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## Laws are Changing in 2025



Starting Jan. 1, 2025, many significant new laws will go into effect across California, impacting everything in daily life from traffic regulations, employment, housing to healthcare. Image from Pixabay

*By Ornella Rossi*

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Starting Jan. 1, 2025, many significant new laws will go into effect across California, impacting everything in daily life from traffic regulations, employment, housing to healthcare.

### TRAFFIC LAWS

Senate Bill 1107 will raise the minimum auto liability insurance requirements for California

motorists. Currently, drivers must carry liability coverage of \$15,000 for injury or death of one person, \$30,000 for injury or death of multiple people, and \$5,000 for property damage. Beginning Jan. 1, these requirements will increase to \$30,000 for bodily injury or death of one person, \$60,000 for multiple persons and \$15,000 for property damage.

Assembly Bill 413, commonly known as the “Daylighting Law,” will take effect in 2025, banning

drivers from parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk. This law aims to improve pedestrian safety by providing clearer visibility at intersections. The law applies to both marked and unmarked crosswalks, and while cities are working to implement signage and curb markings, not all areas will have red-painted curbs in time for the new rule.

Senate Bill 905 closes the “locked door loophole” in California’s auto

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## Bird Flu: What Residents Need to Know



Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) is actively monitoring the bird flu situation locally and coordinating with state and federal agencies. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

**California Department  
of Public Health  
News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On Dec. 18, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of

emergency regarding the bird flu threat. The California Department of Public Health is providing an update on the bird flu situation. The current risk to the public remains low. No person-to-person

spread of bird flu has been detected in California. People rarely get bird flu, but those who interact with infected dairy cows, poultry, or wildlife have a greater risk of infection. Pasteurized milk and

dairy products are safe to consume. Pasteurization inactivates the bird flu virus. California Department of Public Health is working to protect public health related

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**Community Center  
Has Events  
for 50-Plus**

**West Sacramento  
Community Center  
News Release**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - If you are 50-plus, members and nonmembers of the West Sacramento Community Center are invited to attend the “Cooking Matters in Your Community” sponsored by Cal Fresh and Agency on Aging Area 4.

Cooking Matters is a food demonstration, nutrition and education series that empowers participants with the skills to stretch their food budgets to maintain healthy eating at home. At each session, the participants will enjoy fun and interactive group activities, along with food from live cooking demonstrations.

Sessions are from 11 a.m. to noon every Monday, except Feb. 17, Feb. 3 through March 3, at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Register in advance by calling the Community Center at 916-617-5320 or register online at westsacfun.org.

Do you have questions for your West Sacramento Police Department? If so, the West Sacramento Community Center is hosting “Coffee with a Cop” from 10:30 a.m. to noon March 5. Enjoy coffee, pastries and conversation with fellow seniors and the West Sacramento Police Department. The event will be held at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave., and is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

Coming in April and open to seniors 50-plus, members and nonmembers of the West Sacramento Community Center are invited to attend the Eat Smart, Live Strong Workshop. The four-series workshop is designed to encourage older adults to increase their fruit and vegetable consumption to at least 3 ½ cups (1 ½ cup fruit and 2 cups vegetables) and to participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day. The program includes cooking demonstrations, access to staff dietitians, healthy eating on a budget, nutrition goal setting, and discovering simple ways to add physical activity to your day. The workshop will be held from 11 a.m. to noon April 7 to April 28 at the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Register in advance by calling the Community Center at (916) 617-5320 or register online at westsacfun.org ★



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# Sutter Davis Hospital Named One of Nation’s Top Hospitals by Leapfrog

## Sutter Health News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - Sutter Davis Hospital this week was named by The Leapfrog Group as one of the nation’s Top Hospitals. Sutter Davis is one of only 36 hospitals nationally to receive the award in the Top General Hospitals category. The award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive awards that hospitals in the nation can receive, recognizing exceptional efforts and achievements in patient safety and quality.

A national watchdog organization of employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is known as the toughest standard-setters for healthcare safety and quality.

“This recognition as a Leapfrog Top General Hospital is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our entire team to providing exceptional care for our community,” said Michael

Cureton, CEO of Sutter Davis Hospital. “Earning this prestigious distinction reflects our commitment to the highest standards of safety and quality, and it inspires us to continue delivering the excellent care our patients deserve. I’m incredibly proud of our staff and physicians for their role in achieving this national honor.”

Nearly 2,400 hospitals were considered for the award. Among those, Sutter Davis Hospital and its sister hospital, Sutter Maternity & Surgery Center of Santa Cruz, received a Top General distinction. A total of 134 Top Hospitals were selected, and they were announced and honored at the 2024 Leapfrog Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner Tuesday in Washington, D.C. Among them were:

- 36 Top General Hospitals
- Eight Top Children’s Hospitals
- 15 Top Rural Hospitals, and

- 75 Top Teaching Hospitals

The quality of patient care across many areas of hospital performance is considered in establishing the qualifications for the award, including infection rates, practices for safer surgery, maternity care and the hospital’s capacity to prevent medication errors. The rigorous standards are defined in each year’s Top Hospital Methodology.

To qualify for the distinction, hospitals must rank top among peers on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which assesses hospital performance on the highest standards for quality and patient safety, and achieve top performance in their category. The full list of institutions honored as 2024 Top Hospitals can be seen at [leapfroggroup.org/ratings-reports/top-hospitals](https://leapfroggroup.org/ratings-reports/top-hospitals).

Sutter Davis Hospital offers a technologically advanced acute-care hospital, outpatient services and community outreach



**Sutter Davis Hospital offers a technologically advanced acute-care hospital, outpatient services and community outreach programs.** Photo courtesy of Sutter Health

programs. The 94,000-square-foot hospital and its programs provide care and support to the residents of Davis, Dixon, Winters, Woodland, West Sacramento, Vacaville and rural communities throughout Yolo and Eastern Solano counties.

Opened in 1994 and designed with the future in mind, Sutter Davis Hospital maintains the technical flexibility necessary to be on the leading edge of healthcare. It is a Baby-Friendly Hospital with a state-of-the-art birth center.

## Yolo County Library Continues Reading Program in 2025

### Yolo County News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - The Yolo County Library has a New Year’s resolution for you: Read more in 2025! Starting Jan 1, the Library will continue its yearlong reading program, 52: A Yearlong Reading Journey. Reading is more than a habit – it’s a state of mind.

This year, the 52 Reading Program invites participants to embark on a literary journey across the country, with a challenge to read a book connected to each of the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C.

“We’re thrilled to offer this exciting program again in 2025, as it provides a

unique opportunity for our community to explore the diverse stories and cultures that make up our country,” said Diana Lopez, Yolo County librarian. “Whether through fiction, history, or memoir, each book brings a new perspective, and we can’t wait to see how our readers will engage with this year’s challenge.”

Join 52: A Yearlong Reading Journey to discover the unique stories, cultures, and landscapes that shape our nation, one book at a time.

Pick up a 52 checklist at your local library branch or sign up on Beanstack to join the program digitally. Beanstack is a web and mobile app used to

track independent reading time and help build a culture of reading in school and at home. Beanstack is available on mobile devices through the Apple Store, Google Play, or can be accessed by web browser at [yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](https://yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org/reader365).

52: A Yearlong Reading Journey is free and sponsored by the Yolo County Library Foundation and the various Friends of the Library groups. For more information or to sign up, visit your local Yolo County Library branch or at [yolocountylibrary.org/ycl52](https://yolocountylibrary.org/ycl52). Connect with Yolo County Library on Facebook and Instagram at [@yolocountylibrary](https://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary)

## Make It Happen for Yolo County Receives \$9,500 From Giving Program

*Gift will help local transition age youth live independently*

### Kristin Thebaud Communications News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - The Union Pacific Railroad Community Ties Giving Program has granted \$9,500 to local nonprofit Make It Happen for Yolo County to provide underserved youth in Yolo County who are transitioning into independent living with furniture, household goods and resources to furnish their first apartment or home.

“Union Pacific has become one of our most steadfast donors, and we are grateful to them for recognizing the important issue of furniture poverty for our community’s most resilient youth,” said Cathi Schmidt, executive director, Make It Happen for Yolo County. “As the number of youth we serve continues to rise, this grant from Union Pacific will help us fill that gap so all of our clients can experience a fully furnished

apartment while working toward their academic and career goals.”

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Make It Happen for Yolo County serves local transition age youth ages 18 to 24, many of whom have been in foster care or experienced homelessness. The nonprofit receives furniture donations from the community and purchases new appliances and household items to help youth involved with the Yolo County child welfare, mental health and probation divisions, as well as the UC Davis Guardian Scholars program and other local nonprofits. Since its founding in 2014, Make It Happen for Yolo County has helped more than 250 transition age youth. To make a financial or furniture donation, visit [www.MIHYOlo.org](https://www.MIHYOlo.org).

“Local grants have the power to create meaningful change within the communities our tracks touch,” said Beth

Whited, president, Union Pacific and Union Pacific Foundation. “We are proud to partner with nonprofit organizations who are making an impact on the future – creating safer places for children and families; bringing economic prosperity to communities; building vibrant, inclusive areas for people to thrive; and instilling sustainable practices.”

For more than 160 years, Union Pacific has been committed to Building America – serving as an economic engine and improving the standard of life for millions across the country. Building upon this heritage, the Union Pacific Community Ties Giving Program’s mission is to build safe, prosperous, vibrant and inclusive communities by investing in high-quality nonprofits and programs in the cities and towns in which Union Pacific operates and its employees live and work. For more information, visit [www.up.com/communities](https://www.up.com/communities).

## Yolo County Elections Partners with Civera to Help Citizens Search Past Election Results

### Yolo County Elections Office News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - The Yolo County Elections Office is pleased to announce the launch of a new online tool that citizens can use to access detailed past election results, back to 1997.

The searchable tool contains precinct-level results for both candidate contests and ballot questions and can be viewed at <https://electionstats.ace.yolocounty.gov/eng/>.

Civera creates cutting-edge civic technology that unlocks historical election data and streamlines the work of election

administrators. The Elections Office worked closely with Civera to create an ElectionStats portal ideally suited to the needs and conventions of Yolo County.

The portal is separate from the County’s election management system and residents can expect to see results from the latest election posted to the platform within weeks of the final certification date. The Nov. 5, 2024, General Election data is available now on the ElectionStats portal.

“Whether you are a student, potential candidate for public office, media or voter, you can now use our ElectionStats to search past

election results more easily. We hope residents find this database helpful as we continue our mission to provide secure, transparent, and accessibly accurate elections,” said Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters.

The Yolo County Elections Office encourages residents to connect with Yolo County ACE – Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections on Facebook: [@YoloACE](https://www.facebook.com/YoloACE), Instagram: [@YoloCoACE](https://www.instagram.com/YoloCoACE), Threads: [@YoloCoACE](https://www.threads.net/@YoloCoACE), YouTube: [@YoloCountyACE](https://www.youtube.com/YoloCountyACE), TikTok: [@yolocoace](https://www.tiktok.com/@yolocoace) and X: [@YoloCoACE](https://twitter.com/YoloCoACE) to receive the most up to date information.

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# A California Child Tested Positive for Bird Flu



A flock of geese takes off on a flooded-out field at the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge on Nov. 1, 2023. A strain of bird flu circulating in California has infected thousands of cattle and several dozen people. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

By **Kristen Hwang**,  
**CALMatters.org**

An Alameda County child with mild upper respiratory symptoms tested positive for bird flu, state public health officials announced on Nov. 19. The potential infection is the first known case in California that does not appear to have originated from contact with infected cattle.

State health officials are waiting for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to confirm the test result, as of press time.

Public health investigators suspect the infection may have originated from wild birds, which are the main carriers of bird flu, according to a statement from the California Department of Public Health. The agency did not disclose information describing the child’s interactions with wildlife.

The child displayed mild respiratory symptoms and tested positive for multiple viruses, according to Austin Wingate, a spokesperson for the Alameda County health department.

Doctors did not initially suspect bird flu. Officials detected

it through routine influenza subtyping, Wingate said. Family members tested negative for bird flu, but they had other viruses.

Officials are working to notify and test close contacts of the child, which include individuals at a daycare the child attended.

“We want to reinforce for parents, caregivers and families that based on the information and data we have, we don’t think the child was infectious – and no human-to-human spread of bird flu has been documented in any country for more than 15 years,” said state Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás Aragón.

Aragón emphasized the risk to the general public remains low. People can become infected through close contact with infected animals, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Dairy and poultry workers and people who work with wildlife face the greatest risk of contracting the virus.

Some infectious disease experts are concerned about what this case could signal about the wider bird flu outbreak sweeping the country, which started in 2022.

“We’re seeing the numbers go up, the number of infected farms, the number of farm workers, we now have this child. All of these signs to me suggest that things are going in the wrong direction, not the right direction,” said Sam Scarpino, an epidemiologist with Northeastern University in Boston who is not involved in the California disease investigation.

**Cases spreading in Central Valley dairies**

The case comes as California grapples with the country’s largest bird flu outbreak among cattle and farmworkers. There are 26 confirmed human cases of bird flu primarily in the Central Valley where the virus has swept through 335 herds, according to state health and agriculture officials. Workers in the dairy industry have contracted the virus through close contact with infected cows.

The state health department has distributed more than 3 million pieces of personal protective equipment to farmworkers. It has also secured 5,000 doses of the seasonal flu vaccine for farmworkers from the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention.

The federal government has a small stockpile of bird flu vaccines, but they have not been distributed. Instead, health officials encourage people to get vaccinated for influenza, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus to help prevent co-infections like the child had.

“We want to make sure in general that we promote people getting up to date on vaccines and protecting themselves from seasonal illness, from seasonal flu,” said Dr. Erica Pan, the state’s top epidemiologist, in a previous interview with CalMatters.

Scarpino said California has done a good job of testing farmworkers compared to other states where sick cattle have infected humans, contributing to its relatively high number of confirmed cases, but surveillance efforts across the board need to be increased.

As seasonal flu rates increase, it will become harder for public health laboratories to detect rare viruses, such as H5N1, the bird flu, Scarpino said.

**Bird Flu Present in California Sewage**

The bird flu virus has appeared in 17 wastewater systems in California, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Positive detections appear primarily in Northern California, including in Alameda, San Francisco, Sonoma, Contra Costa and Sacramento. Wastewater surveillance cannot determine the source of the virus, but infections among wild waterfowl can contribute to its presence.

Maurice Pitesky, a researcher at UC Davis who studies bird flu in waterfowl, said it’s rare for the virus to jump from birds to humans but it has happened before. The virus is endemic among wild birds, Pitesky said, and has also been detected in other mammals in California, including bobcats, skunks and mountain lions.

“As the virus further evolves within a mammalian host — whether it’s dairy cows or felines or all the species that it has affected — it will continue to adapt,” Pitesky said. “As it adapts more and more, it has more potential to cause even more problems.” ★

# Bird Flu: What Residents Need to Know

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to bird flu. We monitor infection data, evolving science, and the people affected. Our knowledge will change as we learn more. We are committed to reducing the impact to those at highest risk.

**Confirmed Human Cases**

As of Dec. 20, there are 36 confirmed cases of bird flu in humans. In 35 of

those cases, the exposure source was determined to be cattle.

**California’s Response**

On Dec. 18, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to strengthen California’s robust response to bird flu. California Department of Public Health is working with local, state and federal partners to monitor bird flu in farm

animals and people who work closely with poultry and dairy cows.

California has distributed protective gear to dairy farms and workers. People who work with infected dairy cows or raw milk should use protective gear to reduce the risk of getting bird flu.

Public health leaders are helping ensure

individuals with symptoms of bird flu have access to testing and treatment, if needed. California has received 5,000 additional seasonal flu vaccines for people who work with dairy cows in the Central Valley. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against serious illness from seasonal flu and may reduce the chance of human and bird flu viruses mixing and becoming more dangerous.

Updated flu and COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for everyone 6 months and older. Visit [www. https://myturn.ca.gov/](https://myturn.ca.gov/) to schedule your appointment today.

**What is Bird Flu?**

Bird flu, also known as avian influenza A (H5N1) or highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), is caused by a virus that can cause serious illness and death in birds and mammals. Human infections with bird flu viruses are rare, but they can happen when the virus gets into a person’s eyes, nose, mouth, or when inhaled.

**What are the symptoms of bird flu in humans?**

Bird flu symptoms include eye redness or discharge, headaches, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, diarrhea,

vomiting, muscle or body aches, fatigue, trouble breathing, fever (100 degrees F or higher), pneumonia and seizures. Symptoms can be serious and lead to death.

**Who is at higher risk of getting bird flu?**

You are at higher risk if you work with or are around poultry, dairy cows, alpacas, wildlife or raw (unpasteurized) milk. This includes any contact with animal fluids, feces, or feathers.

**How does bird flu spread?**

It spreads from sick cows, birds, or other infected animals to people by breathing in dust or droplets with the virus. Splashing raw milk from an infected cow in your eyes, nose or mouth. Touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands after touching raw milk, cow or bird feces, or other contaminated items or surfaces. Handling sick or dead animals infected with the virus. Drinking raw milk.

**How do I avoid getting bird flu?**

Avoid contact with infected animals. Avoid direct contact with birds and other animals that could be infected with bird flu. Wild birds can be infected with bird flu even if they don’t

look sick.

Get the seasonal flu vaccine. California Department of Public Health recommends that all Californians, especially workers at risk for exposure to bird flu, receive a seasonal flu vaccine. While the seasonal flu vaccine will not protect against bird flu, getting vaccinated can lower the risk of being infected with both seasonal flu and bird flu at the same time. Getting vaccinated also reduces the chance of severe illness from seasonal flu.

Only consume pasteurized dairy products. The bird flu virus can be present in raw, unpasteurized milk. Unpasteurized milk may contain other germs that can make you sick. Do not touch or consume raw milk or raw milk products. Pasteurized milk and dairy foods are safe to eat.

**What if I get bird flu?**

Tell your employer right away. Contact your local public health department right away to arrange for testing and treatment. Tell them you may have been exposed to bird flu. Visit the California Department of Public Health website at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/> for additional information. ★

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# Social Security Matters

## Have I Saved Social Security Money by Claiming at 62?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I had to start collecting Social Security at 62, and I am 75 now. I believe that in the last 13 years I have saved Social Security money, so I do not know why I cannot draw my full benefits now.

If I had started drawing at 65 at \$1,200 per month, then I would have drawn \$16,400 per year. Instead, I got \$680 per month from 62 to 75, or \$8,160 per year, or about \$106,000 over 13 years. Compare that to the age 65 amount of \$14,400 per year for 10 years, which is \$144,000. So, by claiming at 62, at age 75 I have saved the government over \$38,000. It would make seniors lives so much easier if they could draw full Social Security at 75 years old, after getting only part of their SS. **Signed: Second-guessing**

**Dear Second-guessing:** The difference between benefits claimed at various ages causes many to reflect, as you have done, about what might have been had you waited longer to claim. But there is an error in your calculations. If your age 62 monthly benefit is \$680, your age 65 monthly benefit would have been about \$845, not \$1,200. Thus, at 75 you would have collected about \$101,400 by claiming at 65, vs. the \$106,000 you have received

by claiming at age 62. In other words, you still would not have broken even had you claimed at age 65.

Social Security says that it doesn't matter when you claim – they say that if you claim early your payments will be less, but you'll get more of them. Where SSA's argument falls apart is when life expectancy is longer. Our experience is that if you wait until your full retirement age (FRA) to claim (which is age 66 in your case), vs. claiming at age 62, you will collect the same amount of total money at about age 78. In other words, the "breakeven age" for waiting until FRA to claim is about 78. So, you will reach your personal "breakeven age" in about 2 ½ years (at age 78). And this is precisely why we encourage everyone to understand their life expectancy when deciding when to claim Social Security – those who expect to live longer will, indeed, get more SS money if they delay claiming.

Your benefit is determined by your age when you claim, and if you claim before your FRA your monthly amount is permanently reduced. If you claimed at age 62 and your monthly amount was \$680, then in the four years until you reached age 66 (your FRA) you would have received about \$32,640. If you had, instead, waited until your FRA to claim, your benefit at age 66 would have been about \$906/month. Collecting \$906/month (at 66) vs. \$680/month (at 62) would make your breakeven age about 78. If you claimed at age 65 instead of 62, your breakeven age would have been about a year earlier (77).

So, have you saved Social Security money? Up to this

point, you have not. Since you claimed at age 62, you have collected about \$680/month for 13 years until you were 75 (or about \$106,000). If you had waited until age 65 to claim you would have, instead, collected about \$101,400 – in other words you have received more, so far, by claiming at age 62. But that will change when you reach 77 (your breakeven age, had you claimed at 65). Starting at age 77, you will have received less in cumulative lifetime benefits because you claimed at age 62. Which, again, is why – at the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service – we encourage everyone to consider life expectancy when deciding when to take Social Security. Of course there are other factors too, not the least of which is financial need, but life expectancy is key. And since the benefit you get when you claim is permanent (except for annual Cost of Living Adjustments), deciding when to claim Social Security is a decision which affects a lifetime.

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# Community Calendar

## December

**Turner Library**, located at 1212 Merkley Avenue has the following events this week:

**Friday, Dec. 27:** English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Family movie on the big screen, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 28:** Bilingual Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Monday, Dec. 30:** Family story time. 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 31:** Hug-a-Bye Baby, 11 a.m. to noon. "Noon Year's Eve", 11:30 a.m. to noon – can't stay up until midnight? Ring in the new year a little early at this kid-friendly party featuring music, dance, crafts, sparkling juice, and a balloon drop at noon. Dressing up is strongly encouraged!

**Wednesday, Jan. 1:** Library closed in observance of New Year's Day.

**Thursday, Jan. 2:** "Hora de Cuentos" bilingual Spanish story time, 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Yoga at the Library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 3:** English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 4:** Bilingual Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

**West Sacramento Cub Scouts Pack 49** are now taking appointments for Christmas tree pick up and recycling. Do you take your tree down after Christmas Day? Pickups are available on December 28 and 29. Like to keep your tree up until after New Year's Day? Schedule a pickup on January 4 or 5. Email your name and address to: pack49trees@gmail.com to schedule.

**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 – January

**Friday, Jan. 10:** Kids Night Out, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue. Kids enjoy 3 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.wcs](https://westsacfun.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs) or in-person at the Community or Recreation Center. For more information, contact Lucy Ramos at [LucyR@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:LucyR@cityofwestsacramento.org)

**Saturday, Jan. 11:** Zumba Heroes versus Villains Dance Party, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue. Come dressed as your favorite hero or villain. There will be a costume contest and dance battle – bring your best moves! Youth and adults of all fitness levels are welcome. Registration in advance is required; tickets will not be sold at the door. Select this special event on the following website to register: [https://westsacfun.activityreg.com/selectactivity\\_t2.wcs](https://westsacfun.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs) or in-person at the Community or Recreation Center. For more information, contact Lucy Ramos at [LucyR@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:LucyR@cityofwestsacramento.org)

**Thursday, Jan. 23:** Yolo County Business Summit 8:30 a.m. to noon, Woodland Community Room, 25 N. Cottonwood Street, Woodland. This event, exclusively for Yolo County employers only, is sponsored by the Yolo County Workforce Innovation Board and presented by the California Employers' Association. Join this free, onsite, informative and engaging half-day summit with two impactful trainings by HR subject matter experts. It's also a great opportunity to network with your local,

professional peers and learn about resources available through Yolo County. For more information and to register, contact: <https://www.employers.org/events/onsite/yolo-county-business-summit-sponsored-by-yolo-county-workforce-innovation-board/01/23/2025/>

**Friday, Jan. 24:** 2025 Denim & Diamonds crab feed 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Old Sugar Mill, 35265 Willow Avenue, Clarksburg, benefiting Delta Elementary Charter School. There will be a silent auction, photo booth and DJ for dancing. A family-style dinner will be served and there will also be a VIP table option (must purchase whole table.) For more information or tickets, contact: <https://www.facebook.com/DECSfundraiser?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

**Saturday, Jan. 25:** American Legion Post 77 crab and prawn feed 5:30 p.m. no-host social hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Yolo County Fairgrounds, Waite Hall, 12520 E. Gum Avenue, Woodland. Proceeds benefit Legion baseball and other youth sports. For more information and tickets, call 530-908-3973.

## 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 Avenue. Seniors over age 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 [welcometo@monyolo.org](mailto:welcometo@monyolo.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](mailto:westsacramentopack49@gmail.com)

**Home Depot**, 690 Riverpoint Court, offers free in-person Kids Workshops on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, while supplies last. January 4 is the next workshop, to make a piggy bank. Registration required by using the following link: [https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/?click-id=WhA0I9WNqxyKTPw2A70VbTfEUK-CXoexNI1nJ1E0&irgwc=1&cm\\_mmc=afl-ir-10451-483420-](https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/?click-id=WhA0I9WNqxyKTPw2A70VbTfEUK-CXoexNI1nJ1E0&irgwc=1&cm_mmc=afl-ir-10451-483420-)

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

**The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE)** Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions at their West Sacramento Gardening Q&A Desk. It will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at Lowe's, 2250 Lake Washington Boulevard. This desk is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jennifer Baumbach at [jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu](mailto:jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu) or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, January 4.

**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 Avenue, 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> Due to the holidays, the next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

# Yolo Landfill Promotes Sustainability this Holiday Season

## Yolo County News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - From Dec. 26 through Jan. 15, Yolo County residents are welcome to recycle up to two holiday trees at no charge at the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL), located at 44090 County Road 28H in Woodland, and the Esparto Convenience Center, located at 27075 County Road 19A in Esparto. Tree-cycling turns holiday trees into a valuable, renewable, and recyclable resource as trees are biodegradable and will be sent to the county's state of the art composting facility to turn these trees back into organic matter. Residents should ensure that trees are free of all ornaments, flocking, tinsel, garland, and lights.

Residents are encouraged to give the gift of time to loved ones this year by assisting with the safe collection and disposal of hazardous waste. Help clean out a storage shed, garage or barn by bringing items such as batteries, bulbs, paints, and cleaners to our weekly household hazardous waste drop off event every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This program is offered at no charge to Yolo County residents and is conveniently located at the Yolo County Central Landfill. An overabundance of hazardous chemicals or old medications can lead to an unsafe home as well as can pose serious environmental risks if stored improperly. If you are assisting someone who

is elderly, please also take advantage of our free at home pickup program by calling (530) 666-8856 to schedule collection of hazardous waste at their doorstep. Residents who are 65 years of age or older, or residents with a disability may request this service at no charge year-round.

Millions of tons of electronic waste are generated every year around the holidays. If Santa is generous to you this year in upgrading your phone, tablet, or television, Yolo County Central Landfill is the place to come to responsibly offload your outdated models. Yolo County residents may recycle all electronic waste for free either by segregating all broken and inoperable devices into recycling totes or donating usable working electronics to the Big Blue Barn thrift store.

Make a resolution to minimize waste by bringing paper plates and paper napkins that can be composted in your curbside organics container. All food waste and food soiled paper can simply get tossed into one bin. Stop by a local thrift shop or ask friends and family to bring their own silverware to use for the holidays. As always, the blue bin is for recycling all your California Redemption Value (CRV) bottles and cans is a plus for the holiday festivities so that you can cash out in the New Year.

Both Yolo County Central Landfill and the Esparto Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Jan. 1 in

observance of Christmas and New Year's Day. All other services will be available to the public throughout the holidays including normal landfill operating hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Esparto Convenience Center will be open as normal every Wednesday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the Big Blue Barn will be open every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a 50% sale on Saturday, Jan. 18 to kick off the new year sustainably.

Additionally, due to the one-day closure of the landfill on Christmas and New Year's Day, Waste Management, Inc. services will be delayed one day. If your household's trash, recycling, or organics collection is typically picked up on Wednesdays, it will instead be picked up on Thursday during these two holiday weeks. Likewise, Thursday and Friday collection will also be delayed one day. For questions about your residential or commercial collection schedule, please contact Waste Management at (530) 662-8748.

Yolo County wants to thank everyone for taking the time to properly recycle, compost and dispose of your waste this holiday season. For more information on the various waste reduction programs offered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Integrated Waste Management, call (530) 666-8856 or visit [yolocounty.gov/landfill](http://yolocounty.gov/landfill)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240971

The following person(s) is doing business as: Jannette Hunt for WUSD School Board 2024, 3775 Industrial Boulevard 980121, West Sacramento, CA 95798. Mari Jannette Hunt, 3775 Industrial Boulevard 980121, West Sacramento, CA 95798. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 26, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/20/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024  
HUNT 12-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240984

The following person(s) is doing business as: Empire Specialties, 3701 Parkway Place, Suite A, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Polvera Drywall of Riverside Corp, 8315 Miralani Drive, San Diego, CA 92126. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 19, 2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/26/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025  
EMPIRE 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240951

The following person(s) is doing business as: Aegean Investment Team (AIT), 9 Main Street, Woodland CA 95695. Theofilos Fkiasas, Emmanuel Vasiliou, and Spiros Moulats, 7172 McKean Court, San Jose, CA 95120. This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 1999

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/14/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025  
AEGEAN 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240980

The following person(s) is doing business as: ACTIVE OASIS CARE HOME, 442 YOUNG DR, WINTERS, CA 95694, County of YOLO

ACTIVE OASIS LLC, 649 PERIWINKLE DR, VACAVILLE, CA 95687

This business is conducted by LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

/s/ MA MOSQUEDA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/22/2024.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: KQUAM, Deputy  
12/13, 12/20, 12/27/24, 1/3/25

CNS-3875709#  
NEWS-LEDGER 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240993

The following person(s) is doing business as: Luminoso Power, 104 Hedy Lane, Davis, CA 95618.

Lorenzo A Guzman, 104 Hedy Lane, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 5, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/05/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
LUMINOSO 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240974

The following person(s) is doing business as: Sacramento Signature Services, 2874 Pitzer Circle, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Veronica Serrato, 2874 Pitzer Circle, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/20/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
SIGNATURE 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240988

The following person(s) is doing business as: WHPLSH MEDIA, 2212 SIMPSON ST, WOODLAND, CA 95776, County of YOLO.

THE CRUCIAL CO. LLC, 2212 SIMPSON STREET, WOODLAND, CA 95776

This business is conducted by LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (SUBMIT ARTICLES OR ORGANIZATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE).

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/14/2024

/s/ MICHAEL BYRNE, MANAGER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/02/2024.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: KQUAM, Deputy  
12/20, 12/27/24, 1/3, 1/10/25  
CNS-3878119#  
NEWS-LEDGER 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20241020

The following person(s) is doing business as: Embarc Woodland/Embarc Dispensary/Embarc Woodland Dispensary/Embarc Woodland Cannabis Dispensary, 825 East Street, Suite 102 & 103, Woodland, CA 95776.

Woodland Responsible and Compliant Retail LLC, 1616 Webster Street, Alameda, CA 94501. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/13/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025  
EMBARC 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20241022

The following person(s) is doing business as: RTI, 3432 Kauai Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Raavi Transportation Inc, 3432 Kauai Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 28, 2016.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/13/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025  
RTI 1-17-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-3091

Hikmatullah Safi and Mahbooba Safi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Muhammad Sultan Safi to Sultan Safi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: March 29, 2023  
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
SAFI 1-10-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2024-2638

Amanda Raquel Laufer has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Amanda Raquel Laufer to Amanda Raquel Laufer-Valle.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: December 11, 2024  
Samuel T McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025  
LAUFER 1-17-25

LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to satisfy Extra Space's lien, by selling personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated.

19389 County Rd 102, Woodland,

CA,95776 on 1/8/25 @2pm: Jordan Pavan: Marcio Brito: Jeremiah Wilmot

1022 Gibson Rd, Woodland, CA,95695 on 1/8/25 @11am: Jennifer Allen

975 F St, West Sacramento, Ca, 95605 on 1/8/25 @11am: Julio Vertti

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.

12/27/24

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GILBERT EDWARD LOUIE AKA GILBERT E. LOUIE AKA GILBERT LOUIE CASE NO. PR2024-0278

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GILBERT EDWARD LOUIE AKA GILBERT E. LOUIE AKA GILBERT LOUIE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CENTRAL PACIFIC BANK in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CENTRAL PACIFIC BANK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/08/25 at 9:00AM in Dept. 14 located at 1000 MAIN STREET, WOODLAND, CA 95695

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): 23DR403312

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Janice Wilson Plaintiff, vs. Sean Wilson Defendant, TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiffs at 140 Stone Ridge Drive, Suite 430, Columbia, SC 29210 within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you. exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within that time, the Plaintiff shall apply to the Court for a judgement of Default against you for the relief demanded in the said Complaint.

The Plaintiff, Janice Wilson, complaining of the Defendant. Sean Wilson herein, would respectfully Show unto the Court that: 1. The Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of Richland County. South Carolina and has been so for more than one (1) year prior to the commencement of this action. 2. The Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Defendant, Sean Wilson, is a citizen of the state of California. 3. The Plaintiff and Defendant last lived as husband and wife in Richland County, South Carolina. 4. The parties do not have any children born from their union. 5. The Plaintiff and Defendant married on September 14, 1996 in the city of Columbia, Richland County, South Carolina. 6. The issues raised in this Complaint are within the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court pursuant to the South Carolina Code Section 20-7-420. 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes that South Carolina is the most convenient forum under the South Carolina Code Section 63-15-342. DIVORCE ON THE GROUNDS OF DESERTION/ABANDONMENT 8. Plaintiff repeats her previous allegations. 9. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant deserted the marital home in March of 2003. 10. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant moved into his father's home and left me and my biological children in our marital home alone. I was not in agreement with this separation. 11. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant was unsatisfied with his weight gain throughout the years of their marriage; and wanted to pay for weight loss surgery and stop paying bills in the marital home; including the mortgage for the marital home. 12. Plaintiff alleges that due to Defendant's actions, me and my children became homeless. Me and my children had to separate and live with my family members, until I was able to afford and find a home in which we could all stay together. 13. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant never returned to the marriage and did not try to assist her after the marital home was lost. 14. Plaintiff is informed and believes that she is entitled to an Order from this Court granting her a divorce on the statutory ground of desertion. DIVORCE ON THE GROUNDS OF LIVING SEPARATE AND APART, CONTINUOUSLY, FOR ONE YEAR 15. Plaintiff repeats her previous allegations. 16. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant left the marital home in March of 2003. 17. Plaintiff alleges that she and the Defendant have not cohabitated continuously for more than one year.18. Plaintiff is informed and believes that she is entitled to an Order from this Court granting her a divorce on the statutory ground of Living Separate and Apart, Continuously, for One Year. SEPARATE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE 19. Plaintiff reiterates the allegations above. 20. Plaintiff alleges that due to Defendant's actions the parties are no longer living together as husband as wife. 21. Plaintiff is informed and believes that she is entitled to an Order from this Court requiring Defendant to pay alimony in amounts to be determined at the discretion of the Court. EQUITABLE APPORTIONMENT 23. During the course of this marriage, the parties have accumulated some assets. In addition, the parties

have incurred certain debts. Both Plaintiff and Defendant have contributed, both directly and indirectly, to the acquisition of marital property; including retirement accounts. Plaintiff is informed and believes that she is entitled to an Order of the Court Equitably apportioning the marital assets and debts in accordance with applicable law. 24. Plaintiff requests an Order of this Court enjoining either party from destroying, liquidating or disposing of any marital assets, including but not limited to real or personal property, bank account, retirement accounts, etc. RESTRAINING ORDER 25. Plaintiff requests an Order of this Court enjoining the Defendant from harassing, molesting, or interfering with her life and from interposing any restraints upon her personal liberty. ATTORNEY FEES and COSTS 1.Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Defendant's conduct necessitated this action and requests that the Defendant be required to reimburse the Plaintiff's attorney's fees, court costs, and/or any other costs associated with this action. NO RECONCILIATION, FRAUD OR COLLUSION 27. There is no possibility of reconciliation. 28. There is no fraud or collusion between the parties for the purposes of obtaining relief requested in this action. This action is brought in good faith. 29. Plaintiff is informed and believes that he is entitled to reasonable discovery pursuant to the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Family Court. PRAYER for RELIEF WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for an Order of this Court, temporarily and permanently: 1. Awarding Plaintiff an absolute divorce from Defendant on the statutory grounds of desertion/ abandonment; 2. Alternatively, awarding Plaintiff an absolute divorce from Defendant on the statutory grounds of living separate and apart, continuously, for one year; 3. Alternative; granting Plaintiff a decree of Separate Support and Maintenance; 4. Establishing an appropriate amount of spousal support/alimony for Defendant to pay Plaintiff; 5. Awarding an equitable apportioning all other marital property and debt, including retirement accounts; 6. Requiring Defendant to pay Plaintiff's attorney's fees and costs; 7. A restraining order enjoining Defendant from harassing, molesting, or interfering with him and from interposing any restraints upon his personal liberties, temporarily and permanently; 8. Ordering both parties at all times hereafter to keep each other informed of their respective home telephone numbers and street and mailing addresses, temporarily and permanently; 9. Authorizing and allowing the parties to engage in pre-trial discovery as authorized by the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and South Carolina Rules of Family Court; 10. Any other and further relief as this Court Deems just and proper. Wendy M. Bowen #71742, Bowen Law Firm, LLC 140 Stone Ridge Drive, Suite 430, Columbia, SC 29210; (855) 523-9377(telephone); BowenLawFirm@SCLadyEsq.com  
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
WILSON 1-10-25

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 2024-00216 APN: 045-673-011-000 Property Address: 3329 Aruba Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALEYOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/7/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings 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

NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with California Commercial Code Sections 7209 and 7210 and California Civil Code Section 798.56a, the mobilehome described as a 1972 Fleetwood/Festival Mobilehome, Decal No. AAD7939, Serial No. 2760, located at 417 Westacre Road, Space No. 14, West Sacramento, CA 95691, will be sold at public auction at 11:00 a.m. on January 8, 2025 at Park West Mobile Home Park, 417 Westacre Road, Space No. 14, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The parties believed to claim an interest, Estate of Linda Ronquillo and Estate of Frank Ronquillo, have been given notice and the time specified for payment in the notice has expired. The undersigned is entitled to a warehouse lien against said mobilehome to satisfy the lien, storage and other related charged incurred including reasonable charges of notice, advertisement and sale. Estate of Linda Ronquillo, Estate of Frank Ronquillo, Registered Owner, Legal Owners, Interested Parties, please take further notice that, in order to prevent the mobilehome from being sold at the noticed sale, the following amount must be paid prior to the sale: the current total claim as of December 20, 2024 is \$3,897.92 and shall increase by the amount of \$26.39 per day for each day after December 20, 2024, until the date of sale, as well as any additional lien sale costs incurred shall be added to this amount as provided in the Commercial Code. Bidders are required to show proof of cashier's check(s)/money order(s) in an amount equal to the claim to date amount prior to bidding. The purchaser of the home may be responsible for paying unpaid taxes, fees, liens or other charges owed to the State of California and/or other governmental entities. Please note that the sale may be cancelled at any time, up to and including the time of the sale. Caitlyn De La Torre, 3511 Del Paso Road, Suite 160, Room 147, Sacramento, California 95835 (916) 432-3298, Authorized Agent for Park West MH Park, LLC

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 15, 2025

The West Sacramento City Council will meet on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to attend in person, watch the meeting Livestream, or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on January 15, 2025.

To submit a comment in writing, please email [jenniferc@cityofwestsacrmanneto.org](mailto:jenniferc@cityofwestsacrmanneto.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 City Council and posted on the City's website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

7:00 p.m.  
REGULAR AGENDA

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

The item is a public hearing and consideration of first reading 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 and the former Old Town Inn site. CEQA: 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.

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Foreign-Trade Zone 143; Application for Subzone; Robert Bosch Semiconductor LLC; Roseville, California

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Sacramento-Yolo Port District, grantee of FTZ 143, requesting subzone status for the facility of Robert Bosch \ Semiconductor LLC, located in Roseville, California. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on December 10, 2024.

The proposed subzone (16.22 acres) is located at 7501 Foothills Blvd., Roseville, California. A notification of proposed production activity has been submitted and is being processed under 15 CFR 400.37 (Doc. B-54-2024). The proposed subzone would be subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 143.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Qahira El-Amin of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to review the application and make recommendations to the Executive Secretary.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: [ftz@trade.gov](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is January 27, 2025. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted through February 10, 2025.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the "Online FTZ Information Section" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Qahira El-Amin at [Qahira.El-Amin@trade.gov](mailto:Qahira.El-Amin@trade.gov).

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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: 12/16/2024 Sokolof Remtulla2301 Dupont Drive, Suite 505Irvine, CA 92614Sale Line: 866-266-7512 Kassidy O'Neal, Foreclosure Specialist EPP 42056 Pub Dates 12/27, 01/03, 01/10/2025 NEWS LEDGER 1-10-25



# Laws are Changing in 2025

*Continued from page 1* burglary laws. Under the new law, prosecutors no longer need to prove that a vehicle was locked in order to charge someone with burglary. Instead, they only need to show that forcible entry occurred. The change is expected to make it easier for victims of car break-ins to pursue legal action, with felony convictions carrying penalties ranging from 16 months to three years.

## EMPLOYMENT LAWS

A statewide minimum wage increase will take effect on Jan. 1, raising the rate to \$16.50 per hour for all employees, regardless of company size. This adjustment is based on a cost-of-living provision built into California's minimum wage law.

Senate Bill 1100 prohibits employers from requiring a valid driver's license for job applicants unless driving is a core function of the role. Employers must also demonstrate that using alternative transportation would not be comparable in travel time or cost.

## HOUSING LAWS

Assembly Bill 2347 introduces stronger protections for renters by extending the timeline for tenants to respond to eviction notices. Under the new law, tenants will have 10 business days, up from the previous five-day deadline,

to contest an eviction.

Starting in April, Senate Bill 611 will provide additional protections for renters in California by prohibiting landlords from charging tenants a fee for paying their rent or security deposit by check. In addition, landlords will be required to provide a written statement to tenants if they charge a security deposit that exceeds the standard amount.

## CRIME

Senate Bill 1414 introduces stricter penalties for individuals convicted of soliciting a minor for sex. The law raises the crime of soliciting or buying sex from minors under 16 from a misdemeanor to a felony, carrying more severe legal consequences. If the person solicited is under 16, or under 18 and a victim of human trafficking, the offense could be punishable by jail time of up to a year and a fine of up to \$10,000 or a prison sentence ranging from 16 months to three years. For repeat offenders, the penalties are harsher, with mandatory felony charges and a prison sentence of 16 months to three years.

## EDUCATION

In the education sector, Assembly Bill 1780 prohibits private nonprofit universities in California from considering legacy status in admissions. The ban, effective in September 2025, means that ties to donors or

alumni will no longer play a role in college admissions decisions

## CONSUMER PROTECTION

In a move aimed at consumer protection, Assembly Bill 2863 will require companies offering auto-renewal services to provide customers with an easy option to cancel subscriptions. Starting July 1, 2025, consumers will be able to cancel their subscriptions by the same method they used to sign up

## HEALTH

A major update in healthcare comes with Senate Bill 729, which mandates that health insurance plans cover the diagnosis and treatment of infertility, including in vitro fertilization (IVF), starting July 1, 2025.

Senate Bill 1061 will protect consumers by prohibiting credit reporting agencies from including medical debt on their credit reports, ensuring that such debt cannot negatively impact individuals' credit scores.

Assembly Bills 1817 and 2771 will ban the use of harmful chemicals known as PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in clothing, textiles and cosmetics sold in California. These chemicals, which have been linked to serious health issues such as liver damage, thyroid disease, reproductive problems and cancer, will no longer be allowed in products. ★

# Officials Stand United to Enforce Prop. 36 Laws

## Yolo County District Attorney News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Dec. 18, 2024, California Proposition 36 went into effect. Prop. 36, which was resoundingly passed by the voters of the State of California on Nov. 5, restores public safety tools that were removed when California Prop. 47 passed in 2014.

Yolo County law enforcement officials stand united to immediately enforce the laws that were amended or created by Prop. 36. Among the key provisions are: mandated treatment for individuals who are charged with their third drug possession offense; elevate theft offenses to felonies after a second conviction; aggregating multiple thefts to meet the felony threshold amount

of \$950; and advising convicted drug dealers that if they continue to sell drugs and someone dies, they can be charged with murder. Voters in every single California county passed Prop. 36 and, in doing so, it restored the ability to achieve the objective of holding people accountable for their actions and mandating services to those who are severely addicted or mentally ill. ★

PROPOSITION 36  
EFFECTIVE 12/18/24

- Mandated drug/mental health treatment
- Tougher penalties for retail thieves
- Increased tools to hold drug dealers accountable

# Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



## ARREST REPORTS

**Rodrigo Emanuele Garcia**, 25, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 13 by West Sacramento Police on Riverpoint Court for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Emilia Angelica Venegas-Werly**, 22, was arrested Saturday, Nov. 16 by West Sacramento Police on Riverpoint Court for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Patricia Ann McClune**, 45, was arrested Monday, Nov. 25 by West Sacramento Police on Riverpoint Court for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Jaylon Antonio Armenta**, 22, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 4 by West Sacramento Police on Riverpoint Court for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Shelley Neville O'Neill**, 58, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 5 by West Sacramento Police on Riverpoint Court for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Ramon Rodriguez Lopez**, 38, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 7 by West Sacramento Police for bench warrant / failure to appear on felony and misdemeanor charges. Subject was picked up from Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center (RCCC) on local warrants and transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Isaiah Anthony Medina-Torres**, 23, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 8 by West Sacramento Police on Riverpoint Court for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Maria Perez**, 55 was arrested Sunday, Dec. 8 by West Sacramento Police on Riverpoint Court for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Jessi Iverson**, 31, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 8 by West Sacramento Police on Riverpoint Court for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Lamar Jamaine Minor**, 49, was arrested Monday, Dec. 9 by West Sacramento Police on Riverpoint Court for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Philip Alexander Norris**, 31, was arrested Monday, Dec. 9 in Sonoma County by Cotati Police for driving while under the combined influence of drugs and alcohol.

**Stephanie Anne Goings**, 54, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 10 by West Sacramento Police on Riverpoint Court for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Daryl Irving Scott**, 33, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 11 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for DUI alcohol and blood alcohol concentration >.08. Officer on patrol observed the suspect vehicle fail to stop at a red light. Officer followed the suspect vehicle and initiated an enforcement stop. Officer contacted the driver and observed signs and symptoms of alcohol intoxication. Driver submitted to field sobriety tests and was arrested for DUI and transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Todd Stacey Pruitt**, 57, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 11 at West Capitol Avenue and Westacre Road by West Sacramento Police for bench warrant / failure to appear on misdemeanor charge. The officer conducted a bicycle stop for a suspect riding their bicycle on the sidewalk. An all-systems check on the suspect found the outstanding misdemeanor no-bail warrant out of Kings County.

**Joshua Rosavel Martinez**, 29, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 11 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. The officer was responding to a report of shoplifting at a retail store on West Capitol and observed a male matching the description of the suspect, who was detained and identified without incident. After being detained, the suspect informed the officer he stole several items from the store. The manager of the store stated Martinez placed multiple items into plastic bags and passed all points of sale without paying for the merchandise. The manager positively identified Martinez as the subject who stole the merchandise. The manager signed a citizen's arrest and Martinez was cited and released from the scene with a notice to appear. Value of loss was \$41.57.

**Tasi F. Graff**, 34, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 12 in El Dorado County by El Dorado County Sheriff for being intoxicated in public.

**Michael A. Furiani**, 34, was arrested Friday, Dec. 13 in Riverside County by Riverside County / Southwest DC Sheriff for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of ammunition.

**Jennifer Williamson**, 45, was arrested Friday, Dec. 13 on Rubicon Way by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct / loitering on private property and trespassing. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Jeremy Anderson Owings**, 23, was arrested Friday, Dec. 13 in Sacramento County by Sacramento County Sheriff for warrants or holds only.

**Joseph Keikelani Denby**, 37, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 14 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for bench warrants on multiple misdemeanor charges. Officer responded to a retail store regarding a shoplifting incident and the suspect was detained in the Loss Prevention office by employees, who identified the suspect as a repeat offender. Denby identified himself and advised he was on probation and officer confirmed outstanding bench warrants. Denby was placed under arrest and booked into Yolo County Jail.

**Robert Travis Lozano**, 44, was arrested Monday, Dec. 16 in Sacramento County by Folsom Police for shoplifting less than \$950.

**Dominic Kalvin Ross**, 39, was arrested Monday Dec. 16 in Placer County by Placer County Sheriff for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a narcotic controlled substance, burglary, possession of burglar's tools, possession of drug paraphernalia, shoplifting less than \$950 and warrants or holds only.

**Felix Ramos**, 43, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 3rd and W Streets in Sacramento by Sacramento County Sheriff for possession of a controlled substance and taking a vehicle without the owner's consent.

**De'Arra Jones**, 30, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 18 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Phillip Edwards**, 32, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 19 in Sacramento County by Sacramento County Sheriff for warrants or holds only.

## INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

**Tuesday, Nov. 26** – victim reported grand theft of dog food and pet supplies from trailers parked at a commercial / office building located on Seaport Boulevard. Loss estimated at \$6,726.

**Monday, Dec. 9** – unknown suspects entered private property at a residential facility on Orchard Way and left furniture and trash on the property. A dumpster lock was also damaged or destroyed. Charges of vandalism: damage to property and illegal dumping on private property were filed. Damage estimated at \$300.

**Wednesday, Dec. 11** – victim reports three male suspects damaged her property and apartment building property on 5th Street. Loss estimated at \$30.

**Wednesday, Dec. 11** – victim reported a commercial burglary at a commercial / office building on Ramco Street. Loss estimated at \$5.

**Thursday, Dec. 12** – officers responded to a call for service regarding a residential burglary on Jasmine Avenue. Loss estimated at \$10,000.

**Friday, Dec. 13** – victim reports unauthorized use of their credit card and wants to press charges against the suspect, victim's former boyfriend. Loss estimated at \$423.

**Saturday, Dec. 14** – victim reports a vehicle burglary at a motel on Evergreen Avenue. Loss estimated at \$640.

**Saturday, Dec. 14** – victim reports power tools taken from a residence on Glide Avenue and wants to press charges. Victim's friend provided information on an acquaintance suspected of the theft. Loss estimated at \$2,200.

**Sunday, Dec. 15** – victim reports grand theft of bathroom tile from a pawn shop on West Capitol Avenue. Loss estimated at \$4,000.

**Sunday, Dec. 15** – victim reports an attempted vehicle burglary at a parking lot / garage on West Capitol Avenue, loss estimated at \$15.

**Tuesday, Dec. 17** – a retail store on West Capitol Avenue reported a suspect took items from the store without paying for them. Loss estimated at \$105.

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Nicholas “Cole” Claus always loved Christmas until his dad made it all about publicity and marketing. Now, he will do anything to escape his upcoming reign as Sa ta. As heir to Christmas, Nicholas is betrothed to Iris, the Ester Princess, and his brother's crush, making the whole situation even more of a nightmare.

Then Cole’s rival arrives to challenge his hand in marriage to Iris, throwing him into the path of the Prince of Halloween, Hex. As a fake competition ensues, everything becomes a mess, opening the door to a swoony rom-com of emotions. With new feelings, fake competitions, and a marriage of convenience, this rom-com becomes a whimsical, fun, romantic romp.

Halloween and Christmas collide in this fun holiday mash-up, combining off-limits romance, magic, fantasy, and holiday royalty. The Nightmare Before Kissmass was an instant viral sensation combining The Nightmare Before Christmas along with the popular book Red, White, & Royal Blue and is sure to bring some holiday cheer and steamy romance.

### You Better Watch Out A Thriller

by James S. Murray and Darren Wearmouth, St. Martins’ Press

Just when you think Christmas is safe-think ag in. It’s 48 hours until Christmas, but Jessica, along with a group of strangers, will find themselves in a terrifying predicament. Trapped in an unknown deserted town, six strangers will fight for their lives. Not sure how any of them got there. Jessica knows one thing for sure: she must find a way out. With a serial killer on the loose and their lives in the balance, Jessica quickly learns this Christmas could be a true Silent Night.

From the minds of two internationally best-selling authors, James S. Murray—“Murr” from Impractical Jokes and International author Darren Wearmouth, comes a terrifying read just in time for the Holidays. A storyline that makes sure readers know why each character has been abducted, combined with scenes from the killer’s POV, makes for a truly chilling and atmospheric read. With this book’s frightening tone and creepy vibes, readers will find the perfect holiday escape that will keep them up late.



# Riley Reviews

## “JUROR #2” DELIGHTS WITH NARRATIVE TWISTS OF COURTROOM DRAMA

### A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

**“JUROR #2” Rated PG-13**

Courtroom dramas have the ability to be riveting entertainment that capture one’s rapt attention for every possible twist and turn during heightened moments of revealing developments.

Classic films, like “To Kill a Mockingbird” with Henry Fonda defending a black man against a false rape charge in small-town Alabama in 1932 or “Witness for the Prosecution” with Charles Laughton defending Tyrone Power accused of murder, have produced enthralling courtroom dramas.

None of the many films in the genre may surpass the spellbinding allure of Sidney Lumet’s classic 1957 legal drama “12 Angry Men,” where a dozen men in a New York City murder trial deliberate on the fate of a teenager accused of killing his abusive father.

As Juror #8, Henry Fonda is the only one who initially questions the evidence and resists an immediate rush to judgment and wants to have discussion on the case because he has a feeling of reasonable doubt.

Without a long, torturous summation of the path to the eventual outcome, it should be noted that “12 Angry Men,” with its excellent cast of notable actors and nominated for an Academy Award Best Picture, is arguably the best legal drama of all time.

Well into his tenth decade, Clint Eastwood is an institution all to himself in a long career as actor, director and producer, most recently starring in 2021’s “Cry Macho.” His likely final directorial effort may be “Juror #2,” which seems largely inspired by “12 Angry Men.”

In Sidney Lumet’s film, an honorable man stands unaided by his fellow jurors to not reach a hasty verdict. The similar situation in “Juror #2” hinges less on ethical qualms and more on muddled moral grounds.

The titular character turns out to be Justin Kemp (Nicholas Hoult), a writer for a Georgia magazine that he describes as not being “Vanity Fair.” His wife Allison (Zoey Deutch) is in the final stage of a precarious pregnancy.

Summoned to serve on a jury for a murder trial, Justin wants to get out of this duty since the couple suffered a miscarriage the year before, and he feels the need to stay close to home.

The judge (Amy Aquino) is this case fails to entertain his request to be excused, and neither the prosecutor Faith Killebrew (Toni Collette) nor the defense attorney Eric Resnick (Chris Messina) object to his

selection for the murder case.

The accused is James Michael Sythe (Gabriel Basso), an ill-tempered guy in a volatile relationship with his girlfriend Kendall (Francesca Eastwood). After a night of drinking at a local bar, James becomes abusive and Kendall walks away alone on a rainy night.

Many people at the bar witness the altercation between the couple in the parking lot and notice James driving away, seemingly following her in his car as she takes off on foot down a dark highway.

The next day, Kendall’s body is discovered by a hiker in a creek off the side of the road. An old man living in a nearby trailer identifies James as the man he saw that night standing on the highway near the scene of the crime.

Political ramifications enter into the courtroom case because Prosecutor Killebrew is campaigning for district attorney in the fast-approaching election and needs to prove her crimefighting credentials to pull off an electoral victory.

A major question that arises early in the judicial proceedings is whether Justin, known only as Juror #2 during the trial, finds himself questionably compromised since he realizes he was at the same roadside bar on the night Kendall was killed.

As a recovering alcoholic, Justin feels not only guilty for ordering a drink he didn’t touch, but on the drive home he hit something on the road. As he got out the car, all he could see was a “deer crossing” sign and assumed that’s what he may have hit.

Not only did Justin tell his wife that the damage to the car happened on another road so that she wouldn’t know he stopped at a bar, but he develops a nagging feeling during the trial that maybe he’s the one at fault.

This is where the trial gets interesting because the morally conflicted Justin is at first the lone holdout on a guilty verdict, which would solve his personal dilemma of wanting to move on.

But then a retired cop (J.K. Simmons) serving as a juror starts to poke around with his own unsanctioned investigation, managing to get himself booted off the jury in the process. Simmons, as always, is a remarkable presence, and it’s unfortunate his role is rather limited.

Quitting may not be a word in Clint Eastwood’s vocabulary, but if “Juror #2” is his last cinematic effort, at least he leaves on a decent note.

In what was a curious strategy, the Warner Bros. studio had a very limited release of “Juror #2” in November, but now it is streaming on HBO’s Max, and it is definitely worth seeing.

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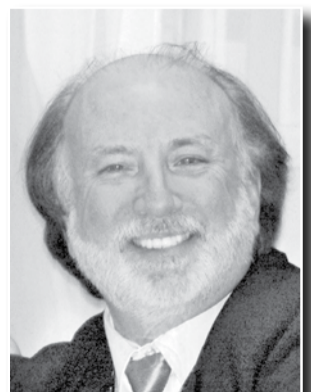
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## Food & Farm NEWS

### Farm Bureau Delegates Approve Policies

California Farm Bureau approved changes to the organization’s policies last week during a House of Delegates session at the organization’s 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey. Farm Bureau develops policy recommendations each year through its Commodity Advisory Committees, which are groups of members that meet regularly throughout the year. This year, delegates voted to approve proposed updates to policies related to wolf management, crop insurance and eminent domain.

### Increased Almond Shipments Signal Better Times Ahead

Despite economic challenges for those in the almond business, the Almond Board of California painted an optimistic outlook for the industry, emphasizing the organization’s ongoing efforts to build demand for the nut by easing trade barriers and making new strides in marketing, innovation and research. Almond Board President and CEO Clarice Turner said the board is “confident that better days lie ahead.” She noted “tangible signs” of robust demand for almonds, with the industry having shipped more than 200 million pounds of the nut for 11 straight months.

### Annual Meeting Workshop Takes on Navigating SGMA

Ten years into the state’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, local agencies are implementing plans and projects to achieve long-term sustainability in aquifers by limiting overdraft, land subsidence and impacts to drinking water. Navigating SGMA challenges, including the probation process under the California State Water Resources Control Board and how to fund and implement groundwater sustainability plans, was discussed as part of an educational workshop for members at the California Farm Bureau’s 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey last week.

### Startups Get Help to Speed New Tech to California Farmers

UCANR Innovate, the innovation arm of the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, has opened applications for its VINE Connect program. California farmers are at the heart of global food production, but staying ahead requires constant innovation. To meet this challenge, VINE Connect bridges the gap between innovation and application by helping entrepreneurs tailor proven technologies for farmers to ease weed control, harvest and other farming tasks. Each year, the VINE Connect program runs three cohorts, each centered on different focus areas within California agriculture.



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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I JUST LEARNED HOW TO MAKE A BANANA SPLIT!!

WHERE DID YOU LEARN THAT?

SUNDAE SCHOOL!!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

I HAVE A FEELING THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG WINTER.

RIGHT ON CUE, HERE COMES THE WIND AND SNOW.

WOW, IT IS REALLY STARTING TO COME DOWN OUT HERE!

DAD, KEEP POSING FOR US. LAST TIME WE TRIED TO COPY YOU WE RAN OUT OF SNOW.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

SO DENNIS, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING IN OUR STORAGE WAREHOUSE?

I'M NOT A FAN.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

MOM SENT YOU OUT TO SHOVEL THE SIDEWALK

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY KIMMY PILGRIM

THERE ARE MANY MAGICAL THINGS ABOUT THIS TIME OF YEAR...

... BUT IS ANYTHING AS SIGNIFICANT AND EMBLEMATIC OF THE HOLIDAYS THAN THE ACT OF FORGIVENESS?

HOLIDAY CHEER AIN'T GETTIN' YA OUTTA YOUR TAB WIMPY.

MY MISTAKE. I'D HEARD YOUR HEART GREW THREE SIZES.

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, THE SKY WAS DARK AS FITCH, AN THE ONLY CRITTER STIRRED WAS GRAYLA, A ROTTEN OL' MITCH.

SHE'D SNUCK INTO THE VILLAGE LIKE A SLICK OL' CAT TO STEAL AWAY ALL THE CHILDREN.

... TO FEED TO HER GIANT CAT!

BUT JUST AS THE FEROCIOUS CAT WOULD BE FED BY THE OL' COOT--

-IN SWOOPED SANTA IN HIS BATTLE SUIT!

PAPPY YOU CAN JUST ADMIT YOU DON'T REMEMBER THE POEM.

KIDS T'DAY KINT' PRECATE THE ART O' IMPROVISATION.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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15. Fairy tale villain  
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17. Spiker and Sponge of "James and the Giant Peach"  
18. "Bioengineered humanoid in "Blade Runner"  
20. The Beehive State  
21. Burn with coffee, e.g.  
22. Tire meas.  
23. Sea nymph  
26. Salad dressing option  
30. \*Pierre Boule's Cornelius  
31. Hoity-toity  
34. Back arrow key  
35. Covered with sphagnum  
37. Tiny Tim's guitar  
38. Allegro \_\_\_\_ in music  
39. Sign of escape  
40. Apprehension  
42. Emergency responder, acr.  
43. Neuron junction  
45. Sleeping sickness vector  
47. \*Katniss Everdeen's sister  
48. Hammerin' Hank  
50. Tennis "innings"  
52. \*2010 film starring DiCaprio  
56. Meat of coconut  
57. Desperate  
58. Karl of politics  
59. \*1979 film starring Sigourney Weaver  
60. Fail to mention  
61. Bo Peep's females  
62. \*\*"Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" author  
63. Was ahead  
64. \*Spock's are pointy

DOWN

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2. Side of a ruler, e.g.  
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4. Two-word threat  
5. Relating to node  
6. Make corrections  
7. Klin for hops  
8. \*Captain Nemo's submarine  
9. Tolstoy's Karenina  
10. This and that  
11. Bro's sibling  
13. Droning insect  
14. Niger and Nigeria language  
19. In an unfriendly manner  
22. Parent org.  
23. "He named \_\_\_\_"  
24. Strong adhesive  
25. Pine juice  
26. Original thought  
27. Garment enlarger  
28. \*\*"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" author  
29. Neil Diamond's "Beau-tiful \_\_\_\_"

32. \*Frank Herbert's famous novel  
33. "I Like \_\_\_\_" 1950s campaign slogan  
36. \*\*"Where no man has gone before" TV series  
38. "The Tortoise and the Hare" author  
40. "It's no \_\_\_\_!"  
41. Beale of Memphis, e.g.  
44. South Korean port  
46. Main dish  
48. Japanese cartoon art  
49. Like thick smoke  
50. Solo, pl.  
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# Can New State Regulations Resolve California’s Existential Insurance Crisis?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

There’s no law requiring California property owners to carry insurance, but the vast majority buy it to protect themselves from fire and other perils, or are required to do so by their mortgage lenders.

There’s also no law requiring insurance companies to offer coverage in California, but most would prefer to do so in the nation’s most immense concentration of property needing protection.

For decades, insuring California’s homes, farms and commercial properties was a hum-drum business of willing sellers and willing buyers. However, the former have become less willing as the state experiences an ever-increasing number of wildfires — even during winter months — that devastate homes and businesses in fire-prone areas.

Last Friday, as the latest of those fires was driving people from their homes in the quaint seaside village of Malibu, Ricardo Lara, the state’s elected insurance commissioner, formally unveiled a large chunk of his plan to stem the exodus of insurers from California.

It would allow insurers to use computer modeling of future exposure to set premiums, while requiring them to offer coverage in risky communities roughly in line with

their shares of the market. Until now, insurers set rates based on past losses.

“Giving people more choices to protect themselves is how we will solve California’s insurance crisis,” Lara said in a statement as he released details of the modeling plan. “For the first time in history we are requiring insurance companies to expand where people need help the most. With our changing climate we can no longer look to the past. We are being innovative and forward-looking to protect Californians’ access to insurance.”

He also noted that in setting rates, insurers will be required to consider hardening efforts by threatened communities and property owners to reduce potential losses.

Lara claims support from environmental groups, farmers and other stakeholders, in addition to insurers. But he’s drawing sharp criticism from Consumer Watchdog, an organization that has sponsored landmark changes in insurance regulation. The group has also received millions of dollars in fees from intervening in insurance rates cases, and has been a harsh critic of Lara throughout his time in office.

“Full transparency is what keeps insurance rates honest but Commissioner Lara’s rule does away with that protection,” Consumer Watchdog executive director Carmen Balber said in a statement. “The rule will let insurance companies raise rates based on secret algorithms but not expand coverage as promised.”

The new rules take effect in January. Farmers Insurance, California’s

second-largest property insurer, has already pledged to expand its coverage in response to Lara’s actions. The American Property Casualty Association, a trade group, also reacted positively.

“California will continue to have a robust regulatory and rate approval process that guarantees that rates reflect the actual cost of covering claims,” the association said.

While the rules unveiled last week are central to Lara’s plans, there are other elements that remain: shoring up the FAIR Plan, California’s last ditch insurer for property owners who cannot obtain coverage elsewhere, speeding up insurance rate case approvals, and allowing insurers to include costs of reinsurance — coverage of their potential losses — in setting rates.

Adoption of Lara’s plans may result in premium increases, but maintaining a viable insurance market is a vital factor in the state’s economy. The inability to buy insurance would devastate the residential and commercial real estate market and require property owners to pay for fire losses out of their own pockets.

Lara’s plans may not be perfect, but nobody — including Consumer Watchdog — has offered a better alternative. He should be credited with at least attempting to deal with one of California’s existential crises.

*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.* ★

# Henderson Remembered as Electrifying Legend of the Game

## National baseball Hall of Fame News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Rickey Henderson used the ultimate combination of power and speed to break numerous major league baseball records during his career.

But what solidified his place in baseball history was his love for the game.

Henderson died on Dec. 20, at the age of 65. His enthusiasm for the game manifested itself in 1,406 stolen bases — by far the best total in history.

“Rickey Henderson was not only the greatest base stealer of all-time, but one of the most memorable personalities of his generation,” said Jane Forbes Clark, Chairman of the Board of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. “The enthusiasm and energy he brought to Cooperstown each year will truly be missed. Our thoughts are with his wife, Pamela, and their family.”

Born on Dec. 25, 1958, in Chicago, Ill., Henderson spent most of his childhood in Oakland, Calif. An All-American running back in high school, Henderson turned down multiple football scholarships to sign with the Oakland Athletics in 1976.

In his first full major league season 1980, Henderson broke Hall of Famer Ty Cobb’s 65-year-old American League stolen base record of 96 with 100 swipes. In 1982, he stole 130 bases, breaking Hall of Famer Lou Brock’s modern era major league single-season record of 118.

“He’s the greatest leadoff hitter of all time, and I’m not sure there’s a close second,” said Billy Beane, senior advisor to the Athletics and the team’s former long-time general manager.

He played for nine teams over his

25-year career including the Athletics, Yankees, Padres, Mets, Red Sox, Dodgers, Angels, Mariners and Blue Jays. He led the American League in steals 12 times and went on to be the all-time record holder with 1,406 thefts, earning him the nickname “Man of Steal.”

“It wasn’t until I saw Rickey that I understood what baseball was about. Rickey Henderson is a run, man,” said Athletics teammate Mitchell Page. “That’s it. When you see Rickey Henderson, I don’t care when, the score’s already 1-0. If he’s with you, that’s great. If he’s not, you won’t like it.”

His speed wasn’t his only skill. Henderson set all-time records for runs scored (2,295), unintentional walks (2,129) and leadoff home runs (81). The 10-time All-Star won the MVP Award in 1990, leading the American League in runs scored, stolen bases and on-base percentage. He finished in the top ten in MVP voting five other times.

“He was one of the best players that I ever played with and obviously the best leadoff hitter in baseball,” said Hall of Famer Dave Winfield.

Henderson won two World Series during his career, in 1989 with Oakland and in 1993 with Toronto. He spent most of his career in left field and won a Gold Glove Award in 1981. He finished with a .279 batting average, 3,055 hits and 297 home runs. He electrified crowds with his flair and enthusiasm for the game.

Henderson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2009 on his first appearance on the Baseball Writers’ Association of America ballot.

“If my uniform doesn’t get dirty, I haven’t done anything in the baseball game,” said Henderson. ★



# Yolo County Swearing in Ceremony for Elected Officials



Elected Officials to be sworn in are: Oscar Villegas, County Supervisor, 1st Supervisorial District; Mary Vixie Sandy, County Supervisor, 3rd Supervisorial District; Sheila Allen, County Supervisor, 4th Supervisorial District; and Angel Barajas, County Supervisor, 5th Supervisorial District. Courtesy photo

## Yolo County Elections Office News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - At 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, a Swearing in Ceremony will be held for Yolo County Elected Officials. The ceremony will take place in the Atrium of the Yolo County Administration Building located at 625 Court St. in Woodland.

Elected Officials to be sworn in are: Oscar Villegas,

County Supervisor, 1st Supervisorial District; Mary Vixie Sandy, County Supervisor, 3rd Supervisorial District; Sheila Allen, County Supervisor, 4th Supervisorial District; and Angel Barajas, County Supervisor, 5th Supervisorial District.

Members of the public are invited. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming our new and continuing elected officials.

Light refreshments will be served.

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