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## Santa is Coming to Town



Santa will sleigh through neighborhoods across West Sacramento as part of the annual "Santa Run" taking place Dec. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15. Photo by Franky Choi from Pixabay

**City of West Sacramento News Release**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The West Sacramento Fire Department and the West Sacramento Firefighter's Association are gearing up for the annual Santa Run, bringing holiday cheer to neighborhoods across the city.

With help from off-duty firefighter "elves," Santa will ride aboard a

decorated fire-engine "sleigh," handing out candy canes donated by the West Sacramento Firefighter's Association. A following pickup truck will collect canned food donations for local families in need.

The Santa Run will take place over six nights, beginning at 6 p.m., with schedules subject to change due to weather conditions. Updates, cancellations, or rescheduling notices will be posted one hour before

each run on the West Sacramento Fire Department's Instagram and Facebook pages.

Live Santa tracking is back for 2025. The location of Santa's sleigh will be updated every minute starting at 6 p.m. each night. On the map, click the arrows at the top right to expand the route map and zoom to your neighborhood. If you do not see Santa moving along his route,

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## Mounsombath Proud to Serve

*A Sailor's Path to a Navy Warship*

**By Rick Burke, Navy Office of Community Outreach**

**SAN DIEGO, CA (MPG)** - Petty Officer 2nd Class Kyren Mounsombath, a native of Sacramento, serves aboard USS Oakland, a U.S. Navy warship operating out of San Diego.

Mounsombath graduated from River City High School in 2015.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Sacramento.

"I learned to stay adaptable to my environment and the people I may work with," Mounsombath said.

Mounsombath joined the Navy nine years ago. Today, Mounsombath serves as an operations specialist.

"I wasn't sure if I wanted to go to college but my stepdad, Keo Thouchalanh, previously served in the Navy for 20 years as an electrician's mate and thought it would be better for me to join the Navy until I decided on what to do after my time in service," Mounsombath said.

A Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), USS Oakland is a fast and agile warship designed to operate in near-shore environments to counter 21st-century threats. Crews aboard the ship can operate unmanned aerial systems and unmanned underwater vehicles. These ships can operate independently or in high-threat scenarios as part of a networked battle force that includes larger, multi-mission surface combatants such as cruisers and destroyers.

The U.S. Navy is celebrating its 250th birthday this year.

According to Navy officials, "America is a maritime nation and for 250 years, America's Warfighting Navy has sailed the globe in defense of freedom."

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber-optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented



**Kyren Mounsombath joined the Navy nine years ago and now serves as an operations specialist.** Photo courtesy of Navy Office of Community Outreach

people from across the rich fabric of America.

Mounsombath has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"My proudest accomplishment was doing live fire spotting from a helicopter on San Clemente Island," Mounsombath said. "This helps the Navy by supporting their ground troops in doing this type of live fire weapons training."

Mounsombath serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock,

promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

"Serving in the Navy means having the opportunities that I wouldn't have the chance to see, and it's helped me out when I wasn't sure how to move forward for myself," Mounsombath said.

Mounsombath is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I would like to thank my mother, Sally Thouchalanh, for supporting me and letting me join the Navy," Mounsombath added. ★

## Animal Services Launches Pet Food Donation Drive

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

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - As many local families face financial strain and reductions of SNAP benefits, Yolo County Animal Services (YCAS) is launching a countywide pet food donation program to help ensure that pets stay healthy, fed and with the families who love them.

The initiative will run through the end of 2025 and will distribute donated pet food to residents in need across Yolo County.

"Now more than ever, our community needs your support," said Yolo County Animal Services Director Stephanie Amato. "No one should have to choose between feeding themselves and feeding their pets. Pet food insecurity is an often-overlooked part of community wellbeing. By coming together, we can make a real difference for our neighbors and their animals during these challenging times. Every donation, no matter the size, helps keep families together and ensures that local pets receive the care and nutrition they deserve."

Donation bins will be located in participating businesses throughout Yolo County. Current drop-off locations include PetSmart in Davis and Pet Supplies Plus in Woodland. Residents can also directly drop off donations at Yolo County Animal Services, 2640 E. Gibson Road, Woodland. Those who prefer to give online can donate through Yolo County Animal Services' Amazon and Chewy wishlists at [www.YoloShelter.org/donate](http://www.YoloShelter.org/donate).

Yolo County Animal Services is also seeking volunteers to help collect donations from drop-off sites and support distribution to families and community partners.

Residents interested in volunteering this holiday season should email [Volunteer@YoloShelter.org](mailto:Volunteer@YoloShelter.org).

Yolo County-based businesses interested in hosting a donation bin or participating in the drive are encouraged to contact [Info@YoloShelter.org](mailto:Info@YoloShelter.org). ★



# Downtown Ice Rink Open for 33rd Season

By Abbey Wicks

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink, presented by Dignity Health, is now open through Jan. 19. Located in Ali Youssefi Square across from DoCo and the Golden 1 Center, the rink attracts some 40,000 skaters each season.

Ali Youssefi Square is at 705 K St., Sacramento.

“The Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink represents what downtown does best: bringing people together to create lasting memories,” said Michael Ault, the Downtown Sacramento Partnership executive director. “It’s a cherished Sacramento tradition and we’re grateful to our community leaders and partners for their support in bringing this tradition to life year after year.”

The price to skate remains the same as previous years: \$15 for general admission and \$8 for children aged 6 and under. Skating admission includes skate rental and sizes run as small as youth 8 and as large as men’s 15. Skaters can enjoy the rink from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays through Sundays (weather permitting). Skaters can call 916-738-0703 to find out if the rink is open during inclement weather.

Season events catered for youth skaters include annual Princess & Superhero Day, which took place Nov 15, and Crafting with Kindness, from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 and Sunday, Nov. 30. Copper House Boutique will lead both craft days with their



Skaters at last year’s Princess & Superhero Day were joined by characters, including Disney princesses Anna and Elsa. This year’s event took place Nov. 15. Photo courtesy of Downtown Sacramento Partnership



Skaters at the Downtown Sacramento Ice Rink on Nov. 12 exhibited all skill levels, from pro-skaters showing off impressive spins, to children aided by skating walkers. Photo by Abbey Wicks



New LED lights have been installed along K Street in Sacramento to promote evening pedestrian activity and safety. Photo by Abbey Wicks

jewelry-making lessons.

Donation Weeks have been implemented this year to help spread holiday cheer. The ice rink has teamed up with Western Health Advantage and First

Step Communities to organize donations for those experiencing homelessness in the Sacramento area.

The ice rink will collect much needed items and accept donations all day

during Donation Weeks, which run from Monday, Nov. 17 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Skaters who bring something to donate will receive \$5 off skate admission. Suggested items

to donate include winter hats, gloves, scarves and blankets.

In an effort by the Downtown Sacramento Partnership to increase pedestrian activity and

safety along K Street, including in Ali Youssefi Square, new LED lighting has been installed from DoCO to the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center.

“These lights embody our commitment to reimagine downtown block by block, paying homage to the marquee lights which have lined K Street for generations and enhancing Sacramento’s central promenade for its next era of opportunity,” Ault said.

Along with supporting increased pedestrian activity throughout the evening hours, the new lighting also supports bicycle and public transportation use and embraces the foundational principle of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) by improving sightlines and increasing activity after dark, according to the partnership.

Better lighting encourages more foot traffic, which in turn promotes safety, supports local businesses and builds community pride.

The dynamic system will be capable of changing colors to mark holidays, community celebrations and Kings, Republic, Athletics and Hornets’ victories.

“When we invest in placemaking, we invest in people,” said Scott Ford, Downtown Sacramento Partnership deputy director. “Downtown Sacramento is truly a neighborhood that belongs to all residents and guests of our community. We want to ensure we are creating and maintaining an environment which is a positive reflection of Sacramento to the rest of the world.” ★



## Same-day care for same-day needs.

When life moves fast, your health care should keep up. Dignity Health offers convenient same-day care throughout Greater Sacramento—including Express Primary Care in Elk Grove and Roseville, and Urgent Care in Midtown Sacramento and Woodland. Whether you need relief from minor illness, a routine checkup, symptom management, or a flu shot, our providers are here to help you feel better, faster.



Visit Express Primary Care



Go to Urgent Care

Get in, get seen, and get on with your busy day.

Visit [dignityhealth.org/get-care-today](https://dignityhealth.org/get-care-today) to schedule an appointment. Same-day care facilities are a service of Dignity Health Medical Foundation.

# Santa is Coming to Town

# Mercy San Juan Medical Center Upgrades Stroke Center

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try periodically refreshing your browser on your phone, tablet or computer. Track Santa at <https://wsac.city/SantaMap>.

## The 2025 Santa Run Schedule is as follows.

On Monday, Dec. 8, Santa and his sleigh will ride through Old West Sacramento: 10th Street, 11th Street, 13th Street, 15th Street, 17th Street, Alabama Avenue, Clarendon Street, Deerwood Street, Delaware Avenue, Euclid Street, Fallbrook Street, Gardenia Avenue, Grande Vista Avenue, Haverhill Street, Lakewood Drive, Maryland Avenue, Meadow Road, Norfolk Avenue, Park Boulevard, Pennsylvania Avenue, Regent Street, Sonora Boulevard, Stone Boulevard, Virginia Avenue and Webster Street.

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, Santa will ride through North Business 80: Buckeye Drive, Chapparral Way, Doran Avenue, Evergreen Avenue, Garnet Street, Greenmeadow Avenue, Holly Street, Laurel Lane, Lilac Lane, Madrone Avenue, Manzantia Way, Maple Street, Marigold Street,

Michigan Boulevard, Palomar Avenue, Pine Street, Poplar Avenue, Rockyrose Road, Sycamore Avenue, Walnut Street and Westacre Road.

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, find Santa along Broderick and Bryte: 6th Street, Andrew Street, Anna Street, Bryte Avenue, Carrie Street, Cummins Way, Douglas Street, Fourness Drive, Fremont Boulevard, Hardy Drive, Hobson Avenue, Kegle Drive, Lisbon Avenue and North Hobson Avenue.

On Thursday, Dec. 11, Santa will ride along Southport South West: Allan Avenue, Betty Way, Brenda Way, Canvasback Way, Constitution Avenue, Diane Drive, Duet Drive, Higgins Road, Independence Avenue, Jacquelyn Lane, Janet Drive, Kathy Circle, Lagoon Lane, Leslie Lane, Linden Road, Mareca Way, Meadowlark Circle, Paradise Way, Pheasant Hollow Drive, Pitzer Circle, Sandpiper Lane, Shirley Street, Starling Lane, Summerfield Drive, Teal Drive and Violet Drive.

On Friday, Dec. 12, greet Santa along Southport North East: Alder Way, Almond Street, Aster

Avenue, Chinook Road, Gateway Drive, Geary Street, Hearst Street, Ironwood Way, Kinsington Street, Lemontree Road, Limewood Road, Linden Road, Manchester Street, Merced Way, Mojave Drive, Monte Vista Street, North Beach Avenue, Peachtree Street, Peppertree Road, Randolph Road, Redwood Avenue, Rubicon Way, Sansome Street, Santiam Street, Sausalito Road, Spruce Way, Stonegate Drive and Union Square Road.

On Monday, Dec. 15, find Santa along Southport West: Abaco Road, Bowen Island Street, Bridgeway Lakes Drive, Catalina Island Road, Cayman Island Street, Cooper Island Road, Coyote Road, Eagle Street, Fiji Island Street, Golden Gate Drive, Graham Island Road, Gaudelupe Street, Gulf Island Street, Haiti Road, Half Moon Bay Circle, Henshaw Road, Jamaica Street, Lewiston Road, Martinique Street, Oakland Bay Drive, Ryer Island Street, San Salvador Street, Santa Cruz Road, Solomon Island Road, St Croix Road, Stuart Island Street, Suisun Bay Road, Swan Island Street and Tahoe Street. ★



Mercy San Juan Medical Center celebrated the grand opening Oct. 22 of its newly renovated Neuro-Interventional Suite, a space designed to deliver faster, safer and more advanced stroke care. Dr. Lucian Maidan, a San Juan Medical Center neurologist, cuts the ribbon. Photo courtesy of Dignity Health

## Dignity Health News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Dignity Health Mercy San Juan Medical Center is celebrating the grand opening of its newly renovated Neuro-Interventional Suite, a space designed to deliver faster, safer and more advanced stroke care.

The centerpiece of the upgrade is a new Canon biplane imaging system, which allows doctors to see detailed, real-time images of the brain and blood vessels from multiple angles helping them treat strokes and other complex conditions with greater precision.

Mercy San Juan is the only Comprehensive Stroke Center for Dignity Health in California and the first hospital in the Greater Sacramento Market to receive this designation from The Joint Commission. According to the commission, the

Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification is the most demanding stroke certification and is designed for those hospitals that have specific abilities to receive and treat the most complex stroke cases.

The \$12.9 million renovation also includes a new procedure room, monitoring area and updated staff spaces to support exceptional patient care and teamwork.

With this investment, Mercy San Juan strengthens its position as the region's leading hospital for advanced neurological care.

The grand opening was on Oct. 22.

Most of the patients served by the Neuro-Interventional Suite come from the greater Sacramento region, including Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Orangevale, Rancho Cordova, Folsom, Elk Grove, West Sacramento

and Roseville. The medical center is located at Mercy San Juan Medical Center, 6501 Coyle Ave., Carmichael.

Dignity Health is a multi-state nonprofit network of 10,000 physicians, more than 60,000 employees, 41 acute care hospitals and 400-plus care-centers, including community hospitals, urgent care, surgery and imaging centers, home health and primary care clinics in Arizona, California and Nevada. Dignity Health is dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality and affordable patient-centered care with special attention to the poor and underserved.

Dignity Health is a part of CommonSpirit Health, a nonprofit health system committed to advancing health for all people and dedicated to serving the common good. For more information, visit Dignity Health's website at [www.DignityHealth.org](http://www.DignityHealth.org). ★



Mercy San Juan Medical Center physicians discuss with ribbon-cutting attendees how the biplane imaging system works and helps improve care. Photo courtesy of Dignity Health

# Keep FOGs Out of Your Drains

## City of West Sacramento News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The City of West Sacramento reminds residents to properly dispose of fats, oils and grease (FOG) this holiday season to avoid sewer clogs and backups. Proper FOG disposal is simple and protects your pipes and community.

Follow the following easy tips for fats, oils and grease-free drains.

Never pour fats, oils and grease down the drain or garbage disposal.

Scrape or wipe excess grease and food scraps into the trash before rinsing dishes or cookware. Use a sink strainer to catch small scraps and empty it into the trash.

Use cool water, not hot, when rinsing dishes. Hot water temporarily melts

grease, which hardens later and sticks to pipes.

Dispose of grease properly: Pour small amounts into a disposable container and toss it in the trash.

Handle large quantities of oil safely: Drop off used cooking oil at the Yolo County Landfill from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. Seniors 65-plus or disabled residents can call 530-666-8856 for free pickup. Never put bulk oil or liquid fats in the garbage.

Fats, oils and grease buildup is a leading cause of sewer backups. If you experience an issue, report it through West Sac Connect online at [www.cityofwestsacramento.org/services/west-sac-connect](http://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/services/west-sac-connect).

Learn more at [www.sacsewer.com/stop-the-clog/](http://www.sacsewer.com/stop-the-clog/) and help "Stop the Clog" this holiday season. ★

# Notice Of Provisional Appointment of Trustee Area 5

## Yolo County Office of Education News Release

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A vacancy on the Yolo County Board of Education occurred upon the resignation of Armando Salud-Ambriz from Trustee Area 5.

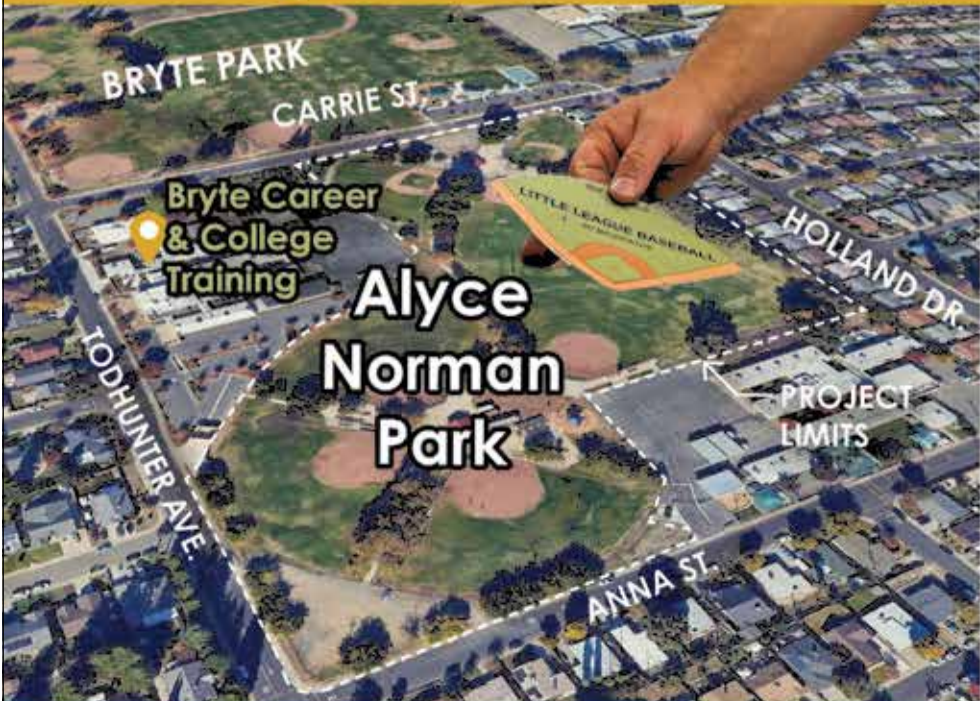
The letter was received on Oct. 7 with an effective date of Oct. 7.

The Yolo County Board of Education

has provisionally appointed Julian Munoz as trustee of Area 5 at the Regular Board meeting of Nov. 18.

This statement notifies the voters that unless a petition calling for a special election pursuant to Education Code Section 5091 is filed in the office of the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days of the provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment. ★

## Shape the Future of Alyce Norman Park




### Public Meeting

## Tuesday, December 9, 2025

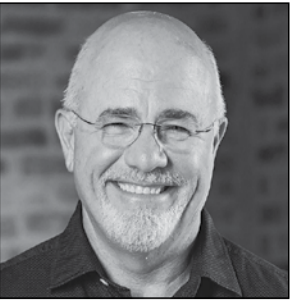
### 6pm - 8pm

**AT:** Bryte Career and College Training  
637 Todhunter Ave  
West Sacramento, CA 95605

Join us for a community workshop focused on the future of Alyce Norman Park. Stop in, share your input, and explore the design options. Residents are encouraged to ask questions, offer feedback, and take part in interactive activities that will help guide the park's next phase of improvements. Free snacks will be available.



Learn more about the Alyce Norman Park Master Plan at [CityOfWestSacramento.org](http://CityOfWestSacramento.org)



## Dave Ramsey Says She'll Be Just Fine

like she's not planning on using this money, but using the income from the money. If that's the case, she won't whittle it all down to nothing. So, if she's in good mutual funds—not single stocks—I think she'll be just fine.

Now, let's talk about the mortgage. I would absolutely recommend she go ahead a pay it off. If she can do that at age 76 and still have \$540,000 left, that's the way to go. Let's pay off the house, and then she can start taking her income off a percentage of the remainder. She won't need much with the house payment out of the way, because she won't be sending money to the bank to pay the anymore.

– Dave

### The Best Laid Plans...

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have been talking about paying off our mortgage in the next two or three years. Do you think we should make this happen by paying extra toward the house, or invest that money on top of the 15% we're putting into retirement?

– March

Dear March,

If I were in your shoes, I'd pay extra on the house.

On the other hand, you're not really doing a *bad* thing by putting the extra cash it into retirement, either.

But here's the deal. No matter how well you plan, you never know exactly what will happen over the upcoming years of your life—or the life of your investments. You might *think* you know. You may even believe you've taken every possibility into account. The hard, cold truth, though, is even the best and smartest plans don't always work out the way we think they will—or the way we want them to.

And if something unexpected or unforeseen happens, it sure would be a nice thing to own your home free and clear, wouldn't it?

– 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.* ★

Dear Dave,

My mom is 76, and the only debt she has is about \$60,000 left on her mortgage. She has \$600,000 in retirement accounts, plus a long-term care insurance policy. But she has just \$25,000 in a money market account with check-writing privileges for everyday bills and purchases. To be honest, this worries me. She has always lived within her means, so am I wrong to be concerned? She has also been talking about paying off her mortgage, and I'm not sure how I feel about that, either. I'd love your opinion.

– Kelly

Dear Kelly,

You sound surprised that she'd still be in the stock market at her age. In my mind, that's not a bad thing at all. It might not be what the typical financial planner would tell you to do, because for the most part they'll try to get you to be super-conservative with your money as you get older. But from the way you've described things, it sounds



### Early and Late Navel Orange Varieties Spread Out Harvest

California's iconic navel orange—a signature citrus fruit for the fresh market—arrived in produce aisles right on time this year. Picking started Oct. 9 in Kern County, historically the first region to begin navel orange harvest. “Absence of a late summer heat wave and cooler October weather helped the crop reach maturity at the normal time,” said Matt Watkins of Bee Sweet Citrus, a grower, packer and shipper in Fresno County. As fruit color and maturity develop, harvest will accelerate and move north to other counties. Navel oranges are harvested from fall through spring and may continue into the summer, depending on markets and fruit quality. Early and late varieties help spread out the harvest season, giving growers an opportunity to hit markets when prices are good.

### Farm Tech Focuses on Robotic Weeding in Vegetables

Weeding robots have emerged as a key focus of autonomous farm technology as growers seek solutions for costly and labor-intensive tasks. One model, which was displayed at the 2025 FIRA USA agricultural technology conference last month in Woodland, is the SharpShooter system from Hayward-based Verdant Robotics. The SharpShooter is a tractor attachment that uses artificial intelligence to identify weeds and deliver precise, controlled sprays without hurting the

cash crop. “We’re delivering milliliter streams of liquid onto the weed,” said Chad Yagow, Verdant’s director of agronomy and industry relations. “If you think about a hypodermic needle, if you press that plunger, that little stream of liquid that’s coming out—that’s what we’re doing every time that we take a shot.”

### State Vet Reflects on Her Work as Animal Health Chief

California State Veterinarian Annette Jones, who is set to retire at the end of the year, reflected in a recent Ag Alert® column on her nearly 20 years as the state’s chief animal health official. Though she has dealt with numerous animal disease outbreaks during her time at the California Department of Food and Agriculture, she said her career’s biggest challenge was the most recent outbreak of highly pathogenic bird flu, which began in 2022 and escalated each year thereafter. “The virus exploded through dairies and poultry flocks last winter despite efforts to reduce impacts, testing the resilience of our farmers and staff like no other outbreak has,” Jones said. “While the disease impacts are distressing, it is rewarding to wrap up my career with a renewed appreciation for how proactive our producers and processors can be.” Looking ahead, she said she hopes “the spirit of cooperation continues as California farmers and ranchers face new threats and that we keep focusing on getting the job done with mutual respect.”★

# Crime Reports

## WEST SACRAMENTO



### ARREST REPORTS

**Mark Gerard Hollon**, 62, was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 18 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for trespassing. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a suspicious person. Hollon was seen inside this retail store where he had been previously trespassed. The loss prevention officer identified him, said he was in the grocery area of the store and that the store wants to press charges. Hollon had been previously advised that he was trespassed from this store and was no longer allowed inside. Officers contacted Hollon and detained him. The loss prevention officer completed a Citizen's Arrest, officer accepted custody and transported Hollon to Yolo County Jail.

**Julio Cesar Gonzalez-Correa**, 50, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 19 at Houston Street and West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a vehicle at the location and a records check revealed it was a confirmed outstanding stolen vehicle. Officer maintained visual on the vehicle from a distance and observed a male, later identified as Gonzalez-Correa, start to drive it away. A high-risk vehicle stop was performed, and driver detained without incident. Under Miranda, Gonzalez-Correa stated that he stole the vehicle because he was homeless and trying to get money. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with vehicle theft and possessing a stolen vehicle.

**Eric Anthony Graham**, 34, was arrested Thursday, Nov. 20 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer on patrol observed known subject Graham, confirmed the outstanding warrant and transported Graham to Yolo County Jail.

**Christopher Lee McKee**, 36, was arrested Thursday, Nov. 20 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer was dispatched to the location for a report of vandalism. Officer arrived on scene and contacted a male matching the description in the call. A records check of the male, identified as McKee, revealed the warrant. He was detained and transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Mark Gerard Hollon**, 62, was arrested Thursday, Nov. 20 on Stillwater Road by West Sacramento Police for trespassing. Officer was dispatched to a hotel at the location for report of trespassing. Employee at the location stated the business wanted to press charges because Hollon had been there on multiple locations and had been previously asked to leave the property. The employee further stated that Hollon frequently returns to the business, refuses to leave when asked, and continues to cause disturbances. Today, Hollon returned to the business and again refused to leave, claiming he had a room at the hotel. Employee signed a citizen's arrest form, Hollon was contacted in the lobby, detained and transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Johnathan William Huemer**, 39, was arrested Thursday, Nov. 20 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Huemer. A rear seat passenger identified himself and a records check revealed the passenger was on post-release community supervision (PRCS). Huemer and the passenger were removed from the vehicle and a search was conducted due to the active PRCS. During the search, officer located a large number of empty, small, clear plastic resealable baggies on the dashboard. Officer also located a scale and a large quantity of a white crystallized substance in a Ziploc bag in the center console. 11 small bags of marijuana were found in the glove box, individually packaged in different small clear bags and containers that were not from a dispensary. Two glass pipes were found in the vehicle, and both had white residue inside and scorch marks on the bulbous ends. The white crystallized substance later tested presumptive positive for fentanyl and methamphetamine. Huemer was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with possessing a controlled substance for sale, possessing unlawful paraphernalia, and selling marijuana.

**Jose Miguel Romero**, 42, was arrested Friday, Nov. 21 at Anna Street and Todhunter Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a male walking in the roadway, wearing dark-colored clothing, rubber kitchen-style gloves, carrying a backpack and a large piece of cardboard. Officer tried to contact the male due to his being in the middle of a poorly lit street; however, the male ignored officer and walked into a nearby apartment complex, stating he was “going home.” Officer maintained visual observation of the male and saw him exit the complex through a different route in what appeared to be an attempt to avoid police contact. Based on the male's behavior, officer believed the male was actively prowling. Officer attempted to detain the male, giving clear verbal commands to stop and he failed to comply. Officer approached on foot and finally detained him. The male refused to identify himself and was later positively identified as Romero via a previous booking photograph. He was placed under arrest and a search incident to arrest revealed a small, clear plastic bag containing a white crystalline substance, which tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine. A search of the backpack revealed a large hammer, a crescent wrench and a small spark plug. Romero was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with loitering on private property, resisting

a peace officer, possessing a controlled substance and possessing burglary tools.

**Edward Mazhula**, 27, was transported Friday, Nov. 21 from the Sacramento Main Jail to Yolo County Jail for a felony bench warrant.

**Monet Alexis Murray-Garcia**, 22, was arrested Saturday, Nov. 22 at Douglas Street and Andrew Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a possible intoxicated driver. Officer arrived on scene and found a vehicle matching the description provided by dispatch with a single female occupant asleep behind the wheel. The vehicle was in park and the engine running at time of contact. Officer contacted the driver, identified as Murray-Garcia, and assisted her from the vehicle. Officer observed objective signs of intoxication and asked her to complete field sobriety tests, which she did not complete sufficiently. Officer placed her in custody, and she was transported to complete pre-booking paperwork. The vehicle she had been driving had registration that expired in July of 2023, so it was towed for being expired past 6 months. Inventory search of the vehicle found a pink backpack inside containing a digital scale, unused plastic baggies, and five separate baggies of various weights containing a green leafy substance. Based on these items, indicative of possession of marijuana for the purpose of sale, Murray-Garcia was transported to Yolo County Jail with that charge and DUI.

**John Joseph Armes**, 37, was arrested Sunday, Nov. 23 at Locks Drive and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a male unconscious in his vehicle. Officer arrived on scene and contacted the driver, identified as Armes, in the left turn lane. Armes admitted to drinking alcohol prior to driving and consented to field sobriety tests, which he performed poorly. Officer observed signs of intoxication and Armes was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with DUI and blood alcohol concentration >.08 after an evidentiary breath test.

**Carlos Casillas**, 26, was arrested Monday, Nov. 24 at southbound Interstate 5 and Laguna Boulevard in Sacramento by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a vehicle turn from Enterprise Boulevard onto Seaport Boulevard in an industrial area late at night. A registration check of the vehicle showed it was expired since February 2024. Officer recognized the vehicle as one seen two weeks earlier around the same time of night prowling around closed businesses. At that time, the driver eluded him. As the driver, later identified as Casillas, drove down Seaport, officer made a U-turn to conduct an enforcement stop for the expired registration. As the officer tried to catch up, Casillas turned onto another street, failing to stop at a stop sign. Officer activated overhead lights to initiate a stop; Casillas failed to yield and fled. A chase ensued at high speed through town, ignoring stop signs and red lights and onto the highway at even higher speed. Casillas continued down the Interstate, where thick smoke began coming from his vehicle. He pulled his vehicle to the right shoulder of Interstate 5 and drove down an embankment, stopping in some berry bushes. Casillas was ordered out of the vehicle and detained without further incident. A search of his person found a glass smoking pipe in his pants pocket. A search of Casillas' vehicle found a large, heavy-duty set of bolt cutters. Records check revealed Casillas was unlicensed. Casillas was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with driving without a license, no evidence of current registration, failing to stop at a stop sign, evading a peace officer with wanton disregard for safety, possessing unlawful paraphernalia and possessing burglary tools.

### Incidents / Crime Reports

**Saturday, Nov. 1** – retail store on West Capitol Avenue reports three unknown and unidentified suspects took unknown items from the store. Undetermined value of loss.

**Tuesday, Nov. 11** – a business on Shore Street reports a former employee took approximately \$5,500 via fraudulent refunds between the beginning of May and end of July this year. Suspect information provided.

**Tuesday, Nov. 18** – victim reports locked storage room on 5th Street was broken into by an unknown suspect. One Team Fuji bicycle and two black Vmax VX5 e-scooters were taken, valued at \$1425. The following day, the reporting party located her bicycle and observed a man riding it. The man was contacted and stated he recently bought the bicycle. Follow-up investigation will be conducted.

**Tuesday, Nov. 18** – victim reports an unidentified suspect threw a metal can at the victim, shattering his windshield in a parking lot on Harbor Boulevard. Damage estimated at \$700.

**Thursday, Nov. 20** – a business on Riverside Parkway reports the theft of a vehicle battery by an unknown suspect. Loss valued at \$300.

**Saturday, Nov. 22** – a business on Douglas Street reports theft of mail by unknown suspect(s) from the community mailbox at a residential facility. Undetermined value of loss.

**Monday, Nov. 24** – victim reports their storage unit on Harbor Boulevard was broken into by unknown suspect(s). Loss value pending inventory of property.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250880

The following person(s) is doing business as: Alexander Grant Investments, 318 Del Oro Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. Grant Oerding, 318 Del Oro Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 10, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 16, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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GRANT 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250882

The following person(s) is doing business as: Vael Aesthetics, 25620 County Road 23, Esparto, CA 95627.

PG Management Group CA LLC, 25620 County Road 23, 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 October 16, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 16, 2025.

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VAEL 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250935

The following person(s) is doing business as: Properly Maintained, 421 Myrtle Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

West Sacramento Handyman LLC, 421 Myrtle Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 5, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 6, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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WEST 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250866

The following person(s) is doing business as: Oh My Stars Photo Booth Company, 1805 Willow Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Cecil Ramirez, 1805 Willow Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 27, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 9, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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OH 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250912

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ANGELA O PROPS SERVICES, 126 Colby Ln, Winters, CA 95694 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 126 Colby Ln, Winters, CA 95694 I LINK RESOURCES LLC, 126 Colby Ln, Winters, CA 95694

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

I LINK RESOURCES LLC S/ ANGELA OTTEN, MANAGER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/30/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder KQUAM, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250934

The following person(s) is doing business as: Couriergo, 405 Garden Street Apt 211, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Adam Lizarraga, 405 Garden Street Apt 211, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 6, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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COURIERGO 12-12-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250858

The following person(s) is doing business as: Devine International, Shoreline Chassis Pool, 3870 Channel Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Devine & Son Trucking Co. Inc., 3870 Channel Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 1999.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 7, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
DEVINE 12-12-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250955

The following person(s) is doing business as: A&T Cleaning Services, 845 Fenley Way, Winters, CA 95694.

Anissa Jihad, 845 Fenley Way, Winters, CA 95694. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 6, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 6, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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CLEANING 12-12-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250962

The following person(s) is doing business as: Lee's Health Advisor, 3340 Bevan Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Irene Lee, 3340 Bevan Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 17, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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LEES 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250969

The following person(s) is doing business as: Lefier's Delights, 2768 County Road 88A, Dunnigan, CA 95937.

Marvel Fierros Montoya, PO Box 620, Dunnigan, CA 95937. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 18, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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LEFIERS 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250968

The following person(s) is doing business as: Ascentpath Veterinary Laboratories, 2950 Beacon Boulevard, Suite 50, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Ascentpath Laboratories Inc, 4530 El Macero Drive, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 18, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025  
ASCENTPATH 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250972

The following person(s) is doing business as: AW Mortgage, 3560 Saint John Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

ATW Enterprise, LLC, 3560 Saint John Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 21, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 19, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025  
AW 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250955

The following person(s) is doing business as: Odesa Trading Solutions, 1830 Madrone Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Aleksandra Sbitneva, 1830 Madrone Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 13, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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ODESA 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250980

The following person(s) is doing business as: Pizza Factory Inc, 108 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694.

13PF Inc, 108 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed

above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 21, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
PIZZA 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250954

The following person(s) is doing business as: AMPS-EV II, LLC 752 Ikea Court, West Sacramento, CA 95605

AMPS-EV, LLC, 111 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. 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 November 13, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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AMPS 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250978

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Honest Man's Mobile RV Repairs, 259 RAINBOW DRIVE Unit 15938, LIVINGSTON, TX 77399 County of Polk Mailing Address: 2398 Woolner Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533 Along For The Ride, LLC, 259 RAINBOW DRIVE Unit 15938, LIVINGSTON, TX 77399

This business is conducted by a limited liability company

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

Along For The Ride, LLC S/ ABRAHAM OJEDA, MANAGER OF ALONG FOR THE RIDE LLC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/20/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder KQUAM, Deputy  
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/25  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250900

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. BLACK AUGUST, 2. BLACK AUGUST FOUNDATION, 3. BLACKAUGUST.ORG, 1260 LAKE BLVD STE 239, YOLO, CA 95616 - 2687 County of YOLO Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 106, YOLO, CA 95697 - 0106 MARE PRINCIA STUDIOS INC., 1260 LAKE BLVD STE 239, YOLO, CA 95616

This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on AUGUST 4th, 2025.

MARE PRINCIA STUDIOS INC. S/ THEODORE HARRISON III, PRESIDENT, MARE PRINCIA STUDIOS INC.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/24/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

Morgan Braun, Deputy  
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## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. F20250937

The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Caietti's Truck Repair, 404 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on December 14, 1988, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Caietti III Inc, 404 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The business was conducted by: A Corporation.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 7, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 2025  
CAIETTIS 12-12-25

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME

#CV20253205

Gilbert Louis Cota JR has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gilbert Louis Cota JR to Gilbert Louis Cota-Zambrano.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 30, 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: November 12, 2025  
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025  
COTA 12-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME

#CV2025-3295

Nhac Trong Pham & Lan Thi Pham has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jason Pham Trong Le to Jason Trong Pham.

IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 14, 2026, 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: November 19, 2025  
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
PHAM 12-26-25

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICARDO EDWARD TERLESKY

CASE NO. PR2025-0274

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Ricardo Edward Terlesky.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 14. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Jennifer Wallis, 2950 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 300, Walnut Creek, CA 94597; 925-222-5554

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## LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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

975 F St. West Sacramento, CA 95605 on 12/9/2025 @11:00am: Xavier Winn; Georginia Simonia Braila; Zackary Polach  
3280 Jefferson Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691 on 12/9/2025 @11:00am: Vanessa Garcia  
1022 Gibson Rd Woodland, CA 95695 on 12/9/2025 @11:00am: Eun You

1100 N 1st St. Dixon, CA 95620 on 12/9/2025 @2:00pm: Ashea Tucker; Samantha Morgan; Elena Lopez; Adrian Hackett; Christina Smith; Miguel Maldonado; Corie Brown; Alexander Lanzaro  
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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LIEN SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to sections 3071 and 3072 of the Civil Code of the State of California, the undersigned, CITIZENS TOWING & IMPOUND 1244 FORTNA AVE WOODLAND CA 95776, will sell at public sale on: DECEMBER 16, 2025 10:00AM, the following property:

2018 HYUND SON LIC# CF30J21 CA VIN# 5NPE24AF0JH714631  
2000 WABSH TRLR LIC# 4CY9335 CA VIN# 1JJV527W7YL697668  
1974 FRUEHF TRLR LIC# NONE VIN# MES437722

Lien holder has a right to bid at said sale.

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## TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-25-1015815-CL Order No.: FIN-25006245 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/13/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by 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 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. 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(s):

**Vineeta Rai and Sandip Kumar Patel, wife and husband** Recorded: 1/14/2022 as Instrument No. 2022-0001261 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California; Date of Sale: 12/22/2025 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: At the North Entrance of the West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$409,228.08 The purported property address is: 839 COPPER LN, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 Assessor's Parcel No. : 058-370-026-000

All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. **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 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-25-1015815-CL. 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 website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 619-645-7711, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this fore-

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION / LIEN SALE

NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN that a mobilehome registered to CATHERINE LOUISE LICKERS, in which ELIJIO EUGENE GALLEGOS may claim an interest, and described as a 1970 CAMERON mobilehome, Decal Number AAA4950, Serial Number 30191

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### TRUSTEE SALE

closure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1015815-CL** 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. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the

address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-25-1015815-CL and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions

will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This

shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary'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 holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For **NON SALE** information

**only Sale Line: 800-280-2832**  
**Or Login to:** <http://www.qualityloan.com> **Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-25-1015815-CL IDSPub #0261439 11/21/2025 11/28/2025 12/5/2025**  
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# Community Calendar

## DECEMBER EVENTS

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

**Friday, Dec. 5: English conversation group**, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Family friends story time, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. We'll celebrate "Clifford the Big Red Dog" with story time and crafts.

**Saturday, Dec. 6: Russian story time**, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sacramento Philharmonic Winter Concert, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for an unforgettable, free concert of classical music.

**Monday, Dec. 8: 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. Kids are invited to drop in after school for homework help in math, science, and more with a high school volunteer. Spots are first come, first served, and are limited to 20 minutes if other students are waiting.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9: Hug-a-Bye Baby**, 11 a.m. to noon.

**Wednesday, Dec. 10: Wiggle Wednesday**, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Evening book club, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. This month we'll be discussing "Goodbye, Vitamin" by Rachel Khong.

**Thursday, Dec. 11: Yoga at the library**, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 12: English conversation group**, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 13: West Sacramento Friends of the Library book sale**, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for members only. Open to the general public, 10 a.m. to noon. All proceeds from the sale support the Turner Community Library. Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

**Wednesday, Dec. 10: 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**.

**Continuing through Friday, Dec. 5: West Sacramento Police Department Toy Drive**, drop-off bins located at Lenise's Café, City Donut and Starbucks at Town Center Plaza. Feeling generous this holiday season? You can help make a local child's holiday brighter by donating an unwrapped gift. Or donate through the "WSPD Annual Toy Drive Wish List" on Amazon.com.

**Continuing through Tuesday, Dec. 23: See's Candy Sales at the West Sacramento Moose Family Center – Lodge 1762**, 3240 Jefferson Blvd., daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This fundraiser supports the Lodge General Fund. Candy can be purchased in the Lodge or via drive-through. Call 916-371-9684 for more information.

**Continuing through Wednesday, Dec. 24: Pence Gallery Holiday Market**, 212 D St., Davis, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except for Dec. 24 (closes at 3 p.m.). Enjoy this treasure trove of handcrafted items made by regional artists and artisans, perfect for holiday gift giving. Purchases can be wrapped in a gift bag upon request. Pence members receive 10% off Holiday Market purchases.

**Continuing through Monday, Dec. 29: Claude Monet – the Immersive Experience**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily except Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This exhibit features Exhibition Hub's award-winning, 4K digital mapping techniques through which guests are fully enveloped in Monet's brilliant and contemplative works. Tickets and more information at [www.monetexpo.com/sacramento](http://www.monetexpo.com/sacramento)

**Continuing through Sunday, Dec. 29: Magical Christmas Train** at 18095 County Road 117. Step into a dazzling holiday wonderland aboard the newly reimaged train. Santa's elves fill each car with laughter and song, leading joyful carols, playing elvish games, and helping little ones craft their letters to Santa. Then, step

off the train in Santa's Village – a storybook scene of snow-dusted streets, a glittering tree farm, and Santa himself waiting to greet everyone. For more information, or to schedule this one-hour trip, contact [www.riverfox-train.com/experiences](http://www.riverfox-train.com/experiences)

**Continuing through Wednesday, Dec. 31: Yolo County Animal Services Countywide Pet Food Donation Drive**, find donation bins at participating businesses throughout Yolo County, including PetSmart in Davis and Pet Supplies Plus in Woodland. Residents may also drop off donations directly at YCAS, 2640 E. Gibson Rd., Woodland.

**Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6: Winters Tractor Parade & Festival**, in Downtown Winters. Find holiday vendors, food trucks and more at Rotary Park and Downtown Main Street Friday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. You can participate in the elf hunt and cocoa crawl at participating businesses from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and then enjoy the tree lighting at 6 p.m. and Santa visits at the Gazebo in Rotary Park. Saturday, enjoy a holiday marketplace from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., with the tractor parade starting at Main & 4th at 6 p.m. Santa will visit from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the gazebo at Rotary Park, 201 E. Main Street, Winters.

**Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6: Davis Senior High Madrigal Yuletide Feast**, 5:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. both nights at Richard Brunelle Performance Hall, 315 W. 14th Street, Davis. Enjoy a full-course meal, a grand performance and a silent auction. This annual event is arranged by the choir and celebrates Yuletide festivities as they would have been experienced during the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth I. Tickets and more information at [www.davismadrigals.org](http://www.davismadrigals.org)

**Friday, Dec. 5: Woodland Holiday Tree Lighting**, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy an "Elf on the Shelf" scavenger hunt at 427 Main Street, and live music in Heritage Plaza, 701 Main Street. While you're searching for those mischievous elves, bring non-perishable food items to donate when you drop off your completed map at Elf headquarters. More information at [www.visitwoodland.com](http://www.visitwoodland.com)

**Friday, Dec. 5: West Sacramento Tree Lighting**, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Civic Center District, 1110 West Capitol Ave. Join the City of West Sacramento and the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce as we kick off the holiday season with a celebration proudly sponsored by Yolo Federal Credit Union. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for an evening filled with festive fun. Enjoy live local performances, free photos with Santa, hot cocoa, cookies, and more.

Saturday, Dec. 6 through Sunday, **Dec. 14: Woodland Wonderland of Lights**, weekdays 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., weekends, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Experience the magic of the season at this dazzling drive-thru display that the whole family will love. Cruise through twinkling tunnels, festive scenes, and larger-than-life holiday light sculptures from the warmth of your car. Tickets are per vehicle and redeemable any day and time of the event. Tickets and more information at [www.yolocountyfair.net/p/tickets](http://www.yolocountyfair.net/p/tickets)

**Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7: Craft is Art Christmas Craft Faire**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 Gum Ave., Woodland. Unique gifts; enjoy the hunt through three exhibit buildings. Free admission and free parking.

**Saturday, Dec. 6: Southport Santa Breakfast**, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. inside the Southport Elementary School Cafeteria, 2747 Linden Rd. Start of the holiday season with our annual breakfast with the big guy himself. Enjoy the holiday art exhibit, our delicious cocoa bar, fresh baked cookies, and plenty of Southport Sunrise Blend coffee. Breakfast tickets can be purchased for \$5 per plate or \$15 for four at the link on the Southport Elementary

PTO Facebook page.

**Saturday, Dec. 6: Orchard Stewardship Volunteer Day**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sycamore Trail Community Orchard. Participants will learn about the key elements of a thriving orchard and take part in hands-on projects that enhance the health and resilience of the orchard ecosystem. Recommended parking at Michigan Boulevard and Maple Street. Registration required at [www.landbasedlearning.org](http://www.landbasedlearning.org)

**Saturday, Dec. 6: First Annual Badge of Giving Toy Drive**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) Headquarters, 755 Riverpoint Dr. This is a drive-through drop-off event, where you can donate new, unwrapped toys for kids of all ages from your car. Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, hang out with Jingles & Jangles the Christmas Elves, and meet "Tuff Teddy". Share this wonderful opportunity to make a big impact on the lives of others.

**Saturday, Dec. 6: Dickens in the Valley 2025 Holiday Home Tour**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Presented by Friends of Meals on Wheels Yolo County, this docent-led tour features five beautiful homes dressed in holiday splendor. Tickets available in advance at Corner Drug Co., 602 Main Street, Woodland, or Embellish Home Décor & Gifts, 540 Main Street, Woodland. More information at [www.mowyolo.org](http://www.mowyolo.org)

**Saturday, Dec. 6: Keep it Local Art Sale**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1338 Notre Dame Drive, Davis. Five long-time Davis residents and artisans will host this pop-up art sale of their work. If you're looking for something beyond the usual gift, or for yourself, be sure to visit this sale.

**Saturday, Dec. 6: Candy Cane Lane**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Delta Shores, 8270 Delta Shores Circle South, Sacramento. Immerse yourself in a swirl of magical fun and family-friendly entertainment. Enjoy a day of free, family-friendly magical activities, including story time and a meet-and-greet with Buddy the Elf, fun games, face painters, and seasonal kids' crafts, local vendors, community organizations, and more.

**Saturday, Dec. 6: Gingerbread Workshop**, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Emile's Café, 1300 Lake Washington Blvd. Join us for a workshop designed for children, families, friends, and neighbors of all ages. We'll provide everything you need to bring your gingerbread vision to life, from icing to structure supports to colorful candy details. Emile's Café will have drink specials (grown-up ones too) along with small bites for purchase. Register in advance at [www.thewondergrove.org](http://www.thewondergrove.org)

**Saturday, Dec. 6: Davis Chorale performs "What Sweeter Music" at the Davis Community Church**, 412 C Street, Davis. Concerts at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. will celebrate songs of joy, winter, and holiday featuring music from the Renaissance to modern day. Full program information at [www.davischorale.org](http://www.davischorale.org)

**Sunday, Dec. 7: Capay Valley Grown Holiday Gift Trail**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit farms and artists throughout the Capay Valley for the best local gifts and treats to make your holiday table bountiful or share with friends and family. For more information, contact [info@capayvalleyvision.org](mailto:info@capayvalleyvision.org)

**Sunday, Dec. 7: Christmas Concert 2025**, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Davis Community Church, 412 C Street, Davis. The concert will feature the Chancel and Bell Choirs, a jazz ensemble and the C Street Ukulele Band. The concert is free with an opportunity to donate. Adults and kids are welcome to join us to get into the holiday spirit.

**Monday, Dec. 8 through Monday, Dec. 15: West Sacramento Fire's Santa Run**, weeknights starting at 6 p.m. Santa will travel through city neighborhoods on a decorated fire engine "sleigh," handing out candy canes, while helpers collect canned food donations for local

families. Live Santa tracking will be available starting at 6 p.m. each night at <https://wsac.city/SantaMap> Schedules may change due to weather; updates will be posted one hour before each run on WSFD's Instagram and Facebook pages.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9: Alyce Norman Park Master Plan public meeting**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bryte Career and College Training, 637 Todhunter, Ave. Stop in and share your input to help shape the future of Alyce Norman Park. Check out the design options and enjoy free snacks.

**Wednesday, Dec. 10: Bird Identification Workshop**, 7 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street, Davis (a Zoom option is also available.) Yolo Bird Alliance is planning the annual Putah Creek Christmas Bird Count (PCCBC) on Sunday, December 21, and this workshop will help you prepare to participate. The public is invited, and the event is free. The PCCBC occurs in a 15-mile diameter count circle centering on Putah Creek. More information and registration links at [www.yolobirdalliance.org](http://www.yolobirdalliance.org)

**Friday, Dec. 12: Kids' Night Out – Pancakes and Pajamas**, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Drop off the kids for games, crafts, dancing, and supervised fun with Parks & Recreation staff. The kids get a night out while their parents or grownups get a night off. Kids will enjoy breakfast-for-dinner, cocoa, and popcorn. Pajamas are optional. Be sure to send the kids with blankets and pillows to lounge on during movie time.

**Saturday, Dec. 13: Family Holiday Festival**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Ave., Winters. This annual event, brought to you by Winters Friends of the Library, is filled with fun for the whole family. Enjoy musical performances, crafts to make and buy, visits with Santa, delicious food from Mrs. Claus' kitchen, and quality used adult and children's books for sale.

**Saturday, Dec. 13: Woodland's Annual Holiday Celebration**, 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Plaza, 2nd and Main Streets, Woodland. Enjoy the holiday craft fair during the afternoon and stay for the parade down Main Street from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. This year's parade theme is "A Whimsical Holiday Tale" so expect to enjoy all the warm, holiday whimsy. Get your shopping done with local vendors selling unique items, tasty treats, holiday crafts, and more.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**Café Yolo Social Dining** meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Seniors over age 60 are invited to mingle and dine for free, sponsored by Meals on Wheels. Reservations required 24 hours in advance at 530-662-7035 or email [welcome@mowyolo.org](mailto:welcome@mowyolo.org).

**Cars and Coffee Woodland**, a monthly car meetup for enthusiasts. Join us every first Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 1332 E. Main St., Woodland. This free, family-friendly event is designed for car enthusiasts who enjoy a relaxed, casual meet without the commitment of an all-day show. Next show, Dec. 6. More information at [www.woodlandcarsandcoffee.com](http://www.woodlandcarsandcoffee.com)

**Davis Craft and Vintage Fair**, twice each month, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Park, 5th and B St., Davis. Expect to see friendly vendors with local handmade and original art, crafts, quality vintage items, upcycled treasures, earth-friendly creations, good food and more. Next fair is Sunday, Dec. 7. Information and other dates at [www.daviscraftandvintage.org](http://www.daviscraftandvintage.org)

**Home Depot Kids Workshops** are free in-person at 690 Riverpoint Court on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, while supplies last. The next class will be Dec. 6, making a holiday cocoa mug.

Registration required by using the following link: [www.homedepot.com/workshops/](http://www.homedepot.com/workshops/)

**Lowe's Kids Workshops** are free in-person each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. The next workshop will be creating a sleigh ride on Saturday, Dec. 20. Registration required by searching "events" at [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com)

**Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento** meets on Fridays at noon at Streets of London, 2200 Lake Washington Blvd. See [www.rotary-clubofwestsacramento.org](http://www.rotary-clubofwestsacramento.org) for more information, including how to join the Rotary.

Out of the Box Ministries, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd, is looking for volunteers and drivers to help with their upcoming Christmas events: Dec. 14, 2 p.m. food packing, Dec. 16, 4 p.m. delivery to the Police Department, Dec. 17, 6 p.m. Cookiepalooza, 6 p.m., and Dec. 18, food distribution at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners** will be available to answer your gardening questions at their West Sacramento Gardening Q&A Desk. It will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at Lowe's, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. This desk is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jennifer Baumbach at [jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu](mailto:jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu) or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, Dec. 6.

**Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting**, Thursday, Dec. 18, 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.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas](http://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas) The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

**West Sacramento Moose Lodge 1762 Toiletry Drive** – collecting to support those in need in the community. Drop off your new, unopened items now through December during business hours at 3240 Jefferson Blvd. in the red box by the back door. A list of suggested items is on the Lodge Facebook page; call 916-371-9684 after 4 p.m. for more information.

**Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Tours** run rain or shine on the third Sunday of each month, unless there is flooding. View seasonal and permanent wetlands, native grasslands and young riparian forests. Meet at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 County Road 32B. Next tour will be Sunday, Dec. 21. Registration is required at [www.yolobasin.org](http://www.yolobasin.org)

## COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCES

**City of West Sacramento Parking Lot, 1271 West Capitol Ave., every Saturday, 8:30 a.m.** while supplies last. This is a walk-up distribution. Please bring your own bags or cart.

**Masjid Aisha, 700 Glide Ave., every Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.** while supplies last. This is a walk-up food distribution. Please bring your own bags or cart.

**Sutter Health Park, 400 Ballpark Dr., every Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.** while supplies last. For more information, call 530-668-0690.

**Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 Gum Ave., Woodland on Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.** while supplies last. This is a drive-through. Food will be pre-packed. Stay in your car and follow volunteers' directions.

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Will the real Sacramento Kings please stand up. Yes, Kings fans, it's been a conundrum to say the least, and in spite of a 5 and 16 record to start the season, bright spots have actually surfaced.

Stuck with 3 paltry wins just one week ago, the Sactown boys went into the city of Denver, and handed the first place Nuggets a surprising 128-123 defeat. Perhaps equally surprising was the 117-112 win over the Timberwolves just 2 nights later before a roaring crowd at Golden One Center. Both victories came with big man Domantas Sabonis sidelined with a knee injury, leaving fans and pundits wondering what can these guys do if they play like this at full strength?

Well, that's certainly a good question, but we can all remember what the team looked like 3 seasons ago when Domantas arrived in Sacramento and led the Kings to 48 wins and a playoff berth. That team led the NBA in scoring but also had a vaunted point guard by the name of DeArron Fox.

I think it's important to take a closer look at these back-to-back wins that the Kings recently put together and try to find a common thread. It's actually very obvious. In both wins the Kings shot remarkably well from the free throw line, something that has been seemingly impossible for this team to do. Against the Nuggets the Kings went 22-23 missing amazingly only one shot the entire night. Two nights later against the Timberwolves the Kings went 26-28 from the line missing only 2 shots.

Now compare that with Sunday night's game against the Grizzlies. 59% from the free throw line in a tight game converting on only 13 of 22 attempts in a 115-107 loss.

Unfortunately, the game against the Grizzlies has been the pattern we've seen all too often when the Kings put together that alarming 8-games losing streak.

So, even with Domantas Sabonis sidelined, the Kings are capable of taking down some of the best teams in the NBA, but making their free throws is absolutely critical!

Unfortunately, the Kings are among the worst shooting NBA teams when it comes to free throws, and as we've seen, if wins are to come that pattern has to change.

Doug Christie can talk all he wants to

about defense and playing for 48 minutes, but if his team can't convert from the line the stats don't lie.

But the Sacramento Kings can only play the players on the court, and this year's pattern of substitutions has been a head scratcher. Last year's first round draft choice Devin Carter has been all but forgotten as he sits game after game on the pines. A solid defender, good rebounder, and efficient scorer around the rim, Devin appears not to be in the Kings future and fans want to know why.

The coaching staff talks about a youth movement while second year player Isaac Jones was recently cut from the team. 6'9" with a huge wingspan, Isaac was scooped up by the first place Detroit Pistons almost immediately, and it won't surprise me to see them utilize Jones moving forward.

The number 1 problem has been identified and it's the inability to shoot free throws with any consistency, but what is #2?

The coaching staff and entire franchise can't evaluate talent! Drafting talent over the years, and talent that resides already on the team.

Allowing Jonas Valanciunas to get away was a huge mistake, and one that has benefited the Denver Nuggets greatly.

No one could see or even imagine a Kings team with Domantas at the #4 and moving Valanciunas to the #5.

Any way you look at it, the Kings shot themselves in the foot when they let Jonas walk away.

Defensive standout Keon Ellis is getting less and less playing time, logging all of 6 minutes in the loss to the Grizzlies, and fans attending home games have taken to collectively calling, "we want Keon, we want Keon!"

This is not a good look, but it begs the question, why? Why do fans have to beg the coach to play a player that could obviously help the team?

Player evaluation, it's as simple as that.

Don't put all the blame for a 5-16 record solely on the players and give the coaching staff a pass.

All the best!

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

## New Studies Gives Lowdown on California's Sky-High Living Costs



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

We Californians know, or should know, that while living in this state has many positive aspects, we are paying through the nose for the experience.

A flurry of recent studies drives home how deeply California residents must dig to meet costs of living that are either at or near the highest of any state.

One comes from the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Legislature's advisor on the state budget, delving into the astronomical costs of buying a home.

The LAO study found "California home prices far exceed the rest of the country." Mid-tier homes, those roughly in the middle of the price range, are more than twice as expensive as the typical mid-tier home elsewhere in the U.S. Monthly payments for such homes run about \$5,500 in California, 74% more than what they were 25 years ago.

The study also found that the annual household income needed to qualify for a mortgage on a mid-tier California home in September was about \$221,000 — more than two times the median California household income in 2024, which was \$102,000.

For a bottom-tier home, about \$136,000 in annual income is needed to qualify for a mortgage — about 33%

higher than median household income was in 2024.

The data illustrate why California has the second lowest rate of home ownership in the nation. Just 55.3% of Californians live in homes they or their families own, slightly higher than New York's ownership rate.

It's not surprising that hundreds of thousands of California residents, unable to aspire to home ownership, have decamped for more affordable states, such as Texas, where home prices are a fraction of California's.

Those who do migrate to other states find not only are houses much less expensive but fuel for their cars and utilities to light, heat and cool their homes are markedly less expensive.

The Center for Jobs & the Economy, an offshoot of the California Business Roundtable, continuously monitors energy costs in California and other states. Its latest report says gasoline, averaging \$4.64 a gallon in California, is as much as \$1.50 a gallon higher than in Texas and other states. California's electrical power rates are roughly twice as high.

Another take on California living costs comes from the Transparency Foundation, a conservative economic think tank.

It gathered a wide variety of factors and calculated living costs for an upper-middle class California family with a \$130,000 annual income. It concluded the family would pay \$29,753 more per year than the national average for housing, utilities, health care, taxes and other costs of living.

"This report should be a wake-up call to all Californians, that they are

being unfairly punished by the bad policies imposed on them by their politicians — and they are literally paying the price for it," Dave McCulloch, the foundation's chairman, said in a statement about the report.

A new poll by the Public Policy Institute of California confirms that Californians worry about living costs. Nearly a third of those polled said they, or someone in their household, have reduced food purchases to save money.

The California Farm Bureau revealed that a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for 10 people will cost a California family \$72.61, well above the national average of \$55.18.

Finally, there's a new report from WalletHub, a website devoted to personal finance, implying that Californians are taking on more debt to pay their rising bills.

In this year's third quarter — July through September — the average California household added \$880 in new debt, increasing the total owed to \$259,773, second only to residents of Hawaii.

All together, Californians' personal debt increased by \$11.8 billion during the quarter.

Now it's nearly \$3.2 trillion, just a bit lower than their \$3.6 trillion in annual personal income.

A truly staggering number.

*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.* ★

## Social Security Matters Is Social Security Really a "Good Deal?"



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** You've said in the past that most people recoup their SS contributions within five years of starting benefits, thus Social Security "is an exceptionally good deal." Your calculation is correct but misleading; if it were not, SS would have been insolvent long ago. I will, in fact, get "my" contributions back in about five years, but my employer's contributions will take another five years, and that is money that my employer could have been paying me, so they are really "my" contributions. But even that ignores the time value of money. I did a calculation as if my contributions, along with those of my employer, were invested in an account earning 5% per year. That would provide me the equivalent of SS income for 24 years, presumably what my life expectancy was when I retired. So, it's not a bad deal, but it is hardly exceptional. It is roughly the equivalent of me investing that money throughout my career and using the total to buy an annuity.

Of course, Social Security does have the advantage of certainty, at least until it goes broke. My portfolio

would not earn a steady 5% every year, though that is at the low end of what financial managers would expect over a long period. And it does force people to save, many of whom would otherwise make no provision for retirement. **Signed: Realistic Senior**

**Dear Realistic:** Thanks very much for your feedback on my previous article. I think it's important to draw a distinction for SS contributions made by an employer, because that is not money the individual personally pays, but rather an obligation for employers to help fund the Social Security program. Without that federal obligation, it is doubtful that employers would, instead, provide employees with equivalent additional compensation, so the thought that these are really your contributions is not a fair assessment. Indeed, they are contributions which happen to be tied to your earnings level (to a cap), for which employers receive relief on their corporate income tax, and likely would not make if not required by law.

As you have noted, Social Security has the advantage of certainty, something which is lacking when it comes to investing the equivalent amounts in the financial markets. And, as you have hinted, there exists a substantial failure by future American retirees to save adequately for their retirement, a problem well known in most financial circles. Thus, the certainty of Social Security makes it a crucial part of everyone's retirement planning — and it will be there! Despite all the

angst attributed to the current financial issues facing the program, there is little doubt that Social Security is here to stay. The question is — what reform is needed to make the program fully solvent for generations of future Americans? The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has developed a proposal to sensibly reform Social Security and avoid the currently projected 2033 date that the SS Trust Funds are expected to be depleted (which will necessitate an across-the-board cut for everyone). We have little doubt that the reform needed will happen (it would be political suicide for Congress if it did not), and hopefully soon. You can read about AMAC's proposed solution at this link: [www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee](http://www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee).

Again, thank you for your feedback and commentary. Please know that we very much appreciate your thoughts and are always willing to discuss these issues.

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## The Epstein Conspiracy in Plain Sight

Regardless, populists have a different narrative at hand that is consistent with the known record. Namely, that some of the most privileged members of our society — at the very top of the financial, academic, political, media and social worlds — had no standards or ethics, and embraced Epstein as a friend and consigliere.

Epstein knew influential people, so influential people felt that they should know him. They considered him fun, and useful — for advice, for banter, for introductions, for information and for donations. The emails suggest that Epstein missed his calling as a high-level, seamy advice columnist to the rich and powerful.

Want to know more about the reputation of the woman you are having an affair with? Seeking advice on how to gain political influence in Europe? Wondering how you're handling your interactions with a potential mistress? Looking for insights about Donald Trump? Trying to survive sexual harassment allegations? Need a reference for a gastroenterologist? Well, then, ask Jeffrey Epstein.

He emailed with former Harvard president Larry Summers, the linguist Noam Chomsky, venture capitalist Boris Nikolic, Emirati businessman Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Trump activist Steve Bannon, the journalist Michael Wolff, the artist Andres Serrano, the department store scion Jonathan Farkas and former White House counsel Kathryn

Ruemmler, among others. It's not as though Epstein was particularly insightful, but if he knew so many important people, he must know something, right?

As for his scrape with the law, clearly all had been forgiven and forgotten. If he was in the good graces of the social wrangler Peggy Siegal, whose job was to get bold-faced names to accept invitations, he must be OK. For some of Epstein's correspondents, it was part of his appeal that he was disreputable. Larry Summers, who leaned on Epstein for romantic advice, asked him at one point: "How is life among the lucrative and louche?"

Epstein's social currency is one reason that he got off so easily the first time he was prosecuted — he hired the best, most connected defense attorneys, who outclassed and intimidated his prosecutors.

As for Trump, he is guilty of enjoying Epstein's company a couple of decades ago, presumably for the same reason so many others did. But he had a falling out with Epstein long ago. Trump didn't have anything to do with him at the time that so many others in these emails were socializing with Epstein, confiding in him and asking him for insight on Trump. That's a disgrace, and it's always been in plain sight. In the Epstein story, it's not so much follow the money — although that's important and still mysterious — as follow the social network.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2025 by King Features Synd., Inc.* ★

# Stick a Fork in California: Gov. Newsom's Proposed Retroactive Billionaire Tax

*IRS Study shows California is losing a taxpayer every minute to states like Florida, Texas, and North Carolina*

By Katy Grimes,  
California Globe

**(CALIFORNIA GLOBE)** - California Governor Gavin Newsom is pushing a retroactive billionaire tax targeting the roughly 220 billionaires residing in California in 2025, ignoring that these individuals are the most financially mobile and can live anywhere. Expecting them to remain in the state as if they will happily and willingly hand over even more of their wealth surely must be facetious.

SEIU is sponsoring the "2026 Billionaires Tax Act." The measure, recently listed on the Attorney General's website, would impose a one-time 5% tax on individual wealth exceeding \$1 billion, Marc Joffe wrote for the Globe this week. He explains the measure and more:

Although the tax would be levied based on 2026 net worth, it would apply to billionaires who resided in California in 2025, so theoretically it could not be avoided. Of course, billionaires are well equipped to defend themselves in court, so the constitutionality of this unprecedented tax will be rigorously tested.

Proponents assert that the measure would not cause billionaires to flee the state because of the one-time nature of the tax. Unlike federal wealth taxes floated by Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, the SEIU tax would not be

applied each year.

But the flaw in this argument is obvious: if the state could impose a wealth tax once, it could do so again and again. So, yes, billionaires might well leave if this measure passes.

Why are California businesses and residents fleeing the once-Golden State in droves? We've asked and answered this question many times.

California has been bleeding residents and their tax revenue for many years with moves to states with no income tax or very low income tax: Florida, Texas, Arizona, Idaho, Tennessee, South Carolina, Nevada, and even Washington State.

California's own Chevron Oil Company moved its headquarters to Houston, Texas from San Ramon, CA where it has been based since 1879, one of the biggest businesses to flee the Golden State. Chevron is in good company joining X/Twitter, Space X, Oracle, Hewlett Packard, Charles Schwab, and Toyota Motor North America, Nissei America, Inc., The Joe Rogan Experience, Gordon Ramsay North America, The Rubin Report, to name just a few of the businesses leaving California because of the state's leftist/Marxist politics and regulatory environment.

Yet Gov. Newsom and Democrats are doubling down and still gouging taxpayers and businesses with some of the highest taxes,

fees and draconian regulations in the nation.

"Despite the towering deficit, Newsom and the Democratic Party continue to spend wildly on a boondoggle bullet train and to engage in last-minute redistricting to gerrymander the state further," Jonathan Turley writes. "They have also moved to extend Medi-Cal to illegal immigrants at a massive cost to the budget. Newsom is also pushing ahead with a Commission to pay reparations to black citizens."

**Turley reports on just how bad California is:**

"A study of IRS data by the National Taxpayers Union Foundation which found that California is losing a taxpayer roughly every minute, as states like Florida, Texas, and North Carolina attract new residents due to lower taxes and higher standards of living.

In comparison, Florida gains a new taxpayer every 2 minutes and 9 seconds while Texas gains one every 2 minutes and 53 seconds.

The result has been a bonanza for Florida, which is now collecting \$4 billion more per year for its budget.

The states losing taxpayers at the fastest rate are California, New York, and Illinois. Here is the rate of loss:

California: every 1 minute and 44 seconds; New York: every 2 minutes and

23 seconds; Illinois: every 6 minutes and 4 seconds; Massachusetts: every 11 minutes and 38 seconds; New Jersey: every 14 minutes and 14 seconds.

In 2023, we asked Why Did 352 California Companies Flee to Other States in Three Years? Here's why: Low-to-no income tax states gained \$391 billion from California during 2018 to 2021, coinciding with Gavin Newsom's election as governor.

As Economist Art Laffer and Chapman Economics Professor James Doti correctly said not long ago, Gov. "Newsom doesn't appear to see in the deleterious long-term effects of a highly progressive tax system. Case in point: The 'one-percenters' who pay 50% of the tax are voting with their feet by leaving California in droves."

They explained that the ten states with the lowest income taxes including Florida and Texas, gained a cumulative net inflow from all Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) classes of \$391 billion from California during the entire 2018 to 2021 period. Note that 2018 was the final year of Democrat Governor Jerry Brown. Gov. Newsom ran for governor in 2018 and was elected. He took office January of 2019, so the 2019-2021 belongs to Gov. Gavin Newsom.

"The 10 states that ranked the highest in income taxes

— California, New York and New Jersey are in this group — lost a cumulative net inflow in AGI of \$391 billion. The fact that the 10 states with the lowest income taxes gained in AGI the same amount as the loss in AGI for the 10 states with the highest income taxes is not a coincidence." ...

**Where did these companies go?**

Most went to Texas. Here's why:

"Texas offers a combination of unique competitive business advantages that no other state can claim: a business-friendly climate—with no corporate or personal income tax—along with a highly skilled and diverse workforce, easy access to global markets, robust infrastructure and a reasonable regulatory environment," Texas Governor Greg Abbott said when he recently announced that another major California business was moving to Texas. "California-based Ruiz Foods is moving its corporate HQ to Frisco," he said. "With an unrivaled business climate and skilled, diverse workforce, Texas is America's #1 economic destination..."

Newsom might find that lowering tax rates results in higher rather than lower tax revenues, as the Laffer Curve has shown time and time again.

"The Laffer Curve showcases the intricate relationship between tax

rates and government revenue, a concept popularized by economist Arthur Laffer in 1974. This theory posits that both excessively high and low tax rates result in reduced tax revenues, suggesting that tax cuts can potentially enhance revenue collection."

"As drawn, the Laffer Curve shows that at a tax rate of 0%, the government would collect no tax revenue, just as it would collect no tax revenue at a tax rate of 100% because no one would be willing to work for an after-tax wage of zero.

Turley has a new book coming out, *Rage and the Republic: The Unfinished Story of the American Revolution*, in which he explains "there is a common myth that the top five percent of this country do not 'pay their fair share.' However, putting that debate aside, the question is whether it will produce more revenue than it costs the state in the long run. As these politicians campaign on clipping the "fat cats" who are not paying their fair share, many are likely to follow the exodus to lower tax states with greater fiscal discipline."

Turley concludes, "what is clear is that Democratic states are not showing any greater fiscal discipline as they careen toward budget meltdowns."

And to think that Gavin Newsom is running for President on this atrocious record... ★

## Congress Must Act Now

*Rural Seniors Face Healthcare Crisis*

Commentary by Ronnie Janson

As a professional advisor with more than a decade of experience specializing in the financial security of California's elderly, especially in rural communities, I feel compelled to sound the alarm on an imminent crisis that threatens the very foundation of long-term care in our state. Unless Congress acts swiftly, thousands of Californians could lose access to vital pharmaceutical services and long-term care.

This crisis stems from impending changes to Medicare Part D drug pricing, set to take effect on Jan. 1, 2026. While I support the worthy intentions of reforms to reduce prescription drug costs, these same reforms unintentionally put long-term care (LTC) pharmacies at risk. As many as 60% of LTC pharmacies could be forced to close at least one of their locations due to the new pricing model.

This could have catastrophic consequences, especially for rural seniors living in Butte, Yolo, Solano, Sacramento, Yuba and Colusa counties.

Long-term care pharmacies do far more than fill prescriptions. They provide a full suite of services that no retail pharmacy can match: 24/7/365 medication management, patient-specific packaging and medication delivery. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities depend on these pharmacies to comply with federal requirements for safe, timely pharmaceutical care.

Nowhere is this interdependence more critical than in California's rural regions. One long-term care pharmacy might serve dozens of facilities spread across vast areas. If that pharmacy were to shut its doors, the ripple effects would be devastating. Nursing homes might be forced to close because they can no longer meet their legal obligations to residents. The result? In California, this means that the nearly 10,000 seniors in rural areas with long-term care needs are unable to access the services they currently depend on.

More than five-million Medicare beneficiaries rely on long-term care and one in four reside in a facility that utilizes long-term care pharmacies. These patients are among the most medically vulnerable:



Ronnie Janson is a board member of the nonprofit Golden Years Policy Council. Courtesy photo

individuals living with multiple chronic conditions, cognitive impairments or mobility limitations. They cannot simply switch to a local retail pharmacy. In many cases, there isn't one within driving distance and even if there were, retail pharmacies aren't equipped to provide the high-level services these patients require and only long-term care pharmacies can fulfill.

Fortunately, there is a solution and time is of the essence.

H.R. 5031 (Preserving Patient Access to Long-Term Care Pharmacies Act), a bipartisan bill currently before Congress, would create a modest \$30 flat fee for each Medicare Part D drug dispensed by a long-term care pharmacy. This fee would offset the revenue shortfalls created by the new drug pricing system, ensuring that long-term care pharmacies can continue providing essential services. Importantly, this solution preserves drug cost savings for seniors while stabilizing the infrastructure required to deliver them.

Without action, we risk triggering a healthcare collapse in California's rural communities. We risk leaving our most vulnerable neighbors without access to medications, care or the dignity they deserve in their later years.

Pass H.R. 5031 and protect long-term care for the seniors.

Ronnie Janson is a board member of the nonprofit Golden Years Policy Council, which represents seniors and their families in Butte, Colusa, Sacramento, Solano, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★

## Make it Happen for Yolo County Receives \$10,000 Grant

*Funds Help Address Furniture Poverty Among Teens and Adults*

**Make it Happen for Yolo County News Release**

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Union Pacific Railroad Community Ties Giving Program has granted \$10,000 to local nonprofit Make It Happen for Yolo County to address furniture poverty among underserved teens and young adults in the county as they transition into independent living.

The nonprofit organization provides furniture, household goods and resources to furnish the teens' and young adults' first homes.

"We are grateful that Union Pacific continues to be a devoted partner in our work," said Cathi Schmidt, Make It Happen for Yolo County executive director. "Together, we are ensuring youth in our community who are moving out on their own can save money,

improve their quality of life, turn a dwelling into a home and know that this community supports them and is willing to invest in their future."

Union Pacific's Community Ties Giving Program provides small- and medium-sized grants that align with the railroad's priority cause areas in safety, workforce development, community vitality and environmental sustainability. For more information, go online to [www.up.com/communities](http://www.up.com/communities).

"Union Pacific is proud to support organizations doing the hard work on the ground to improve the quality of life for their communities, including those where our employees live and work across our 23-state network," said Liisa Lawson Stark, Union Pacific Railroad vice president of public affairs. "Investments

in high-quality nonprofits yield growth, prosperity and well-being of the communities we serve."

For more than a decade, Make It Happen for Yolo County has served local transition age youth ages 18 to 24, many of whom have been in foster care or experienced homelessness. The nonprofit receives furniture donations from the community and purchases new appliances and household items to help youth involved with the Yolo County child welfare, mental health and probation divisions, as well as the University of California, Davis Guardian Scholars program and other local nonprofit organizations.

Since its founding in 2014, Make It Happen for Yolo County has helped more than 300 transition-age youth. To make a financial or furniture donation, visit online [www.MIHYOlo.org](http://www.MIHYOlo.org). ★

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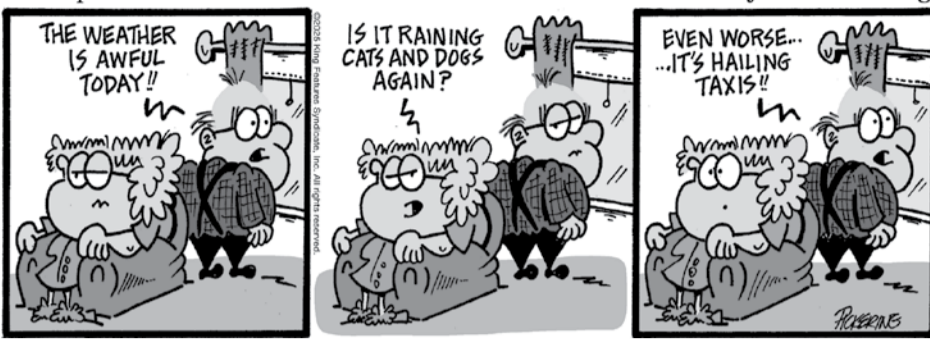
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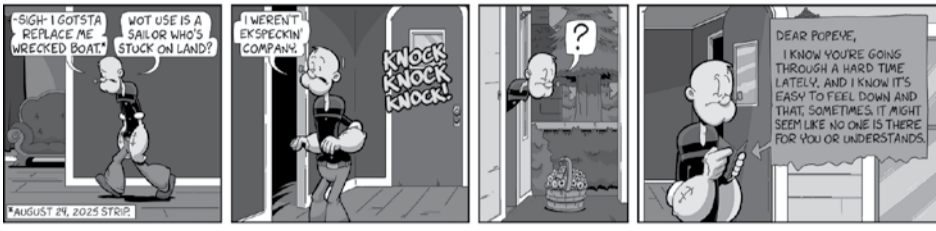
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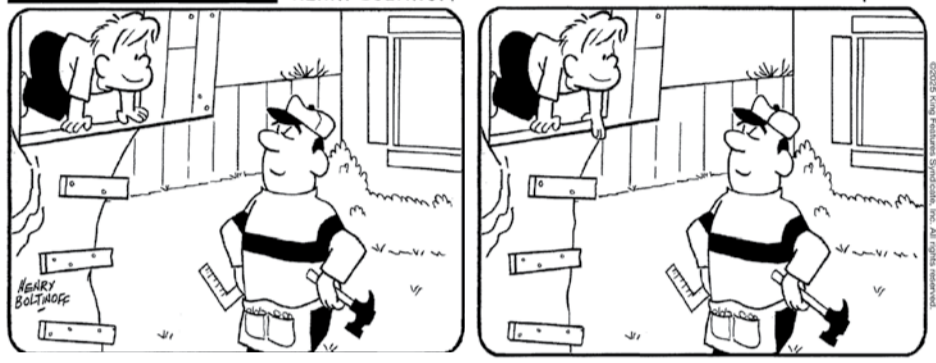


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# Sacramento State Volleyball Secures Five Major Big Sky Honors

## Sacramento State News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento State volleyball's remarkable 2025 campaign continued as the Hornets collected five major awards in the annual All-Big Sky Conference selections, highlighted by sophomore outside hitter Victoria Marthaler being named Big Sky Most Valuable Player.

The Hornets earned four individual specialty honors, the most of any program in the league, with Marthaler taking MVP, senior setter Kate Doorn named Setter of the Year, junior Reese Ampí earning Libero of the Year and freshman outside hitter Keonahi'ilani Solaita selected Freshman of the Year.

In addition, senior middle blocker Ashlynn Archer, one of the nation's top performers at her position, was named first team All-Big Sky.

Marthaler and Doorn joined Archer on the first team, tying the program record with three first-team selections in a single season.

The honors arrive as Sacramento State concludes the regular season with a 19-9 overall record and 12-4 conference mark, finishing second in the Big Sky standings.

Marthaler became the eighth Hornet, and the first since 2023, to earn Big Sky MVP honors. One of the nation's top six-rotation outside hitters, Marthaler leads the Big Sky and ranks sixth nationally with 4.96 kills per set, while adding 5.46 points per set, eighth-best in the country. She has posted double-figure



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kills in 25 matches, including eight with 20 or more and three with at least 30.

A three-time Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week, Marthaler is averaging 5.72 kills per set in conference play. Her current season average would rank fourth in program history.

Doorn, the first Hornet ever named Big Sky Setter of the Year, guided one of the league's most efficient offenses. Sacramento State leads the Big

Sky in points per set (17.62) and hitting

percentage (.265) in conference matches, a figure 38 points higher than the next closest team. Doorn averages 9.16 assists, 0.41 aces, 2.38 digs and 0.54 blocks per set, and owns 11 double-doubles this season. In league play, Doorn leads the conference in aces (0.48 per set) and ranks second in assists (10.13 per set).

Doorn is just two assists shy of 3,000 for her collegiate career.



## Caden Pinnick Named Jerry Rice Award Finalist

## Republic FC to Host Open Tryouts on Jan. 10 and 11



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### UC Davis News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - No. 8 University of California, Davis football redshirt freshman Caden Pinnick has been named a finalist for the Jerry Rice Award, putting him among the best 25 freshmen in the nation.

Pinnick becomes the first Aggie to be named a Jerry Rice Award finalist since Rex Connors earned the nod in 2022. A multi-national player of the week and conference player of the week honoree, Pinnick ranks among the top quarterbacks in the nation across several categories.

During the season, Pinnick tied a conference

record with three straight Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week awards and twice was named a National Offensive Player of the Week.

The Aggie quarterback ended the year among the best quarterbacks in the Big Sky Conference, racking up 2,527 total passing yards, 24 passing touchdowns and an average of 252.7 passing yards per game in 10 starts. Pinnick had a season completion percentage of 71 percent, rushed for 312 yards and scored three times on the ground.

In the conference, Pinnick finishes the regular season leading in passing yards per completion, passing efficiency, points

responsible for per game and yards per pass attempt.

Pinnick also finishes top five in the conference in completion percentage (second), completions per game (fifth), passing touchdowns (second), passing yards (fifth), passing yards per game (fifth), points responsible for (third) and total offense (second).

Nationally, Pinnick ended the season ranked fifth in the nation in passing efficiency, 10th in passing yards per game, 12th in passing touchdowns and 24th in total passing yards.

The Rice Award, celebrating its 15th anniversary season, is named after legendary Hall of Fame wide receiver Jerry Rice, who starred in the Football Championship Subdivision at Mississippi Valley State University. Past recipients include Cooper Kupp, Chase Edmonds, Trey Lance, Cam Ward and Shedeur Sanders.

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### Sacramento Republic FC News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - As Republic FC prepares for the 2026 United Soccer League (USL) Championship Season, the club will again host open tryouts, an opportunity for local talent to showcase their abilities in front of professional coaching staff with the goal of earning an invitation to the team's preseason training camp.

This year's tryouts on Jan. 10 and 11 at Bartholomew Sports Park in Elk Grove are open to athletes ages 16 years and older. Players are encouraged to sign up early and take advantage of \$50 off discount that runs through the end of the year.

"We've shown that we can successfully identify top-caliber players for both our first team and academy through tryouts and we look forward to another year of quality competition," said Republic FC President Todd Dunivant.

Open tryouts play a key role in the club's roster development. Since 2014, six players have signed with the first team after impressing at tryouts, often using the opportunity to springboard successful careers.



Each year, at least one person is guaranteed an invitation to join the team for training camp, which provides trialists the opportunity to train alongside professional soccer players and compete against teams from various soccer leagues, further providing exposure to talent scouts. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

In 2023, defender Aldair Sanchez attended tryouts after his second college season and launched his pro career after a strong training camp. In two seasons with the Indomitable Club, Sanchez became one of the most consistent young players in the league.

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The wide range of

paths was demonstrated by two attendees from the 2025 tryout. Miles Rice, a senior at Chico State, and Tag Chalmers who had formerly featured for Central Valley Fuego, both stayed with Republic FC throughout preseason. Rice went on to sign a short-term contract with USL League One side Charlotte Independence, while Chalmers inked to a USL Academy Contract and trained with Republic FC's first team throughout the year.

For more information on tryout registration and requirements, visit [SacRepublicFC.com/Tryouts](https://SacRepublicFC.com/Tryouts) or email [Tryouts@SacRepublicFC.com](mailto:Tryouts@SacRepublicFC.com). ★

## Registration Now Open for Republic FC's Winter Break Camps

### Sacramento Republic FC News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Republic FC has opened registration for its 2025 Winter Break Camps. This December, players ages 4 to 16 can join the club for two fun and engaging camp experiences led by a professional trained and licensed coaching staff.

The only winter soccer camp run entirely by a local professional club, the program will focus on developing individual technical skills in a supportive, development-focused environment.

Each camp will include expert instruction, an official Republic FC camp T-shirt, and a ticket to a 2026 home match at Heart Health Park.

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Players will have the opportunity to gain new skills, meet new friends and prepare for their upcoming season.

The first camp will be held on Monday, Dec. 22 at Promontory Community Park in El Dorado Hills. Players ages 4 to 6 will train from 9 to 10:30 a.m. while players ages 7 to 16 will participate from 9 a.m. to noon. The second camp will take place on Dec. 23 at Woodland Sports Park in Woodland, following the same age groups and times.

Registration for both camps is now open. Families are encouraged to sign up early to secure their spot.

Register online at <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1431279>. ★

# Ph.D. Candidates Discuss Blue Orchard Bee Research

By Kathy Keatley Garvey,  
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YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Lexie Martin and Abigail Lehner, two doctoral candidates in the University of California, Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, presented their research at the Orchard Bee Association's recent annual meeting at Woodinville, Washington.

Martin of the lab of community ecologist Rachel Vannette, professor and vice chair of the department, presented her talk on "A Sequence- and Lab-Based Approach to Investigate Chalkbrood Disease Infection across the Western Range of Blue Orchard Bees (*Osmia lignaria*)."

Lehner of the lab of Professor Neal Williams, pollination ecologist, discussed "What Three Years of Longitudinal Monitoring at *Osmia* Nests Have Revealed About Houdini Fly Parasitism." Lehner was also elected the Orchard Bee Association treasurer.

This was their third year of giving presentations to the organization.

In her talk, Martin said that "Pathogen infection is a significant contributor to mortality and decreased fitness in many bees. Though much research has been done to understand diseases in commercially-managed social bee species, much less has been done to understand infection in solitary bees."

"In particular, there has been concern for spillover of diseases from managed bee species to wild bee species, which could lead to further population declines of our native bees," Martin said.

"As a result," Martin continued, "it is critical to understand the variation in pathogen strains that can infect solitary bees and if pathogen strains can jump between bee host-species. In this study, we use a multi-method approach to investigate one, the variation in



A blue orchard bee, *Osmia lignaria*, collects pollen. Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey



Lexie Martin is a doctoral candidate in the University of California, Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology. Courtesy photo



Abigail Lehner, a doctoral candidate in the University of California, Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology. Courtesy photo

chalkbrood strains present within deceased blue orchard bee larvae across their western range and two, how variable communities of chalkbrood impact infection in

blue orchard bees." It is unknown how chalkbrood strains vary within blue orchard bees and more broadly across bee species, and which strains

are infective in blue orchard bees, according to Martin, and this project will have a significant positive contribution to a broader understanding of bee disease dynamics.

In her talk, Lehner said that "The introduction of non-native species poses major risks in agriculture, with hundreds of new alien species recorded annually. Houdini flies (*Cacoxenus indagator*) were recently introduced to the United States and parasitize cavity-nesting native bees, including the blue orchard bee (*Osmia lignaria*), a managed solitary bee used to pollinate spring orchard trees."

"The introduction of Houdini flies poses an existential threat to the stability of the solitary bee industry, the livelihoods of orchard managers and to native bee population persistence," Lehner said. "We have monitored

parasitism rates at blue orchard bee nest blocks in Washington, Oregon, and California over three years to understand temporal patterns and long-term impacts of Houdini fly parasitism. We found Houdini fly parasitism rates significantly increased over three years in the Pacific Northwest. Overall, this research will inform commercial management and conservation strategies for cavity-nesting bees."

*Osmia lignaria*, commonly known as the orchard mason bee or blue orchard bee, is among 4,000 native bee species in North America. It is a megachilid bee that nests in reeds and other tube-like natural structures. The bee pollinates almonds and blueberries, and a variety of stone fruits, including apples, pears, cherries, apricots and plums.

*Osmia* is used commercially in agricultural operations, especially in almonds and early blooming-fruit trees, and occupies handcrafted "bee blocks." Considered efficient pollinators, they are able to forage in cooler temperatures than honeybees. Gardeners often set up "bee condos" or "bee hotels" for them in their landscapes.

The kleptoparasitic fly, *Cacoxenus indagator*, is a species of fruit fly native to central and southern Europe. The adult lays its eggs in the stored pollen of a mason bee's newly constructed nest. The fly larvae feed mainly on stored pollen but can also eat the bee larvae. This fly is commonly known as the Houdini fly for its ability to escape through the cell's mud wall. The small brown fly (wing length 2.5mm) has clear wings and large red eyes.

The Orchard Bee Association was launched in 2011 by a team of independent businesses, orchard managers and researchers to accelerate the production and use of orchard mason bees (specifically, *Osmia lignaria*, *O. cornifrons*, *O. cornuta* and *O. rufa*) in various spring crops and orchards. ★

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