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**County Seeks
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Resilience Plan**

**Yolo County
News Release**

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County is inviting public input on its draft Yolo County Drought Resilience Plan, which outlines how the County and partner agencies will address water supply vulnerabilities affecting domestic wells and state small water systems.

In September 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 552 (SB 552), which requires state and local governments to share responsibility for planning and responding to water shortage events, with a focus on rural communities and state small water systems. SB 552 identifies counties as the most appropriate entities to lead efforts to improve water resilience for residents who are reliant on domestic wells and small water systems.

Under SB 552, all counties in California must prepare a County Drought Resilience Plan (County DRP) to support long-term water reliability and resilience. The legislation also directs counties to establish an ongoing County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force to promote continued drought planning and coordination.

In October 2023, Yolo County received a grant for technical assistance from the California Department of Water Resources Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Program. This funding supports technical analysis and community engagement to better identify vulnerabilities and risks related to water shortages. Development of this plan is a collaborative, multi-agency and multi-departmental effort designed to create a proactive and comprehensive approach to drought preparedness.

The draft Yolo County Drought Resilience Plan focuses on four primary components: countywide data collection; assessment of vulnerabilities and risks related to water shortages and drought; identification of short-term response actions; and development of long-term mitigation strategies to improve water resilience across Yolo County.

Once finalized, the plan will be adopted by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors as an annex to the 2024-2029 Yolo County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Yolo County will implement the plan in close coordination with the Yolo County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force, water suppliers and managers throughout the county.

The draft Yolo County Drought Resilience Plan is available on the Yolo County website under the Office of Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation section. Public comments may be submitted by Jan 30, via email to Sabrina.Snyder@YoloCounty.gov. ★

West Sacramento Offers Christmas Tree Recycling Options

By MPG Staff

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - West Sacramento residents have four convenient ways to recycle natural Christmas trees this holiday season, helping keep trees out of landfills and supporting the city's sustainability efforts.

All trees must be free of tinsel, lights, ornaments and stands. Flocked trees are not accepted.

The most convenient option for many households is curbside pickup, available from Dec. 26 through Jan. 22. Residents can place trees next to their organics cart on their regular service day. Trees must be 5 feet tall or shorter, or cut into smaller pieces that fit inside the organics cart.

Residents may also schedule a Cub Scout tree pickup. Cub Scout Pack 49 will collect and recycle trees on weekends following Christmas and New Year's Day in exchange for



There are several ways to recycle your Christmas tree after the holiday season in West Sacramento. Courtesy image

a donation. Pickup dates are Saturday, Dec. 27; Sunday, Dec. 28; Saturday, Jan. 3; and Sunday, Jan. 4. To schedule a pickup, residents should email their name and address to Pack49Trees@gmail.com.

For those who prefer to drop off trees, Yolo County Central

Landfill is offering free tree recycling from Dec. 26 through Jan. 15. The landfill is closed on New Year's Day. It is located at 44090 County Road 28H in Woodland.

A fourth option is available through WM, which is providing a free Christmas tree recycling

bin from Dec. 26 through Jan. 9. The bin is open daily from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1951 South River Road.

City officials encourage residents to take advantage of these options to ensure Christmas trees are recycled responsibly rather than sent to the landfill. ★



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City Secures \$43.35 Million Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant

City of West Sacramento News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of West Sacramento has been awarded \$43,350,000 through the State of California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant Program, following approval by the Strategic Growth Council on Dec. 10. This award represents a major investment in the city's long-term housing, mobility and climate-focused infrastructure goals.

E. Smith & Company, in partnership with the City of West Sacramento and Sacramento Regional Transit, submitted the successful application in May. The grant will support several transformative projects serving the Grand Gateway area and the broader community.

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities award includes \$28,350,000 in funding for the Grand Gateway Affordable Housing Development which includes 114 new affordable housing units, unit affordability levels at 30 percent, 50 percent and 60 percent of area median income, a mix of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units and the development of 8.6 acres of city-owned land within the Grand Gateway district.

\$14,500,000 was

awarded for sustainable transportation infrastructure, including the acquisition of two electric streetcar vehicles for the Sacramento Regional Transit Light Rail Extension to West Sacramento, streetcar station improvements, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity upgrades and bus shelter enhancements.

Finally, \$500,000 was awarded for community programs including funding to support an owner-occupied rehabilitation program for low-income households.

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program prioritizes projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions through integrated housing and transportation investments. West Sacramento's award reflects the city's commitment to climate-aligned development, multimodal mobility and expanded affordable housing opportunities.

"This award represents a generational investment in West Sacramento's future," said Mayor Martha Guerrero.

"With this funding, we are advancing a project that combines deeply affordable housing with modern, sustainable transportation infrastructure. It is exactly the kind of community-building investment that helps our city grow responsibly while improving quality of life for

residents."

District 2 City Councilmember Quirina Orozco highlighted the importance of the partnership approach to investing in housing and transportation infrastructure.

"Securing the full award amount is a testament to the strength of our regional partnerships and the clarity of our vision," the Councilmember said. "The Grand Gateway has long been a priority area for the city, and for District 2. This funding moves us significantly closer to delivering an inclusive, accessible, climate-smart development that connects people to opportunity."

In 2023, the city posted a Request for Proposals to acquire and develop the Grand Gateway Master Plan Area ("Grand Gateway"). Grand Gateway comprises 8.6 acres of city-owned property located at the convergence of Cabaldon Parkway, West Capitol Avenue and Grand Street in the City's Central Business District.

In 2024, the city entered into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with a development team including SKK Developments to acquire Grand Gateway to construct over 450 residential units, including affordable housing, 30,000 square feet of retail space, a hotel, a shared-use parking structure, a public plaza and a public park. ★

Metro PAC Announces Endorsement of Doris Matsui for California's 7th Congressional District Seat

Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Recently, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber Political Action Committee (Metro PAC) announced its official endorsement of Doris Matsui for California's 7th Congressional District Seat.

"Congresswoman Doris Matsui has a proven record of fighting for Sacramento – strengthening our levees, improving our roads and building the connections our region needs to protect communities and drive economic growth," said Sacramento Metro Chamber President & CEO and Metro Political Action Committee Board Director Robert Heidt.

"The Metro Political Action Committee leads with a collective voice endorsing candidates who align with the policy principles of the Metro Chamber. This endorsement reflects our commitment to support candidates at the highest level of government who have the experience and influence to lead our region on economic issues."

Matsui has represented the City of Sacramento and its surrounding areas since 2005. During her time in Congress, she has been a steadfast and passionate advocate for the Capital City. Matsui secured over \$4 billion in investment to protect communities through local flood protection, including \$1 billion for the Folsom Dam project, which became a model for the nation on cooperation and efficiency.

As Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, Congresswoman Matsui is a national leader on technology and innovation policy. She authored the CHIPS for America Act, legislation that invested \$52 billion to reassert American leadership in the strategically important semiconductor industry.

In addition, the Metro Political Action Committee announced its early endorsement of Eric Guerra for Sacramento County Supervisor, District 1. Guerra, who currently sits on the Sacramento City Council, announced his run for the seat, which has been held by Phil Serna since 2010.



Congresswoman Doris Matsui. Courtesy photo

"Leading with a collective voice means acting early and with purpose. As such, the Metro PAC is honored to announce our early endorsement of Eric Guerra for Sacramento County Supervisor," said Heidt. "Sacramento County District 1 represents the central city—the economic engine that drives business activity, job creation, and growth across the entire region. Guerra understands that what happens in the core impacts every community beyond it. Eric Guerra will drive economic growth and strengthen public safety through smart, accountable policies that support business investment, along with safe and connected neighborhoods."

The upcoming elections will take place with the primary election on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, followed by the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026. As these dates approach, the Metro Political Action Committee announces its re-endorsement of the following candidates, with more to be released in the coming months:

Roger Niello, Senate District 6 (California State Senate) Patrick Kennedy, Board of Supervisors, District 2 (Sacramento County); Pat Hume, Board of Supervisors, District 5 (Sacramento

District Attorney Reports on the Success of Prop. 36

Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Proposition 36 passed with 60 percent of the vote in Yolo County, taking effect on Dec. 18, 2024. One year in, the District Attorney's Office has reported positive results.

During this first year, 130 complaints alleging felony violations of the newly enacted Health and Safety Code section 11395, possession of hard drugs with two or more priors, have been filed. 187 complaints alleging a violation of newly enacted Penal Code section 666.1, shoplifting with two or more priors, were filed.

148 of those cases filed were felonies, 39 were misdemeanors. 73 of these cases failed to appear in court and had warrants

issued.

Since the implementation, Yolo County has resolved several felony and misdemeanor drug possession cases under Health and Safety Code section 11395, using outcomes focused on accountability and recovery.

23 defendants have resolved their cases, with 12 choosing to participate in mandated treatment. The remaining rejected treatment, choosing traditional punishment. In those cases, three were placed on probation, and eight received county prison sentences.

These results reflect the offices commitment to using Prop. 36 as intended, holding people accountable while prioritizing treatment.

"Prop. 36 was designed to address repeat drug possession in a way that

recognizes addiction as a health issue as well as a legal one," said District Attorney Jeff Reisig. "Accountability matters but so does giving people a real opportunity to get help"

Yolo County has resolved a number of theft-related cases under Penal Code section 666.1, with outcomes tailored to the facts of each case and the individual's history. 26 felony cases have been resolved, including six resulting in probation, 17 resulting in county prison sentences, and four resulting in state prison commitments. 28 misdemeanor cases under section 666.1 have been resolved.

"With theft cases, our responsibility is to protect the community while making sure the response fits the conduct," said Reisig. ★

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Thunderbirds to Return



California Capital Airshow crowds are always dazzled by the Thunderbirds' performances, The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds return next year to the highly-anticipated airshow. Photo courtesy of California Capital Airshow

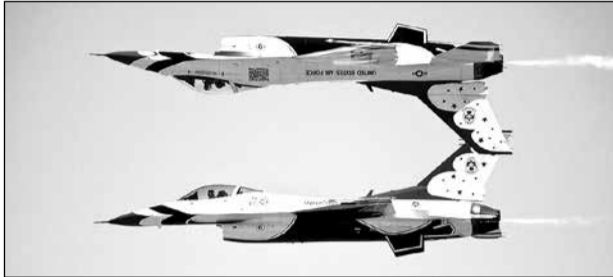
California Capital Airshow News Release

MATHER, CA (MPG) -

The California Capital Airshow, in partnership with Sacramento County and the City of Rancho Cordova, recently announced that the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will headline the 2026 California Capital Airshow, returning to Mather Airport on Oct. 10 and Oct. 11.

This milestone event will mark the airshow's 20th anniversary and a celebration of America's 250th birthday, promising an unforgettable weekend of aviation excellence and community pride.

The world-renowned Thunderbird jet demonstration team will take to the skies over Sacramento with their signature precision, power and patriotism, highlighting the incredible skill and dedication of the U.S. Air Force. Their performance will lead an extraordinary lineup of military and civilian aviation talent, immersive ground displays and hands-on STEM experiences for all ages.



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will headline the 2026 California Capital Airshow, returning to Mather Airport on Oct. 10 and Oct. 11. Photo courtesy of California Capital Airshow

"This will be one of the most spectacular shows in our 20-year history," said Darcy Brewer, Chief Executive Officer of the California Capital Airshow (CCA). "We're honored to welcome the Thunderbirds back to inspire and thrill audiences while we celebrate two major milestones: CCA's 20th year and America's 250th. There's so much more to come and this is just the beginning."

Additional performer announcements, featured attractions and new fan experiences will be shared in the months ahead.

A limited number of tickets will go on sale through the California Capital Airshow's website in 2026. Fans can gain special access to

performer announcements and discount tickets by becoming an AIR SHOW INSIDER® online at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com.

The California Capital Airshow is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring the past, inspiring the future and giving back to the community.

In partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County and countless sponsors and volunteers, California Capital Airshow has awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships and introduces thousands of students annually to careers in aviation, aerospace and STEM.

For more information, visit online at www.californiacapitalairshow.com. ★

Start 2026 Strong by Claiming Your CalKIDS Scholarship



To date, CalKIDS scholarship funds have been used by nearly 150,000 students towards their academic success at a college or career training program. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

CalKIDS News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

As the year comes to a close and families begin setting goals for the year ahead, California is reaffirming its commitment to young people through CalKIDS, the California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program. Backed by a \$2 billion statewide investment for more than 5 million children, CalKIDS is the largest education-focused asset-building effort in the nation, providing automatic scholarship accounts to millions of California children and students to help pay for college or career training after high school.

As families think about meaningful gifts this holiday season and prepare for the opportunities a new year brings, claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship Account is a simple step with a lasting impact. Eligible children and students can receive between \$175 and \$1,500 in free scholarship funds, with no application, no essays and no income verification required. These funds are already set aside for children and students and can be used for qualified higher education expenses, making CalKIDS one of the most accessible scholarships available to California families.

"CalKIDS has been an amazing success, with nearly 1 million scholarship accounts already claimed by California families," said State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, Chair of the ScholarShare Investment Board, which administers CalKIDS. "As we look ahead to the new year, families across the state still have a tremendous opportunity to claim scholarship dollars already set aside for their children and students, funds that can help lower the cost of college or career training and expand what's possible for their future."

More than 60% of public-school students in grades 2 through 12 are eligible for a CalKIDS Scholarship Account worth up to \$1,500. When CalKIDS launched in 2022, the program awarded scholarship accounts to students from elementary school to high school, meaning current college students may also be able to claim and use their CalKIDS Scholarship funds today. Awardees can use



As families think about meaningful gifts this holiday season and prepare for the opportunities a new year brings, claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship Account is a simple step with a lasting impact. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

their funds until age 26.

Additionally, 100% of newborns born on or after July 1, 2022 in California automatically receive a CalKIDS Scholarship Account worth up to \$175. This includes an initial scholarship awarded at birth, with additional incentives available when families claim the account and link it to a ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan where they can continue saving on their own.

CalKIDS Scholarships can be used for tuition and fees, required books and supplies, computer equipment and other qualified education expenses at accredited institutions nationwide making CalKIDS one of the simplest and most flexible scholarships students can claim this holiday season and in the year ahead.

To date, CalKIDS scholarship funds have been used by nearly 150,000 students towards their academic success at a college or career training program. For one awardee, Bryan a student at California State University, Fullerton, CalKIDS was described as: "A financial ease into pursuing a degree."

Claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship takes only a few minutes at CalKIDS.org.

For public school students, including those who are now college-aged, families will need the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), a 10-digit number found on school portals, report cards or by contacting the public school the student attended during the 2021–22, 2022–23, or 2023–24 academic years.

For children born in California on or after July 1, 2022, families will need the

child's date of birth and the Local Registration Number, a 13-digit number found on the birth certificate.

Once an account is claimed, families can log in at any time to view their scholarship balance, link it to a ScholarShare 529 account, learn how the funds can be used and request a disbursement once the student is enrolled in higher education or career training.

CalKIDS reflects California's long-term commitment to expanding opportunity, reducing education costs and investing early in the success of its young people.

Families are encouraged to check if they have a CalKIDS Scholarship Account available to claim this holiday season by visiting CalKIDS.org.

About CalKIDS: *The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) is the nation's largest child development account program, providing scholarships for higher education. Administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, and Chaired by State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, the program is designed to promote the pursuit of higher education statewide by empowering families to build assets, nurture savings habits, and raise their educational aspirations. Eligible public school students can receive CalKIDS Scholarships worth up to \$1,500 and every child born in California on or after July 1, 2022, is awarded a CalKIDS Scholarship worth up to \$175, ensuring more families have the resources needed to support their children's education. To learn more, visit CalKIDS.org.* ★

CAHIP NorCal Celebrates Successful Toy Drive



From left, CAHIP Legislative Chair Josh Edwards (Eureka Insurance Solutions), CAHIP Community Service Chair Michele Childers (Cypress Dental), CAHIP Executive Director Lauren Bayha (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions) and CAHIP Media Relations Chair Corinne Huey (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions). Courtesy photo

CAHIP Northern California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Association of Health Insurance Professionals, Northern California (CAHIP NorCal) is proud to announce the successful completion of its annual Toy Drive in partnership with River Oak Center for Children. Through this collaboration, gifts were provided to 300 families in the community, helping bring joy and support to children and caregivers during the holidays.

CAHIP NorCal Board members Lauren Bayha (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions), Corinne Huey (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions), Michele Childers (Cypress Dental) and Josh Edwards (Eureka Insurance Services) attended the gift-wrapping event, volunteering their time to help prepare presents once families had made their selections.

"Giving back to our community is a meaningful part of who we are as an

organization," said Michele Childers, CAHIP NorCal Community Service Chair. "It was incredibly rewarding to serve local families and to partner with River Oak Center for Children once again. Their dedication to supporting children and families makes a real difference, and we're honored to be part of that work."

The Toy Drive reflects CAHIP NorCal's ongoing commitment to community service alongside its work in advocacy, education, and professional development for health insurance and benefits professionals.

CAHIP NorCal extends sincere gratitude to River Oak Center for Children and to all members and volunteers who contributed their time and generosity to make this initiative a success.

For more information about CAHIP NorCal and future community events, visit www.cahip-norcal.org. For more information about River Oak Center for Children and the important work they do, visit www.riveroak.org. ★

Defendant Sentenced for Antelope Shooting Murder

Sacramento District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Honorable James Arguelles sentenced Randall Watanabe to life in prison without the possibility of parole. On Nov. 7, Watanabe was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder with the special circumstance that murder was committed in the commission of an attempted robbery found true.

Watanabe was also convicted of attempted robbery, assault with a semi-automatic firearm

and discharge of a firearm at an inhabited vehicle. The jury also found true allegations that Watanabe personally discharged a firearm causing death and personally used a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Randall Watanabe met with the victim, Antonio Chacon, at a park in Antelope to conduct a drug sale. During the meeting, Watanabe produced a gun and attempted to rob the victim. When the victim tried to drive away, Watanabe shot him in the back causing the victim to crash his car. The victim died at the scene. ★

Defendant Sentenced for Felony Insurance Fraud

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Jordan Roy Lester pled to felony insurance fraud and was sentenced to 270 days county jail, two years formal probation and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$232,829 to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and \$127,791 to the State Compensation Insurance Fund. Lester will also lose his service and pension credit for the years the fraud was committed.

Lester was a California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer assigned to the Central Division. On July 11, 2021, Lester told his superiors he had been injured on the job. The injury was deemed not significant, and Lester was not placed off duty.

During that time, Lester purchased property in the Quincy area. Lester

traveled there on his days off and worked on his property. When Lester did not get the transfer to Quincy he requested, he began communicating with a former California Highway Patrol officer about getting a medical retirement and offered to pay the retired officer for his assistance. A medical retirement would result in 85 percent of his salary for life, tax free.

In January 2022, Lester saw a doctor for the injury he claimed to have sustained almost six months earlier. He was placed on medical leave based on his statements to his physician. While on medical leave, Lester told his treating physician that standing, sitting and simple household chores caused significant pain.

Lester was placed off duty due to his complaints of pain and his stated limited physical abilities. An investigation by California Highway Patrol's Internal

Affairs revealed that Lester was far exceeding the limitations he claimed to both the California Highway Patrol and his treating physicians.

While collecting workers' compensation benefits, Lester was working on his property, cutting down trees, stacking firewood, operating heavy machinery and engaging in heavy physical activity. An independent medical examiner saw Lester in February 2024 and opined that Lester was able to perform all work duties and that Lester exaggerated his complaints.

Workers' compensation fraud of this type not only has an immediate financial impact on the employer, but it also causes increases in premiums which impact employers over the long-term. Fraudulent claims clog up the system, delaying medical care and financial assistance that legitimately injured workers deserve. ★



Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO

ARREST REPORTS

Romell Eugene Hudson, 36, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 26 at Industrial Boulevard and Halyard Drive by West Sacramento Police. Hudson was the driver of a vehicle stopped for running a red light at Beacon Boulevard and Harbor Boulevard. A warrant check revealed Hudson was on probation and unlicensed. A search revealed 48 counterfeit \$20 bills on his person and in the car. He was in possession of a fraudulent California Driver's license. He was transported to the West Sacramento Police Department, where he was charged with driving without a license, possessing forged identification, possessing bad money, and failing to stop at a red light.

Julio Cesar Lopez-Santos, 37, was arrested Friday, Nov. 28 by West Sacramento Police for possession of unlawful paraphernalia and possessing a controlled substance. Officer was dispatched to the arrest location for report of a suspicious subject. Lopez-Santos matched the description provided and was detained by officers. A pat search found a glass pipe with a bulbous tip containing a white crystalline substance. A records check revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and Lopez was placed in handcuffs. An inventory search of Lopez-Santos' backpack at booking found an additional four glass narcotic smoking pipes with scorch marks and a white crystalline substance and a small glass jar also containing a white crystalline substance, which tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine and fentanyl. Lopez-Santos was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Navariah Nelson-Miller, 19, was cited Monday, Dec. 1 by West Sacramento Police at an undisclosed location. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of an assault in which the reporting party's daughter spat on his face. Officer contacted the reporting party in the driveway of the residence, who reported he got into a verbal argument with his daughter while he was attempting to make some food. She spat on his face, and he stepped outside to calm down and called 911. He signed a citizen's arrest form and wants to prosecute. Officer contacted Nelson-Miller in the back unit of the residence, and she reported she spit on her father's face because he was taking food he did not purchase. Officer explained to Nelson-Miller, who is on probation for vandalism, that she would be cited for assault. Nelson-Miller claimed her father hit her across the head and officer saw no signs of trauma. Nelson-Miller was cited for simple assault and released. The father was advised to start an eviction process if he wants Nelson-Miller to leave. There have been many calls for service at this location.

Robert Joel Burkett, 26, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 2 on C Street by West Sacramento Police for trespassing. Officers were dispatched to a nearby location for report of a kidnapping. Upon arriving on scene, officers contacted a female who advised officers her brother, identified as Burkett, continues to come back to her residence after he has been told to leave. Officers had trespassed Burkett earlier this same day and located him down the street at the arrest location. Burkett advised officers that he was planning to back to his sister's. She signed a citizen's arrest form. Burkett was taken into custody and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Lucy Louise Lee, 39, was cited Wednesday, Dec. 3 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for battery and petty theft of retail merchandise. Officer was dispatched to a retail store at this location for report of a theft. Loss prevention officers attempted to detain Lee, who walked past all points of sale without paying for \$56 worth of merchandise, and she resisted and spit on the face of one of the loss prevention officers. He signed a citizen's arrest for the charges. Lee was transported to the West Sacramento Police Department for pre-booking, where she began complaining of pain. Emergency crew transported her to Sutter Davis for medical check after Lee was cited and released from WSPD on a promise to appear.

Emilio Joseph Lauwery, 55, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 7 at Sacramento Avenue and Todhunter Avenue by West Sacramento Police for DUI. Officer on patrol observed a vehicle fail to yield to a pedestrian, nearly striking them and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. The driver, identified as Lauwery, displayed objective signs of being under the influence of alcohol and admitted consuming one beer. The driver consented to standard field sobriety tests, which he performed poorly. Preliminary screening yielded results >.08 blood alcohol concentration. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Denarius James Daniels-Dzidzornu, 26 was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 10 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for grand theft. Officer responded to a retail store for report of a theft. Loss prevention staff at the location reported Daniels-Dzidzornu was an employee and had stolen approximately \$999 in electronics. They had video surveillance footage of him taking the merchandise into a restroom, then exiting with the merchandise concealed. Loss prevention recovered the packaging from inside the restroom. Officer contacted Daniels-Dzidzornu, confirmed his identity, and under Miranda, he admitted taking the merchandise without paying. With his consent, officers entered his residence and recovered the stolen merchandise. Daniels-Dzidzornu was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Brian Tracey Mock, 56, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 11 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol recognized Mock and knew he had an outstanding felony warrant, which a records check confirmed. Mock was detained and a search incident

to arrest found a clear plastic baggie, later confirmed presumptive positive as methamphetamine, and a bulbous glass pipe. Under Miranda, Mock confirmed all items were his. He was transported to Yolo County Jail charged with possessing a controlled substance.

Dakota Daniel Silva, 27, was arrested Saturday, Dec. 13 on Alameda Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for DUI. Officer was dispatched to the location for a traffic accident and contacted the driver, identified as Silva, who was displaying objective signs and symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. Silva consented to field sobriety testing, where he demonstrated signs of being under the influence. His preliminary alcohol screening was higher than >.08 and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Derrick Parham, 52, was arrested Monday, Dec. 15 at Industrial Boulevard and Terminal Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to a location on Evergreen Avenue for report of a possible DUI-related crash into property. A vehicle description and license plate number were provided for the suspect vehicle. Upon arrival, the vehicle was not present. Officer observed damage to two residential fences. The suspect vehicle was located later at the arrest location with front-end damage. The driver, later identified as Parham, showed objective signs of alcohol impairment. He consented to field sobriety tests, which he performed poorly. Parham stated he was driving and had crashed into the fence. He stated he drank before driving but not since he started driving. He consented to a breath test and blood alcohol concentration was >.08. He was transported to Yolo County Jail charged with the DUI counts and hit-and-run with property damage.

Gloria Tina Hernandez, 57, was arrested Monday, Dec. 15 at E Street and Harriet Lane by West Sacramento Police for DUI. Officer on patrol observed a vehicle with no visible license plate and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. Officer contacted the driver, identified as Hernandez, who displayed objective signs of alcohol intoxication. Hernandez was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which she did poorly. Evidentiary breath tests indicated blood alcohol concentration >.08. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Melissa Marie Laborin, 32, was arrested Monday, Dec. 15 at E Street and Harriet Lane by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct: alcohol. Laborin was the passenger in Hernandez' vehicle and officer observed objective signs of alcohol intoxication in her as well. Officer also located a brandy bottle in Laborin's possession which she was actively pouring out into the car. Laborin was uncooperative with officers and did not display the ability to care for herself. Officers attempted to locate other transportation for her safety, but she willfully refused and insisted she could walk home. Based on the officer's training and experience, Laborin was transported to Yolo County Jail due to her intoxication level.

Larry Lee Clark, 46, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 16 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer ran a records check on a vehicle parked at the location, which revealed the vehicle was reported stolen. Officer observed a male later identified as Clark getting out of the driver's seat of the vehicle. Clark was detained and a records check revealed he had an active misdemeanor warrant. While detained, Clark told officer he was just looking through the vehicle. When asked why he had the keys, Clark told officer he found the vehicle in a nearby apartment complex with the keys inside and the doors unlocked, so he drove it to the current location a few minutes before the officer contacted him. Based on this statement, officer placed Clark under arrest for possession of a stolen vehicle. A search incident to arrest revealed a bulbous glass pipe with a white residue inside. Clark was additionally charged with possessing unlawful paraphernalia and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Friday, Nov. 7 – victim reports two unknown suspects broke the window on his van while it was parked on the street. They took power and hand tools valued at \$800. There are no leads.

Monday, Dec. 1 – victim reports her roommate punched her multiple times at a motel near Merkley Avenue. The suspect stated it was a mutual fight started by the victim. No estimated value of damages.

Monday, Dec. 8 – victim reports an unknown suspect broke a window on their vehicle parked at a residential facility on D Street and stole two Apple cell phones and an Apple watch. \$2,600 estimated value of damage and loss.

Monday, Dec. 15 – retail store on Ikea Court reports an unidentified suspect pried open the front door while the store was closed. Suspect stole approximately \$100 worth of merchandise and fled on foot. Video captured the incident but suspect's identifying features were not clearly visible.

Monday, Dec. 15 – victim reports an unknown suspect stole a package off the front porch of the victim's apartment on Sacramento Avenue. Suspect was captured on Ring camera but the face cannot be seen for identification purposes. \$50 estimated value of loss.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 – a business on Houston Street reports an unknown suspect broke a window on their vehicle and stole a socket set and hand tools. \$807 estimated value of damage and loss.

Wednesday, Dec. 17 – victim on Carrigan Court reports the theft of work tools valued at \$4,600. There is no information on a suspect.

Food & Farm NEWS

California Farm Bureau President Heralds 'Bright Future'

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass applauded the organization's principles and celebrated its accomplishments this year in an address delivered last week at the Farm Bureau's 107th Annual Meeting in Anaheim. "Despite all the challenges we have in the world, all the challenges we have in agriculture, we still have a tremendously bright future," Douglass said. "I believe that it's because of Farm Bureau that the future of California agriculture looks bright." A diversified farmer and rancher in Glenn County, Douglass was first elected in 2023 to lead the Farm Bureau. Last week, she was reelected to another two-year term. Also reelected last week to two-year terms were Vice President Shaun Crook, a Tuolumne County for-ester, and Second Vice President Ron Peterson, a Stanislaus County cattle rancher and dairy farmer who also grows almonds and silage crops.

California Farm Bureau Updates Group's Policies

California Farm Bureau approved changes to the organization's policies last week during a House of Delegates session at the organization's 107th Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Delegates voted to approve new and updated policies related to issues

such as wine import subsidies, abandoned farmland and immigration enforcement. In total, California Farm Bureau approved 13 new or updated policies, several of which came in response to recent challenges farmers and ranchers have faced. "Every year, when we have changes that we want to incorporate—if it's a new issue that's come up or maybe we're unhappy about how a policy was previously written—we take the opportunity to make those changes," said Matthew Viohl, a federal policy director for the California Farm Bureau.

Young Farmers and Ranchers Urged to be Industry's Voice

Young farmers and ranchers from across California convened Dec. 6-7 in Anaheim for the 2025 California Young Farmers & Ranchers State Conference, where agricultural leaders underscored the need to strengthen grassroots involvement and cultivate the next generation of industry advocates. "We need diverse voices and perspectives to help shape our future—not only the future of Farm Bureau, but of California agriculture as a whole," said California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass, a Glenn County farmer and rancher. "Our young farmers and ranchers are an important feeder for our county Farm Bureau boards and for the leadership of the California Farm Bureau." ★

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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
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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.
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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
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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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250996

The following person(s) is doing business as: Exterior Perfections, Alumalux USA, 2509 Del Monte Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Maksim Vlasov, 2509 Del Monte Street, 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 February 2, 2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 2, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250994

The following person(s) is doing business as: R&S Transport, 2900 Azalea Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Romeo Logarta Vergara JR, 2900 Azalea Place, 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 November 5, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 2, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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TRANSPORT 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250989

The following person(s) is doing business as: L.P. Lock Systems Solution, 328 North Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Alexis Lopez Sanchez, 328 North Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to trans-

act 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 December 1, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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LP 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250984

The following person(s) is doing business as: Camellia City Creations, 2852 Sawbills, Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Shariah Jere Ford, 2852 Sawbills Court, 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 June 1, 2020.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 25, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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CAMELLIA 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250858

The following person(s) is doing business as: Devine Intermodal, 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
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DEVINE 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20251001

The following person(s) is doing business as:

1) Waste Management of West Sacramento, 2) Waste Management of Winters, 3) Waste Management of Woodland, 1324 Paddock Place, Woodland, CA 95776, County of YOLO.

Mailing Address: 800 Capitol St Ste 3000, Houston, TX 77002
USA Waste of California, Inc., 800 Capitol St Ste 3000, Houston, TX 77002

This business is conducted by Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/15/2001
/s/ Courtney A. Tippy, Vice President and Secretary

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/04/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: Kquam, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20251028

Cara Vita Wines, 2540 Boatman Avenue Suite 180, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Ogilvie Merwin Ventures, LLC, 2540 Boatman Avenue Suite 180, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 9, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 12, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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CARA 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20251027

The following person(s) is doing business as:

Living Forward SLS, 129 C St 2, Davis, CA 95616, County of Yolo. Living Forward Supportive Living Services, 1745 Enterprise Dr, Fairfield, CA 94533

This business is conducted by Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/03/2025
/s/ Schiller Philippe-Auguste, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/12/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: Kquam, Deputy
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20251034

The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): FuyuRain, 38000 County Road 144, Clarksburg, CA 95612.

The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on March 6, 2023, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Kiton Noel Connor, 10005 Lorae Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624

This business was conducted by: An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 15, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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CONNOR 1-16-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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 persons 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

NAME CHANGE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-3214

Sayed Najib Sadat has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sayed Murid Sadat to Mureed Sayed Sadat and Sayed AB Musawir Sadat to Musawer Sayed Sadat and Sayed Sulisman Sadat to Suliman Sayed Sadat and Sayed Najib Sadat to Najib Sayed Sadat and Sayed Ibrahim Sadat to Ibrahim Sayed Sadat.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 26, 2025
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, 2025
SADAT 12-26-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT AIELLO SR. CASE NO. PR2025-0278

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ROBERT AIELLO SR.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by ZACHARY YOUNG in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO.

The Petition for Probate requests that ZACHARY YOUNG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 12-30-2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 14 Room located at 1000 MAIN STREET, WOODLAND, CA 95695, PROBATE DIVISION.

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (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.

Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner: TODD R. ROBIE, 2534 NORTHROP AVENUE, SACRAMENTO, CA 95826, Telephone: 916-720-3939
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BRIAN C. LANGLEY

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F2025-0311

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Brian C. Langley.

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

decedent.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: January 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. 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 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.

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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 25-35779 A.P.N.: 008-471-004-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/10/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: Myrick G. Tantiado, a single man Duly Appointed Trustee: Vylla Solutions, LLC Recorded 9/14/2021 as Instrument No. 2021-0034823 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California , Described as follows: As more fully described in the Deed of Trust Date of Sale: 1/22/2026 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: North (Rear) entrance to City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$433,221.10 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 704 POPLAR WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 A.P.N.: 008-471-004-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee,

beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (949) 776-4697 or visit this Internet Web site https://prestigeopstandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-35779. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (949) 776-4697, or visit this internet website https://prestigeopstandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-35779 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 12/05/2025 Vylla Solutions, LLC 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 140 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (949) 776-4697 or https://prestigeopstandpub.com/ for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 LaTredan Franklin, Trustee Sale Specialist PPP #25-009189 Published 12/12/2025, 12/19/2025, 12/26/2025
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APN: 072-362-001-000 TS No.: 24-07584CA TSG Order No.: 240117883 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED DECEMBER 23, 2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded December 28, 2021 as Document No.: 2021-0047821 and re-recorded on September 29, 2025, as Document No.: 2025-0016636 and Re-recorded via judgment on 09/29/2025 as instrument # 2025-0016636 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by: Justin Corbett and Asia Corbett, husband and wife, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: February 5, 2026 Sale Time: 12:45 PM Sale Location: At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 2 File No.: 24-07584CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4029 Dover St, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$663,922.46 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase

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Community Calendar

DECEMBER

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

Friday, Dec. 26: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 27: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Movie**, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us for "A Minecraft Movie" (rated PG) and create Minecraft-inspired pixel art on a grid with stickers.

Monday, Dec. 29: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 30: Hug-a-Bye Baby, 11 a.m. to noon. Teen movie and cocoa bar, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Teens are invited to join us for a cozy afternoon showing of "The Sun is Also a Star."

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Noon Year's Eve, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ring in the New Year a little early at this kid-friendly New Year's party with music and dancing, sparkling juice, photo booth, and a countdown to noon. English conversation group, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1: All libraries closed for the New Year's Holiday.

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

Saturday, Jan. 3: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

DECEMBER - JANUARY

Continuing through Sunday, Dec. 29: Magical Christmas Train at 18095 County Road 117. Step into a dazzling holiday wonderland aboard the newly reimagined 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.riverfoxtrain.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.

Continuing through Sunday, Jan. 4: Claude Monet – the Immersive Experience, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. 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.mone-texpo.com/sacramento

Saturday, Dec. 27, Sunday, Dec. 28, Saturday, Jan. 3 or Sunday, Jan. 4: Christmas Tree Recycling. West Sacramento Cub Scout Pack 49 and City of West Sacramento, Government are partnering to bring this service to you. It's a great way to help keep our community clean and beautiful. Email Pack49Trees@gmail.com to reserve your pickup slot today. Choose from the weekend after Christmas or the weekend after the New Year.

Sunday, Dec. 28: 23rd Annual Kwanzaa Celebration, 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1275 Starboard Drive. This year's celebration will intentionally embody the principle of Ujima – collective work and responsibility, lifting up the strength, creativity, and resilience of our Black community through culture, connection, and collective joy. This free, family-friendly event features cultural performances and live drumming, storytelling and children's activities, Black-owned vendors and local makers, community resources, wellness partners, and more. Admission is free, but registration is required to help us plan for all guests, at www.eventbrite.com

Wednesday, Dec. 31: The Great Gatsby New Year's

Eve Express, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 18095 County Road 117. Experience Yew Year's Eve like Gatsby himself aboard the River Fox Train – in motion, in style, and in sparkling company. Don your best 1920s look and get ready to ring in the new year with flair. 21+ only, reserve your trip at www.riverfoxtrain.com/experiences

Thursday, Jan. 1: Polar Bear Plunge, 11 a.m. to noon at the Charles Brooks Community Swim Center, 155 N. West Street, Woodland. Start 2026 with a splash! If you're brave, bold, and ready for the chilly thrill, jump into the unheated pool and swim a lap or two. Warm showers, hot beverages, and prize opportunities await those daring enough. All proceeds support Woodland Kiwanis and help provide swim lesson scholarships for local kids. Registration is available onsite or by signing up online at www.city-ofwoodland.gov

Saturday, Jan. 3: New Year Community Creek Clean-up, 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at Rotary Park, 201 Railroad Ave., Winters for this collaborative project between Putah Creek Council, City of Winters, and Solano County Water Agency. All necessary equipment, water, and snacks will be provided. All attendees must sign a waiver before participating in this event. Waiver and more information at www.putahcreekcouncil.org

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

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

Cub Scouts Pack 49 meets monthly from September through May on the first Monday at Our Lady of Grace School,

1990 Linden Road. For more information, contact westsacramentopack49@gmail.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. Information and dates at www.daviscraftandvintage.org

Home Depot Kids Workshops are free in-person at 690 Riverpoint Court on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, while supplies last. The next class will be Jan. 3, making a tow truck. Registration required by using the following link: www.homedepot.com/workshops/

Lowe's Kids Workshops are free in-person each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. Registration required by searching "events" at www.lowes.com

Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento meets on Fridays at noon at Streets of London, 2200 Lake Washington Blvd. See www.rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org for more information, including how to join the Rotary.

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions at their West Sacramento Gardening Q&A Desk. It will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at Lowe's, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. This desk is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jennifer Baumbach at jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, Jan. 3.

Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 22, 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: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas> Due to the holidays, 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, Jan. 18. Registration is required at 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 prepacked. Stay in your car and follow volunteers' directions.★

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 15, 2026

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/commissions-committees/planning-commission-1461>), or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on January 15, 2026.

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

6:00 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

Omnibus Code Amendments to the Municipal Code

This item is a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to Title 8 (Health and Safety), Title 17 (Zoning) and Title 18 (Floodplain Management) of the West Sacramento Municipal Code (WSMC). Regular updates to the WSMC are necessary to ensure consistency with ongoing changes in the City and State law and remove existing regulations that are no longer applicable and/or need process improvements to enhance the public's experience with the City. The proposed amendments to Titles 8, 17 and 18 of the WSMC are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) and Class 21 (Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC as Agent for Owner 541 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento Ca, 95691 to satisfy a lien on January 14, 2026 at approx. 12:00PM at www.storage-treasures.com
Hortencia Ramos, Dontreal Davis, Aicha Fousshi-Fischel, Samuel Maroney, Veronica Mata, Brendan Cassidy, Robert Simmons, Tia Boykins, will Williams, George John, Gina Baldizan

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



As the vaunted Houston Rockets entered Golden One Arena Sunday night with a gaudy 17-8 record was there anyone that could have conceived the Sacramento Kings would rebound the Rockets 55-47? You would be hard pressed to find someone, but that's exactly what the Kings did, resulting in a hard fought 125-124 win!

Sitting just behind the Kings bench I was saddened by the number of empty seats that I gazed upon, and I found myself wondering why so many fans made the decision to stay home just days before Christmas.

Why not take the family out and celebrate the great careers of players like Russell Westbrook and DeMar DeRozan, leading the team to a holiday victory? That's exactly what they did, and coming back from a double deficit hole in the fourth quarter the Kings ended regulation on a torrid 17-2 frenetic scoring stretch that sent the game into overtime.

Future hall of famer Russell Westbrook hit a 3-pointer with just seconds left in regulation to put a hard-fought contest into overtime, much to the delight of Golden One holiday crowd.

DeMar DeRozan led the Kings with 27 big points while teammate Russell Westbrook added 21 points of his own to go with 13 monster rebounds. Yes, Kings fans, the veterans came to play and, on this night, they came to win!

All knotted at 112 apiece the Kings would end their losing streak after suffering back-to-back losses to the Portland Trailblazers, and it was an unlikely 3-pointer from Dennis Schroder with 2.2 seconds left on the clock that would propel the Kings to victory.

Kevin Durant's 20-footer with one second remaining would miss the mark sending home a jubilant Sacramento Kings crowd. No one seemed to mind the rain as fans made their way to their cars, because on this night, the hometown ballers put on a show.

Doug Christie's decision to finally focus on the young players is starting to pay dividends, but his reluctance to play Devin Carter and Keon Ellis is a mystery to me.

Rather than give minutes to Devin Carter, the organization sent this 1st round draft choice to the G-league where he will get

all the minutes he wants. While I agree that court time is what Carter needs, I believe real NBA talent is what he needs to be up against.

If the Kings want to see what the team's youth have to offer let's put them all out there. Both Carter and Ellis represent the defensive presence that coach Christie has been barking about, so why not let them show what they can do. Finally, put together a real plan of attack and get the message out there. Let the veterans do what they do, while giving substantial minutes to the young players at the same time.

Most of all, find a rotation that makes sense and not something new every game. Putting Malik Monk of the bench for two and three games at a time makes absolutely no sense, and it belittles a talent that took considerably less money to stay in Sacramento. Malik showed where his heart is, now show Malik that you value his skills.

Once again, the inability to access talent accurately rises to the top, and this coaching staff needs to get it together.

Games like this victory over the Thunder do not have to be an aberration if this coaching staff will find rotations that make sense. It's not rocket science, so do it!

Without question this team misses Domantas Sabonis and apparently, he is not returning anytime soon, so use your veterans wisely and play the legs off the youngsters.

Fans have their favorite players, and if the messaging coming from Kings is correct, some of your favorite players may soon be taking up residence elsewhere. I for one, hope Domantas Sabonis remains a foundation piece and Sacramento fans can witness his high intensity style of play for years to come.

In the meantime, remember this: The Sacramento Kings have proven on any given night this team can defeat any NBA team in America. The talent is here, and now is the time to come and see future hall-of-famers in action. Get out and support this team because they are playing hard!

Keep the faith Kings fans and have a very Merry Christmas!

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

Newsom's \$18 Billion Budget Gap Has Roots in Pandemic Aid Ending



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom unveils his first draft of the state's 2026-27 budget next month, he'll reveal whether he intends to deal squarely with its chronic, multi-billion-dollar deficit or punt the shortfall to his successor.

Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, the Legislature's independent fiscal advisor, estimates the state faces an \$18 billion gap between projected spending and likely revenues next year and, if left unaddressed, the deficit will grow to \$35 billion a year.

Meanwhile, Petek says, the state has rung up \$21.6 billion in off-the-books debt to cover deficits in recent fiscal years.

Petek and others have warned about the possibility of a serious recession afflicting the national economy which would exacerbate the budget's imbalance and strain California's emergency reserves, which have already been tapped to cover shortfalls.

Even without a recession, California's economy is, in Petek's words, "sluggish." Jobs are shrinking, and at 5.6% of the labor force, California's unemployment rate remains the highest of any state.

The recent history of papering over deficits with gimmicks and borrowed money is not an encouraging

signal of a forthright approach. However, perhaps Newsom will opt to balance California's books before embarking on a near-certain presidential campaign.

Unfortunately, the state is not alone in being plagued by yawning gaps between income and outgo. Throughout California, school districts, cities, counties and other units of local government are facing deficits rooted in the same dynamics that led to red ink in state finances – immense injections of federal relief funds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's been estimated that the feds pumped as much as \$600 billion into California through state and local governments to counteract the pandemic's economic impacts, not counting many other billions that businesses and individuals received directly.

The federal aid gave officials cash to spend with few safeguards and fueled a short-lived jolt of taxes, particularly income taxes.

The Newsom administration interpreted the windfall as a permanent increase in revenue that led the governor to declare, in 2022, a \$97.5 billion surplus. He and the Legislature immediately ramped up spending. But the surplus never materialized, and eventually the administration acknowledged that it had over-estimated revenues by \$165 billion four years.

By then, however, the additional spending, especially for an expansion of medical care, was lodged in state law, and the state was left with what is termed a "structural deficit" in the \$20 billion range.

Meanwhile, local governments and school districts were using their pandemic

aid to satisfy the demands by employee unions for salary increases, which often could not be covered once the federal aid vanished. Inflation in living costs ratcheted up union salary demands even further.

A new report by the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team, which monitors California school district finances, examined the chronically troubled Sacramento City Unified School District and described how federal aid led to its financial quicksand.

The report catalogued the district's history of over-spending revenues and said, "This (federal) funding masked the district's existing structural deficit, delaying the necessary actions to be taken to address it."

Even after the federal aid stopped, the district continued to sign union contracts calling for raises that it could not afford. And it failed to implement the cost-saving steps it had pledged to balance its budget, the analysis found.

The budget problems in other school districts – Oakland Unified is a notorious example – and in local governments such as the City of Los Angeles have a similar ring. School trustees and city council members, elected with union support, squandered federal aid. Then they approved unsustainable contracts and blamed the resulting deficits on insufficient revenue.

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Social Security Matters

Why Won't Social Security Give Me My Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I called the Social Security office, as well as went with my husband when he went to collect his Social Security. Because I work full-time (at about \$800/week), they said I could not file for my Social Security. Yet I seem to read articles all the time about people doing so.

My husband just filed for his benefits and is now collecting them. Out of the two of us, his Social Security will be larger. Please advise me. **Signed: Wanting my Benefits**

Dear Wanting my Benefits: If you have not yet reached your SS full retirement age (FRA) and you are working full time, you are likely being affected by Social Security's Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much you can earn while collecting Social Security prior to your FRA. Your FRA is somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on when you were born.

The annual earnings limit for those collecting

SS benefits prior to FRA in 2025 is \$23,400 (changes yearly) and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you applied for your benefits and are still working, and were denied, it's likely because Social Security determined that your current annual earnings considerably exceed the earnings limit and, thus, you cannot collect benefits. That's because the penalty for exceeding the limit would be more than your benefit amount. FYI, the earnings limit will go away when you reach your full retirement age so, after FRA, you can claim your benefits even if you are still working. Or if you stop working before your FRA you can collect your SS benefits at that time.

None of this means you are losing money, because your monthly SS payment will continue to grow until you later claim (e.g., after you stop working, or only work part-time), or until you reach 70 years of age. When you later claim, your monthly benefit will be higher and, depending on your longevity, you may recover what you didn't get now because you are working. And that includes both your own SS retirement benefit and any spousal boost you may be entitled to from your husband.

So, my suggestion is this: as long as you are working full time

and exceeding Social Security's annual earnings limit, continue to wait to claim your Social Security. Then, when you reach your full retirement age (again, between 66 and 67, depending on the year you were born), or if you stop working before that, go ahead and apply for Social Security again. At that time, your application will be approved, and you will be awarded your own earned SS retirement amount plus any additional amount you may be due as your husband's spouse. To be entitled to a spousal boost from your husband, your own FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement. But the amount you get will be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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President Trump likes putting his name on things, so maybe it was inevitable he'd get his own corollary to the Monroe Doctrine. Truth be told, what the president's just-released national security strategy sets out as a new proposition is really a restatement of the Lodge Corollary, named after Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in 1912. That proviso prohibited any foreign power or interest -- not just European governments -- from gaining "practical power of control" in the Western Hemisphere.

Naming rights aside, the treatment of our hemisphere is a strong element of the strategy. The so-called Trump corollary aims to assert U.S. preeminence in the hemisphere and keep non-hemispheric actors from creating threats or controlling strategically vital assets here. It is, in the words of the strategy, "a common-sense and potent restoration of American power and priorities, consistent with American security interests."

We should, by all means, breathe new life into a Monroe Doctrine that in recent decades has become a mused curiosity. The precipitating crisis for the making of the doctrine was an 1821 declaration by the Russians that they'd prohibit foreign shipping within 115 miles of their holdings on the Pacific coast. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams rebuffed the edict in terms anticipating the doctrine.

The bigger issue was that the Spanish empire was disintegrating. The end of its

Yes, Revive the Monroe Doctrine

grip in the Western Hemisphere catalyzed the birth of Latin American republics and presented the risk of interventions by ambitious, illiberal continental Europeans states.

What to do? The British, who didn't want to get locked out of Latin American markets by other European countries and viewed the U.S. as a potential partner, suggested a joint declaration that continental powers should steer clear. We strung the Brits along and then President Monroe issued, on his own, what would become his eponymous doctrine in an annual message to Congress in 1823.

He asserted that "the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers."

New European footholds in the Western Hemisphere were thought to represent not just security, but territorial, demographic and ideological threats. Metternich, the Austrian statesman, took great umbrage. He called it an "act of revolt," and pronounced it "fully as audacious" and "no less dangerous" than the Danubian Revolution. Tsar Alexander said that "it merits only the most profound contempt." But Russia backed off its 1821 power play.

Initially, we weren't close to being militarily capable of contesting European encroachments and we relied on the British, in effect, to enforce our declaration. Still, the Monroe Doc-

trine became a predicate of American geopolitical power by avoiding major challenges to our hegemony in our own hemisphere. When we had the means, we enforced it ourselves. Once we were no longer distracted by the Civil War, we pressured France to end its intervention in Mexico in the 1860s. We got Germany to stand down during the Venezuela crisis of 1902 (this event led to the Roosevelt Corollary, named after President Teddy Roosevelt, stipulating the U.S. could deploy "an international police power" when Latin American countries were failing).

Since the 1990s, though, we've let down our guard. China is now Latin America's second-largest trading partner after the United States, and has expanded its influence in the region on all fronts. Russia has relationships with Venezuela, Nicaragua and Cuba, and has increased its covert operations in Mexico. Hezbollah has a notable presence in Latin America.

Trump's focus on countering these malign actors could be seen in his successful effort earlier this year to get Panama to pull out of China's Belt and Road Initiative, and is evident now in his pressure campaign against a Maduro regime in Venezuela that is aligned with China, Russia and Iran.

Trump's actions often feel new and different, but here, his strategic departure is returning to a traditional American approach to our side of the Atlantic.

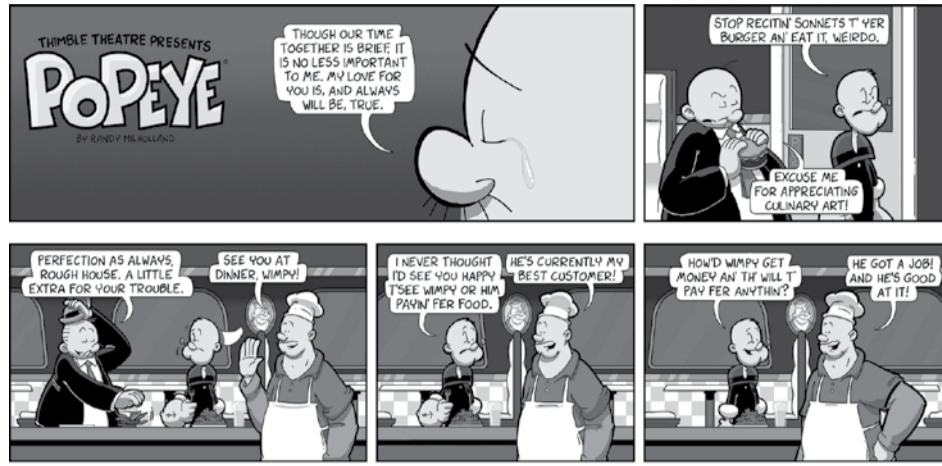
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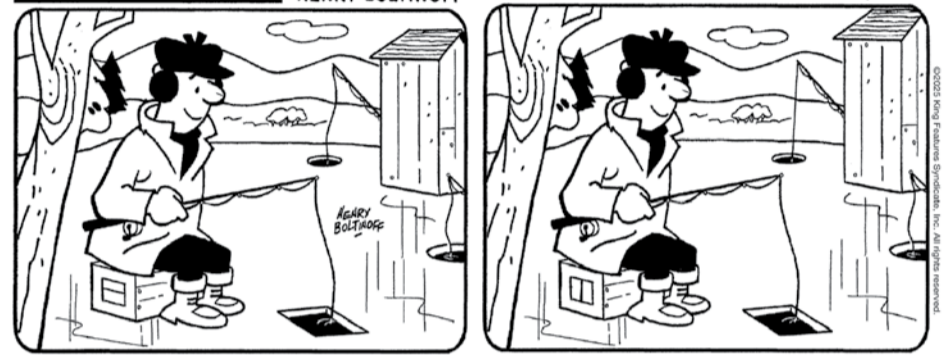
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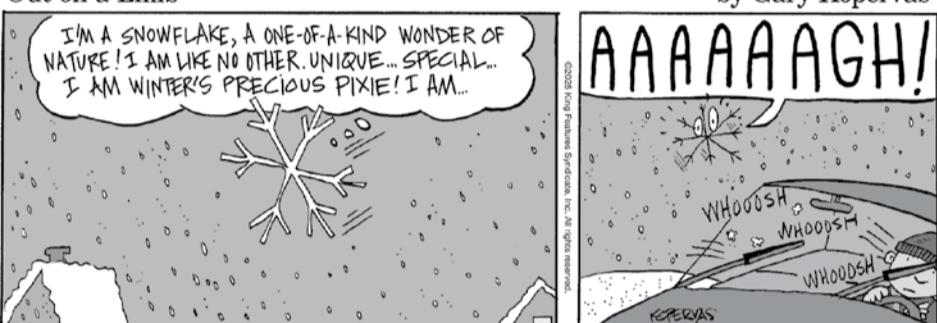
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Out on a Limb



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- CLUES**
- ACROSS**
- Hot Springs and such
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 - Wharton degree, acr.
 - Artist's inspiration
 - "Move head to show attention"
 - Angry growl
 - Shamu, e.g.
 - Diva's number
 - Put on fancy dress (2 words)
 - "Making facial expression showing pain"
 - Mine passage
 - Single-handedly
 - Assistance
 - Made according to specifications
 - Economizes
 - Biochemistry acr.
 - Aerie baby
 - Genesis skipper
 - Leaves out
 - "Some look up and to the right when telling one"
 - Watcher
 - "The Forsyte ___" by John Galsworthy
 - Forty winks
 - Fraternity letter T
 - "Said "easy peasy" with fingers"
 - Like a weight lifter, usually
 - Weasel-related onomatopoeia
 - Undo laces
 - Helicopter sound
 - "Showing low self-esteem or boredom"
 - 100 centimes
 - Purl partner
 - From square one
 - Frustration, in a comic book
 - "At ___, soldier!"
 - Don't go
 - Dashboard acr.
 - Like Willie Winkie
 - Frustrated driver's recourse

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 - Ascus, pl.
 - Same as sea moss (2 words)
 - Rice wine
 - Dress with a flare
 - Rudolph, when older
 - Famous Christmas guests
 - Like some champagnes
 - High mountain
 - Toyota truck model
 - Part of flight
 - "Showing agreement"
 - Healing plants
 - Be in a cast
 - "Show anger with arms"
 - Unnerve
 - Eurasian antelope
 - "___ but not heard"
 - Much, in Italy
 - Song of praise
 - "I don't know" move
 - "One's smiling because one's ___"
 - Intoxicated
 - "Showing impatience with fingers"
 - Like retina and brain connecting nerve
 - Large edible mushroom

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Alonzo Carter Named as Head Football Coach

Will be the 14th Coach in Sacramento State Program History

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State Director of Athletics Mark Orr announced Alonzo Carter as the program's 14th head football coach.

"We are thrilled to welcome Alonzo Carter as our next head football coach," Orr said.

"Coach Carter is a proven leader who has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to developing student-athletes on and off the field. His history of success in recruiting, constructing teams and producing results at all levels of football makes him an ideal fit for Sacramento State. We look forward to welcoming him and his family back to his native Northern California and having him as part of the Sacramento community for years to come."

Known for his recruiting ability and deep roots in Northern California, Carter is coming home and most recently served as the assistant head coach and running backs coach at the University of Arizona. Additionally, he has experience as a head coach at the high school and junior college levels.

"Being named the head football coach at Sacramento State is truly an honor and a dream fulfilled," Carter said.

"I want to thank President Luke Wood and Athletics Director Mark Orr for giving me the opportunity to return to Northern California and lead this program. Every stop in my career has prepared me for this moment. Sacramento State deserves a program built on discipline, effort and pride. We're here to raise the standard and represent this University the right way."

Carter has spent the past nine seasons working under Brett Brennan at San Jose State and at the University of Arizona. He joined the Spartans football coaching staff in January 2017 as the running

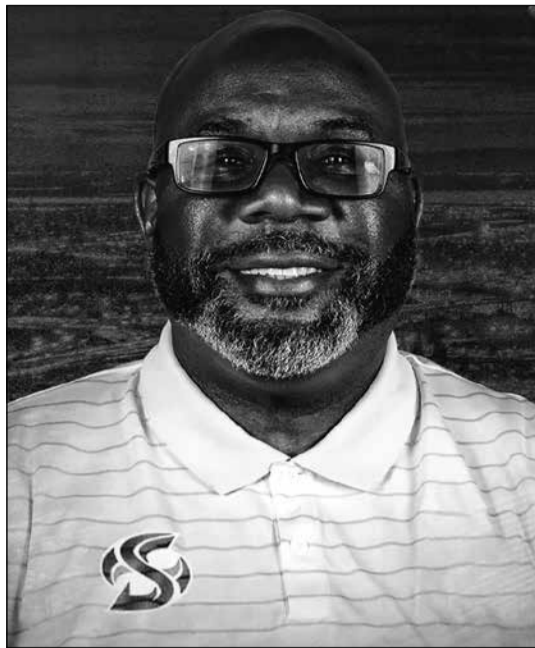
backs coach and added the duties of assistant head coach in 2021. After a successful run at SJSU which included three bowl appearances, he joined the Arizona staff prior to the 2024 season.

This season, the Wildcats went 9-3 in the regular season and will play in the Trust & Will Holiday Bowl on Jan. 2. The team rushed for 2,143 yards and 20 touchdowns and was led by Ismail Mahdi who had 826 yards and four scores. That effort helped Mahdi earn all-Big 12 Conference honors.

In his role as assistant head coach, he aided in the administration of the program, led practices and meetings in the head coach's absence and represented the team at campus and community events.

During Carter's final season at San Jose State (2023), running back Kairee Robinson finished second in the Mountain West Conference with a career-high 1,194 rushing yards and led the conference with a career-high 18 rushing touchdowns.

Carter's running backs played a large role in helping the Spartans go 7-1 overall in 2020, win the Mountain West title and end the season ranked 24th in the AP Poll. The San Jose State backs averaged 4.5 yards per rush and became one of the first two teams in NCAA Football Bowl



Pictured is Alonzo Carter, Sacramento State's 14th head football coach. Courtesy photo

Subdivision (FBS) history to complete a season without losing a fumble by a ball handler on offense, defense, and special teams.

As a head coach at Contra Costa JC from 2010-16, Carter led the team to four conference titles and a pair of bowl victories. In 2012, his team won the Bay Valley Conference, he was named the league coach of the year as well as the CCCFA Region II Coach of the Year. He added a second BVC title the following season and then won Pacific 7 Conference titles in 2014 and 2015. The team advanced to win the Living Breath Foundation Bowl in 2012 and 2014.

Prior to that position, Carter was the head coach at McClymonds High School in Oakland, Calif., for seven years (1999-06) where he won three CIF Oakland Section titles. He was also the head coach at Berkeley HS for three seasons (2007-09) and the head track and field coach at McClymonds High School for 13 years. Overall, he owns a 129-69-3 record as a head coach.

During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic and up to the start of the delayed season, Carter became a national figure through his West Coast Zoom clinics — weekly sessions involving

hundreds of football coaches. Rooted in listening, learning and networking, he relied on his professional connections and hosted engaging ZOOM calls lasting up to seven hours, either once or twice a week. For his use of the Zoom technology platform, he received a 2020 Zoomtopia award for innovation — emphasis on diversity: bridging the divide.

In August 2020, he was named to the National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches (NCMFC) executive committee. The organization's goal is to identify and groom coaches of color and create a list of coaching candidates for upward mobility. The NCMFC recognized his organizational commitment through his recruitment of more than 100 new members, providing mentoring, and mock interview sessions with its MVP Advocate Award for 2020. Since August 2020, he assisted 26 NCMFC members that advanced to coaching positions of greater responsibility or visibility.

Carter was inducted into the African American Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, and the Contra Costa JC Hall of Fame in 2025. He holds coaching certifications from the American Football Coaches Association, the California Interscholastic Federation and the California Community College Athletic Association. Carter was selected to participate in the Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship program in 2017 with the San Francisco 49ers.

Carter graduated from Cal State East Bay with a degree in African American studies in 2016. He was a member of the Pioneers' football and track and field teams while the school was known as Cal State Hayward. Carter is the father of four children: Alonzo Carter II, Alona Carter, Anthony Carter, and Kennedie Carter. ★

Republic FC Reinforces Roster with Pierre Reedy

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The club announced Dec. 17 the signing of midfielder Pierre Reedy. Reedy will be added to the team's roster, pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Pierre is a well-rounded player who can have an impact on both ends of the pitch," said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. "He brings a mentality and work rate that make every team he's a part of better. We're looking forward to having him join our fight for silverware."

Reedy added, "It's an honor to be a part of this club. I'm looking forward to this new challenge and giving everything I have for this club and our fans."

Reedy spent the last two seasons with USL League One club Spokane Velocity, where he helped the expansion team reach back-to-back appearances in the league Final. Across all competitions, he recorded 35 appearances, four goals and five assists. Earlier this year, the Pennsylvania native was selected as the Player of the Week after adding a goal and two assists against Westchester.

He previously featured in USL Championship for Charleston Battery in 2023. He joined the Eastern Conference team midway through the season and helped them close out the campaign in strong form to finish third in the table,



Sacramento Republic FC announced on Dec. 17 the signing of midfielder Pierre Reedy. The 2026 season officially kicks off on March 7. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

a nine-point improvement from the previous year. Charleston would go on to claim its first-ever Eastern Conference Championship.

In 2022, he signed his first professional contract for Real Monarchs. He made 18 appearances MLS NEXT Pro appearances and was also called up to Real Salt Lake on a short-term loan that included two appearances. At the end of the 2022 season, Reedy trialed with Scottish Championship side Dundee FC before earning a contract for the second half of the season. He went on to make four appearances to help Dundee earn promotion back to the Scottish Premiership.

Before attending Penn State, Reedy was a member of New York Red Bulls youth academy. The three-year captain recorded 70 appearances, nine goals and 15 assists for the Nittany

Lions, earning five All-American selections. In 2021, he was awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor, one of the most prestigious student-athlete awards in the country. He also featured for USL League Two side Reading United FC from 2016 to 2018 and helped them reach the 2018 National Championship Final.

Republic FC's 2026 season officially kicks off on March 7 when the club hosts FC Tulsa at Heart Health Park. Season ticket memberships are on sale now, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seat selection in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. For more information, or to purchase a membership, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★

Chip Maxson 2025 MiLB Executive of the Year

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats are proud to announce that President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) Chip Maxson has been named the "Baseball America" 2025 Minor League Baseball (MiLB) Executive of the Year.

Just two months after earning an honor of similar namesake from (MiLB), Maxson has been chosen as the top executive of all 120 MiLB affiliates by Baseball America, the website and print magazine company that has developed into one of the premiere baseball outlets in the country. Under Maxson's leadership, Sutter Health Park undertook the unprecedented challenge of hosting two baseball teams and embarked on an ambitious eight-month renovation prior to the season.

"This recognition from Baseball America in addition to the honor from MiLB are a testament to the passion, dedication, and hard work of our entire team," said Sacramento River Cats President and COO Chip Maxson. "Every member of our staff plays a vital role in creating unforgettable experiences for our fans and I'm proud to share this honor with our entire organization and the Sacramento community."

Following the April 4, announcement that the Athletics would temporarily share Sutter Health Park, significant upgrades were made to meet Major League Baseball™ (MLB) standards. Among those included the installation of a state-of-the-art natural grass field equipped with AirPAT technology to enhance turf health, optimize moisture, temperature control, and ensure year-round playability. Six premium club and hospitality spaces underwent modifications, including the Jackson Rancheria Legacy Club, Sky River Casino Solon Club and Diamond View Dugout Club.

During the 2025 season, Sutter Health

Park hosted a total of 151 combined (Major League Baseball) MLB and MiLB contests in just 180 days. The ballpark recorded a 157 percent increase in announced attendance, welcoming nearly 1.1 million fans across all events.

Since joining the organization in 2012, Maxson has guided the River Cats through transformative growth. Among Maxson's immediate actions in 2013 was the addition and construction of the Jackson Rancheria Legacy Club, the first major project at Sutter Health Park since the stadium had been opened in 2000. Maxson's tenure includes leading the affiliation change to the San Francisco



Giants in 2015, securing a new stadium naming rights deal in 2019, and overseeing the team's third Triple-A National Championship - the first MiLB franchise in history to reach that milestone.

This is the second time in franchise history that the River Cats have earned this distinct honor from Baseball America. The first to do so was Sacramento River Cats President & General Manager Alan Ledford following the 2006 season.

Sacramento continues its string of post-season honors over the past two seasons, as following the 2024 calendar year the River Cats were honored as 2024 Bob Freitas Award winners by Baseball America, given annually to the top team from each of MiLB's three classification levels.

Sutter Health Park is the West Sacramento home of the three-time Triple-A Champion Sacramento River Cats, proud affiliate of the three-time World Series Champion San Francisco Giants. Memberships, mini-plans, and suites and hospitality spaces for the 2026 season may be purchased now by calling the River Cats Ticket Office at (916) 371-HITS (4487), emailing tickets@rivercats.com, or visiting www.rivercats.com. For information on other events at Sutter Health Park, visit www.sutterhealthpark.com. ★

A's Agree to Terms with RHP Mark Leiter Jr. on One-Year Contract

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Athletics have agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Mark Leiter Jr. on a one-year contract for the 2026 season, the club announced Dec. 17.

Leiter went 6-7 with two saves, 14 holds and a 4.84 ERA in 59 relief appearances for the New York Yankees last season. He struck out 54 batters in 48.1 innings and walked 17 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.17. The 34-year-old right-handed pitcher appeared in 50 or more games for the third consecutive

season and his six wins were a career high.

Leiter has pitched for four teams in six seasons in the majors and is 16-29 with nine saves and a 4.60 ERA in 270 career appearances with the Phillies (2017-18), Blue Jays (2018), Cubs (2022-24)

and Yankees (2024-25). He was originally drafted by Philadelphia in the 22nd round in 2013 and did not pitch in 2019 and 2020 due to "Tommy John" surgery and the pandemic. Leiter returned to the majors in 2022 and appeared in a career-high 69 games

for Chicago in 2023 when he logged a career-low 3.50 ERA. He is the son of Mark Leiter, who pitched 11 seasons in the majors from 1990-2001, and the nephew of Al Leiter, who played 19 seasons from 1987-2005 and was a two-time All-Star. ★