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## United Way Expands Collegiate Guaranteed Income Program



With the success of the pilot at Sacramento State, United Way is expanding its Collegiate Guaranteed Income program to UC Davis. Photo courtesy of United Way California Capital Region

**United Way California Capital Region News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Twenty former foster youth studying at Sacramento State and University of California, Davis, received their first payments from United Way California Capital Region's Collegiate Guaranteed Income program that will provide them with \$500 a month for one year.

Some of the checks were distributed at a joint press conference with the two universities where United Way announced the expansion of the program to include another year of funding for the 10 Sacramento State students in the pilot program that launched a year ago, as well as the inaugural year of funding for 10 students at UC Davis, distributing a total of \$120,000 over the next year to support these students.

"Over the past year, we have witnessed the hard work and resilience of these 10 Sacramento State students, and we are thrilled to provide them with an additional year of guaranteed income so we can see them through to graduation, while also extending this opportunity to 10 former foster youth students at UC Davis," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way

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## Interstate 80 Scheduled for Extended Closures in Yolo County

**California Department of Transportation News Release**

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is alerting motorists of an upcoming extended connector and on-ramp closure for the ongoing Yolo Interstate 80 (I-80) and U.S. Highway 50 (US 50) Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

The mainline between the I-80/US 50 connector ramp to Reed Avenue was fully closed from Friday, May 9 to Monday, May 12 and then reduced to two lanes during the day and fully closed nightly from Monday, May 12 through Wednesday, May 21.



California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) urges motorists to plan for additional travel time and to expect delays during work on the ongoing Yolo Interstate 80 (I-80) and U.S. Highway 50 (US 50) Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Photo courtesy of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Construction work will include a full closure of eastbound (EB) I-80 after crossing the EB I-80 Yolo

Causeway from Davis going toward Reed Avenue in West Sacramento. Caltrans urges motorists to

plan for additional travel time, to expect delays and use the designated detour

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## Pre-Columbian Artifacts Returned to Consulate General of Mexico



The West Sacramento Historical Society repatriated 22 pre-Columbian figurine artifacts to the Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento on May 6. Photo courtesy of West Sacramento Historical Society

**West Sacramento Historical Society News Release**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On May 6, at 11 a.m., the West Sacramento Historical Society officially transferred and gave 22 pre-Columbian figurine artifacts to the Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento.

In 1936, Theodore E. Seamans traveled to Mexico, eventually reaching Mexico City and Teotihuacán (a pre-Columbian city). In Teotihuacán, he met archeological excavation laborers. The ground was covered with pre-Columbian clay artifacts. The workmen told him to "help yourself," so Seamans filled his pockets of these 22 clay heads and spindle artifacts.

The West Sacramento Historical Society obtained the artifacts from his late wife's, Virginia Seamans, estate in 1999. They remained in storage until 2023.

After taking full inventory of the artifacts, the society recognized their historical significance and decided to return them to their place of origin since they did not pertain to West Sacramento. The society retained the services of archeologist Evelyn Saucedo specializing in Mexican culture to determine authenticity. The 22 clay artifacts will eventually be delivered to a museum in Mexico.

For more information, contact the West Sacramento Historical Society President Alfonso Voychez at 209-373-0034. For more information about the Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento, visit 2093 Arena Blvd. or call 916-536-6599. ★

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# Disappointment Surrounds Elk Grove Zoo Project Cancelation

By Sean P. Thomas

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - A highly anticipated plan to relocate the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove has been shelved, prompting disappointment among city leaders and residents who had hoped the \$300-million project would bring economic and cultural benefits to Elk Grove.

The Sacramento Zoological Society announced last week it would not move forward with the relocation citing concerns over the financial viability of the project. The decision ends a multi-year partnership with the City of Elk Grove, which had already invested approximately \$4.5 million into land acquisition and planning for the project, according to city officials.

"It was disappointing. There's no other way to say it," Elk Grove Councilmember Rod Brewer said. "We enthusiastically supported the project and had been working to excite the public on bringing the zoo to Elk Grove. Even with some of the rumors and financial uncertainty, I didn't expect this outcome."

The proposed relocation was intended to address major challenges faced by the Sacramento Zoo at its current 14-acre site in William Land Park. The Elk Grove plan included a phased buildout on a 65-acre portion of a

100-acre parcel the city had purchased specifically for the project on Kammerer Road.

Phase one alone would have spanned 28 acres, about already twice the size of the existing zoo, and featured large, open habitats including a savannah exhibit with multiple species such as giraffes, ostriches, antelopes, and a full pride of lions.

"The current zoo only has one rhinoceros. The new zoo would have had as many as six, all in a shared environment," Brewer said. "This was going to be an entirely different level of experience."

The new facility would have also expanded conservation efforts and created more immersive visitor experiences. It was expected to draw as many as one million in annual visitors and \$249 million in economic impact in its first five years of operation, according to Elk Grove officials.

In a news release, Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen called the decision to shutter the zoo move as "disappointing."

"This is a deeply disappointing outcome for all of us who believed in the vision for the zoo and what it could have meant for our community and the region," Singh-Allen said.

Despite Elk Grove fulfilling its obligations under the cost-sharing agreement and drawing up preliminary designs, the zoo



The Sacramento Zoological Society announced last week that it would not move forward with the relocation, citing concerns over the financial viability of the project. Rendering courtesy of City of Elk Grove

ultimately chose to recommit to its Sacramento location. Officials from the Sacramento Zoological Society cited slow fundraising progress and financial instability as primary factors in pulling out of the deal.

The Zoological Society had raised \$17.5 million in pledges, only \$1.9 million of which was actual cash on hand. The Zoological Society was supposed to raise \$50 million in actual cash donations before the shovels went into the ground in 2027. The \$1.9 million in cash that was received by the city already will be returned to the Zoological society who will then return it to the donors.

"When both of those things didn't mesh, I definitely understand why they walked away," Brewer said.

Elk Grove leaders made clear

that the decision was not theirs and emphasized their readiness to continue the partnership if the situation changed.

"They decided to pull back. We didn't say, 'Don't ever come back,'" Councilmember Darren Suen said. "If they wanted to talk about it again, or if someone else wanted to re-engage, we wouldn't turn them away."

Though disappointed, both Brewer and Suen remained optimistic. The land acquired for the project remains untouched, and its value has increased, Brewer said, and could yield returns if the land is sold or repurposed.

Both viewed the zoo's departure as a potential opportunity to pursue other developments or revisit the zoo project in the future if leadership changes. Zoo Director Jason Jacobs, a key figure in the partnership, left the post in October. Interim CEO, Robert Churchill has been in the seat since.

"We weren't just taking a calculated risk on a civic amenity. We were trying to sustain something iconic for the region," Suen said. "Sometimes things don't work out, but the plans are still there. If the climate changes, we can dust them off."

Many Elk Grove residents had looked forward to the zoo as a positive addition to the community. The city's desire for more regional attractions made the zoo plan particularly appealing.

Outside of Safeway at the corner

of Laguna and Franklin Boulevard, several residents voiced disappointment with the projects demise.

"It's disappointing, I would have liked it to move here," said Elk Grove resident Aaron Wells.

Bruce Wallace, another resident, echoed the sentiment: "It would have been a lot of jobs for Elk Grove. It's a shame it fell apart."

Others were more measured in their reaction.

"I know a lot of people were looking forward to it moving here, but yeah, it's not the worst thing that it's not," said Mark Cramer, also of Elk Grove. "The cost was always a problem for me and I've talked to a few people that were unsure of the traffic it might add."

Still, Elk Grove city officials stressed that they've learned from the experience and will remain focused on bringing a similar project to Elk Grove.

"We weren't trying to swing for the fences or grab the spotlight," Suen said. "We analyzed the zoo opportunity like we do every other project, with our residents in mind. That will always be our focus."

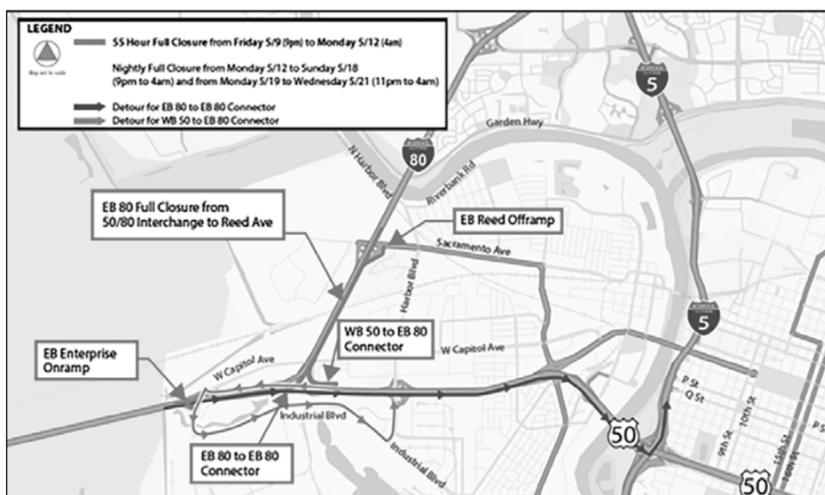
While the zoo won't be coming to Elk Grove, councilmembers highlighted ongoing efforts to develop other projects and amenities in the city.

"The desire to bring attractions and amenities that families and individuals can enjoy hasn't changed," Brewer said. "We're going to keep our options open. We're not in a hurry and we're certainly not desperate." ★



Phase one alone would have spanned 28 acres, about already twice the size of the existing zoo. Rendering courtesy of City of Elk Grove

## Interstate 80 Scheduled for Extended Closures in Yolo County



Construction work will include a full closure of eastbound (EB) I-80 after crossing the EB I-80 Yolo Causeway from Davis going toward Reed Avenue in West Sacramento. Graphic courtesy of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

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Ongoing pavement replacement and striping work will continue for EB I-80 and US 50 in West Sacramento.

Scheduled closure is Eastbound (EB) I-80 connector ramp to EB Reed Avenue, westbound (WB) US 50 connector ramp to EB I-80, Enterprise on-ramp to EB I-80 and EB I-80 to Reed Avenue off-ramp. Nightly full closures will be from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Monday, May 12 to Sunday, May 18 and 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Monday, May 19 to Wednesday, May 21.

Eastbound I-80 traffic will be detoured to EB US 50 to Sacramento over the Sacramento River to northbound I-5 to Redding (EXIT 4A), to eastbound I-80 to Reno (EXIT 522). From WB US 50, take Enterprise Boulevard off-ramp (EXIT 81) and stay left, continue Enterprise to Industrial Avenue (left turn at light) continue Industrial to Harbor

Boulevard (left at light) for EB US 50 to Sacramento (EXIT 82), continue over the Sacramento River to northbound I-5 to Redding (EXIT 4A), to eastbound I-80 to Reno (EXIT 522).

The work zone is from the Yolo Causeway through West Sacramento on I-80 and US 50. The speed limit has been reduced to 55 miles per hour 24/7 for the safety of workers and motorists. Work is scheduled to begin as listed but subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather conditions, availability of equipment and/or materials and construction-related issues.

The extended lane closure will help to minimize the duration of the work and improve workers' safety.

This \$280-million project includes \$47 million from Senate Bill (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. Senate Bill 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually, shared equally

between state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of Senate Bill 1 funds, including projects partially funded by Senate Bill 1.

To view the latest news and information on state and federal infrastructure investments, visit [RebuildingCA.ca.gov](http://RebuildingCA.ca.gov), which contains data on state and federal funding.

Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert" and slow in construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements.

The department will issue construction updates on X @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic, click on Caltrans' QuickMap or download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★

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# Back-to-Back Shootings Raise Safety Concerns

By Idaly Valencia

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Two separate shooting incidents involving underage victims recently took place less than a week apart at and near Summerfield Park, which has raised concerns for residents in the community.

According to a statement posted by West Sacramento Police Department via social media, the first incident occurred at 1:55 p.m. April 30 after several calls to the police department were made about possible shots fired at Summerfield Park. Summerfield Park is located at 2950 Linden Road.

When officers arrived on scene April 30, they located a 16-year-old victim who was transported to the hospital. The male victim, Adrian Carter from Sacramento, died at the hospital from his injuries, according to the West Sacramento Police Department.

The suspect is 19-year-old Adrek Isacc Miramontes of Yuma, Arizona. He was arrested by detectives at a home in Sacramento County after a search warrant was conducted in the early morning of May 1. Miramontes was taken to Yolo County Jail and charged with one count

of murder and two counts of attempted murder, according to the Yolo County District Attorney's Office.

The same week, on May 3, West Sacramento Police Department officials responded to reports of a shooting on Linden Road and Allan Avenue at 9:50 p.m., less than a mile away from Summerfield Park. When officers arrived, they assisted with the medical aid to another 16-year-old male victim with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim, whose identity is unidentified at this time, was transported to a local hospital where the victim remained in critical condition, as of May 2. An arrest was made at a Sacramento residence for a juvenile suspect in the early morning of May 3 who was taken to Yolo County Jail.

West Sacramento Police officials shared on May 3 via social media that their investigation into the two incidents, as of press time, indicate that the shooting that happened on May 2 seems to be a retaliation shooting related to the April 30 homicide at Summerfield Park. Officials also stated that the incident on April 30 occurred due to a marijuana drug deal that went wrong, adding that an investigation into circumstances surrounding the

situation is still ongoing.

"We understand how unsettling these incidents are for our community. Please know that we share in your concern and are actively working to bring those responsible to justice," said West Sacramento Police Department via a public post shared on social media. "The safety of West Sacramento remains our highest priority,



and we are committed to ensuring our city is a secure and peaceful place for all. We ask for your continued support and partnership as we move forward together."

In the midst of these incidents, the Washington Unified School District (WUSD) released a statement on May 3 about the recent tragedies and the support it is offering for the schools in the community:

"We recognize that events like these can cause fear and anxiety in our community. Please know that the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority...The WUSD has a strong network of support available to help any student, staff member, or family who may be struggling in the aftermath of these tragedies. When we return to school on Monday, we want to remind our school community that our school leaders are here to support you. If you or someone you know needs someone to talk to, please contact your school's main office, and our team will ensure you receive the help you need."

The Washington Unified School District also shared in the statement, posted on its Facebook page, about the importance of safe firearm storage and keeping them out of reach of children/unauthorized individuals. Community members voiced their concerns about safety and security of the schools under the post, discussing the ways in which future incidents like this can be prevented such as implementing new backpack policies.

Laurie Gutierrez, a parent and community member, posted a comment on May 3 in response to the Washington Unified School District stating,

"It does give me anxiety to send my son to school for the fact that I'm finding out that kids on your campus are carrying guns and knives. It's kind of scary."

Gutierrez added, "Maybe it's to the point where backpacks need to be checked...we need to come together as a community and protect our children."

On May 3, Justina Ledezma also left a comment expressing their concerns and said, "As a parent with a child heading to high school there isn't a way to protect them every moment, but I feel a step in the right direction would be to start with implementing clear backpacks. Maybe as a community we can help suggest and support our school district as they too may not have all the answers."

The West Sacramento Police Department did not respond to questions from the West Sacramento News Ledger about safety and security concerns following the recent incidents by press time.

Miramontes, the suspect from the fatal shooting on April 30, was set to have a bail review hearing at Yolo County Superior Court on May 9 and has a pre-hearing conference scheduled June 17. Charges against the juvenile suspect from the May 2 incident has yet to be disclosed to the public, as of press time. ★

## United Way Expands Collegiate Guaranteed Income Program

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California Capital Region. "We know the disheartening statistics that currently show only 3% of former foster youth will obtain a college degree. We at United Way refuse to accept that status quo and instead are mobilizing our community to create change and build a future where former foster youth can reach their full potential and thrive. These 20 students at Sacramento State and UC Davis are changing the educational landscape for themselves and future foster youth."

United Way launched its Collegiate Guaranteed Income program in May 2024 as a pilot with 10 Sacramento State students in the university's Guardian Scholars Program for former foster youth. The 10 students received \$500 a month for a year and were surprised in April to learn they will receive an additional year of guaranteed income to help them through their junior and senior years of school so they can obtain their degree. United Way's Women United action group provided the funding for the pilot year and will continue to fund the Sacramento State cohort this year.

"Sacramento State is honored to have taken part in the pilot phase of United Way California Capital Region's Collegiate Guaranteed Income program and support its continued expansion," said Sacramento State President Dr. Luke Wood. "This initiative has played a vital role in easing the financial challenges our students face as they transition out



Twenty former foster youth studying at Sacramento State and University of California, Davis, received their first payments from United Way California Capital Region's Collegiate Guaranteed Income program. Photo courtesy of United Way California Capital Region

of the foster care system. We remain committed to this important partnership and to building opportunities that help our students achieve their educational aspirations."

With the success of the pilot at Sacramento State, United Way is expanding its Collegiate Guaranteed Income program to UC Davis, providing funding for 10 students in the university's Guardian Scholars Program.

"UC Davis Guardian Scholars are some of the most ardent and dedicated students I know," said Dr. Gary S. May, UC Davis chancellor. "We are grateful to United Way for expanding its Collegiate Guaranteed Income program to our community of former foster youth. Guaranteed income will give these 10 students the opportunity to focus more on their educational goals and less on how they will afford rent, groceries and transportation."

The Collegiate Guaranteed Income program brings together United Way's experience working with foster youth with its expertise in guaranteed income. United Way has been supporting foster youth for more than two decades and launched the first Guaranteed Income program of its kind in the California Capital Region in July 2021, following that up with additional rounds of funding in partnership with the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento and local nonprofits.

United Way California Capital Region has been a driving force across the region for more than 100 years, listening, responding and taking comprehensive action to meet local needs. From advancing youth opportunities and helping kids excel in school, to strengthening local communities and investing in families' financial security and health, United

Way mobilizes communities to build a future where everyone can reach their full potential and thrive. Working across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, the local United Way also provides books and literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, works with foster youth across school districts and leads the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. To make a donation: [www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org](http://www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org).

The Guardian Scholars Program at Sacramento

State is designed to support current and former foster youth students by increasing graduation rates and their overall success. Students who have experienced the foster care system have unique needs and challenges. This program offers various services to support their journey at Sacramento State. For more information: <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/guardian-scholars/>.

The UC Davis Guardian Scholars Program is committed to improving educational outcomes for students

with lived experiences in foster care, child welfare or out-of-home placement by providing services and support to meet their needs through transition, graduation and post-graduation planning. The program strives to maximize educational opportunities and university experiences through its comprehensive services and holistic advising to help students achieve their academic and personal goals. For more information: <https://opportunity.ucdavis.edu/programs/guardian-scholars>. ★



With the success of the pilot at Sacramento State, United Way is expanding its Collegiate Guaranteed Income program to UC Davis. Photo courtesy of United Way California Capital Region

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# Medicaid Program Ranks Tenth Worst for Mental Health Services

## Addiction-Rep News Release

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - A new study on behalf of Addiction-Rep has identified which U.S. state Medicaid programs provide the best mental health care.

Medicaid is the single largest payer for mental health services in the United States, playing a critical role in ensuring access to care for millions of adults with mental illness and substance use disorders. An estimated 58.7-million U.S. adults, nearly one in four, live with a mental illness, according to national health data. Among this population, individuals enrolled in Medicaid are more likely to experience mental illness than those with private insurance, underscoring the program's central role in combatting America's mental health crisis.

While Medicaid is federally-funded, it is administered by individual states, each of which has broad discretion over how it structures, finances and delivers services. As a result, the availability and quality of behavioral health services can vary significantly from state to state. These differences are especially important now, as many states face financial pressures and potential budget cuts that could make it harder for people to access the care they need.

This analysis by Addiction-Rep, a consulting firm specializing in the behavioral health sector, draws on data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). It examines how the prevalence of mental illness has changed over time, highlights its disproportionate

impact on low-income individuals and Medicaid enrollees, and ranks state Medicaid programs based on their performance across key behavioral health indicators.

The United States is facing a sustained mental health crisis, marked by a steady rise in the share of adults experiencing mental illness over the past decade. In 2015, about 17.9% of adults reported a mental illness, according to data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. By 2023, that figure had climbed by more than a quarter to 22.8%.

Young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 have been disproportionately impacted. Their rate of mental illness rose from 21.7% in 2015 to a peak of 36.2% in 2022, before dipping slightly to 33.8% in 2023. Meanwhile, adults aged 26 and older saw more gradual increases, rising from 17.2% in 2015 to 21.1% in 2023.

Outside of age, income is also an important factor impacting the prevalence of mental illness. National health data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that in 2023, nearly one in five adults living below the federal poverty line (19.4%) reported regularly feeling worried, nervous or anxious. That compares to 15.8% of those with incomes between 100% and 199% of the poverty line, and just 10.7% of adults with incomes at or above 200% of the poverty line.

As a result of these differences, Medicaid plays an outsized role in connecting Americans with mental illness to care. In 2023, 34.6% of adults enrolled in Medicaid experienced some form of mental illness, compared to 24% of uninsured adults and about 23.9% of those with private insurance, according to Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Services Administration data.

The gap is even more pronounced when looking specifically at serious mental illnesses, such as bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder and schizophrenia. Nearly one in 10 Medicaid enrollees (9.8%) reported having a serious mental illness in 2023, compared to 6.6% of uninsured adults and just 5.8% of adults with private insurance.

To assess how state Medicaid programs perform in delivering behavioral health care, researchers at Addiction-Rep developed a composite score, the Behavioral Health Performance Index. This index ranks states based on a range of quality measures grouped into four categories: initiation and engagement, evidence-based medication use, care continuity and follow-up, and patient experience.

The specific metrics within each category are detailed in the methodology section below but they include key indicators such as how often patients receive timely follow-up care after emergency department visits for mental illness, the rates at which individuals initiate and stay engaged in substance use disorder treatment, and the use of Food and Drug Administration-approved medications, like buprenorphine or methadone, for treating opioid use disorder, among others.

The top-performing states are heavily concentrated in the Northeast and parts of Appalachia. New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont rank first, second and third respectively, each earning a Behavioral Health Performance Index score above 73. These states consistently performed well on metrics related to initiation, follow-up care and evidence-based

medication use, but scored lower on patient experience. West Virginia and Pennsylvania round out the top five, demonstrating stronger performance regarding patient experience, but scoring slightly lower in other categories.

By contrast, several large and populous states landed near the bottom of the rankings. California, Texas, Illinois and Georgia all appeared in the bottom ten, along with states such as Arkansas and Oklahoma. California stood out for its strong performance in the use of evidence-based medications and follow-up care after behavioral health episodes but it scored poorly on treatment initiation and patient experience, pulling down its overall ranking. Other lower-performing states tended to show more consistently weak results.

Here is a summary of the data for California: Behavioral Health Performance Index at 38.44; Initiation & Engagement at 1.10; Evidence-Based Medication Use at 72.88; Care Continuity & Follow-Up at 68.40; Patient Experience at 11.37.

This analysis evaluates how effectively state Medicaid programs serve adult patients with mental health and substance use needs, based on data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Scorecard, Core Set Year 2023. To compare performance across states, Addiction-Rep developed a composite score called the Behavioral Health Performance Index. This index averages scores

across four key categories: initiation and engagement, evidence-based medication use, care continuity and follow-up and patient experience.

Each category consists of multiple metrics, most of which focus on adult behavioral health patients aged 18 to 64. However, patient experience measures apply to all adult Medicaid enrollees, as condition-specific experience data is not available. Only states with sufficient data across all four categories were included in the final rankings. However, states with partial data are still shown in visualizations and detailed tables for the metrics where data is available.

Below is a breakdown of the metrics included in the final index, organized by category, along with descriptions of each: Substance use disorder initiation (14 days); Share of new substance use disorder (SUD) treatment episodes where the patient began treatment within 14 days of diagnosis. Substance use disorder engagement (34 days); Share of new substance use disorder treatment episodes where the patient attended additional treatment within 34 days of starting care.

Evidence-based medication use included Opioid Use Disorder Pharmacotherapy; Share of adults with opioid use disorder (OUD) who received Food and Drug Administration-approved medication-based treatment options, such as buprenorphine or methadone. Antidepressant Acute Adherence (12 weeks); Share of adults with major depression who

remained on prescribed antidepressants during the initial 12-week treatment period. Antidepressant Continuation Adherence (6 months); Share of adults with major depression who remained on prescribed antidepressants through a six-month treatment period. Antipsychotic Adherence; Share of adults with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder who remained on prescribed antipsychotic medications for at least 80% of their treatment duration.

Substance Use Disorder/Overdose Eating Disorder follow-up (7 days); Share of emergency department visits for substance use or drug overdose with a follow-up visit within seven days. Mental Health Eating Disorder Follow-Up (7 days); Share of emergency visits for mental illness or intentional self-harm with a follow-up visit within seven days. Mental Health Hospital Follow-Up (7 days); Share of adults discharged after hospitalization for mental illness or self-harm who had a follow-up visit within seven days.

The patient experience results included health care satisfaction (nine to ten rating); Share of adults who rated their overall health care experience as a nine or ten on a ten-point scale. Health Plan Satisfaction (nine to ten Rating); Share of adults who rated their Medicaid health plan as a nine or ten out of ten. Always got needed care; Share of adults who reported "always" getting the care they needed, based on a four-point response scale ranging from "never" to "always." ★

## Unlicensed Drivers Cause Shocking Number of Crashes

### Sutliff & Stout News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - A new study by auto accident attorneys Sutliff & Stout revealed that California had the seventh-highest rate of fatal crashes involving an unlicensed driver between 2019 and 2023.

The study analyzed 2019 to 2023 data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality and Injury Reporting System Tool (FIRST) to find the proportion of fatal crashes that occurred in each state where the driver's license was "suspended," "revoked," "expired" "canceled," "denied" or "not licensed."

The average number of fatal crashes involving unlicensed drivers was calculated as a proportion of all fatal crashes during the five-year period.

California had the seventh-highest rate, at 17.53%, not too far behind Texas, which had the highest rate, at 20.14%.

"According to our analysis, a staggering 41,375 drivers were involved in fatal crashes between 2019 and 2023, who didn't hold a valid driving license," said Hank Stout, co-founder of Sutliff & Stout. "Driving without a license is not only illegal but also extremely irresponsible. Unlicensed drivers are more likely to take risks, such as speeding or driving under the influence. These offenders are also unlikely to be insured, making it more difficult for victims to claim financial compensation if their actions

cause a collision."

Texas has the highest rate, with 20.14% (1,184 out of 5,880) of fatal crashes involving unlicensed drivers. Between 2019 and 2023, Texas experienced an average of 3.99 fatal crashes involving unlicensed drivers per 100,000 people, ranking it ninth in the nation for this statistic.

Hawaii follows closely in second-place, with 19.73% (26 out of 134) of fatal crashes involving unlicensed drivers. From 2019 to 2023, Hawaii had an average of 1.84 fatal crashes per 100,000 people.

Louisiana ranks third, with 18.06% (227 out of 1,193) of fatal crashes involving unlicensed drivers. Over the same five-year period, Louisiana had an average of 4.92 fatal crashes per 100,000 people, the second-highest rate in the country.

North Carolina holds the fourth position, with 17.72% (403 out of 2,213) of fatal crashes involving unlicensed drivers. Between 2019 and 2023, the state had an average of 3.80 fatal crashes per 100,000 people, the 10th-highest rate in the U.S.

Finally, Montana ranks fifth, with 17.93% (46 out of 257) of fatal crashes involving unlicensed drivers. From 2019 to 2023, Montana experienced an average of 4.17 fatal crashes per 100,000 people, making it the seventh-highest state for this statistic.

For more information, visit [sutliffstout.com/houston-car-accident-lawyer](http://sutliffstout.com/houston-car-accident-lawyer). ★

## Clash Over Teen Sex Solicitation Reveals Rift Within California Democratic Party



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

A reliable political axiom — at least in California — is that when one party achieves dominance in some arena, it fragments into factions defined by ideology, gender, economics, ethnicity, geography or even personality. The axiom has been demonstrated at the local level for decades, such as the perpetual infighting among San Francisco's dominant Democrats, or the ceaseless squabbling among Republicans when they controlled Orange County.

Democrats achieved absolute dominance in state politics over the last quarter-century, holding all statewide offices and capturing supermajorities in the Legislature and within the state's congressional delegation.

One might think that such hegemony would manifest itself in sweeping responses to California's most pressing issues, such as homelessness, poverty, water supply, wildfires and housing shortages — particularly after Gavin Newsom became governor on promises to seek "big, hairy audacious goals."

It was not to be. The issues that were plaguing California when Newsom took office in 2019 are as formidable as ever, reflecting not only their complexity but the tendency of the dominant party to become a collection of often

hostile quasi-parties.

The disunity has appeared on multiple occasions, but what's happened over legislation to crack down on sex crimes against children is a stark example.

Two years ago, state Sen. Shannon Grove, a Republican from Bakersfield, carried legislation that would have added human trafficking of a minor to the state's list of serious felonies, thereby qualifying an offender for tougher penalties. Democrats stalled the bill, which was opposed by criminal justice reform groups. But when reporters asked Newsom about it, he intervened, essentially compelling the Legislature to pass it.

Last year, Grove took up the issue again with legislation that would increase penalties for anyone who solicited sex from a minor, but Democrats insisted that they wouldn't apply if the minor was 16 or 17 years old. Gay rights advocates demanded what was termed a "carveout," contending that including older teens could backfire if the law was used to punish consenting relationships.

Grove grudgingly accepted the amendment as the price of getting the measure approved, but the issue was rejoined this year with a bill carried by Assemblywoman Maggy Krell, a Sacramento Democrat who had been a sex crime prosecutor.

Krell's measure would eliminate the carveout for 16- and 17-year old victims but in a replay of the previous year, fellow Democrats on the Assembly Public Safety Committee struck that provision of the bill, leading to a public squabble on the Assembly floor last week.

Republicans sought to restore the bill's original purpose and Krell endorsed the effort, saying "We need to say, loud and clear, that if you're under 18, a child, a minor ... the person buying that person should be charged with a felony. It's plain and simple, sex without consent — that's rape."

She picked up vocal support from some other Democrats but Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas beat back the effort and punished Krell by taking her name off the bill and inserting a phrase declaring an intent to deal with the issue later.

"No one in the room is OK with" minors being sold for sex, Rivas said. "This is a nuanced issue and conversation."

That, however, is not the end of it because Newsom once again entered the debate.

"The law should treat all sex predators who solicit minors the same — as a felony, regardless of the intended victim's age," Newsom said in a statement. "Full stop."

The image that emerges from this dustup is that of a Democratic Party at war within itself, with Rivas trying to be an "ayatollah," as former Speaker Willie Brown once described himself, and Newsom distancing himself from his party's leftist tendencies as a prelude to running for president in 2028.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250342  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Picture Perfect Photo Booths, 85 Springbrook Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831. Kenneth Alan Seunarine and Katherine Ryan Seunarine-Hunt, 85 Springbrook Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 6, 2020  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/14/2025.  
By: Zuri Hernandez, Deputy  
Publish: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025  
PICTURE 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250324  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Yolo Dialysis, 1840 E. Main Street Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Woodland, CA 95776 County of YOLO  
Mailing Address: 601 Hawaii Street, El Segundo, CA 90245  
Groten Dialysis, LLC, 2000 16th Street Attn: JLD/SecGovFin., Denver, CO 80202  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/25/2018.  
Groten Dialysis, LLC  
S/STEPHANIE N. BERBERICH, MANAGING MEMBER,  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/08/2025.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
KQUAM, Deputy  
4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/25  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250305  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Bar-B-Clean Sacramento, 593 Douglas Street, Unit 203, West Sacramento, CA 95605.  
AGSix Enterprises Incorporated. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/2/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025  
BAR 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250361  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Blackrose Crafting & Printing, 1030 Pendegast Street, Apt A, Woodland, CA 95695.  
Courtney Jean Rodgers, 1030 Pendegast Street, Apt A, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 8, 2025.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/21/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025  
BLACK 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250343  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Outscratch Glass Restoration, 1643 Columbus Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
Bingo Wash LLC, 1643 Columbus Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. 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 April 8, 2025.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/14/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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OUT 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250356  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sandhu Ranch, 36438 County Road 19B, Woodland, CA 95695.  
Tirath Pal Sandhu GP and Anoop Sandhu GP, 36438 County Road 19B, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 24, 2008.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/17/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025  
SANDHU 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250355  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sandhu Estate, 36438 County Road 19B, Woodland, CA 95695.  
Tirath Pal Sandhu GP and Anoop Sandhu GP, 36438 County Road 19B, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 15, 2011.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/17/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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ESTATE 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250348  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Extra Space Storage (#3525), 3280 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO  
Mailing Address: 2795 E Cottonwood Pkwy., Suite #400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121  
Extra Space Management, Inc., 2795 E Cottonwood Pkwy., Suite #400, Salt Lake City, UT 84121  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/02/2024.  
Extra Space Management, Inc. S/ GWYN GOODSON MCNEAL, VICE PRESIDENT,  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/15/2025.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
KQUAM, Deputy  
5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/25  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250273  
The following person(s) is doing business as:  
ZEEBA BLOOMS, 1841 MIEKLE AVE, WOODLAND, CA 95776, County of YOLO.  
SEPIDEH HAKIMI, 1841 MIEKLE AVE WOODLAND, CA 95776  
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/13/2025  
/s/ SEPIDEH HAKIMI  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 03/20/2025.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: KQUAM, Deputy  
5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/25  
CNS-3911855#  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250287  
The following person(s) is doing business as:  
RV GUARD INSPECTIONS, 1005 GREENWOOD DR, WOODLAND, CA 95695, County of YOLO.  
STEVEN GUARD, 1005 GREENWOOD DR, WOODLAND, CA 95695  
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
/s/ STEVEN GUARD  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 03/24/2025.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: KQUAM, Deputy  
5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/25  
CNS-3912933#  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250298  
The following person(s) is doing business as: SkyFailDistro, 2661 Del Monte Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
BKRKPK Trading LLC, 2661 Del Monte Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. 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 3/28/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025  
SKY 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250384  
The following person(s) is doing business as: West Sac Sports Bar & Grill, 3340 Jefferson Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
Barbara Ann Morris, 3340 Jefferson Boulevard, 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 April 10, 2025.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/28/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025  
WEST 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250368  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Wolfpack Electric, 1461 Springdale Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.  
Justin Thomas Channing, 1461 Springdale Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 22, 2025.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/22/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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WOLF 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250366  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Shadetree North, 220 California Street, Woodland, CA 95695.  
Sharon Scruggs Rice, 127 Spring Street, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Trust. 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 4/22/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025  
NORTH 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250367  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Shadetree South, 260 California Street, Woodland, CA 95695.  
Sharon Scruggs Rice, 127 Spring Street, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Trust. 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 4/22/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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SOUTH 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250377  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Mi Dulce Encuentro, 994 Losoya Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.  
Maria Del Carmen Hernandez, 994 Losoya Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 1, 2024.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/25/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025  
DULCE 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250364  
The following person(s) is doing business as:  
**ALL OUT JUNK REMOVAL, 1038 TABER ST, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605**, County of YOLO.  
PHILLIP GONZALEZ, 1038 TABER ST WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605  
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
/s/ PHILLIP GONZALEZ  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/22/2025.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: K. QUAM, Deputy  
5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30/25  
CNS-3916401#  
NEWS-LEDGER 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250364  
The following person(s) is doing business as:  
**All Out Junk Removal, 1038 Taber St, West Sacramento, CA 95605**, County of Yolo.  
Phillip Gonzalez, 1038 Taber St, West Sacramento, CA 95605  
This business is conducted by Individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
/s/ Phillip Gonzalez  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/22/2025.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: kquam, Deputy  
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## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20250335  
The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Mod Pizza, 771 Ikea Court, #100, West Sacramento, CA 95605.  
The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on April 20, 2023, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: SFP Development Company LLC, 804 Reading Street, #B, Folsom, CA 95630.  
The business was conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/11/2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025  
MOD 5-16-25

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-1015  
David Gomez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of David Gomez to Lucia Omni Fotsi.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 29, 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: April 14, 2025  
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025  
FOTSI 5-16-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-0984  
Katherine Elizabeth Rose Christie has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the

name(s) of Katherine Elizabeth Rose Christie to Katherine Elizabeth Rose Archuleta.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 28, 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: April 4, 2025  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025  
ARCHULETA 5-23-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-1235

Elias Jose Matamoros has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Elias Jose Matamoros to Elis Jose Evans.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 18, 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: April 30, 2025  
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2025  
ELIAS 6-6-25

## 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.  
**1022 Gibson Rd, Woodland, CA, 95695 on 5/28/25 @11am:**cory edwards; Myra Guerrero; Johnny Figueroa  
**19389 County Rd 102, Woodland, CA, 95776 on 5/28/25 @2pm:** Amanda Kennedy; Melissa Ramirez; Sophia Thompson  
**975 F St, West Sacramento, Ca, 95605 on 5/28/25 @11am:**Ladonna Warren; Francis Bechtel; Justin Mcamoil; Frederick Reed  
**1100 N 1st St, Dixon, CA 95620 on 5/28/25 @2pm:**LUIS Mendoza; Regina Mitchell; Alex Marquez  
**3280 Jefferson Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691 on 5/28/25 @11am:**Brittany Hendrik; Keaira Thomas

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storageexpress.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.  
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## TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST T.S. No.: 25-0125 Loan No.: 306 Other: 2582724CAD APN: 042-320-033-000;042-320-034-000; 042-320-035-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/21/2022. 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. NOTICE is hereby given that Law Offices of Richard G. Witkin APC, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee, or as agent for the trustee, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by BAKSHINDER THIARA, a married woman, as her sole and separate property recorded 06/30/2022 as Instrument No. 2022-0015609 in book n.a., page n.a. of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of California and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 01/21/2025 as Instrument No. 2025-0001002 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 05/22/2025 at 12:45 P.M. at the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: EXHIBIT "A" Page 1 Legal Description The Land Described Herein Is Situated In The State Of California, County Of Yolo, Unincorporated Area Of The County Of Yolo, Described As Follows: Parcel One: Beginnings At A 2 Inch Iron Pipe Monument Marking The Northwest Corner Of Swamp Land Survey No. 489, And Extending Thence Along An Occupied Property Line South 89° 55' East 429.88 Feet To A 3/4 Inch Steel Bar Marking The Southwest Corner Of That Certain Recreational Tract Designated As Helvetia Park; Thence Along The Line Between The Lands Of Marty Brothers And Said Helvetia Park, North 32° 27' East 799.11 Feet To A 3/4 Inch Steel Bar; Thence North 51° 39' East Along The Northerly Line Of A Public Thoroughfare To The Point Of Intersection With The Right Or Westerly Bank Of The Sacramento River; Thence Up And

Along The Meanderings Of The Westerly And Southerly Or Yolo County Bank Of Said Sacramento River To The Point Of Intersection With The Line Common To Swamp Land Surveys 711 And 490 Of Yolo County Surveys, Said Line Being The Occupies Property Line Between The Lands Of Marty Brothers And Julius Blauth; Thence South 1° 42' 30" East Along The Said Line Common To Swamp Land Surveys, 5270.00 Feet To An Old Granite Monument Marking The Southwest Corner Of Said Marty Brothers Tract; Thence South 69° 13' East 2888.55 Feet To An Old Concrete Monument Marking The Southeastly Corner Of Swamp Land Survey 395; Thence North 5° 20' West Along The Occupied Property Line, Being The Line Common To Swamp Land Surveys 395 And 486, A Distance Of 2630 Feet To A Concrete Monument Marking The Corner Common To Swamp Land Surveys 486 And 489; Thence North 7° 58' West Along The Occupies Property Line, Being The Line Cannon To Swamp Land Surveys 395 And 489, A Distance Of 1733.72 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, Excepting Therefrom That Portion Conveyed To The Regents Of The University Of California By Grant Deed Recorded March 22, 1991, In Book 2209, At Page 612, Instrument No. 6773, More Particularly Described As Follows: Exhibit "A" Page 2 "All The Real Property Located In The County Of Yolo, State Of California, Described As Follows: "All That Real Property Lying Within Record Of Survey Filed July 24, 1989, In Book 12 Of Maps And Surveys At Page 61." Also Excepting Therefrom The Following: (A) All That Portion Of Said Land That Was Conveyed To The Sacramento Northern Railroad. (B) A Portion Of Swamp Land Survey No. 490. Yolo County Surveys, Being A Tract Of Land Near The Northeastly Corner Of Said Survey, And Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At A 1-1/2 Inch Iron Pipe Monument Situate North 42° 33' West 1955.03 Feet From A 2 Inch Iron Pipe Monument At The Northwest Corner Of Swamp Land Survey No. 489; Thence From Said Point Of Beginning North 27° 11' 30" West 224.90 Feet To A 1-1/2 Inch Iron Pipe Monument At Landward Base Of Levee On Right Bank Of Sacramento River; Thence Continuing North 27° 11' 30" West 114.77 Feet To A 1-1/2 Inch Iron Pipe Monument At Or Near High Water Mark Of Said River; Thence Up Stream Along Said River Bank South 54° 07' West 351.40 Feet To A 1-1/2 Inch Iron Pipe Monument; Thence Leaving Said River South 27° 11' 30" East 98.80 Feet To An Iron Monument At Base Of Levee Or Right Bank Of Sacramento River: Thence South 27° 11' 30" East A Distance Of 187.75 Feet To A 1-1/2 Inch Pipe Monument: Thence North 62° 48' 30" East 347.86 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. (C) A Strip Of Land 351.40 Feet Long And Of Indeterminate Width, Adjoining Exception (B) Hereinabove Described, And Lying Between Said Exception (B) And Low Water Mark Of The Sacramento River. The Above Described Parcels (Exceptions (B) And (C)) Include That Certain Tract Heretofore Conveyed To Trustees Of Monument School District, By Deed Recorded July 28, 1885, In Book 38 Of Deeds, At Page 580. Excepting Therefrom The Sole And Exclusive Right To Prospect For, Drill For, Produce And Take Any Oil, Gas Or Other Hydrocarbon Substance Or Mineral Substances, And Accompanying Fluids (Including Geothermal Resources) Lying Below The Depth Of Five Hundred (500) Feet From The Surface Of The Property, Including The Right To Slant Drill From Exhibit "A: Page 3 Adjacent Property Aid The Right To Utilize Subsurface Pressure And The Right To Utilize Subsurface Storage Space For Natural Substances, As Reserved In The Deed From The Regents Of The University Of California Recorded September 19, 1990 In Book 2163 Page 140. Official Records Of Yolo County, Which Deed Provides As Follows: "Except As To The Drill Sites As Delineated On The Map Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof Which Are Expressly Reserved Grant-or, Its Successors And Assigns, Shall Have No Right Of Entry From Surface Access From The Property". Parcel Two: All That Certain Parcel Or Tract Of Real Property Situate, Lying In And Being A Portion Of Swamp Land Survey No. 490, Yolo County Surveys: Said Parcel Being Described As Follows: Beginning At The Intersection Of The Property Line Common To Lands Of Antone Joseph Marty, Et Al. And Lands, Now Or Formerly Owned By Elkhorn Union Elementary School District With The Land Said Right Of Way Line Of The Proposed Levee; Said Point Of Beginning Being Located North 41° 28' 22" West 2101.34 Feet From A 2 Inch Iron Pipe Monument Set At The Northwest Corner Of Swamp Land Survey No. 489; Thence From Said Point Of Beginning And Along Said Common Boundary, South 27° 12' 25" East 151.33 Feet To A 1-1/2 Inch Iron Pipe Monument Set At The Southeast Corner Of Said Monument School District Property; Thence Along The Southerly Boundary Of This Parcel, South 62° 47' 35" West 347.36 Feet To A 1-1/2 Inch Iron Pipe

Monument Marking The Southwest Corner Thereof; Thence Along The Westerly Line Of Said Parcel. North 27° 12' 25" West 94.37 Feet To Said Land Side Right Of Way Line: Thence Leaving Said Westerly Line And Along Said Right Of Way Line, Downstream, North 53° 28' 50" East 352.00 Feet, More Or Less, To The Point Of Beginning. Excepting Therefrom All Oil, Gas, Oil Shale, Coal, Phosphate, Sodium, Gold, Silver And All Other Mineral Deposits In The Above Described Parcel Of Real Property. Together With The Right To Prospect For, Mine And Remove Such Deposits And To Occupy The Surface Of Said Real Property As May Be Required For All Purposes Reasonably Extending To The Mining And Removal Of Such Deposits Therefrom; As Reserved By The Sacramento And San Joaquin Drainage District In Deed Recorded June 18, 1965, In Book 800 Of Official Records, Page 73. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: VACANT LAND. DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED BY WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: BENEFICIARY, C/O LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD G. WITKIN APC, 5805 SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, SUITE 670, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91411. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$7,970,660.72\* \*The actual opening bid may be more or less than this amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust including advances authorized thereunder and also including, without way of limitation, the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust together with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus the fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AN "AS-IS" CONDITION. FOR SALES INFORMATION AND STATUS 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, GO TO: WWW.NATIONWIDEPPOSTING.COM OR CALL (916) 939-0772. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DISCLOSURES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: (1) At the time of sale, the opening bid by the beneficiary may not represent a full credit bid. The beneficiary reserves the right, during the auction, to increase its credit bid incrementally up to a full credit bid. The beneficiary may also bid over and above its credit bid with cash, cashier's checks or cash equivalents. (2) The Trustee's Deed Upon Sale (TDUS) will not be issued to the successful bidder until the bidder's payment has been deposited in the trustee's bank and cleared (all holds released). The bidder may have to take additional actions as required by trustee's bank in order to facilitate the deposit and clearance of bidder's funds. (3) If, prior to the issuance of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure process, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may decline to issue the TDUS and return the bidder's funds, without interest. If, subsequent to the issuances of the TDUS, the trustee shall become aware of any deficiency in the foreclosure process, or if the trustee becomes aware of any bankruptcy or other legal issue affecting the validity of the foreclosure process, then, after consultation with its attorneys, the trustee, in its sole discretion, may rescind the TDUS pursuant to Civil Code Section 1058.5(b) and return the bidder's funds, without interest. (4) When conducted, the foreclosure sale is not final until the auctioneer states "sold". Any time prior thereto, the sale may be canceled or postponed at the discretion of the trustee or the beneficiary. A bid by the beneficiary may not result in a sale of the property. All bids placed by the auctioneer are on behalf of the seller/beneficiary. (5) NEW – SEVERAL CITIES IN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (GOOGLE "MEASURE ULA"),

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### TRUSTEE SALE

HAVE IMPOSED VERY LARGE, NEW TRANSFER TAXES ON SALES OF CERTAIN HIGH VALUE PROPERTIES. THESE TAXES CAN AMOUNT TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OR EVEN MORE. AS A CONDITION OF THIS SALE, THESE TAXES WILL NOT BE PAID BY THE FORECLOSING LENDER NOR BY THE FORECLOSURE TRUSTEE. THESE TAXES, IF AND WHEN CHARGED, ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUCCESSFUL PURCHASER AT THE FORECLOSURE SALE. This communication may be considered as being from a debt collector. To the extent your original obligation was discharged or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code, this notice is for compliance and/or informational purposes only and does not constitute an attempt to collect a debt or to impose personal liability for such obligation. However, a secured party may retain rights under its security instrument, including the right to foreclose its lien. Please See Exhibit "B" Attached EXHIBIT "B" PAGE 1 The foreclosing beneficiary reserves the right to include all, some or none of the below described Personal Property and Collateral (as defined below) in the sale of the real property pursuant to California Commercial Code Section 9604(a)(1)(B). The inclusion of Personal Property and Collateral in this Notice of Sale is made under the conditions set forth in California Civil Code Section 2924f(b) (9) which reads in pertinent part: "Inclusion of a reference to or a description of personal property or fixtures in a notice of sale hereunder shall not constitute an election by the secured party to conduct a unified sale pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 9604 of the Commercial Code, shall not obligate the secured party to conduct a unified sale pursuant to subparagraph (B) of

paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 9604 of the Commercial Code, and in no way shall render defective or noncomplying either that notice or a sale pursuant to that notice by reason of the fact that the sale includes none or less than all of the personal property or fixtures referred to or described in the notice." All of Trustor's accounts, cash, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, commodity accounts, commodity contracts, contract rights, crops, deposit accounts, documents, equipment, (including without way of limitation) farming equipment, farm products, fixtures used in connection with or related to all farm products, general intangibles, goods instruments, inventory, leases, and livestock (including all increase and supplies), whether any of the foregoing is replacements, and substitutions relating to any of the foregoing (including all entitlements, rights to payment, and payments, in whatever form received), including but not limited to, payments under any governmental agricultural diversion programs, and governmental agricultural assistance programs; payments arising out of any and all perfected statutory liens such as the perishable agricultural Commodities Act, 7 U.S.C. Section 499(a) et seq. ("PACA"); all records of any kind relating to any of the foregoing; and all proceeds and products relating to any of the foregoing (including insurance, general intangibles and other accounts proceeds); The Personality; Trustor's interest in all accounts, contract rights, and general intangibles (specifically including any insurance proceeds and condemnation awards) arising out of the ownership, development, or operation of the Property, and all furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery, construction materials and supplies, leasehold interests in personal property, and all other personal property (other than Fixtures) now or later on the Property, together with all present and future attachments, accessions, replacements, sub-

stitutions, and additions and the cash and noncash proceeds. The Fixtures; All fixtures located on the Improvements (as defined in this Deed of Trust) or now or later installed, in or used in connection with, any of the improvements, including, but not limited to, all partitions, screens, awnings, motors, engines, boilers, furnaces, pipes, plumbing, elevators, cleaning and sprinkler systems, fire-extinguishing apparatus and equipment, water tanks, heating, ventilating, air-conditioning and air-cooling equipment, built-in refrigerators, and gas and electric machinery, appurtenances, and equipment, whether or not permanently affixed to the Land or the Improvements. All office equipment, including, without limitation, all computers, computer systems, hardware and software, access codes, access keys, computer programs, file names, word processing equipment; All inventories and supplies; All proceeds of any fire and builders' risk insurance policy, or of any policy insuring the Property (and the contents of the improvements) against any other perils, all awards made in eminent domain proceedings, or purchased in lieu of that, made with respect to the Property, and any compensation, award, payment, or relief given by any governmental agency or other source because of damage to the property resulting from earthquake, flood, windstorm, or any emergency or any other event or circumstance including terrorism; and All proceeds of any litigation relating to the Property and/or any improvements, including without limitation any fixtures and other Personality, including without limitation enforcement actions related to any duly perfected PACA liens. The specific enumerations in this Deed of Trust do not exclude the general. The Collateral also includes all additions to, substitutions for, changes in, or replacements of the whole or any part of these articles of property, and all accounts, contract rights, chattel paper, instruments, general intangibles, and other

obligations of any kind now or later existing, arising out of, or in connection with the operation or development of the Property. The Collateral also includes all rights now or later existing in all security agreements, leases, and other contracts securing or otherwise relating to any accounts, contract rights, chattel paper, instruments, general intangibles, or obligations; all causes of action and recoveries now or later existing for any loss or diminution in value of the Property; all proceeds of any of the Collateral; and, to the extent not otherwise included, all payments under insurance (whether Beneficiary is the loss payee), or any indemnity, warranty, or guaranty payable by reason of loss or damage to or otherwise with respect to any of the Collateral. All of Trustor's machinery, equipment, furnishings, cables, communication systems, office equipment, including, without limitation, all computers, computer systems, hardware and software, access codes, access keys, computer programs, file names, word processing equipment; and Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used in this Section have the meanings ascribed to them in the California Commercial Code (hereafter referred to as the "UCC"). In addition, the word "Collateral" also includes all of the following, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, whether now existing or hereafter arising, and wherever located: All accessions, attachments, accessories, tools, parts, supplies, replacements of and additions to any of the collateral described herein, whether added now or later. All products and produce of any of the property described in this Collateral section. All accounts, general intangibles, instruments, rents, monies, payments, and all other rights, arising out of a sale, lease, consignment or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section. All proceeds (including insurance proceeds) from the sale, destruction, loss, or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section, including without limitation enforcement actions related to any duly perfected PACA liens, and sums due from a third party who has damaged or destroyed the Collateral or from that party's insurer, whether due to judgment, settlement or other process. All records and data relating to any of the property described in this Collateral section, whether in the form of writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of the Trustor's right, title, and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and process and such records or data on electronic media. Dated: 04/21/2025 Law Offices of Richard G. Witkin APC 5805 Sepulveda Boulevard, Suite 670 Sherman Oaks, California 91411 Phone: (818) 845-4000 By: April Witkin Trustee Officer NPP0473533 To: NEWS LEDGER 05/02/2025, 05/16/2025 NEWS LEDGER 5-16-25

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 171172 Title No. DEF-599159 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/03/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD

CONTACT A LAWYER. On 06/09/2025 at 1:00 PM, Prime Recon LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/01/2015, as Instrument No. 2015-0033437-00, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Malaika Katrina Singleton, unmarried, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST AND ATTACHED EXHIBIT A. APN 058-380-027 EXHIBIT A THE LAND HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO, COUNTY OF YOLO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 165, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED "IRONWORKS AT THE TRIANGLE" FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 16, 2006 IN MAP BOOK 2006, AT PAGES 200-210, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 835 Graphite Ln, W Sacramento, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$102,142.62 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 5/25/2025 Prime Recon LLC Prime Recon LLC. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Devin Ormonde, Assistant Vice President Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 (888) 725-4142 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 280-2832 NOTICE TO BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bid-

ding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - www.auction.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: TS#171172. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website www.auction.com or auction.com/sbl079 for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case TS#171172 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. A-4842350 Publish:05/09/2025, 05/23/2025 NEWS LEDGER 5-23-25

### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **2:00 PM local time on Tuesday, June 10, 2025**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

#### HERITAGE OAKS PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The following invitation for bid involves all construction per the plans and specifications and including all labor and materials for the Heritage Oaks Park Improvements.

#### TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication	May 12, 2025
Pre-Proposal Meeting (Mandatory)	1300 Lake Washington Blvd., May 20, 2025
Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs	no later than <b>3 P.M.</b> May 26, 2025
Response to RFIs	June 3, 2025
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than <b>2 P.M.</b> June 10, 2025
Award of Contract	July 16, 2025

#### Mandatory Pre-Proposal Site Meeting: May 20, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

Heritage Oaks Park  
1300 Lake Washington Blvd.  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

#### Project construction cost estimate: \$4,050,000

This is a Federal Grant project.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within One-Hundred and Fifty (150) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's Procurement link at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>.
- Questions:** Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's Procurement link at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system. The cutoff date for submitting questions is Monday, May 26, 2025, by 3:00 PM local time.
- Submission of Proposals:** Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **2:00 PM local time on Tuesday, June 10, 2025**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review.

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be submitted through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>.

**Bid Security:** Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or Bid bond executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code section 22300, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

**Construction License:** Bidder must possess a current A and C-27 Contractor's License issued by the State of California, at the time the Bid is submitted.

**Contractor Registration:** All Bidders, and Subcontractors subject to Public Contract Code section 4104, must have registered with the California State Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 prior to submitting a bid. Furthermore, a Contractor, and all Subcontractors subject to Public Contract Code section 4104, must be registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 before entering into a contract to work on a public project.

**Preconstruction Conference:** A preconstruction conference will be convened after the Contractor has delivered the necessary bonds, insurance certificates, and signed agreement in proper form as required in the invitation to bid, Bid proposal, and general conditions of these specifications. Prior to any work, the Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a list of key personnel assigned to the project and the telephone numbers where they may be reached at any time. The list shall be made available in sufficient copies and presented at the preconstruction conference.

**Award:** The award shall be made to the lowest responsible Bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of the Contract will be made by the West Sacramento City Council, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after it has received the Contract from the City. The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

**Rejection of Bids:** The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive immaterial irregularities in any bid. Any Bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

**Disqualification of Bidder:** If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any Bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

**Relief of Bidder:** Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code section 5101 and the following, concerning relief of Bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the Bidder claims a mistake was made in its bid, the Bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

**Wage Rates:** Bidders are hereby notified that the California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work. Copies of the current schedules for prevailing wages are on file in the City's office, and the contents of those schedules are included herein as if set forth in full.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any Subcontractor under it to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

**Bonds:** The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price.

By: Chris Surawski, Project Manager

Date: May 12, 2025

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section § 65867, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a **public hearing on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item listed below.** The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and express their opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, at [clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org), seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting to allow the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

#### PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 25-7 PERTAINING TO PROPOSED ANNUAL OMNIBUS ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

**Description:** The Zoning Code requires regular updates to keep up with ongoing changes in the city. There are existing regulations that are no longer applicable, that require updating due to changes in State law, or that require process improvements based on real-world experience. This action is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to §15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) and §15321 (Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies) CEQA exemption of the CEQA Guidelines.

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### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's OpenGov Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, May 22, 2025**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

#### 2025 PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The proposed work includes, but is not limited to performing pavement resurfacing, crack sealing, slurry sealing, microsurfacing, asphalt rubber cape sealing, and thermoplastic pavement markings and striping.

The Contractor shall provide labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals, and shall perform all work necessary to deliver a completed, workmanlike project ready for safe public use and economical maintenance by City forces.

**Engineer's Estimate:** The Engineer's Estimate for the proposed improvements is \$2,300,000. There is no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise contract goal. This project is not subject to Buy America requirements.

#### TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication	April 30, 2025
Question Submission Deadline	no later than <b>5 P.M.</b> May 13, 2025
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than <b>2 P.M.</b> May 22, 2025
Award of Contract	June 18, 2025

**Completion of Work:** All base bid work shall be completed within **Seventy (70) working days** from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

**Submission of Proposals:** Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's OpenGov Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, May 22, 2025**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review.

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# Community Calendar

## May

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

**Friday, May 16:** English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and LEGO block party, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Explore and build with LEGO at our monthly block party. We provide big and small LEGO blocks. Best for ages 6 to 12; small children must be supervised by a responsible adult.

**Saturday, May 17:** Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. AANHPI Heritage Month event, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Celebrate Asian American, Native Hawai'ian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with bilingual stories in Vietnamese and Mandarin read by the sisters of UC Davis Delta Chapter of Sigma Omicron Pi, performances by Na Keiki O Hawai'i (NKOH) and UC Davis Tinikling Team, along with fun arts and crafts for all.

**Monday, May 19:** Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 20:** Hug-a-Bye baby, 11 a.m. to noon

**Wednesday, May 21:** Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Anime afternoon, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Thursday, May 22:** Tell me a story – bilingual Spanish story time + Loteria, 11:15 a.m. to noon and yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Friday, May 23:** English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 24:** Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Flower arranging workshop, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us to learn the basics of Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging. Registration is required. The session is currently full, but a waitlist is available on the library website: <https://events.yolocountylibrary.org/event/14444269>

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

**Friday, May 16:** Senior Resource Fair, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. This free event features health and wellness resources, senior support services, and complementary VIA rides provided by the City of West Sacramento. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and discover the vital resources available to seniors in town. For more information, contact Recreation Supervisor Christine Prater at 916-617-5320 or at [christinep@city-ofwestsacramento.org](mailto:christinep@city-ofwestsacramento.org)

**Friday, May 16:** Soular Light, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Join us for this art reception, opening this bold, bright, and surrealist exhibition by local artist Yadira Tovar. Enjoy light refreshments and converse with an amazing artist. Exhibition will be on display through Friday, May 30. For more information, contact Gallery 1075 Curator Evan Harté at [evan@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:evan@cityofwestsacramento.org) or call 916-617-5150.

**Saturday, May 17:** YOLO Run, 8 a.m. to noon at UC Davis Health Stadium, at Bob Foster Team Center, Davis. Join us for this event that benefits children and families. Choose your distance and get ready to start and finish your race in the Stadium, presented by the NEC Society and UC Davis Children's Hospital. Registration and additional information at <https://necsociety.org/yolo-run-walk/>

**Saturday, May 17:** Woodland Winefest, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Heritage Plaza, 701 Main St., Woodland. This annual fundraising event is organized by Soroptimist International of Woodland and features tastings from local wineries and breweries, as well as samples of local olive oils and baked goods from UC Baking, live music and food trucks. A complimentary glass is included in the ticket price. For more information and to purchase tickets, see: <https://www.soroptimistofwoodland.org/winefest>

**Sunday, May 18:** Streetlow Magazine Lowrider Car Show and Concert, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland. For more information, contact 408-210-4040.

**Monday, May 19:** Toddler Art Class, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Free for ages 1 to 3 and registration is required at: <https://help-megrowyolo.simplybook.me/v2/>

**Friday, May 23:** Parents night out, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 2801 Jefferson Blvd. Have a date night, go out with friends, get in a workout, or relax at home. Leave your kids with us for a night of fun. Snacks and a light dinner are provided. Registration is required at: [https://westsacfun.activityreg.com/clientpage\\_t2.wcs](https://westsacfun.activityreg.com/clientpage_t2.wcs).

## Ongoing Activities

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

**Café Yolo Social Dining** meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Seniors over 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 [welcome@mowyolo.org](mailto:welcome@mowyolo.org)

**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. The next class will be building a baseball game on **Saturday, June 7**. Registration required by using the following link: <https://www.homedepot.com/workshops>

**Lowe's**, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd., offers free in-person Kids Workshops each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workshop will be creating a spinning trinket box on **Saturday, May 17**. Registration required by using the following link: <https://www.lowes.com/events/register/spinning-trinket-box>.

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

**West Sacramento Urban Farm Mobile Farmers market trucks** bring fresh, local, produce to food insecure neighborhoods throughout Yolo County. You'll find the truck in West Sacramento every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A second truck will be in Woodland and rural Yolo County every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. For specific times and locations, check: <https://www.landbasedlearning.org/followthetomato/>.

**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 Blvd. 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, May 17.

**West Sacramento City Council** meets at 7 p.m. generally on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., second floor, also viewable on Astound Cable channel 20 and AT&T channel 99. More information, including how to participate and Committee meeting schedules, can be found at: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas>. The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 21.

**The West Sacramento Farmers' Market** is now open every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at River Walk Park, 651 2nd St. We are committed to providing our community with fresh, locally sourced produce and supporting our local farmers. We believe in the importance of sustainable agriculture and strive to create a space where farmers and consumers can connect. For more information, contact [westsacfarmersmarket@yahoo.com](mailto:westsacfarmersmarket@yahoo.com) ★

# Crime Reports

## WEST SACRAMENTO



### ARREST REPORTS

**Cardell Wesley Geary**, 70, was arrested Sunday, April 27 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for shoplifting. Officer issued a misdemeanor citation for the theft and collected a signed citizen's arrest from the reporting party. Officer advised Geary that the store was trespassing him and not to return.

**Joel Gabriel Gutierrez**, 37, was arrested Sunday, April 27 in Sacramento County by Galt Police for violation of license restrictions, driving an unregistered California-based vehicle, failing to provide evidence of financial responsibility and DUI alcohol / drugs.

**Cornelio Ramon Sanchez**, 37, was arrested Monday, April 28 in Yolo County by Yolo County Sheriff for possession of burglar's tools, possession of drug paraphernalia, providing false information to a peace officer and unauthorized use of personal identifying information with previous convictions.

**Oscar Morales Bucio**, 33, was arrested Tuesday, April 29 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding warrant for a felony. Bucio was detained on scene without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Phanith Phetsinorath**, 38, was arrested Tuesday, April 29 on 8th Street in Sacramento by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol was behind a vehicle at intersection of West Capitol Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard and a records check of the license plates came back as a stolen vehicle. The officer initiated a traffic stop and activated red lights, but the vehicle entered the freeway and continued driving. Officer turned on the siren and the vehicle continued driving at high speed. Officers pursued the vehicle as it fled westbound on Interstate 80, exited at Chiles Road and headed back eastbound on I-80. Driver, later confirmed as Phetsinorath, committed several traffic violations, including driving into oncoming traffic, running stop signs, and speeding. Phetsinorath continued to flee from officers and passed several safe stopping points, exceeding 100 miles per hour. A police helicopter overhead followed the vehicle into Sacramento and observed the suspect stop and run inside an apartment on 8th Street. Officers made several attempts to call the suspect out of the apartment, but he did not surrender for nearly two hours. When he did finally exit, he was taken into custody and confirmed by the apartment resident as the driver of the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle also confirmed Phetsinorath did not have permission to drive her car. He was found to have two outstanding warrants and was charged with those as well as possessing a stolen vehicle, evading peace officers with wanton disregard for safety, and obstructing / resisting peace officers. Phetsinorath was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Luke Errow Fletcher**, 32, was arrested Wednesday, April 30 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol attempted to conduct a bicycle stop on a male riding the wrong way in a bicycle lane. The officer used overhead lights and sirens, but the rider failed to yield, continuing for a distance until finally getting off the bike and complying with officer orders. A records check revealed multiple outstanding warrants and Fletcher was taken into custody for those charges as well as obstructing / resisting a peace officer. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Conor Quinn McGagin**, 48, was arrested Wednesday, April 30 at Evergreen Avenue and Pine Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a car on a public street with expired registration. McGagin was sitting in the driver's seat, identified when contacted by officer. Officer observed a glass pipe in plain view in the vehicle's center console. A search of the vehicle revealed multiple glass pipes consistent with smoking narcotics and several small pieces of tinfoil containing a substance later tested positive as Fentanyl. A check of McGagin's prior convictions revealed four convictions for theft, so he was charged with possession of a hard drug with prior conviction and possessing unlawful paraphernalia and transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Corey Rhosaan Jacobs-Sims**, 26, was arrested Wednesday, April 30 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for shoplifting. A records check revealed an active felony warrant and Jacobs-Sims was transported to Yolo County Jail for both charges.

**Antonino Serrano Mendez**, 29, was arrested Wednesday, April 30 at Cornelia Way and Bruce Way in Sacramento by Sacramento County Sheriff for conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor, robbery, exhibiting a firearm and carrying a concealed weapon in the vehicle.

**Rico Antonio Lewis**, 37, was arrested Wednesday, April 30 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol conducted a bicycle stop for a subject riding on the sidewalk. The subject provided a false name and was later identified as Lewis, with an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. During a search, a smoking pipe with a bulbous tip was found in his left front pants pocket and a clear plastic bag containing potential methamphetamine was inside his shoulder bag. Lewis was charged with the warrant, giving false identification to a police officer, possessing a controlled substance and possessing unlawful paraphernalia. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**German Vazquez-Lara**, 35, was arrested Thursday, May 1 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. An officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for lack of valid registration. The passenger was identified as Vazquez-Lara. A records check revealed he was on active Sacramento County searchable probation and had a confirmed misdemeanor warrant that was citable. During a probation search, officers found a clear glass pipe with a bulbous end with burnt white residue, and a clear baggie with a white crystal-like substance that later tested positive for methamphetamine. Vazquez-Lara was charged with possessing unlawful paraphernalia and possessing a controlled substance and released with a notice to appear.

**Jose Luis Cuevas**, 33, was arrested Thursday, May 1 at Carrie Street and Todhunter Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol recognized Cuevas and a records check revealed multiple warrants. Cuevas was detained without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail for booking.

**Lucas Gardner**, 38, was arrested Saturday, May 3 in Placer County by Placer County Sheriff for possession of controlled substance and using / under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of hard drugs with prior convictions, possession of drug paraphernalia and destroying evidence.

**Claudio Hernandez**, 32, was arrested Saturday, May 3 at southbound Highway 99 at the 47th Avenue westbound offramp by Sacramento County Sheriff for possession of a narcotic controlled substance.

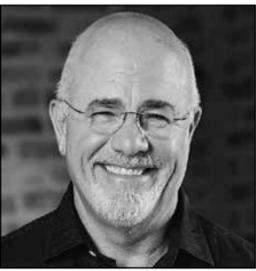
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Dave Ramsey

## Dave Ramsey Says All of Your Brain Means *Both* of You

making decisions, you should use all of your brain. That means *both* of you. Two heads are better than one, right? Back when I made all my mistakes with money and we went broke, I didn't listen to anyone about anything. I thought I knew it all. We had investments and owned pieces of property my wife never knew about or laid eyes on.

When it came to our finances, she always trusted me and told me to do what I thought was best. Well, it turns out, I was an idiot. If I'd had an ounce of sense or humility back then, I'd have gone to her with my all my bright ideas. Knowing her thoughts or hearing her say, "I don't know about that, honey. I've got a bad feeling about it" might've saved us a lot of pain and heartache — if I'd listened. But now, I understand like never before the meaning of Proverbs 31:10-12. "Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is above rubies. The heart of her husband

safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain" (NKJV).

I'm sure your husband is lot smarter about things than I was. And he's obviously open to talking with you about all this and showing you things. That's a really good sign. But if I were him, and something were to happen, I'd want you to understand everything. I'd want you to know exactly what you have going on and how it all works.

Great question, Anna!

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.* ★

## UC Davis Doctoral Candidate Wins International Award



Alison Blundell, University of California Davis doctoral candidate, is shown here holding a root knot nematode-infested tomato plant, is the winner of the 2025 John M. Webster Outstanding Student Award from the Society of Nematologists. Photo courtesy of University of Davis California

### University of California Davis News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MGP)** - Doctoral candidate Alison Blundell of the laboratory of associate professor Shahid Siddique, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, is the recipient of the 2025 John M. Webster Outstanding Student Award from the Society of Nematologists.

She is the first University of California Davis student to win the award, launched in 2007 to recognize "a graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in his/her thesis research in nematology as well as other skills necessary to be a well-rounded scholar."

As the recipient of the \$1,500 prize, Blundell will deliver a 30-minute oral presentation of her research at SON's 64th annual meeting, to be held July 13 to 17 in Victoria, British Columbia.

"The evaluation committee was very impressed by your personal qualities and accomplishments," the committee wrote, in praising her scientific accomplishments, leadership and commitment to the field of nematology.

Blundell, who joined the UC Davis doctoral program in 2020, is completing her dissertation on "Trade-Offs Between Virulence and Evading Resistance in Root-Knot Nematodes." She investigates how root-knot nematodes overcome Mi-1 in tomatoes and is testing for susceptibility associated with resistance breaking. Mi-1 is a crucial gene in tomato plants that confers resistance against root-knot nematodes, which are parasitic nematodes that can and do severely damage crops.

Blundell has collected root-knot nematodes (RKN) isolates from affected fields across the state, developed single egg mass cultures, and is now applying whole-genome sequencing to identify genetic signatures associated with resistance and its breakdown. Simultaneously, she is investigating whether resistance-breaking root-knot nematodes suffer fitness costs when rotated with non-host crops, an approach that could directly inform nematode management strategies for growers.

In addition to her scientific contributions, Blundell is involved in professional services with the School of Nursing, including oral and poster presentations and as vice chair of the School of Nursing Graduate Student Committee. She engages in teaching, mentoring, and

public outreach on the UC Davis campus. She promotes science education and agricultural awareness by volunteering at the annual UC Davis Picnic Day and the UC Davis Biodiversity Museum Day.

Active in the School of Nursing, Blundell won first place in the Three-Minute Thesis Competition at the 2022 School of Nursing meeting. At the 2024 School of Nursing meeting, judges awarded her second place in the 12-Minute Best Student Paper Award Competition.

Blundell, formerly Alison Coomer, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry (2020) from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, where she received the Outstanding Graduate Student in Biology Award.

In the Webster Award application form, Blundell explained that "California's processing tomato industry is responsible for one-third of all processing tomato production worldwide. The success of this industry depends on the growers' abilities to implement management strategies such as integrated host resistance, effective pesticides and non-host rotation crops to eliminate or control pathogens. Despite these efforts, root-knot nematodes (RKNs), *Meloidogyne* spp., cause an estimated 5% yield loss in processing tomatoes by suppressing the plant immune system, damaging root tissues, and creating entry points for secondary pathogens such as *Fusarium* species. These pathogen complexes result in a severe yield loss seen by growers each year."

"For decades, the resistance gene Mi-1 has retained its ability to detect and inhibit root-knot nematodes in tomatoes, but the underlying mechanisms by which it recognizes these pathogens remains largely unknown. However, resistance-breaking root-knot nematode populations have been increasingly found in both greenhouse and field settings, threatening the effectiveness of the Mi-1 gene and consequently the tomato industry," said Blundell. "With this research we aim to improve our understanding of how root-knot nematodes evade Mi-1 resistance, increase grower and public awareness about plant parasitic nematodes, and develop management strategies to combat resistance-breaking populations, ultimately supporting California's tomato growers." ★



### Bankruptcies Show Stress in Farm Economy

After a four-year downward trend, U.S. farm bankruptcies are on the rise again, with growing concern that the financial health of farms across the country will continue to falter. A total of 216 U.S. farms filed for Chapter 12 bankruptcy last year, up 55% from 2023. With 17 filings, California led the nation. "It's just the tip of the iceberg," said Shawn Gill, a Central Valley almond grower who has been trying to reorganize his debts under Chapter 12, noting he has friends who are in a similar situation. "You're going to see a lot more bankruptcies or people going under."

### Committee Rejects Tax Credit Bill that Aimed to Offset Farm Overtime Costs

Farm advocates and farmworkers left the state Capitol disappointed last month after a proposed tax credit aimed at boosting farm employment opportunities and assisting farms in California failed to advance out of the state Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. Senate Bill 628, authored by state Sen. Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, would have created a tax credit to offset the cost to farmers of paying overtime wages. The bill was designed to address unintended consequences of California's 2016 agricultural overtime law, which proponents said would boost farmworker pay but ended up causing workers to lose hours and income, according to research from the University of California, Berkeley.

### On the Record: American Psychological Association President Discusses Mental Health in Agriculture

Debra Kawahara, president of the American Psychological Association and associate dean of academic affairs at the California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University, spoke about mental health on farms and in rural communities for Ag Alert's® Q&A series, On the Record. "I think there's been an acknowledgment in society at large, and also on farms, that mental health issues are important," said Kawahara, whose family grows strawberries, blueberries, cherimoyas and assorted vegetables in San Diego County. "But there is still much work to be done to overcome the stigma and encourage help-seeking behaviors."

### Researchers Remove Proteins in Wheat Harmful to People with Celiac Disease

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, have deleted a cluster of genes in wheat that generates gluten proteins that can trigger immune reactions without harming the bread-making quality of the globally produced grain. The findings were published this month in the journal *Theoretical and Applied Genetics*. "The gluten proteins we eliminated are the ones that trigger the strongest response in people with celiac disease, and their elimination can reduce the risk of triggering the disease in people without celiac disease," said wheat geneticist Jorge Dubcovsky, whose lab at UC Davis conducted the study. ★

## Matsui Condemns Republican Effort to Repeal California's Clean Air Act Waivers

### Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui News Release

**WASHINGTON D.C. (MPG)** - On April 30, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-07), co-chair of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, released the following statement rebuking House Republicans' effort to eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act waivers for California's Advanced Clean Trucks, Advanced Clean Cars II, and Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus rules:



Congresswoman  
Doris Matsui

overwhelming: clean air saves lives. That is why I have spent my career

in Congress fighting for stronger emissions standards and cracking down on toxic air pollution," said Congresswoman Matsui. "For over 50 years, California has used its Clean Air Act authority to lead the way on strong, forward-thinking air pollution standards. Our policies serve as a national blueprint, showing how to cut emissions, drive innovation, create good jobs, lower costs at the pump and protect families from harmful pollutants. This is a blatant, unlawful attempt to undermine decades of progress and double down on dirty fossil fuels.

We must stop wasting everyone's time and start working for the American people."

Last month, the Government Accountability Office reiterated a 2023 decision that California's Clean Air Act waivers were not subject to the Congressional Review Act (CRA). The Senate Parliamentarian has affirmed this determination, ruling that the Congressional Review Act cannot be used to overturn California's waivers.

Congresswoman Matsui has spearheaded efforts in Congress calling for stronger

emissions standards for cars and trucks. Under the first Trump Administration, the congresswoman led opposition to President Trump's attempts to revoke California's pollution standards, and the Congresswoman successfully fought for the reinstatement of California's authority under the Biden Administration.

In March 2021, she led a letter with 70 of her colleagues urging the Biden Administration to take action to reinstate California's Clean Air Act waiver and restore

the Obama-Biden tailpipe emission and fuel economy standards. In July 2021, she led a follow up letter with then Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone and 139 of her colleagues to reiterate the importance of reinstating the California Clean Air Act waiver.

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

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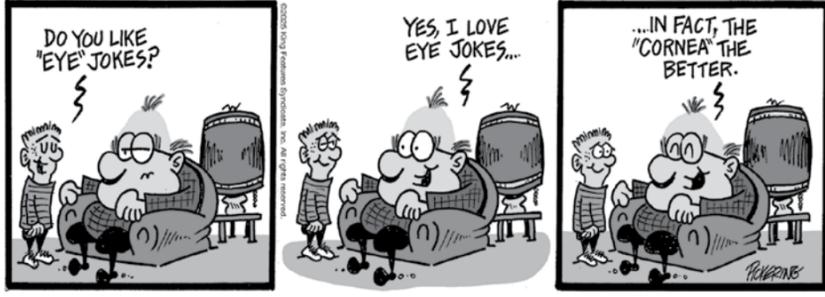
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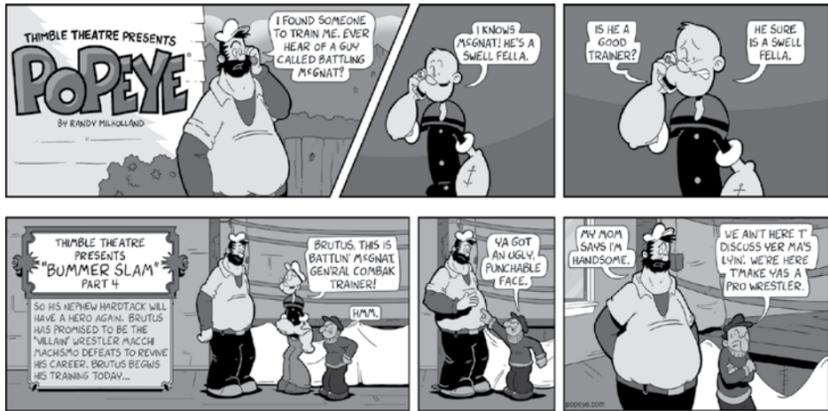
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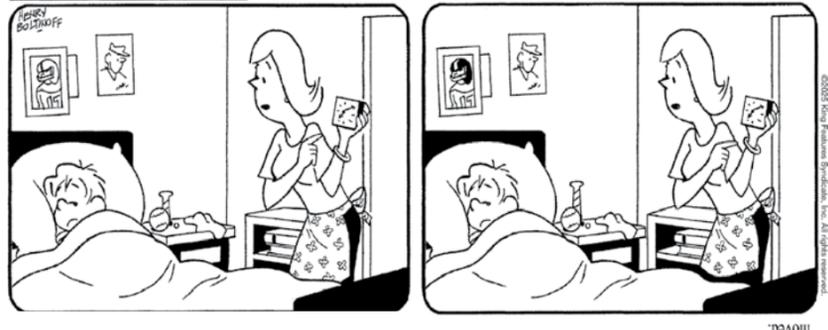
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# Aggies Make Statement at Lubbock Regionals

## University of Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - University of California Davis women's golf put the nation on notice at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Lubbock Regionals, finishing better than number 18 Arizona and just one stroke off the final cut line with an impressive seventh-place finish to wrap up a historic season.

In the clubhouse: The final cut line ended up being +25, and the final spot was decided by a one-hole playoff between Purdue and Texas A&M, showcasing how competitive the week was in Lubbock, Texas.

Skyler May set the tone for the Aggies, shooting -3 for the fourth-best round on the day, and her +2 overall placed her eighth in the final standings. May recorded four birdies, including back-to-back on 16 and 17.

Vani Karimanal put on a show, shooting -2 with three birdies, climbing 15 spots to finish



Here is the University of California at Davis women's golf team, who put the nation on notice at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Lubbock Regionals on May 6. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

36th overall and much like May, Karimanal used an early showing of back-to-back birdies on 15 and 16 (the Aggies teed off on 10) to pace her round.

Abby Leighton finished 19th

overall, shooting +5 for the tournament and +1 on the day, rounding out the pair of Aggies that finished inside the top 20.

Lauren Calderon finished +15 for the tournament and Yu Bai

ended her three rounds at +13.

Aggie Scores: NCAA Championships (Lubbock Regional), The Rawls Course at Texas Tech and Par 72 to 6,701 yards: Skyler May (eighth):

76-73-69 (+2); Abby Leighton (19th): 75-73-73 (+5); Vani Karimanal (36th): 78-80-70 (+12); Yu Bai (41st): 78-74-77 (+5); Lauren Calderon (48th): 80-76-75 (+15). ★

## Reynolds, Westbrook Earn All-Conference Honors

### American River College News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - American River College Baseball standouts Jayden Reynolds (Bella Vista) and Dylan Westbrook (Oak Ridge) earned 2025 first team All-BIG 8 Conference honors it was announced on April 30.

Reynolds, who was second team All-Conference last season was second in the conference with 37 hits in 24 game this season. He hit .352 in conference play with 16 runs batted in (RBI). The sophomore second base (2B) also made just five errors on the season.

Westbrook was named first team All-BIG 8 Conference as a utility player for his work as an outfielder and as a pitcher. The freshman hit .338 in 22 conference games and was second in BIG 8 Conference

play with five home runs. Westbrook also had 15 runs batted in and had more walks (16) than strikeouts (13). On the mound he was one to three with a save in conference play with a 4.46 earned run average (ERA).

Sophomore Right Fielder (RF) Jonas Dyas (Folsom) and freshmen First Base (1B) Lance Sabatke (River City), Third Base (3B) Bryce Sabatke (River City), Designated Hitter (DH) Jackson Nichols (Valley Christian) and Out Field (OF) Rylan Pope (McClatchy) earned honorable mention for their BIG 8 Conference performances this season.

The Beavers traveled to Santa Rosa to play the number one ranked Bear Cubs in the first round of the Northern California Playoffs. It is a best two-of-three series with game one on May 2, after press time. ★

## St. Francis Celebrates 17 Future Collegiate Athletes

### St. Francis Catholic High School News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - St. Francis Catholic High School honored a total of 17 senior students who committed to compete in ten different collegiate sports during the spring edition of its National Letter of Intent and College Commitment celebration on the morning of May 1.

Alphabetically, the guests of honor comprised Estella Bacsafra, Westmont (soccer); Sarah Bashore, Framingham State (soccer); Piper Brostrom, La Salle (water polo); Abigail Collier, Mount St. Mary's (water polo); Miranda Ferguson, Long Beach CC (water polo); Kylee Garrett, Pacific (softball); Olivia Hamm, Lynn (lacrosse); Emily Hartman, Quinnipiac (rugby); Addison Hutchcraft, LIU (water polo); Anna Jurrens, Seattle (rowing); Gwyneth O'Brien, Saint Mary's (rowing); Lucie Pickering Pick, Westmont (cross country/track); Sophia Santsche-Chavez, Long Beach CC (water polo); Zia Smith, Colorado Mesa (lacrosse); Sydney Teoh, Chapman (basketball); and Paige Vicente, UC Santa Cruz (diving).

The event on May 1 serves as a companion to the November event, which recognized nine Troubadours: Carly Hall, Pacific (soccer); Mia Hill, St. Bonaventure (swimming); Erica Jaffe, University of California, Los Angeles (swimming); Maggie Koerwitz, San Francisco (soccer); Claire Krotine, Santa Clara (softball); Sofia Rabinovitz, Hastings (soccer); Marissa Recio, Fresno State (swimming); Megan Sands, Southern Methodist University (rowing); and Isabelle Schmid, Cal Poly (swimming).

The total of 26 future collegiate student-athletes marks the highest on record for St. Francis since the 2018 class, which had 28 graduates go on to play at the next level. However, the exact total for the 2025 seniors remains to be determined, as not all future collegians report their status or participate in the ceremonies.

St. Francis athletics director Ryan Chisolm also recognized coaches, teachers, guidance counselors and administrators who played a part in the Troubadours' academic, athletic

and spiritual growth during their time at the Sacramento area's premier all-girls college prep school.

Each student-athlete have selected the college and/or university they will be studying at, listed below:

**Estella Bacsafra**, soccer athlete, intends on studying business and economics at Westmont College.

**Sarah Bashore**, soccer athlete intends to study at Framingham State.

**Piper Brostrom**, water polo athlete, plans on studying special education at La Salle College.

**Abigail Collier**, water polo athlete, plans to study economics at Mount St. Mary's College.

**Miranda Ferguson**, water polo athlete, plans to study biological psychology at Long Beach City College.

**Kylee Garrett**, softball athlete, intends on majoring in health and exercise sciences.

**Olivia Hamm**, lacrosse athlete, plans to study psychology as a Fighting Knight.

**Emily Hartman**, rugby athlete, plans on studying physical therapy (health science studies) at Quinnipiac University.

**Addison Hutchcraft**, water polo athlete, plans to study nursing at Long Island University. Gabriella Honig, rowing athlete, plans to study nursing at Saint Mary's College.

**Anna Jurrens**, rowing athlete, will study nursing at Seattle University.

**Gwyneth O'Brien**, rowing athlete, plans on majoring in biology at St. Mary's College.

**Lucie Pickering Pick**, cross country/track and field athlete, will study business and economics at Westmont College.

**Sophia Santsche-Chavez**, water polo athlete, aspires to become a firefighter and will major in Long Beach City College's fire science program.

**Zia Smith**, lacrosse athlete, intends to study at Colorado Mesa University.

**Sydney Teoh**, basketball athlete, will study health sciences at Chapman University.

**Paige Vicente**, diving athlete, intends on studying biology and economics at University of California, Santa Cruz. ★

## Shaquille and Shaqir O'Neal Join the Hornets

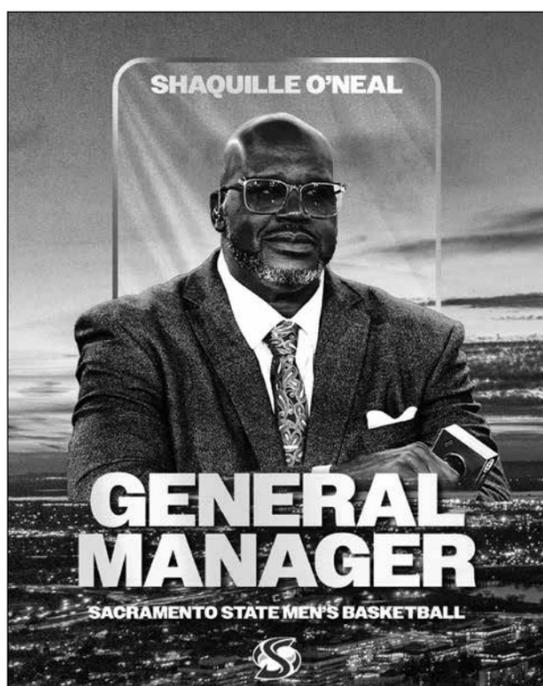
By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - National Basketball Association (NBA) Hall of Famer Dr. Shaquille O'Neal will serve as the general manager of Sacramento State University men's basketball starting in the 2025-2026 season.

O'Neal joins the program shortly after the appointment of former Sacramento Kings star Mike Bibby as head coach and the recruitment of his son, Shaqir O'Neal, who was signed to the team in early April.

Shaquille O'Neal, famously known as Shaq, will focus on recruitment, marketing and holistic player development both on and off the basketball court. He has waived a salary and will serve in a volunteer capacity, according to Sacramento State Athletics.

The staff page for Shaquille O'Neal for Sacramento State Men's Basketball states that he was born in Newark, New Jersey, on March 6, 1972. He is considered to be one of the most dominant basketball players in National Basketball Association's history. Standing at seven-foot-one inches, weighing 325 pounds, Shaq's larger-than-life personality and powerful



It was announced on April 29 that National Basketball Association (NBA) Hall of Famer Dr. Shaquille O'Neal will be the general manager for the Sacramento State men's basketball team. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

athleticism resulted in worldwide admiration and one of the largest fan bases in sports and entertainment.

"I know what it takes to build a winning culture. Coach Bibby, President Wood and Athletic Director Mark Orr are putting something powerful together at Sacramento State and I'm honored to be part of it," Shaquille O'Neal shared to

Sacramento State Athletics. "This is more about banners and trophies but preparing these student-athletes for life on-and-off the court."

Shaquille O'Neal played for six teams throughout his 19-year basketball career and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2016.

"His presence, experience

and leadership will elevate everything we're building here and that's why I reached out to Shaq to get involved with the program," Bibby said.

Sacramento State President Luke Wood also shared his thoughts on Shaquille O'Neal's arrival as general manager to the Hornets.

"This is an incredible moment for Sacramento State. Shaquille O'Neal is a difference-maker in everything he touches and we are thrilled to have him join our program. I'm especially grateful to Coach Bibby for making this extraordinary partnership possible," Wood said. "He is showing what we already knew that he will transform Sacramento State Basketball and elevate the program to a top tier national program."

Shaquille O'Neal's son, Shaqir O'Neal, was the first recruit following Bibby's

appointment as head coach of the men's basketball team. In a news release from Sacramento State Athletics on April 5, it was announced that Shaqir O'Neal will be a senior next season playing for the Hornets.

Here are Shaqir O'Neal's basketball career background and highlights. Standing at six-foot-eight inches, 200-pounds, he is a forward position from Los Angeles. He played his junior season (2024 to 2025) at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, after spending his first three seasons (redshirt in 2021 to 2022) with Texas Southern of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Last season at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Shaqir O'Neal played in 27 games (15 starts), averaged 6.7 points and 3.2 rebounds on 50%

shooting (65-129) from the field and 41% (17-42) from the three-point line. He scored in double figures seven times, including a pair of 20-point games and had a double-double (12 points, 10 rebounds) in a win over Alcorn State.

Shaqir O'Neal played in 40 games during his two active seasons at Texas Southern (2022 to 2024).

He was a three-star recruit out of high school, being a 2021 graduate of Union Grove High School in McDonough, Georgia. Shaqir O'Neal played his senior season for the Wolverines. He played his first three prep seasons with Crossroads High School in Santa Monica.

"We are pleased to announce the signing of Shaqir. He gives us size and tremendous versatility. Shaqir has made a habit of performing his best during games against the strongest competition," Bibby said. ★