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A Freshman's First, A Senior's Last

'Full Circle Moment' for River City High Homecoming



The River City High School Raiders' varsity football team prepares to take the field against the Vacaville High School Bulldogs on Oct. 24 for River City's homecoming football game.

Story and photos by Seth Henderson

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - River City High School students, staff and faculty celebrated a week of homecoming festivities from Oct. 20 through the final homecoming dance on Oct. 25, celebrating seniors, school programs and school spirit.

Performances from multiple school programs including the Majorettes, marching band, cheer team and others

took place through Oct. 24, featuring an afterschool rally as well as senior night for multiple sports programs such as football and water polo.

Athletic Director Brittany Adame said that a goal of the high school is to make the community feel like one big family that can have fun while also staying safe.

"It's really supportive. I love to see that multiple generations are able to come," Adame said during the football program's senior night. "We

definitely want our families to know that this is what it's all about, getting our kids to be out, to be active and enjoying high school. That's one of the biggest things, having the family's support of our district, of our high school. It's really fun to see."

Students filled the gymnasium bleachers after school, showing their school spirit during an Oct. 24 pep rally. The rally featured numerous performances, including from

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Drop-Off Locations Opening Soon for Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Volunteers are preparing to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts during National Collection Week from Nov. 17 to Nov. 24. Nearly 5,000 drop-off locations will open across the country in November and shoebox packers can find their local drop-off locations in California.

This year, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 12-million children

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Operation Christmas Child hopes to reach another 12-million children in 2025 with the hope of Jesus.

Shoobox packing is fun for individuals, families and groups. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

"Samaritan's Purse works around the world to help people in need but it's not about good works; it's about the Gospel," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "Please prayerfully consider packing a shoebox this year with Operation Christmas Child. These simple gifts open the door for us to share the true meaning of Christmas."

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts at samaritanspurserg.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/?utm_source=OCC-Tool-Kit&utm_campaign=m_YOCC-PRRE&utm_content=OCC-Drop-off-locations

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 232-million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. ★

Fourth Annual Rock the Block

Habitat for Humanity Brings 400 Volunteers and Transformative Change to West Sacramento

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA - The streets of West Sacramento were recently buzzing with hammers, laughter and hope as more than 400 volunteers, local businesses and residents came together for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento's fourth Annual Rock the Block West Sacramento.

Powered by a \$100,000 grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation and a \$50,000 annual commitment from the City of West Sacramento, this high-energy, two-day neighborhood revitalization event on Oct. 17 and Oct. 18 delivered 14 impactful projects across local neighborhoods. The projects, 11 home repairs and three community improvement projects, revitalized historically under-resourced areas and restored pride and stability for residents.

Rock the Block is presented by the City of West Sacramento and Wells Fargo and supported by



Community volunteers helped remove old fencing and clear debris as part of the Rock the Block West Sacramento initiative.

more than 20 additional community sponsors. During those two days, volunteers completed vital repairs such as roof replacements, fencing, window upgrades, exterior painting, landscaping and more, all rooted in Habitat for Humanity's mission of building strength, stability

and self-reliance through shelter.

Since launching in 2022, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento has invested more than \$800,000 in West Sacramento, which translates into nearly 50 home repairs, more than 25 community projects and more

than 12,000 volunteer hours contributed by 1,600 volunteers.

"Rock the Block represents partnership and compassion in action," said Kimberly Coley, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento's chief advancement and

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Donate to Keep Adaptive Riding Program Open

Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation, one of Northern California's leading adaptive riding programs for people with developmental disabilities, has launched an emergency fundraising campaign to sustain its operations.

The program draws students from throughout Northern California, especially Sacramento County, Yolo County and surrounding counties.

According to Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation (T.R.O.T.R.) board President Shannon Johnson Personeni, the Woodland-based nonprofit organization is facing unprecedented financial strain, due to rising costs for insurance, staffing, facility upkeep and animal care.

"Despite cutting non-essential expenses and stretching every dollar, we have been forced to release over 60% of our instructors, eliminate more than half of our weekly program hours and turn away nearly 75% of our riding students," Personeni said. "Just to stabilize our core operations and prevent further losses, we must raise at least \$45,000 by Dec. 1."

Personeni, who founded Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation in 2005, is a certified therapeutic riding instructor and an equine specialist in mental health and learning, accredited through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International.

"Demand for our services has been growing at an astonishing rate," Personeni said. "We typically have several hundred people on our waiting list. The lives of these children and adults could be transformed by the therapeutic power of horses if we can remain



Instructor Debbie and Leo tack up Cindy Lu for a lesson. Photo courtesy of Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation



India and Mr. B share a moment. Two hearts. One healing moment. Photo courtesy of Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation

open to serve them."

Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation combines recreational riding instruction with principles of physical, occupational and social-emotional therapy. It serves students with conditions such as autism, attention-deficit disorder/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADD/ADHD), brain and spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy,

developmental delays, Down syndrome, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy and learning challenges, as well as mental, emotional, visual and hearing impairments.

"A horse's stride mimics the human gait, which stimulates the rider's physical and cognitive development," Personeni said. "This gentle, rhythmic motion enhances balance, muscle



Shannon Personeni rescues the horses and they rescue us. Photo courtesy of Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation

control, coordination, posture and body awareness. By interacting with their horses, riders also learn trust, patience and self-control while developing communication and social skills."

In addition to serving riders with disabilities, Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation operates a rehabilitation program for horses off the racetrack. Many of these horses arrive after neglect, abandonment or career-ending injuries. "With

training, care and compassion, they become part of our adaptive riding program or are placed in loving permanent homes," Personeni said.

Community members, businesses and foundations are encouraged to contribute to this urgent effort by donating at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/keep-trottr-alive> or contacting Therapeutic Riding and Off-Track Rehabilitation at info@TROTR.org. ★

Fourth Annual Rock the Block



Teamwork in action! Volunteers, partners and neighbors came together at Habitat for Humanity's fourth annual Rock the Block West Sacramento. Photo courtesy of HHGS

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marketing officer. "When hundreds of volunteers, local businesses and city partners unite behind a common purpose, hope takes shape in powerful, lasting ways. Together, we're not just repairing homes; we're preserving dignity, protecting affordability and strengthening the future of our neighborhoods, one block at a time."

For West Sacramento homeowner Judie, that support meant a fresh start and a more energy-efficient home.

"My house is getting a new coat of paint and brand-new double-pane windows," Judie said. "I know it's going to make a big difference, keeping my home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. I'm just so grateful to everyone who made this possible."

For Yolonda and her husband, a veteran, the impact was even more profound.

"We were close to losing our home if these repairs hadn't been done," Yolonda said, holding back tears. "Our whole family

came out to help alongside the volunteers. I can't stop crying: tears of relief, tears of gratitude. This experience reminds us that we're not alone."

Volunteer June Cato, who participated in Rock the Block for the first time last year, reflected, "It's amazing what happens when people come together. You can literally see hope being built in real time. That's why I keep coming back."

The Rock the Block West Sacramento initiative is part of a five-year, \$250,000 partnership between Habitat Greater Sacramento and the City of West Sacramento (2022 to 2026), with additional leadership from Wells Fargo and more than 20 local business and community sponsors. Together, they're helping stabilize housing, preserve generational equity and strengthen neighborhood pride across West Sacramento.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento continues to expand its reach across the region. On Nov. 15, the organization will dedicate 10



Volunteers from Blue Shield of California roll up their sleeves and bring color and care to the community with a fresh paint job on a West Sacramento home.

new homes in Folsom's historic district at an event open to the public from 10 a.m. to noon. The affiliate is also actively building 26 new affordable homes in Citrus Heights, marking the largest devel-

opment in the organization's 40-year history.

As Habitat for Humanity celebrates 40 years of building homes, communities and hope, the organization invites the public to join its mission through

donations, sponsorships and/or volunteer work. Every hand, every dollar and every hour makes a tangible difference in helping local families, seniors and veterans achieve stability through affordable housing. ★

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teachers who performed a choreographed dance to Montell Williams' "This is How We Do It," drawing a roaring applause from the entire gym at the performance's end.

Leadership students organized, led and directed the rally with some students DJing atop a tall tower, crafted and painted with a city skyline, following River City's "Heroes and Villains" theme for homecoming. During the rally, students competed against each other in various games, testing a player's attention to detail and ability to follow directions. Some games included a fixed number of players racing for a limited number of chairs while blindfolded or pairs of contestants competing to grab a single plastic cup.

Daniel Tovar, a 19-year-old senior, wide receiver and cornerback on the varsity football team, participated in the rally's cup game, winning the final head-to-head matchup, causing the senior section of the bleachers to erupt in cheer and applause. Tovar walked back to the senior section of the bleachers to sit with his teammates, as the football team had worn their jerseys to the rally.

Welcomed and embraced at the bleachers by not only his teammates but who Tovar called his brothers, Tovar said he was excited to play one last home game with the team he has connected with over the years. Before the varsity football game, Tovar said what he's going to miss most about playing football at River City was the environment and the coaches because they have helped him grow tremendously.

"It feels amazing," Tovar said about being honored during senior night. "The crowd and everything tonight. Homecoming game, senior night it's just a big game, really excited for it."

At the homecoming football game, family members and friends joined their senior football players on the track and sideline area, holding posters and taking photos to celebrate, as well as honor their students during a senior night celebration as they prepare for their final home game of the school year against Vacaville High School.

Caden Silvestre, a 17-year-old drum captain and tenor drum player in the marching band, running for senior homecoming royalty, was considered in the nomination for River City High School's homecoming king. Silvestre said running for royalty broke him out of his shell as he had to campaign with posters, fliers and other contributions to make his case for homecoming king.

Madelyn Sadorra, a 17-year-old senior and head drum major for the marching band, said that

she was looking forward to the rally and said it was the best one she had experienced during her time at River City. At the football game before the band's halftime performance, Sadorra said she was excited but stressed because she wanted to put on an excellent performance for the exceptionally-large homecoming crowd.

The last home football game of the year is not only a "last" for the seniors on the football team but also the final performance under the Friday night lights for seniors in the marching band, color guard, Majorettes and other programs. Multiple seniors told Messenger Publishing Group that they never put much thought into what their last day might be like, sharing bittersweet reflections of their newfound realization as they lived it in real time.

"We've been waiting for this for so long, from being freshmen and seeing the seniors that year graduate and have these moments, and it all leads up to ours," Sadorra said. "It's just kind of like a full circle moment."

Sadorra said that this year's marching band senior class was the largest in school history with a total of 29 seniors.

Adeline Caldwell, an 18-year-old senior and section leader of the piccolos for the marching band, said she was also excited for the homecoming rally and to perform in front of the largest home crowd of the year, consisting of friends, family, alumni and supporters.

"As we're going through this game, it's a ton of lasts," Caldwell said. "This is my last time walking in, this is our last time doing pregame. It's going to be our last kickoff and so it's very surreal. I know that there are all of these lasts coming through, but at the same time, we're just having a great time and a lot of fun."

Caldwell said her high school experience would not have been the same without marching band, having spent more hours on the football field than anywhere else. Caldwell said a quality instilled in her by her previous section leaders was hard work and that she would take it with her after she graduates.

"When I was a freshman and when I was a sophomore, I was looking up to my section leader and now they're there and they're looking up to me and it's a position that I never thought I'd find myself in," Caldwell said. "It's an incredibly fortunate position that my goal is always just to try to be the best example that I can be to them, like my section leaders were to me when I was a freshman."

Silvestre said he set out to become drum captain and learn the tenor drums when he began his high school career and he did just that. He said a highlight of homecoming was having all the



Members of the River City High School Regiment marching band prepare to perform at the homecoming rally on Oct. 24 after school. Photo by Seth Henderson



River City High School teachers conduct a performance to Montell Williams' "This is How We Do It," during the Oct. 24 homecoming rally after school. Photo by Seth Henderson

pieces of the performance come together, integrating songs such as "Family Ties" or "Like That," made popular by Kendrick Lamar, to the pep band showtune list.

"Last time playing these stand tunes, these band shorts. Last time in these bleachers with my peers and last time under the lights, really," Silvestre said. "It goes by really fast and I don't think I've processed it yet, so I'm just trying to soak everything in."

Silvestre said the last four years of high school, having been in marching band, were the best moments of his life. Being able to perform and present all the hard work he put into his craft is a feeling he said can never be beat. The nerves before taking the field and the relief after coming

off a performance "are amazing moments" that Silvestre said he loved every minute of.

Sadorra said the marching band competed on Oct. 18, winning first place in a Western Band Association competition and that the marching band, as well as the Majorettes had a senior night celebration that weekend.

After all the performances and celebrations on Oct. 24, the varsity football game ended in a 42-14 loss for River City but homecoming was not officially over until seniors had their last homecoming dance on Oct. 25. Leadership students stayed after the football game to clean up and tear down equipment before returning the next morning to set up for the dance.

"You're going to win, you're going to lose but whatever's happening, you've got to be able to adapt and adjust and push through it," head coach Marcus Tribble said about the team's last opportunity to showcase their skills at home. "Toughness is my main thing."

The River City Raiders varsity football team's final game of the season is at Sacramento High School against the Dragons on Nov. 1. Sacramento High School is located at 2315 34th St., Sacramento.

River City High School is located at 1 Raiders Lane, West Sacramento. To learn more about the school, its athletics programs or events, visit <https://rivercity.wusd.k12.ca.us/#>. ★

Yolo County Crop Report Released

Yolo County Office of the County Administrator News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Yolo County Agriculture Commissioner Humberto Izquierdo presented the 2024 Yolo County Crop Report at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

The report, released by the Yolo County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, details the county's agricultural production for the year.

The gross value of Yolo County's agricultural production for 2024 was \$824,597,000 representing a decrease of \$77,507,000 or approximately 8.6% decline in comparison to

the previous year.

Almonds, with a total value of \$178,925,000, moved to the top-ranking crop in 2024 due to a 32% increase in price. The increase in almond value and the decline in both acreage and price of processing tomatoes contributed to tomatoes dropping to second place.

Yolo County also experienced significant shifts in crop production trends in 2024. Field corn acreage surged from 6,393 acres in 2023 to 17,274 acres in 2024, while sunflower seed acreage declined by approximately 50%. The wine grape value fell by nearly 20%, with producers facing contract shortages, lower prices and unharvested vineyards, leading to the removal of some

grape acreage.

Although walnut prices remain challenging, prices doubled in 2024. The increase in price, coupled with acreage, pushed walnuts back to the top ten commodity list.

The figures in the report represent averaged estimates by Yolo County growers and ranchers. These values do not represent profit or loss, nor the broader economic benefits agriculture generates for the community.

The Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures sincerely appreciates the many farmers, ranchers and agencies who contributed to the preparation of this report. To view the 2024 Crop Report or any previous years' reports, visit www.YoloCounty.gov/ag. ★



Almonds, with a total value of \$178,925,000, moved to the top-ranking crop in 2024 due to a 32% increase in price. Photo courtesy of Yolo County



The gross value of Yolo County's agricultural production for 2024 was \$824,597,000 representing a decrease of \$77,507,000 or approximately 8.6% decline in comparison to the previous year. Photo courtesy of Yolo County



Yolo County also experienced significant shifts in crop production trends in 2024. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

Pedestrian Safety Promoted During National Pedestrian Safety Month

County of Yolo,
Office of the County
Administrator
News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - October is National Pedestrian Safety Month and the Traffic Safety Team at Yolo County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) is urging everyone to stay alert and look out for one another on the road.

For Halloween, the Health and Human Services Agency reminds families and drivers to make safety a top priority as Halloween night can be especially dangerous for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers due to increased foot traffic and reduced visibility. Everyone plays a role in keeping Yolo County's roads safe for those enjoying the festivities.

Health and Human Services Agency's Traffic Safety Team offers the following safety tips to help ensure a safe and enjoyable Halloween. For drivers, it's essential to slow down and stay alert

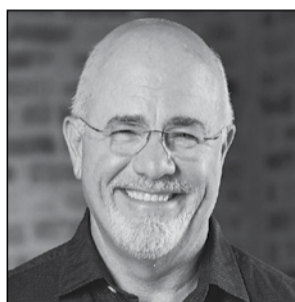
for increased foot traffic, especially in residential neighborhoods, at intersections and when entering or exiting driveways. Drivers should avoid distractions such as mobile devices and never drive impaired. Planning ahead for a designated driver or using public transit or rideshare services is strongly encouraged for anyone consuming alcohol or other substances.

For chaperones and trick-or-treaters, safety begins with preparation. Costumes should fit properly to prevent trips and falls, and adding lights or reflective tape to costumes, bags, and bicycles can significantly increase visibility. Carrying flashlights, glow sticks, or reflective bands, and wearing bright clothing can also help drivers see pedestrians more easily. When walking, sidewalks whenever available, cross at corners or crosswalks, and avoid running into the street or crossing between parked cars. Families are encouraged to stick to familiar, well-lit routes and make eye contact with drivers,

including those operating electric vehicles or scooters, before crossing the street

October's focus on pedestrian safety serves as a reminder that safe streets depend on everyone, drivers, walkers and cyclists alike, making careful choices behind the wheel and on foot. The Health and Human Services Agency joins the California Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in recognizing National Pedestrian Safety Month and encouraging all Yolo County residents to share the road safely.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For more information on Health and Human Services Agency's Traffic Safety Program, contact Traffic.Safety@YoloCounty.gov or call 2-1-1 Yolo for resource information. Follow Health and Human Services Agency on Facebook at [@YoloCountyHHS](https://www.facebook.com/YoloCountyHHS). ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

Big Inheritance Coming . . . Is a Prenup a Good Idea?

the crazies. Let's say you marry a great guy, then his deadbeat cousin, a guy you're suddenly related to by marriage, shows up asking for \$10,000 to open a pizza place. Never mind that he can't even boil water. Your guy says, "Don't look at me. We've got a prenup." He looks at you, and you smile, offer him a glass of water and send Cousin Eddie on his way.

Believe it or not, that kind of stuff actually happens. Sometimes it's the parents asking for a hand-out, sometimes it's the kids — it doesn't really matter. But it can drive a wedge between you and your spouse. Making and maintaining a good marriage is difficult. It's hard work. You don't need that kind of stuff creeping in and making things even harder.

Do you see what I'm saying? In my mind, the prenup is not to protect you from the guy you married. He's probably okay. Especially if you two are mature adults who took plenty of time getting to know each other before you walked down the aisle. And if you've been through a divorce, you probably feel that side of things a whole lot deeper than most folks.

Now, I still don't rec-

ommend prenups where small amounts of money are concerned. I remember one couple who each had normal finances and average net worths. The boyfriend wanted a prenup based on the fact he had a 1967 Ford Mustang. I flat out told her not to marry the guy because he loved a car more than he loved her. That's practically planning a divorce.

And Sarah, remember this: Wealth magnifies everything. The good and the bad. If someone who has a temper becomes wealthy, they become a bully. If they're compassionate and generous to start with, they become what we call philanthropists. Kindness and generosity become their personal brand. That's the kind of person you want to marry.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-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. ★

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Michael Christopher Allen, 27, was arrested Tuesday, Oct. 7 at Higgins Road and Summerfield Drive by West Sacramento Police for possession of a controlled substance. Officers were dispatched to South River Road and Locks Drive for a license plate reader hit for a stolen vehicle. Officers patrolled the surrounding area and located the stolen vehicle a short distance away. Two subjects were located at the arrest location, approximately two blocks from the stolen vehicle. One subject, identified as Allen, was found to have a warrant for his arrest and he was taken into custody without incident, transported to the Police Department to complete prebooking paperwork. He advised officers he had a baggie of methamphetamine in his sock, which was located by officers. Allen was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Matthew Kevin Carr, 44, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 15 on Ikea Court by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched on a call for service at the location regarding a male refusing to leave the property when asked by security. The security officers said the man completely ignored them when they asked him to leave and then chewed up bread and threw it at them. The man, later identified as Carr, refused to leave when the officer ordered him to on behalf of security. Carr did not respond verbally to any questions or say anything during the entire contact. The security officer completed a citizen's arrest form, and the officer took Carr into custody without incident. Carr was transported to Yolo County Jail and booked on charges of trespassing and obstructing / resisting a peace officer.

Derrick Leon Drage, 34, was cited Wednesday, Oct. 15 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise.

Aaron Francisco Mireles-Barajas, 32, was arrested Friday, Oct. 17 at Jefferson Boulevard and Park Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer on patrol recognized Mireles-Barajas from previous contacts. His identity was confirmed, and the warrant confirmed to be still active, and he was detained without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Rudy Miguel Gabaldon, 29, was arrested Saturday, Oct. 18 at West Capitol Avenue and Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for DUI any drug. Officer was flagged down at the location and observed traffic stopped at a green light. The vehicle blocking traffic was occupied by an unconscious driver, later identified as Gabaldon. The officer shook Gabaldon awake and observed him to be disoriented. The officer repeatedly told Gabaldon to place the car in park, and Gabaldon took his foot off the brake causing the vehicle to roll forward. The officer placed the vehicle in park and turned off the engine. While speaking with Gabaldon, the officer observed a glass container in the center console containing a dried leafy substance later confirmed to be marijuana. The officer asked Gabaldon to perform field sobriety tests, and based on his observations he took Gabaldon into custody. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Mark Gerard Hollon, 62, was arrested Sunday, Oct. 19 on Ikea Court by West Sacramento Police for trespassing. Officer was dispatched to the location regarding a male adult causing a disturbance outside the business. The subject, later identified as Hollon, was formally trespassed from the business approximately one hour prior to this call for service. Hollon stated he was not going to leave because he owned the business. He had also been trespassed previously from several other locations on Ikea Court. The business manager stated Hollon returned after the police left and started to hit his head on the window of the business and yelling at those inside. The manager signed a citizen's arrest form and Hollon was taken into custody without further incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Miguel Angel Conejo-Delgado, 33, was arrested Tuesday, Oct. 21 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a suspicious subject. Upon arrival, officer contacted Conejo-Delgado, who was holding two wooden sticks and a metal object. Officers gave multiple commands for him to drop the items, which he refused. He then advanced toward officers while holding the objects and assumed a fighting stance before being physically detained. He exhibited objective signs of intoxication and was determined to be unable to care for himself. During a search incident to arrest, a fixed-blade kitchen knife was found in his right pants pocket. Conejo-Delgado was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with disorderly conduct: alcohol and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger.

Mark Gerard Hollon, 62, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 22 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for trespassing and refusing to leave on order. Officer was dispatched to the location for a report of trespassing. The Loss Prevention Specialist at the store observed Hollon inside the store via surveillance cameras. Officer viewed the footage and recognized Hollon from previous contacts since this officer had recently given Hollon a trespass advisement and knew he was not supposed to be on the property. Officer contacted Hollon in the men's clothing department, detained him in handcuffs and transported him to the Loss Prevention office. Officer read Hollon his Miranda rights and Hollon then stated he believes he owns the store and did not know he was trespassed. Officer advised Hollon he was under arrest for misdemeanor trespassing and transported him to Yolo County Jail.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Sunday, Oct. 5 — victim reports they sold items to an unknown suspect in the parking lot at Town Center Plaza and the suspect paid them with fake money. Victim sold three RC cars almost fully built and 6 or 7 RC controllers; loss valued at \$250.

Saturday, Oct. 11 — business victim reports their vehicle was broken into by an unknown subject and stripped while parked on Houston Street. Damage estimated at \$4,000.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 — victim reports unknown suspect(s) caused approximately \$1,500 in damage to their vehicle in a parking lot on Delta Lane.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 — victim reports unknown suspect(s) used their debit card at a grocery store on West Capitol Avenue without permission on Sept. 27, 2023. \$1,120 reported loss.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 — victim reports their vehicle was vandalized in a parking lot while they were at work on Ikea Court. Loss estimated at \$11,056.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 — a business reports an unknown suspect caused approximately \$1,000 in damage to their fence on West Capitol Avenue. The suspect entered the premises and stole copper piping. Total loss estimated at \$3,000.

Friday, Oct. 17 — a retail store in Town Center Plaza reports an unknown suspect caused approximately \$7,000 in damage to the entrance door of the business.

Wednesday, Oct. 22 — victim in a single-family home on Peppertree Road reports mail was taken some time over the last few days by an unknown suspect. Unreported value of loss.

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Board of Education Seeks Replacement

Search Follows Trustee Salud-Ambriz's Resignation

Yolo County Office of Education News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - During its regular Oct. 14 meeting, the Yolo County Board of Education announced a vacancy on its five-member board due to the resignation of President Armando Salud-Ambriz, who represented Trustee Area 5 for the past three years.

In an email to County Superintendent Garth Lewis on October 7, Salud-Ambriz shared that he had been appointed by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to serve as Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters. Accepting the position required him to

relocate and register to vote in Nevada County. Salud-Ambriz was sworn into office on Oct. 14.

Salud-Ambriz was elected to the board in November 2022 to represent Trustee Area 5, which includes the communities of Esparto, Woodland and Knights Landing. His four-year term was originally set to run through December 2026.

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Community Calendar

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

Turner Library, located at 12 Turner Library, located at 1212 Merkley Ave. has the following events this week:

Friday, Oct. 31: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1: West Sacramento Friends of the Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., members only; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the public. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Turner Community Library. Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 3: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Drop-in tutoring for grades 1 through 8, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Get homework help in math, science, and more with a high school volunteer. Spots first come, first served, and are limited to 20 minutes if other students are waiting.

Tuesday, Nov. 4: Hug-a-Bye baby, 11 a.m. to noon. Teen advisory board, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. Reading buddies, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Kids ages 4 to 10 are invited to practice reading with encouragement and help from a River City High School student. English conversation group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6: Yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Twilight Party, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us for a free showing of "Twilight", rated PG-13, and Twilight-themed crafts, activities and photo op.

Clarksburg Branch Library, located at 52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg has the following event this week:

Wednesday, Nov. 5: **Anime club**, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join us for manga screenings, fun anime/manga activities, snacks, and more. Registration required online at the library website.

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

Now open through Sunday, Nov. 30: Claude Monet – the Immersive Experience, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily except Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This exhibit features Exhibition Hub's award-winning, 4K digital mapping techniques through which guests are fully enveloped in Monet's brilliant and contemplative works. Tickets and more information at www.monet-expo.com/sacramento

Friday, Oct. 31: Halloween Swing Dance and Costume Contest, 8 p.m. to midnight at the Spotlight Ballroom, 2534 Industrial Blvd., Suite 150. Dress up and dance the night away. The evening starts with swinging DJ'd

tunes and then we'll take a break to give those who want to a chance to parade across the floor and show off their amazing costumes and acting ability. Of course, you don't have to wear a costume, but we promise it's more fun if you do. Tickets and more information at www.spotlightballroom.com

Saturday, Nov. 1: 8th Annual Winters Salmon Festival, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 210 E. Main Street, Winters. Join us to celebrate the return of Chinook salmon to Putah Creek. Come enjoy live music, local food trucks, and family-friendly vendors as we gather to celebrate the salmon's journey and our community's stewardship of Putah Creek.

Saturday, Nov. 1: Fall Dinner and Dance, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Yolo County Fairgrounds – Waite Hall, 1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland. Presented by the Yolo County Cattlemen & Wool Growers Association. Enjoy food, drinks, music, dancing and a special dessert auction. More information at www.yccwga.org

Saturday, Nov. 1: Christmas Basket Project Fundraiser, 6 p.m. at the Moose Family Center – Lodge 1762, 3240 Jefferson Blvd. This taco night fundraiser, open to the public, includes a taco dinner and a gift raffle. Your participation helps provide holiday meals for those in need. Sign up at the Lodge or call 916-371-9684, after 4 p.m. to RSVP.

Sunday, Nov. 2: Olive Crush Festival, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Seka Hills Olive Mill, 19326 Road 78, Brooks. The event will include mill tours, olive oil tasting, food trucks, artisan deli, live music, cooking demonstrations, and local vendor faire. More information at www.sekahills.com

Sunday, Nov. 2: 5th Annual West Sacramento Dia de los Muertos Celebration, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at VFW Post 8762, 905 Drever Street. Celebrate culture and community with us at this free event, hosted by the Port of West Sacramento Community Alliance and VFW Post 8762. This year's event will feature a community altar to honor and remember loved ones, cultural crafts and games for all ages, festive performances, a market highlighting incredible local vendors and artisans, and so much more.

Sunday, Nov. 2: 5th Annual Tree Davis Legacy Event, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tree Davis Memorial Grove, 1549 Shasta Drive, Davis. Every November, Tree Davis celebrates the important work of individuals and groups that keep the local urban forest green and thriving. Kick off the beginning of tree planting season by attending this free, family-friendly event. RSVP to www.treedavis.org

Wednesday, Nov. 5: All Leaders Must Serve Annual Dinner, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Yolo County Office of Education, 1280 Santa Anita Court, Woodland.

Help us celebrate our 10th anniversary of leadership and service. All proceeds benefit ALMS youth programs. Tickets available online at www.allleadersmusterserv.org

Thursday, Nov. 6 through Sunday, Nov. 16: Witches!? In Salem?! A historically inaccurate comedy presented by River City High School Theatre, various times and dates. Tickets and more information at www.rchsproductions.org

Thursday, Nov. 6: "The Cadaver Brothers" Exhibit Opening Reception, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center History Gallery, 1075 West Capitol Ave. This exhibit highlights brothers Ellis John and Seth Gainsley Barry, and their work searching for bodies in the past of East Yolo. Developed and presented by the West Sacramento Historical Society.

Friday, Nov. 7: First Friday Art Walk, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., 701 Main St., Woodland. This event is a great way to experience Woodland's vibrant arts and culture scene. You'll see everything from paintings and sculptures to photography and mixed media, with live music and entertainment. Enjoy food and drink specials and interactive art and activities. Come out and support local businesses in Downtown Woodland.

Saturday, Nov. 8: Special Olympics NorCal Fall Games, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at UC Davis, Russell Field, 430 California Ave., Davis. This championship competition is the culmination of the eight-week soccer season and regional competitions. 20 soccer teams will be selected to attend; over 300 athletes from northern California will be competing in games and individual skills contests. For more information, and to volunteer, see www.sonc.org

Saturday, Nov. 8: 2025 Paella Cook-Off, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Berryessa Gap Winery, 27260 Highway 128, Winters. Enjoy an unforgettable evening filled with flavor, fun, and festive spirit. From the aromas of sizzling paella to the perfect wine pairings, it's an experience you won't want to miss. Tickets available at www.berryessagap.com

Sunday, Nov. 9: Taste of Yoga, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Drake's: The Barn, 985 Riverfront St. Enjoy 25 minute back-to-back "tastes" of yoga from various studios plus health and wellness and spa experience stations. Your ticket comes with an awesome yogi swag bag. Tickets available on www.eventbrite.com

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

Café Yolo Social Dining meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave.

Seniors over age 60 are invited to mingle and dine for free, sponsored by Meals on Wheels. Reservations required 24 hours in advance at 530-662-7035 or email welcome@mowyolo.org.

Cars and Coffee Woodland, a monthly car meetup for enthusiasts. Join us every first Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 1332 E. Main St., Woodland. This free, family-friendly event is designed for car enthusiasts who enjoy a relaxed, casual meet without the commitment of an all-day show. Next show, Nov. 1. More information at www.woodlandcarsandcoffee.com

Davis Craft and Vintage Fair, twice each month, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Park, 5th and B St., Davis. Expect to see friendly vendors with local handmade and original art, crafts, quality vintage items, upcycled treasures, earth-friendly creations, good food and more. Next fair is Sunday, Nov. 16. Information and other dates at www.daviscraftandvintage.org

Home Depot Kids Workshops are free in-person at 690 Riverpoint Court on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, while supplies last. The next class will be on Saturday, Nov. 1 and we'll be making excavators. Registration required by using the following link: www.homedepot.com/workshops/

Lowe's Kids Workshops are free in-person each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. The next workshop will be creating a letter box on Saturday, Nov. 15. Registration required by searching "events" at www.lowes.com

Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento meets on Fridays at noon at Streets of London, 2200 Lake Washington Blvd. 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, Nov. 13, 5:30 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, Nov. 1.

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, Nov. 5.**

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

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Tours run rain or shine on the third Sunday of each month, unless there is flooding. View seasonal and permanent wetlands, native grasslands and young riparian forests. Meet at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 County Road 32B. Next tour will be Sunday, Nov. 16. Registration is required at www.yolobasin.org

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The NBA season is in full swing, and the Sacramento Kings have had a shaky start getting out of the gate.

The good news is that after 3 games the Kings could easily find themselves 3-0 instead of the anemic 1-2 that they currently find themselves.

Sunday night's loss to the visiting Los Angeles Lakers was a winnable game, just as the opener against the Phoenix Suns was a winnable game. What both games had in common were two distinct threads, that I believe capsule the direct cause of coming out on the losing end. These two reasons are not an anomaly and are a hold-over from the results of last season.

Reason #1. Terrible free throw shooting! The Kings after 3 games are shooting an atrocious 64% from the charity stripe and this is the #1 contributor to both losses sustained in the early going.

How does that rank with other NBA teams you ask? Would you believe dead last. That's right, last place among all other teams.

Reason #2. To add insult to injury the Kings are the worst team in the NBA guarding the 3-point line. For all of last season, the Kings finished once again, dead last in the NBA, allowing opposing teams to shoot a league high 38% against them.

Opinions matter, but statistics don't lie. The Kings, and in particular the coaching staff that have been talking defense since before the start of training camp, have access to the same statistics that I do. When every other team in the NBA guards the 3-point line better than you do, the question is what are you going to do about it?

I've heard coach Christie go on and on about team defense, being active, deflecting passes, and many other defensive factors, but I'm not hearing about the glaring problem that is purely losing them games. With the number of coaches that NBA teams carry today, you would think someone would be focused on the best practices for guarding effectively the 3-point line.

In Sunday night's game against the Lakers, poor perimeter defense allowed a shorthanded team to take a game away that for all intents and purposes should

have been the Kings. Yes, once again it came down to terrible free throw shooting by the Kings, and the fact that no one could stop the point guard for the opposing team. Austin Reeves went off with a career night scoring 51 points and torching the Sacramento Kings from beyond the arc, going 6 for 10 from 3-point land. Reeves was a one-man wrecking crew gathering 11 rebounds and handing out 9 assists in what was certainly his best game as an NBA player.

While I give credit to Austin Reeves for his incredible performance, at what point do the Kings shut down some of his offensive. Mid-range jumpers are one thing, but wide-open looks from beyond the arc constitute a recipe for a losing night.

Add to that 41 made free throws by the Lakers on 89% shooting compared to the Kings 12 made free throws at 66%, and this close game simply wasn't one that the Kings could win.

Simply stated, get out of the NBA cellar now, and put a renewed emphasis on free throw shooting! Every player on an individual basis must take accountability and begin the process of improving his free throw shooting. Two games that the Kings could not afford to lose are in the loss column, and it is largely if not directly because of their inability to make an uncontested shot from 15 feet away, over and over again.

When a team is losing and it's a mystery why, everyone should be worried, but when the nemesis is known, get busy and fix the problem!

The Kings are about to embark on a nasty road trip beginning in Oklahoma City Tuesday night, and facing the defending NBA champs will be no easy task. So, let's control what we can, and not allow the Thunder to beat us from the free throw line. It's a tall order to best the Thunder on their home floor, but I've seen this team do it before, so I refuse to count them out.

Take to heart the two areas I've cited and let the rest play itself out.

Welcome back Domantas Sabonis and may he stay healthy!

All the best Kings fans!

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

Social Security Matters

Do I Need to Sign Up for an Online Social Security Account?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I recently I heard the tail end of a radio program which was discussing "signing up for my Social Security account." I am now 76 years old and have been receiving my SSA monthly amount directly into a credit union account for years. Since the time when I applied to begin receiving Social Security, I have had no need to contact SSA again since everything is working fine. I do not like having to use the Internet. It seems the government is just giving me busy work and requiring me to remember usernames, passwords, etc. just when I am trying desperately to simplify my life. Can you shed any light on the need to sign up for an online SSA account by answering this:

1. What is the background regarding this "call" by the SSA to create an online account?

2. Why is the SSA wanting us to have "accounts"? Mysteriously, no one I have asked is able to give me a reason why we should have "accounts" on-line.

3. What happens if I do not sign-up for an "account"?

4) Is there a window of time during which we must "sign up"?

Thanking you in advance for any light you can shed on this issue.

Signed: Concerned Senior Dear Concerned: While creating an online Social

Security account is recommended by the Social Security Administration, doing so is more of a convenience than a necessity. It is mainly a way to confirm your identity to Social Security in advance, in case you need to contact them in the future to make changes to your SS account. If you don't plan to make any changes, then it is not mandatory for you to create an online "my Social Security" account. Nothing will change for you - you will continue to get your monthly benefits as you have been doing all these years.

Regarding your specific questions:

1. What is the background? Social Security has, for many years, been encouraging people to do business with them "online." This is, essentially, a way to improve the efficiency of a) getting your needs handled more quickly, and b) improving SSA's internal efficiency so as to handle more transactions with fewer staff.

2. Why does SSA want you to have an online account? SS fraud has become an issue, with nefarious individuals constantly trying to get at a person's Social Security (and other) government benefits. As part of its process for online access, SSA has evolved to a quite secure online identification process, which includes modern security techniques. These include things like "Two-Factor Identification" and use of certain specific identification measures through two main programs for access to government systems (known as LOGIN.gov and ID.me). These create a single pre-verified way to access multiple government systems (such as SSA, IRS, VA, etc.). It means that only one ID and password are required to access numerous government systems and ensures that those who access the account are the correct person. It is

primarily a way to protect your benefits from others and prevent fraud.

3. What happens if I do not sign-up for an "account"? Nothing will happen, unless you have a need to change something with Social Security. For example, if you for some reason wanted to change the financial account to which your SS benefits are deposited. With a secure LOGIN.gov account you could make that change quickly using your online account. Without a secure online account, you would, instead, need to make an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to make the change and provide proof of who you are. Again, this is to reduce fraud.

4. Is there a window of time during which we must "sign up"? As indicated above, there is no time in which you must "sign up." If you do not sign up for online access, and don't need to change anything with respect to your SS benefits, then you do not need to create an online account.

So, while creating an online SSA account is highly recommended, it is not mandatory for those who have no need to interact directly with the Social Security Administration.

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Bay Area Transit Measure Tests Voters' Taste for Higher Sales Taxes



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The three largest sources of revenue for California governments are taxes on personal income, real estate and retail sales — and increasing them ranges from difficult to bordering on impossible.

Raising income tax rates requires legislative approval by two-thirds voting majorities or voter approval via ballot measure. After winning a second stint as governor in 2010, Jerry Brown persuaded voters to temporarily increase taxes on high-income Californians (and a token increase in the sales tax) to close a budget deficit.

A ballot measure in 2016 extended that income surtax to 2030. It's likely public employee unions and their allies will seek another extension via ballot measure in 2028.

Property tax rates are frozen by the state constitution, thanks to passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, and efforts to repeal or modify property tax limits have failed at the polls.

That leaves sales taxes, divided up among state and local governments, as the state's most flexible levy.

The current basic rate is 7.25% on taxable goods, and that's what it is in some rural counties. State law limits any additional tax on sales to 2 percentage points,

so theoretically the highest legal rate including local, voter-approved increases, is 9.25%.

However, actual sales tax rates range as high as 10.75% because local officials routinely ask the Legislature to exceed the 2% cap, and the requests are virtually certain to be granted.

This month Gov. Gavin Newsom signed bills granting three jurisdictions permission to exceed the cap, including a 1% increase in San Luis Obispo County and a 0.25% boost for the Monterey-Salinas Transit District.

The third and most important would be a 0.5% hike in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties, plus 1% in the City and County of San Francisco, all to prop up Bay Area Rapid Transit and other transit services in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Bay Area measure, Senate Bill 63, would maintain the new levies — estimated to raise just over \$1 billion a year — for 14 years if approved by voters. It results from several years of effort by the region's political and civic leaders to shore up transit systems, which saw ridership and farebox revenues plunge during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How the issue will be presented to Bay Area voters is uncertain. Under current law, were the newly formed Transportation Revenue Measure District to place the tax hike on next year's ballot, it would require approval by two-thirds of those voting, which could be difficult to muster.

However the state Supreme Court has declared, albeit indirectly, that tax increases placed on the ballot via initiative petition require only a simple majority for approval, and many of the local surtaxes in recent years have been enacted via initiative to take advantage of that dictum.

Last year, the court invalidated a ballot measure that would have reversed the policy on tax votes. Anti-tax groups such as the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association are planning another such measure for 2026.

Backers of the Bay Area transit tax hike are apparently prepared to use the initiative process if polling indicates it's the only pathway to enactment. Were it to pass, sales taxes would top 11% in some cities and counties, close to the nation's highest retail sales levies.

The Tax Foundation, a Washington, DC-based organization that tracks tax policy, says that Louisiana, at 10.11%, has the highest average sales tax of any state. It calculates California's average to be 8.98%, the nation's seventh highest.

So, one might wonder, at what point does a high sales tax rate become a factor in consumer decisions? Some Bay Area cities and counties will be testing that out if the proposed transit tax is imposed.

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. ★



New Jersey's Wind Debacle

June of this year, on top of what were already some of the highest rates in the country. There is yet more where that came from projected for next year.

When Murphy took office, the prevailing winds of fashionable opinion said that wind power was the future.

So, New Jersey set out to become the wind capital of the United States. It was going to get 3,500 megawatts from offshore wind. No, 7,000. Come to think of it, why not make it 11,000? The higher the number, the greater the climate virtue.

At first, New Jersey set a goal of achieving 100% clean energy by 2050, then goosed it up to 2035.

It's all come a cropper, as wind has been a no-show. The pandemic and Trump administration regulatory hostility to wind didn't help, but the basic problem is that wind is uneconomical, even with the feds and the state showering wind companies with lavish subsidies and credits.

Meanwhile, New Jersey took out coal, natural gas and nuclear plants without replacing them, and the governor fought pipelines with the resolve of Winston Churchill vowing to resist the Nazis on the beaches and landing grounds. The governor fought the PennEast natural-gas pipeline project --which would have connected Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to Mercer County, New Jersey, along a 116-mile route -- all the way to the Supreme Court. The governor lost, yet PennEast gave up in frus-

tration anyway.

Neighboring Pennsylvania, also with a Democratic governor, is a notable contrast. It actually decommissioned more coal-fired plants than New Jersey did, but didn't suffer shortfalls in capacity because it readily embraced natural gas as an alternative rather than chasing an energy will-o'-the-wisp.

Murphy's make-believe plan was that by 2050, New Jersey's power mix would be 34% wind, 23% solar, 16% nuclear and 6% biogas, with another 21% from out-of-state wind and solar.

Here, back in reality, after eight years of stupendous clean-energy exertions, New Jersey still gets 90% of its energy from natural gas and nuclear. Only about 8% comes from renewables, largely solar.

New Jersey was a small net exporter of energy when Murphy took office, and now it is a large net importer. It contributes less to the regional grid than when Murphy started.

Energy is a dominant issue in the gubernatorial race and deserves to be. Murphy is the author of an ashiny, entirely predictable policy failure that directly affects the welfare of residents of his state. If Murphy is capable of introspection, he might want to contemplate the question asked in another Springsteen song long ago: "Is a dream a lie if it don't come true, or is it something worse?"

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250804
The following person(s) is doing business as: Walk on the Pawsitive Side, 1519 Pennsylvania, Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Christina Smith, 1519 Pennsylvania Avenue 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 27, 2025.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 18, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
WALK 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250823
The following person(s) is doing business as: Campus Life, Nevada County Youth for Christ, Gold Country Campus Life, 1541 Merkle Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Youth For Christ Sacramento, PO Box 156, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 1, 1952.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 25, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
CAMPUS 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250802
The following person(s) is doing business as: Pizza Factory, 353 West Main Street, Suite D & E, Woodland, CA 95695.
Green Elephant Ventures LLC, 5907 Lakestone Drive, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business

is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 17, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
PIZZA 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250837
The following person(s) is doing business as: Merricat Atelier, 1220 Halifax Avenue, Davis, CA 95616.
Catherine Choquette, 1220 Halifax Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 18, 2025.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County October 1, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
MERRICAT 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250684
The following person(s) is doing business as: ZS Cognitive Wellness, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816.
Zahra Sattaur Psychological Assessment Services PC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 5, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
ZS 10-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250833
The following person(s) is doing business as: Fork and Knife Creations, 2575 Hammon Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Mayumi L Tavalero, 900 Bay Drive Apt 609, Miami Beach, FL 33141. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 7, 2008.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 30, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025
FORK 11-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250865
The following person(s) is doing business as: Forever 3 Tees, 725 Main Street Suite 109, Woodland, CA 95695.
Forever 3 Tees LLC, 725 Main Street Suite 109, Woodland, CA 95695. 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 October 1, 2025.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 8, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025
FOREVER 11-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250869
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sally Dog Surf & Skate, 1201 Churchill Downs Avenue, Woodland, CA 95776.
Troy Bannister and Tammy Bannister, 4000 Innovator Drive, Unit 22101, Sacramento, CA 95834. This business is conducted by A Married Coupl. 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 October 10, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 2025
SALTY 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250864
The following person(s) is doing business as: Home Helpers Home Care of Woodland-Davis, 91 W Main Street Suite E, Woodland, CA 95695.
Viswater, Inc., 9525 Waterman Avenue, Live Oak, CA 95953. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 2, 2025.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 7, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
HOME 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250845
The following person(s) is doing business as: Advance Pasteurization Services, 14650 County Road 87, Esparto, CA 95627.
Advance Pasteurization Services LLC, PO Box 508, Esparto, CA 95627. 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 September 2, 2025.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 3, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
ADVANCE 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250870
The following person(s) is doing business as: Caiett's Truck Repair, 404 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Shandy Truck Repair and Fleet Consulting LLC, 5208 Fawn Valley Court, Antelope, CA 95843. 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 October 13, 2025.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 14, 2025.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
CAIETTS 11-21-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2025-2710

Alice Sara Wong has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alice Sara Wong to Jane Megan Valjean.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 19, 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: September 25, 2025
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025
WONG 11-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2025-2739

Stevie Marie Holland has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Stevie Marie Holland to Stevie Marie Morazzini.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 3, 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: October 1, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2025
HOLLAND 11-7-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2025-2803

Mohammad Elias Yaqubi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Elias Yaqubi to Elias Yaqubi.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 2, 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: October 3, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
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YAQUBI 11-7-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TAMMY RODRIGUES AKA TAMMY L. RODRIGUES
CASE NO. PR2025-0253
To all heirs, beneficiaries, cred-

itors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Tammy Rodrigues aka Tammy L. Rodrigues A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michael Tucker in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Michael Tucker be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 12/2/2025 at 9:00 am in Dept. 11 located at 1000 MAIN STREET WOODLAND CA 95695 YOLO COUNTY COURTHOUSE. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (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. Attorney for Petitioner: Sugeyri (Susie) Coons, Esq. SBN 336830 McDonald Coons Law Group 1601 New Stine Road, Suite 200 Bakersfield, CA 93309 Telephone: (661) 383-0800 10/24, 10/31, 11/7/25 CNS-3978697#
NEWS-LEDGER 11-7-25

check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: Cyrus Multalo, A Single Man, As Sole Ownership Duly Appointed Trustee: Vylla Solutions, LLC Recorded 7/13/2021 as Instrument No. 2021-0026946 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Described as follows: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Date of Sale: 11/20/2025 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$390,614.72 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property 941 FREMONT BLVD WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 A.P.N.: 014-258-004-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 758-8052 or visit this Internet Web site www.xome.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-33804. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way

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LIEN SALE
LIEN SALE NOTICE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to sections 3071 and 3072 of the Civil Code of the State of California, the undersigned, CITIZENS TOWING & IMPOUND 1244 FORTNA AVE WOODLAND CA 95776, will sell at public sale on **NOVEMBER 12, 2025 10:00AM**, the following property:
2005 DODG RAM LIC# 44929V3 CA VIN# 3D7KS26D35G800048
Lien holder has a right to bid at said sale.
10/31/25
CNS-3980033#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-31-25

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to satisfy Extra Space's lien, by selling personal property belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated.
975 F St. West Sacramento, CA 95605 on 11/11/2025 @11:00am: Kiara Cole; Anthony Keams; Brianna Bellamy; Kiara Cole; Dezryae Shryock; Ayonna Highbaugh; Justin Mcamoil; Monique Doyle
3280 Jefferson Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691 on 11/11/2025 @11:00am: Cam'mae Johnson-Lee; Bob Dahlquist; April Stillely; Sharon Hullschaffer; Samuel Kong; john odum
19389 Country Road 102 Woodland, CA 95776 on 11/11/2025 @2:00pm: Abby Jensen; Jordan Pavan; Elda Borges
1100 N 1 st St. Dixon, CA 95620 on 11/11/2025 @2:00pm: Nicholas Dunham; Regina Mitchell
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
10/31/25
CNS-3980722#
NEWS-LEDGER 10-31-25

TRUSTEE SALE
T.S. No.: 25-33804 A.P.N.: 014-258-004-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/9/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank,

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00PM local time on November 13, 2025**, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

CITY HALL GALLERIA CONCRETE FLOOR REFINISHING PROJECT

The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor and materials for the:
CITY HALL GALLERIA CONCRETE FLOOR REFINISHING PROJECT

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Release Project Date: October 24, 2025

Pre-Proposal Meeting (Non-Mandatory):

October 30, 2025, 11:00am
City Hall Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento CA 95691

Question Submission Deadline: November 5, 2025, 2:00pm

Question Response Deadline: November 10, 2025, 2:00pm

Proposal Submission Deadline: November 13, 2025, 2:00pm

Contractor Selection Date: December 3, 2025

Project construction cost estimate: \$175,000

This is not a Federal Aid project.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within one hundred twenty (120) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.
- Questions:** Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's Procurement systems at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>. The City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is November 5, 2025 by 2:00PM local time.
- Submission of Proposals:** All proposals must be submitted not later than the date and time prescribed. The Bidder is wholly responsible to ensure its Bid is submitted on the date and at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any Bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.
Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the Contract Documents.
- Bid Security:** Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or Bid bond executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento. Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code section 22300, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.
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By: Inambao Lifanu, Project Manager II

Date: October 24, 2025



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TRUSTEE SALE

to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 758-8052, or visit this internet website www.xome.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-33804 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 10/15/2025 Vylla Solutions, LLC 1600 South Douglas Road, Suite 140 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (800) 758-8052 or www.xome.com for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 LaTedran Franklin, Trustee Sale Specialist PPP #25-007408 Published 10/24/2025, 10/31/2025, 11/07/2025 News Ledger NEWSLEDGER 11-7-25

Notice of Trustee's Sale You are in default under a deed of trust dated July 26, 2021. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. On November 20, 2025, at 12:45pm, Tullius Law Group, a Professional Corporation, as the duly appointed Successor Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated July 26, 2021, recorded July 30, 2021, as Document No. 2021-0029079 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California ("Deed of Trust"), executed by: Koy Builders Inc., a California Corporation, as Trustor ("Trustor"), in favor of Private Mortgage Fund LLC, a California limited liability company, as original Beneficiary ("Deed of Trust") (the current beneficiary is PMF CA Reit, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Beneficiary"), pursuant to that certain assignment recorded on June 8, 2022, as Document No. 2022-0014001 of official records in the Office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, California), Will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). At: The north entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 W. Capitol Ave., 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, California as more fully described in the Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street addresses and other common designations, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be

Zero Willow Point Road, Zero Willow Avenue, 35265 Willow Avenue, 35113 Willow Avenue and Zero South River Road; APN's: 043-240-06-1, 043-240-29-1, 043-240-30-1, 043-240-31-1, 043-240-009-1. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street addresses and other common designations, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Promissory Note(s) and/or Loan Agreement(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Promissory Note(s) and/or Loan Agreement(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$10,063,518.68 (Estimated as of the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale). Trustee fees and costs, accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, or the Beneficiary's attorney. Beneficiary hereby elects to conduct a unified foreclosure sale pursuant to the provisions of California Commercial Code section 9604, et seq., and to include in the non-judicial foreclosure of the real property interest described in the Deed of Trust, as it may have been amended from time to time, and pursuant to any other instruments between the Trustor and Beneficiary referencing a security interest in personal property (collectively, the "Personal Property"). Beneficiary reserves its right to revoke its election as to some or all of said Personal Property, or to add additional Personal Property to the election herein expressed, at Beneficiary's sole election, from time to time and at any time until the consummation of the Trustee's Sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee's Sale. The Personal Property which was given as security for Trustor's obligation is described in the Deed of Trust and related loan documents and includes, but is not limited to, the Personal Property described in the Deed of Trust. No warranty is made that any or all of the Personal Property still exists or is available for the successful bidder and no covenant or warranty, express or implied, is made as to the condition, title, possession, quiet enjoyment, encumbrances, or the like, of any of the Personal Property, which shall be sold "as

is" "where is". The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. The said Notice of Default and Election to Sell was recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than ninety (90) days have elapsed since such recordation. Notice to potential bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice to property owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale

postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 888-506-8210 or visit this Internet Web site: <http://www.innovativefieldservices.com>, using the file number assigned to this case: 33118. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: October 23, 2025 TULLIUS LAW GROUP Attn: Jennifer R. Tullius, Trustee Officer 515 S. Flower Street, 18th Floor Los Angeles, California 90071 (213) 787-5958 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number on the day before the sale: (213) 787-5958. (IFS# 41361 10/31/2025, 11/7/2025, 11/14/2025 NEWSLEDGER 11-14-25



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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Owner:	Reclamation District No. 537, Lovdal District
Location:	Loval District, Yolo County
Project:	CAMU Fence Project
Specification No.:	537-10-25-01
Description of Work:	The project consists mainly of installing 5,550 linear feet of 6' tall chain link fence and three (3) gates – one a custom iron heavy regal slide gate and two chain link industrial double gates. This is a public works project, bidders must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations, payment of prevailing wages, and submit bonds.
Plan Cost:	\$30.00 (non-refundable). Plans and specifications are available at the offices of MBK Engineers. Please contact the office before picking up plans.
Pre-Bid:	For site access prior to the bid opening, please call Bill Mattos at (916) 531-1080.
Engineers Estimate:	\$150,000.
Bid Opening:	Eligible bidders who wish to submit a bid may drop off bids at the offices of MBK engineers by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2025.
Contact:	Mike Kynett, MBK Engineers
Phone:	(916) 456-4400
Email:	construction@mbkengineers.com

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NOTICE OF HEARING RE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the West Sacramento City Council will consider adopting a Resolution of Necessity for all or portions of property located at 200 C Street, 310 & 320 2nd Street, further identified by Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 010-101-012, 010-371-007 & 008 in West Sacramento. If adopted, the Resolution of Necessity would authorize West Sacramento to file an eminent domain action to acquire the subject property for the I Street Bridge Replacement Project based upon consideration of the provisions of Code of Civil Procedure section 1240.030. The City Council will consider this matter at its meeting on November 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California.

Copies of the proposed Resolution of Necessity will be available for review on November 14, 2025, after 5:00 p.m., at the Office of the Clerk of the City of West Sacramento, as well as online.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **4:00PM local time on October 30, 2025**, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

CORPYARD PHASE II – Roof / Shade Structure Upgrades

The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor and materials for the:

CORPYARD PHASE II – Roof / Shade Structure Upgrades

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Project Release Date: October 10, 2025

Pre-Proposal Meeting (Non-Mandatory): October 21, 2025, 11:00am
4300 West Capitol Avenue,
West Sacramento CA 95691

Question Submission Deadline: October 23, 2025, 4:00am

Question Response Deadline: October 28, 2025, 4:00am

Proposal Submission Deadline: October 30, 2025, 4:00pm

Project construction cost estimate: \$40,000

This is not a Federal Aid project.

1. **Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within Thirty (90) Working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

2. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.

3. **Questions:** Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's Procurement systems at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>. The City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is October 28, 2025 by 4:00PM local time.

4. **Submission of Proposals:** All proposals must be submitted not later than the date and time prescribed. The Bidder is wholly responsible to ensure its Bid is submitted on the date and at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any Bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

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By: Inambao Lifanu, Project Manager II

Date: October 10, 2025

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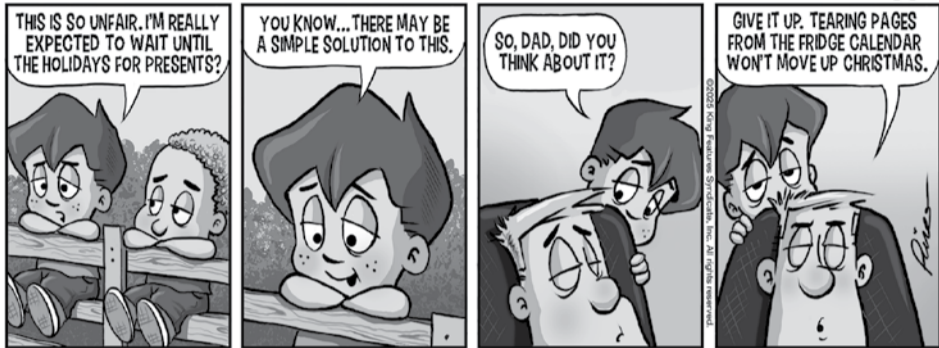
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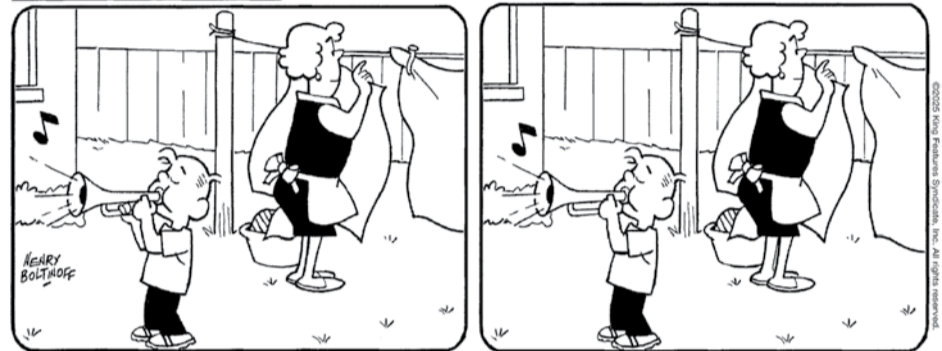
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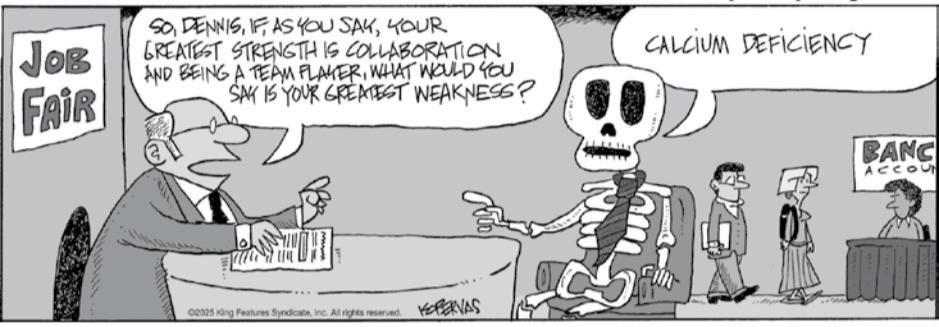
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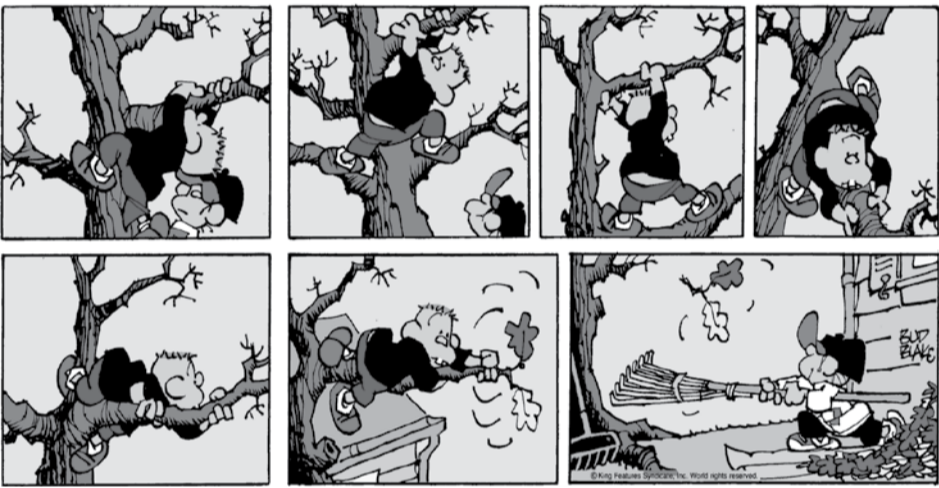
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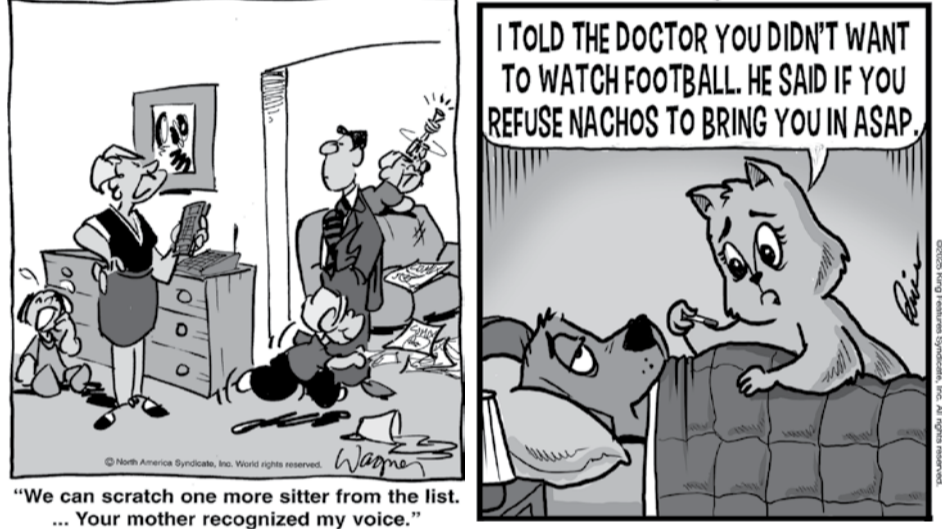
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 - Rum cake
 - Placido Domingo's solo, e.g.
 - Concluded
 - "*Into the Woods" star Anna
 - Come clean, with up
 - Terra ____
 - Urge Spot to attack
 - One of seven gnomes
 - Prior to the present (3 words)
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 - Erratum, pl.
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 - 1920s art style
 - Cause of wheezing
 - Like The Hot Chili Peppers
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 - Some vipers
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 - Source of chocolate
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 - Utah's national park
 - Bake an egg
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 - Prefix for multiple
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 - *One lost in the woods
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 - Def Leppard's "Rock of ____"
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 - St. Valentine, e.g.
 - Equip again
 - One of Seven Dwarfs
 - Rejuvenating spot
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 - Wrinkle-prone fabric
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Sac State Defense Preserves Homecoming Win

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For the second year in a row, the Sacramento State defense came up with a late-game stop to secure a Homecoming victory, this time edging Northern Colorado 40-35 in front of 20,022 fans at Hornet Stadium.

With Northern Colorado facing 4th-and-1 from the Hornet 3-yard line and just over 30 seconds remaining, the Bears elected to throw but Eric Gibson's pass was broken up by Malik Tullis and fell into the end zone. The victory improved the Hornets to 4-3 overall and put the team over .500 for the first time this season. UNC fell to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in league game.

The game had numerous ebbs and flows as the teams combined for eight lead changes. The Hornets, once again, relied on its rushing attack, finishing with 323

yards on the ground with 134 from Rodney Hammond, Jr., and 103 from Jaquail Smith. The pair became the first Hornet duo to go over 100-yards in consecutive games since 1985.

The Bears did most of its damage through the air with 321 passing yards, including 223 to Carver Cheeks. However, the Hornet defense was able to come away with four interceptions to help turn the contest's course.

The biggest pick came from Ricky Lee III, who stepped in front of a third-down pass and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter. The score gave the Hornets a 34-28 lead and was the first pick six for the cornerback at any level of his career. Koa Akui, Jason Oliver and Lono Chouteau provided the other three interceptions by the Sacramento State defense. The unit also had six pass breakups.

Sacramento State won the



Sacramento State won the time of possession for the first time this season, holding the ball for 35:57. However, the team had four drives stall but were salvaged by a career-high four field goals from Grant Meadors. Photo courtesy Sacramento State Athletics

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the game with four makes on five attempts this season with a long of 36 yards.

After Lee's interception put the Hornets on top, UNC had an immediate answer less than a minute later as Cheeks broke free from a tackle along the sideline

and traveled 62-yards for a score to give the Bears a 35-34 lead.

Sacramento State used 10 plays to take the ball to the Northern Colorado 17-yard line but a third-down pass was incomplete and Meadors put the team back on top

with a 34-yard field goal. Chouteau's interception gave the team the ball back at the Bear 30-yard line with 4:08 remaining. The Hornets ran on the first two downs but were sacked on a third-down pass, resulting in a 42-yard field goal and a five-point lead.

One of the biggest plays of the game came on the first play of the next series. Gibson threw deep down the right sideline where Brayden Munroe was tangled with a Hornet defender. Munroe came away with the ball near the 50-yard line and then broke free for a touchdown and a would-be lead. Instead, replay ruled that Munroe caught the pass while standing out-of-bounds, negating the score. A pass interference penalty was still enforced taking the ball to the UNC 40. Rocha finished the contest with a team-high 11 tackles while Akui added seven to lead the Sacramento State defense. ★

Swingin' for Silver

Kurtz, Rook and Shea Earn Silver Slugger Nominations

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A's designated hitter Brent Rooker, catcher Shea Langeliers and first baseman Nick Kurtz have been named 2025 Louisville Slugger Silver Slugger Award finalists.

Rooker won the award last season and became the first A's player to win since third baseman Eric Chavez in 2002.

The A's have not had back-to-back Silver Slugger Award winners since first baseman Jason Giambi in 2001 and Chavez in 2002.

Rooker, 30, batted .262 with 30 home runs, 89 RBI, and a .814 OPS in

a career-high 162 games this season, including 135 games at designated hitter. Rooker also collected 40 doubles and was the only American League player to hit 30 home runs and 40 doubles this season. He is just the fifth player in A's history to record 30 home runs and 40 doubles in a season, joining Marcus Semien (2019), Eric Chavez and Jason Giambi (2001) and Al Simmons (1929 & 1930).

Langeliers, 27, batted .277 with 31 home runs, 72 RBI, and a .861 OPS in 123 games this season, including 108 games at catcher. Among American League catchers, Langeliers ranked



The Silver Slugger Award is the top offensive award in Major League Baseball, with the season's best players at each position selected in a vote by MLB coaches and managers in their respective leagues. Each team receives four votes: the manager and three coaches of their choice. Photo courtesy of Athletics

second in batting average, home runs, doubles (32) and slugging percentage (.536), and third in RBI, on-base percentage (.325), and extra-base hits (63). He joined Terry Steinbach

in 1996 as the only catchers in A's history with 30 home runs in a season.

Kurtz, 22, batted .290 with 36 home runs, 86 RBI, and a 1.002 OPS in 117 games played,

including 112 games at first base. He led American League first basemen in home runs, OPS, ranked second in extra-base hits (64), and runs scored (90), and third in RBI and walks (63). His 36 home runs were the second most in a season by an A's rookie, trailing only Mark McGwire's 49 home runs in 1987. On July 25 at Houston, Kurtz went a perfect 6-for-6, tying the MLB record for home runs (4), extra-base hits (5), and total bases in a game (19). He won both American League Rookie of the Month as well as American League Player of the Month for July.

The Silver Slugger

Award is the top offensive award in Major League Baseball, with the season's best players at each position selected in a vote by MLB coaches and managers in their respective leagues. Each team receives four votes: the manager and three coaches of their choice. Votes are based on a combination of offensive statistics including OBP, OPS, OPS+, home runs, hits, RBI and batting average as well as the managers' and coaches' general impressions of a player's overall offensive value.

Louisville Slugger has presented the Silver Slugger Awards annually since 1980. ★

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Club's First Signing Rodrigo Lopez to Retire Following 2025 Season

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After two decades defined by passion, loyalty and unforgettable moments, Republic FC's captain and first-ever signing, Rodrigo "RoRo" Lopez, has announced that he will retire at the conclusion of the 2025 United Soccer League (USL) Championship season.

The man who helped ignite professional soccer in Sacramento will hang up his boots, leaving behind a legacy that helped shape a club, inspire a city and define an era.

Across his 22-season career, Lopez has featured for 13 different clubs in the United States and Mexico, including seven seasons for Sacramento Republic FC. He will now begin the transition to a player development role bridging Republic FC's youth academy and first team beginning in the 2026 season.

"This game has been my life. I started playing fútbol when I was just 3 years old at the Santa Barbara Boys and Girls Club, running around the field with nothing but pure joy in my heart. My career has been full of ups and downs, victories, defeats, injuries, comebacks and everything in between," said Lopez. "But I wouldn't trade a single moment of it. I've been fortunate to become a champion, to represent my teams with pride and to share the field with some of the most talented and passionate people in the sport."

"As I close this chapter, I do so with a full heart and no regrets. Fútbol has given me more than I ever dreamed of," Lopez said, "and now I'm excited to pour that same passion and energy into the next phase of my journey helping develop, inspire and guide the next

generation of players. Before I begin this new chapter, my focus is on one thing: win another USL title for Sacramento before the year is done."

Said Republic FC Managing Partner Kevin Nagle, "To say Rodrigo Lopez is synonymous with Sacramento Republic is an understatement. From our title run in the inaugural year to watching him try and lead us to another years later, it's been an honor and pleasure. Not only is RoRo an excellent athlete and leader of men, he's an amazing person and the perfect example of what Sacramento is all about. There is no replacing him and I certainly wish him all the best going forward. What a career."

Said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunitant, "RoRo has been a transformative force for this club time and time again and has been synonymous with many of the biggest moments in team history. This is a special moment to celebrate RoRo and thank him for his impact on

Sacramento but at the same time, we know his work is not done. His first year in Sacramento ended in a championship and it will only be fitting to send him out the same way."

As one of the few Sacramento sports icons to bring a trophy home to the

Capital City, Lopez calls a close on a career that has traversed the United States and Mexico. In Sacramento, his accomplishments across seven seasons have elevated the club to national prominence, established new records and benchmarks, and turned miracles into realities.

As captain in each of his seven seasons in Sacramento, Lopez has amassed 167 appearances, 45 goals and is ranked first with 49 assists. Lopez's career highlights include extraor-

inary moments: The Miracle at Bonney, an Indomitable run to the U.S. Open Cup Final, Sacramento's first championship and a slew of honors, including two All-League First Team selections, USL Championship Final Most Valuable Player, and a nomination for league Player of the Year.

Lopez led the 2022 Open Cup with four goals and four assists and

became the first player to be named TheCup.us Player of the Tournament and Lower Division Player of the Tournament, and in 2024 was the only active player to have an Open Cup group named after him. Earlier this year, Lopez helped lead the team to another tournament final, the USL Jägermeister Cup, the club's third championship match.

RoRo's other stops in the USL ecosystem include Ventura County Fusion, Portland Timbers, Orlando City and Rio Grande Valley FC. His list of honors and achievements is extensive: two USL All-League First Team selections, an All-League Second Team selection, a USL League Two title and USL League Two Final MVP, and more than 20 Team of the Week selections. Earlier this year, Lopez became the fourth player to surpass 40 goals and 50 assists in the USL Championship regular season.

Born in Guadalajara, Mexico,

contract with MLS side Chivas USA in 2005 and went on to make eight appearances. Lopez signed another MLS contract with Portland Timbers in 2011.

In addition to his stints in American soccer, RoRo spent time playing in his native Mexico, featuring for Cuervos Negros de Zapotlanejo and Querétaro in 2008-2009. In 2016, he signed with Acenso MX side Celaya FC and across three seasons made 94 appearances. Lopez also played three seasons in Liga MX, first with Toluca in 2017 and later with Veracruz in 2019 before returning to the United States for the final chapter of his career.

Fans are encouraged to share their favorite RoRo memories, photos and videos on social media using the hashtag #OurC8ptain.

The following weekend, RoRo's final playoff run begins when Republic FC hosts a Western



Republic FC will celebrate RoRo's career on Oct. 25, when the club hosts Miami FC for the regular season finale at Heart Health Park. Every fan in attendance will receive a special cheer card to celebrate the night and a limited-edition shirt will be available for purchase with proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association and GiGi's Playhouse, two organizations that are meaningful to the Lopez family. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC



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Lopez grew up in Santa Barbara and in 2003 joined the Chivas youth system. He signed his first professional

Conference Quarterfinal match on Nov. 2. Tickets are available now at SacRepublicFC.com. ★



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