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## 'It's the Little Things that Count'

Homeless Resource Fair Serves Hundreds, Meeting Basic Needs



St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clarksburg brings its mobile mall to the Rodeway Inn in West Sacramento on Oct. 24 for the city's ninth annual Homeless Resource Fair. Assisted by volunteers, visitors shop for different clothing items, blankets and towels.

Story and photos by Seth Henderson

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Hundreds of individuals were provided hot meals, clothing, hygiene kits, harm reduction and other services at the ninth annual Homeless Resource Fair hosted by the Yolo County Children's Alliance on Oct. 24.

At the former Rodeway Inn, located at 817 West Capitol Ave., nearly 10 different organizations set up resource stations in the parking lot with individuals lined up to receive care, camaraderie and basic needs. As an event originally started

by River City High School students in 2017 with endowment funding, Yolo County Children's Alliance Executive Director Jeneba Lahai said requirements in 2014 for the three-year grant stated that students had to create a program benefiting the community.

"This is a homeless housing site, so it makes sense to bring it to where we know people are," said Taylor Nelson, West Sacramento Police Department division manager for Community Outreach and Support, about the annual resource fair. "It's been an excellent location. It's easily accessible for people to come in and access the resources that they

need. It's a familiar place because we do have walk-up services here every day from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., so this is kind of an expansion on what we do on a regular basis."

The St. Joseph Catholic Church in Clarksburg has supported the fair since its inaugural event, Lahai said. The church arrives in a large bus, providing gently used clothing and other goods such as blankets or towels from its Mobile Mall, allowing visitors to choose the items they need or want. Volunteers spread items across multiple tables and help guests find items they might want.

Other organizations providing  
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**20 Food Resources Available in West Sacramento**

By MPG Staff

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - A shutdown of the federal government lasting more than six weeks as of press time has halted funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) since Nov. 1, putting added strain on low-income households across Yolo County.

In West Sacramento alone, nearly 20 food distribution resources are available to residents, according to data compiled from the Health Education Council and Yolo Food Bank. These include regularly scheduled community distributions, appointment-based programs and school-based meal services coordinated through the Washington Unified School District.

Communitywide options include weekly or monthly distributions at sites such as Sutter Health Park, City Hall of West Sacramento and the West Sacramento County Building, where residents can pick up fresh produce and pantry staples while supplies last.

Several faith-based organizations, including West Sacramento Baptist Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church and Our Lady of Grace St. Vincent de Paul, also host recurring food giveaways or appointment-only pantry services for residents within ZIP codes 95605 and 95691.

For families with children, the Washington Unified School District continues to provide weekday meal distributions for youth under 18 at sites including Elkhorn Village, Westmore Oaks, Southport and River City High School. Meanwhile, homebound seniors and residents with disabilities can apply directly through the Yolo Food Bank in Woodland for delivery-based assistance.

According to the non-profit KidsData, more than 21,000 children in Yolo County participate in the CalFresh program, which is California's version of SNAP. Precise participation figures for adults and city-level recipients are not currently available, though local officials note that the number of residents relying on CalFresh or EBT benefits in West Sacramento has steadily increased over the past several years.

Residents seeking help can find more information and updated schedules through  
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## Second Season Underway for River City Grizzlies

Women's Tackle Football in Sacramento Finishes Tryouts for Second Season

Story and photos by Seth Henderson

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Covering drills, skills and technique, the River City Grizzlies, a women's tackle football team in Sacramento, held its tryouts for the team's second season in the Women's Football Alliance (WFA) on Nov. 1 at Hagginwood Park.

Head coach and offensive coordinator for the Grizzlies, Brian McCann, said that women's tackle football in Sacramento is making a second resurgence after growing largely in the early 2000s and tapering in the 2010s. McCann said he used to coach for the Sacramento Sirens offensive and defensive line, starting in 2001 and did so for about eight years. He said that coaching the Grizzlies is all about player development.

"I'd like to see 30 or 40 players out here," McCann said. "Our coaching staff is dedicated to building the players up and really teaching them because a lot of these women have never played football. Some of



Dallas Arnold, a wide receiver and free safety for the River City Grizzlies, performs a drill during tryouts at Hagginwood Park on Nov. 1 in Del Paso Heights.

them have never played any sports."

McCann said that a player's decision-making process is crucial both on and off the field, saying that things done correctly on the field translate to correct actions in life. He said that coaching is about developing a winning mentality.

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resident Dallas Arnold, a wide receiver and free safety for the Grizzlies, said that one thing she is most proud of, entering her second year with the team, is the determination to never give up, even if the team is short on players compared to other teams in the league. She also said that representing Sacramento is a highlight

for her, playing games against other teams across the country.

"We don't have a lot of things that we can glorify as a city besides our soccer and basketball team," Arnold said. "We don't have a lot of things to glorify for women and a lot of women can come out and see what it is. It might be  
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# 'It's the Little Things that Count'

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resources at the fair included the West Sacramento Police Department, MOSAIC West Sac, the City of West Sacramento, ClipDart, Yolobus, Communicare+OLE and Legal Services of Northern California.

"Everyone in line is literally telling me, 'I came for clothes,' 'I came for a hygiene kit,' so, the St. Joseph Mobile Mall is doing all of that," Lahai said. "And then, of course, we have the food bank, who donated over 100 food bags and they're all non-perishable food bags. And dude wipes for our neighbors."

Aaron Hiatt, a program technician with the City of West Sacramento, said he helps manage the city's emergency housing program, maintaining operational control of the Rodeway Inn facility, a gated lot with fencing around the perimeter. Born and raised in West Sacramento, Hiatt said he has worked with the city for six years, cleaning up homeless encampments before being promoted to a program technician. Hiatt said he's grateful to have such a purposeful job in his hometown.

"It's wonderful. It's nice just knowing that you can offer a little bit of help, especially in your own hometown," Hiatt said. "I would do this anywhere, but since it's my hometown, it just makes it that much better."

Hiatt said he enjoyed watching visitors obtain the goods and services that they desperately needed and something as simple as providing treats for individuals with pets could make someone's day.

"Look at the people's faces. They're walking away with much needed items, clothing, bedding, you know, it's just awesome, Hiatt said. "Just seeing that everyone's in happy spirits. No one's going away angry, mad, disappointed. I mean, they get some food. I know it's not much but it's the little things that count in this part of this world."

West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero said that the Rodeway Inn location was the city's first Project Homekey site in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic and has been successfully established as a temporary housing site. Guerrero said that finding permanent housing is more challenging but affordable housing projects are underway, transitioning other former motels into housing.

"A lot of these partners, they interact and share these stories and understanding people who are our unhoused population members are on the street," Guerrero said.

Born and raised in Sacramento, Shawn Hilaman, a resource fair participant, said he had been sleeping in his car at a boat dock in West Sacramento for a couple of years after losing his place to stay. Hilaman said he is a cook

and worked at Denny's for 15 years in South Sacramento. Months into the process of waiting for housing, Hilaman said, he visits resource centers twice a week to check the status of his housing application. "They say 'the struggle is crazy' and I just go day by day," Hilaman said. "Wake up and just thank God I'm alive, you know?"

Due to the enclosed nature of the Rodeway Inn site, Guerrero said, safety and security measures have been monitored and increased, responding to concerns raised by community members regarding public safety within certain housing projects. She said feedback gathered from site residents about accessibility to services and other data is tracked, shaping how the project serves the community.

Systematically, Guerrero said, it's important to maintain a consistent flow of access to resources in order to continue building relationships with the city's homeless population, learning who they are.

"I'm personally going to stay in touch with the residents to make sure that they are meeting and addressing their concerns, meeting their demands for more public safety," Guerrero said.

As of the resource fair on Oct. 24, Guerrero said, the shutdown of the federal government posing a threat to individuals receiving Cal Fresh benefits is one of her biggest concerns. Assessing how many individuals currently use the program and informing them that their benefits will not be reloaded are crucial first steps when addressing a lack of funding due to government shutdowns. Guerrero said that individuals would lose access to their benefits on Nov. 1 and that the city was working to collaborate with local food banks to ensure access to food is not limited for those populations.

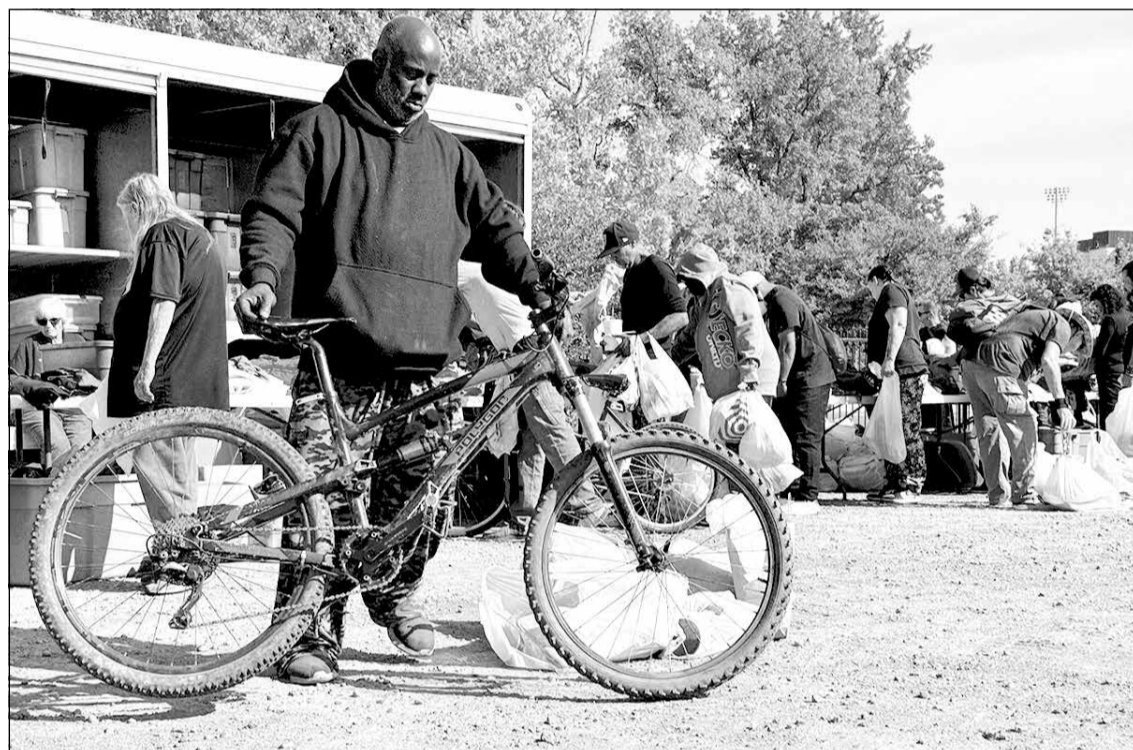
"We're going to make sure we get food bank distribution here to get you what you need," Guerrero said. "It may not be what you want but it may be what you need, so that alert system in preparation is important for people that rely on that."

The police department provided socks, deodorant and outreach. ClipDart provided free haircuts to individuals on site. Meals and food bags were provided by food banks from both the City of West Sacramento and Yolo County, as well as MOSAIC. Previously known as the Mercy Coalition, MOSAIC West Sac is a primary provider, assisting the Yolo County Children's Alliance with support services at the site.

Point-in-Time (PIT) Count data in West Sacramento for 2024 showed nearly 1,000 individuals experiencing homelessness at any given time.



Free haircuts were provided by ClipDart to individuals at the ninth annual Homeless Resource Fair at the Rodeway Inn in West Sacramento on Oct. 24. Photo by Seth Henderson



Individuals visiting West Sacramento's ninth annual Homeless Resource Fair at the Rodeway Inn pack up clothing that they obtained from St. Joseph's Catholic Church's mobile mall. Photo by Seth Henderson



St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clarksburg brings its mobile mall to the Rodeway Inn in West Sacramento on Oct. 24 for the city's ninth annual Homeless Resource Fair. Assisted by volunteers, visitors shop for different clothing items, blankets and towels. Photo by Seth Henderson

Since 2009, the Point-in-Time count in 2024 was the highest population of individuals experiencing homelessness.

Known veterans make up 2% of the city's homeless population and more than half do not have shelter. The veteran status of 43% of the population is unknown, according to the Point-in-Time count data. More than half of the city's entire homeless population is also unsheltered.

According to 2024 Point-in-Time count data, 1% of the population has lived in Yolo County their whole life while nearly 50% of the city's homeless population came from outside the county and roughly 46% of the population's prior living status is unknown.

Data for West Sacramento's 2025 Point-in-Time count showing the total number of individuals experiencing homelessness has yet to be released. An update from the Yolo County's Point-in-Time Count update in September showed an increase of more than 7% compared to 2024 but still nearly down 10% from 2023.

To learn more about the City of West Sacramento's

Homeless Emergency Housing Program, visit the city's website at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/economic-development-and-housing/housing/emergency-housing-and-assistance>.

At 817 West Capitol Ave in West Sacramento from noon to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, walk up services for individuals experiencing homelessness are accessible. Individuals can receive food, water, clothing, hygiene kits and other services. To learn more about free supportive services from the city, visit <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/home/showpublisheddocument/20103>

To learn more about the City of West Sacramento's Community Outreach and Support department, visit <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/police/police-divisions-and-units/constitutional-policing-division/community-services-unit>. ★



Two volunteers at the Yolo County Children's Alliance's ninth annual Homeless Resource Fair pose for a photo at their station on Oct. 24 at the Rodeway Inn in West Sacramento. Photo by Seth Henderson

# Second Season Underway for River City Grizzlies

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something that they might bring their kids to.”

Arnold said she is a Dallas Cowboys fan and enjoys watching college football to see how the players develop, following their journey to the National Football League.

Team owner, fullback and linebacker, Neshele Renee, said that the WFA is the perfect league to empower and exemplify equality for women. She also said that she was glad to give the women on the team an opportunity to play the sport.

Renee said her goal for the Grizzlies this season is to put up more numbers across the board, including increased community engagement and hiring new coaches.

“We’re building a real sisterhood here. The girls are naturally just

supportive of each other, and it’s a great space to grow on and off the field, Renee said. “There’s some girls who have previously been on the fence, and now football is kind of their life. Because it is more of a culture than anything.”

Renee said that some girls are weary about the physical aspect of the game, but that the game is more mental than anything. She said the physicality is easy to get used to once the mental acuity has been established. When it comes to tackling, Renee said it’s all about technique and that the adrenaline softens the blows.

As a 49er fan, Renee said she tries to watch as many games as possible, keeping up with how the sport is evolving each week.

Miniya Roots, a running

back and safety for the Grizzlies, said that she was a student athlete in high school, playing basketball and running track and field, but this year was her second season playing tackle football with the Grizzlies.

Roots scored the Grizzlies first touchdown of the organization’s history last year late in the season against the SoCal Magic, saying that it felt good because the team was looking to redeem itself.

“You should come out and join the team because you get to meet a lot of cool people, and also get to see what you’re capable of,” Roots said.

Roots said she has a cousin that previously played for the Sacramento Sirens, who encouraged Roots to join the WFA with the River City Grizzlies. When she’s not on the field, Roots is an



Female athletes trying out for the River City Grizzlies women’s tackle football team participate in a broad jump exercise at Hagginwood Park in Del Paso Heights on Nov. 1. Photo by Seth Henderson

instructional aide at a charter school in Sacramento.

McCann said the Grizzlies are still looking for more players and more coaches to build out a full roster, as well as more sponsors to help with securing fields to practice or play on. Sponsorships would also help with game travel, uniforms and other operational functions the team needs to participate in WFA activities.

McCann said the team does not currently have a regular practice field agreement, but likes the Hagginwood Park location, due to its central commuting distance for many of the players and coaches. The Grizzlies played home games last season at River City High School and look to set an agreement up with the school again this season. He said any turf field with lights would be ideal.

Football coaches with experience teaching high school, college, semi-pro or professional athletes are encouraged to reach out to the Grizzlies staff for employment opportunities. McCann said that some players are ready to start at their position, while others have yet to play a live snap at their position, so a focus on sportsmanship and development are aspects the team is looking to build on.

Last season for a game in Los Angeles, McCann was asked to coach a few practices and a game due to scheduling issues. He said the team won and that Renee asked McCann to come back and coach full time this season.

Renee said the Grizzlies are aspiring to partner with the Sacramento State Athletics program in

promoting or implementing women’s tackle football via a partnership and are looking to work with the university if it makes sense for both parties.

The River City Grizzlies are holding a Jersey Party Fundraiser on Nov. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Radclyffe’s Bar in Downtown Sacramento for \$5 at the door, featuring music, drinks, raffles, karaoke and more. Radclyffe’s Bar is located at 1330 H St. #110. A flyer for the event said to “Ask about the Grizzly Special” when at the bar.

The organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and more information about the organization can be found on its website at [www.rivercitygrizzlies.com](http://www.rivercitygrizzlies.com).

To follow the organization on social media, visit [www.instagram.com/rivercitygrizzlies](http://www.instagram.com/rivercitygrizzlies) ★



Head coach of the River City Grizzlies Brian McCann instructs potential players about the drills they are expected to complete during tryouts at Hagginwood Park in Del Paso Heights on Nov. 1. Photo by Seth Henderson

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# Food Distribution in West Sacramento

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the Health Education Council's Yolo Food Resource Directory, Yolo Food Bank, Yolo County Children's Alliance and 211 Yolo County, which offers text alerts for upcoming distributions.

As federal benefits remain frozen, these local resources have become essential for hundreds of West Sacramento households struggling to bridge the gap left by the shutdown.

At its West Sacramento Family Resource Center, located at 1200 Anna Street, the Yolo County Children's Alliance continues to offer weekly food

distributions every Friday at 9 a.m., providing fresh produce, dairy, protein and shelf-stable items to approximately 350 families each week.

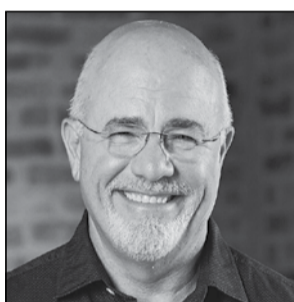
In addition to food distribution, YCCA's Community Health Initiative team helps families enroll or re-enroll in programs like CalFresh and Medi-Cal — a service that becomes especially critical at a time when SNAP/EBT benefits are delayed.

YCCA is also multilingual and inclusive in its approach, serving English, Spanish, Russian and Dari-speaking families through its West Sacramento

hub, which allows it to reach populations most vulnerable during this shutdown-driven food access crisis.

With local partner networks, YCCA is positioned to step in when federally funded benefits pause, offering both immediate food support and program enrollment assistance for households facing heightened uncertainty.

To see a list of food distribution resources in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, Butte, Sutter and Glenn counties, visit <https://healthcouncil.org/what-we-do/programs/access-to-hlth-srvcs/healthy-food-access.html>★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My wife and I recently learned she's pregnant. She's about to begin her second trimester, and we're both really excited. There is a bit of concern, though. During a detailed ultrasound, the doctor found an issue that might mean our baby could need minor surgery soon after delivery. Financially, we're in Baby Step 2 of your plan. With the extra bills after the baby's born, should we save money in a sinking fund for the added expenses while we continue paying off debt?

— Jared

Dear Jared,

Congratulations on the new baby! I know you're both probably on an emotional rollercoaster right now, what with the pregnancy and the possibility

## Dave Ramsey Says Nothing Can Make You Happier... Or Scare You More

of surgery for your little one. Make sure you pray and hug on each other a lot in the days ahead, okay? Doctors can do all kinds of incredible things, but including God in any equation is a good idea.

Now, should you start a sinking fund for the delivery and any extra expenses while you're trying to pay off debt? No. When a baby's on the way, I always recommend folks press pause—not stop—on the Baby Steps and start piling up as much cash as possible. Then, when mom and the baby come home, we pay the bills, push play on the Baby Steps and get back to work on the debt snowball.

Concentrate on building the biggest pile of cash you can over the next several months. And don't worry about how big that pile of cash gets. There's no such thing as too big in this case, because after you pay everything insurance doesn't

cover, you'll put anything that's left over right back into paying off debt.

You're learning something early on about being a parent, Jared. There's nothing in the world that can make you happier—or scare you more—than a baby. I'm praying for you and your family. And I hope that little one is born happy, and healthy and perfect.

God bless you all.

— 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

**Anthony Robert Flores**, 39, was arrested Monday, Oct. 13 at F Street and 6th Street by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding warrant. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of suspect "messing" with a vehicle in the parking lot. Officers arrived on scene and contacted a person matching the suspect description, later identified as Flores. He was walking on the street and attempted to get onto a random motorcycle when officers detained him. He refused to identify himself, so he was detained and pat searched, which found an empty glass pipe with a charred bulbous end. Flores was transported to the Police Department, where he was positively identified, and a records check revealed the warrant. He was transported to Yolo County Jail. The pipe was submitted for destruction.

**Abdualjeel Hafeez Undeen Abdullah**, 28, was arrested Thursday, Oct. 23 on Evergreen Circle by West Sacramento Police. Officers were dispatched to the location for report of a suspicious vehicle that contained a firearm on the floorboard. Officers found Abdullah inside the vehicle, detained him, and recovered the firearm, which was loaded and contained no serial number. A criminal history check revealed Abdullah had been convicted of a prior felony charge. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with possessing a firearm without identification mark, felon possessing a firearm, carrying a loaded firearm and carrying a concealed weapon in vehicle - both with prior felony conviction, and prohibited person possessing ammunition.

**Brian Tracey Mock**, 56, was arrested Friday, Oct. 24 at 2nd Street and B Street by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officers located a male, later confirmed as Mock, near the river in a tent. A records check found the warrant and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Jeremy Anderson Owings**, 24, was arrested Friday, Oct. 24 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer contacted Owings, known to have the warrant, at the location. The warrant was confirmed, and Owings was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Wilanna Kay Chandler**, 57, was cited Saturday, Oct. 25 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for shoplifting and provided notice to appear.

**Crescencio P. Sanchez**, 60, was cited Saturday, Oct. 25 at West Capitol Avenue and Sycamore Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

**Carmen Virginia Beltran**, 30, was cited Saturday, Oct. 25 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for possessing a controlled substance and petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Judah Lee Ellis**, 36, was cited Saturday, Oct. 25 at Town Center Plaza for petty theft of retail merchandise under a citizen's arrest.

**Mark Gerard Hollon**, 62, was arrested Sunday, Oct. 26 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a trespass. Loss prevention officer on scene stated a known subject, identified as Hollon, was inside the business, and had previously been given formal notice of trespass. Loss prevention advised Hollon had locked himself in the family bathroom in the back of the store with a shopping cart of unknown items. Officers asked Hollon to exit the bathroom and he soon did and walked off. Loss prevention searched the trash can in the restroom and located a pack of new socks with one pair missing, and two pairs of dirty jeans. Officers detained Hollon and placed him under arrest with loss prevention making a citizen's arrest report. Hollon was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Farhad Ahmed Khan**, 34, was arrested Monday, Oct. 27 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer was dispatched to the arrest location for report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer contacted the vehicle's only occupant, identified as Khan, and records check revealed the warrants. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Laleen Kumar**, 58, was arrested Tuesday, Oct.

28 at Park Boulevard and 15th Street by West Sacramento Police for hit and run resulting in injury. On the previous day, officer was dispatched to Jefferson Boulevard and Locks Drive for a hit and run call — a vehicle struck a cyclist and fled the scene. Officer arrived on scene and found the bicyclist had significant injuries and was transported to the hospital for treatment. A witness observed the collision and provided a license plate for the suspect vehicle, but it was unable to be located. The following day, officers located the vehicle at the arrest location and a traffic stop was conducted. Kumar was driving the vehicle, and in a mirandized statement, admitted to striking the cyclist with his vehicle and fleeing the scene. Kumar was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Robbie Carl Ellington**, 46, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 29 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer observed Ellington at the arrest location and had prior knowledge he had an outstanding felony warrant and that he was on parole for possessing controlled substances with intent to sell. Officer contacted Ellington, verified his identity and placed him under arrest. A parole search of Ellington revealed five separate Visa credit cards and one California Driver's License; none belonged to him. The parole search also revealed a clear plastic baggie that contained a green leafy substance, and substances later confirmed to test presumptive positive as Fentanyl pills and powder, and methamphetamine. Ellington's criminal history includes at least three convictions for possession of hard drugs, with time served in jail and prison. A parole agent was contacted, and violation of parole was issued. Ellington was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with the outstanding warrant, parole violation, possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of a hard drug with prior conviction, and acquiring access to more than 4 credit cards with intent to sell.

## Incidents / Crime Reports

**Sunday, Oct. 16** — victim reports theft of tools from their landscaping truck on the street at Stable Drive. Tools valued at \$3,300 were taken by an unknown suspect, including a Toro lawn mower and Echo line trimmers.

**Sunday, Oct. 16** — victim reports unknown suspect(s) stole items from their vehicle in a residential driveway on Woodside Drive. Stolen items include golf clubs and bag, hand tools and documents, valued at \$1,301.

**Sunday, Oct. 16** — apartments on West Capitol Avenue report a break-in at their cluster mailbox. Victims report personal mail and EDD funds valued at \$1,833 were stolen.

**Wednesday, Oct. 22** — victim on 4th Street reports the theft of their vehicle keys by an unknown suspect. Loss estimated at \$10.

**Thursday, Oct. 23** — residential facility on Douglas Street reports multiple unknown suspect(s) were seen on camera making access to the community mailbox and taking property. Undetermined value of loss.

**Sunday, Oct. 26** — victim reports he was sleeping at his family business on Merkley Avenue. He heard banging on the back door and saw an unknown suspect enter through the back door with a crowbar. Suspect then fled out the back when the reporting party confronted him. Nothing was taken and no damage value reported.

**Monday, Oct. 27** — business victim reports their storage unit on Ramco Street was broken into by unknown suspect(s). Video footage is available. \$15,900 estimated value of loss.

**Monday, Oct. 27** — business on West Capitol Avenue reports the theft of their video camera, valued at \$100. The unknown suspect was caught on video.

**Monday, Oct. 27** — victim reports an unknown suspect broke into their storage unit on F Street and stole several items. Clothing, pots and pans, Christmas decorations, Halloween toys and other goods valued at \$300 were taken.

**Monday, Oct. 27** — business on Ikea Court reports an unknown suspect shoplifted several pairs of pants, valued at \$300.

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# Community Calendar

## NOVEMBER

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

**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.

**Monday, Nov. 10: 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. 11: All Yolo County libraries closed in observance of Veteran's Day.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 12: Wiggle Wednesday**, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Evening book club, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 13: Yoga at the library**, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 14: English conversation group**, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 15: Russian story time**, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Goldie B. Locks & The Three Singing Bears Opera, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join the Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera for this special free performance, all ages welcome.

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 12: Teen library council**, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

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**Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting**, Thursday, Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave.

**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: [www.cityofwest-sacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas](http://www.cityofwest-sacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas) The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Well Kings fans, the hometown boys are in the midst of a tough road trip and in the early going have a 2-4 record. That's the bad news. The good news is that with the exception of one game, the Sactown ballers have been in every game, and if it weren't for horrendous free throw shooting that record could just as easily be 4-2.

There are other teams that could say the same thing you say, but the positive that comes from this is that when you know your weakness you can work on it and it can be fixed.

Going into last week's game against the Giannis Antetokounmpo led Milwaukee Bucks with only one win for the 2025/2026 campaign, the Sacramento Kings stepped into View Fiserv Forum and handed the mighty Bucks a humbling 135-133 defeat much to the chagrin of the hometown fans. The Kings broke a 10-year famine in Milwaukee capturing a win that few thought was possible.

After an up and down start this season for big man Domantas Sabonis, the Sactown stalwart played Giannis to a standstill putting up 24 points, 13 rebounds, and 6 assists. Although Antetokounmpo matched the effort by Sabonis with a 26-11-8 night, the Sacramento Kings did an admirable job of holding down the former MVP.

We have talked about the talent the Kings have in their starting lineup, but the conundrum has been putting it all together. In Milwaukee the big four of DeRozan, Sabonis, LaVine, and Schroder did just exactly that. LaVine led the group with 31 points, DeRozan with 29, While Sabonis and Schoder both chipped in 24 points apiece.

There will never be a moment in time when it's ok to play pedestrian defense, but there are nights when you will be called to simply outscore your opponent, and Saturday night was just such a night in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Our Sacramento Kings beat a playoff team on their home court, much like they did last season to the Celtics in the Boston garden.

What is most telling though about this win, is how the starting lineup played together all night, and the balance with

regards to scoring.

Not to be lost was the contribution off the bench by Russell Westbrook who added 12 points and 10 big boards to the win. Russell continues to win the hearts of Kings fans as he gives 100% effort every night and his energy is contagious.

One of the keys was the play of Dennis Schroder, who on this night lived up to his billing. Schroder played well defensively but also shot the ball in rhythm, scoring 24 points while adding 5 rebounds and 7 assists. The type of night Kings fans have been hoping for, and it shows the Sacramento faithful what is truly possible.

The tandem of Schroder at the point and Sabonis in the paint are secret sauce that when they play as they did on Saturday night will lead to victory after victory.

LaVine and DeRozan can be counted on to get their points as their pedigree speaks for itself, but when Schroder and Sabonis hold down the fort the Kings are a very tough opponent.

The good news is that this does not have to be an anomaly, and it should not be! Capable? Absolutely they are capable, and if the Kings can continue to get this type of ubiquitous scoring, it will not only take pressure off the bench, but it will also lead a pathway straight to the playoffs. Not the playin, but the playoffs!

Yes, the Kings still must play good defense, but balanced scoring as we witnessed against the Bucks makes up for defensive mistakes, and the Kings have proven in the past that they are more than capable of putting up points.

Schroder remains a key, but let's not forget that this season is not his first rodeo, and a veteran at the helm that is not distracted by all-star caliber competition is just the floor general the Kings need.

Young rookie Nique Clifford needs to find a way to contribute on the scoreboard, and right around the corner will be the return of Keegan Murray. Let's hope Keegan's return will mark a contributing factor and not a necessity.

Be of good heart Kings fans because the light is starting to shine.

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgarris@riskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgarris@riskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

## Erie Canal Contrasts Glacial Pace of Public Works



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

This week, one of the nation's earliest and most important public works projects, the 363-mile Erie Canal linking the Hudson River with Lake Erie, marked its 200th anniversary.

There was only negligible media and political notice. That's regrettable, because the canal opening in 1825 utterly transformed the nation's economy and ignited its expansion from a few sparsely populated former colonies on the Atlantic Coast some 3,000 miles westward to the Pacific Ocean.

Rugged mountains had stymied westward expansion from the coastal plain into the Ohio River valley and the Great Lakes region. But New York Gov. DeWitt Clinton saw an opportunity for New York City to become the nation's commercial capital, outfoxing rival Philadelphia.

The New York Legislature authorized construction with bonds in 1817 and just eight years later, having been dug mostly by hand, the Erie Canal opened. Tolls repaid all of its construction debt in the first year.

Eventually, of course, the canal's commercial importance was superseded by railroads and later highways. But it continues to operate for recreational and excursion boats and remains a symbol of how timely public works can have major

economic impacts.

A quarter-century after the Erie Canal opened, California was admitted as a state. During its first decades it was somewhat isolated, with an economy based on resources — gold, timber, farm produce, cattle, fish and, eventually, oil.

However, as California entered the 20th century, massive public works projects surfaced to encourage economic expansion and transformation, notably in Southern California. Los Angeles and Long Beach created deep-water ports from what had been coastal mudflats. Los Angeles secretly tapped the Owens River 250 miles away on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, and built an aqueduct to carry its water to the city, making its meteoric population growth possible.

The Great Depression spawned other historic public works projects that were not only beneficial unto themselves but created much-needed jobs.

The federal government built the Central Valley Project, a network of dams, including Shasta Dam, and canals to provide water to farms in the 450-mile-long valley.

The state built a long-planned bridge over San Francisco Bay while simultaneously, a consortium of counties constructed the iconic Golden Gate Bridge. Both were finished in just a few years.

World War II was a massive public works project in California, as billions of dollars were poured into military bases, aircraft factories, shipyards and other tools of warfare, transforming the state into an industrial powerhouse. The postwar era

brought the construction of freeways to handle traffic from the state's population explosion.

Mid-century also saw arguably the state's last truly transformative public works project, the California Water Plan. It dams the Feather River near Oroville with an aqueduct to carry its water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to Southern California.

The last decades of the 20th Century and the first decades of the 21st have been a period of stasis in public works.

Projects such as the tunnel to carry water under the Delta and the Sites Reservoir to divert and store high flows on the Sacramento River have kicked around for decades. Sites appears to finally be on track, but the tunnel struggles to overcome opposition from local landowners and environmentalists.

And then there's the bullet train to link the northern and southern halves of the state, first proposed a half-century ago and approved by voters in 2008 — but limping along, neither fully alive nor dead, with some construction underway but no firm financial footing.

Looking back, it's amazing that the 363-mile Erie Canal could have been dug by hand in just eight years, or that the two San Francisco bridges were erected in just a few years. The contrast with 21st Century foot-dragging is palpable.

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

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### Should I Ask for Retroactive Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I turn 70 next month, October 3, and am making an application for Social Security benefits to begin in January 2026. I want the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) and the highest permanent monthly benefit. I do not want to leave money on the table, so should I request six months of retroactive benefits or at least retroactive to October when I turn 70? If I do this, will I lose DRCs and adversely impact my ongoing monthly benefit after February 2026? **Signed: Turning 70**

**Dear Turning 70:** I must ask - why claim

your Social Security to start in January? You are entitled to your maximum SS monthly benefit in the month you reach 70 years of age, so waiting until January doesn't gain you anything. You could apply in August, specifying you wish your benefits to start in October, and you would get the maximum age 70 benefit you are entitled to (e.g., the maximum Delayed Retirement Credits available to you, and the highest possible monthly benefit).

Since you are looking for your maximum DRC's, to prevent SSA from giving you any retroactive benefits (which would permanently lower your monthly amount) you should enter in the "Remarks" section of your application that "I do not wish to receive retroactive benefits. I want my maximum monthly benefit effective with the month I turn 70 years of age."

If, however, for some reason you still wish to claim effective with January 2026, you should indicate in the "Remarks"

section of your SS application that you only wish three months of retroactive benefits, for the months of October, November and December 2025. This is to prevent you from losing the money you would miss by waiting beyond October to claim. If you ask for benefits retroactive to any month earlier than the month you turn 70, your monthly benefit will be permanently reduced.

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## Mamdani's Islamophobia Canard

go from a mayor, in Rudy Giuliani, who warned of the dire threat of Islamic terrorism, to a mayor, in Zohran Mamdani, who warns of the dire threat of Islamophobia. The city is about to go from a mayor who understood the stakes of a civilizational battle to a mayor who thinks the civilizational battle is all about addressing our own perfidy and hatred. One mayor saw his career revived by a crisis, while the other will -- if he delivers on his agenda -- create a crisis.

There was, of course, ignorance and malice directed at Muslims after Sept. 11, but FBI statistics showed that in the decade after the attacks, Muslims suffered hate crimes at a lower rate than black people, gays or Jews.

The idea that, as Mamdani said in his remarks, Muslims have to live in the shadows in New York City, or that Islamophobia is just part of the background noise of our political life, or that he himself has been abashed about his status as a Muslim man is absurd.

You have to look pretty hard to find any residual effects of Islamophobia on the son of a Columbia University professor and Oscar-nominated filmmaker, who graduated from the prestigious Bronx High School of Science and the elite Bowdoin College, before becoming a state assemblyman at age 29 and the Democratic nominee for New York City mayor at age 33.

It's extraordinary that more than 20 years later, New York City is about to

one should welcome having some sectarian hatred directed their way.

Mamdani complains of the harsh attacks by his opponents. What else, though, should be expected at the end of a high-stakes campaign? The rhetorical sallies against Mamdani are fundamentally driven by his extremist statements and radical associations, rather than his faith.

Does Mamdani really believe that a Christian candidate who didn't accept the existence of Israel as a Jewish state, who smeared Israel's conduct of the Gaza war and who refused to condemn the phrase "globalize the infitida" would skate? Certainly, Marjorie Taylor Greene comes in for heavy criticism for her anti-Israel views, and no one can claim that it's anti-Muslim sentiment at work.

At the end of the day, one of the most glaring problems with Zohran Mamdani is that, ideology aside, he is light as a feather. His callow and self-dramatizing Islamophobia speech, full of faux eloquence and stirring resolve over nothing, is a case in point.

Ed Koch, a different kind of mayor in a different time, said after he lost a re-election bid, "The people have spoken ... and they must be punished." In turning to Zohran Mamdani, New Yorkers are preparing to reacquire themselves with Koch's wisdom.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250833  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Fork and Knife Creations, 2575 Harmon 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  
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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  
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SALTY 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250864  
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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  
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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  
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CAIETTS 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250896  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Avit Cyber Defense & Compliance, 3456 Big Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Gorilla Bang LLC, 3456 Big Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 23, 2025. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025  
AVIT 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250838  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Kalesa Transport, 1567 Carmel Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. Veronica Gabrielle Blanco, 1567 Carmel Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 30, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 2, 2025. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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KALESA 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250905  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Merryhill School, 1999 S Bascom Ave, Suite 400, Campbell, CA 95008, County of YOLO. SEG ED Inc., 1999 S Bascom Ave, Suite 400, Campbell, CA 95008 This business is conducted by Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/13/1993 /s/Kim Vu, Secretary, SEG ED Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on OCT 27 2025. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: maflores, Deputy  
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**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, creditors, 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#  
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**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, 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 Build-

ing, 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 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 Douglass Road, Suite 140 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (800) 758-8052 or www.Xome.com for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 LaTedr Frankin, Trustee Sale Specialist PPP #25-007408  
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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, 043-240-09-1. 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  
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# Sticker Calendar Helps Families Plan, Strengthen Co-Parenting

By Lloyd Green Jr.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - The Colusa Sutter Yolo Regional Child Support Agency has introduced a new tool to help families manage shared parenting schedules and improve communication across households.

The My Sticker Calendar is designed to give children a fun, hands-on way to track time with each parent while teaching parents more about child support and the agency's services. Featuring artwork created by local children, the 2026 calendar includes colorful stickers that allow kids to mark birthdays, appointments and parenting time throughout the year.

"Families today are complex, and shared child custody is more the norm," said Natalie Dillon, director of the Colusa Sutter Yolo Regional Child Support Agency. "Our goal is to help take care of the legal and financial aspect of child support so that parents can focus on raising healthy, happy kids."

The agency printed 2,500 calendars for the launch, available while supplies last at its offices in: Colusa: 217 9th Street, Colusa, Yuba City: 1007 Live Oak Blvd., Yuba City and Woodland: 100 West Court Street, Woodland.

Calendars are also available through the Family Law Facilitator's Office at the Superior Court in each county. Dillon said the agency hopes to make the project an annual offering depending on community response.

The calendar aims to reduce stress and confusion as children move between parents' homes. By helping families stay organized, Dillon said, the tool can



The My Sticker Calendar provides children with a fun, hands-on way to manage shared parenting time while allowing parents to learn about child support at the same time. Photo courtesy of Colusa/Sutter/Yolo Regional Child Support Agency

ease everyday transitions such as remembering sports equipment or tracking school events.

"The entire family being on the same page about the household schedule can reduce tension and make the day go more smoothly," Dillon said. "Looking at the calendar and planning for vacations, holidays, and milestones can build excitement and reduce

anxiety."

Along with its planning features, the calendar includes bilingual information about child support, including how to establish or enforce an order, share health care and child care costs and access court-related services. Dillon said these details help parents better understand the financial responsibilities

involved in co-parenting.

The agency provides assistance to all parents who share parenting responsibilities, regardless of income or location. Staff attorneys and child support professionals help manage cases, ensuring children receive the support they need.

"Navigating co-parenting can be tricky for adults and

sometimes stressful for kids,"

Dillon said. "I hope My Sticker Calendar gives families in Colusa, Sutter and Yolo Counties a fun and easy tool for planning what's ahead, and that parents learn a bit about child support along the way."

The My Sticker Calendar is available free of charge while supplies last. ★

# Empowering Young Leaders to Address Food Insecurity

**Natalia Baltazar, Empower Yolo News Release**

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)**

- This November, as we observe Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (November 17-24) and prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us reflect on the many families and neighbors in our community who are struggling with food and housing insecurity. Empower Yolo invites you to join us in recognizing this national campaign by participating in educational, service, action, and fundraising activities that raise awareness, offer support, and bring hope to those in need.

According to the Yolo Food Bank, one in three households in Yolo County experience food insecurity—surpassing both state and national averages despite the county's agricultural abundance.

Students from Empower Yolo's Woodland Youth Council (WYC), an After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) program focused on leadership and community service, launched a Student Supply Pantry at Woodland and Pioneer High Schools last school year. Funded by a grant from the Superintendent's Youth Advisory Council (SYAC), the project aims to improve students' lives both on and off campus.

"Through the SYAC grant, our student leaders were able to capitalize on their passion and dedication to serving their community by starting a pantry so that students would never go hungry while at school and take items home to help their families," says Daniela Talavera Rangel, Director of Youth Programs at Empower Yolo. "They wanted to provide a pantry that students could utilize without judgment. Equitable access to

food, hygiene products, school supplies, and more was their goal—which is why anything students take is free and why they chose to make this project available at both schools."

The program partners with the Yolo Food Bank and continues to operate throughout the school year. "Staff and students go each week to the food bank to purchase items to restock the pantry and open it four times a week," Talavera Rangel explained.

She adds, "It's been great to see our students take on this project to improve their peers' lives. It's admirable to watch them invest so much time and effort. They've taken the lead in nearly every step—from planning logistics to coordinating directly with the food bank."

The pantry addresses essential needs that affect students' well-being and academic success.

"Some students were coming to school hungry or didn't have access to items like hygiene products, snacks, or school supplies," explains Matthew Alvarado, former President of the Woodland Youth Council at Woodland High School. "Others had families going through tough financial times, which made it hard to afford extra essentials. We noticed that even small things like not having breakfast, deodorant, or notebooks could really affect students' confidence, attendance, and motivation. The pantry was created to help close those gaps and make sure everyone had what they needed to succeed."

Alvarado says the project's impact goes beyond meeting physical needs. "Many students face challenges that make it hard to focus on school—especially when it comes to food insecurity or lacking basic necessities. By creating a supply pantry, we wanted to make sure no student had to



The pantry's importance has only increased due to uncertainty surrounding Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. According to the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, if the federal government shutdown continues into November, CalFresh benefits—entirely federally funded—will be delayed. Courtesy photo

worry about where their next meal or essential item would come from. Supporting students' basic needs helps them feel cared for, reduces stress, and allows them to focus more on learning and participating in school life."

Equal access for students is one of the project's priorities. "The pantry is designed to be open and welcoming to everyone," says Alvarado. "Any student who needs something can take what they need. They just sign in using their school lunch numbers. We stock it regularly with non-perishable foods like granola bars, canned soups, pasta, and snacks, as well as toiletries and school supplies. It's usually staffed by student volunteers and a member of the ASSETs team."

The pantry has quickly become a vital campus resource. "By providing access to food and supplies, the pantry eases the financial burden on families and ensures that students have one less thing to worry about," Alvarado adds. "When students' basic needs are met, they can focus more on their education, participate in school activities, and feel a stronger sense of belonging. It also shows that our school community truly cares about one another, which builds a positive and supportive environment for everyone."

The WYC students continue to grow as leaders through this initiative. "Being able to start this project has been incredibly meaningful because I've always wanted to help my community and fellow students," Alvarado reflects. "It showed me how even a small idea can make a real difference in people's lives. I feel proud to have created something that continues to support others and promotes kindness and compassion among students," Alvarado said.

Talavera Rangel notes that while the project's success is clear, expansion remains a goal. "We'd love to get more students involved in Woodland Youth Council and in the pantry," she says. "Right now, about ten students take shifts each week, but there's a need for more volunteers to help keep it running smoothly."

Keeping the pantry open depends heavily on community support. "Since funds to purchase items are limited to the Food Bank—and while they have a great selection for us to stock—the community can help by providing additional donations," Talavera Rangel explains. "We are actively looking for snacks, frozen products, dairy products, school supplies, canned food, hygiene and menstrual supplies, and more. Without

another funding source next year, our Student Supply Pantry may not exist. We rely on our community to help us keep it open and offer a wider variety of items.

The pantry's importance has only increased due to uncertainty surrounding Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. According to the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, if the federal government shutdown continues into November, CalFresh benefits—entirely federally funded—will be delayed. In September 2025 alone, Yolo County distributed \$5.6 million in benefits to nearly 19,000 households, meaning any disruption would have immediate effects on local families.

"With SNAP benefits recently suspended, many families in our community are under tremendous stress trying to figure out how they'll access basic groceries," says Talavera Rangel. "For our students, having the Student Supply Pantry available right on campus means they don't have to travel far or worry about transportation just to get essential items. It provides reliable access to food and supplies while supporting their households by allowing them to take items home. When students are worried about where their next meal is coming from, it greatly impacts their ability to focus in class and feel connected at school. This pantry removes those barriers and ensures students are supported during a difficult and uncertain time for so many families," says Talavera Rangel.

Empower Yolo continues to provide food distributions at its Davis, Knights Landing, and Yolo sites: Davis Resource Center, 441 D Street, Davis, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the

month at 10 a.m.; Knights Landing Resource Center, 9586 Mill Street, Knights Landing, every Tuesday at 8 a.m.; and Town of Yolo, 37750 Sacramento Street, Yolo, every Tuesday at 8 a.m. All sites are walk-up distributions while supplies last; please bring your own bags or cart.

Davis residents may also call the Davis Resource Center at (530) 757-1261 for a monthly STEAC food appointment, and Woodland residents can access the Woodland Food Closet monthly.

For additional resources, visit [yolofoodbank.org](http://yolofoodbank.org). In the last week of October, Empower Yolo served 145 individuals (430 household members) in Davis, 110 individuals (340 household members) in Knights Landing, and 103 individuals (303 household members) in Yolo. Advocates report seeing a growing number of clients in need.

Community members can support Hunger and Homelessness Awareness efforts by donating to Empower Yolo's food and housing programs. You can contribute grocery gift cards or non-perishable food items for holiday meals for families at the shelter. To donate or view a list of needed items, visit [empoweryolo.org](http://empoweryolo.org).

During November and Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, we have an opportunity to empower our youth to lead the fight against food insecurity. By taking action together—through awareness, service, and giving—we can create a community where every neighbor has access to food, shelter, and hope.

Natalia Baltazar is the Director of Development and Community Relations of Empower Yolo. ★

# COMICS & PUZZLES

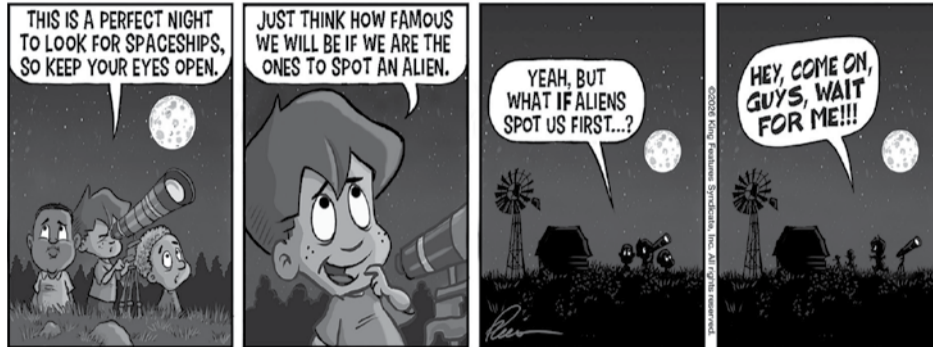
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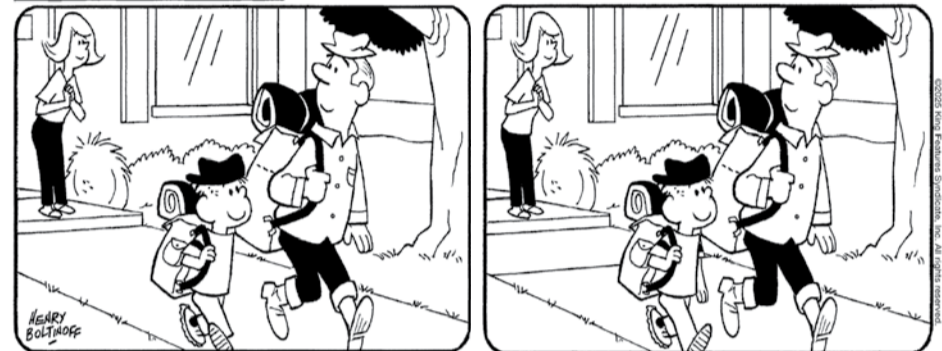
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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- Chop
- Little bit, in Cancun
- Luffa, alt. sp.
- The day before
- Rn, a health hazard
- Surveyor's maps
- Black gunk
- Run off, as in couple
- \*Mount \_\_\_\_, Earth's southernmost active volcano
- \*Antarctica - world's largest \_\_\_\_
- A Bobsey twin
- Not to be broken?
- Eyeball shape
- Minimal distortion
- \*Polar bear, a \_\_\_\_ mammal
- Goldfish or koi
- Memorial Day solo
- Red-dot pointer, e.g.
- Purse to match a gown
- \*Amundsen-\_\_\_\_ South Pole Station
- Hipbones
- Letter H, phonetically speaking
- Biblical twin
- Frog delicacy
- Intellectual
- Novice or beginner
- Café alternative
- You, in bygone era
- Ciao, in the U.S.
- \*\_\_\_\_ Nast, imagined Santa at North Pole
- \*The largest lake near South Pole
- Hotel room option
- \*Barents or Laptev
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- Remove location from digital map
- Paul Simon's former partner
- Swelling
- Monster's loch
- An affirmative
- Button on electrical outlet

**DOWN**

- Mountain peak
- Pineapple producer
- Gray-haired
- As a rule
- The Clash: "Rock the \_\_\_\_"
- Answer to "Shall we?"
- Female gametes
- Lost, in Marseille
- Opposite of sun-kissed
- Deodorant's target
- Native Egyptian, in Roman times
- "How many sunsets in a year on either pole?"
- Close again, as in envelope
- Yards and miles, e.g.
- "Slippery" tree
- Quick and clever reply
- \*North Pole "base"
- Fraction, e.g.
- Beastly person
- Front of the head
- Not top-shelf
- Part of archipelago
- Sound like Secretariat
- Clear the whiteboard
- Ancient Briton
- Dog command
- Supercharger
- Glen Powell's 2023 role,

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- Cuban dance step
- Half-shell delicacy
- English homework
- Chopin's composition
- Ad jingle, e.g.
- Shakira's don't lie
- Milo's adventurous canine friend
- Giant kettles
- Change for a five
- Glacier's deposit
- \*Midnight \_\_\_\_, opposite of polar night
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- Aptitude test, acr.

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# Baudouin, Riva to Represent Big Sky

## Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento State doubles team of juniors Lou Baudouin and Irene Riva have been selected to represent the Big Sky Conference at the 2025 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Conference Masters Championships on Nov. 6 to Nov. 9 at the Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego.

The duo was selected by a vote of the conference's head coaches following a round of nominations. Coaches could not vote for their own players.

Each Division I conference will send one singles player and one doubles team to the event, with the four singles semifinalists and top three doubles teams qualifying for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Individual Championships hosted at the United States Tennis Association National Campus in Orlando, Fla., on Nov. 18 to 23.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association Conference Masters Championships is one of four qualifying tournaments that will seed the field for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Individual Championships,



Entering the tournament as the No. 9 seed, Lou Baudouin and Irene Riva became the first Sacramento State doubles team to reach the semifinal round since Clarisse Baca and Maria Meliuk gained the finals in 2011, defeating opponents from Stanford, Washington (which was ranked No. 24 in the nation) and Oregon before falling to a team from California in three sets and falling just a win shy of qualifying for the NCAA Championships. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

joining the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships (10 singles, four doubles), the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships (26 singles, 13 doubles) and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Sectional Qualifiers (24 singles, 12 doubles). All told, 64 singles players and 32 doubles teams will vie for the National Collegiate

Athletic Association Individual Championships.

Teaming up as a doubles pair for the first time in their Hornet careers, the duo is already off to an impressive start in 2025-26, highlighted by a semifinal appearance at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Northwest Regionals in Berkeley the second week of October.

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No. 9 seed, Baudouin and Riva became the first Sacramento State doubles team to reach the semifinal round since Clarisse Baca and Maria Meliuk gained the finals in 2011, defeating opponents from Stanford, Washington (which was ranked No. 24 in the nation) and Oregon before falling to a team from California in three sets and falling just a win shy of qualifying for the National

Collegiate Athletic Association Championships.

The duo also finished 2-1 at the Cal Fall Invitational, reaching the main draw semifinals of that tournament, and punctuated a 1-1 finish at the prestigious Battle in the Bay Classic with a win over the No. 53-ranked doubles team in the country from Oklahoma State.

Last spring, Baudouin was a combined 14-6 in doubles and 6-2 against Big Sky opponents while earning all-league second-team honors, while Riva was 8-5 in doubles play at the top two spots in the lineup after bouncing back from an early-season injury.

This will be the second trip to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Conference Masters Championships for both players after Baudouin won a pair of singles matches and Riva joined former teammate Maddy Ferreros to reach the semifinals in doubles, eventually finishing fourth, just one win shy of an National Collegiate Athletic Association berth.

Complete information on the 2025 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Conference Masters Championships is available here: <https://wearecollegetennis.com/ita-conference-masters-championships>. ★

## Back-To-Back Sweep

*Equestrian Dominates ECAC Rider of the Week Awards*



Sophia Blake, Ada Hirschfeld, Lauren Kolbe and Kylie Jacobson were each recognized for their standout equestrian performances for two consecutive weeks. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

### UC Davis Athletics News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - For the second consecutive week, University of California, Davis swept the Eastern College Athletic Conference Rider of the Week honors, as Sophia Blake, Ada Hirschfeld, Lauren Kolbe and Kylie Jacobson were each recognized for their standout performances across two Top-10 meets in Georgia.

Blake earned the honors in flat, while Kolbe was recognized in fences. On the Western side, Jacobson claimed the award in horsemanship and Hirschfeld brought home the honor in reining.

Blake delivered consistent high scores in flat throughout the weekend. The sophomore notched an 82 aboard Love against South Carolina, then secured the Aggies' lone point in the event versus No. 1 Georgia with an impressive 87 on Snookie.

Hirschfeld secured a crucial point in reining with a 70.75 aboard Slash to help clinch

a 3-1 team win in the event against No. 2 South Carolina, earning the MOP honors for her ride. The sophomore then added a 72 aboard Jewels against Georgia, capping off a consistent doubleheader weekend.

Kolbe posted an event-high 86 aboard Everest against No. 2 South Carolina to claim UC Davis' lone point in fences, besting her opponent by two points. The junior followed with another strong ride versus Georgia, scoring an 85 on Constantine to narrowly miss another point by just one mark.

Jacobson turned in a key point-winning ride of 74.5 aboard Teddy against No. 1 Georgia, earning the lone point and top score in horsemanship, anchoring the Aggies' Western lineup with a polished performance.

The Aggies hit the road to Delaware next weekend for a pair of matchups, taking on Delaware State and UT Martin on Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 in back-to-back meets. ★

## Baseball Releases Loaded 2026 Schedule



Two of the Hornets' final three WAC series will be at home as they host league co-champion Abilene Christian (May 1 to May 3) and Tarleton State (May 14 to May 16). Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

### Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Fresh off its third Western Athletic Conference regular season title and its sixth conference crown overall, the Sacramento State baseball team looks to carry the momentum of that successful campaign into a 2026 season that features a star-studded 56-game schedule, according to head coach Reggie Christiansen.

"Our players and staff are excited about this year's schedule which may very well be the toughest non-conference schedule in the nation," Christiansen said on Oct. 21. "It will give our program the opportunity to compete on the road against some of the best teams in the nation, like reigning NCAA national champion LSU and UCLA, which is likely to be among the top-ranked programs in the country once the season begins, as well as a trip to Omaha to take on Creighton at Charles Schwab Field (home of the Men's College World Series).

"That being said, I think what I am most excited about is the home schedule for our boosters and our fans," Christiansen said. "The opportunity to host games against programs like UC Irvine, California, UConn and Winthrop early on is exciting and we are looking forward to treating our fans to some exciting weekends of baseball."

The Hornets' non-conference schedule features six opponents that finished in the top 50 in the final 2025 RPI, four of which ranked among the top 25 at season's end. Seven of Sacramento State's opponents for 2026 were NCAA Tournament qualifiers UC Irvine, Fresno State, LSU, Kansas, Creighton, UCLA and WAC rival Utah Valley, while the aforementioned Tigers and Bruins both reached the College World Series.

In addition, the Hornets will face six schools that either won or shared their respective conference's regular season title: Creighton and UConn in the Big East, Nevada in the Mountain West, Abilene Christian in the WAC, UC Irvine in the Big West, and UCLA in the Big Ten.

Meanwhile, three conference tournament champions also dot the Sacramento State slate in Big East champion Creighton, Mountain West champion Fresno State and WAC champion Utah Valley.

A three-game series against UC Irvine kicks off the season from Feb. 13 to Feb. 15 as the Hornets play eight of their first 10 contests within the friendly confines of John Smith Field. It will be the first meeting between the two California powers since 2020 and will give fans a sneak preview of a future conference rival as Sacramento State will join the Big West Conference, beginning with the 2027 campaign.

The inaugural meeting with Saint Joseph's follows from Feb. 19 to Feb. 22 with a four-game series, followed by a mid-week road contest at Pacific on Feb. 24. A three-game home-and-home series against California is next as games one and three in the series will be played in Berkeley with the Hornets playing host for game two on Feb. 28.

Following a midweek trip to Fresno State on March 3, Sacramento State makes its second-ever trip to Baton Rouge to take on LSU from March 6 to March 8. The two programs first met in a three-game series in 2016, with the Hornets winning the middle game of that weekend with the No. 5-ranked Tigers by a 5-4 score, thanks to a pair of ninth-inning RBIs from Matt Smith and Vinny Esposito

and six shutout innings by the bullpen.

Sacramento State returns home to host eight of its next nine, welcoming UMass Lowell (March 10) and Pacific (March 11) for single games before UConn heads west for a three-game series from March 13 to March 15. The Hornets face San Francisco (March 17) in a midweek match-up before playing host to Winthrop out of the Big South from March 19 to March 21.

A week-long trip to the Midwest has Sacramento State taking on Kansas in a pair of midweek contests from March 24 to March 25 before heading to Omaha to face Creighton at the home of the College World Series from March 27 to March 29.

Upon returning home to face Nevada in the team's final non-conference tune-up, the Hornets open WAC play on the road at Utah Tech (April 2-4), then sandwiches midweek contests against Fresno State (April 7) and San Francisco (April 14) around a three-game league series against future Big West rival Utah Valley, which upset No. 12 national seed Oregon in its NCAA Regional opener last season, on April 10-12.

The gauntlet continues with eight consecutive games on the road as Sacramento State travels to Texas for a three-game conference series with UT Arlington (April 17-19) and faces Causeway rival UC Davis (April 21) and Nevada (April 28) around a trip to Los Angeles to take on UCLA (April 24-26).

Two of the Hornets' final three WAC series will be at home as they host league co-champion Abilene Christian (May 1-3) and Tarleton State (May 14-16), while facing UC Davis (May 5) in a single game on the road prior to a trip to Riverside to take on another future Big West rival in California Baptist (May 8-10).

"When all is said and done, I believe this schedule will set us up for what is a yearly battle once WAC play begins in April," Christiansen said. "With only 18 conference games this year, our non-conference slate will undoubtedly prepare us for success once league rolls around." ★

## A's Unveil Gold Sacramento Jersey for 2026 Season



The gold Sacramento jersey will make its on-field debut during the 2026 season, beginning with Opening Weekend. Photo courtesy of the Athletics

### Athletics News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Beginning next season, the A's will take the field in a bold new look: a gold alternate jersey featuring "Sacramento" across the chest.

Inspired by popular demand, the design pays

tribute to the A's interim home in the Capital Region and offers a modern take on the Athletics' iconic gold.

The jersey will be worn throughout the 2026 season and will be available for fans to buy in the team store and online as part of the official A's apparel lineup.

"Sacramento has welcomed the Athletics with incredible passion and support. The new 'Sacramento' jersey is our way of recognizing that support and saying thank you to the fans, businesses and community leaders who helped bring Major League Baseball to town," said A's President Marc Badain. "It's been an unforgettable first season in West Sacramento and this uniform is another way to celebrate the passion we've

already felt throughout the community."

In addition to on-field use, the gold Sacramento jersey will anchor special theme nights and community initiatives throughout the year, including Sacramento Saturdays.

Sacramento Saturdays is a series of fan-focused promotions and community appreciation nights. To kick off the celebration, all fans attending the April 4 game against the Houston Astros will receive a replica jersey. Merchandise featuring the new design will also be available in the A's Team Store and online during the 2026 season.

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## County Responds to Expected CalFresh Benefit Delay

*Coordinated Community Support Efforts Implemented*

**County of Yolo, Office of the County Administrator News Release**

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) is proactively coordinating countywide efforts in response to an expected delay in CalFresh benefits resulting from the ongoing federal government shutdown. The County is working closely with city leadership and community partners, including the Yolo Food Bank, to ensure residents continue to have access to essential food resources.

“Yolo County is committed to standing with our residents during times of uncertainty,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mary Vixie Sandy. “Through strong partnerships with the Yolo Food Bank, and community organizations, we are ensuring that families continue to have access to the food and resources they need. This collaboration reflects the compassion and resilience that define Yolo County.”

In the month of September alone, Yolo County issued more than \$5.6 million in CalFresh benefits to 18,759 households representing 27,622

individuals. This figure underscores the potential local impact of any delay in federal funding. While CalWORKs and Medi-Cal programs remain funded and operational, CalFresh benefits are expected to be temporarily delayed because they are 100 percent federally funded.

In preparation for the anticipated delay, HHS, the Yolo Food Bank, and other community partners are expanding efforts to ensure residents continue to have access to food and essential resources during this time. As part of this coordinated response, the Yolo Food Bank will deliver essential food items to the UC Davis Basic Needs Center on Saturday, November 8, and Saturday, November 15, where UC Davis staff will distribute them to students and campus community members. Additionally, the Food Bank is increasing overall food allocations by 20 percent across its nearly 60 regular distributions and working with 47 partner organizations throughout the county to ensure more resources reach those in need.

In addition, the Yolo Food Bank will offer emergency food distributions at the Yolo County Woodland and West Sacramento Service

Centers on November 5, 6, 12, and 13 to directly support CalFresh recipients. These targeted efforts are part of a broader, coordinated response that extends beyond immediate food access, as the Yolo Food Bank and HHS also coordinate with local grocery stores, farmers markets, and other retailers that may experience secondary impacts from the temporary reduction in CalFresh spending power.

“This partnership demonstrates what’s possible when agencies and community organizations come together quickly to meet an urgent need,” said Karen Baker, Executive Director of the Yolo Food Bank. “The demand for food assistance is rising, and through collaboration with HHS and our partners, we are mobilizing resources to make sure no one in Yolo County is left without support.”

For updates and local food distribution information, please visit [www.YoloFoodBank.org](http://www.YoloFoodBank.org). There are a multitude of ways for community members to get involved, including volunteering or making a donation, individuals can register directly through the Yolo Food Bank’s website. ★

## Tuleyome Offers Certified California Naturalist Course



Students get up close to nature during Tuleyome’s Certified California Naturalist Course. Photo by Nate Lillge

**Tuleyome News Release**

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Tuleyome, the expert organization on the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, is offering a Certified California Naturalist course in early 2026.

Instruction focuses on the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument region and western Sacramento Valley while providing participants with skills and resources that are applicable anywhere to increase their knowledge, understanding, and enjoyment of the natural world.

The Certified California Naturalist course is presented by Tuleyome in partnership with the University of California extension program. This multi-week course is offered from January to March 2026, with classes occurring on eight consecutive Fridays plus at least three field trips. Friday classes will be held in downtown Woodland.

No advanced degrees or previous naturalist experience is required.

The UC California Naturalist Program introduces Californians to the wonders of our unique ecology and engages the public in study and stewardship of California’s natural communities. The program uses a science curriculum, hands-on learning, problem-solving, citizen science, and community service to instill a deep appreciation for the natural communities of the

state and to inspire individuals to become stewards of their local resources.

In addition to in-person instruction, students are required to attend field trips in the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument region and western Sacramento Valley. Field trips consist of low-impact walking trips and auto-tours, so they are suitable for all fitness levels. Impromptu walks are also often provided by the instructors as time permits to give participants even more experience in the field.

Tuleyome has offered the Certified California Naturalist course since 2018. In that time, over 200 naturalists have been certified and are dedicated to conserving, enhancing, restoring, and enjoying the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument region and the western Sacramento Valley. Lifelong Californians and recent arrivals benefit from the course. The program has been so successful that Tuleyome has been requested to provide trainings to the Bureau of Reclamation – Lake Berryessa, Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, and California Conservation Corps. In addition to the multi-week course, Tuleyome offers a one-week, intensive course at Wilbur Hot Springs Resort.

Questions about the course should be directed to Nate Lillge at [nlillge@tuleyome.org](mailto:nlillge@tuleyome.org) ★

## Rake It, Don’t Leave It

*West Sacramento Residents Encouraged to Keep Drains Clear*



The city’s public works department asks residents not to leave piles of leaves in the street, as they create safety hazards in the community and will not be collected on the designated pick-up days. Photo by Seth Henderson

**By Seth Henderson**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The City of West Sacramento’s Public Works Department is encouraging residents to keep drains clear during the fall season, providing resources to assist with the removal of organic waste.

For no additional charge, the city is offering residents an opportunity to obtain up to four additional organic waste carts at their property if more space is needed to remove leaves and yard debris.

Deputy city manager for the City of West Sacramento, Doug Drozd, said that the city has seen a great response from residents regarding the proper disposal of organic waste. He said that there has been a positive impact in terms of lessening the storm drain issues caused by leaf build up or other piles of organic waste.

“What we’re trying to avoid is our drains that get backed up or clogged in the stormy season,” Drozd said. “What happens then is that if they’re backed up with the leaves, the water can pool and create localized flooding impacts, and we’re trying to avoid that as we enter the rainier season.”

According to the city’s website, residents will be able to leave paper or ASTM D6400-rated compostable bags from Nov. 1 to Jan. 31 next to a full organic cart at the curb on trash collection day. Bags of leaves and organic waste are not to exceed 50 pounds.

The city’s website states that residents’ assistance in clearing out leaves or organic waste helps keep storm drains clear and functional.

The city’s public works department asks residents not to leave piles of leaves in the

street, as they create safety hazards in the community and will not be collected on the designated pick-up days.

Drozd said property owners will be responsible for mitigating their own leaves and organic waste cleanup, but that the public works and sustainability departments are always available for residents to consult with, determining the best course of action regarding organic clean ups.

Prunings and branches that are less than three feet long and no wider than two inches may be bundled next to the organics cart on collection day, weighing less than 50 pounds.

Any downed trees as a result of a storm or other events are to be reported to the public works department immediately, Drozd said, as the response teams are on call 24 hours a day.

Waste carts are to be set out on the curb by 6 a.m. on collection day at least two feet apart and about three feet from parked vehicles, according to the city’s website.

The deputy city manager said that extra resources have been provided to residents to hopefully avoid the need for public works crews to manually unclog city storm drains, reducing the chances of flooding.

For a complete list and map of the city’s street sweeping schedule, visit <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/home/showpublisheddocument/14677> For more information about waste management in the City of West Sacramento, visit <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/community-development/sustainability/solid-waste/residential-services>. Waste Management can be contacted at (866) 844-1508. ★

## Interactive Map and Community Survey to Shape Zero-Emission Future

**County of Yolo, Office of the County Administrator News Release**

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)**

- The Yolo County Sustainability Division invites community members to help shape the future of clean transportation through a new interactive online map and survey focused on zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) and shared mobility options. The effort is part of the County’s Zero-Emission Vehicle Action Plan, which aims to expand equitable access to electric vehicles, charging infrastructure, e-bikes, carshare, and other sustainable transportation choices. Community members can access the survey and map at [dks-engage.com/yolo-zev](https://dks-engage.com/yolo-zev).

“We want to make sure that everyone in Yolo County has a voice in how we build a cleaner, more

connected transportation system,” said Kristen Wraithwall, Sustainability Manager for Yolo County. “This survey is an important opportunity for community members to tell us what they need and where future investments are needed most.”

Residents are encouraged to share feedback on where they would like to see new EV charging stations, e-bike or e-scooter rentals, carshare, and other clean mobility options. Survey responses and map contributions will help inform future programs, infrastructure, and outreach efforts to ensure that all Yolo County communities benefit from the state’s transition to clean transportation. Participants who complete the survey will have the opportunity to be entered into a prize drawing for a gift card. The survey will remain open through January 31, 2026, and is available

in English, Spanish, and Russian.

The Yolo County Zero-Emission Vehicle Action Plan is a countywide initiative designed to accelerate clean transportation adoption through community-driven planning and equitable access. The plan emphasizes partnerships with local organizations and residents to ensure that investments reflect community priorities. It supports the County’s goal of achieving carbon negativity by 2030, while improving air quality, mobility, and neighborhood resilience.

Stay connected by emailing [Sustainability@YoloCounty.gov](mailto:Sustainability@YoloCounty.gov) or by signing up for our E-Newsletter at Yolo County Sustainability Newsletter. You can also follow the Sustainability Division on Instagram and Facebook @yolosustainability. ★

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