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West Sacramento's Earth Day event promotes sustainability and living a green lifestyle. Residents who ride their bike to the event can park for free with the Bike Valet. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento/Professional Events

By MPG Staff

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - West Sacramento residents are invited to celebrate Earth Day at Bryte Park, 1225 Carrie St., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 4. Learn about conservation while enjoying music, food, shopping and interactive activities at one of West Sacramento's city parks. This free, family-friendly event will offer resources for living more sustainably, unique craft items from local artisans and flavorful creations from local fresh food vendors. Egg hunts featuring 2,500 eggs will take place at 10:30 a.m. for ages 4 and under, 11 a.m. for ages 5 to 7 and

11:30 a.m. for ages 8 to 12. The first 50 people who arrive to the info booth will receive a free taco (limit of four tacos per family). 50 free ticket vouchers will be given to the first people to visit the River Cats booth and sign up for their newsletter (limit two per fan). Guests will have opportunities to receive free three-gallon recycling bins, kitchen pails and compostable bags (while supplies last). There will be a free compost giveaway and a free raffle including tickets to the A's, Sacramento River Cats and Sacramento Republic FC. Non-releasable Birds of Prey Ambassadors from Hawks, Honkers

& Hoot will be present at the event, along with the West Sacramento Fire Department and their engine. This event is rain or shine. Ride your bike to the event and park for free with the Bike Valet. Get to the event by carpool, JUMP or via Rideshare. More details can be found at <https://recyclingfun.org/>. Now more than ever it is important to make small decisions that leave big impacts," said Ryan Burnett, sustainability manager for the City of West Sacramento. "Making sustainable decisions not only creates resilience, it often saves you money in the long run. We look forward to seeing you there!" ★

MOW Yolo Welcomes Liane Moody

Meals on Wheels Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Davis-based nonprofit professional Liane Moody will take the helm as the executive director of Meals on Wheels Yolo County (MOW Yolo) effective Monday, April 13. She replaces present Executive Director Joy Cohan, who's retiring on Friday, April 3 following more than four years of leadership. Currently, Moody is the executive director of Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC), a nonprofit providing low-income Yolo County families and individuals assistance with basic necessities. She has served STEAC for seven years, doubling

the organization's budget via fundraising activities aimed at simultaneous program growth and fiscal stability. "Liane has proven her ability to grow a nonprofit organization by identifying needs and utilizing her collaborative and communications skills to achieve positive outcomes," said Bridget Levich, chair of the MOW Yolo Board of Directors. "The MOW Yolo Board is thrilled to welcome Liane and looks forward to working with her to continue organizational growth, and the opportunity to engage and nourish yet more food insecure, isolated seniors in Yolo County." During Cohan's tenure as executive director,



Liane Moody has been named Meals on Wheels Yolo County Executive Director effective April 13. Moody will be departing from the Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC) in Davis. Photo courtesy of MOW Yolo County

meals and social contact, a 5,300 square foot institutional meal production facility was established, and social enterprise was introduced as a viable revenue stream to supplement private philanthropy. These efforts emerged from the Board of Directors' development of a multi-year strategic plan, which now will guide the objectives and outcomes of Moody's oversight of the organization. "I could not be more thrilled to have this opportunity to continue the incredible work that Joy and the Board, staff, and volunteers at MOW Yolo have done to ensure that all food insecure seniors in our county are fed and

MOW Yolo experienced more than 350 percent growth in the number of seniors connected with

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Council Approves Utility Rate Increases

By John McCallum

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Citing a need to address aging infrastructure system operating costs, the City Council at its March 18 meeting unanimously approved raising city water and sewer rates, the first such approved rate increase since 2021, according to a staff presentation at the meeting. The council also approved changes to its "Low-Income Rate Assistance" (LIRA) program which provides rate-paying assistance to qualifying residential utility customers. Council approvals came after a public hearing and comment period that saw a number of objections filed online during the procedure but not enough to constitute a majority of affected homeowners and therefore prevent the rates from being adopted. Rate increases will vary depending upon use and increase incrementally each year to Jan. 1, 2030. The increases include fixed rates as well as consumption charges. Single-family fixed sewer charges jump from \$10.88 to \$19.85 beginning April 1 - an over 45% increase. The rate increases by over 23% in 2027 to \$25.81 and over 20% to \$32.26 in 2028 before slowing to single digits, topping out at \$38.33 in 2030. Multifamily rates increase from the current \$8.16 per unit to \$13.53 a jump of almost 40%. The same annual increase percentage for single-family holds true for multifamily, eventually reaching \$26.13 by 2030. Commercial fixed rates decrease beginning April 1, dropping from \$5.40 to \$3.19 per account before rising again in 2028 to \$6.17 by 2030. Commercial users are also charged a consumption rate, which is currently \$3.16 per one hundred cubic feet (HCF). That rate decreases to \$2.41 on April 1 before rising annually to \$4.67 per HCF in 2030. Water rate increases depend upon the residence or commercial building or meter sizes, with most city

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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.

Home Church, 108 W. Woodland Ave., Woodland, every Monday at 3:30 p.m. This is a walk-up food 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.

Woodland Community College, 2300 E. Gibson Rd., Woodland, every Friday at 8:30 p.m. This is a drive-through distribution.

MARCH/APRIL

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

Friday, March 27: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Favorite friends story time, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. This month, we're celebrating "Pete the Cat" with a special story time and crafts.

Saturday, March 28: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday, March 30: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Drop-in tutoring, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kids in grades 1 through 8 are invited to drop in after school for homework help in math, science, and more with a high school volunteer. Spots are first-come, first-served, and

are limited to 20 minutes if other students are waiting.

Thursday, April 2: Tech help, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a library staff member to help you with your computer, phone, and other technology questions. Bring your personal device or use a library computer. To make an appointment, visit the Information Desk or call (916) 375-6465. Yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, April 3: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fairy gardens, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us to create your own miniature enchanted garden, perfect for attracting fairies (while supplies last).

Saturday, April 4: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Movie for teens and adults, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us for a showing of "Dune: Part Two," rated PG-13.

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

Wednesday, April 1: Anime club, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join us for anime screenings, fun anime and manga activities, snacks, and more. Registration is required.

Call 530-666-8005 for more information on any of these events or events at any Yolo County Library branch.

Continuing through Saturday, April 4: "The Crucible" at the Woodland Opera House, 340 Second St. Woodland. Set in 1692 Salem, Massachusetts, the story follows the eruption of mass hysteria in a close-knit town after a group of young girls is discovered dancing in the woods. To avoid punishment, the girls begin accusing townspeople of witchcraft, igniting a wave

of fear that fractures the wider community. For more information, including schedule and tickets, visit www.woodlandoperahouse.org.

Continuing through Tuesday, March 31: See's Candy Sales at the West Sacramento Moose Lodge, 3240 Jefferson Blvd. Hop on over to the Moose Lodge for your Easter chocolate gifts. This is a Lodge fundraiser; proceeds support the Lodge general fund. For more information, contact Mauda at 916-440-3790.

Continuing through Friday, March 27: Student Voter Empowerment Design Contest, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Yolo County, Yolo County Library Services and Woodland Public Library. Open to all Yolo County High School Students, this contest supports youth voter registration and voting. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and the winning art pieces will be printed, distributed, and displayed County-wide and during LWVYC events. Submission deadline is Friday, March 27. Rules and more information at lwvyolo.org.

Friday, March 27 through Sunday, March 29: YoloFest, a weekend to explore Yolo County. Enjoy this county-wide celebration of our agriculture, music, arts, culture, farm-to-table food, craft beverages, outdoor recreation and local hospitality. It's a self-guided weekend where visitors can explore participating venues across Yolo County. See www.visityolo.com/yolo-fest for more information, including a full list of participating sites.

Friday, March 27: Explore the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, parking lot B, 45211

County Road 32B, Davis. The Yolo Basin Foundation is introducing their new Mobile Visitor Center to the public that will offer a variety of wetland-related interpretive and interactive materials, wildlife identification activities, a digital wildlife scavenger hunt, and photo opportunities. For questions, or more information, see www.yolobasin.org.

Saturday, March 28: Ohana Comic Con, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, #2345 Woodland, 37650 Hwy. 16, Woodland. Entrance is \$10, kids 10 and under are free, free parking. Dress to impress – there will be a Cosplay costume contest at 2:30 p.m. Please sign up that day near the Admissions table. Discount flyer available at www.visitwoodland.com/event.

Saturday, March 28: Aqua Egg Adventure, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 2801 Jefferson Blvd. Parks mascot Mooie Armstrong has hidden eggs all around the Rec Center Pool Deck. On this adventure, swim through the water recovering eggs filled with prizes and surprises. Whether you are a skilled swimmer or just in it for the fun, this new event is sure to make a splash. \$15 per resident; \$18 non-resident. Register online at www.rec.us/organizations/city-of-west-sacramento.

Saturday, March 28: Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m. at San Pedro Park, 708 N. Hobson Ave. Come join us at our beautiful park for Easter Egg fun and games, a delicious lunch, and photos with the Bunny himself. Hosted by the San Pedro Association of Bryte, California.

Sunday, March 29: Meet the Machines, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vierra Farms, 3010 Burrows Ave. Ever wondered what it's like inside a tractor? Join us for a hands-on day at Vierra Farms where kids and adults can climb inside real farm equipment, meet Farmer Dave, and enjoy BBQ, drinks and farm fun. You can also see a live working dog and sheep demonstration where you'll get to see firsthand how a trained ranch dog moves sheep with calm, skill, and precision. More information at www.vierrafarms.com.

Wednesday, April 1: Coffee with West Sac PD, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Join us for coffee and conversations with the West Sacramento Police Department. For more information, call 916-617-5320.

Friday, April 3: Woodland First Friday Art Walk, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Woodland. Enjoy featured artists showing their latest work, live street music, gallery receptions, and the tastes from local restaurants and cafes. It's a great chance to explore Woodland's creative community while enjoying the lively atmosphere of our downtown.

Saturday, April 4: Breakfast with the Bunny, 9 a.m. to noon at the Odd Fellows Lodge, 415 2nd St., Davis. For \$15 per person, families will enjoy a cold breakfast at 9 a.m. with the Easter Bunny, then join the Bunny about 10 a.m. for a special parade through the farmers market toward the Community Church lawn to hunt for eggs. Following the hunt, families return to the Lodge for more fun activities. Tickets available on Eventbrite.com.

Sunday, April 5: Wiggle Worms Nature Play, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Bryte Park, 425 Todhunter Ave. Dress for active, and sometimes messy, play. Designed to engage ages 1 through 9 but siblings and babies are welcome. No registration required. This is not a drop-off program, and a caregiver must be present during the whole session. Brought to you

by The Wonder Grove.

Friday, April 10: "Fighting Demons" by Shaunte Neely – Art Reception, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Gallery 1075, Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Gallery 1075 is pleased to welcome you for an evening of fun combining museful paintings and lively discussions with fellow art lovers. This free in-person event is an amazing chance to experience and support the arts in our community. "Fighting Demons" will be on exhibit April 6 through 30.

Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12: NorCal Celtic Festival at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland. Events are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Don't miss the Ceilidh Celebration dinner Saturday night – requires a separate ticket and doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for all events and detailed schedule at www.norcalcelticfestival.com.

Saturday, April 11: Repair Café, 9 a.m. to noon at Holy Cross Parish, 1321 Anna St. Volunteers gather to repair or advise how to repair clothing, bicycles, small appliances and electronics, jewelry and more. Our mission is to reduce waste, decrease consumption and teach community members how to repair their own items when possible.

Saturday, April 11: Nature Day at the HIVE, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1221 Harter Ave., Woodland. Join us for a free family-friendly day discovering nature and celebrating pollinators. Enjoy engaging workshops and activities from local beekeepers, entomologists, farmers, conservationists, and horticulturalists. Call The HIVE Tasting Room and Kitchen at 530-668-0660 for more information.

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.

Center for Land-Based Learning Mobile Farmers Market will be popping up every third Tuesday and Wednesday through April to offer seasonal fruits and vegetables, connect with the team, and support local farmers – all at convenient community locations. Shoppers who use their EBT cards can get 50% off their produce purchases. More information and specific locations can be found at www.landbasedlearning.org/followthetomato. Next market dates will be Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15.

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, Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Park, 301 C 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 more 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 April 4, making a farm planter.

Registration required by using the following link: www.homedepot.com/workshops/

Kitchen Garden Chat, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. The next chat will be "Hardening Off Seedlings and Soil Temperature Requirements" on Saturday, April 4. Join UC Master Gardener of Yolo County, Treva Valentine for these events, free and open to anyone who wants to get more to eat from their garden throughout the year. No registration is required. Zoom link at www.ucanr.edu, look for the UC Master Gardeners-Yolo upcoming events webpage.

Lowe's Kids Workshops are free in-person each month from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. Next workshop will be Saturday, April 18 to make a terrarium. 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.

OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at UC Davis brings together adults ages 50 and better to keep minds active and connections strong – because learning is a lifelong adventure. For a schedule of stimulating lectures and discussion groups, captivating film screenings, educational field trips and online and in-person classes, email us at cpe.ucdavis.edu/lifelong-learners-OLLI.

Out of the Box Ministries holds a monthly event for volunteers to pack grocery bags for distribution to community members in need. Join us Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m. to pack bags at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd. for April 16 distribution at the same location. On distribution days, doors open at 6 p.m. for volunteers and 6:30 p.m. for clients. More information at 916-371-5875.

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@ucanr.edu or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, April 4.

Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting, Thursday, April 23, 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> The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15.

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, April 19. Registration is required at www.yolobasin.org

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Egg Hunt for the kids!

10:30 a.m.
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Free raffle with great prizes including tickets for the **A's and Sacramento River Cats and Sacramento Republic FC**
- Music, fun activities, and giveaways for all ages
- Ideas and resources for living more sustainably
- Unique items for purchase from local artisans and makers
- Free seven-gallon recycle bin, kitchen pail, and compostable bags (while supplies last)
- Meet non-releasable Birds of Prey Ambassadors from "Hawks Honkers & Hoots"
- Free compost giveaway
- West Sacramento Fire Department with Engine
- Ride your bike to the event and park for free with SABA Bike Valet

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If you have questions, please call (916) 617-4590.

More info at <https://recyclingfun.org/>



Sierra Donor Services Encourages Donor Registry

Sierra Donor Services News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In recognition of Kidney Health Month this March, Sierra Donor Services is calling on all greater Sacramento area residents to register as organ, eye and tissue donors.

In the United States alone, there are more than 100,000 people on the national transplant waiting list, with 90,000 waiting for a kidney. Nearly 80% of Californians waiting are from communities of color, highlighting a significant disparity.

Lincoln, California resident Dinah Tor is one of those people. At the age of eight, Dinah was diagnosed with granulomatosis with polyangiitis, a condition that eventually led to kidney failure. By 16, she was undergoing dialysis three times a week while waiting for a transplant. On March 31, 2008, she received a life-saving

kidney transplant at UC Davis. After her transplant, Dinah returned to college and spent 13 healthy years enjoying life's milestones. In 2020, she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma related to long-term immunosuppression but has been in remission since April 2021 and remains deeply grateful for the gift of life her transplant made possible.

"During Kidney Health Month, I'm reminded how important it is to take care of your kidneys and to support organ donation," said Dinah. "My transplant gave me the chance to go to college, build a career, and experience so many moments I might have missed. I'm incredibly grateful to my donor and hope my story encourages others to learn about kidney health and consider registering as an organ donor."

"We hope that learning about Dinah's story helps people recognize the critical need for organ

donation," said Sean Van Slyck, chief executive officer of Sierra Donor Services. "By registering as an organ donor, people in the Sacramento region can provide hope and a second chance at life to individuals like Dinah and thousands of others awaiting transplants."

Sierra Donor Services works tirelessly to facilitate the donation of organs, corneas, and tissue, ensuring every gift is treated with the highest level of care and respect. As Sierra Donor Services reflects on over 40 years of impact, the organization remains committed to its mission of saving lives, honoring donors, and educating the public. Be a part of this life-changing legacy. Register today at SierraDonor.org/

About Sierra Donor Services

Founded in 1985, Sierra Donor Services is a federally designated, mission-driven nonprofit



Non-profit organization Sierra Donor Services is encouraging those in the greater Sacramento region to consider becoming organ, eye and tissue donors this Kidney Health Month. Photo courtesy of Sierra Donor Services

organ procurement organization (OPO) dedicated to saving and improving lives through organ, eye and tissue donation. Serving over 2.8 million people across

13 counties in Northern California and Nevada, SDS is part of a collaborative network of organ procurement organizations working to advance

donation efforts across California, Tennessee, and New Mexico. For more information, or to register as a donor, visit SierraDonor.org. ★

Library Foundation Holds Annual Fundraiser

Yolo County Library Association

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Library Foundation has announced its second annual fundraising event, "Mary's Supper for Stories," hosted by Dr. Mary Vixie Sandy, Yolo County Supervisor, 3rd district, a longtime advocate for equity and education in our community.

The event, scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. April 16 at the Woodland Community & Senior Center will raise vital funds to support Yolo County Library's bookmobile services and ESL classes providing powerful materials, information and joy to the most under-resourced Yolo County

residents providing access despite funding constraints.

Dr. Mary Vixie Sandy has over 31 years of experience as a policy leader in higher education and government and has dedicated her career to improving the lives of those in her community. Her passion for equity in education aligns with the Yolo County Library Foundation's mission to provide financial support to all eight branches of the Yolo County Library system, allowing every resident to benefit from the library's resources, regardless of their ability to visit a physical branch.

Mary's Supper for Stories is more than a fundraising event – it's a

celebration of the power of literacy and community. The evening will bring together individuals and organizations who share a commitment to promoting education and equity through books and library programming. The evening includes a multicultural feast and stories!

Join us! To sponsor or learn more, contact Sandra Violet Clark, executive director, at yolocountylibraryfoundation@gmail.com or call/text (415) 601-9578. Event tickets are priced at \$35 and sponsorships start at \$250. Let's work together to foster literacy equity and a stronger, more literate Yolo! ★



Iran War Strands California Farm Exports

The U.S.-Israeli war with Iran, now in its third week, is taking a toll on California's high-value agriculture sector. In addition to causing sharp increases in fuel and fertilizer costs, the war has disrupted access to key export markets. Since the war began on Feb. 28, Iran has responded to U.S. attacks by effectively closing the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial shipping route, and paralyzing commercial ports in nearby countries that host U.S. military bases. Robert Verloop, CEO of the California Walnut Board and Commission, said 70,000 tons of walnuts, or about 10% of the billion-dollar sector's yearly production, were either en route to the Middle East or scheduled to be shipped there this month. "That certainly is at risk," Verloop said. Tulare County nut exporter Bikram Hundal said one vessel carrying a shipment of his was diverted to the Netherlands, while another was rerouted to Algeria. "It's going to be a loss," Hundal said.

Could Tea be California's Next Cash Crop?

Aside from water, tea is the most widely consumed beverage in the world. It can be found in almost 80% of U.S. households, according to the Tea Association of the USA Inc. More than 160 million Americans drink tea, yet tea isn't grown domestically. Atef Swelam, director of the University of California Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Fresno County, would like to see California farmers

capitalize on this untapped market. "We import about 120 million pounds of tea into the U.S. annually, spending about \$6 billion," Swelam said. He added that as San Joaquin Valley farmland is retired to comply with California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the niche crop could give growers a way to maximize profit per acre. This week, farmers are invited to the Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center to learn about opportunities for growing and marketing the crop.

Tomato Agreement Aims to Manage Parasitic Weed

Beginning this season, processing tomato growers, haulers and harvesters will come under mandatory state compliance agreements designed to contain and manage the parasitic weed broomrape. The California Department of Food and Agriculture introduced the agreements, which spell out equipment sanitation and broomrape risks, just before the 2025 season as part of a soft launch. This season, the agreements will be required to be signed by all parties before tomatoes are moved from a field, said Michelle Dennis, CDFA Integrated Pest Control Branch chief. The reason for the tough stance is the potential economic impact the weed poses to the state's processing tomato industry, said Brad Hanson, a University of California Cooperative Extension weed specialist. "It means you can go from a pretty small problem to a pretty big problem in short order," he said. ★

MOW Yolo Welcomes Liane Moody

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supported," Moody said. "Their commitment to bold and tireless work to expand to meet senior needs with innovation and collaboration has made a real impact upon vulnerable members of our community. I look forward to leading this dynamic team, building upon MOW Yolo's successes, and helping unite our community to care for the most vulnerable for years to come."

Fortifying Moody's approach will be her ongoing participation in the Leadership Longevity Fellowship offered by New Sector Alliance. The nine-month program launched last June, bringing together 16 mission-driven professionals from across the United States for an innovative leadership development experience focused upon career and life design, health and wellness, and creating a supportive community of peers.

"I'm excited to bring back to Yolo County and to MOW Yolo the knowledge gained

from these professionals nationwide," Moody said.

Prior to arriving at STEAC, Moody was the project coordinator for the Intercambio! Adult Language Exchange Program for five years, serving both Spanish and English-speaking parents at Davis' Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School in coordination with the Davis Joint Unified School District and UC Davis. The program was honored by the City of Davis in 2017 with the Thong Hy Huynh Award for Excellence in Community Involvement.

Moody also is a trained volunteer conflict mediator and has served on the Homeless Poverty Advisory Committee/Community of Care for Yolo County board, which manages HUD homelessness funding and administers the annual Homeless Point in Time Count. She was educated at Princeton University and the Harvard Graduate School of Education and worked

in the Boston area earlier in her career.

"The family of nonprofits providing social services in Yolo County is close-knit, and as such I have known Liane and her solid work and reputation to uplift our community's most vulnerable for many years," Cohan said. "In fact, we have been collaborating over the past several years on cost-efficient joint food purchases to benefit both STEAC and MOW Yolo. It's with great confidence and peace of mind that I'm transitioning MOW Yolo's leadership to her, and I'm excited to witness her vision for MOW Yolo's future come to fruition in the chapter that lies ahead."

To ensure a seamless executive transition between Cohan and Moody, MOW Yolo has launched a "Transitions" fundraising initiative. To learn more about the campaign and offer support, visit <https://mowyolo.org/donate-2/>, or contact MOW Yolo at engagement@mowyolo.org or 530-662-7035. ★

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By V.G. Harris



The End Is in Sight

Things are happening in Sactown and not every Kings fan is happy. Yes, even though our hometown ballers have won five out of the last eight games, there are long time Kings fans that aren't entirely thrilled.

This is because with each win the Kings statistically have a lesser chance of garnishing the No. 1 pick, or even a top four pick in the upcoming NBA draft.

So, what's the option. To intentionally try to lose a game. I hope our team never stoops to such measures. Tanking is a matter left better to the commissioner's office, and I have no doubt Adam Silver has ideas to fix the problem. In the meantime, playing the youngsters and getting a look at as many players as possible, all while giving it their best effort is why fans are buying tickets.

Sunday afternoon saw a raucous Golden One Arena heartily applauding a consistent effort by the Kings as hometown favorite Malik Monk decided to put on a show, scoring 32 points and adding six assists to boot.

Devin Carter, finally getting a chance to play on a consistent basis, chipped in with 16 points, five rebounds, and three assists.

Maxime Raynaud added a double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds and has been winning fans literally all season with his consistent play.

The question remains can he complement Domantas Sabonis and play alongside him, or will he become just a capable backup for Sabonis when he's not on the floor.

Although I wish nothing but good things for Raynaud, I think the Kings have found a good backup center for years to come, but I'm not seeing the shot blocking ability that I would like to see from a 7-footer.

In the 126-122 win over the Brooklyn Nets the fans got to see newcomer Patrick Baldwin perform, and Patrick wasted no time in putting up nine points and shooting three for four from 3-point land.

Doug McDermott did the same and the Kings will be faced with some uncomfortable decisions in the off season as they make decisions on who to keep and who to let go. Sadly, McDermott's 3-point shooting could have been used all season, but coach Christie relegated this talented sharpshooter

to the bench for the majority of the season for reasons that have never been very clear.

Yes. Decisions will be made and not all Kings fans are going to like them. Names like Precious Achiuwa, Dylan Cardwell, Devin Carter and others are not promised next season, although I believe all the aforementioned need to come back next year.

The draft will be a mystery until the ping pong balls do their thing but just know this Kings fans. This year's draft is deep, and whether the Kings choose #1 or #7 there is going to be a player with the talent to make the Sacramento Kings a better team.

More than anything what this franchise needs is people that can assess talent better than in the past. People that can separate the wheat from the chaff, the blue chippers from the pretenders.

Please, no more Marvin Bagleys or Thomas Robinsons. Surely, we can do better than the past has seen, and I'm convinced we will.

So, have heart Kings fans and let's continue to put our hands together for players like Russell Westbrook that is breaking all-time records right in front of our hometown fans!

Westbrook has been a bright spot all season and has done everything asked of him.

I'm hoping the younger players have been paying attention because there is much to learn from this can't miss future hall-of-famer.

Here's some positive but I believe very accurate news.

The Sacramento Kings are closer to becoming a playoff team than the NBA expects.

I don't like to dog on a coaching staff, but with the talent the Kings have and even in spite of the bad luck they've had with injuries, this team should have won 30 games.

Coach Christie is like a young rookie finding his way, but he has to do better than spout out that the Kings must play tough defense.

Start with being a better free-throw shooting team and take it from there.

Let's stick together and look forward to a winning 2027!

All the best! ★

It's Supposed to be a Race for Governor, but Candidates and Voters Seem Disengaged



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The shortage and costs of housing are, by any rational standard, one of California's most pressing issues, which is why several thousand advocates of affordable shelter gathered in Sacramento last week to ponder potential solutions.

Housing California, the event's sponsor, invited candidates for governor to participate in a panel discussion of how they would approach the housing crisis.

Neither of the two Republican candidates, Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco, appeared, which was not surprising given the left-leaning tenor of the event.

It was, however, odd that only four of the eight Democratic candidates showed up, since it was a terrific opportunity for them to impress a large audience of political activists, with just a few weeks remaining before voters begin marking and mailing their ballots for the June 2 primary election.

Of the four who participated in the housing panel, just one candidate, billionaire Tom Steyer, is in the top tier of candidates, as revealed in a new poll by the UC-Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies, with just barely 10% support.

The other three — state school Superintendent Tony Thurmond, former Los

Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former state Controller Betty Yee — collectively garnered just 6% support among the sample of voters, with Thurmond and Yee at 1% each.

Although California is a thoroughly blue state, the two Republicans were 1 and 2 in the poll, thus feeding worries among Democratic leaders that they could wind up that way in the June 2 voting if none of the Democrats catches fire.

Among the Democrats, Congressman Eric Swalwell and former Congresswoman Katie Porter polled highest at 13% each, followed by Steyer at 10%, former Attorney General Xavier Becerra at 5%, with Villaraigosa and San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan at 4%.

Mark DiCamillo, director of the poll, told the Los Angeles Times he is stunned by how fragmented and disengaged voters are about choosing the state's next governor.

"This is historic for me," DiCamillo said, "and especially given that none of the candidates have really a positive image rating with voters, also startling. I mean, perhaps one of the reasons why voters are disengaged, they're just not enthusiastic about any of the candidates. They're kind of sleepwalking to this election."

The lethargic nature of the contest is also demonstrated by the inability of the California Federation of Unions to settle on one Democrat, instead giving endorsements to four of the eight.

One could say, therefore, that the passive attitude of candidates vis-a-vis this

week's housing conference captures the broader lack of enthusiasm among candidates and voters.

This should be a referendum on how California deals with not only housing and homelessness but the many other issues that Gavin Newsom will leave behind when he exits the office next January, almost certainly embarking on a quest for the White House.

However, the gubernatorial campaign so far has revealed very few differences among the eight Democratic candidates on those issues, nor any truly novel proposals. In response to questions about housing, homelessness, health care and living costs, the four who did participate in Thursday's panel generally responded that they would spend a lot more money and impose new taxes on corporations and wealthy Californians to pay for it.

Given the paucity of new ideas and the overall lethargy, one could almost hope that Hilton and Bianco do finish 1-2 and give the state a Republican governor for the first time in two decades. The Capitol conflict that would ensue as a GOP governor battles with a Legislature dominated by Democrats would at least be interesting.

It would be karmic justice for a Democratic Party that apparently is incapable of generating enough energy to power a light bulb.

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

Social Security Matters

Help! Social Security Reduced my Monthly Payment



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My last Social Security payment decreased by about \$400, so I went to my online SS account and found a November 2025 letter explaining that my 2024 tax return showed a greatly enlarged AGI (Adjusted Gross Income). Thus, SSA decided to withdraw monies, as of Jan 2026, from my bank account because I'd owed far more monies to them! The letter itemized my greatly diminished 2026 SSA monthly payment, explaining should my next tax return show a regular AGI, then SSA would return my SS income to regular amounts (and return every prior month's deficits?). Said letter also mentioned an optional recourse, that of compiling an "Appeal" to regain my ongoing decreased income! The extra amounts now withdrawn for Medicare Parts A and D alone are outrageously high. I'm a retired senior citizen on a fixed income.

According to SSA, my having sold a piece of land in 2024 allows SSA to decrease my SS income! Has this become a common practice against USA (senior) citizens? Thank you in advance for your input! **Signed: Feeling Wronged**

Dear Feeling Wronged: From what you have shared, it appears that your SS benefit amount has been affected by a provision known as

"IRMAA" (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount). IRMAA isn't really a Social Security issue, rather it is a Medicare premium thing. But when IRMAA applies, it reduces your net Social Security payment because Medicare premiums are automatically taken from your Social Security benefit, thus making your net SS payment less. If you look at your gross Social Security payment (at your online "my Social Security" account) you will see that your **gross** SS payment did not change, but your Medicare premium did, thus affecting your **net** SS payment.

IRMAA, essentially, makes Medicare a "means tested" program, where those with a higher AGI can pay a higher Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium. However, IRMAA is usually based on AGI from two years prior to the current year (because your current AGI information isn't available from the IRS when Medicare premiums are determined in October of each year). FYI, you may have received a notice in the mail in early December telling you what your 2026 Social Security and Medicare amounts would be. In a nutshell, the land you sold in 2024 apparently increased your AGI to exceed the base IRMAA thresholds (which are \$109,000 if you file your taxes as a single, or \$218,000 if you file your income tax as "married/jointly"). And the IRMAA supplements are "progressive" (higher if your AGI is more), so if your Medicare premiums went up by about \$400 (about twice the 2026 standard premium) it's likely that your 2024 AGI was over \$137,000 if you filed as a single (or over \$274,000 if you filed as "married/jointly"). FYI, you can see the 2026 IRMAA brackets/

premium amounts at this link: www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html

A couple of additional points:

- Your Medicare premiums will, indeed, revert to the standard amounts for 2027, if your 2025 AGI amount is under the IRMAA threshold for your tax filing status.

- There is no premium for Medicare Part A (which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization care) because you are receiving Social Security benefits. However, there is a premium for Part B of Medicare (which is coverage for outpatient medical services), and you must also separately pay a premium for Part D (which is coverage for prescription drugs offered by private insurers). And these IRMAA supplements apply even if you have a Medicare Advantage plan from a private insurer.

Unfortunately, your only "recourse" is, as SSA suggested, to appeal the IRMAA supplement, but that is usually successful only if you can prove you had a "life changing event" which caused (or will cause) your AGI to be less than that used to determine your IRMAA surcharge. Your best option at this point will likely be to appeal using a "Request for Reconsideration" (Form SSA-561) asking that your 2026 Medicare premium be based on a recent year's (e.g., 2025) lower income.

Finally, IRMAA isn't really a new thing — it was enacted in 2003, effective in 2007. But it does have a profound effect on many seniors, as I explained in this article I recently published on the topic: <https://amacfoundation.org/irmaa-a-medicare-surprise/>

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Iran is Challenging a Bedrock of American Geopolitical Power

oil, but aluminum, fertilizers and any number of other products are being affected. If shipping in the strait remains as constrained as it is now for months rather than weeks, the economic damage could become intolerable.

Iran is the equivalent of a piratical Barbary state that is managing to undermine a defining element of American geopolitical strategy, despite the beating that it is taking otherwise. We have two carrier strike groups in the region, representing alone more firepower than many nations can muster, and the Iranians have some missiles, drones and mines -- and yet, they've effectively closed the strait and we, for now, can't reopen it.

This is a stark demonstration of asymmetrical power, and the longer it goes on, the more it will look like a national humiliation. There's no one who is going to bail us out because we have a world-class navy, whereas our allies don't -- even if they wanted to help.

Trump would like to muster an international force to reopen the strait, but Germany has rebuffed him, and the Japanese and Australians aren't interested. France is putting together a force -- to deploy after the end of hostilities. Imagine if that had been our attitude about the Battle of Belleau Wood. The fact of the matter, though, is that allied countries aren't going to think it's possible to reopen the strait if we haven't managed to do it on our own.

Trump's two basic options are to seek some unsatisfactory accommodation with the Iranians that ends in a ceasefire -- with the Iranians having demonstrated their de facto control of one of the most consequential waterways in the world -- or to break their grip on the strait by force of arms, perhaps up to and including the deployment of ground forces to secure the shores of the strait.

Trump seems inclined to bludgeon the strait free of Iranian control. U.S. officials say we could begin naval escorts in a matter of weeks, and they worked during the Tanker War between Iran and Iraq in the 1980s.

The great 19th-century naval strategist Alfred Thayer Mahan argued, "Control of the sea by maritime commerce and naval supremacy means predominant influence in the world." This was the experience of the British, and has been ours for a long time. "The necessity of a navy," Mahan also said, "springs from the existence of peaceful shipping and disappears with it."

In the Strait of Hormuz right now, peaceful shipping has largely disappeared, while we are deploying a mighty navy. If our forces can't restore free navigation, it will represent a significant failure of a traditional pillar of U.S. power.

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Council Approves Utility Rate Increases

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water customers using a 3/4-inch or 1-inch meter size. Current monthly fixed charges for these are \$24.61 and \$40.98 respectively and will increase April 1 to \$35.93 and \$58.42 – a jump of roughly 30% for both.

Water rate consumption charges for all customers also increase, with one HCF equal to 748 gallons of water. Consumption charges increase from the current \$2.43 / HCF to \$2.46 per HCF, rising each year to \$3.31 in 2030. Rick Simonson, senior vice president at HF&H Consultants who performed the city's rate study, said revenue from utility rates can only be used for capital projects associated with these services. He said the proposed sewer rates were for collection only, and do not include costs for treatment performed by Sacramento Area Sewer District.

He also said the proposed water and sewer rates were the maximum amounts over the next five years.

"If you revisit them, you could do something less, just not something more," he added.

Simonson, West Sacramento Finance Director Roberta Raper and Public Works Director Rebecca Scott told council rate increases were needed to help make up a funding gap between what is currently collected and what is needed to pay for about \$93 million in water infrastructure and \$44 million in sewer infrastructure projects over the next five years identified in the 2025 Water & Sewer Master Plans.

That's compared to the \$33 million in water and \$10 million in sewer infrastructure proposed from 2017-2021 detailed in the last Cost of Service analysis in 2017.

Simonson added the city's intent is to use a combination of rate revenue, reserve funds and potential debt – bonds

or loans – to fund these projects. Current "shovel-ready" projects include the \$8.7 million High Service Manifold Vault and Effluent Water Meter project at the city's water treatment plant and the \$8 million South Sewer Lift Station, which is too small to handle normal flows without backing up the system.

Other proposed infrastructure work includes water tank rehabilitation projects, estimated at \$33.8 million; \$44.6 million in water system replacement work, \$42.1 million in sewer pump station rehabilitation projects and \$10 million to replace worn and aging water meters.

"Water meters fail by under registering (consumption)," Scott said. "That results in less revenue for the city but is more favorable to customers."

The Low-Income Rate Assistance program includes increases to the monthly credit amount people enrolled in the program can put towards their water and sewer bill. The current credit of \$3 for water/sewer will jump to \$18 per month for households at 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

A new Fixed Income Senior Rate Assistance program is proposed that provides a monthly \$15 credit on water/sewer bills for those 62 years old and over and with a fixed income of 250% of the FPL. Both rate assistance programs are funded by tax revenue from Measure K, with a current annual budget of \$15,000. Raper said the LIRA is currently used by 192 customers, costing less than \$7,000 per year, adding they hope the increased discount and an education program will get more eligible people to enroll.

Public comments were highly critical of the city's rate increase, particularly the level of increase and timing, coming when national and international events have led to sharp

increases in items such as food, gas and energy. Objections noted a financial burden from rates increasing faster than incomes, shifting financial consequences of past development and planning decisions onto current customers and not demonstration the rates are "unavoidable" and the result of "properly pace infrastructure planning relative to recent growth."

"Why are we coming to the point where we have to raise it (rates) so high?" West Sacramento condominium owner and homeowners association member Kathy Bailey asked. "We need to look closer at the budget."

"What would the repercussions be if we put it off?" Councilwoman Norma Alcalá asked about the increase. "What would happen if we put it off a year?"

"We would be in the same position," Raper said.

"The repercussions of that are severe," City Manager Aaron Laurel added. "It has to happen at some point."

Laurel went on to explain that past City Councils had elected to take a "softer approach" to rate increases, particularly during the economic downturn from the Covid pandemic. If councils had approved such increases in 2021, it might have created an even more difficult economic burden on customers as the country emerged from the pandemic.

"There is no good time to increase rates," Councilwoman Dante Early said, adding the council has tried to be as sensitive as possible to the local economic situation.

"Something has to be done," she said. "If we wait longer, it's going to just compound."

Council approved the rate increases and changes to the LIRA program 4-0, with Councilwoman Quirina Orozco not in attendance. ★

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Arthur Martinez, Jr., 30, was cited Sunday, Feb. 1 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to a shoplifting call for service. Prior to the officer's arrival, private security had detained Martinez in the parking lot of the store. A records check showed he was on searchable probation. Martinez admitted to officers that he had methamphetamine in a baggie in his pants pocket, which officers found and later booked as evidence. The store decided not to press charges for shoplifting. Martinez was issued a Notice to Appear for possession of a controlled substance and released.

Alejandro Estrada Paz, 40, was arrested Monday, March 2 at Merkle Avenue and West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with a code violation. A records check of the driver, Paz, found three outstanding warrants. Paz admitted to possessing methamphetamine, which the officer found in his pocket along with a post office key used to open the back of neighborhood mailboxes. Paz was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrants and charges of possessing a controlled substance and possessing burglary tools.

Orlando R. Cerda, 56, was cited Monday, March 2 at Merkle Avenue and West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Luis Fernandes, 59, was cited Wednesday, March 4 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise.

Samuel Harrison Donaldson, 34, was cited Wednesday March 4 at 5th Street and E Street by West Sacramento Police for possessing marijuana for sale and driving a vehicle with a license suspended for DUI.

Destiny Arnette Wells, 18, was arrested Wednesday, March 4 on Lake Washington Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a vehicle collision and contacted the driver, identified as Wells. She was displaying objective signs of intoxication, and agreed to perform field sobriety tests, which demonstrated additional signs of intoxication. On a preliminary alcohol test, she blew .08 blood alcohol concentration, and she was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with DUI and being a minor driving with blood alcohol concentration >.05.

Daniel Lamar Stewart, 31, was cited Friday, March 6 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise.

Shamond Marquesali Smith, 30, was arrested Friday March 6 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to the location regarding a shoplifting incident. One of the subjects detained was Smith, who verbally identified himself with his brother's name. A records check of that name found that the California driver's license photo did not match the subject and documentation was found to identify him correctly. A record check now found an outstanding warrant and probation status until October 2027. Smith was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant and on a charge of giving false identification to police. It was later determined he was not involved in the shoplifting incident.

Isaiah David Aguilar, 22, was arrested Monday, March 9 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for DUI and refusing to take the required tests. Officer attempted to stop a vehicle found speeding on West Capitol Avenue. Aguilar appeared unaware of the officer behind him for three to four blocks, despite the patrol car exhibiting lights and siren. At a red light, officer approached the vehicle and ordered Aguilar verbally to pull into a parking lot. Upon contact, officer observed objective signs that Aguilar was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Field sobriety tests were administered, and Aguilar was unable to perform them as instructed. He refused to submit to blood or breath tests, and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Daniel Dogens, 38, was cited Tuesday, March 10 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing a controlled substance and possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Michelle Lee Klein, 56, was arrested Wednesday, March 11 on Bastone Court by West Sacramento Police on a Ramey warrant for embezzlement.

Carlos Martino Dalby, 34, was arrested Wednesday, March 11 on Sacramento Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants.

Floyd Goulding, Jr., 54, was arrested Wednesday, March 11 at West Capitol Avenue and Houston Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed Goulding, whom he recognized from prior contacts, and knew to have an active warrant. Goulding was walking his bicycle as officer told him he was detained. Goulding continued walking and attempted to mount his bicycle to ride away. Officer intervened and knocked Goulding off balance, causing him to fall. Goulding got up and attempted to run away, but the officer performed a controlled takedown and detained him. On the ground, Goulding pulled a small clear bag from his pocket. A search incident to arrest found two additional baggies and a tube-stemmed pipe with a bulbous end containing charred residue. The baggies all tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine. A records check revealed Goulding had more than 2 prior convictions for hard drugs and additional outstanding warrants. He was transported to Yolo County Jail for the warrants, resisting a peace officer, possessing a controlled substance and unlawful paraphernalia and possessing a hard drug with a prior conviction.

Gerald Donte Valencia, 33, was cited Wednesday, March 11 at 2nd Street and C Street by West Sacramento Police for reckless driving.

Jesse Wood Vantassel, 46, was arrested Thursday, March 12 at Elizabeth Street and 6th Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to a nearby location for report of an intoxicated person who was walking down the street punching vehicles and attempting to walk into backyards of nearby residences. Officer conducted an area check and located a male, later identified as Vantassel, matching the description provided. Officer observed objective signs of alcohol intoxication and Vantassel was detained without incident. A records check revealed he was on active Post

Release Community Supervision (PRCS) until August 2028 with terms that included no alcohol or drugs. He was charged with violation of PRCS and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Javon Anthony Martinez, 31, was arrested Friday, March 13 on 5th Street by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct under the influence of drugs. Officer was dispatched to the location for a report of trespassing. The reporting party asked Martinez to leave, but he was refusing and arguing. Martinez was believed to have a knife and there was something in his hands, possibly a screwdriver. Officer arrived on scene to find Martinez had left the scene. While checking the area for Martinez, a passerby stated that Martinez had attempted to open her car door. Martinez was later found down the street, where he was detained without incident. While speaking with Martinez, officer observed symptoms consistent with being under the influence of a stimulant. Based on the behavior described by the reporting parties, the officer believed Martinez was unable to care for his own safety and was creating a disturbance in a public place. Martinez was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Amber Michelle Royal, 51, was arrested Saturday, March 14 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to a call for service at a transient camp at the location for report of a woman wielding a knife. Officer arrived at the location and recognized Royal based on previous contacts. She had a knife in her hand and dropped it after police ordered her to do so. She was demonstrating objective signs of being under the influence of a narcotic stimulant. Officer determined she was a danger to herself and others due to being under the influence of drugs and wielding the knife with others around. A search incident to arrest found she was in possession of methamphetamine. A records check revealed she had more than two previous convictions for possession of hard drugs. She was transported to Yolo County Jail charged with disorderly conduct under the influence of drugs, possessing a controlled substance and possession of a hard drug with prior convictions.

Adam Koob Hmoov Vue, 18, was arrested Saturday, March 14 at Front Street and L Street, Sacramento by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to 3rd Street for report of someone brandishing a weapon. A group of 8 to 10 masked subjects were present at the scene. The report indicated the suspect was wearing a red backpack. Officers responded to the area and found a suspect wearing a red backpack in Oldtown Sacramento. Sacramento Police Department officers detained the suspect, later identified as Vue. They found a loaded concealed pistol in his backpack. The pistol had an extended magazine and no serial numbers. Sacramento PD gave Vue to West Sacramento custody and he was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with carrying a loaded concealed weapon, being a masked criminal possessing a firearm in public, possessing a firearm without identification marks, and a weapon with no fixed magazine. The victim was also located in Old Sac and declined to press charges.

James Arthur Winebrinner, 42, was arrested Sunday March 15 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to a call for service where Winebrinner was contacted as a possible witness. A records check found he had an outstanding felony warrant and Winebrinner began yelling loudly. He physically resisted several attempts to place him in handcuffs until officers finally prevailed. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with the warrant and resisting a peace officer.

Antonio Cabrera Alejandre, 58, was arrested Sunday, March 15 at E Street and 5th Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer located the vehicle described by dispatch and the driver and sole occupant was Alejandre. While speaking with Alejandre, officer noticed objective signs of alcohol intoxication and asked Alejandre to perform the standard field sobriety tests, which he did poorly. An evidentiary breath test came back >.08 blood alcohol concentration. Alejandre was transported to Yolo County Jail for DUI.

Bradley Michael Rollins, 44, was arrested Monday, March 16 at West Capitol Avenue and Merkle Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Brandon Demar Toliver, 36, was arrested Tuesday, March 17 at West Capitol Avenue and Merkle Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to a taco stand at Jefferson Boulevard and West Capitol Avenue for report of a physical altercation. Upon arrival, officer contacted the reporting party, who stated that a male, later identified as Toliver, took three tacos from his stand without paying. The reporting party confronted Toliver regarding the unpaid items and Toliver struck him twice on the face with a closed fist, causing visible injury. Toliver then took the victim's baseball cap along with the tacos. Officers located Toliver down the street and detained him. A records check found one active misdemeanor warrant. The reporting party did an in-field show-up and positively identified Toliver as the man who struck him and took his property. Next to where Toliver was seated, officers observed a small plastic bag on the ground containing a white power-like substance that later tested positive for cocaine and fentanyl. Toliver was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with the warrant, possession of a narcotic controlled substance, and robbery.

INCIDENTS / CRIME REPORTS

Thursday, Feb. 26 – a restaurant on Jefferson Boulevard reports an unknown suspect forced entry into the rear door of the business and stole multiple items. Two tablets, one laptop, a cash register and other items were stolen from the business. Preliminary value of loss was \$2,104.

Tuesday, March 3 – victim reports their catalytic converter was stolen on Sandpiper Lane by an unknown suspect. \$600 value of loss.

Saturday, March 7 – officer observed a vehicle driving recklessly on Cabaldon Parkway and impounded the vehicle.

Sunday, March 8 – victim saw an unknown suspect underneath their company truck on Ramco Street. Suspect fled from the scene. No estimate of damage value.

Monday, March 9 – victim reports a verbal altercation on West Capitol Avenue turned into a physical altercation. An acquaintance was identified as the suspect and there is no estimate of damage or loss value.

Caltrans Begins Construction on State Route 16 Left-Turn Lane Project at County Road 95

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has started construction of a new left-turn pocket project on State Route 16 (Hwy 16) at the County Road 95 intersection, approximately three miles west of the City of Woodland. Construction activities began on Monday, March 9 and are expected to continue into the early summer months.

The project includes installation of new left-turn lanes at the intersection on Hwy 16 at County Road 95, as well as warning signs and beacons to improve visibility and highlight the County Road 95 intersection.

To ensure a safe construction zone, sections of Hwy 16 and the intersection with County Road 95 will have intermittent

lane closures. Work will be performed Monday through Friday during daytime hours, with the roadway fully reopened to traffic each evening. Motorists should expect delays due to the lane closures and are encouraged to use alternate routes when possible. Flaggers and signage will be in place to guide motorists around the work area with local access to properties and businesses within the construction area will be maintained during the project.

For Caltrans road and lane closure information, visit <https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>. For a map of Yolo County road closures and major maintenance projects, please visit www.YoloCounty.gov/road-closures.

The public is reminded to slow down and obey all posted construction signs and directions from flaggers when traveling through work zones. ★

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on February 23, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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YOLOSTART 3-27-26

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/s/ ANNETTE MALATESTA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 02/12/2026.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: KIMBERLI, Deputy
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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 February 25, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026
DONALD 4-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260187

The following person(s) is doing business as: Seoulmate Korean Kitchen, 1260 Lake Boulevard Suite 111, Davis, CA 95616.

KGJH, Inc., 6301 Beach Boulevard Suite 229, Buena Park, CA 90621. 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 February 25, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026
SEOULMATE 4-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260139

The following person(s) is doing business as:
Tractor Supply Company, 1390 East Main Street, Woodland, CA 95776, County of YOLO.

Tractor Supply Company West, LLC, 5401 Virginia Way, Brentwood, TN 37027

This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company.

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

/s/ Kurt Barton, CFO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 02/11/2026.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: MORGAN BRAUN, Deputy
3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3/26
CNS-4017888#
NEWS-LEDGER 4-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260168

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Taco Exppress #6, 85 W Court St, Woodland, CA 95695 County of YOLO

Mailing Address: PO BOX 292638, SACRAMENTO, CA 95829

Taco Exppress #6 LLC, PO BOX 292638, SACRAMENTO, CA 95829

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 2023.

Taco Exppress #6 LLC
S/ Jose G Coronado Morales, 100% OWNER/President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 02/23/2026.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
kimberli, Deputy
3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10/26
CNS-4020702#
NEWS-LEDGER 4-10-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260215

The following person(s) is doing business as: Cloughesy Arbitration Services, 3401 Bermuda Avenue Unit 13, Davis, CA 95616.

Shawn Patrick Cloughesy, 3401 Bermuda Avenue Unit 13, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 3, 2015.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 10, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 10, 27, April 3, 10, 2026
CLOUGHESY 4-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260081

The following person(s) is doing business as: Basic Estate Planning, 1015 Bourm Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.

Francisco Jose Icaza Moran, 1015 Bourm Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 23, 2000.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 27, 2026

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 10, 27, April 3, 10, 2026
BASIC 4-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260225

The following person(s) is doing business as: Bayn Star, 2068 Alta Loma Street, Davis, CA 95616.

María Rodrigues, 2068 Alta Loma Street, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 21, 2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 12, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 10, 27, April 3, 10, 2026
BAYN 4-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260241

The following person(s) is doing business as: Golden State Towing, 532 Houston Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Dharminder Singh, 532 Houston 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 June 1, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 16, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
GOLDEN 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260239

The following person(s) is doing business as: Chef Sarah, 401 Woodhaven Place, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

Sarah Cordano-Parks, 401 Woodhaven Place, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by An Individual.

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 16, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
CHEF 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260249

The following person(s) is doing business as:

Golden State Screen Printing & Embroidery, 1705 Grande Vista Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. David Criado, 1705 Grande Vista Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 18, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
STATE 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260216

The following person(s) is doing business as: Loynas, 1121 Petra Court, Davis, CA 95618.

Sophon Im, 1121 Petra Court, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2026.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 10, 2026.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
LOYNAS 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260197

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

Crumb - Woodland, 2115 Bronze Star Dr. #160, Woodland, CA 95776 County of YOLO

Mailing Address: 1601 Bessemer St Ste A, Turlock, CA 95380

Just Dough It Inc., 1601 Bessemer St Ste A, Turlock, CA 95380

This business is conducted by a Corporation

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

Just Dough It Inc.
S/ John Gauthier, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 03/03/2026.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
Kimberli, Deputy
3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17/26
CNS-4025310#
NEWS-LEDGER 4-17-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0487

Resham Singh Ghuman has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Resham Singh Ghuman to Resham Singh Haddox.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 16, 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: February 26, 2026
Bradley E. Nelson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026
GHUMAN 4-3-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0710

Isabella Nikole Maddox has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Isabella Nikole Maddox to Isabella Nikole Canas-Vera.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 6, 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: March 11, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
ROJAS 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0742

Adelmo Rojas-Rodriguez Jr. has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Adelmo Rojas Rodriguez Jr. to Adelmo Jr. Rodriguez Rojas.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 6, 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: March 11, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
ROJAS 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0740

Alondra Rojas Rodriguez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alondra Rojas Rodriguez to Alondra Rodriguez Rojas.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 5, 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: March 11, 2026
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
RODRIGUEZ 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0739

Adelmos Rodriguez Ruvalcaba has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Osvaldo Rodriguez R to Osvaldo Rodriguez Rojas.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 5, 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: March 11, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
RUVALCABA 4-17-26

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Dated: March 11, 2026
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
MADDOX 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0739

Adelmos Rodriguez Ruvalcaba has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Osvaldo Rodriguez R to Osvaldo Rodriguez Rojas.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 5, 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: March 11, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
RUVALCABA 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0740

Alondra Rojas Rodriguez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alondra Rojas Rodriguez to Alondra Rodriguez Rojas.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 6, 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: March 11, 2026
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
RODRIGUEZ 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0741

Xochitl R Rodriguez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Xochitl R Rodriguez to Xochitl Rodriguez Rojas.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 6, 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: March 11, 2026
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
RODRIGUEZ 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0741

Xochitl R Rodriguez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Xochitl R Rodriguez to Xochitl Rodriguez Rojas.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 6, 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: March 11, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
ROJAS 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0742

Adelmo Rojas-Rodriguez Jr. has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Adelmo Rojas Rodriguez Jr. to Adelmo Jr. Rodriguez Rojas.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 6, 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: March 11, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
ROJAS 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0742

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Dated: March 11, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
ROJAS 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0740

Alondra Rojas Rodriguez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alondra Rojas Rodriguez to Alondra Rodriguez Rojas.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 5, 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: March 11, 2026
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
RODRIGUEZ 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-0739

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Dated: March 11, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026
RUVALCABA 4-17-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

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RUVALCABA 4-17-26

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Dated: March

Property Tax Delinquent if Not Paid by April 10

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Tax Collector's Office reminds property owners in Yolo County that the second installment of 2025-26 Secured Property Taxes was due Sunday, Feb. 1 and will become delinquent if not paid by Friday, April 10.

To avoid penalties, payments must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 10. After that time, a 10 percent penalty will be applied in accordance with California Revenue & Taxation code. If paying taxes by mail,

envelopes must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before April 10 to avoid penalties.

Property taxes may also be paid online or by phone using a credit or debit card (2.34% convenience fee applies) or by electronic check (no fee) at www.YoloCounty.gov (select the "Pay Property Tax" icon) or by calling 877-590-0714.

To avoid penalties, electronic payments must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on April 10. Taxpayers are encouraged to submit payments several days in advance to allow for processing

time, as transactions can take up to three business days to complete.

Please note that current law does not relieve property owners of payment responsibility or

penalties for failure to receive a tax bill. Property owners who did not receive a tax bill should contact the Yolo County Tax Collector's Office at 530-666-8625 or email TaxInfo@YoloCounty.gov as soon as possible.

For questions or additional information, taxpayers may visit: www.YoloCounty.gov (select "Pay Property Tax" icon), call 530-666-8625 during business hours or visit the Yolo County Tax Collector's Office at 625 Court Street, Room 102 in Woodland, during regular business hours, Monday through

Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (open until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 10).

Property taxes are a vital source of funding for local governments including the county, cities, school districts, local cemetery districts, community colleges, rural fire districts and others. More than half of property tax revenue supports local schools, while rural fire districts rely on property taxes for over 90 percent of their annual funding. The County receives about 9 percent total of property tax revenue, or about 9 cents of every dollar paid. ★



Letter To The Editor

League Opposes the Federal SAVE America Act

The League of Women Voters of Yolo County strongly opposes the federal SAVE America Act currently in the U.S. Senate and hopes local voters will contact their state senators to share their opposition.

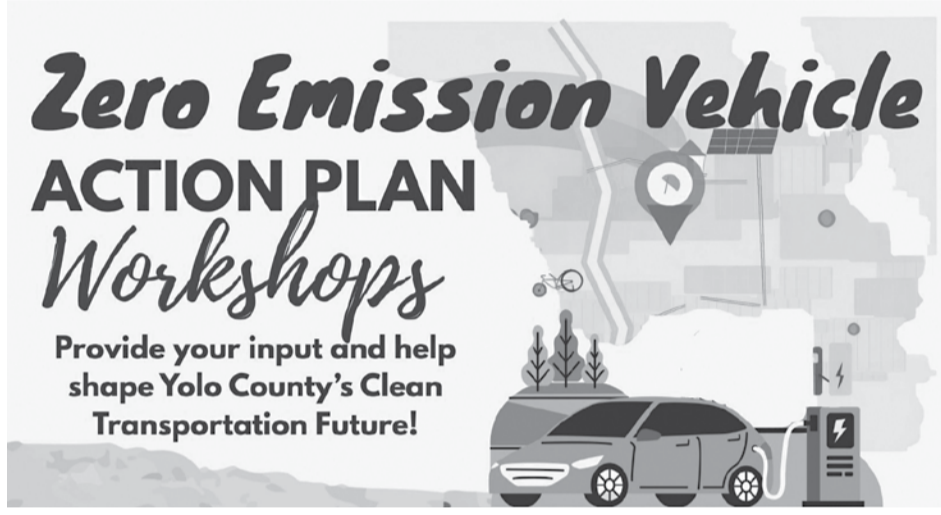
The League's position follows a century of nonpartisan support for ballot access and voting rights. National League CEO, Celina Stewart, issued this statement: "Make no mistake: the SAVE America Act is one of the most brazen attacks on women's voting rights in the League's 106-year history. This bill doesn't secure our elections: it architects exclusion. Democracy must invite voters in, not lock them out. Reject this legislation."

If signed into law, the SAVE America Act will have significant, immediate voter suppression consequences for voter registration and election participation, impacting all voters in California's 2026 elections. Voting rights supporters can act now to stop its passage. The Yolo County League urges contacting our Senators today to oppose the S.A.V.E America Act.

To learn more and contact our Senators, go to <https://www.lwv.org/save-act> or write directly to California Senator Adam Schiff at: <https://www.schiff.senate.gov/contact/> or Senator Alex Padilla at: <https://www.padilla.senate.gov/contact/>

Michelle Famula, President
League of Women Voters of Yolo County

County Seeks Input on Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Action Plan



Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has started construction of a new left-turn pocket project on State Route 16 (Hwy 16) at the County Road 95 intersection, approximately three miles west of the City of Woodland. Construction activities began on Monday, March 9 and are expected to continue into the early summer months.

The project includes installation of new left-turn lanes at the intersection on Hwy 16 at County Road 95, as well as warning signs and beacons to improve visibility and highlight the County Road 95 intersection.

To ensure a safe construction zone, sections of Hwy 16 and the intersection with County Road 95 will have intermittent

lane closures. Work will be performed Monday through Friday during daytime hours, with the roadway fully reopened to traffic each evening. Motorists should expect delays due to the lane closures and are encouraged to use alternate routes when possible. Flaggers and signage will be in place to guide motorists around the work area with local access to properties and businesses within the construction area will be maintained during the project.

For Caltrans road and lane closure information, visit <https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>. For a map of Yolo County road closures and major maintenance projects, please visit www.YoloCounty.gov/road-closures.

The public is reminded to slow down and obey all posted construction signs and directions from flaggers when traveling through work zones. ★

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

SUITE 185, SACRAMENTO, CA 95864, Telephone: (916) 484-4465
3/20, 3/27, 4/3/26
CNS-4021941#
NEWS-LEDGER 4-3-26

that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) of the seller(s) are: REED AVENUE FOOD MART, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 705 HARBOR POINTE PLACE, SUITE B, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605
Whose chief executive office address is: SAME AS ABOVE
Doing Business as: REED AVENUE FOOD MART AKA CHEVRON (Type – GAS STATION AND CONVENIENCE STORE)
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: SUKHWINDER BHANGU AND DILNIWAZ SINGH AND/OR ASSIGNEE, ADDRESS: 2649 GIORNO WAY, EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL
And are located at: 705 HARBOR POINTE PLACE, SUITE B, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of:

CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is APRIL 8, 2026
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665
THIS BULK TRANSFER INCLUDES A LIQUOR LICENSE

TRANSFER. ALL CLAIMS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE IS RECEIVED BY ESCROW AGENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL.
Dated: JANUARY 15, 2026
Buyer(s): SUKHWINDER BHANGU AND DILNIWAZ SINGH
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NEWS-LEDGER 3-27-26



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the West Sacramento City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., Second Floor, West Sacramento, CA, to receive public comments on, and consider adoption of, the 2026–2030 Consolidated Plan and 2026 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The draft plans were available for a 30-day public review and comment period from March 6, 2026, through April 7, 2026, online at:

<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/economic-development-and-housing/community-development-block-grant>

Copies are also available for review at City Hall during normal business hours.

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$546,333 in CDBG funds for 2026, plus \$30,000 in program income. These funding amounts are estimates and are subject to change upon receipt of the final allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

If the actual allocation differs from the estimated amount, project funding levels will be adjusted as necessary to align with the final HUD allocation, in accordance with federal requirements, including applicable caps on public services and program administration.

Proposed activities include rehabilitation of homeless emergency housing facilities, supportive services for persons experiencing homelessness, and general program administration and planning. The proposed activities will not result in displacement.

Written comments must be received by **5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2026**, and may be submitted to:

Isaah Alford, Economic Development and Housing, City of West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691, or via email at isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org.

All comments received will be considered prior to adoption and submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The City will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities and translation services upon request. Requests should be made at least 72 hours in advance by contacting the City Clerk at clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org.

The City of West Sacramento promotes fair housing and makes all programs available regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, or disability.

Aviso de Audiencia Pública

Por la presente se notifica que el Concejo Municipal de West Sacramento llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el miércoles 15 de abril de 2026 a las 7:00 p.m., en el Ayuntamiento (City Hall), ubicado en 1110 West Capitol Ave., segundo piso, West Sacramento, CA, para recibir comentarios del público y considerar la adopción del Plan Consolidado 2026–2030 y el Plan

de Acción Anual 2026 del Programa de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en inglés).

Los borradores de estos planes estuvieron disponibles para un período de revisión y comentarios públicos de 30 días, desde el 6 de marzo de 2026 hasta el 7 de abril de 2026, en línea en:

<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/economic-development-and-housing/community-development-block-grant>

La Ciudad anticipa recibir aproximadamente \$546,333 en fondos CDBG para el año 2026, además de \$30,000 en ingresos del programa. Estos montos son estimaciones y están sujetos a cambios una vez que la Ciudad reciba la asignación final del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés).

En caso de que la asignación final difiera del monto estimado, los niveles de financiamiento de los proyectos podrán ajustarse según sea necesario para alinearse con la asignación final de HUD, de conformidad con los requisitos federales, incluyendo los límites aplicables a los servicios públicos y la administración del programa.

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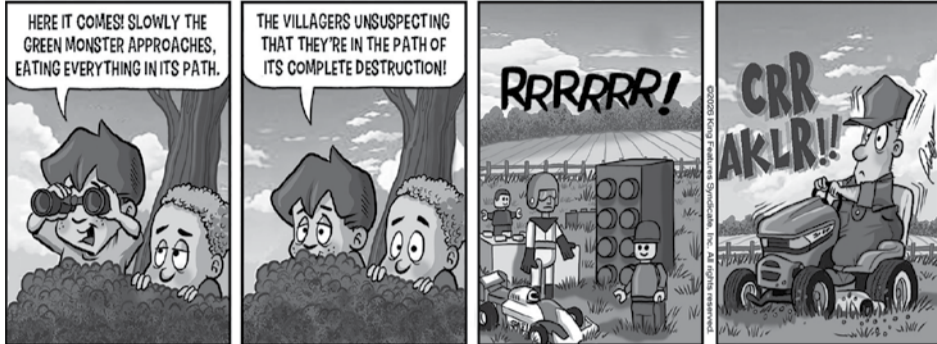
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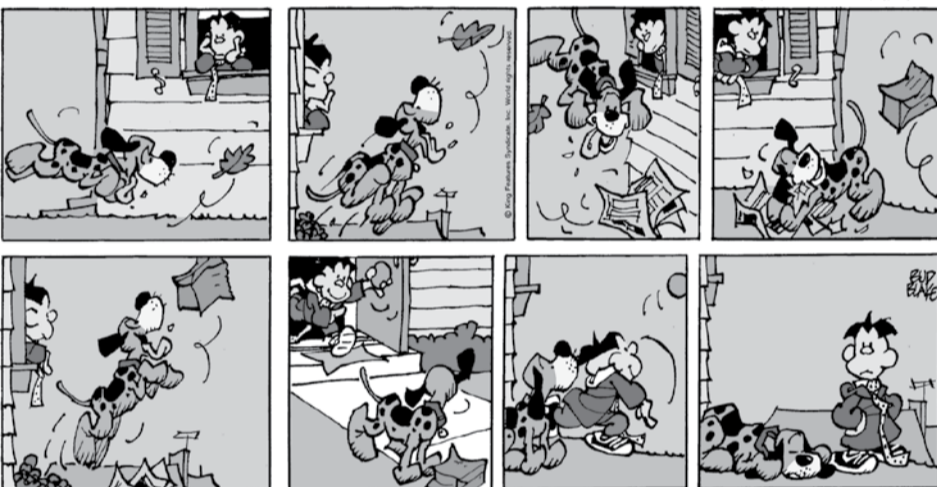
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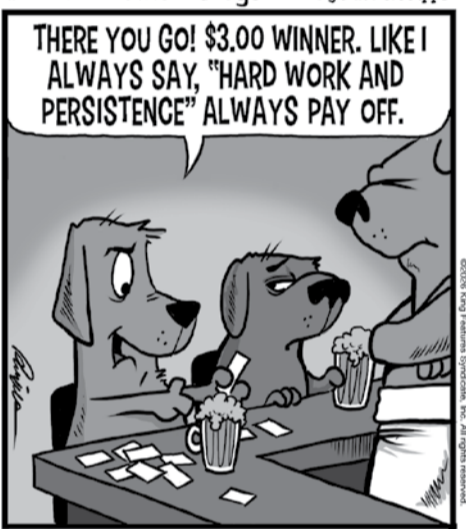


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UC Davis Biochemistry Class Strikes Gold

By Kathy Keatley Garvey,
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DAVIS, CA (MPG) - It's not often that a Nobel laureate visits a UC Davis undergraduate classroom, but this year, a biochemistry class in Kleiber Hall struck "gold" – twice.

Not one, but two Nobel laureates chronicled their scientific careers and answered questions during their virtual visits to UC Davis Distinguished Professor Walter Leal's winter quarter class, "Structure and Function of Biomolecules."

Nobel laureates Charles Rice of Rockefeller University, a UC Davis alumnus and Randy Schekman of UC Berkeley separately visited Leal's classroom within a three-week period. Each received the Nobel Prize in the category Physiology or Medicine: Rice in 2020, and Schekman in 2013. In addition to global recognition, the prize includes a gold medal and cash.

The "golden" opportunities stunned the 220 students, who are primarily in pre-health majors. They described the "once-in-a-lifetime" experiences as both "inspirational and motivational."

"The Nobel laureate visits provided students with opportunities they never imagined when enrolling in an undergraduate class," said Leal, who invited his fellow members of the National Academy of Sciences to speak.

"Every winter quarter since I transferred from the entomology department to the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, I carry on a tradition inspired by the late entomology professors Charles Judson and Bruce Hammock when I was co-teaching with them. I would invite leading scientists in their field to our classrooms for short interviews with our students. We did that before the Zoom era. Now we can have virtual visits."



Nobel laureate Randy Schekman addresses the UC Davis biochemistry class in a virtual visit. Photo by TJ Ushing



UC Davis Distinguished Professor Walter Leal leads the discussion. Photo by TJ Ushing

Leal, recipient of the 2020 Distinguished Teaching Award from the UC Davis Academic Senate, said of his students: "I seek to unlock their imagination and potential."

Students filled out an anonymous evaluation form following the virtual visits.

"I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to hear from two Nobel Laureates," wrote one student. "It was truly an honor. I have told many of my family members and friends."

Rice, a virologist who shared the Nobel with colleagues Harvey Alter and Michael Houghton for their contributions to the discovery and characterization of the hepatitis C virus, was born in Sacramento in 1952. After receiving his UC Davis degree, he took a "gap year," traveling internationally before enrolling in the California Institute of Technology.

In his presentation, Rice encouraged UC Davis students to seek research opportunities on campus as part of their undergraduate experience and



Biochemistry student Sreeya Pasumarthy asks a question during the UC Davis virtual visit of Randy Schekman. Photo by TJ Ushing

to "find what you love and do whatever you can to make your dreams into a reality."

"I enjoyed Dr. Charles Rice's visit," a student wrote. "He was very funny and humble and knowing that someone had little direction but became a Nobel laureate makes me more confident in my abilities to make a change."

Many of the students later attended the Chancellor's

Colloquium, at which Chancellor Gary May addressed the topic that "scientific progress is best achieved through publicly funded research initiatives."

Cell biologist Randy Schekman, born in 1948 in St. Paul, MN, but who moved to southern California in the late 1950s, received his doctorate in biochemistry from Stanford University. He shared the Nobel

Prize with James Rothman and Thomas Rothman Sudhof for their groundbreaking research on cell membrane vesicle trafficking. They discovered the genetic and molecular machinery that regulates vesicle transport – the "shipping system" of cells.

In his virtual visit, Schekman commented on how science and politics are intertwined, and why government research funding is crucial.

"Dr. Randy Schekman's visit definitely spoke to me deeply as a student interested in science and politics," wrote one student. "The two fields are so deeply intertwined at this point in history that you cannot care about one and not the other."

"Overall," Leal said, "hearing about the Nobel laureates' struggles, failures, and persistence reassured students about their own challenges. These were highly valuable educational experiences, deeply inspirational and motivating, and events they will remember forever." ★

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So, I scamped over to my friend Vivienne Baldassare to find out more. She's an astrophysicist at Washington State University.

She told me that, so far, white holes are just an idea. It's what happens if you take math about black holes and work it backwards.

"White holes are really the mathematical inverse of a black hole," Baldassare said. "But we have no reason to think they exist right now."

A black hole is an area in space that has gobs of gravity. We're familiar with the gravity we experience on Earth. That's the force that holds everything—our bodies, our buildings, even the oceans—on Earth. It's why we don't float off into space. That gravity happens because our planet is super big. All the matter that makes the Earth pulls on our bodies.

A black hole is made of matter, too. It's crammed together into a super small space. Scientists say it's dense—super tightly packed together.

The pull of gravity in a black hole is so strong that nothing can escape—not even light. Something inside a black hole would need to travel faster than the speed of light to get away. Since nothing can move that fast, nothing can ever get out.

A white hole would be the opposite. It would be a region in space where nothing could ever go fast enough to get in. It might be a one-way space fountain that spews matter out into space.

A black hole forms when a massive star dies. Its core collapses and makes an explosion called a supernova. Then all that remaining matter crushes together into a dense point.

It's unclear what natural event could cause a white hole. To make it work mathematically on paper, you run time backwards. It's hard to imagine that happening in real life.

But if it did, there could be incredible implications.

"Some theories suggest that maybe white holes are on the other side of black holes in another universe," Baldassare said. "So, we'd have a black hole in our universe, and it would lead to a white hole in another universe—but it's all very theoretical."

If that sounds like a fun way to travel between universes, I'm sorry to say

that nobody could survive a trip like that. They'd be squeezed into noodles by the gravity in the black hole—called spaghettification—long before they popped out through the white hole.

But don't completely give up on finding white holes. People have been thinking about space objects like black holes since way back in the 1600s. That's wild because we didn't confirm black holes were real until 1971. The first ever photo of a black hole happened in 2019.

And those are super big or super common objects.

"There are super massive black holes that are millions and billions of times the mass of the sun," Baldassare said. "And then there are smaller black holes all over the place. Every galaxy has millions of them."

Maybe it'll just take some time to get our paws on a matter-spewing space fountain.

Sincerely,
Dr. Universe

This is the first photo ever taken of a black hole. It's at the center of the M87 galaxy—about 55 million light years from Earth. ©Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration