site requirements for mental health provided through telehealth, and allowed Medicare beneficiaries to access these services at home.

Congresswoman Matsui also introduced the Telemental Health Care Access Act, which would repeal the requirement that Medicare patients be seen in person before receiving virtual behavioral health care.

Congresswoman Doris Matsui has represented the city of Sacramento and its surrounding areas since 2005. She currently serves California's Seventh Congressional District, nestled between the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, which is centered in Sacramento, and includes the communities of Elk Grove, Galt, West Sacramento, Wilton, Rancho Murietta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay and the California Delta. ★

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

William Clinton Burkett, 65, was cited and released Saturday, Nov. 9 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise.

Jana Lava Scudder, 49, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 13 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for driving under the influence of a controlled substance. Officer conducted a traffic stop on suspect vehicle for wrong way driving. A DUI evaluation was conducted, and suspect failed to perform tests as explained and demonstrated. Suspect was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Nicholas Bradley Dammann, 41, was arrested Thursday, Nov. 14 on I Street in Sacramento by West Sacramento Police for bench warrants / failure to appear on both misdemeanor and felony charges. Suspect was in custody at Sacramento Main Jail with a Yolo County warrant. Suspect also had a Placer County warrant. Suspect was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Tasi Faaifo Graff, 34, was arrested Thursday Nov. 14 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police. He was detained by merchant and charged with petty theft: retail merchandise.

Sacha M. Bernal, 49, was arrested Friday, Nov. 15 in Placer County by Placer County Sheriff for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of burglar's tools, false personation, and warrants or holds only.

Rudy Ornelas, 21, was arrested Friday, Nov. 15 in Solano County by Vacaville Police for discharging a firearm in a negligent manner.

Elijah Williams, 27, was arrested Friday, Nov. 15 on Bruceville Road in Sacramento by Sacramento County Sheriff for warrants or holds only.

Antonio Miguel Guerra, 21, was arrested Friday, Nov. 15 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for shoplifting.

Jacob Giles Castro, 48, was arrested Sunday, Nov. 17 in El Dorado County by El Dorado County Sheriff as a fugitive from justice and for driving while license suspended for drunk driving.

Marcilla Josefina Hinton, 37, was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 19 on I Street in Sacramento by Sacramento County Sheriff for warrants or holds only.

Ian Benedetti, 36, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 20 in Solano County by Solano County Sheriff for burglary, grand theft and failure to appear on a felony charge.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

Wednesday, Nov. 6 - unknown suspect stole a package from a porch at a residence on Randolph Road in West Sacramento. A pair of Jordan shoes were inside, valued at \$280.

Saturday, Nov. 9 - unknown suspect gained access to a community mailbox on Treasure Island Road. Unknown what was taken and no estimate of loss value.

Saturday, Nov. 9 - unknown suspect(s) broke into a community mailbox at Tidewater Road and Wood Glen Court. Mail was stolen, estimated value \$40.

Wednesday, Nov. 13 - a vehicle was broken into at a grocery store / supermarket on West Capitol Avenue by an unknown suspect. A box of cigarettes was taken, valued at \$3.

Thursday, Nov. 14 - unknown suspect(s) broke through a city gate on 4th Street and attempted to gain entry in restrooms and storage at a government / public building. Two gates and two doors were damaged in the process. Suspect(s) were unable to enter and City Parks staff report nothing is missing. No one was seen or heard and there are no cameras present on site. Vandalism loss estimated at \$2,000.

Thursday, Nov. 14 - victim reports purchasing Apple products from a stranger in the parking lot of a bank on Harbor Boulevard. Items ended up being fraudulent / counterfeit. Estimated loss of \$1,500.

Thursday, Nov. 14 - Suspect fled on a small motorbike at Merkley Avenue and Westacre Road, evading a peace officer with wanton disregard for safety. The suspect was visually identified during pursuit.

Thursday, Nov. 14 - unknown suspect stole property from a vehicle in a residential driveway on Palomar Avenue. A pocketknife valued at \$50 was taken.

Friday, Nov. 15 - victim and unknown suspect had a verbal argument outside a gas station on Ikea Court. Suspect physically threw victim to the ground. A physical altercation occurred as a result. During the altercation, the suspect choked victim for approximately 30 seconds. Assault with a deadly weapon or force and possible great bodily injury.

Saturday, Nov. 16 - unknown suspect(s) forcibly entered an apartment on Sacramento Avenue. Inside, they broke a closed door mirror. The witness heard yelling and water running from the apartment. Nobody was seen entering or leaving the apartment. No estimated damage cost.

Saturday, Nov. 16 - elderly female victim was standing outside of her residence on Evergreen Avenue. An unknown vehicle with multiple suspects inside pulled up to the victim. Two passengers began to try to give the victim money and jewelry while physically taking the victim's gold necklace off her person. Suspects fled the scene and are unknown at this time. Value of loss: \$2,500.

Sunday, Nov. 17 - a restaurant on Harbor Boulevard left a key in the cash register. Suspect opened the register while both employees were away from the counter. One employee observed the masked suspect take money from the register and flee on foot. Loss estimated at \$300.

Monday, Nov. 18 - multiple vehicles were burglarized at a residential facility on Alder Way. Loss is estimated at \$2,001.

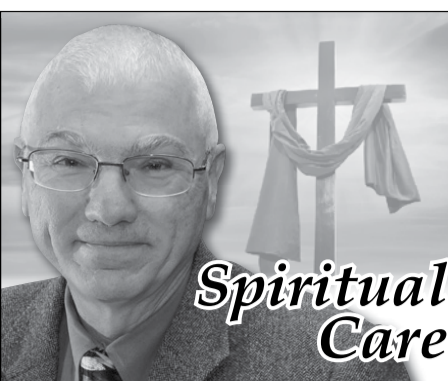
Monday, Nov. 18 - victim reports grand theft of dog food and pet supplies from trailers at a commercial / office building on Seaport Boulevard. Loss estimated at \$11,000.

Monday, Nov. 18 - an unknown suspect kicked in the door at a residential facility on Bridge Place, causing damage to the door and frame. Nothing was stolen from the residence, but damage is estimated at \$800.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 - victim reports burglary from 2 vehicles in a residential driveway on St. John Road. Estimated loss: \$5,000.



Thanksgiving in Godawfulstan



BY NORRIS BURKES

That line of reasoning never did much for me.

The problem with that perspective is that gratitude and thankfulness has never been about comparing your good fortune to the misfortunes of others. Thanksgiving will never be about trying to equalize the imbalance of those fortunes.

Thanksgiving isn't just about being grateful you don't have a loved one deployed to a war-torn country. It's also about being thankful we have brave service members who are willing to serve when their country calls.

Thanksgiving isn't just about being grateful you aren't poor. It is also about being grateful you have resources to give to the poor.

It is not only about being grateful you aren't hungry. It is also about sharing your gratitude with the hungry.

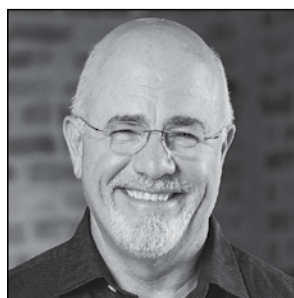
Being truly thankful is not about comparing what you have with what others do not have. It is not about being glad your home is not a shanty cardboard shack under the freeway. It's about the help we give the homeless as we humbly realize that most of us are one paycheck away from building our own shack.

Gratitude is not about giving thanks for what you have, where you work, where you live or even who you are. Thanksgiving is not about you at all.

Thanksgiving is about keeping perspective between recognizing the blessings we've received and utilizing our capacity to return those blessings to others.

At the end of the calorie-laden day, perspective will be a constant reminder that we are not alone on this planet. It is the perspective of gratitude that teaches us we've all journeyed from the same place and, as Scripture suggests, "to dust we will return."

That is the perspective from which humility comes, and humility will always be about gratitude. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says He Knows What's Best for Us

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are currently on Baby Step 2 of your plan. We attend church regularly, and we've always made sure we tithed 10% to 15% in the past. Do you think it would be okay to lower our tithe while we're getting out of debt and working through our debt snowball?

—Karl

Dear Karl,

When you look up the Hebrew word "tithe," it means tenth. Not 10 to 15 percent—a tenth. I've studied Scripture on this subject for about 25 years and taught in Christian settings. But please keep in mind you shouldn't do this because I gave you a "rule." I'm not the final authority on this. What we're about to get into comes from God.

In Proverbs, it refers to the tithe as first fruits, off the top, before anything else. The book of Deuteronomy says to give a tenth of your net in-

crease. Centuries of protestant Christian teaching has focused on the idea that the tithe goes to the local church, because it's the New Testament representation of the Old Testament storehouse. The storehouse took care of the Levites, which were the priests—or pastors—and the orphans and widows. Today, the New Testament church is supposed to use it for the same kinds of things: pastor's salaries and helping people who are struggling.

Before we go any further, I want you to remember one thing. Tithing isn't a salvation issue. God doesn't love you more just because you tithe a larger amount than the person sitting next to you in church. God loves you. Period. You're His child, and He's going to love you even if you don't tithe. But He knows what tithing does for us. It makes us focus on something other than ourselves. Doing it makes us less selfish, and more selfless. It makes us a little more Christ-like. And he wants us to be

giving and loving to the people around us.

Do you see what I'm saying, Karl? God doesn't need your money. He doesn't need my money. It was my choice decades ago when I hit bottom financially to continue tithing all the way into bankruptcy court and all the way out. But if someone literally can't afford to tithe for some reason—or can't hit 10% and still wants to attend and support a church—I'm pretty sure God understands.

—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. 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. ★

It All Boils Down To One Thing

Dr. James L. Snyder

Of all the things I have learned, one has made a difference in my life.

After 53 years of marriage, I have discovered that true happiness boils down to one thing. Discovering that one thing is a treasure of gold. Most people have never discovered this one thing, which is why their lives are not happy.

It all boils down to one point: how many married couples are happy? If only one is happy, it is not a good marriage. If both are happy, well, you know the answer.

The explanation of what happy means will help us understand this whole scenario.

For some people, being happy means they are always right and always get what they want, when they want it.

My mother used to say when I would ask her if she was alright. "No, son," she would say with a smile, "I'm half left."

Then she would say, "If we were to be right all the time, why did God give us a left hand?"

So, to be happy, I don't necessarily have to be right all the time. I don't always have to have everything

my way. Sometimes I do need that left hand for balance.

The important aspect of marriage is discovering what makes the other person happy.

The only rocky point in our marriage had to do with "broccoli." She has a fascinating love for broccoli, I have a deplorable hatred for broccoli and the twain shall never meet on the same dinner table.

When we were first married, I did not know this about her and broccoli. But it wasn't long after we were married that I discovered this. Up to that point, I had never tasted broccoli, and I wasn't about to start tasting it then; with deep respect to my tongue.

When we were married, she didn't know about my fascination with Apple Fritters. I grew up in Pennsylvania Dutch country where Apple Fritters are king of the hill. We just love our Apple Fritters.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was happy when she was eating broccoli and I was happy when I was eating Apple Fritters. These two things cannot be done on the same table, if you know what I mean.

At that point, it all boiled down to one thing. Are we

going to determine what the other person likes? Or, will we accept them as long as it makes them happy?

That's so critical that I don't know anything more important.

If I can master this one thing, then there will be nothing but happiness in our marriage. I don't demand that she like what I like, and she doesn't demand that I like what she likes. We just put up with certain things and don't make an issue of them.

My secret is, if she passes before me, I'll make sure there is broccoli in her casket that she can take with her.

The key to marriage is agreement. I like what it says in Amos 3:3, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

If you walk down a path going to in certain destination, although, you both are going in the same direction but one can look to the left and the other to the right. It is the destination that is important.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala, FL with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail jamesnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamesnyderministries.com ★

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Women's Soccer Ends Season in NCAA Tournament First Round

Sacramento State University Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Big Sky Conference Tournament champion Sacramento State women's soccer team made its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 14 years on Sunday Nov. 17, but its run through the postseason was cut short at the hands of top-seeded USC, falling to the Trojans by a 5-0 score at the Dignity Health Sports Park Track Stadium in Carson, Calif.

The Hornets, who entered the postseason unbeaten in their previous nine matches, finishing their year at 5-7-9 overall and placed fifth in the Big Sky with a 3-2-3 overall record. Sacramento State's nine-match unbeaten streak was tied for the second-longest in school history while the nine draws set a new school single-season record.

USC, which improved to 16-1-3 overall with the win and moved its unbeaten streak to 14 consecutive contests, advanced to



Hornet sophomore goalkeeper Izzy Palmatier directs teammates during the Hornets' NCAA Tournament first round playoff match against USC on Nov. 17. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

the second round where it hosts eighth-seeded Saint Louis.

Sunday's appearance in the NCAA postseason was the program's third, but the first since claiming the conference's automatic berth in both 2007 and 2014. The Hornets were fresh

off a Big Sky Tournament run that saw them become the first school to advance and claim the title via penalty kicks in all three of their contests, upsetting the No. 4 (Northern Arizona), No. 1 (Montana), and No. 2 (Idaho) seeded teams along the way.

Five Sacramento State players were named to the All-Big Sky team while six student-athletes were named to the Big Sky All-Tournament team, including gaining the MVP.

The Trojans opened the scoring just 3:16 into the match when

they were awarded a penalty kick following a tackle in the box that was deemed overly aggressive by the official. USC converted for the 1-0 lead and led 3-0 at the break following scores in the 13th and 17th minutes.

After the break, the Trojans tacked on two more, scoring just 4:26 into the second half and capping the day with a goal with 48 seconds remaining in regulation.

With her seven saves on Sunday, sophomore goalkeeper Izzy Palmatier finished the year with a Big Sky-best 107 stops, a mark that ranks third on the school's single-season list behind only Stacy Himes (123 in 1996) and Amy Seely (108 in 2001). Her seven shutouts this year were also tied for fifth on the single-season list, two of those scoreless draws against the Grizzlies and Vandals in the Big Sky Tournament semifinals and finals, respectively.

In all, 17 players gained NCAA Tournament experience on Nov. 17, with Candace Ching, Ariana Scholten, Ellie Farber, and Ali Fuamatu-Ma'afala, all attempting shots. ★

Hornet Tennis Signs Germany's Lisann Brinkman



Lisann Brinkmann, a native of Bielefeld, Germany, has signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her academic and athletic career with the Hornets. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State University Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State head women's tennis coach Sophie Breault announced that Lisann Brinkmann, a native of Bielefeld, Germany, has signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her academic and athletic career with the Hornets.

"We're thrilled to welcome Lisann to our team," Breault said. "Her talent, work ethic, and competitive spirit align perfectly with our program's goals, and we're excited to see the impact she'll have on our success both on and off the court."

"Lisann's powerful yet consistent game will add valuable depth to our roster, making her an important asset in

our pursuit of more Big Sky Conference championships."

Brinkmann is one of the top juniors in Germany, reaching the finals at the Westphalian State Championships in the women's division before falling to the No. 16-ranked player in the ITF Junior rankings in a three-set marathon. She won the German Team Championships with the WTV state team and has claimed multiple Westphalian State Championships in her youth.

Finishing third on three different occasions in the German Youth Championships, Brinkmann has been ranked as high as No. 109 in the women's division (currently ranked No. 139) and is ranked 21st in the Under-18 division. ★

De'Aaron Fox Named Western Conference Player of the Week

National Basketball Association News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Kings guard De'Aaron Fox has been named the Western Conference Player of the Week for games played between Nov. 11 and Nov. 17, the NBA announced on Nov. 18. Fox averaged 40.5 points (57.4 FG%, 57.1 3pt%, 81.0 FT%), 4.5 rebounds, 7.3 assists and 2.0 steals in four games over the course of the week.

Fox has now earned Western Conference Player of the Week honors six times in his career, passing DeMarcus Cousins (5) for the second-most Player of the Week awards in franchise history. He led the league in several categories over the past week, including points per game, total points (162), field goals made (58), free throws made (34), total clutch points (21) and clutch field goals made (7).

Fox posted his fourth double-double of the season with 29 points and 10 assists in a win vs. Phoenix on Nov. 13. He followed that up with a 60-point performance vs. Minnesota on Nov. 15, setting the single-game



Sacramento King De'Aaron Fox became the first player to total 109+ points in two consecutive NBA games since Kobe Bryant scored a total of 110 points in back-to-back games in March 2007. Photo by the National Basketball Association

franchise scoring record, shooting 22-of-35 from the field, 6-for-10 from 3-point range and 10-of-11 at the free-throw line. Against the Timberwolves, Fox scored 33 second half points, the second-most by a Kings player since the 1996-97 season, including 20 in the fourth quarter alone. He then posted 49 points, going 16-for-30 from the floor, and knocking down 14 free throws, to go with nine assists and a pair of steals in a win vs. Utah on Nov. 16. Per Elias Sports Bureau, Fox is the first player to total 109+ points in consecutive days since Kobe Bryant (110, 3/22-3/23/2007), and just the third player in NBA history, also joining

Wilt Chamberlain. His 109 points set a franchise record for total scoring over a two-game stretch, surpassing Cousins (104, 1/23-1/25/2016).

This season, Fox is posting averages of 28.9 points (50.9 FG%, 84.2 FT%, 61.1 TS%), 5.0 rebounds, 5.6 assists and 1.8 steals in 14 games. Among league leaders this season, he ranks sixth in scoring average while tied for seventh in steals per game. Fox is one of four players this season averaging 28.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 5.0 assists per game while shooting 50.0% or better from the floor and holding a true shooting percentage of 60.0% or higher. ★

ARC Football Secures Fifth Straight Conference Championship



The 2024 American River College Football team went undefeated in league play and earned their fifth straight National NorCal Conference championship.

Story and photo by American River College Athletics

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The American River College football program secured their fifth straight National NorCal Conference championship on Nov. 9, with a 45-21 road victory over Santa Rosa Junior College.

After a slow start that saw the Beavers fall behind 7-0 in the first quarter, the Beavers were able to regroup and take control of the game. Kicker Cameron Smith was able to convert field goals from 47 yards, 32

yards, and 21 yards. Running backs Elias Brown, Akil Sohan, and Hakeem Anderson each contributed a rushing touchdown. Quarterback Jett Harris connected with tight end Gavin Correia on a 55-yard touchdown pass, while the special teams unit returned a blocked punt for a touchdown. Defensively the Beavers were able to force two interceptions and several sacks.

The Beavers followed up the victory at Santa Rosa with a 48-21 home win against Feather River College on Saturday, Nov. 16. With the wins the Beavers are now 5-0 in conference and 7-3 overall. ★

ARC Volleyball Earns Big 8 Conference Champions



The American River College women's volleyball team celebrates during their journey to 2024 Big 8 Conference Champions.

Story and photo by American River College Athletics

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The American River College women's volleyball program closed out the regular season as Big 8 Conference Champions after defeating Modesto Junior College and Sacramento City College.

The Beavers swept Modesto Junior College on Wednesday, Nov. 12, winning

3 sets to none, 25-13, 25-18, 25-21. The Beavers followed that performance up with another sweep on Friday, Nov. 15, against Sacramento City College, winning 25-17, 25-19, 25-16.

With the wins, the Beavers improved to 25-4 overall and 14-2 in conference. The Beavers will now await their seeding for the NorCal Regional playoffs which will begin for them on Tuesday, Nov. 26th (after press time). ★

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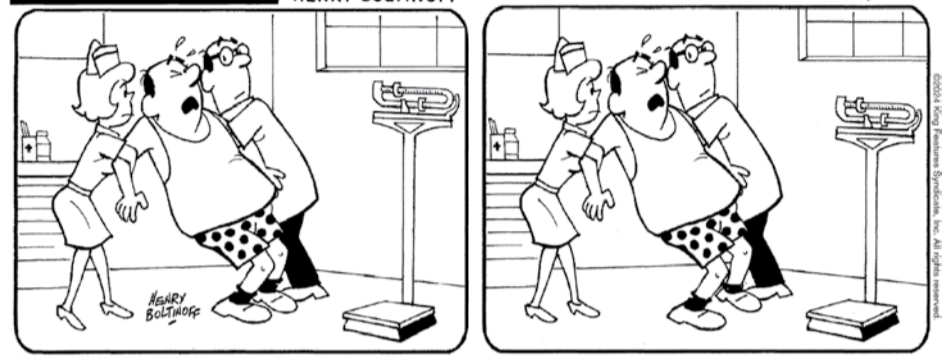
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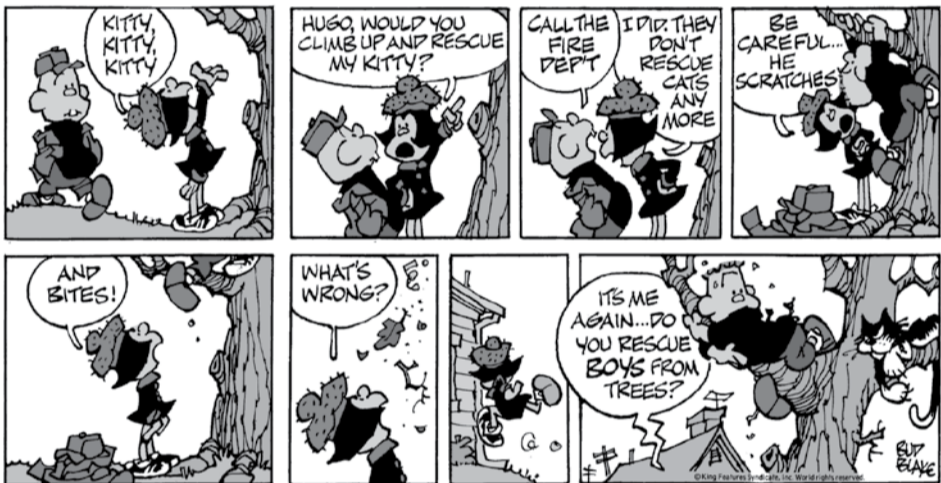
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975 F St, West Sacramento, Ca, 95605 on 12/11/24 @11am: Manuelli Qalobula: Stephen Schaffer: Nancy Taylor: April Singer: Sharelle Buckner: Louise Marie Evelyn Galdones: William Johnson: Ironworks HOA
1100 N 1st St, Dixon, CA 95620 on 12/11/24 @2pm: Fungai Mukome: Isaac Finnegan: Jeremy Silva: Ryan Riggins
3280 Jefferson Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691 on 12/11/24 @11am: Cam'mae Johnson-Lee: Chelsea Nine: Vanessa Garcia: Chelsea Nine: christine cordova: Donna bonfiglio: Noemi Mendoza

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
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LIEN SALE NOTICE
Notice Is Hereby Given Pursuant To Section 3071 Of The Civil Code
Of The State Of California, The Undersigned, Citizens Towing & Impound 1244 Fortna Ave Woodland Ca 95776 Will Sell At Public Sale On; December 10, 2024 10:00am
The Following Property:
2013 Dodg Chrg Lic# 9BDY151 CA VIN# 2C3CDXCT-9DH552330
11/29/24
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LIEN SALE NOTICE
Notice Is Hereby Given Pursuant To Section 3071 Of The Civil Code
Of The State Of California, The Undersigned, Citizens Towing & Impound 1244 Fortna Ave Woodland Ca 95776 Will Sell At Public Sale On; December 9, 2024 10:00am
The Following Property:
2018 Wabash Dry Van Lic# EH7458 IA VIN# 1JJV532D-7JL064214
11/29/24
CNS-3872699# NEWS-LEDGER 11-29-24

SUMMONS

DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA
CASE NO.: A-24-894928-C
DEPT NO.: 29
MICHELLE OSTER, individually, Plaintiff, vs. KILEIGH RAELYNN EMERY, individually; ANDREW NEWMAN, individually; CARMAX AUTO SUPERSTORES, INC, a Delaware corporation d/b/a CARMAX; DOES I -X, and ROE CORPORATIONS I -X, inclusive, Defendants.
SUMMONS NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED, THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 21 DAYS, READ THE INFORMATION BELOW. TO THE DEFENDANT: ANDREW NEWMAN. A civil Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff(s) against you for the relief set forth in the Complaint.
1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 21 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following: a. File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court. Serve the appropriate filing fee. b. Write a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below. 2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff(s) and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint. 3. If you intend to seek the advice of

an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.
4. The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators, each have 45 days after service of this summons within which to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the complaint.
CLERK OF THE COURT, s/ Demond Palmer, Deputy Clerk, date 6/11/2024, 200 Lewis Avenue, 5th floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155-1601, issued at the direction of Joseph F. Schmitt, Esq., Nevada Bar No. 9681, Lerner & Rowe Injury Attorneys, 4795 S. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89147, (702) 877-1500, jschmitt@lemerandrowe.com, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 125557-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 125557-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108
Published 11/15/2024, 11/22/2024, 11/29/2024
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 125557-CA APN: 072-051-003-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/11/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 12/20/2024 at 12:45 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/25/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0041933-00 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: LAWRENCE HERTZOG, AN UNMARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3860 EAGLE ST, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$818,041.68 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law

requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet Website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-11720. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 793-6107, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-11720 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 11/5/2024 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (800) 793-6107 Patricia Sanchez, Trustee Sale Officer PPP#24-004549
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No. 24-02417-GM-CA Title No. 240423 859-CA-VOI A.P.N. 014-075-006-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/24/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal creditor union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Ryan Brown, an unmarried man, as sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 07/01/2016 as Instrument No. 2016-0017795-00 (or Book, Page) of the Official Rec-

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TRUSTEE SALE

ords o Yolo County, California. Date of Sale: : 12/23/2024 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: North Entrance to West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$208,845.29 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 709 Solano Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605 A.P.N.: 014-075-006-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be

made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 24-02417-GM-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT*: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website WWW, ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-02417-GM-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 11/15/2024 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Represent-

tative A-4829073 11/29/2024, 12/06/2024, 12/13/2024 NEWSLEDGER 12-13-24

Trustee Sale No. 132588-1 Loan No. XXXX2537/NORTH CENTER Title Order No. 95314043 APN 043-272-019-000; 043-272-021-000 TRA No. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/20/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES as the duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, described as follows: Trustor(s): SHARON R. PEREZ, TRUSTEE OF THE PEREZ FAMILY 1991 REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 24, 1991; OWNERSHIP VESTED AS SHARON R. PEREZ, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE JOHN PEREZ FAMILY 1991 REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 24, 1991 Deed of Trust: recorded on 08/02/2017 as Document No. 2017-0019744-00; modified by document recorded on 05/15/2018 as Document No. 2018-0011384-00; modified by document recorded on 07/05/2018 as Document No. 2018-0015751-00 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Trustee's Sale: 12/19/2024 at 12:45 PM Trustee's Sale Location: At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 The property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: ALL THAT PORTION OF LOTS 4, 5, 6 AND 7, BLOCK B, AS SAID LOTS AND BLOCK ARE SHOWN ON THE 'OFFICIAL PLAT OF HOLLAND LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION NO. 10 A', RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF YOLO COUNTY IN BOOK 3 OF MAPS AT PAGES 50 AND 51, DESCRIBED AS

FOLLOWS:BEGINNING AT A REINFORCING BAR TAGGED 'R.E. 20213', MARKING THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING ALONG THE NORTH-WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 4 NORTH 62°03'00" EAST 113.85 FEET TO A REINFORCING BAR TAGGED 'R.E. 20213'; THENCE SOUTH 25°53'02" EAST 150.95 FEET TO A REINFORCING BAR TAGGED 'L.S. 3185'; THENCE SOUTH 62°25'00" WEST 108.41 FEET TO A CROSS CUT IN CONCRETE LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOTS 7, 6, 5 AND 4 NORTH 27°57'00" WEST 150.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.APN: 043-272-019-000 // 043-272-021-000 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 36167-36185 NORTH CENTER STREET & ADJACENT LOT(S), CLARKSBURG, CA 95612. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$6,561,567.79 (Estimated)". Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. *SAID NOTE(S) ARE SECURED BY THE FOLLOWING DEEDS OF TRUST: RECORDED ON 12/03/2013 AS DOCUMENT NO. 20131203 PAGE 0629 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY; RECORDED ON 12/03/2013 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2013-148719 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY; RECORDED ON 08/02/2017 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 201708020484 OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written

Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 132588-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. IF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY CONTAINS FROM ONE TO FOUR SINGLE

FAMILY RESIDENCES, THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer", you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder", you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 132588-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder", you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: November 6, 2024 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES 7844 Madison Ave., Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sales Information Line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com Marsha Townsend, Executive Vice President MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0467411 To: NEWS LEDGER 11/29/2024, 12/06/2024, 12/13/2024 NEWSLEDGER 12-13-24

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell at public auction the personal property described below. A lien imposed on said property pursuant to section 21700- 21716 of the Business & Professions Code, and provisions of Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public auction by competitive bidding online at StorageTreasures.com December 6th, 2024 through December 20th, 2024. The premises where said property has been stored at Outrig – West Sacramento, located at 3080 Promenade St., West Sacramento, CA 95691, phone # (916) 907-9511 the following described goods: Tools, furniture, electronics, bicycles, home décor, and auto parts. These goods are the lien property of the following tenants unit:

B63 Kenij Glosson

Purchases must be paid for at the time of sales in CASH. Items are sold AS IS WHERE IS and must be removed at the time of sale. Outrig – West Sacramento reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

December 11, 2024

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a special meeting and public hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 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 December 11, 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. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

6:00 p.m. REGULAR AGENDA

1. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 17 (ZONING) FOR THE NEW GRAND GATEWAY ZONING DISTRICT (Berumen)

The item is a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to Title 17 (Zoning) to create the Grand Gateway Zoning District and related actions to streamline future redevelopment of the Grand Gateway area. The Grand Gateway area is comprised of approximately 10 acres of public agency-owned property at the east end of West Capitol Avenue, north of Delta Lane, west of the Union Pacific Railroad, and east of Grand Street. The Grand Gateway Zoning District will incorporate and refine development standards and objectives provided in the existing Grand Gateway Master Plan and the existing General Plan land use designation of Central Business District. The Zoning District will articulate property development standards for the area to include the City's recent acquisition of the former Rodeway Inn. CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 allows a streamlined environmental review process for projects that are consistent with the densities established by existing zoning, community plan, or general plan policies for which an EIR was certified. Pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, the City, as the lead agency, intends to use the 2016 General Plan EIR for the General Plan 2035 and the 2023 SEIR as the CEQA documents for the environmental impacts associated with adoption of the proposed Grand Gateway Zoning District. The Planning Commission will consider Resolution 24-9PC, which recommends approval of the Grand Gateway Zoning District to the City Council; the City Council is the final decision body.

2. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR LIQUOR SALES AT A PROPOSED CONVENIENCE MARKET (ARCO) (Ortega)

The objective of this item is to request the Commission's consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to allow sales of liquor for off-site consumption at a proposed fueling station convenience market at 45 15th Street (ARCO). This action falls under the Section 15270 Statutory Exemption according to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Section 15270 applies to projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves. Applicant: Pete Tobin, 7309 Marbledorpe Drive, Roseville CA, 95747. Owner: Tony Mehroke, 45 15th Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Signed by:
Seamus Laffey
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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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Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until 10:00AM local time on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION – GPS FURNISH & INSTALL

The following invitation for bid involves all labor and materials for the: EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION – GPS FURNISH & INSTALL. Update citywide traffic signal preemption to Opticom GPS system.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication		November 21, 2024
Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs	no later than	12 P.M. November 27, 2024
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than	10 A.M. December 12, 2024
Award of Contract		TBD

Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting: n/a

Project construction cost estimate: TBD

This is not a Federal Aid project.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within (60) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 4, 2024, a public hearing will be held so that the City of West Sacramento (the "City") may consider participating in the California Enterprise Development Authority ("CEDA") Bonds Assisting New Development Program ("BAND") Program. Participation in said Program will enable property owners to finance public infrastructure and capital improvements and development impact fees imposed on new development. Said improvements, if financed, will be among the public capital improvements required in connection with a given development project. Said development impact fees, if financed, will be used by the City to pay for public capital improvements which will serve the City, and which will be of a type and nature authorized under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982," being Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 (beginning with Section 53311) of the Government Code of the State of California and of the type and nature authorized under the Municipal Improvement Act of 1913 (Streets and Highways Code Sections 10000 and following). Additionally, the BAND Program allows the City to finance certain public improvements through the establishment of enhanced infrastructure financing districts pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.50 et seq., community revitalization and investment authorities, pursuant to Government Code Section 6200 et seq. and climate resilience districts pursuant to Government Code Section 62300 et seq., which are established to revitalize local communities, construct infrastructure improvements and assist with, amongst other things, climate action and resiliency measures and the issuance of bonds within such districts. Said program does not itself authorize the City to impose additional public capital improvements or new or additional development impact fees on any property owner.

The hearing will commence at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, and will be held at 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, California. Interested persons wishing to express their views on the City's participation in the CEDA BAND program and the financing of public capital improvements and/or development impact fees as described above will be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California 95691, Attention: Jennifer Cusmir

Dated: November 29, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart Management, LLC 541 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento Ca, 95691 to satisfy a lien on November 14, 2024 at approx. 12:00PM at www.storage treasures.com:

Tania Jazmin Guzman, Andres Aviles, Chris Duzenski, Thomas Kimble, Corazon Fernandez, Keyarria Fisher, Ashley Toolate

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How Three Trump Policy Decrees Could Affect California's Agricultural Industry



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Voters in California's farm belt, stretching more than 400 miles from Kern County on the south to Tehama County on the north, delivered solid majorities for Donald Trump in this month's presidential election. They were obviously outvoted in heavily populated coastal and urban counties, so rival Kamala Harris claimed the state's 54 electoral votes. However, it is Trump who will be moving into the White House, and of all California economic sectors, agriculture arguably has the most to gain or lose during his second presidency.

There are three policy issues particularly important to California's farmers that Trump wants to change. If he does what he has promised, one might benefit the industry and two might damage it.

The beneficial change is what California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglas, in a post-election statement, calls "securing a sustainable water supply."

For years, state officials have been trying, either through regulatory decrees or negotiations, to reduce the amount of water San Joaquin Valley farmers take from the San Joaquin River and its tributaries to enhance flows through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, thus improving its water quality to support fish and other wildlife.

Farmers are miffed that after two wet winters filled the state's reservoirs, state federal water managers still limited agricultural deliveries.

A few days before the election, the state Water Resources Control Board issued the latest version of its water quality plan, but the supposed compromise is being critiqued by both farmers who want to minimize restrictions and environmentalists who demand a crackdown on water diversions.

Trump stepped into the issue during his first presidency, directing federal water regulators to increase agricultural supplies, and is likely to do so again.

Just before the election, Trump described California water policy, in all caps on his Truth Social website, as "INSANE POLICY DECISIONS," which he defined as "the ridiculously rerouting of MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WATER A DAY FROM THE NORTH OUT OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN, rather than using it, free of charge, for the towns, cities & farms dotted all throughout California."

The two pending issues that could backfire on farmers who voted for Trump are imposing tariffs on imports from China, which could invite retaliatory tariffs on agricultural exports, and deporting undocumented immigrants, who comprise at least half of the state's agricultural workers.

Despite objections from California's Republican congressional delegation, Trump hit China with tariffs during his first term and "China retaliated with import tariffs that target U.S. agriculture," according to a report from

the University of California's Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics.

"For almonds and pistachios, the tariffs did not reduce the volume of U.S. exports to China," the report continued. "However, the trade war diminished California exports of walnuts, wine, oranges, and table grapes."

Cracking down on undocumented immigrants has been a bedrock issue for Trump throughout his political career, and he's promised to make good on his deportation pledge immediately after taking office.

For a variety of reasons, the state's farmers have had difficulty finding enough workers to till and harvest their crops in recent years. Immigration restrictions, California's high living costs and the creation of new factory jobs in Mexico are among the reasons.

California has as many as 2 million undocumented residents, many of whom work in industries ranging from construction to agriculture. The full-blown roundup Trump promises would have an immense economic effect on the state, with agriculture arguably the most vulnerable.

When Central Valley farmers were enthusiastically backing a second term for Trump, they undoubtedly were hoping for relief from water restrictions. Yet that could be the smallest impact Trump 2.0 may have on their industry.

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. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Wow, major media networks have taken to calling the Sacramento Kings an average NBA basketball team. As a fan of nearly 40 years and living through 16 straight seasons of missing the playoffs, that hurts.

I would almost rather you just called them bad, as opposed to the dreaded average.

Who wants to be average? Just an obscure number in a host of other numbers. No one I know, and I have high hopes that this team as it's assembled, will change this narrative and do it quickly.

After the Kings won three games in a row, I was all but certain that DeMar DeRozan had found his niche and was set to do great things for the Sac Town ballers. However, in the Nov. 24 game against the Brooklyn Nets, I witnessed DeRozan pass up 12-15-foot jumpers, only to pass off to other teammates for less desirable shots.

The past week wasn't kind to the Kings, as they had perhaps their worst one week stretch of the season. The week started with a 109-108 loss to the Atlanta Hawks, in a game that the Kings had in hand, and should have won.

Two nights later, in Los Angeles, the Clippers put on a clinic and embarrassed Sacramento, holding the Kings to a season low 88 points. The only good news was that the game was on the road, and the hometown fans didn't have to witness a second quarter that saw Sacramento score a season low 12 points. The game was decided early, and it was hard on the eyes.

Thinking this game had to be an anomaly, Golden One Arena was filled with expectant fans on Sunday Nov. 24 to welcome back former assistant coach Jordi Fernandez, who captured the head coaching job for the Nets in the off season.

Sadly, it was not to be, as the hometown team turned the ball over 16 times, while missing 11 shots from the charity stripe.

Last season saw the Kings finish dead last in the NBA in free throw shooting, but 10 games into the 2024/2025 campaign they were actually leading the

league in free throw percentage. The game against the Nets saw the Kings take a step back, in a game that was entirely winnable.

In today's NBA nine 3-pointers won't win many games, and in particular if your opponent sinks 19. Combine that with 20 made free throws in 31 attempts, and even without regard to the 16 turnovers committed by the Kings, this game was a real stinker.

Stalwart standouts De'Aaron Fox and Domantas Sabonis showed up as they always do, as Fox contributed 31 points, and was the only player for the Kings that could seemingly hit a three. DeAaron sank 3 of 4 3-pointers while Sabonis gathered in 18 rebounds and added 13 points for another solid double-double.

Huerter continues to struggle in spite of the fact that coach Brown has him in the starting five every night. Kevin went 1-5 from 3-point land, bringing his season average to a startling 29%. His 63% 2024/2025 free throw percentage tells me something is off with Huerter, and I'm convinced that either Keon Ellis or Malik Monk when he returns, would be better options in the starting lineup.

I'm just as convinced that Huerter can overcome his slow start but bringing him off the bench would give him a different look at things, and perhaps ease the pressure just a bit.

The game against the Nets saw a return to coach Brown's difficulties as it relates to coach's challenges. I witnessed no less than three occasions that the Kings could have potentially won a challenge, but sadly the game ended, and coach Brown had yet to challenge a single call.

Yes, Kings fans, the hometown boys have some cleaning up to do, and it's difficult to put a happy face on the games of the past week. Still, one game below 500 is not the end of the world, and with over 60 games to play, let's demonstrate a degree of patience. Let's root them on and see if this squad can come together.

All the best Kings fans!
Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on November 20, 2024, the West Sacramento City Council adopted by the vote noted below the following:

Ordinance 24-11 approving amendments to Development Agreement (Amended and Restated Development Agreement) by and between the City of West Sacramento and ASB Southport II LLC, A California Limited Liability Company, as landowner relative to Yarbrough

AYES: Early, Sulpizio Hull, Guerrero.
NOES: Alcalá.
ABSENT: Orozco.
ABSTAIN: None.

Ordinance 24-15 amending Title 17 of the West Sacramento Municipal Code

AYES: Alcalá, Early, Sulpizio Hull, Guerrero.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Orozco.
ABSTAIN: None.

The full text of this ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

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REVISED DATES

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:15PM local time on Thursday, December 19, 2024**, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

FIRE STATION 45 WATER HEATER UPGRADE

The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor and materials for the: Fire Station 45 Water Heater Upgrade project.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication		November 25, 2024
Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs	no later than	5:00 P.M. December 10, 2024
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than	2:15 P.M. December 19, 2024
Award of Contract		January 15, 2025

Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting: December 5, 2024

Project construction cost estimate: \$50,000.
This is not a Federal Aid project.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within (30) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
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With the Holidays quickly approaching Abrams Publishing has you in covered with this year's best, notable and most popular titles to add to any young reader's library.



Knock Knock Merry Christmas by Rob Hodgson

A giggly google-eyed knock-knock adventure will have readers laughing with each turn of the page. This board book with cutouts and google eyes is the perfect laugh-out-loud book for merriment during the holidays.

In My Heart Deluxe Gift Edition by Jo Witek, illustrated by Christine Roussey.

A heart feels all types of feelings and big emotions. Sometimes, a heart is shiny, bright, and happy; sometimes, it can be angry, like a big boom. Sometimes, it is heavy like an elephant or quiet and shy.

This big book of emotions is not just a fun read, but also a valuable tool for toddlers to understand and express their feelings. The heart peek-a-boo cutout, paired with bright illustrations, guides children through a journey of emotional learning, making it a perfect addition to any library.

Disney Princess Block

Princess Block book pairs Disney Princesses with strong values and traits, interactive lift-a-flap, and cutouts.

This storybook is a delightful combination of wonderful illustrations, a captivating story, and excellent interactive pages. The interactive lift-a-flap and cutouts featuring Disney Princesses with strong values and traits will keep any child engaged and entertained, making it a perfect gift for young readers.

Things That Go

by Shannon Hale, Leuyen Pham

Kitty and Unicorn are back with a new board book adventure.

It's time to explore all things, from a tri-cycle to a space plane and everything in between. Every vehicle zooms, pedals, and even hovers its way across the page with a few little silly additions by Kitty.

This board book is the perfect addition to any library for fans of Kitty-Corn and even those new to the adventures. Check out all the adventures of Kitty-Corn in their other picture books.

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The Umbrella Academy Young Blood by Alyssa Sheinmel

For fans of the Netflix series The Umbrella Academy comes the prequel fans have been waiting for. This book answers the questions fans have been asking while keeping the essence of the characters and the show. A wonderful gift for the Umbrella Academy comic or Netflix series fan on your list.

Ada Twist, Scientist

by Andrea Beaty
and Dr Theanne Griffith

It's time to learn about sustainability with Ada. Young readers will learn everything about sustainability, conservation, and renewable and nonrenewable natural resources. There is so much to learn about recycling and natural energy, and with Ada, your budding scientist will be eager to join the quest to protect Earth. ★



Riley Reviews

“GLADIATOR II” A SWEEPING
SWORDS-AND-SANDALS EXTRAVAGANZA

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“GLADIATORS II” Rated R

English filmmaker Ridley Scott, who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II two decades ago, also goes by the honorific “Sir Ridley Scott” conferred upon him in recognition of his contribution to the arts, joining other entertainment icons like Sean Connery, Elton John, and Mick Jagger.

Aside from a slew of other honors, Ridley Scott has distinguished himself for an eclectic style in film genres from science-fiction like “Blade Runner” and “Alien” to historical dramas such as last year’s “Napoleon.”

His resume encompasses a lot more than that, including directing the road trip crime drama “Thelma & Louise,” for which he was nominated for an Academy Award as Best Director, an honor also bestowed for his directing of “Black Hawk Down.”

Arguably, no bigger success came for the director than his work in the 2000 swords-and-sandals epic “Gladiator,” which won the Academy Award for Best Picture, and his second award nomination for directing.

Now more than two decades later, Scott returns to directing “Gladiator II,” a sequel to the story of Russell Crowe’s Maximus, a Roman general who runs afoul of Emperor Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix) and ends up enslaved to be a captive combatant.

Reviewing the quasi-historical story of Maximus’ quest for revenge against Commodus for the murder of his family and Marcus Aurelius (a historical figure of the time) would take up too much space here.

While the original film was set in 180 AD, “Gladiator II” appears to be only a couple of decades in the future where a prime character in the form of Lucius (Paul Mescal) turns out to be a heroic warrior against the Roman Empire in the name of strength and honor.

Amazing battle scenes on land and sea find the Romans led by General Marcus Acacius (Pedro Pascal) storming the fortress in Numidia where Lucius’s beloved wife Arishat (Yuval Gonen), a warrior in her own right, is killed by Acacius during a bloody siege.

On the losing end of battle, Lucius becomes a slave under the custody of Denzel Washington’s Macrinus, a former slave himself who became a Roman businessman who has amassed enormous wealth thanks to his acumen and brutal ambition.

Macrinus has a stable of gladiators, and he sees in Lucius a natural-born leader and great fighter, which he finds useful in many ways to make himself more powerful than he already is. He relies on his

vicious trainer Vigo (Lior Raz) to run his stable with an iron hand.

The Roman Empire is under the control of truly mad twin emperors Caracalla (Fred Hechinger) and Geta (Joseph Quinn), both self-indulgent and unscrupulous, with the former obsessed with a pet monkey perched on his shoulder.

Returning from battle a bit weary, Acacius is reunited with his partner Lucilla (Connie Nielsen, replacing her role from the original), and he’s less than thrilled with the tyrannical rule of the twin emperors who are bent on further conquest of distant lands.

The people of Rome expect the gladiator combat at the Colosseum to deliver thrills that keep them distracted from everyday troubles. They are ready to cheer for bloody carnage in any form.

The hero turns out to be Lucius whose maiden foray at the Colosseum, alongside other warriors, is fending off an attack by a pack of ferocious baboons, much to the delight of bloodthirsty spectators.

What Lucius thinks about, as he channels his rage and which pleases the crowd at the Colosseum, is how he’s going to eventually get to his mortal foe Acacius. Part of the problem may be complicated by the presence of Lucilla for reasons that may be surprising.

Like many sequels of blockbuster success stories, “Gladiator II” has the unenviable task of trying to top the original film which went on to become an iconic cultural touchstone for fans around the world.

The world of the Roman Empire and the unforgettable characters of “Gladiator” were so brilliantly crafted. Attempting to go for a grander scale was necessary, and certain aspects of the powerful battle scenes and the gripping action in the arena of the Colosseum deliver.

What appears lacking is the emotional core of the original film that involves the tragedy of a warrior bent on revenge that mirrors a basic theme repeated in the sequel.

Paul Mescal’s Lucius, though solidly physical in the role of reluctant gladiator, was given a challenging task of bringing the same gravitas and charisma to a warrior that Russell Crowe’s Maximus conveyed with visceral single-minded pursuit.

Arguably, Denzel Washington steals the show as a cunning manipulator who has achieved his station in the gilded milieu of the Roman power center, interacting with Roman senators and the emperor twins.

In the end, “Gladiator II,” playing loose with history, comes close enough to achieving its grandiose ambition of a grand spectacle of choreographed battles and gladiatorial combat such that not capturing the original film’s emotional intimacy can be overlooked. ★

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Honoring the Bracero Legacy: Descendants Reflect on Impact in Yolo County

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - At the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting on Dec. 3, the board will consider a resolution recognizing the Bracero Guest Worker Legacy and Descendants in Yolo County.

Simultaneously, the Mexican Bracero Legacy in Yolo County Exhibit will be displayed in the Yolo County Administration Building lobby, 625 Court St., Suite 202 in Woodland from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will include photos, items and information to raise awareness about this historical legacy. It is organized by the Ethnic Studies YOLO Academy in partnership with Supervisor Lucas Frerichs, Supervisor Angel Barajas, the Mexican Yolo Concilio, and the Yolo County Archives.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to raise awareness about the history of the Bracero program in Yolo County," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Lucas Frerichs. "It's important to reflect on both the good and harmful actions of our shared history so we don't repeat injustices of the past. We invite members of the public to view the Mexican Bracero Legacy in Yolo County Exhibit on Dec. 3, outside of the Board of Supervisors Chambers."

On Dec. 31, 1964, Public Law 78 officially ended the Bracero Program in Yolo County and the U.S. The program, which brought Mexican male workers to sustain the U.S. economy from 1942 to 1964, began during World War II when Japanese American workers were detained.

Initially, recruits came from Mexico City and later from rural areas like Michoacán. Braceros were sprayed with Dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) and sent to a distribution center in Stockton, California, where they worked in agriculture, food processing and railroads. Yolo County hosted many Braceros, contributing to large-scale agriculture while at the same time University of California, Davis expanded its agricultural research.

The Bracero program offered economic opportunities but caused significant family separation, with many workers away from their families for extended periods. Due to labor surpluses, Braceros faced unfair pay, mistreatment, and conflicts with U.S.-born workers. In addition, some wages were withheld. The 1955 Operation Wetback policy led to mass deportations of Mexican

men. In the 1960s, Cesar Chavez and Dr. Ernesto Galarza pushed to end the program, believing it hindered Mexican American civil rights. After the program ended in 1964, some Braceros stayed with expired permits, later applying for residency in the 1980s. Some formed new families in the U.S., while others kept families in Mexico, leading to strained relationships. Some Braceros became active members of their local U.S. or Mexican communities.

In Yolo County, Amelia Veldenegro recalls learning that her grandfather, former Bracero Emilio Zavala lived in Davis while working in Yolo County as a Bracero. Another former Bracero, Crescencio Acevedo Soriano, who was born in 1922, relocated to Woodland right after his Bracero term ended. He lived in Woodland until he was 101 years old and died early this year. In 2001, Mr. Acevedo Soriano supported his family and advocated for a class action lawsuit for Braceros to receive the money that had been deducted from their pay and never paid as promised when they ended their term. They won the case, but only some Braceros with proof of "Bracero Identification" were able to receive back payment.

"The Bracero Program's legacy is deeply woven into the fabric of Yolo County's history," shared Yolo County Board of Supervisors, Angel Barajas. "Their stories remind us of the strength of immigrant communities and the importance of preserving this history for future generations."

Some descendants of Braceros living in Yolo County, in service of community and wellbeing of families, include: Manuel Arriaga, Antonio De Loera-Brust, Elizabeth Esquivel, Sylvina Frausto, Bibiana Garcia, Melissa Moreno, Xochitl R. Murillo, Cirenio Rodriguez, Sandra Rodriguez, Armando Salud-Ambriz, Sergio Ruiz, Olga Sanchez Ochoa, Maria Olmedo, Lizbeth Santibanez, Adrian Solis, Karissa Urbano, Amelia Valdenegro, Mayra Vega, Patricia Valenzuela, Deborah Bautista Zavala and Everardo Zaragoza. Seven are elected officials, and two are former elected officials.

Dr. Melissa Moreno, co-founder of the Ethnic Studies YOLO Academy, stated "the hope is that our local institutions continue to research, study, and teach about local land, labor, and health histories that can inform practices towards equity and justice." ★

Operation Vigilance

Officers Conduct Compliance Checks on County's Sex Offenders

Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - This week, Yolo County law enforcement conducted compliance checks and address verifications on more than 300 registered sex offenders.

The "Operation Vigilance" program was started 15 years ago with the goal to protect Yolo County citizens by ensuring that those who must register as sex offenders who live in the county are complying with all laws and applicable parole or probation directives.

More than 60 law enforcement personnel from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Davis Police, Yolo County Probation, Woodland Parole Unit, California Department of Justice, U.S. Courts Federal Probation, Yolo County District Attorney's Office, Yolo County Sheriff's Office, West Sacramento Police, Winters Police and the Woodland Police participated in this joint operation. Additionally, the Yolo County IT GIS Division provided key support to the operation.

Many of the individuals required to register were previously convicted of rape, child molestation or possession of child pornography. Law enforcement personnel went to the residence on file of every registered sex offender with a physical address in Yolo County.

One aspect of "Operation Vigilance" is that while officers are making the home visits, forensic examiners search the computers, smart phones, and other digital storage devices for potential violations. Computer forensic investigators from the

Yolo County District Attorney's Office High Technology Unit and examiners from other participating agencies worked together to conduct these specialized searches.

Additionally, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation provided eight K-9 officers with canines trained specifically to detect electronics to enhance these searches. During the operation, 92 electronic devices were searched and an additional 16 electronic items were seized for further forensic examination.

Approximately 5% of registered sex offenders within Yolo County were found to be out of compliance with their sex offender registration requirements, which will result in additional investigation by law enforcement. Four offenders on parole were arrested for various violations by officers participating in this operation.

"Operation Vigilance is an example of Yolo County law enforcement's commitment to collaboration," said Yolo County Sheriff Tom Lopez. "I am proud of the dedicated group of professionals who carried out this mission in an effort to keep our communities safe."

District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the efforts of all Yolo County law enforcement agencies that continuously monitor these individuals.

"We conducted a compliance check of 100% of the sex offenders that have a permanent address and the good news is that 95% were in compliance," Reisig said. "Operation Vigilance continues to serve as an additional deterrent to those who must register as sex offenders who may be prone to re-offend." ★



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