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## Volunteers, County Agency Honored at Yolo Food Bank



Yolo Food Bank lifetime achievements awardees. Photo courtesy of Yolo Food Bank

**Yolo Food Bank News Release**

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - On March 28, Yolo Food Bank hosted its annual volunteer and donor appreciation event. This year's theme was Warehouse Rodeo, and the event was sponsored by local business Perfect Union. The purpose of the event is to honor the community members who make significant contributions of time and funds to help Yolo Food Bank fulfill its mission to meet the food and nutrition needs of Yolo County.

Guests were invited to explore

the warehouse on a self-guided tour, stopping at various booths to talk with Yolo Food Bank staff and answer trivia questions to learn about the work Yolo Food Bank does to serve the community. Lunch was catered by Ludy's Barbecue and sides and sodas were provided by Sprouts. Attendees were also treated to the modern bluegrass stylings of local Winters band, Welcome West.

The Appreciation Event features a spoken program and annual awards ceremony. The Pallet Awards given at Yolo Food Bank's Appreciation Event each year, highlight

exceptional individuals who support the food bank's mission in creative and bold ways. This year Yolo Food Bank honored the following community members.

Creative Collaborator Awards were presented to Shawn Devlin, board chair of the Kelly Foundation, and Fritz Durst, board member of River City Bank. Devlin was recognized for helping the food bank secure enough donated rice to supply recipients for a full year by leveraging purchased products. Durst was honored for facilitating partnerships

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## Free Gardening Class for Spring Planting

**Yolo County News Release**

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Spring is here and it's time to dust off your gardening tools and start planning your spring and summer garden. Yolo County residents are invited to learn about gardening basics with Treva Valentine, a UC Master Gardener, on Saturday, April 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hanna and Herbert Bauer Memorial Community Garden in Woodland.

This free, interactive class is presented by the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and will cover topics such as soil preparation, planting strategies and timing for summer crops. No prior gardening experience is required, and participants will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the class. This class is open to all and is part of Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency's ongoing commitment to helping residents incorporate more fresh fruits and vegetables in their diets and live healthier lives.

Pre-registration is required by Friday, April 24. To register, contact Nick Gazda at Nick.Gazda@YoloCounty.gov or 530- 666-8429. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather and wear shoes that can get dirty. The garden is located at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland, behind and along the west side of the HHSA Bauer Building.

Community garden classes are offered for free throughout the year by Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency. Interested residents can learn more about the garden activities and classes by visiting [www.YoloCounty.gov/Community\\_Garden](http://www.YoloCounty.gov/Community_Garden). Please note that in the event of steady rain, the class will be moved indoors. ★

## Leaders Convene to Strengthen Gun Violence Prevention Efforts

**Yolo County News Release**

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - On April 2, Yolo County Supervisor Lucas Frerichs and Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig convened a gathering of the Yolo Gun Violence Prevention Collaborative (Yolo GVPC) to continue coordinating gun violence prevention efforts throughout Yolo County and the broader region.

Nearly 50 participants representing a broad range of stakeholders attended the meeting and heard from federal and local leaders in gun violence prevention. Participants included representatives



From left are Yolo County Board of Supervisors Lucas Frerichs, Gun Violence Survivor Ruth Pagano Trn, U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson and Chief Deputy District Attorney Melinda Aiello. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

from law enforcement, education, healthcare, community-based organizations, non-profits, Yolo

County agencies, gun violence survivors, elected officials, gun owners and non-gun owners.

The purpose of the Yolo GVPC is to facilitate strong communication

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# Community Calendar

## 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.

## APRIL/MARCH

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

**Friday, April 10: 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 "The Lorax" with a special story time and crafts in honor of Earth Day.

**Saturday, April 11: Russian story time**, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Monday, April 13: Family story time**, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 14: Hug-a-bye baby**, 11 a.m. to noon. 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.

**Wednesday, April 15: 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 16: 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 17: English conversation group**, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. LEGO block party, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Saturday, April 18: Russian story time**, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dia de los Niños / Dia de los Libros, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join our annual celebration of Children's Day / Book Day for lots of fun activities, free books for kids and a special performance from Mariachi los Claveles.

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

**Wednesday, April 15: Anime watch**, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Movie night, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join us to watch "The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants" and munch popcorn. Friends of the Clarksburg Library meeting, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

**Friday, April 10: Live@DCC 2nd Friday Free Noon Concert**, noon to 1 p.m. at Davis Community Church, 412 C Street, Davis. This month we're featuring "MORE Great Songs from Unfortunate Musicals" with CapRadio's Stephen Peithman. Some of the best (and best-loved) songs of the Great American Songbook have come from flop musicals – and some of the best songwriters in the business. Peithman provides the inside stories, while Lenore Sebastian and Joe Alkire deliver the vocals, accompanied by LuAnn Higgs.

**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](http://www.norcalcelticfestival.com).

**Saturday, April 11: UC Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Woodland Community College, 2300 E. Gibson Rd., Woodland. Drought-tolerant ornamentals will be available, including California natives, pollinator-friendly perennials

and annuals that attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees, along with tomato plants, including heirloom varieties. Rain or shine.

**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: UC Davis Arboretum Spring Plant Sales**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 448 LaRue Rd., Davis. Find our new lineup of Arboretum All-Stars as well as a variety of climate-ready favorites, California natives, and thousands of other plants perfect for our region. Open to members, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and open to all, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**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.

**Saturday, April 11: Music for Natalie**, noon to 5 p.m. in Downtown Davis at the G Street Plaza. Hosted by the Davis Odd Fellows, this annual event celebrates the life of Davis Police Officer Natalie Corona, killed in the line of duty in 2019. This event also raises awareness for the Officer Natalie Corona Odd Fellows Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to graduating high school seniors from high schools in Davis and Pierce High in Arbutle, who are going into careers in law enforcement or as first responders. The event is free and open to all ages.

**Saturday, April 11: Raíces en Movimiento**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at International House, 10 College Park, Davis. Guests are invited to a dynamic gathering that weaves together dance, history, and musical exploration to celebrate stories of Latin American migration. Join us to witness, reflect, and celebrate heritage, connection and joy. Tickets available at [bit.ly/raicesenmovimiento](http://bit.ly/raicesenmovimiento).

**Saturday, April 11: River City Grizzlies Market**, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Drake's: The Barn, 985 Riverfront St. Join us for a lively evening celebrating and supporting the River City Grizzlies Football Program and their mission to bring people together through football, teamwork, and community spirit. Enjoy a mix of local vendors, tasty eats, and

live performances in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere.

**Thursday, April 16: Mary's Supper for Stories**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St., Woodland. Hosted by Supervisor Mary Vixie Sandy, this event will raise vital funds to support Yolo County Library's ESL classes and bookmobile programs. These resources provide critical access to the library's resources regardless of ability to visit a physical branch. The evening includes a multicultural feast of food and live music. Tickets and sponsorship information at <https://go.evt.com/3505077-0>

**Friday, April 17: CNGA's Annual Field Day**, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hedgerow Farms, 21905 County Road 88, Winters. Join the California Native Grasslands Association (CNGA) for an educational Field Day. Enjoy guided hayride and walking tours through the native plant production fields and sweeping landscapes. You'll hear fresh insights on grassland conservation from leading experts. You will also have time to connect with fellow attendees as you browse exhibitor tables hosted by local nonprofits and Field Day Sponsors. Tickets and more information at [www.cnga.org](http://www.cnga.org).

**Friday, April 17: Glow, Game and Groove**, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the MIRROR Image Dance Company, 2121 2nd St., #105-C, Davis. This community event celebrates neurodiversity and diversity within abilities. This will be a fun, welcoming space where youth of all abilities can participate in ways that feel comfortable to them. There will be a glow dance party, gaming trucks, art area and more. Free for everyone and RSVP is required – event times are segregated by age. This is not a drop-off event – an adult must remain with each child for the duration. For more information, see [www.inclusiveartsyolo.org](http://www.inclusiveartsyolo.org).

**Saturday, April 18: UC Davis Picnic Day**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. One of UC Davis' most revered traditions, this serves as the university's annual Open House for prospective and current students, families, alumni, staff, faculty, and the greater Davis and regional communities. Choose from events across the city of Davis and the UC Davis campus. An opening ceremony officially kicks things off at 9:30 a.m., followed by a parade at 10:15 a.m. A full schedule and more information at [www.picnicday.ucdavis.edu](http://www.picnicday.ucdavis.edu).

**Saturday, April 18: Bug Bash Fun Run**, 9 a.m. to noon at 2950 Linden Rd. Join us for this joyful, costume-encouraged family event raising funds to support The Wonder Grove's mission to connect children to nature through play, exploration, and community experiences. This is not a timed race. Participants can walk or run the course at their own pace and even complete it multiple times. An optional obstacle course adds extra playful challenges along the way. More information and registration at [www.thewondergrove.org/events](http://www.thewondergrove.org/events).

**Saturday, April 18: Putah Creek Community Creek Clean-up**, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Rotary Park, 201 East Main St., Winters. This is a collaborative project between Putah Creek Council, City of Winters, and Solano County Water Agency. All necessary equipment, water, and snacks will be provided. Please come prepared with sturdy, closed toe shoes and a reusable water bottle. All attendees must sign a waiver before participating in this event. Participants under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

**Saturday, April 18: "Burn Your Own" Dinner and Dance**, 4:30 p.m. at VFW

Post 8762, 905 Drever St. Join us for our 4th annual Buddy Linker Memorial steak dinner and dance to benefit our West Sacramento VFW. Food, music, community, and raising money for a good cause. Each ticket holder receives a 16-ounce choice rib eye steak to grill over our big communal outdoor grills and we'll have some volunteer grill masters around to help out. Dinner also includes grilled chicken and sides. Advance tickets only – no sales at the door. Text Tammy Linker 916-617-6252 for tickets and more information.

**Saturday, April 18: Pheasants Forever Annual Banquet**, 5 p.m. at Waite Hall, Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland. Join the Yolo County Chapter 566 at their 22nd Annual Banquet, a crab feed. All money raised stays local. Funds will be used for their youth, R3, women's and veterans hunt programs, scholarship program, and habitat projects. The event includes games, a hosted bar, live auction and Ringneck, women's and general raffles. Tickets and more information at [www.pheasantsforever.org](http://www.pheasantsforever.org).

**Sunday, April 19: Matchbook Mixer – Fueling the Fire of Music**, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Matchbook Wine Company, 12300 County Road 92, Zamora. Join us for this one-of-a-kind fundraising celebration benefiting the Holmes Junior High Band & Choir programs. Enjoy live performances by world-class artists, savor a curated wine tasting, and indulge in exceptional food – all while supporting the dedicated music teachers and talented young musicians of Holmes Junior High. More information and a QR code to purchase tickets at [www.artsalliancedavis.org/events](http://www.artsalliancedavis.org/events).

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:westsacramentopack49@gmail.com)

**Davis Craft and Vintage Fair, Sunday, April 12**, 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](http://www.daviscraftandvintage.org)

**Home Depot Kids Workshops** are free in-person at 690 Riverpoint Court on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, while

supplies last. The next class will be May 2, making a keepsake box. Registration required by using the following link: [www.homedepot.com/workshops/](http://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 "Succession Planting and Hot Weather Greens" on Saturday, May 2. 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](http://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](http://www.lowes.com)

**Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento** meets on Fridays at noon at Streets of London, 2200 Lake Washington Blvd. See [www.rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org](http://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](mailto: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, May 17 at 2 p.m. to pack bags at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd. for May 21 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@ucnar.edu](mailto:jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu) or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, April 18.

**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-government-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](http://www.yolobasin.org) ★

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## Volunteers, County Agency Honored at Yolo Food Bank



Several volunteers were recognized at the Yolo Food Bank Warehouse Rodeo appreciation event. Photo courtesy of Yolo Food Bank

## Air District Opens 2026 Clean Air Art Contest

*Students invited to illustrate ideas for improving air quality*

### Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District has opened its 2026 Clean Air Art Contest for students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade. This year's theme, "Heroes for Clean Air," invites students to showcase how they can help improve air quality.

"We're excited to launch the contest again this spring to coincide with Earth Day lessons in classrooms," said Air District Executive Director Gretchen Bennitt. "It's always inspiring to see how students envision solutions for cleaner air."

New this year, winning artwork will be featured on stickers and other giveaway items instead of the district's traditional calendar.

"We wanted to refresh the contest and share air quality messages with the community in new ways," Bennitt said. "Stickers felt like a fun and engaging way to reach both kids and adults."

Poor air quality has well-documented impacts on both human health and the environment. This contest provides an opportunity to raise awareness while encouraging students to think about the everyday actions they can take to help improve air quality, Bennitt said.



This award-winning piece by Amara Gandhi of Patwin Elementary School in Davis earned first place in the 2025 Clean Air Art Contest. Photo courtesy of Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District

The contest will recognize 12 winners. Air District staff will select first-, second-, and third-place winners in each of the following grade categories: TK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Winners will receive Amazon gift cards (\$30 for first place and \$25 for second and third place) and will have their artwork featured on stickers and other materials distributed throughout the community.

The deadline to submit artwork is 4 p.m. on May 8. Students must attend schools within District boundaries, which include all of Yolo County and the northeastern portion of Solano County, including Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. Artwork must be submitted on 8.5" x 11" paper.

Entries, along with completed digital entry forms, may be submitted online

via the entry form, by email to [ArtContest@ysaqmd.org](mailto:ArtContest@ysaqmd.org) or delivered in person to the District office at 1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103, Davis, CA 95618. For entry forms in English and Spanish, and contest information, visit: [ysaqmd.org/classrooms](http://ysaqmd.org/classrooms). Class presentations available upon request.

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's mission is to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. As a public health agency, the District is responsible for safeguarding air quality and overseeing air pollution control in Yolo and northeastern Solano counties, including the cities of Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. For more information, visit [ysaqmd.org](http://ysaqmd.org). Connect with the Air District via Facebook, X, LinkedIn and Nextdoor. ★

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with local rice farmers and mills, helping the organization meet a \$75,000 matching gift goal in rice value.

The Outstanding Grocery Retailer Award went to the Davis Food Co-op, along with Ed Ochoa and Rocio Aguilar, for their support during the federal government shutdown last November, when the co-op contributed to emergency food distribution efforts.

The Innovative Investor Award was awarded to the Sacramento Region Community Foundation and CEO Kerry Wood for funding key initiatives, including the Partner Agency Needs Assessment, Family Food Boxes and the Harvest Program.

The Food Security Ambassador Award was presented to Dr. Tico Zendejas of the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency. Zendejas led emergency response efforts during the federal shutdown and partnered

with the food bank to assist CalFresh recipients facing benefit delays.

The New Farm Partner Award was given to Alemaya Farm and Jonathan Wilcox of Guinda for contributing fresh produce to support local food distribution.

Several volunteers were also recognized. Jim Tanberg received the "MVP" (Most Valuable Presence) Award for his consistent service since joining last summer. Karen Ruan earned the Sunflower Spirit Award for her years of positivity and service before retiring earlier this year. Isabella "Bella" Rodriguez was honored with the Youth-Go-Getter Award for her enthusiasm and dedication over the past two years.

Bob Rennie received the inaugural Mapalo Spirit Award, named in honor of longtime volunteer Corkey Mapalo, recognizing his dedication, consistency and positive attitude as both a volunteer and donor.

Our Lifetime

Achievement Award is reserved for volunteers who have completed 500 or more hours of service with the food bank. As a symbol of our gratitude, each Lifetime Achievement recipient received a custom jacket with their name on it, recognizing the incredible milestone they've reached and the impact they've made.

This Year's recipients include Angelica Saragoza, Barbie Yates, Chelo Abrenilla, Frank Preus, Jim DeSanti, Kirsten Sellheim, Lucy Arellano, Lucy Steffens, Sandy Valdepena, Sondra Westphal, Steven Green, Terri Fong and Zakia Shahi Parsa.

Yolo Food Bank's work is sustained by its incredible donors and volunteers. The annual Appreciation Event is just a small token of the food bank's gratitude for the tremendous support received from the community.

To learn more about Yolo Food Bank or to support their work, visit <https://yolofoodbank.org/>. ★

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## The Season is Almost Over

The time has come to reflect on the 2025-26 season for the Sacramento Kings, and without a doubt it was a season of ups and downs.

Injuries are a part of the game, and every team has their fair share, but the Kings were decimated like never before and never recovered from the ubiquitous effect it had on the entire team and its fan base.

After inexplicably trading away Jonas Valanciunas, the Kings decided to roll the dice with rookie Maxime Rayaud, and gamble that he could capably hold down the fort in the event of an injury to Domantas Sabonis; a gamble that was ill conceived and was nothing more than a cost-saving measure that invariably left the Kings shorthanded.

Yes, Maxime had his bright spots, and if nothing else the organization had the opportunity to allow this 7-foot rookie to get his feet wet in the NBA. Baptism by fire it was, and in my book, Maxime proved himself a capable back-up center. As for a starting NBA center, I don't believe that's what the Kings have in their second-round draft choice of a year ago.

Their first-round draft choice Nique Clifford has been praised by many and certainly was given all the playing time he wanted, but like his counterpart, Nique had some glaring holes in his NBA game.

Appearing in 68 games, Clifford averaged nearly 25 minutes per game while scoring just 7.7 points per game. His 31 percent from 3-point land was one of the reasons the Kings rank dead last in 3-point shooting this year, and although his 41 percent from the field is not impressive, it's his 68 percent from the free throw line that is truly glaring.

I expected more from Clifford, and although I'm not giving up on him, no starting point guard in the NBA can put up such numbers and expect to play on a winning team.

So, what does that say about the role of the point guard as it relates to the Sacramento Kings? Are they still looking? I would hope so, because there is no one talking about Russell Westbrook coming back next season, and without him, that leaves Devin Carter to split time with Nique Clifford.

The Kings find themselves in the same

position they were in a year ago, when they signed Dennis Schroder to be the starting point guard for the team. It wasn't long before he was replaced by Russell Westbrook in the starting lineup and eventually traded as he never seemed to find any rhythm with the team.

So, as the Kings find themselves in a quandary with regards to their point guard, the question begs, what will they go after in what has been lauded as one of the best draft classes in many years?

Both Dylan Cardwell and Precious Achiuwa have not only acquitted themselves well this season, they have opened eyes all over the NBA. Resigning these young big men will be a source of focus during the off-season, as well as drafting someone that can give the Kings more front court depth.

Domantas Sabonis remains the foundation piece that barring injury, is the one spot on the team that can be counted on day in and day out. Consistency is his middle name, and no team needs consistency more than the Sacramento Kings.

Daequon Plowden and Killian Hayes have been late season bright spots, but both represent solid bench players and not the starters that the Kings need.

Well, Scott Perry, time to put on that GM hat and show this fan base how you can build a team capable of making the playoffs every year.

Time to become the ossified GM that the Kings need. And that doesn't extend to just the players, as the coaching staff remains a mystery.

Free throw shooting remains a source of embarrassment, and that is a direct result of coaching.

It's time to form new habits and build a culture of winning. Easier said than done and staying away from injuries will be constantly on the watch list.

Three games to go Kings fans, but it's likely your hometown ballers will secure a high round draft choice in the upcoming NBA draft.

Keep the faith Sacramento because even just one player can tip the scales and bring light to a team in real need.

*All the best!*

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## This isn't a Race for California Governor; It's More Like a Game of Chicken



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Political media habitually use "race" to describe contests for public office. However the word implies movement and therefore would be inaccurate if applied to this year's election of a new governor.

Sixty-one names will be on the June 2 primary ballot, including 10 leaders who profess to be serious about seeking the office.

However, they aren't racing. Rather, the eight top-polling Democrats seem to be in a children's game, sitting in a circle staring at each other, waiting for someone to blink. Meanwhile, the two top Republicans are taking potshots at each other, potentially undermining the GOP's only chance to elect a governor for the first time in two decades.

For weeks voter polls have found that three Democrats are locked in a tie, albeit at a puny level, around 10%, while the other five Democrats are buried in single digits.

California's top-two primary election system has all candidates listed on the same ballot, regardless of party, with the two top finishers then advancing to the November general election.

Given the size of the field, anyone garnering around 20% in June would probably earn a place in the runoff — or about twice what the three

Democrats at the top — Katie Porter, Eric Swalwell and Tom Steyer — currently have.

With mail voting set to begin in a month, the calendar is beginning to be a factor. Every ballot that's mailed removes that voter from having his or her mind changed. One should expect, therefore, that those with even semi-realistic chances of making the cut would be waging all-out campaigns by now.

However, the only highly visible campaign is that of billionaire Steyer, who's not only hopping around the state for personal appearances but shelling out millions of his own bucks for television and internet ads.

Much of Steyer's campaign is aimed at Swalwell, who has obtained substantial union support, most prominently from the California Teachers Association. Swalwell also benefits from the threats of Donald Trump's FBI to release files from its investigation of Swalwell's relationship with a supposed Chinese spy.

Steyer and Swalwell seem to be vying for the most left-leaning bloc of Democratic voters, while Porter is coasting on the name identification gained during her losing campaign for the U.S. Senate two years ago and hoping that being the only woman in the trio will lift her into one of the top two finishes.

Democratic Party leaders are openly worried, though, that the two Republicans — Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco — could finish 1-2, thereby ensuring the election of a GOP governor. They would like the five lower-tier Democratic candidates to

publicly surrender, thereby enhancing chances that a Democrat would make it to November.

However, members of that Democratic quintet show no signs of quitting, and if they continue to soldier on, despite scant support, the possibility of a 1-2 Republican primary finish continues.

The GOP's only chance of achieving such an upset would be for Hilton and Bianco to operate as a team, pushing their support — 16% and 14% respectively in the latest poll — to the magic 20% level. However, they are campaigning as opponents, even though if just one of them makes the November ballot he would almost certainly lose to whichever Democrat survives the primary.

This static, who-will-blink-first scenario does contain one surprising aspect — the failure of San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan to unleash the blitz he needs to climb into contention, despite having apparently unlimited support from wealthy Silicon Valley figures who want a tech- and business-friendly governor.

On Wednesday, Politico reported there was a shakeup in the Mahan campaign due to what were termed differences over strategy. Maybe that explains why his campaign has been so anemic after his much-ballyhooed late entry. He hasn't been racing much either.

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## Social Security Matters I'll Be 65 Soon and am Working. Must I enroll in Medicare?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 65 in October and I am working full-time. My goal is to work until age 67, which is my full retirement age, or until age 70. I heard I have to apply for Medicare Part A only. Is this true or will I be penalized? And do I have to go to the Social Security office to do this, or can I do it online? And then will they be still giving me my Medicare through the next five years of working, or do I have to pay for something? I will have my own healthcare insurance. Thank you for your help. **Signed: Confused**

**Dear Confused:** There are two things you should be aware of:

1. You do not need to claim Social Security benefits when you enroll in Medicare

2. You do not need to enroll in Medicare at age 65 if you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants)

Thus, it is perfectly okay for you to delay taking your Social Security benefits until age 67 (your SS full retirement age), or even until age 70 when you will get the maximum SS benefit you are entitled to. And if you now have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer,

you can delay enrolling in Medicare until such time as your employer's healthcare coverage ends. When you stop working, you will enter a Medicare Special Enrollment Period (SEP), during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty.

Whenever you decide to enroll in Medicare (or Social Security), you will not need to visit your local SSA office to do so. You can enroll in Medicare either online at [www.ssa.gov/medicare/](http://www.ssa.gov/medicare/) sign-up or you can call SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to enroll in Medicare on the telephone. Similarly, when you are ready to claim Social Security, you can do so online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply) or you can call 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to apply for SS over the phone. To apply online, however, you should first create your personal "my Social Security" online account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Creating your online SS account now (at age 65) will facilitate later online enrollment and will also provide you with an estimate of your SS benefit amounts at various ages — e.g., now at age 65, at your FRA of 67, or at age 70. And that should help you decide when it is best for you to claim Social Security.

A few final points:

- You should verify with your employer's health insurance provider that they don't require you to enroll in Medicare at age 65. Most employer plans don't, but some do.

- You don't need to enroll in Medicare Part A or Part B now as long as your employer's coverage is creditable. And it's

okay to enroll in Medicare a couple of months prior to your employer's creditable healthcare coverage ending (when you stop working), requesting that your Medicare coverage starts when your employer's healthcare ends. This will ensure that there is no gap in your healthcare coverage. If your employer coverage is creditable, you will not suffer a Medicare Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling after age 65.

- If you claim Social Security benefits at any time prior to your full retirement age (FRA) and are still working, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits. The AET lasts until you reach your FRA (67), after which you can earn as much as you like without your SS benefits being affected.

- Whenever you claim your Social Security benefits, you will be required to take Medicare Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services. Medicare Part A is free because you are also eligible for Social Security. But you don't need to enroll in Part A at age 65 unless you also claim Social Security.

- Medicare Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services (doctors, medical tests, etc.), is optional if you have creditable employer coverage as explained above. You do not need to enroll in Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium of \$202.90 in 2026) until your employer's creditable healthcare coverage ends, even if you claim Social Security earlier. ★



It's not just Israel.

One of the least convincing arguments of opponents of the Iran war is that it is a conflict initiated by the Jewish state for its own benefit -- the U.S. is just along for the ride.

This view not only discounts the U.S. interest in defanging Iran but also neglects that there are other countries in the region besides Israel and Iran and that they, too, have a stake in the outcome of this war.

If there's anything that Iran has succeeded in doing over the first month of battle, it is further demonstrating the intolerable threat that it represents to the region.

The so-called Gulf Cooperation Council states -- Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates -- have the misfortune of being located just across the Persian Gulf from Iran, putting them on the front line of the war.

A key element of Iran's strategy has been to impose economic pain on these states to force them to press the United States into staying its hand.

While the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz is indirectly harming the United States by driving up the global price of crude and other materials, it is a direct blow to the Gulf states, since the Saudis, Kuwaitis and Emiratis send the majority of their oil

through the waterway.

The Iranians have struck the Gulf states with missiles and drones by the thousands. The ongoing blitz is damaging energy infrastructure and destroying the reputation of the Gulf states as an oasis of calm and economic development in an otherwise turbulent region.

There's no insurance policy against having a fanatic millenarian state as a neighbor, while nothing quite concentrates the mind like an unprovoked drone attack on one of your luxury hotels -- or your airports, oil fields and data centers.

Iran likes to pretend that it is only striking at military infrastructure, but that's absurd.

As long as Iran is run on its current basis, it is a grave danger to these countries, which, prior to the war, tried to keep their heads down or even get closer to Iran as a way to mitigate the threat.

This is the approach that the Saudis tried after an Iran-backed attack hampered the country's oil production in 2019.

That experiment is now done. According to published reports, the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman, privately urged Trump to launch the war even as the Saudis talked up diplomacy in public, and now MBS has been telling Trump to go all the way and topple the Iranian government.

The New York Times relates that the Saudi

leader "is concerned that if Mr. Trump pulls back now, Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Middle East will be left to confront an emboldened and furious Iran on their own."

The UAE has been a particular Iranian target. Its ambassador to the U.S. wrote in *The Wall Street Journal* recently, "We need a conclusive outcome that addresses Iran's full range of threats: nuclear capabilities, missiles, drones, terror proxies and blockades of international sea lanes."

One is tempted to conclude that the Gulf states are "all neocons now." That would be overstating it, though. Despite getting hit by Iran, Oman is maintaining its traditional posture as a mediator and Qatar is always a bad actor.

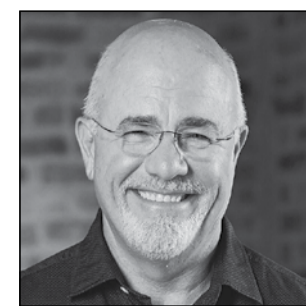
Much depends on how the war ultimately turns out, but it is easy to see the Gulf states looking to the United States for greater security guarantees and warming up further to Israel, which is demonstrating the military might to confront an Iran that has no compunction about lashing out at states that are doing it no harm.

It may be easy for hostile U.S. observers to portray the Iran war as about Israel and only Israel, but the Gulf states unfortunately know better -- and have the battle damage to prove it.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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## Iran's Other Enemies



Dave Ramsey

## Dave Ramsey Says Time to Sell a Car?

home in 18 to 24 months, I'm okay with you keeping the car. But if you can't? Sorry, It's time to sell.

But I want you to hear this next part loud and clear. It also may be time to sell if the if the total value of all your vehicles—I'm talking cars, trucks, boats, jet skis, and their relatives—is equal to half, or more than half, of your annual income. Why? Because these are all things that depreciate quickly. You don't want half of your income wrapped up in things that are going down in value.

You can probably pay this thing off in less than two years if you really focus on making it happen, and you haven't got a bunch of other debt. But if you don't like the car, or you don't want to work that hard to keep it, then sell the thing and write a check for the difference. I mean, when it's all said and done,

it's just a car. And anyway, you said you'd have plenty of cash left over in savings if you went this direction, right?

But remember, if this is your decision, start rebuilding your savings to its previous level right after by putting what would have gone for car payments back into your savings account. You never know when life might throw something unexpected at you!

— Dave

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Dear Dave,

I have two cars. One is paid for, and I owe \$23,000 on the other. These are my only vehicles. I'd like to sell the one I still owe money on, but no one wants to pay enough to cover the balance. I make \$85,000 a year, and I also have enough money in savings, with plenty left over, to cover the difference on one of the offers. Still, I was wondering if there's a rule of thumb to determine whether or not to sell a car in this kind of situation?

— Jimmy

Dear Jimmy,

If you really love the car, and by really focusing and saving like crazy you can pay off everything else in your life, except your



### Sonoma County Dairy Farmer Completes Leadership Program

Sonoma County dairy farmer Jennifer Beretta was among 10 leaders honored last month by the American Farm Bureau Federation as graduates of the organization's 12th Partners in Advocacy Leadership class. PAL is designed to help agricultural leaders accelerate their engagement abilities and solidify their roles as advocates for agriculture. "I learned a lot of leadership skills," Beretta said of PAL. A past president of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau and current member of the board of directors, Beretta helps run the Beretta Family Dairy in Santa Rosa. The certified-organic, pasture-based dairy supplies to the Petaluma-based creamery Clover Sonoma and has been recognized for its decades of environmental stewardship and conservation practices. "My No. 1 goal here at the dairy is to continue to tell our story," Beretta said.

### California's Top Exports to China Fell by 64% in 2025

California agricultural exports to China saw a 64% decline last year, with the top 13 commodities in total falling from an average of \$1.55 billion to \$554 million, according to new research published by the University of California Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. After joining the World Trade Organization in 2001, China became one of California agriculture's fastest-growing foreign markets. That trajectory changed in 2018 and 2019 with the first U.S.-China trade war. Then,

in 2025, while California farmers were still recovering from the effects of that trade conflict, the U.S. imposed tariffs on Chinese imports, and China responded with retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods, including many California-grown farm products. Some of the largest losses caused by the recent trade war occurred in California's tree nut industry. The value of annual pistachio exports to China declined from 2024 to 2025 by about \$478 million, while almond exports fell by roughly \$228 million.

### Pest Control Innovator Shares Take on Biopesticides

Pam Marrone, founder and former CEO of Marrone Bio Innovations, now ProFarm Group, shared her insights on biological pesticides, or biologicals, in a recent interview with Ag Alert®. Marrone said she believes that by 2040 biologicals will be more widely used than traditional pesticides on farms. "It all comes down to education," said Marrone, who is an entomologist by training. "The products are there. There's good science behind them. There's plenty of registered products and more coming every day." She noted there are just nine new chemical active ingredients awaiting approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whereas there are about 70 biologicals awaiting EPA approval. "The innovation in biologicals is huge," Marrone said. "We're going to have lots of registered products, so it's about bridging the gap between products registered and how to use them on the farm." ★

## Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



### ARREST REPORTS

**Simone Saltus**, 53, was cited Thursday, March 12 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**Aaron Michael Taylor**, 24, was cited Friday, March 13 on Merkle Avenue by West Sacramento Police for resisting a peace officer.

**Anastasia Marie Wilfing**, 31 was cited Friday, March 13 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**Christopher Michael McAdams**, 36 was cited Friday March 13 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**Dmitry Zabrodin**, 19, was cited Friday, March 13 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**Joshua Anthony Ingram**, 41, was cited Friday, March 13 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**Shari Michele Spikes**, 64, was arrested Thursday, March 19 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer contacted Spikes and a records check revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. A search incident to arrest found a small baggie of a white crystalline substance, appearing to be methamphetamine. Spikes was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant and a charge of possessing a controlled substance.

**Romallish Joshiah Hunter**, 22, was cited Saturday, March 21 at Gateway Drive and Sansome Street by West Sacramento Police for resisting a peace officer.

**Drew Aaron Medlin**, 27, was arrested Sunday, March 22 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Officer was dispatched to the location for a shoplifting report. Upon arrival, officer contacted Medlin, and a records check found the warrant. Medlin stated he knowingly left the store without paying for two pairs of headphones. Loss prevention confirmed this, and officer observed the headphones on Medlin's front passenger seat. Medlin was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant and a charge of petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Aron Pedro Salinas**, 34, was arrested Monday, March 23 on Solano Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to the location for report of a subject sleeping inside a car. The victim reported she saw an unknown individual sleeping in the back seat of her vehicle and advised that no one had permission to be inside or sleep in the vehicle. Officer contacted the individual sleeping in the back seat, later identified as Salinas. During contact, officers observed a glass pipe with a round bulbous end in the subject's left hand. There was also a small, clear plastic bag containing a white crystal-like substance that later tested positive for fentanyl and methamphetamine located on the rear passenger-side floorboard. A records check of Salinas found an active felony warrant and indicated that he is on active probation. A search of his person found an additional clear plastic bag containing a white crystalline substance in his pocket. Salinas was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant plus charges of possessing unlawful paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

**Christopher Shawn Hood**, 51, was arrested Monday, March 23 at a business by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a trespassing report. Upon arrival, officer contacted the onsite security for the business, who reported a male had been trespassing on the property for several hours and had repeatedly come back after being asked to leave. The reporting party signed a citizen's arrest form and was willing to press charges, but the male was not present and could not be located. The reporting party called officers within an hour to let them know the male returned to the location. Officers located the male, now identified as Hood, and arrested him for trespassing. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Eric Anthony Sarcos**, 32, was cited Monday, March 23 on Anna Street by West Sacramento Police for possessing a narcotic controlled substance and possessing a controlled substance without a prescription.

**Mark S. Mason**, 51, was arrested Wednesday, March 25 on Waterfront Place by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location regarding a report of assault with a deadly weapon. Dispatch advised a suspect was throwing rocks at others and exposing himself. Upon arrival, officers located a man matching the description provided and when they attempted to detain him, he tensed his arms and refused to comply with commands to put his hands behind his back. He was ultimately detained without further incident. When speaking with the man, now identified as Mason, officers observed objective signs of intoxication. Under Miranda, Mason stated he had consumed nearly a pint of vodka and was still feeling its effects. Mason was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with resisting a peace officer and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

**Todd Martin Celano**, 53, was arrested Friday, March 27 by West Sacramento Police. Officers were dispatched to the location for a shoplifting call. Loss prevention advised that a male, later identified as Celano, had stolen a pack of lighters and was detained in their office. Under Miranda, Celano admitted to stealing the lighters. A records check revealed Celano was on probation until 2027 and had two outstanding warrants. During a search incident to arrest, officer located a small plastic bag containing a white crystallized substance that Celano identified as methamphetamine. Officer also found a wallet containing several payment methods with various names, none of which were Celano's. Based on his record of past offenses, Celano was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with his outstanding warrants, theft with prior convictions and possession of a hard drug with prior convictions.

**Esteban Delfino Deanda**, 34, was arrested Friday, March 27 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a vehicle with no rear license plate and conducted a traffic enforcement stop for the violation. A records check of the driver, identified as Deanda, found he was on searchable probation. A search of his person and his vehicle revealed eight separate individually bagged bundles containing a substance that later tested positive as fentanyl. The officer also found additional packaging material to make additional bundles. Under Miranda, Deanda admitted the bundles were his and that they contained fentanyl. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with possession of narcotic controlled substance for sale, possession of a hard drug with prior conviction and driving while his license was suspended for DUI.

**Jasmine Maureen Cook-Venegas**, 39, was arrested Friday, March 27 on Andrew Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer observed Cook-Venegas in her vehicle at the location and had prior knowledge that she was on active post release community supervision (PRCS) until 2028. Officer also knew

there were outstanding warrants. Officer contacted Cook-Venegas, detained her without incident, and confirmed the warrants. A probation searched of the vehicle revealed a clear plastic baggie containing a white crystallized substance that later tested positive for methamphetamine. Under Miranda, Cook-Venegas confirmed the drug was hers. Based on her history, she was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with the warrants and possession of a hard drug with prior convictions.

**William Von Frederick**, 38, was arrested Saturday, March 28 on D Street by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer located Frederick at his residence and detained him without incident. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Torrey Andre Payne**, 49, was arrested Saturday, March 28 on Madrone Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to the location for report of a male lying in front of an apartment door. Officer arrived at the location, contacted Payne, and a records check revealed he was on active parole. A parole search found a bulbous glass pipe with brown residue in his backpack. Payne was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with possessing unlawful paraphernalia and felony parole violation.

**Shaista Bahrami**, 32, was arrested Sunday, March 29 at Lake Washington Boulevard and Highland Drive by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct: alcohol. Officer was dispatched to the location for a welfare check. A bystander advised she observed a female stumbling on the ground, walking in the middle of the street, and making statements that she wanted to be run over. Officer contacted the female, identified as Bahrami, and observed objective signs of alcohol intoxication. Bahrami refused to allow officers to give her a ride home and given the behaviors observed and bystander statements, officer determined she was unable to reasonably care for herself. She was transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.

**Jerrell Antoine Jurand**, 26, was arrested Monday, March 30 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer responded to the location for a potential theft. Per footage, a male left the victim's room following the theft and officers were able to identify the suspect as Jurand from prior contacts. A records check revealed the warrant. Further observation of the security footage revealed Jurand to still be on the property in another room. Jurand was contacted and taken into custody, then transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Clifton Joseph Willis**, 44, was arrested Tuesday, March 31 at Cedar Street and West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Investigators served a search warrant for a specific motel room, Willis, and his vehicle. Willis was observed exiting the motel and a vehicle stop was conducted down the street at the arrest location. On Willis' person, two kinds of pills were found, along with seven unused clear plastic bags. A search of the vehicle found multiple bags of various pills and powders that tested positive for a variety of narcotics and controlled substances. There were also additional clear unused baggies and a silver digital scale with white residue in it. In between the driver's seat and the center console, officers located a silver Smith and Wesson .38 special with 3 rounds in the cylinders. Inside the motel room, investigators found a clear plastic container with approximately 400 clear unused baggies of various sizes and styles. A clear, used methamphetamine pipe was also found. A check of Willis' criminal history showed prior felony convictions, prohibiting him from possessing firearms or ammunition. The number and amount of narcotics and supplies found indicated to the investigator that this all was probably for the purpose of sales. Willis was transported to Yolo County Jail on a variety of drug and weapons charges.

**Edward Jonathan Porter**, 52, was arrested Wednesday, April 1 on Cummins Way by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a naked male on the front porch. Officers contacted the male, later identified as Porter, who refused all verbal commands, and became increasingly noncompliant by refusing to step off the porch after being advised he was under arrest. He armed himself with a rock or concrete lawn ornament and refused to drop the object and exit the porch. He took a fighting stance and advanced on officers while holding the object, refusing to drop it despite multiple commands. Officers deployed pepper ball rounds and a Taser to gain compliance. Porter was taken into custody, transported to Woodland Memorial Hospital for medical clearance and booked into Yolo County Jail. A records check revealed he was a sex offender who failed to update his annual registration. He was also charged with resisting an officer and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

### INCIDENTS / CRIME REPORTS

**Tuesday, March 10** — a fuel business reports that two unknown suspects driving tractor trailers had been manipulating their fuel pumps since December 2025, stealing approximately 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Value of loss pending inventory.

**Saturday, March 14** — a business on F Street reports that a company Ford F-150 pickup truck had been stolen from inside the business. There is no evidence of forced entry and no suspect information. Loss valued at \$17,000.

**Monday, March 16** — victim reports an unknown suspect took items from inside his unlocked vehicle on Greenwood Avenue. Items taken include an HP laptop, backpack and several work keys; loss valued at \$1,485.

**Monday, March 16** — victim reports their laptop bag was stolen on West Capitol Avenue by an unknown suspect. Loss valued at \$900.

**Tuesday, March 17** — a church on Drever Street reports an unknown suspect lit their shed on fire. Undetermined value of loss.

**Saturday, March 21** — victim reports unknown suspect(s) broke into a locked UPS trailer parked on Port Street. Items stolen and value pending an investigation.

**Sunday, March 22** — victim reports his neighbor punched him in the face on Maple Street. Victim filed a citizen's arrest form. Suspect was found to need medical care and was transported to a hospital.

**Monday, March 30** — victim reports unknown suspects followed him from his place of work in Sacramento to Town Center Plaza. After the victim parked his vehicle, the suspects broke out the rear window on his locked vehicle and stole approximately \$10,000 in camera equipment. Suspects fled in a vehicle that has been identified.

**Monday, March 30** — victim reports an unknown suspect possibly stole outgoing mail from their mailbox on Driftwood Court. The item taken was a birthday card containing a check for \$40. The suspect altered the check and deposited it for \$250 to an account in a different bank. The victim provided a copy of a check from her bank and the deposit information from the second bank. Forwarded to detectives for follow-up.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS**

**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  
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**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  
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**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  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260225**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Bayn Star, 2068 Alta Loma Street, Davis, CA 95616.  
Maria 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:  
Crumbl - 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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260261**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Vince's Partners, L.P. is doing business as Frugoli Partners, L.P., 3521 Bridgeway Lakes Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
Marina G. Frugoli, General Partner, 3521 Bridgeway Lakes Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Limited Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 15, 1998.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 20, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
VINCES 4-24-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260263**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Moose Media, 406 Russell Park Apt 5, Davis, CA 95616.  
Mustafa Jean-Marco Karakoc, 406 Russell Park Apt 5, 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 N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 23, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
MOOSE 4-24-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260255**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Lava Laundry, 640 Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695.  
C and K Laundry Inc, 2106 Frascati Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 19, 2026.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 19, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
LAVA 4-24-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260214**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Soul and Bone Coffee Co, 637 Andrew Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605.  
Lennie Holmes, 637 Andrew Street, 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 9, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026  
SOUL 5-1-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260226**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Social Chi Alpha, DCF, 312 A Street, Davis, CA 95616.  
Davis Christian Fellowship, 312 A Street, Davis, CA 95616. 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 March 12, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026  
SOCAL 5-1-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260220**  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 1720 Research Park Drive Suite 2102, Davis, CA 95618.  
Dance Essence LLC, 165 N Grant Lane, Folsom, CA 95630. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 12, 2026.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 12, 2026.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026  
ARTHUR 5-1-26

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

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 10, 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 16, 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  
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  
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  
#CV2026-0774  
Christina Marcellina Pantoja has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Christina Marcellina Pantoja to Christina Marcellina Lopez  
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 17, 2026  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026  
PANTOJA 4-24-26

**TRUSTEE SALE**

APN: 014-245-002-000 T.S. No. NR-53445-ca U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE. Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 (c) WHEREAS, on 7/23/2004, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by RICHARD L. LUKE and PAULINE LUKE, HIS WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS as trustor in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDY MAC BANK, F.S.B. as beneficiary, and ALLIANCE TITLE COMPANY, CA as trustee, and was recorded on 7/28/2004, as Instrument No. 2004-0033839-00, in Book XX, Page XX, in the Office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, California; and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 9/26/2014, recorded on 11/5/2014, as instrument number 2014-0025331-00, book XX, page XX, in the Office of the County Recorder, Yolo County, California; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 3/2/2025, was not made due to a borrower dies and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of 3/2/2025 is \$298,161.27; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Nationwide Receivance, LLC as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 4/5/2021 as instrument number 2021-0013366, book XX, page XX notice is hereby given that on 4/30/2026 at 12:45 PM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: LOT 41 ELKHORN VILLAGE NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO, COUNTY OF YOLO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF YOLO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ON MAY 21, 1953 IN BOOK 4 OF MAPS, AT PAGE 61. Commonly known as: 971 BEARDSLEY DRIVE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 The sale will be held AT THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$323,450.62. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$32,345.06 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$32,345.06 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$323,450.62, as of 4/29/2026, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rr-FAQs. Date: 3/25/2026 By: Rhonda Rorie, rr@nationwidereceivance.com Nationwide Receivance, LLC U.S. Dept. of HUD Foreclosure Commissioner 9665 Chesapeake Dr., Ste. 365, San Diego, CA 92123 (844) 252-6972 Fax (858) 348-4976 (TS# NR-53445-CA SDI-36899) Published 4/3/2026, 4/10/2026, 4/17/2026 NEWS LEDGER 4-17-26

**ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

At their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 15, 2026, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt the following ordinances.

To provide comment, the public may attend the meeting in-person or submit a comment in writing, via email to [clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org) and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 3:30 PM will be provided to the City Council and made available for public viewing. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-1**

ORDINANCE 26-1 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS WITHIN TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY), 17 (ZONING) AND TITLE 18 (FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL CODE

**ORDINANCE 26-3**

ORDINANCE 26-3 REPEALING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 5.12 OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO MASSAGE BUSINESSES

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Streets and Highway Code Section § 8322, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on April 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and express opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, at [clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org), seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting to allow the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

**RESOLUTION 26-30**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO VACATING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED AT 905 SOULE STREET

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**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2PM local time** on Thursday **April, 23, 2026**, at which results will be posted and available for public review for the:

**COMMUNITY CENTER – NORTH/SOUTH FENCE PROJECT**

This Invitation to Bid (ITB) is for the construction phase of the COMMUNITY CENTER –NORTH/ SOUTH FENCE PROJECT. The City is seeking a qualified contractor to provide all labor, material, equipment, and services necessary.

**CITY SCHEDULE:**

**Mandatory/Voluntary Bid Walk:**

April 13, 2026, 11:00AM  
West Sacramento Community Center, South Entrance  
1075 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento CA 95691

Bid Release Date April 1, 2026  
RFI Question Cutoff no later than 4:00pm April 16, 2026  
Proposals Due no later than 2:00pm April 23, 2026

**INQUIRIES:**

Questions about this Invitation to Bid should be submitted through the OpenGov at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system.

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# Leaders Convene to Strengthen Gun Violence Prevention Efforts

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across sectors, enabling partners to share resources, coordinate efforts and exchange information. This collaboration also strengthens regional, statewide and federal partnerships to develop actionable strategies aimed at proactively preventing all forms of gun violence.

Participants heard remarks from Congressman Mike Thompson (District 4) and former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, founder of GIFFORDS Center for Violence Intervention, who provided updates on federal gun violence prevention efforts. Attendees also received a California Violence Intervention (CalVIP) presentation titled "Historic Violence Reductions and New Challenges."

Presenters included Mike McLively (Senior Staff Attorney at GIFFORDS Law Center; Policy Director, GIFFORDS Center for Violence Intervention), Chevist Johnson (Violence Prevention Professional, Wraparound Violence Intervention Program, Injury and Violence Prevention Program, UC Davis Health), Jennifer Rubin (Trauma Prevention Program Manager, Injury and Violence Prevention Program, UC Davis Health) and Nicole Kravitz-Wirtz (Associate Professor, Centers for Violence Prevention, UC Davis).

"This week's meeting was a powerful reminder of why this collaborative exists," shared Yolo County Board of Supervisors Lucas Frerichs. "I'm deeply grateful to Congressman Mike Thompson and former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords for joining us, both of whom continue to be national champions for safer communities.

By showing up consistently to learn, discuss and connect, we strengthen the relationships and strategies that make Yolo County safer and more resilient."

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig added, "Gun violence is a complex issue that cannot be addressed by any one agency alone. This collaborative represents a unified commitment by law enforcement, community partners and public agencies to work together, share information and take meaningful action to prevent violence and protect our communities."

Former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords added, "The collaboration happening in Yolo County demonstrates what's possible when people prioritize public safety. Across the country, we see how local leadership can impact efforts to prevent gun violence. From stopping gun trafficking and enforcing red flag laws to implementing community violence intervention programs, we recognize that there are practical steps we can take to save lives. Yolo County's collaborative approach also serves as a model for how community partners can work together. I'm grateful to Congressman Mike Thompson and Yolo County for their dedication to protecting families and building safer communities."

Gun violence remains a major public health crisis in the United States, with more than 48,000 firearm-related deaths in 2022, approximately 132 per day, according to CDC mortality data. Firearm injuries were the leading cause of death for children and teens ages 1-19 in both 2020 and 2021, surpassing motor vehicle crashes. In California, 3,209 people died

from gun violence in 2023, including 156 children ages 1-17. Firearms were the third leading cause of death for young people in that age group.

"In 2026, there have been more mass shootings than days in the year," stated Congressman Mike Thompson. "That's unacceptable. People should be safe at school, at church, at the movie theater, at the mall and anywhere else they go. As Chair of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force in the U.S. House of Representatives, I was proud to help pass the most significant gun violence prevention legislation in 30 years. We have much more work to do to keep our communities safe, and I couldn't be more thankful for leaders like Supervisor Lucas Frerichs, District Attorney Jeff Reisig, Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and the Yolo County Gun Violence Prevention Collaborative for being partners in this critical work."

Gun violence takes many forms including community violence, suicide, domestic violence, unintentional shootings and mass shootings and these forms often intersect, disproportionately impacting the same communities. Safe firearm storage is a critical prevention strategy. Research shows that securely storing firearms locked, unloaded and separated from ammunition reduces the risk of suicide, unintentional injury and youth access. However, surveys indicate that approximately half of U.S. gun owners do not store all firearms securely, and 25-41 percent of households with children and a loaded firearm keep at least one loaded gun unlocked.

Community based violence



U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson speaking at Yolo Gun Violence Prevention Collaboration event. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

intervention (CVI) programs, such as hospital based violence intervention, street outreach and credible messenger models, have demonstrated strong evidence in reducing community gun violence. These programs interrupt cycles of retaliation, support survivors and address root causes of violence. Research shows that hospital based violence intervention programs can reduce repeat violent injuries and provide financial benefits to healthcare systems, while broader CVI strategies have led measurable reductions in shootings and homicides in multiple cities. California is one of only eight states to establish a Medicaid benefit for CVI

services, reflecting growing recognition that these public health driven approaches are essential complements to law enforcement. Together, with secure firearm storage, cross sector collaboration and sustained investment in evidence based CVI, communities can make meaningful progress in preventing all forms of gun violence.

By collaborating to learn, discuss and raise awareness about effective gun violence prevention strategies, the Yolo GVPC brings together data, lived experience and subject matter expertise to better understand the root causes of gun violence and support evidence-based solutions. ★

## Residents Connect with Elected Staff

By Supervisor Oscar Villegas

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - In March, my office was pleased to join staff from the offices of Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Senator Christopher Cabaldon and Congresswoman Doris Matsui for a shared office hours event at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento. My staff, Jack and Viviana, were there alongside staff from our state and federal representatives to meet directly with residents and listen to the concerns affecting their lives and our community.

This event offers a unique opportunity to bring multiple levels of government together in one accessible

location. Residents were able to speak directly with staff from their county, state, and federal representatives about issues that mattered to them, and just as importantly, they could be guided to the appropriate office when they were unsure where to start.

Too often, residents are left trying to navigate government systems on their own. Having all of these offices present at the same time helped make that process easier, more responsive, and more personal. I am grateful to everyone who stopped by to share their concerns and connect with us. We will be continuing this effort and will be holding more events like this in the future in both West Sacramento and Clarksburg. ★

## Community Center Holds Senior Resource Fair and Shredding Event

**West Sacramento Community Center News Release**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave., is holding its annual Senior Resource Fair and

shredding event on Friday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 pm. Vital resources for seniors and caregivers featuring senior support, health and wellness will be provided and this year's participants are invited to bring up to ten pounds of paper documents for shredding.

There will be raffle prizes and light snacks. It is free and open to the public. Free roundtrip Via rides are available. You must download the app on your smart phone and call 916-318-5101 to reserve. For more information, call the Community Center at 916-617-5320. ★

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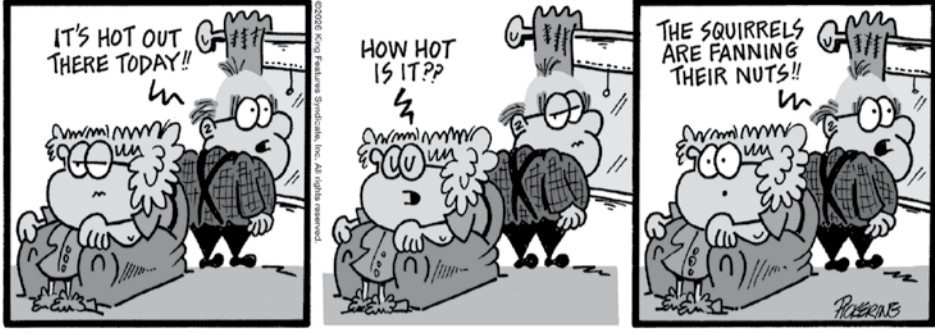
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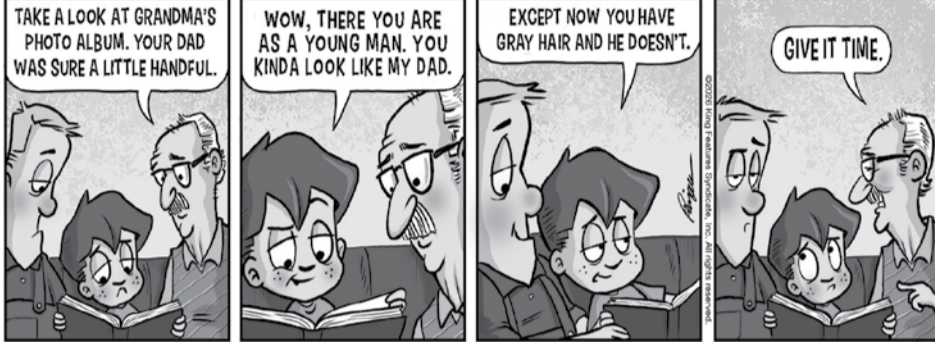
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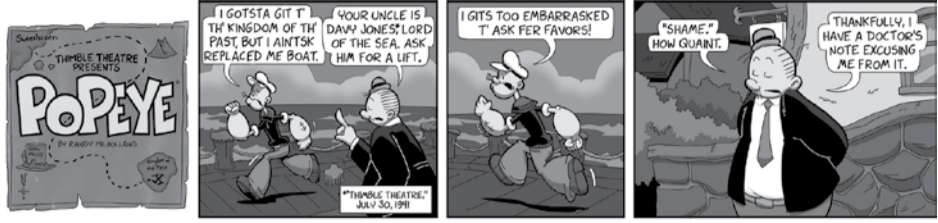
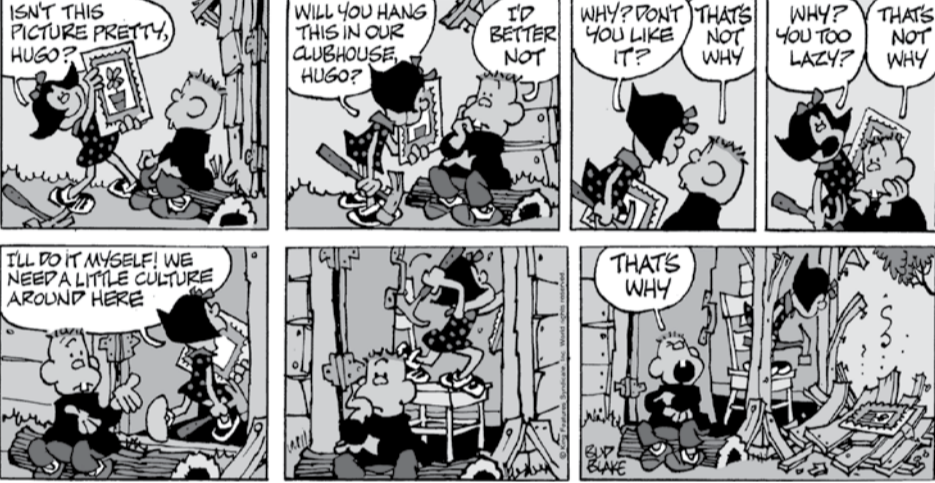
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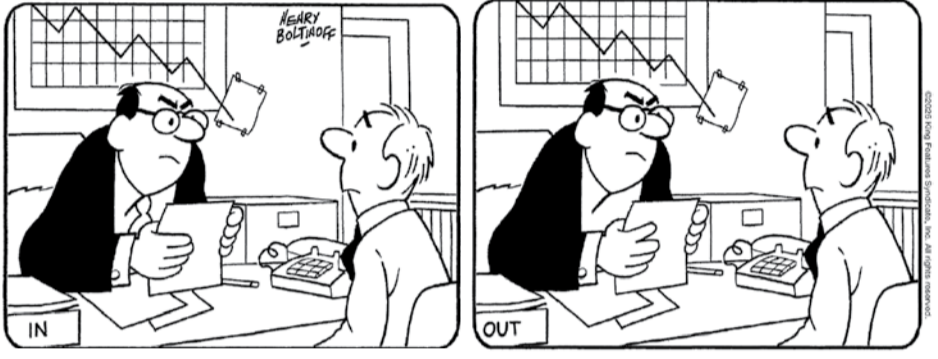
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  - \*Number of legs on an insect
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  - "I don't know," casually
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# How a Rare Wildflower Brought Me to Tuleyome and Still Inspires

By Dr. Glen Holstein,  
Tuleyome Volunteer Board  
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WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - I came to UC Davis for grad school with a passion for saving nature honed by seeing sprawl destroy so much of it in southern California. Soon that got me on TV news for the successful campaign to save Bannan Island at the Sacramento-American River confluence just north of Discovery Park from becoming a marina.

Soon I worked with then UCD Chancellor James Meyer to create Stebbins Cold Canyon Natural Reserve, with then California Resources Secretary Huey Johnson to create the Cosumnes River Preserve, with Nature Conservancy leader Steve McCormick to make Carrizo Plain the first National Monument dedicated to wildflowers, and with Eva Butler to create the Mather vernal pool preserve and its Sacramento Splash environmental education program. These efforts and others brought me the Environmental Council of Sacramento Environmentalist of the Year Award in 2013 and the Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter Conservationist of the Year Award in 2018.

But there were heartbreaks as well. Field botanist Marianne Showers mapped an area in central Yolo County as dominated by alkali milkvetch (*Astragalus tener* var. *tener*) that likely contained many thousands of individuals. It is a beautiful small wildflower endemic to California, meaning it only occurs there, and even in California it is endemic only to alkaline vernal pools mostly



Alkali Milk Vetch. Photo by Dr. Geoff Benn/Tuleyome

in the urban corridor between Sacramento and the Bay Area, a difficult place for its survival. Consequently, while not officially endangered, it is in the same maximum agency endangerment class as plants that are.

The alkali milkvetch population Showers found was the largest then-known in Yolo County and possibly the entire world, but unfortunately it was destroyed by an infrastructure project. Losing so many rare wildflowers brought sadness but also analysis of why it happened. An important factor was that many of my environmental allies were across the Sacramento River. More were needed here in Yolo County.

Then I heard former Tuleyome leader Bob Schneider talk inspiringly on the need to make part of Cache Creek a wild and scenic river. It was such a good idea we communicated with then Governor Arnold

Schwarzenegger about it, and he soon surprised many by making much of the creek officially wild and scenic.

Bob invited me to join the Tuleyome board, and I was soon working with it to create Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in 2015 and add the important Molok Luyuk missing piece in 2024.

Eventually I got a call that alkali milkvetch was present on Woodland city land proposed for a shopping mall. There were only dozens there instead of the many lost that Showers mapped, but there was more palmer bird's beak (*Chloropyron palmatum*), a federally listed endangered plant. Although it took some persuasion and time, Tuleyome made protecting this place its first conservation campaign in the Central Valley. Finally, on May 17, 2025, at the new Woodland Regional Park and Preserve's Grand Opening

speakers like Yolo Habitat Conservancy founder Petrea Marchand, Tuleyome President Lyndsay Dawkins of Tuleyome, Yolo Supervisors Mary Sandy and Lucas Frerichs, and State Senator Chris Cabaldon as well as many others all acknowledged the victory for conservation it represented.

Despite such victories for nature, I still felt sadness for the thousands of lost alkali milkvetch that once brought me to Tuleyome. Then, like a miracle, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for a group considering building houses at a site just north of Davis found a previously unknown population of over a thousand alkali milkvetch. But the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) also found that toxic groundwater from an adjacent former dump was immediately below the site's surface. Since groundwater surfaces are not

fixed but sink in withdrawal zones and rise in recharge zones that irrigating lawns and gardens of planned new homes would create, the potential for toxics to reach the surface is concerning, especially since disturbance during their construction could increase underlying soil porosity. It is unlikely the environmentally respected group that ordered the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) relished what it found. Fortunately, however, they have an alternative to houses. The May 17 Woodland Park opening could be a model for the site, which even has a large newly found population of the federally listed endangered animal vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) as well as outstanding habitat for many threatened species like Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*). It is not too much to imagine a day when an event honors those who ordered the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and then became environmental heroes by responding smartly and bravely to its unexpected findings by helping to create a nature park for the people of Davis much like the one now so loved by the people of Woodland.

I hope you enjoyed this brief tale of my work conserving nature. Its experiences and views are solely mine rather than those of any organization.

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Every apple tree makes blossoms. Tucked inside the flower is the pollen-making part called the stamen. When a bee visits the apple blossom to slurp up nectar, it picks up some pollen there.

Then the bee zooms to another apple tree. Some pollen falls off. It lands in the sticky center of the flower—on the pollen-catching part called the pistil. The pollen forms a tube that grows down to the bottom of the pistil. There, it fuses with an ovule.

That makes an embryo inside a cute little package—an apple seed.

The ovary develops into the apple core. The seeds sit inside. The fleshy part of the apple that grows around the core is there for one reason—to be yummy. When a person or animal chows down on that tasty apple flesh, they spread the apple seeds by tossing them somewhere or pooping them out.

Sometimes bad weather causes problems for apple trees. If the tree blooms early or there's a late freeze, the buds or flowers could freeze. They might not turn into apples after that. A big freeze can mean fewer apples. Or none at all.

Sometimes the apple tree makes itself bear less fruit. When an apple tree has apples, the buds for next year's apples are already starting to form. The tree divides its energy between the growing apples and the forming buds—and the apples send the tree chemical messages that tell the tree to make fewer buds and focus on the fruit.

A tree with gobs of apples will get lots of those messages. It will put less energy into



Bees pick up pollen from the tip of the stamen called the anthers. Then they drop some pollen on the sticky top of the pistil called the stigma. Apple trees aren't self-fertile. So, the pollen comes from one tree and gets moved to a different tree. This bee is toting the pollen with hairy pollen-carrying structures on its back legs called corbiculae, or pollen baskets. Courtesy photo

the buds. Fewer buds means fewer apples the next year. So, some trees make bunches of apples one year then hardly any the next year. It's called biennial bearing—and that's bad news for growers who rely on a steady crop of right-sized apples.

That's why people thin their trees.

"Growers manage the crop load by taking off extra flowers and extra fruitlets to try and get a better quality crop as well as return bloom and return fruit the next year," Evans said.

But the biggest reason your apple tree might not make apples has to do with DNA.

If you test the DNA of an apple and its seeds, the apple matches the tree it grew on. But every apple seed is a genetic mix of its parents.

"Each seed is a combination of the tree it's grown on and the pollen source," Evans said. "So, every seed is as similar as you would be to your siblings, if you have the same two parents."

To get an apple full of seeds, you need two apple trees. They must be different and compatible. Some apple tree genes work together. Some don't.

So, if your apple tree doesn't make apples, there might not be a compatible apple tree nearby. You may need to be a bee yourself—and go move some pollen.

"If your tree has bloomed consistently, but you've never had any apples, go find another apple tree," Evans suggested. "Ask nicely if you can take some of the flowers. Then dust the flowers over your tree and see if they set fruit."

If the pollen is compatible with your tree, you might wind up with fruit that's apple-olutely un-core-gettable.

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