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\$25 Million Approved for I Street Bridge Replacement



This rendering of the proposed \$300-million I Street Bridge Replacement Project showcases city views on each side. Rendering courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

City of West Sacramento News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Transportation Commission on June 27 approved \$25 million in construction funding for the I Street Bridge Replacement Project, advancing a critical regional effort to build a modern, multi-modal river crossing between West Sacramento and Sacramento.

The funding was awarded on June 27 through the Local Partnership

Program made possible by Senate Bill 1. It supports the construction of a new bridge upstream from the existing I Street Bridge.

The new span will connect the growing Washington Neighborhood in West Sacramento with the Sacramento Railyards, serving autos, transit, bikes and pedestrians.

“Building a safe river crossing between the two cities is a priority,” said West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero. “Thank you to the CTC for this critical funding. We look

forward to working with Sacramento to get the new bridge built as soon as possible.”

The current I Street Bridge, built in 1911, is no longer adequate for modern traffic safety needs. Its narrow nine-foot lanes can’t accommodate buses or emergency vehicles and the sidewalks do not meet accessibility standards. The replacement project has undergone extensive community engagement and design review, resulting in a signature tied-arch

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Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The duo of infielder Bryce Eldridge and left-handed pitcher Carson Whisenhunt, ranked the respective No. 1 and No. 2 prospects in the San Francisco Giants organization, have been selected to represent the Giants and Sacramento River Cats at the 2025 All-Star Futures Game on July 12.

Whisenhunt leads the River Cats with a 7-5 record this season, posting a 4.55 ERA (45 er, 89.0 ip) along with 79 strikeouts to just 25 walks. The East Carolina product has consistently been one of the best pitchers in Triple-A this season, as the southpaw leads the highest Minor League level in innings pitched with 89.0 while tying for third in wins and tying for eighth in strikeouts. The 27th pick of the second round in the 2022 MLB Draft appears as a leader in most every Pacific Coast League stat, including leading the PCL in WHIP at 1.27 while sitting fourth in opposing average at .262.

Eldridge has played in just 16 games with Sacramento this season after being promoted from Double-A Richmond on June 3, and between the two combined levels is hitting .263 (49-for-186) with 19 runs scored, 11 doubles, 10 homers, 33 RBI, 18 walks and an .813 OPS. Prior to going on the 7-Day Injured List on June 24, the No. 16 overall pick in the 2023 MLB Draft had been heating up with Sacramento with three straight multi-hit games that included a double. His first Triple-A home run of his career came in grand slam fashion in his second game played on June 5 at Sugar Land.

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County Assessment Roll Tops \$39.7 Billion

Yolo County Assessor's Office News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Yolo County has surpassed the \$39.7-billion mark in total assessed property value, according to the 2025 assessment roll released June 27 by Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters Jesse Salinas.

The county’s net assessed value reached \$39.7 billion, reflecting a 4.50% increase over the prior year.

“The assessment roll is the financial backbone of our local services,” said Salinas. “Schools, public safety, libraries and other vital programs depend on property tax revenue generated from these values. Our office is proud to deliver the roll-on time and with accuracy that ensures funding stability for our communities.”

This marks the ninth



Jesse Salinas was elected Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder on June 5, 2018 and re-elected in 2022. Photo courtesy of Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections Office

consecutive year that the Yolo County Assessor’s Office has delivered the assessment roll ahead of the statutory July 1 deadline and the 13th year of continuous growth.

Growth in the 2025 assessment roll is largely driven by stabilizing residential growth. Among the

cities, Winters again led the county with an 8.31% increase for the ninth consecutive year, followed by Woodland (5.67%), West Sacramento (4.76%), Davis (4.40%) and the unincorporated areas (2.02%). These figures reflect values as of Jan. 1 this year.

Detailed valuation

breakdowns by jurisdiction are available online at acc.yolocounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/724/ASSESSOR_2025?bidId=.

Salinas emphasized the importance of transparency, encouraging property owners to review their assessments.

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Proposed Initiative would Increase Graduation Ethnic Studies Requirements



According to the California Secretary of State's Office, petition signatures will begin to be collected for a new initiative in the California State University graduation requirements, increasing the number of required units for ethnic studies from three to six for undergraduates and zero to three for graduate students. Photo courtesy of San Diego State University

California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., announced that the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures on May 30.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State, and the initiative can be circulated for signatures.

The Secretary of State then provides a calendar of deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials.

The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows: Increases ethnic studies requirements for graduation from the California state university.

Initiative statute.

Under current law, undergraduate students at the California State University (CSU) must complete one three-unit ethnic studies course to graduate.

This measure would change California State University's graduation requirements to require, beginning in the 2030-2031 academic year: undergraduate students to complete two ethnic studies courses (one three-unit lower division course and one three-unit upper division course); and graduate students to complete one three-unit ethnic studies course.

The measure prohibits the Legislature from reducing the number of required courses for graduation or altering the required course curriculum.

An estimated summary by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments states

"Increased state costs in the tens of millions of dollars annually during initial implementation of the measure, with the bulk of costs phasing out over time."

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1979 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 25-0003.

The proponent of the measure, Emeka Ogbatue, must collect signatures of 546,651 registered voters (five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2022 general election) for the measure to become eligible for the ballot.

The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials no later than Nov. 26, 2025.

The address for the proponent is 420 N McKinley St., Unit No. 111-307, Corona. The proponent can also be contacted at eogbatue@goldenvalues.org ★

Sacramento-Area New Home Sales Bounce Back



A total of 254 new homes were sold in Sacramento County new home communities during the month, as expected given that the majority of developments are located there. Photo by Paul Brennan from Pixaba

By North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - New home sales in the Sacramento region dropped off sharply in early May as area buyers continued to pull back due to heightened economic uncertainties but they rebounded in the second half of May, the North State Building Industry Association (BIA) reported June 10.

A total of 455 new homes in the region were sold by Building Industry Association members during May, which was up 10% from April but down 32% from May 2024, which was the highest-selling May since 2005. In fact, May 2025 sales were just slightly below the average for the month dating back to 1997.

North State Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said that buyers here and nationally are continuing to react to the swings in economic news.

"Early in the month, prospective buyers were still adjusting to the administration's tariff policies and other initiatives but by the end of the month, the number of people visiting new home communities rebounded to the highest level since January and sales increased

as well," said Murphy. "While mortgage interest rates remain close to 7% and the number of existing homes on the market is slowly increasing, it's clear that the demand for new homes in our region remains strong."

A total of 254 new homes were sold in Sacramento County new home communities during May, as expected, given that the majority of developments are located there.

Another 141 homes were sold in Placer County, with the remainder of sales in the Yuba-Sutter region, El Dorado County and Yolo County.

"As people continue to adjust to current economic trends, we continue to believe that new home sales in our region will remain solid," said Murphy.

Roseville again saw the most sales of any submarket last month with 87, followed by Rancho Cordova with 71, Elk Grove with 63, Sacramento with 61 and Natomas with 29. Rounding out the Top 10 markets were Lincoln (21), Rocklin (17), El Dorado Hills and Folsom with 16 each, and Plumas Lake with 14.

Building Industry Association statistics include sales by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★



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New Lane to Open on Westbound Interstate 80 in Yolo County

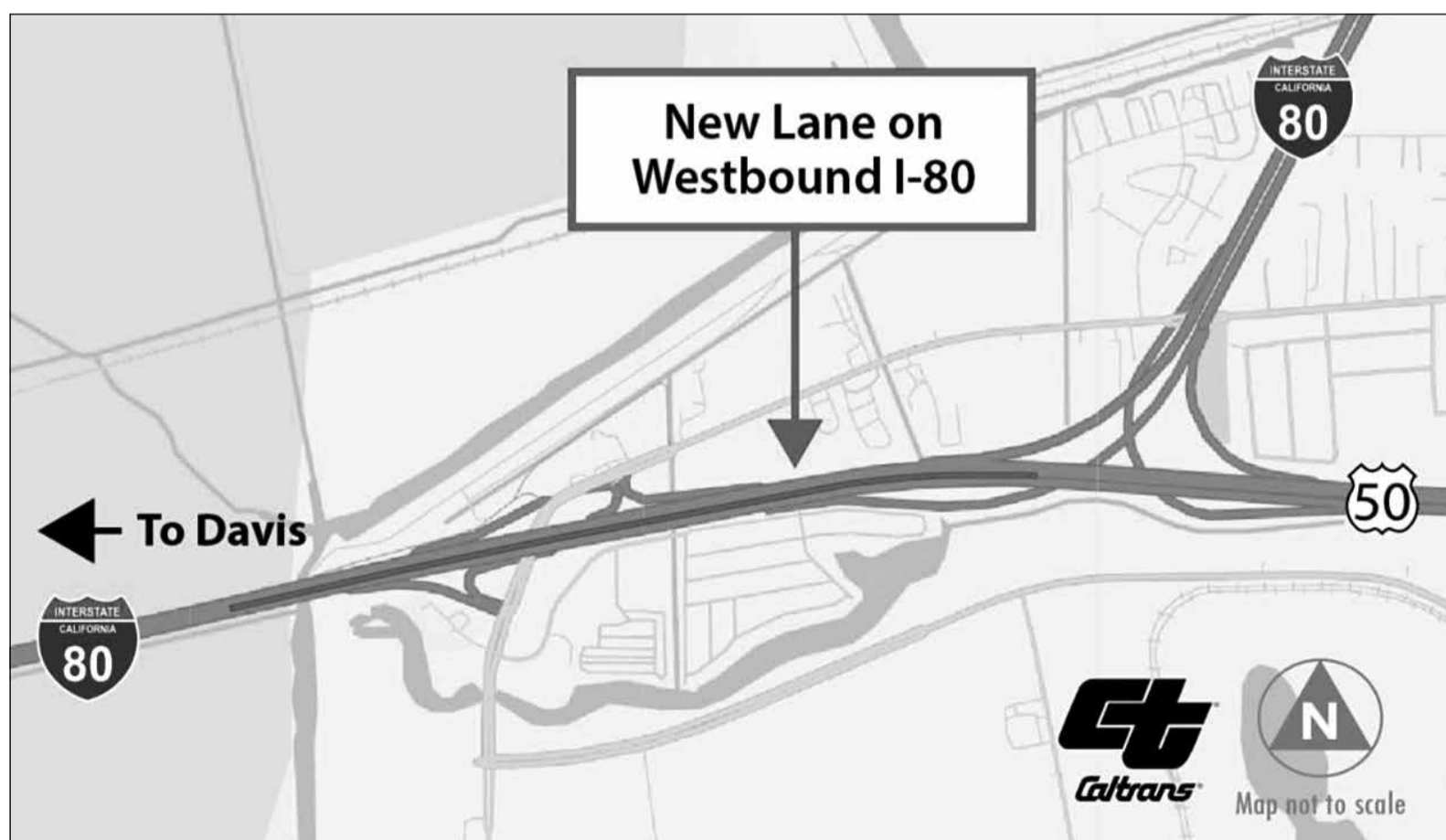
Caltrans News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Caltrans is notifying motorists that a new lane will open on westbound Interstate 80 in Yolo County as part of the ongoing \$280 million Interstate 80 (I-80) and U.S. Highway 50 (US 50) Pavement Rehabilitation Project at 5 a.m. on June 30.

The new lane will start before the westbound US 50 and I-80 junction, running adjacent to the highway before merging into the existing lanes of westbound I-80 at the causeway.

The contractor has been diligently working in this area to accelerate the construction of the concrete pavement for the last month. The added lane is expected to help alleviate the bottle neck at the US 50 and I-80 junction for the remainder of the project.

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



Caltrans is notifying motorists that a new lane will start before the westbound US 50 and I-80 junction, running adjacent to the highway before merging into the existing lanes of westbound I-80 at the causeway, starting June 30. Graphic courtesy of Cal-Trans

traffic incidents, weather conditions, availability of equipment and/or materials, and construction-related issues.

This 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. Visit build.ca.gov to learn more about transformative infrastructure projects happening in communities throughout the state.

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. ★

Community Academy Graduates Second Class

By Seth Henderson

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of West Sacramento's Community Academy recently completed its second year of informing select residents about how their city operates in a free, seven-session program, according to a June 12 news release from the city.

Throughout each session, participants toured city facilities, interacting with the city's nine departments and their members. Presentations from law enforcement and first responders featured engaging activities with groups working together at tables while a presenter guided the audience through a demonstration.

"The number one thing that I'm leaving this academy with is a great sense of pride in the city and a great deal of confidence in where this city is headed," West Sacramento resident Millie Luquin said in video posted to the city's YouTube channel. "I used to tell people that my



This year's West Sacramento Community Academy cohort toured city facilities, engaged in interactive presentations from each of the city's nine departments and gained valuable insight into how local decisions are made from March 18 through May 7. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

husband and I ended up in West Sacramento by complete accident but now I know it was by design."

The first session started on March 18, focusing

on "Local Government 101" and cycling through other sessions of public safety, finances, future planning and ending with "Community & Beyond"

on May 7.

According to the city's website, graduating participants will be more prepared to use their agency going forward to advocate for or against certain policies that they either support or oppose. Individuals interested in participating are encouraged by the city to apply, especially if they are looking to serve on an advisory commission, advocate certain issues or are generally interested in local government.

Eligible to those residing within the City of West Sacramento, all applicants must commit to attending all seven Community Academy sessions and immediately notify city staff if a scheduling

conflict arises, according to the city's website. Participants who miss one session might still receive their graduation certificate and "extra credit" opportunities will be made available.

The application process for the 2026 cohort will begin and be accepted throughout January. Selected participants will be chosen at random and notified by the end of February of their admission to the academy. The city's website states that the selections are an attempt to "assemble a group that is geographically and demographically representative of the City's diverse population."

According to the city's website, the Community

Academy's goals are to increase the knowledge of residents, promote civic engagement, prepare future community leaders and provide networking opportunities in West Sacramento.

The majority of the seven sessions takes place at West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., with other locations disclosed in its respective session.

Interested applicants can fill out a questionnaire at cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/city-manager-s-office/west-sacramento-community-academy.

Applications are of no cost to the applicant and dinner is provided through all seven sessions. ★



City of West Sacramento's Community Academy participants left the program more informed, connected and empowered to contribute to shaping West Sacramento's future. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

\$25 Million Approved for I Street Bridge Replacement



Here is a rendering of what the proposed \$300-million I Street Bridge Replacement Project could look like. Rendering courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

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bridge that will serve as an architectural landmark for the region.

The project is now 95% designed and fully environmentally-cleared. The City of Sacramento will solicit construction bids in late 2025, with construction beginning mid-2026 and completion expected by 2031.

The existing bridge crossing the Sacramento River will remain in use for

rail, while its upper deck is planned to be converted into a pedestrian and bicycle crossing once the new bridge is complete.

With this new allocation, total funding committed to the \$300-million project now exceeds \$275 million, including a \$250-million commitment from Caltrans through the Federal Highway Bridge Program.

The remaining funds will be provided through local sources. ★

County Assessment Roll Tops \$39.7 Billion, Continuing Growth Trend

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"Taxpayers should remember the values are based on the real estate market as of Jan. 1," he said. "We invite anyone with questions to contact us directly."

Key dates and resources for property owners are listed below.

An informal review filing period (residential properties) is from July 2 to Dec. 1 to Dec. 31.

Assessed values are available online in late August at <https://common1.mptsweb.com/mbap/yolo/asr>.

Tax bills are mailed in mid-September by the Department of Financial Services.

An assessment appeal filing window is from July 2 to Dec. 1 (extended due to weekend deadline).

Contact the Clerk of the Board at 530-666-8195 or

yolocounty.gov/assessment-appeals for more information.

Stay connected with Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections on social media for the latest updates at Facebook: @YoloACE, Instagram: @YoloCoACE, Threads: @YoloCoACE, YouTube: @Yolo County ACE, TikTok: @yolocoe and X:@YoloCoACE. ★

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This is the second time being selected to the Futures Game in both the careers of Eldridge and Whisenhunt. Eldridge first represented San Francisco in 2024 while with the High-A Eugene Emeralds, while Whisenhunt was a Richmond Flying Squirrel selected to play during the 2023 season.

Teams for the 2025 All-Star Futures Game were selected by Major League Baseball in conjunction with MLB Pipeline, Baseball America and the 30 Major League Clubs. Eldridge and Whisenhunt have been chosen to represent the National League, a squad which will also include five first-round

picks from the 2024 MLB Draft including No. 3 overall pick Charlie Condon of the Colorado Rockies.

Of the 50 players selected to the 2025 All-Star Futures Game, a total of 42 were selected to participate in the Spring Breakout this past March during Spring Training which included Eldridge, though he did not play due to injury. Additionally, Eldridge is the only other former first-round pick to be selected to the roster in the NL, and one of 17 in total selected to play.

Coaches for the National League include 2018 MLB Hall of Fame inductee Chipper Jones, who will serve as the squad's

manager. MLB legend Mark DeRosa takes on the role of Bench Coach, Andruw Jones will be the team's primary hitting coach, and Tim Hudson will lead the hurlers as Pitching Coach.

The contest is scheduled for seven innings and will follow the National League against American League format that was adopted in 2019. The NL earned a 6-1 victory last season and led the all-time matchups 3-1-1 (W-L-T).

This will be the 26th version of the Futures Game, with a start time set for 1 p.m. (PT) Saturday, July 12 from Truist Park in Atlanta. The game will air on MLB Network and simulcast on MLB.TV and MLB.com.



To purchase individual game tickets, visit rivercats.com. If interested in booking a suite or hospitality space, email tickets@rivercats.com or reach a River Cats ticket representative at 916-371-HITS (4487). ★

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Contact the Community Development Department at 916-617-4645 for more information. Thank you!

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Seven Aggies Earn Academic All-District Honors

University of California,
Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Seven members of University of California, Davis track and field earned 2025 College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honors as announced on June 24 by College Sports Communicators as part of the full roll out of its national track and field academic postseason awards.

Two Aggie men, Ryan Ishibashi and Chance Tokubo earned the honor while five Aggie women earned the recognition. Dani Barrett, Madison Kackley, Maya Shinnick, Sydney McCaan and Elizabeth Churchill rounded out the UC Davis representatives on the College Sports Communicators list.

Shinnick (400m) and Barrett (10,000m) both qualified for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) West Preliminaries, with Barrett winning the 10,000-Meter Run Big West Championship while setting a program record in the 10,000-Meter Run. Kackley



Two Aggie men earned the College Sports Communicators honor while five Aggie women earned the recognition on June 24. Photo courtesy University of California, Davis Athletics

added a school record in the 3,000-Meter Run to showcase a strong athletic performance and academic performance by the seven Aggies.

To qualify athletically for College Sports Communicators Academic honors eligible nominees are based off Track &

Field Results Reporting System (TFRRS) regional performance rankings at the time of nomination.

Only individually-ranked performances are to be used for eligibility. If a student-athlete has participated in a relay event, that can bolster the nomination

but the basic criteria to be met is for individual performances. Relays cannot be the basis for eligibility.

For National Collegiate Athletic Association institutions, individuals in cross country with a Top 50 performance at the 2024 National Collegiate

Athletic Association regional competition and individuals in track with a Top 50 regional ranking in a single event for either indoor or outdoor competition are eligible.

For National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics institutions, a Top 25 placement in conference for a single event either indoor or outdoor makes participants eligible.

To be eligible in the college division, individuals must appear in national ranking in a single event, either indoors or outdoors.

To qualify for College Sports Communicators Academic honors, an undergraduate student-athlete must have at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale); a graduate student-athlete must have at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as both an undergraduate and a grad student unless they are in their first semester as a graduate student and don't have an established graduate GPA; and the cumulative grade point average can not be rounded up to 3.50. ★

57th County Junior Championship

Sacramento Golf Council
News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Zac Barragan Reidt and Allie Nguyen captured overall titles in dramatic fashion at the 57th Sacramento County Junior Championship, held June 16 and 17 at Mather Golf Course.

Barragan Reidt claimed the Boys Overall Championship in a thrilling four-way playoff, edging out Kees Hoogendyk, last year's champion, Everest Williams and Cooper Westphal. Hoogendyk, Williams and Tré Garza captured first, second and third, respectively, in the boys' division for ages 16 through 18.

On the girls' side, Nguyen also secured her Overall Girls title in a tightly-contested three-way playoff, finishing ahead of Lillian McGowan and Mia Cho. McGowan, Cho and Rayne Ripperger captured first, second and third, respectively, in the girls' division for ages 16 through 18.

The overall champion comes from the 16-to-18 and 14-to-



Allie Nguyen secured her Overall Girls title in a tightly contested three-way playoff at Mather Golf Course, hosted by the Sacramento Golf Council on June 16 and 17. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council



Zac Barragan Reidt won the Boys Overall Championship in a thrilling four-way playoff at Mather Golf Course, hosted by the Sacramento Golf Council on June 16 and 17. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Golf Council

15-aged groups.

Additional flight winners included Cooper Westphal (Boys' 14-15 Champion), Harrison Beinke (Boys' 12-13 Champion), Medha Kotti (Girls' 14-15 Champion) and Christina Choe (Girls' 12-13 Champion).

The Sacramento County Junior Championship, now in its 57th year, is a premier event hosted by the Sacramento Golf Council, drawing top junior talent from across the region.

The tournament is open to boys and girls ages 12 through 18 and is contested in age-based divisions over 36 holes.

The 2025 event was directed by Nanci Smith of the Sacramento Golf Council. The nonprofit council's mission is "to conduct and promote superior golf events at city and county golf courses in the Sacramento Metropolitan area for all interested golfers. Specific events are open to men and women of all ages and abilities, and juniors."

For more information about the Sacramento Golf Council, go online to sacgolfcouncil.org. ★

Westbrook Named 3rd Team JC All-American

Sacramento State to Join The Big West



Dylan Westbrook from Oak Ridge, a freshman at American River College, was named to the Rawlings Pacific Division All-American third team, according to ARC head baseball coach Doug Jumelet. Photo courtesy ARC Athletics

American River
College Athletics
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

American River College Freshman Dylan Westbrook from Oak Ridge was named to

the Rawlings Pacific Division All-American third team, according to ARC head baseball coach Doug Jumelet.

The announcement was made on June 3 and Westbrook was named first team All-Northern

California as a Utility Player because he both hit and pitched for the Beavers. He is the Beavers first All-American since Andrew Lojewski from Woodland, who was honored in 2013.

Westbrook hit .360 on the season with nine doubles, four triples and seven home runs. He also drove in 37 runs. He walked 24 times while striking out just 19 times.

Westbrook's on base % was .503 and the seven home runs that he hit were the most by an ARC player since Joe Evans from El Camino, who belted nine dingers in the year 2000.

On the mound Westbrook had two wins and three losses as well as a pair of saves. His ERA was 5.90 on the season in 10 appearances, with six of them being starts.

"Dylan is obviously a really talented player, but he still has room to improve. He is a great teammate and is a big reason why we made the playoffs this season" Jumelet said.

Westbrook was one of only four players from the BIG 8 Conference to earn All-American honors. ★

Sacramento State Athletics
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Big West proudly announced that Sacramento State will join the conference as a full member beginning in the 2026-27 academic year.

This expansion brings full membership in The Big West to 12 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I institutions beginning on July 1, 2026.

"It is a great day in the history of The Big West," said Pradeep K. Khosla, University of California, San Diego chancellor and chair of The Big West Board of Directors. "On behalf of the Board of Directors, we welcome these institutions and thank Commissioner Dan Butterly for his vision and leadership in successfully navigating the changing tides of conference membership."

Sacramento State has been an affiliate member of The Big West in men's soccer since 2012, beach volleyball since 2015 and men's golf since 2024. The Hornets were also an affiliate member of the conference in baseball from 1996-2002.

"The Big West membership and conference staff are excited to welcome Sacramento State to The Big West," Butterly said. "In addition to strengthening The Big West competitively and expanding our geographic footprint, Sacramento State is a staunch advocate for excellence in academics, athletics and service within their community. The new-look Big West promises to bring a new level of competition and friendly rivalry for student-athletes and fans alike."

A total of 16 teams will compete for Big West championships beginning in the 2026-27 season in the sports of baseball, men's and women's basketball, beach volleyball, men's and women's cross country,

men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track & field and women's volleyball.

"Joining The Big West is a bold step forward for Sacramento State and our intercollegiate athletics program," Sacramento State President Dr. Luke Wood said. "This move reflects the passion and perseverance of our entire university community. We believe deeply in the power of athletics to transform lives and are proud to align ourselves with a conference that shares our core values of excellence, integrity and student-centered growth."

The Hornets will officially join The Big West on July 1, 2026, joining a lineup that includes California Baptist, Cal Poly, Cal State Bakersfield, Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, CSUN, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, and Utah Valley.

"We are thrilled to become a full member of The Big West and are grateful for the invitation," Director of Athletics Mark Orr said. "Sacramento State strives to provide our student-athletes the opportunity to be in the best position to be nationally competitive, and The Big West for decades has been a conference that has enjoyed national success in several sports. We are eager to compete for championships, enhance existing rivalries, and develop new relationships with our peer conference members."

The Big West has no current plans to expand beyond 12-member institutions. Sacramento State is the sixth largest campus in the California State University system and will be the seventh largest Big West institution upon arrival as a full member. With this addition, The Big West will be the largest intercollegiate athletic conference in the western United States. ★

Closure on Babel Slough Road Due to Culvert Replacement

County of Yolo News Release

CLARKSBURG, CA (MPG) - Reclamation District No. 999, in coordination with the Yolo County Public Works Division, will be replacing a deteriorating culvert pipeline on Babel Slough Road, approximately three miles northwest of the Town of Clarksburg. The district's contractor is scheduled to perform the work from June 18 through July 11, weather permitting.

To ensure a safe construction zone, Babel Slough Road will be closed to all traffic between State Route 84 (Jefferson Boulevard)

and Pumphouse Road until the work is completed. Traffic control will be managed by the Yolo County Public Works Road Maintenance staff. Travelers should expect delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes. Signage will be in place to alert motorists of the road closure with local access to properties and businesses within the closed section will be maintained during construction.

This coordinated effort is essential to maintain irrigation service and storm drainage capacity in the area. For a map of Yolo County road closures, please visit www.YoloCounty.gov/road-closures. ★

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Raul Duenas, Jr., 27, was arrested Wednesday, June 18 at West Capitol Ave. and Sycamore Ave. by West Sacramento Police for DUI alcohol. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

George Lee Campbell, 53, was arrested Thursday, June 19 on Riverfront St. by West Sacramento Police. Officer attempted to conduct a traffic enforcement stop on a bike he saw riding on the sidewalk and without a front light after dark. Officer activated his emergency lights and used his PA system to tell the rider, later identified as Campbell, to stop on the sidewalk, which he did not. Campbell continued riding and refused to stop, leading officers on a short pursuit before they lost visual contact. Campbell was recontacted in a nearby area, officer again activated lights and ordered him to stop. Campbell continued to ride away, and pursuit was reinitiated until visual was lost again. Officers set up a perimeter and located Campbell, he was successfully detained and transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with obstructing or resisting a peace officer.

William Lee Johnson, 51, was arrested Friday, June 20 on Sacramento Ave. by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officers responded to the location for reports of a male starting a grass fire behind the location. The male was identified as Johnson, known to officers from previous calls for service. Officers detained Johnson and transported him to Yolo County Jail for the confirmed warrant.

Michael Steven Kalar, 41, was arrested Friday, June 20 on Merkley Ave. by West Sacramento Police for possession of a narcotic controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was provided a notice to appear.

Oscar Bucio, 33, was arrested Saturday, June 21 at Jefferson Blvd. and the U.S. Highway 50 westbound on-ramp by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer responding to the location for a report of a suspicious subject contacted Bucio and a records check revealed the warrant. Bucio was detained without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Enos Lee Lott, III, 33, was arrested Saturday, June 21 on West Capitol Ave. by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officers observed Lott, a known subject, at the location, confirmed the warrant, and detained him without incident. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Amy Theresa Wexler, 55, was arrested Sunday, June 22 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for shoplifting. Officer responded to the location for report of a female skipping scanning items at checkout and switching tags. Officer issued Wexler a misdemeanor citation for the theft and advised her the store was trespassing her and ordered her not to return. The reporting party signed a citizen's arrest form.

Nivek Fernando Barber, 22, was arrested Tuesday, June 24 on West Capitol Ave. by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer responding to a call for service observed Barber and recognized him from prior contacts. A records check revealed the warrants and Barber was detained and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Luis Antonio Villasenor, 31, was picked up Tuesday, June 24 from the Sacramento County Main Jail and transported to Yolo County Jail for an outstanding felony warrant.

Frankie Lee Estrada, 28, was arrested Wednesday, June 25 on 4th St. by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Estrada was contacted during a call for service and a records check confirmed the warrant. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Maddison, Kiara Riley, 28, was picked up Wednesday, June 25 at the Sacramento County Main Jail and transported to Yolo County Jail for an outstanding felony warrant.

Ellianna Treadway, 18, was arrested Wednesday, June 25 on West Capitol Ave. by West Sacramento Police on an outstanding felony warrant. Officer at location recognized Treadway from previous contacts and a records check revealed the warrant. She was detained without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Tuesday, June 17 – victim reports she was assaulted by approximately three unknown females at a gas station at West Capitol Ave. and Poplar Ave. She sustained physical injuries and advised that she wants to press charges.

Tuesday, June 17 – a business on Ikea Ct. reports an unknown suspect started an arson fire near the train tracks. Undetermined value of damage.

Sunday, June 22 – victim reports their bag was stolen off a table by an unknown suspect at a business on Riverfront St. while the victim was helping with an event. A small purse was taken, containing a wallet, identification and bank cards, valued at \$102.

Monday, June 23 – a business on Beacon Blvd. reports an unknown suspect used a rock to vandalize the front door of the business. Nothing inside the building appeared disturbed and there is no estimated damage value.

Wednesday, June 25 – a business on Industrial Blvd. reports their garage door was left open approximately one foot and \$350 worth of electronics and tools were taken by an unknown suspect.

Community Calendar

July

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

Friday, July 4: Library closed in observance of Independence Day.

Saturday, July 5: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Glass bead suncatcher craft, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us to create a beautiful suncatcher using colorful glass beads. All materials provided.

Monday, July 7: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8: Hug-a-Bye baby, 11 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, July 9: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Evening book club, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. This month, we'll be discussing "The Reading List" by Sarah Nisha Adams. Book club copies may be picked up and returned at the meeting or at the information desk.

Thursday, July 10: Tell me a story – bilingual Spanish story time + Loteria, 11:15 a.m. to noon. Yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, July 11: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Board games and beyond, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 12: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mermaid story time, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a special, one-of-a-kind story time performance with our underwater guest. Dressing up is encouraged and stick around for the chance to take photos with our magical mermaid.

Clarksburg Branch Library, located at 52915 Netherlands Rd., Clarksburg has the following events this week:

Wednesday, July 9: Anime watch, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Drop in to hang out and watch anime – no registration required. Summer reading program movie night, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 10: Friends of the Clarksburg Library monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Call 530.666.8005 for more information on any of these events at any Yolo County Library branch.

Friday, July 4: Patriotic postgame fireworks at Sutter Health Park, 400 Ballpark Dr., following the A's baseball game against the San Francisco Giants. The fireworks show is best seen from inside the ballpark but it's also visible from outside the park along the Sacramento River near the Tower Bridge. Gameday tickets available at www.mlb.com/athletics

Friday, July 4: Red, White, and Brew lawn party at Drake's: The Barn, 6 p.m. to midnight, 985 Riverfront St. Enjoy music, live DJs and a silent disco with a viewing party for the Athletics vs. Giants game. Barbecue and drinks available for purchase, and a premier fireworks viewing experience from our lawn. Tickets and more information at www.drinkdrakes.com

Friday, July 4: City of Davis Fourth of July Free Celebration 2025, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Community Park, 203 @ 14th St., Davis. Includes free game zone, live music at fireworks display. For more information, see www.cityofdavis.org

Friday, July 11: Free noon concert at Davis Community Church, 412 C St., Davis, from noon to 1 p.m. Enjoy the head with "Yolo Hot Club", a Parisian 30's and 40's style jazz trio. More information at 916-600-8872.

Friday, July 11: Dive-In Movie, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 2801 Jefferson Blvd. Join us for a special night with a movie by the pool. Bring your swimsuits, blankets, snacks, and sit on the pool deck or in the pool to enjoy the movie. Tickets available at www.westsacfun.activityreg.com

Thursday, July 17: Rec room open house, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 2801 Jefferson Blvd. Join us for an evening of summer fun for ages 8 to 17. Experience rock climbing, bouldering, arts and crafts, and explore everything our rec room has to offer. For more information, contact recreating coordinator Caludia Salcedo at claudias@cityofwestsacramento.org

Thursday, July 17: Woodland Hot Summer Nights Car Show at Mojo's Lounge, 428 1st St., Woodland. Cruise in starting at 5 p.m. in your Hot Rods, Low Riders and Cool Cars to our free show. Show n' Shine Car Show starts at 6 p.m. Reservations or more information at 530-661-0428.

Friday, July 18: Mandela Day 2025: A Celebration and Community Conversation, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at International House, 10 College Park, Davis. Join us as we honor the legacy of Nelson Mandela on his

birthday with an afternoon of reflection, connection, and celebration. More information at www.internationalhousedavis.org

Ongoing Activities

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

Bat Talk & Tour, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., evenings through September 26 at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 County Road 32B, Davis. Start with a presentation on bat natural history and see live ambassador bats up close, then carpool out to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area for a brief tour of the wetlands and rice fields. Then we get into position to watch the flyout of the largest urban colony of Mexican free-tailed bats in California. For more information or to schedule, visit www.yolobasin.org

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

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, July 5. Registration required by using the following link: 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 Messi Soccer Shootout on Saturday, July 19. Registration required by searching "events" at www.lowes.com

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

Riverfront Farm's Farm Stand, every Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, 985 Riverfront St. Stock-up for your weekend with fresh vegetables harvested that morning. You'll also find seasonal fruits from local farms. Support local agriculture right in your neighborhood.

Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting, Thursday, July 24, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave.

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: 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 or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, July 5.

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, July 16.

The West Sacramento Farmers' Market is now open every Tuesday 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. ★



Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



In the life of every NBA franchise, there are times that will try the patience of every fan and times of utter disillusionment. A series of moves last season by the Sacramento Kings put many fans in one of those boxes and trading away the face of the franchise didn't help.

Heading into last week's draft, "gloomy" hardly captured the mood around the Kings both for the franchise and its fans. A series of poor moves left them with just one pick and that at #42. Hardly cause for excitement.

As draft night approached, Kings fans had yet to see a glimpse of new GM Scott Perry's thought process, as virtually no moves had been made. While there was talk of him trying to land a first-round pick, hopes of that happening looked slim as the draft began.

When it appeared all was lost, commissioner Adam Silver announced that the Sacramento Kings had navigated a swap of draft choices, giving Sacramento the opportunity to pick a player at #24 of the first round. I immediately was excited, but at the same time wondering what we had to give up to acquire a first round pick.

To my amazement, Perry had orchestrated a swap of first round picks but giving up one of the two picks the Kings already had in the 2027 draft, meaning that Sacramento could realize a first round pick immediately. I waited to hear if there was more to the trade but to my delight, it was a straightforward swap of first round picks.

Perry's first move as the new GM of the Sacramento Kings made quite a splash. Little did I know there was more to come.

At #24, Sacramento chose Nique Clifford, a fifth-year player from Colorado State. Last season, he averaged 18.9 points, 9.6 rebounds, 4.4 assists, and 1.2 steals, shooting 50% from the field. At 23, this 6'5" guard/small forward brings strong versatility and is known for his defense and rebounding, making him an ideal fit for the Kings.

But Perry wasn't content on just reinforcing the backcourt. At pick #42, he grabbed 7'1" Maxime Raynard, a senior from Stanford. Stanford's head coach couldn't stop praising the 22-year-old center, and for the first time in recent memory, NBA pundits are showering

the Kings with praise. Many are calling the 2025 draft one of the best in franchise history.

Basketball fans were treated to a highly competitive finals, highlighted by some of the best defense in years. I was especially impressed by center/forward Chet Holmgren, who emerged as the series' x-factor. His versatility, handling the ball, shooting threes, blocking shots, and running the floor, left Indiana with no answer for the electric big man.

Surprisingly, when I watched the highlight clips of second round pick Maxime Raynard, I found myself looking at a close facsimile of Chet Holmgren, and with a full four years of college experience, Raynard is likely to see a significant amount of playing time in the upcoming season.

With Sabonis, Valanciunas and now Raynard, finding playing time will be a challenge for Kings coach Doug Christie but Kings fans have much to look forward to.

Raynard is being called a stretch 5, meaning in addition to his inside abilities, he is a capable 3-point shooter as well. Hard to believe he was still available at #42 but maybe the fates of the Sacramento Kings are finally changing. Changing at a time in which a new GM is giving Kings fans a glimpse of his capabilities.

It is refreshing to hear ESPN and others praising the Kings draft and most pundits are giving Sacramento an overall A, something that rarely if ever happens in Sactown.

Hope, euphoria, optimism. Pick your adjective but there is a definite climate change happening in Sacramento right now and Scott Perry is presenting himself as more than a capable GM. Are there more movies coming? I absolutely think so but I am hopeful that they will be as prudent and thoughtful as the ones we've just witnessed.

All eyes on summer league, Kings fans, and it will be interesting. I will be in Las Vegas and will be reporting on what I see with my own eyes but without a doubt, this upcoming season just got a lot more interesting.

Stay tuned, Kings fans.

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vggharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Social Security Matters

When Will Funds Stolen from Social Security be Replaced?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: When will the funds stolen from the SS Fund be replaced? They used Social Security when the government ran out of money and used it for illegals. I think the funds should be replaced except for legitimate payments to Social Security recipients. This money was never meant to be used by the federal government to pay their bills. **Signed: Concerned Senior**

Dear Concerned Senior: I must tell you that no funds have ever been "stolen" from the Social Security Administration (despite the persistent myth). All money received by SS (from payroll taxes, interest on investments, and income tax on SS benefits) is - and always has been - immediately converted to special issue government bonds (investments) which are held in

the Social Security Trust Funds, and which pay interest (at the current federal bond rate). Those bond investments held in reserve have been, and are, used only to pay benefits to those who have earned them by contributing to Social Security via payroll taxes for at least 10 years (40 quarters). Only US citizens and legal residents can get Social Security benefits (illegal aliens cannot receive Social Security benefits).

For information, repayment of the special issue bonds held in SS reserves occurs every day, because incoming revenue has been insufficient to pay all Social Security benefit costs for several years now, which means that the bonds must be redeemed regularly so that full benefits can be paid to all SS recipients who have earned them. There were about \$2.8 trillion in SS reserves as of the end of 2023, but that balance is steadily decreasing (due to being redeemed to pay full benefits). As of the last report by the Trustees of Social Security, the reserves will be depleted in about 2033, unless Congress passes reform legislation to restore SS to full solvency.

FYI, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) is working hard to prevent depletion of the Trust Fund, suggesting to Congress a way to reform the program so future generations can fully benefit from it, with AMAC's Social Security Guarantee proposal (see this). AMAC is constantly working to prevent depletion of the SS Trust Funds, which would result in an across the board cut in everyone's benefit by about 23%. AMAC works every day in Washington D.C. to ensure Social Security is here for many generations.

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Politicians Ignore Agriculture's Troubles but Boost Movie Business



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When James Marshall discovered traces of gold in the American River in 1848, he ignited the famous California Gold Rush that attracted a tidal wave of immigration and led to statehood just two years later.

However, not everyone who made the arduous trek to California in the mid-19th century was seeking gold. Many — including those in the ill-fated 1846 Donner Party — wanted farmland.

Completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 made immigration into California and shipping produce out of the state much easier. As the gold rush quickly waned, agriculture became the state's dominant industry, globally famous for fresh fruits and vegetables.

California's vast network of reservoirs to capture water and canals to deliver it was originally created to help farmers prosper. They still use, by a wide margin, most of the system's water.

While California is still No.1 in agricultural production among the states, generating about \$60 billion a year, other sectors, such as technology, health care and logistics now play much larger roles in the state's economy.

This is the time of year when crops are maturing and farmers are looking forward to harvests, shipments

and paydays. But agricultural leaders see this year as one of the industry's most trying periods, beset by economic and political factors that could significantly reduce production.

"When we talk about the things that are keeping me up at night, it really comes down to what is going to keep our members in business," Shannon Douglass, president of the California Farm Bureau, said this month during a gathering of industry leaders.

She cited a federal census of agriculture which revealed California has lost 20% of its farmers in the last decade. The industry is at a tipping point, she declared.

She also pointed to a study by researchers at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo that detailed rising costs of producing lettuce in the Salinas Valley due to government regulations. It found that costs of environmental, labor and food safety regulation are \$1,600 per acre, up 63.7% since 2017, while income from lettuce has been virtually stagnant.

The list of factors affecting the industry also includes rising labor costs due to state wage regulations, new limits on pumping water from wells and demands from the state to reduce water diversions from rivers.

This year brought two new adverse factors — President Donald Trump's tariffs that could generate retaliatory tariffs, depressing export markets, and Trump's sweeps of undocumented immigrants, who are a major portion of the agricultural labor force.

Alexi Rodriguez, president of the Almond Alliance, told the gathering

that China had been the top market for almonds until 2018, when an earlier round of Trump's tariffs cut shipments. "After this year, China is likely to drop out of the top 10 export markets for almonds as a result," she said.

The state's labor costs also put California's growers at a disadvantage.

"We're sitting here in California and getting our brains beat in with costs that are through the roof and going up against my competitors in the East Coast paying \$8 to \$9 an hour for labor, and we're dealing with the same customers," said Mike Way, a bell pepper producer in the Coachella Valley. "What's my choice? My choice is to shrink my acreage and go elsewhere."

As agriculture's acreage declined, so too did its economic importance and its once-dominant political clout vis-à-vis other economic interests. Efforts by Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders to double state subsidies for the film industry underscore that decline.

Newsom, et al, say the subsidies are necessary to keep film production from declining further. The film industry pegs its economic contribution at \$30 billion a year, just half of agriculture's output.

Implicitly politicians believe that producing movies is much more important than producing food.

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. ★



The Rioter's White Hood

Who is that masked man? Well, there's a chance he's an antisemitic rioter.

New York City and other jurisdictions are debating mask bans after face-coverings have become associated with acts of mayhem committed by people who hope to avoid recognition and evade criminal responsibility.

The most iconic image of the L.A. riots involves a man on a dirt bike waving a Mexican flag ... in a mask.

It's no surprise that he was wearing a mask. At this point, failing to wear a mask when engaging in lawless activity is a major faux pas. It's like wearing white before Memorial Day or showing up at L.A.'s upscale restaurant 71Above in flip-flops.

Embattled New York City mayor Eric Adams has been emphatic that there needs to be a return to the broad ban on masks that was repealed during the pandemic (the state just passed a more limited measure creating enhanced penalties for people wearing masks to conceal their identities while committing crimes).

The meaning of the mask has changed in recent years. Prior to COVID-19, wearing a surgical mask in public likely meant someone had a compromised immune system; during COVID-19, it usually

meant someone was complying with the pandemic rules and associated social pressure; after COVID-19, it tends to indicate either someone is too neurotic to give up pandemic-era practices -- or wants to harass Jews or throw rocks at the cops.

In an era of ubiquitous facial reconciliation technology, a face mask is a bid to foil efforts by police to track down after the fact those who committed criminal acts. It's not a get-out-of-jail card -- masked rioters are sometimes arrested on the spot -- but it's a layer of protection for the person hoping to break or burn something and melt away without consequence.

This is why prior to COVID-19 masks outside of a medical context tended to have a negative connotation in the popular imagination. The Lone Ranger was the exception that proved the rule. Otherwise, the masked man was going to hold up the stagecoach, rob a bank or burn a cross on someone's lawn. A 1990 Georgia Supreme Court ruling upholding a mask ban said, "A nameless, faceless figure strikes terror in the human heart."

Certainly, after seeing what's gone down on the streets after the killing of George Floyd and on the campuses since Oct. 7, everyone should be on edge when encountering masked protestors. If nothing else, it's not reassuring when people are afraid of being associated with their own cause, or the means with which they are going to agitate for it.

New York first banned

masks in the 1840s in response to protesters harassing landlords. Later, in the 20th century, states prohibited face coverings to address the depredations of the KKK.

The bans were either not enforced or repealed during covid. Masks went from being a symbol of outlaw behavior to becoming the sine qua non of good citizenship according to Dr. Fauci and other public-health authorities. The snugly fitted N95, or even better, an elastomeric respirator with replaceable filters, showed a heroic commitment to your own health and the well-being of others.

The clashing perspectives of the last two governors of New York indicate how the debate on masks has turned. Then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo in 2020 urged protesters to mask up. "You have a right to demonstrate," he declared, "You don't have a right to infect other people." Cuomo's successor, Gov. Kathy Hochul, went in the opposite direction after seeing masked protestors menace Jewish riders on the subway last year. She came out in favor of restricting masks and supports the watered-down change recently passed by the legislature.

With a long, hot summer in the offing, the issue won't go away in New York, or anywhere else. The mask is now part of the kit of rioters, as useful, indispensable and emblematic as a Klansman's white hood.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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The following person(s) is doing business as: West Auctions Inc, 1455 E Kentucky Avenue, Woodland, CA 95776.

West Business Holdings, Inc., PO Box 278, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 29, 2010.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/05/2025
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025
WEST 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250474
The following person(s) is doing business as: The Greens Annex Apartments, 505 Community Lane, Woodland, CA 95695.

M&D Family LLC, 333 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 350, Redwood City, CA 94065. 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 January 4, 2021.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/02/2025
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025
ANNEX 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250475
The following person(s) is doing business as: The Greens Apartments, 251 W. Lincoln Avenue, Woodland, CA 95695.

M&D Family LLC, 333 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 350, Redwood City, CA 94065. 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 January 4, 2021.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/02/2025
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025
GREENS 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250408
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. Freedmen Votes Matter, 2. Freedmen Suffrage Matters, 3. freedmenrolls.com, 4. freedmenrolls.org, 5. @freedmenrolls, 1260 LAKE BLVD STE 239, Davis, CA 95616 - 2687 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 106, Davis, CA 95697 - 0106
American Freedmen Rolls Inc., 1260 LAKE BLVD STE 239, Davis, CA 95616
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 23rd, 2025.
American Freedmen Rolls Inc. S/ Theodore Harrison III, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 05/06/2025
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
MORGAN BRAUN, Deputy
Publish: 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4/25
CNS-3934547#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250394
The following person(s) is (are)

doing business as:
1. DentaQuest, 2. DentaQuest of California, 23291 Mill Creek Dr., Laguna Hills, CA 92653 County of ORANGE
Mailing Address: 96 Worcester Street, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481
California Dental Network, Inc., 96 Worcester Street, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
California Dental Network, Inc. S/ Colleen Kallas, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 05/01/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
KQuam, Deputy
Publish: 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4/25
CNS-3934409#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250447
The following person(s) is doing business as:
The Wild Grove Collective, 510 Main St, Woodland, CA 95695, County of Yolo.
Marcie Ariaga, 410 El Dorado 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 05/15/2025
/s/ Marcie Ariaga
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 05/27/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
Publish: 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/4/25
CNS-3934886# 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250430
The following person(s) is doing business as: Apna Insurance - Progressive, 1085 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776.
Ahsan M Iqbal, 33335 Goldeneye Street, 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 N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 5/15/2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025
APNA 7-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250466
The following person(s) is doing business as:
Never Ending Bliss, 912 Greenwood Dr, Woodland, CA 95695, County of YOLO
Nicole Bachman, 912 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 01/22/2024
/s/ NICOLE BACHMAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 05/30/2025
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: KQUAM, Deputy
Publish: 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25
CNS-3936234#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F22250460
The following person(s) is doing business as:

Vininni, 120 Lake Blvd ste 116, Davis, CA 95616, County of Yolo.
Codoni & McBride, LLC, 3334 Morro Bay Ave, Davis, CA 95616
This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ Carlon Greed, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 05/30/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
Publish: 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25
CNS-3928814#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250526
The following person(s) is doing business as: Placerville Paving & General Engineering, 3382 Bonaire Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Robert Lazrovich, 3382 Bonaire Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 8, 2000.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 20, 2025.
By: Karla Lopez, Deputy
Publish: July 4, 7, 18, 25
PAVING 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250490
The following person(s) is doing business as:

Black Diamond Transportation, 1848 Clayton Way, Sacramento, CA 95835, County of Yolo.
Black Diamond Luxury Limo llc, 948 Sun Valley Dr Woodland, CA 95776
This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ Masood Anwar, Managing Member
This statement was, filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/06/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
Publish: 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25
CNS-3937705#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250410
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. Freedmen Lives Matter, 2. Freedmen Matter, 3. 1865freedmen.org, 4. 1865freedmen.com, 5. @1865freedmen, 1260 Lake

Blvd Ste 239, Davis, CA 95616 - 2687 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 106, Yolo, CA 95697 - 0106
The 1865 American Freedmen Institute, 1260 Lake Blvd Ste 239, Davis, CA 95616
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 24th, 2025.
The 1865 American Freedmen Institute
S/ Theodore Harrison III, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 05/07/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
MORGAN BRAUN, Deputy
Publish: 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25
CNS-3935386#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250471
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Stampe Performance Lab, 3300 Cayman Island St, West Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO
Anna Grexton, 3300 Cayman Island St, West Sacramento, CA 95691
Leslie Courtemanche, 523 Paseo Bella Montana Unit B, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
S/ Anna Grexton,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/02/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
Not Eligible, Deputy
Publish: 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25
CNS-3938531#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250507

The following person(s) is doing business as: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 860 West Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento, Inc, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 19, 2011.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/17/2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2025
CEMETERY 7-18-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250496

The following person(s) is doing business as:
1. Ames Taping Tools, 2. TapeTech, 1030 Riverside Pkwy, Ste 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605, County of YOLO.
Ames Tools Corporation, 1327 Northbrook Pkwy., Ste 400, Suwanee, GA 30024
This business is conducted by Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/1/2025
/s/ Craig D. Apolinsky, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/09/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: MORGAN BRAUN, Deputy
Publish: 6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18/25
CNS-3937874#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-18-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250526
The following person(s) is doing business as: Placerville Paving & General Engineering, 3382 Bonaire Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Robert Lazrovich, 3382 Bonaire Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 8, 2000.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 20, 2025.
By: Karla Lopez, Deputy
Publish: July 4, 7, 18, 25
PAVING 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250509

The following person(s) is doing business as:
Craft Design Build, 2426 Westnesse Rd, Davis, CA, 95616, County of Yolo.
John Lavezzo, 2426 Westnesse Rd, Davis, CA, 95616
This business is conducted by Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/09/2025
/s/ John Lavezzo
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/17/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
Publish: 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25/25
CNS-3942823#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250491
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. USVETS MATTER, 2. @USVETS360, 3. USVETS360.COM, 4. USVETS360.ORG,

1260 Lake Blvd Ste 239, Davis, CA 95616 - 2687 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 25, Yolo, CA 95697 - 0025
USVETS 360 Inc., 1260 Lake Blvd Ste 239, Davis, CA 95616
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 10th, 2025.
USVETS 360 Inc.
S/ Theodore Harrison, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/06/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
ZURI HERNANDEZ, Deputy
Publish: 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25/25
CNS-3941865#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250504

The following person(s) is doing business as:
Roam Ready, 3415 Tanager Ave, Davis, CA 95616, County of Yolo.
Asher Property Management, 3415 Tanager Ave, Davis, CA 95616
This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ Aimee Hasson, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/16/2025.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
Publish: 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25/25
CNS-3942828#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-25-25

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20250495

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: 1. **Ames Taping Tools 2. TapeTech, 1030 Riverside Pkwy, Ste 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605,** County of YOLO

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County Clerk's office in YOLO County on 08/18/2021 Current File No. F20250495.
Axia Acquisition Corporation, 1327 Northbrook Pkwy, Ste 400, Suwanee, GA 30083 USA
This business was conducted by CORPORATION.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ CRAIG D. APOLINSKY, SECRETARY

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of YOLO County on 06/09/2025.
6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18/25
CNS-3937876#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-18-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-1120

Aiko Kaita has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Aiko Kaita to Aileen Aiko Kaita Ritchie.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 23, 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: May 29, 2025
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025
RITCHIE 7-4-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-1584

Ksenia Yakovleva has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ksenia Yakovleva to Ksenia Raya Jacobs.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 23, 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: June 2, 2025
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025
KSENIA 7-4-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-1606

Lucia Omni Fotsi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lucia Omni Fotsi to Lucian Omni Fotsi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 31, 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: June 13, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 13, 20, July 4, 11, 2025
FOTSI 7-11-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FRANCISCA A. ROMO, AKA FRANCISCA ALVAREZ ROMO CASE NO. PR2025-0167

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Francisca A. Romo, aka Francisca Alvarez Romo.

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

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: July 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 9. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Michael Yee, Yee Law Group, 4010 S Land Park Drive, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822; (916) 927-9001
Publish: June 27, July 4, 11, 2025
ROMO 7-11-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GAIL ANN WILLIS CASE NO. PR2025-0175

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Gail Ann Willis.

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 11. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal rep-

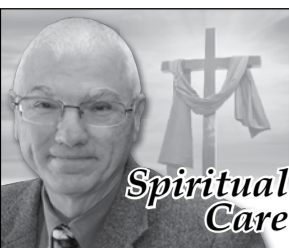
resentative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Mark J. Lamb, 3001 I Street, Suite 130, Sacramento, CA 95816; 916-485-2593
Publish: July 4, 11, 18, 2025
WILLIS 7-18-25

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 124608-CA APN: 043-301-009-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/20/2007. 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 8/7/2025 at 12:45 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 6/26/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0022742-00 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MARILYN A. GILL, A WIDOW WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; OUTSIDE THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 52840 SACRAMENTO STREET, CLARKSBURG, CA 95612 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$446,784.21 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice

Defending The Constitution Isn't Magic



As a retired Air Force chaplain, I find no greater meaning for Independence Day than in our constitutional right to freedom of worship.

I had firsthand experience observing this right challenged during my 2009 deployment as a USAF Protestant Chaplain in Balad, Iraq.

One afternoon the Senior Chaplain, Richard Hartwell, invited me to his office to introduce me to a chapel visitor. The man, a sergeant in his mid-30s, said he and his friends were being persecuted for their religious beliefs.

He explained how vandals had recently scribbled inflammatory words on the wall of their meeting place.

Now, the sergeant said, they needed to find a new and secretive place of worship. "Why not meet in our chapel?" I asked.

My boss nodded at the sergeant, inviting full disclosure.

"We are a small circle of Wiccans," the sergeant said. In case you're wondering, some Wiccans, but not all, are witches. Honestly, they are known as a peaceful bunch and are recognized as a legitimate religion.

They take their traditions from pre-Christian history but only became a religion as recently as the mid-1900s. They practice so-called "white magic"

and recognize male and female deities. They aren't devil worshippers, as the vandals likely believed them to be. Wiccans don't even believe in the devil.

If you question why Protestant chaplains should come to the aid of a pagan group, you wouldn't be alone. After all, Wiccans are a far cry from my Baptist brand or my boss's Methodist practice. Hartwell and I shared reasonable tension over the idea of helping Wiccans.

But we also shared a pledge called the oath of office. During the 28 years I served as a chaplain, I solemnly swore at least five times to "... support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

"Defend the Constitution?" you may ask. Exactly how does a chaplain defend the Constitution when the Geneva Convention prohibits him from carrying a gun?

I find the answer in the constitutional amendment that kicked off this whole Land-of-the-Free stuff. It's numeral 1 — "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

"Yes, sergeant," my commander promised. "We will help you find a place, a conference room perhaps, or a large office. We want you to be safe." In our next staff meeting, Hartwell elicited suggestions from his 20-person chapel staff regarding a place for the Wiccans. He made it clear that if we exclude room for any faith, we exclude

room for all faiths.

He challenged his commissioned officers to "faithfully discharge the duties of the office..." by safeguarding the Wiccans' first amendment right to freely exercise their religion. Our boss told us that chaplains must defend the Constitution by protecting the religious rights of all, even those we disagree with. We would stand with the Wiccans, he promised. We would support the atheist. And, according to Geneva Convention, we would even allow an enemy combatant his place of worship.

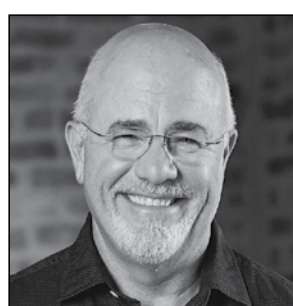
"Had Hartwell been bewitched?" you ask. Why stand with those whose faith practice is so drastically different than ours? Because at the end of the day if we refuse to stand with them, we will most surely stand alone in future days.

By the way, our chaplains came up with an easy solution for the Wiccans. We found an understanding commander who allowed the group to meet inside his conference room during off-duty hours.

Simple solution. No magic to it.

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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

What's your advice on asking for a raise in a delicate workplace situation? I've been with my company almost six years, and I make the same money as one of my co-workers, who has been with the company for an equal amount of time and holds the same title. I have no problem, all things being equal, but in my mind they're not equal. During our tenure with the company, I have consistently taken on more responsibility—asked for it, even—and produced bigger and better results than he has. All things considered, at this point I feel I have the right to complain about the situation, because I think I should be making more money than he does.

— Jacob

Dear Jacob,

Believe me, I understand how you feel right now. But no, you don't

Dave Ramsey Says Make Your Case, and Don't Worry about the Other Guy

have the right to complain. You agreed on your pay when you took the job, and you should perform your duties with integrity and character. What someone else does, or in this case *doesn't* do, has nothing to do with your title or personal compensation.

Now, if you honestly feel like you deserve a raise because of your effort and performance on the job, that's fine. It's sounds like it may even be understandable, given the situation. So, if that's the case, sit down with your leader and make a logical, objective and reasonable argument for why you deserve more money. I wouldn't mention your co-worker, and especially don't bad-mouth him, because it's not relevant. Taking that approach could also make it come off as just a case of sour grapes to your boss. As a leader, I can tell you that's not an attractive look on anyone. What's relevant here is the value you bring to the company. Period.

Do you hear what I'm saying, Jacob? If you think you deserve a raise, and you've got the results to prove it, sit down and have a respectful conversation with your leader. Make your case. Show him or her the numbers in black and white, the value you bring to the company and explain why you feel you should get more money. I really think you'll have a better chance of getting your work recognized and rewarded if you'll approach things this way.

Good luck!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling 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. ★

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YOLO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT MSR/SOI AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 9:00 am**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) will hold a Public Hearing at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 625 Court Street, Room 206, Woodland, CA to consider adoption of a:

MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI) STUDY FOR THE SACRAMENTO-YOLO PORT DISTRICT

The intent of the Municipal Service Review (MSR) is to review the services being provided by the Sac-Yolo Port District and provide recommendations for more efficient government services. MSRs provide the relevant growth, capacity, financial and accountability data to inform LAFCo's SOI determinations. SOIs indicate the "probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency" (\$56076). On the basis of the MSR and in accordance with Government Code Section 56425(g), staff has reviewed the agency's SOI and recommends that a SOI Update is not necessary at this time.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXvqLE5tVfQ4yNpx-mCOZLg>) or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 or the City's YouTube channel and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on July 17, 2025.

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

6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A PROPOSED NEW LIQUOR STORE AT 1091 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD (BRO'S LIQUOR)**

The purpose of this item is to request the Commission's consideration of a Conditional Use Permit for liquor sales at a proposed new liquor store & convenience market at 1091 Jefferson Boulevard (Bro's Liquor). This action falls under both the Class 5 and 32 Categorical Exemption according to Sections 15305 and 15332 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Class 5 consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density. Class 32 consists of projects characterized as in-fill development where the project site is no more than 5 acres substantially surrounded by urban uses, the project site has no value, as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species, approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality and the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

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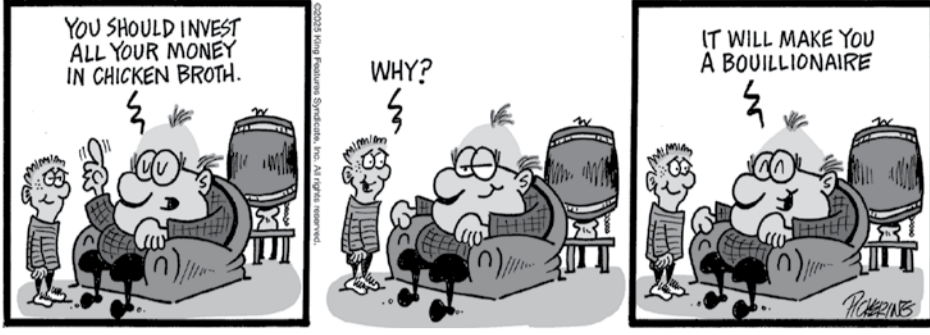
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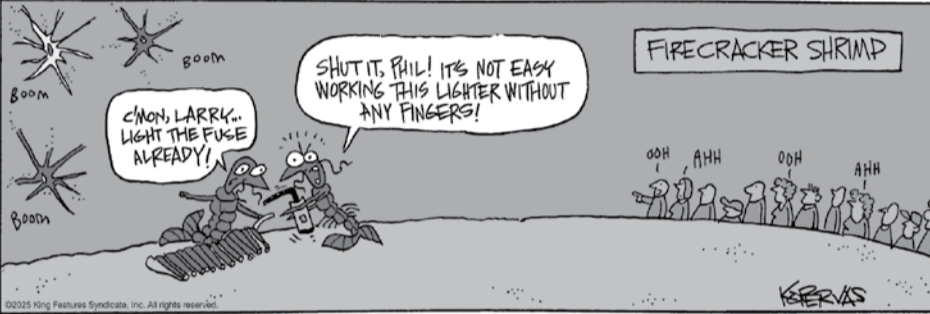
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FBI Says Elder Fraud has Many Forms



The FBI investigates financial scams targeting seniors, including investment scams, technical/customer support schemes, money mules and romance scams. Image by Filmbetrachter from Pixabay

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Sacramento Field Office News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Sacramento Field Office is reminding elderly Americans and their loved ones about elder fraud.

This type of fraud takes many forms as criminals seek to take advantage of this vulnerable and growing population.

The FBI is committed to educating the public about these scams and investigating financial fraud schemes against seniors. Not only are there devastating financial consequences but these victims and their loved ones can suffer great emotional and mental effects because of these scams.

The FBI investigates financial scams targeting seniors, including investment scams, technical/customer support schemes, money mules and romance scams.

According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) data, there was a total of \$4.885 billion in losses from 147,127 complaints in 2024. This is a 46% increase in complaints from 2023, as well as a 43% increase in losses. In California, total losses were \$832,710,048 in 2024. The FBI continues to work with its local and federal partners to tackle elder fraud and stop those who attempt to harm the elderly.

"I urge every senior and their families to have open conversations about these scams and to scrutinize unsolicited mail, calls, emails and text messages. Criminals are actively and aggressively targeting seniors, preying upon their trust to drain their life savings," said FBI Sacramento Special Agent in charge Sid Patel. "If you or someone you care about is a victim, report the crime to law enforcement. There is no shame in seeking help when you have been harmed and your information may prevent someone else from becoming a victim."

Seniors are frequently targeted by criminal actors, as they are often perceived to be more polite and trusting. These actors might also assume that seniors are more financially stable, own real estate, spend a great deal of time alone and are less likely

to report fraud if they feel ashamed or are unfamiliar with reporting channels such as the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3.gov).

Fraud can happen to anyone, and small steps can be taken to protect yourself and your information.

Search online for the contact information (name, phone number, email, addresses) of any unknown source which reaches out to you, as well as the proposed offer. Verify the legitimacy of businesses on websites such as Better Business Bureau. Other individuals have likely posted information online about businesses and individuals attempting to run scams.

Resist the pressure to act quickly. Scammers create a sense of urgency to lure victims into immediate action, typically by instilling trust and inducing empathy, fear, the promise of monetary gains, companionship or employment opportunities.

Be cautious of unsolicited phone calls, mailings and door-to-door service offers.

Never give or send to unverified people or businesses any personally identifiable information, money, checks, gift cards or wire information.

Take precautionary measures to protect your identity in case a criminal gains access to your device or account.

Immediately contact your financial institutions to place protections on your accounts and monitor for suspicious activity.

If you believe you are a victim of fraud or know a senior who might be, regardless of financial loss, immediately report the incident to a local FBI field office or other law enforcement agency.

Crimes can also be reported by calling 1-800-CALL FBI, online at <https://tips.fbi.gov> or at the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

Some resources available to the public are the IC3 2024 Report and Elder Fraud Report, the FBI: Elder Fraud Resource Page and the Department of Justice: Neighborhood Resources.

The FBI Sacramento Field Office proudly serves the 34 California counties that comprise the Eastern District of California. ★

\$6.5 Million in Stolen Goods Seized, Leads Organized Crime Crackdown



Governor Newsom announced that the state recovered 113,245 stolen items worth nearly \$6.5 million this year. Photo courtesy of Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom New Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom on June 17 announced that from January to May, the state's Organized Retail Crime Task Force conducted 331 investigations, 629 arrests and recovered 113,245 stolen items valued at nearly \$6.5 million.

Spearheaded by the California Highway Patrol, the Organized Retail Crime Task Force, through coordination with local law enforcement agencies and other partners, has been involved in more than 3,800 investigations, resulting in the arrest of more than 4,400 suspects and the recovery of nearly 1.4-million stolen goods, valued at more than \$58 million since 2019.

"In California, we value our public safety and back our business community. Organized retail crimes have no place in our society and I'm proud of the work our CHP officers do up and down the state to protect our families and communities," Newsom said.

Using arresting tools made available in part because of the governor's organized retail crime package he passed last year and ongoing commitment to public safety, compared to April, organized retail crime enforcement has gone up in all areas in May, including 120 investigations, up 131%; 246 arrests, up 130%; 72,454 stolen assets recovered, up 66%; and \$2,046,084 in assets recovered, up 49%.

As part of the coordinated national organized retail crime blitz from May 26 to May 30, the CHP conducted high-visibility enforcement operations throughout the state, arresting 90 individuals, recovering nearly \$153,000 worth of stolen merchandise and identifying multiple suspects linked to organized crime rings operating in and beyond California.

The CHP joined more than 100 law enforcement agencies and major retailers for this multi-day effort to investigate and intercept criminal activity in shopping centers, malls and high-traffic retail areas throughout California.

"Retail theft doesn't stop at state lines and neither do we," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "By working together with our law enforcement partners and retailers nationwide, we are sending a clear message: if you come to California to steal, we will be here to stop you."

The blitz, coordinated out of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, coordinated an effort across 28 states to seize stolen vehicles, narcotics, weapons and

other goods.

These efforts reinforced the importance of intelligence sharing, real-time coordination and proactive enforcement in deterring retail theft.

According to an analysis of Real Time Crime Index data by the Public Policy Institute of California, violent crime dropped by 4.6% and property crime dropped by 8.5% in 2024, compared to 2023. Overall, the decreases in violent and property crimes in California were similar to those seen by law enforcement agencies in other states, with property crime down by 8.5% in California and 8.4% elsewhere.

California has invested \$1.1 billion since 2019 to fight crime, help local governments hire more police and improve public safety. In 2023, as part of California's Public Safety Plan, the governor announced the largest-ever investment to combat organized retail crime in state history, an annual 310% increase in proactive operations targeting organized retail crime, and special operations across the state to fight crime, improving public safety.

Last August, Governor Newsom signed into law the most significant bipartisan legislation to crack down on property crime in modern California history. Building on the state's robust laws and record public safety funding, these bipartisan bills offer new tools to bolster ongoing efforts to hold criminals accountable for smash-and-grab robberies, property crime, retail theft and auto burglaries. While California's crime rate remains at near historic lows, these laws help California adapt to evolving criminal tactics to ensure perpetrators are effectively held accountable.

As part of the state's largest-ever investment to combat organized retail crime, Governor Newsom announced last year that the state distributed \$267 million to 55 communities to help local communities combat organized retail crime. These funds have enabled cities and counties to hire more police, make more arrests and secure more felony charges against suspects.

Working collaboratively to heighten public safety, the governor tasked the CHP to work with local law enforcement areas in key areas to saturate high-crime areas, aiming to reduce roadway violence and criminal activity in the area, specifically vehicle theft and organized retail crime. Since the inception of this regional initiative, there have been more than 7,300 arrests, more than 5,000 stolen vehicles recovered and more than 350 firearms confiscated across Bakersfield, San Bernardino and Oakland. ★

Peer-to-Peer Payment is the New Cash



Joe Thompson owns Crisp Catering and the Gold Rush Grille located at the Secretary of State's office. Thompson is also a member of the National Federation of Independent Business' Leadership Council. Courtesy photo

By Joe Thompson

As a small business, we must make it as easy as possible for our customers to pay us. In today's economy, that means embracing the digital tools our customers already use, especially peer-to-peer (P2P) payment platforms like Venmo, Cash App, and Zelle. These apps aren't just a convenience; for many small businesses, they're a lifeline.

In Sacramento County, peer-to-peer payments are transforming how small businesses get paid. At the Elk Grove farmers market, produce vendors can complete sales on the spot with a quick scan of a QR code. In Rancho Cordova, a mobile dog groomer doesn't have to wait on a check. Her customers can pay instantly before she packs up. And during Citrus Heights' annual craft fair,

cashless payments help local artisans make more sales and avoid the hassle of hauling around a card reader or dealing with bills and coins.

These platforms have become as essential to small business operations as cash registers were a generation ago.

Why? Because consumers value convenience and so do we. Peer-to-peer payments are trusted, easy to use and fast. Many customers, especially younger ones, no longer carry cash or even use credit cards regularly. For them, peer-to-peer apps are the new wallet. If we can't accept the way they want to pay, we risk losing their business.

Platforms report that small businesses received about \$465 per transaction in 2024 using peer-to-peer networks, often without paying fees.

For small businesses in places like Galt, where family-run operations run on razor-thin margins, that difference can mean the ability to pay rent, order inventory or hire help. And because many platforms transfer funds in near real time, business owners don't have to wait days for bank processing. That speed means a food truck owner in Fair Oaks can refill supplies between lunch and dinner service or a mobile hairdresser in Ardenpacks up. And during Citrus Heights' annual craft fair, the next client.

Still, some are calling for heavy-handed new regulations on peer-to-peer platforms in the name of stopping fraud. Let's be clear: fraud is a real issue and we need strong solutions, but punishing the tools small businesses depend on won't stop criminals, it'll just hurt local economies.

Instead of targeting the platforms that are helping us grow, we should be cracking down on the bad actors behind the scams. That means funding law enforcement efforts, improving coordination across agencies and supporting smart industry practices. In fact, some peer-to-peer platforms already go above and beyond, using advanced fraud detection tools and offering reimbursements when users are tricked by imposters. Our public policy should build on that, not undercut it.

At a time when small businesses across Sacramento County are still recovering from inflation and pandemic-era disruptions, policymakers must recognize that peer-to-peer platforms aren't the problem, they're part of the solution. Let's keep it simple for customers to pay us and keep growing our local economy in the process.

Peer-to-peer is here to stay and for small businesses like mine, that's a very good thing. ★

Rep. Kiley Calls on CIF to Comply with Department of Education's Title IX Conditions

U.S. Rep. Kevin Kiley News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The U.S. Department of Education has found that the California Interscholastic Federation's (CIF) policy of allowing biological males to participate in sports with girls is in "clear violation" of Title IX.

This comes after Rep. Kevin Kiley (CA-3) wrote a letter to CIF calling for an immediate reversal of the policy allowing biological males in girls' sports.

Rep. Kiley is sending a follow-up letter to the CIF calling for the state to

immediately comply with the Department's conditions to avoid a loss of federal funding.

Those conditions include preventing male athletes from participating with females, restoring awards, records and titles to female athletes that were misappropriated by male athletes and issuing a formal apology to those female athletes.

"As I have repeatedly warned Governor Newsom, California's policy is absurd and illegal," Rep. Kiley said. "The state must immediately reverse the policy, and pursuant to the Department's conditions, restore honors to

female athletes unjustly deprived of them."

The U.S. Department of Education is giving the agencies the option to accept a resolution that would prevent male athletes from participating with females and restore awards, records and titles to female athletes that were misappropriated by male athletes.

For more information from the U.S. Department of Education visit ed.gov/about/news/press-release/us-department-of-education-finds-california-department-of-education-and-california-interscholastic-federation-violation-of-title-ix. ★