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California makes up 11 percent of the U.S. population yet contributes to 17 percent of its agriculture.



District 1 assemblywoman Heather Hadwick brought her cows to Ag Day to draw attention to important issues concerning farmers. Photo by Khushi Salgia

By Khushi Salgia

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) held its Ag Day convention in front of the Capitol building on April 21 following National Ag Day on March 24. Ag Day, established by the Agriculture Council of America in 1973, is meant to increase public awareness

of agriculture's vital role in society as well as honor the contributions of farmers, ranchers and agribusiness in providing safe, abundant food and fiber while highlighting career opportunities in the industry.

California makes up 11 percent of the U.S. population yet contributes to 17 percent of its agriculture. Thus, this year's Ag Day theme was "California Leads," with the intention

of acknowledging and celebrating the richness in California's variety and innovation in the agriculture sector.

The event began with a welcome address from CDFA Secretary Karen Ross, who highlighted the vital role of agriculture in California and emphasized the importance of sharing knowledge and collaborating on new innovations.

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Make It Happen Receives \$20,000 to Expand Outreach

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

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Walter S. Johnson Foundation has granted \$20,000 to local non-profit Make It Happen for Yolo County to increase its partnerships and create a sustainable outreach program that will expand its ability to serve Yolo County youth for years to come. The nonprofit provides under-resourced youth moving out on their own with furniture, appliances and household items needed to fully furnish a small apartment, as well as bicycles for transportation.

"The funds we received from the Walter S. Johnson Foundation are allowing us to further explore and



A volunteer with Make It Happen for Yolo County helps a local student select items for her first apartment. Courtesy photo

develop corporate sponsorships and partnerships, and to identify additional

revenue streams that will ensure we can continue to grow and meet

the rising needs of youth in our county," said Cathi

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Yolo County Launches Climate Action Dashboard

**Yolo County
News Release**

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - In celebration of Earth Week, Yolo County is launching a new Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Dashboard, an interactive, public-facing tool designed to help residents explore the County's climate goals, access resources and track progress toward a more sustainable and resilient Yolo County.

"After extensive community input and involvement, we are pleased that we have our CAAP plan in place," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Sheila Allen. "This dashboard will allow the community and staff to see in real time the progress that we're making towards our aspirational goals."

The launch marks a key milestone in the County's commitment to achieving net-negative greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. This ambitious target supports healthier communities, advances locally driven climate solutions across natural lands, agriculture, and the built environment and promotes cost savings through efficiency and incentives.

Adopted in 2024, the CAAP provides a roadmap for reducing emissions, strengthening community resilience, and supporting a sustainable local economy. The new dashboard brings that plan to life, making it easier for residents, businesses, and community members to monitor progress, understand priorities, and identify opportunities to get involved.

"The dashboard is about transparency, accountability, and action," said Kristen Wraithwall, Sustainability Manager. "It reflects the County's commitment to openly share progress while connecting our community with accessible resources and opportunities to help shape a more resilient future together."

Funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP), the CAAP Dashboard will continue to evolve with updated data, new incentives, and expanded resources over time.

Residents are encouraged to explore the dashboard and pledge to take action at ClimateAction.YoloCounty.gov.

For more information, contact the Yolo County Sustainability Division at Sustainability@YoloCounty.gov. ★

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Community Calendar

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

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

Saturday, May 2: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Photo frame decorating for all ages, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join us to decorate a 4" by 6" photo frame – a great gift for mom. We'll even print a photo for you to put inside.

Monday, May 4: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Teen library council, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5: 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. Afternoon coloring for all ages, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6: 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, May 7: 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. Toddler time, 11:15 a.m. to noon. Yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, May 8: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Favorite friends, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. This month we're celebrating Asian-American Heritage with Amy Wu. A special story time and craft for ages up to 5.

Saturday, May 9: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

Wednesday, May 6: Anime club, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for ages 13 through 17. Register online at the library website.

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

Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3: Yolo County Spring Show, 8 a.m. Friday, through 3 p.m. Sunday at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 East Gum Ave., Woodland. Visit to see what 4-H has to offer,

including various livestock shows and auctions, farm connection day, creative arts and sciences, and more. Full schedule and more information at www.ycss.faireentry.com.

Friday, May 1: Farm-to-Fairway Golf Tournament, shotgun start at 8 a.m. at Teal Bend Golf Club, 7200 Garden Hwy., Sacramento. Join us for a terrific day on the greens full of fun games around the course, a raffle of great items and fun experiences, and a delicious awards luncheon. Proceeds benefit Yolo Food Bank and support our mission to nourish Yolo County neighbors in need. Sign up at www.yolofb.org/golf2026.

Friday, May 1: Woodland First Friday Art Walk, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Woodland. Enjoy featured artists showing their latest work, live street music, gallery receptions, and the tastes from local restaurants and cafes. It's a great chance to explore Woodland's creative community while enjoying the lively atmosphere of our downtown.

Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3: "The Curious Case of the Crimson Cha-Cha," the Spotlight Ballroom's Spring Showcase. Join us for a thrilling dance showcase where elegance meets intrigue. Set in a world of glamour, rhythm, and secrets, our dancers will bring this mystery to life through captivating performances across ballroom, Latin, and swing styles.

Bring your friends and prepare to enjoy suspense, sparkle, and spectacular dancing. The Ballroom is at 2534 Industrial Blvd., Suite 150. Tickets, schedule, and more information at www.spotlightballroom.com.

Saturday, May 2: UC Davis Arboretum Public Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop our incredible selection of attractive, low-water plants perfect for our region. Members save 10% off their purchases. Located at our Arboretum Teaching Nursery, 1046 Garrod Dr., Davis.

Saturday, May 2: Davis Waldorf School's May Faire, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3100 Sycamore Lane, Davis. The public is welcome to join this cherished festival of a time which marks halfway between spring and summer. A celebration steeped in cultural, educational, and communal significance, this festive occasion is deeply rooted in the Waldorf educational philosophy, which underscores the importance of fostering connections with nature and cultivating community bonds. Enjoy a May Pole procession, café and games, puppet show, dancing and a tug of war. Schedule and more information at www.daviswaldorf.org/may-faire.

Saturday, May 2: Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan Workshop, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arthur F. Turner Community Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. Drop in to help shape how transportation funding is spent to

improve safety, connectivity, and access across West Sacramento. Share your experiences, identify priorities, and weigh in on future projects that support walking, biking, galloping, and safer streets for everyone in the city. RSVP at www.city-ofwestsacramento.org.

Saturday, May 2: Winters Art & Wine Plein Air Art Festival & Wine Tasting, noon to 4 p.m. in downtown Winters. Join us for an afternoon of art and wine. You'll find plein air artists, local and regional artist booths, wine tasting from Yolo County wineries and music by the Charlie Wade Blues Band. The art exhibits are free for public viewing. The wine tasting ticket is \$45 at www.yolo-countywines.com.

Saturday, May 2: Davis Food Co-op Block Party, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 620 G St., Davis. To say "thank you" for more than 54 incredible years of community support, the Co-op is hosting everyone at one of their biggest events of the year, free to all. Enjoy family-friendly activities, food trucks and local vendors, lawn games and more. Dancing shoes are technically optional, but highly encouraged. It's time to party with your community.

Sunday, May 3: Wiggle Worms Nature Play, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Whitey Park, 1728 Lake Washington Blvd. Designed to engage ages 1 through 9 but siblings and babies are welcome. No registration required, show up dressed

for active and, sometimes a bit messy, play. This is not a drop off program and a caregiver must be present during the whole session. Feel free to bring your coffee and a camp chair. Brought to you by The Wonder Grove; donations are graciously accepted.

Sunday, May 3: Pence Gallery Garden Tour, noon to 5 p.m. Stroll through five gardens throughout Davis, savoring the beauty of spring and learning about gardening from Yolo County Master Gardeners. At the Pence (212 D St., Davis), enjoy three stunning art exhibits by regional artists, and the last day of our Garden Art Sale. We recommend purchasing tickets in advance at www.pence-gallery.org. Proceeds from the Garden Tour support the mission of the Pence Gallery, a nonprofit art organization.

Wednesday, May 6: Hope Café, 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at International House, 10 College Park, Davis. Join us for an interactive, art-filled gathering that brings folks together to play, share stories, and lift each other up. Take some time away from the news cycle and experience music, poetry, and light-hearted activities that will leave you feeling recharged and inspired. More information and tickets at www.internationalhouse.davis.org/events.

Thursday, May 7: Big Day of Giving – all day, throughout the

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Sacramento Honors its Agriculture at Ag Day

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education is important,” Ross said.

Ross also introduced the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom scholarship recipients and the Leopold Conservation award winners.

According to Sofia Goss, CDFA representative of the Fairs and Expositions branch, the main purpose of organizing an event such as this one is to “promote agriculture.”

“Our state is agriculturally driven,” Goss said.

One of these agriculture initiatives is the California Wheat Commission (CWC), which supports research for wheat plants. They partner with the UC Davis wheat breeding program to test qualities like nitrogen or genetic attributes of wheat.

Essentially, the idea is to create “better economics for wheat,” according to Alejandra Andrade, the CWC lab manager. One of their projects focuses on making wheat safe for those with celiac disease or gluten intolerances.

Beyond efforts to expand access to wheat products, Ag Day organizers also highlighted milk’s nutritional benefits. A representative for the “Got Milk?” campaign, in place since 1993, said the group promotes milk consumption among all age groups, noting its role in bone health.

In addition to promoting calcium intake, the Dairy Council was present as a nutrition education organization. They are funded by Dairy Farmer and one of their initiatives is to conduct research to forecast agricultural trends as well as bring a live cow to elementary schools to teach kids where milk comes from.

“We are so disconnected from our food nowadays,” said Amy Delisio, executive director of Dairy Council. “Most kids in urban areas have never really been to a farm.”

District One Assemblywoman Heather Hadwick brought three cows in from her own farm, two adults and a baby. As a farmer herself, as well as the assemblywoman for most of Sacramento’s rural districts, her mission at Ag Day is “bringing the district to Sacramento” as many in the urban areas are not aware of the issues facing farms today. One of the biggest concerns is wolves, which tend to be the biggest predators for farm animals.

“We’re in the middle of a crisis,” she said.

According to Hadwick, there have been a hundred kills in the past year alone in district one. Because wolves are an endangered species and therefore protected by the government, there is nothing anyone can do currently to mitigate the killings.

While wolves are the biggest

issue facing cattle ranchers specifically, water is the main concern of farmers.

“They never have enough,” Hadwick said.

The final top concern in agriculture is inflation. According to Hadwick, costs have increased 55 percent in the past two years. Because district one is a low-income county, they cannot raise prices without it drastically affecting people’s livelihoods.

In addition to resources surrounding farming, crops and agriculture, there were also booths sharing technological innovations that can improve efficiency and sustainability. One of these is a company called Sunzaun, a vertical solar company.

“We pride ourselves on our dual life systems,” said Tia Hanes, business developer at Sunzaun.

The dual life system called agrivoltaics — the integration of solar panels and agriculture on the same land — allows for simultaneous food and renewable energy production. It increases land-use efficiency, reduces water consumption and provides shade for crops and livestock. It leads to diversified farmer income, reduced electricity costs and potential for increased crop yields, while overcoming land-use competition.

Another ag tech organization, F3i, is a non-profit which



California’s Ag Day took place on a rainy April 21 in front of the Capitol building. Photo by Khushi Salgia

acts as a bridge between university research (UC Merced, Fresno State and UC Agriculture and Natural Resources) and practical field applications to strengthen food security, supporting ag-based industries with new technology, workforce development and economic growth.

“Our mission is to build Sacramento into an ag tech system,” said Ryan Dinubilo, director of innovation at F3i.

Women-led initiatives such as Miss Rodeo California and California Women for Agriculture (CWA) were also

present at the Ag Day event; 2026 was declared the “International Year of the Woman Farmer by the United Nations. The initiative focuses on improving women’s access to land, financing and technical training to strengthen global food security.

“Rodeo is part of our history as ranchers,” said Rachel Lancaster, Miss California Rodeo Salinas 2025 winner.

Despite rainy weather, Ag Day drew agriculture leaders from across California, underscoring the event’s statewide reach and impact. ★

Assembly Majority Leader Aguiar-Curry Introduces AB 2123 to Relieve Medical Debt

Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters) held a press conference to highlight Assembly Bill 2123 (AB 2123), the Medical Debt Relief Act of 2026. Sponsored by California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, the bill would create a state fund to provide medical debt relief for eligible low- and middle-income Californians, aiming to reduce healthcare-related financial strain.

“Too many Californians are doing everything right and still getting buried in medical debt they realistically can’t pay,” said Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters). “AB 2123 takes a common-sense approach, buying up that debt for pennies on the dollar and wiping it out.”

AB 2123 would establish a Medical Debt Relief Program within the California Health Facilities Financing Authority, in partnership with the Department of Health Care Access and Information. It would authorize the state to contract with a debt relief coordinator to acquire and cancel qualifying medical debt. The program would be funded with a \$2.5 million General Fund investment and leverage the secondary debt market held by providers or collectors and purchase it at a reduced cost to eliminate it. Eligibility would include households earning up to 400% of the federal poverty level or those with medical debt exceeding 5% of their income.

“This initiative is about making a full recovery, restoring your health and retaining financial stability,” said Treasurer Ma. “Through this initiative, California can leverage its financial tools to relieve billions in burdensome debt for residents who did everything right but still



Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters). Courtesy photo

fell behind due to healthcare costs.”

Nearly 40% of Californians carry medical debt, often driven by high out-of-pocket costs, deductibles and unexpected bills, even among the insured. Once in collections, this debt can damage credit for years and contribute to housing and financial instability. Healthcare advocates emphasized the real-life consequences and the need for a coordinated, statewide solution. Dr. Spencer Dayton, a Stage IV cancer patient and Board Chair with the California Colorectal Cancer Coalition, highlighted the true cost of staying alive.

“When people hear that someone has insurance, they often assume that they are protected. That’s just simply not true and it does not mean that care is affordable. For patients like me, the cost of survival is staggering. My treatments come with a \$2,000 co-pay. I have an outstanding \$500,000 medical debt for a necessary biopsy. And my monthly medications cost several hundred dollars before anything else,” said Dayton. “These are not optional expenses; they are the cost of me staying alive. Being sick is hard enough. Going broke

to stay alive should never be part of our treatment plans.”

This bill builds on successful local and state efforts to address large-scale debt relief. In 2024, Los Angeles County launched a pilot program that erased \$363 million in medical debt with a \$5 million investment by purchasing medical debt on the secondary market for pennies on the dollar, making the program highly cost-effective. In the same year, SB 1061 (Limón) was signed into law, which prevents medical debt from appearing on credit reports. AB 2123 is the next phase of direct, large-scale debt relief for Californians.

“People shouldn’t have to choose between seeing a doctor and keeping the lights on,” said Aguiar-Curry. “AB 2123 is about giving families a fresh start by wiping out medical debt that’s been weighing them down for far too long.”

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry represents California’s 4th Assembly District, which includes all of Lake, Colusa, Napa and Yolo Counties, and part of Sonoma County. She serves as the Assembly Majority Leader and Chair of the California Legislative Women’s Caucus. ★

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A Top Five Pick?

While it's true that the interest in basketball has dropped a notch with the end of the 2025/2026 season there remains a vibrant group of Sacramento Kings fans that are still very much engaged.

That is perhaps the singular prevailing reason the Kings fought through the potential move of the team to Seattle Washington just a dozen years ago and not only remained in Sacramento but built a state-of-the-art arena to boot.

But exactly where are we today? Are the Kings going through another tepid off season waiting for the inevitable uninspiring beginning of a new season or is something of real substance in the air.

In less than 2 weeks, ping pong balls will once again determine the fate of organizations all over this country, and in truth the Kings stand a better than average chance of grasping one of the top prospects from the college ranks.

From my perspective, with the draft being as deep as has been prognosticated, I believe the Kings will garner one of the top five picks, and if that is the case, there will be players available that can make an immediate impact on this franchise.

At the very least the new arrival will put butts in the seats and provide renewed enthusiasm for what the upcoming season might become.

What the Kings want and what will be actually available are two different things, so be prepared to get a game changer but not necessarily a future all-star.

Assuming A.J. Dybantsa, Cameron Boozer, and Caleb Wilson are already gone, it's quite likely the Kings may have to take a player of smaller stature, and that could be one Darius Acuff Jr.

All that Darius did for the Arkansas Razorback's last season was put up 23.5 points per game, 3.1 rebounds and 6.4 assists with a field goal percentage of 48%.

Unlike experiments of the past, the Kings would be getting what experts and pundits believe is a legitimate blue chipper, a player that by himself can make the needle move in a positive direction.

Playoff teams rarely operate effectively without a true point guard, and since the departure of DeAaron Fox, the Kings have found themselves floundering in that category.

All the best Kings fans! ★

California's Candidates for Governor Must Prioritize Schools' Education Deficits



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

For years, polls about California voter attitudes have found public schools a consistent concern.

In a very recent Public Policy Institute of California poll, responses were mixed about whether the public school system is moving in the right direction, but 89% said it needs to change.

That concern is well founded, given that California's students don't do very well in national tests of academic skills, vis-à-vis those in other states. It's one of California's most vexing — and most important — issues and should be commanding attention from those who hold public office.

Nevertheless, when the six leading candidates for governor responded to questions during a 90-minute televised debate Wednesday night, education came up only once in a question from a viewer, not the debate moderators, and was directed at Republican Steve Hilton.

Asked how he would improve schools, Hilton responded with "learn from what works in other states." It was actually a valid response, because California officials have generally resisted learning about learning from other states that have succeeded in raising test scores — Mississippi on reading, for instance.

Candidates' intentions

about the single largest item in the state's budget — \$81.3 billion this year — are particularly important because outgoing Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed to downgrade the state school superintendent's position to that of an advisory role, while vesting primary responsibility for education in whoever succeeds him next January.

Moderators of future debates should make at least an effort to explore the candidates' approaches to education, particularly how they would raise academic achievement that now is mediocre at best.

On the positive side of the public school situation, California has finally embraced phonics as the most effective way of teaching elementary students to read, although it's not yet mandatory. And on Wednesday, a few hours before the televised debate snubbed education, the Senate Education Committee advanced legislation to do something about California's even lower ranking in math skills.

Just 37% of California students perform at grade level in math, and the state ranks 43rd nationally in fourth-grade math proficiency. Moreover, there are distinct gaps between kids from families that struggle to afford living in California and their more privileged classmates.

Senate Bill 1067 would establish a statewide math screening system for kids in kindergarten and 1st and 2nd grades, to identify those who struggle with numbers and need extra help. It's modeled after a similar system to gauge reading skills.

The bill is backed by

EdVoice, an education reform advocate, and carried by Sen. Akilah Weber Pierson, a San Diego Democrat and daughter of Secretary of State Shirley Weber, who tirelessly championed educational reform while a state legislator.

"California has already taken an important step forward by identifying and addressing reading challenges early with K-2 universal screening for reading difficulties. SB 1067 applies that same common-sense approach to math," Marshall Tuck, CEO of EdVoice, said in a statement. "Students who struggle with foundational math skills in the early grades continue to fall further behind without timely, targeted intervention. This bill helps prepare students for future success in school, career, and life."

Mastering basic reading and math skills in the early years of school are not only important unto themselves, but they're vital for students to climb the educational ladder as high as their innate intelligences allow and to segue into productive and satisfying careers that support the larger economy.

While California has no shortage of existential issues, none is more vital than doing something about its education deficit. The Legislature at long last seems to be getting the message, but the next governor must get it too.

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

Social Security Matters

Should I Collect SS Now or Wait Two Years Until Age 70?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 67 and 9 months old, collecting a modest SS survivor benefit with plans to collect my own much larger benefit at age 70. I was confident this plan was a good one; but recent turbulent events make me nervous that cuts could come to Social Security at any time without warning. Would it be prudent to file for my own Social Security as soon as possible so that my benefit might be "grandfathered" in before any sudden and drastic cuts occur? I do not generally panic, but these are unprecedented times. I would be quite comfortable with the benefit listed on my 2024 statement for my current age; I was just hoping to maximize the benefit by waiting.

When I go to the Social Security website to view my 2025 annual statement to see the personalized monthly retirement benefit estimates for ages 68, 69, and 70, that section no longer shows. This omission makes me uncomfortable. Can I find out what my current benefit estimate would be for ages 68, 69, and 70? Or should I just rely on the 2024 statement? **Signed: Nervous in Portland**

Dear Nervous: Please do not be nervous that recent "turbulent events" pose a threat to your future Social Security benefits. Those events do not, in any way, jeopardize your future Social Security benefits, because Social Security is completely separate from all other federal political issues and finances. The primary problem with Social Security became an issue long before the current administration took office.

The Trustees of Social Security have been warning Congress for decades that Social Security's finances

require Congressional attention. The fact is that Social Security revenue (as predicted decades ago) became insufficient to pay all benefit obligations in about 2021. Since that time, money from Social Security's reserved funds (Trust Funds) has been used to pay full benefits to all. In 2020, there was nearly \$3 trillion in SS reserved funds, but that has now dwindled to about \$2.5 trillion as reserves are used to supplement SS payments. And that problem continues. The Trustees of SS now predict that the reserves will be fully depleted in about 2032, at which time — lacking program reform by Congress — Social Security will be forced to pay out only what it receives in revenue. And that would mean an estimated cut of about 23% to everyone's monthly SS benefit. In the unlikely event that happens, wouldn't a 23% reduction to your larger age 70 benefit be better than a 23% cut to your lower age 68 benefit?

No one wants those cuts to happen — least of all politicians — because it would amount to political suicide (seniors are, after all, a very large voting bloc). Thus, we believe that Congress will act to reform Social Security to prevent any general benefit cuts from happening. It will, however, require Congressional bipartisanship because the reforms needed for Social Security are likely unsavory to some. Those reforms may include SS tax increases and changes to the basic structure of the SS program to align it with today's demographic reality. The program needs reform, which Congress has, unfortunately, neglected to provide for many years. And this neglect will likely also continue, at least through the forthcoming mid-term elections. It seems the nature of Congress is to wait until the last possible moment to offer corrective legislation.

Here's what to keep in mind: Congress already knows how to reform Social Security to avoid any future benefit cuts

— they just lack the bipartisanship to accomplish that reform. For our part, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has offered to Congress a common-sense reform plan via its "Social Security Guarantee (SSG)." AMAC's proposal has received a positive reception in Congressional circles, and we are optimistic that the program will provide financial stability to the program for generations. AMAC continues to advocate for SS reform in Washington, D.C. on a regular basis, even more intensely as the depletion of the SS Trust Funds grows closer.

We do not suggest changing your strategy for claiming Social Security benefits based upon fear the program will cut benefits. That's because it's unlikely that all benefits will be cut because we believe Congress will eventually enact reform. And even in the unlikely event that Congress neglects to reform the program by 2032, the percentage of reduction to a higher monthly SS benefit amount would be better than a similar reduction to a lower benefit amount. In other words, your original plan is still a prudent one.

Regarding your question about your estimated benefits, I expect your most recent SS statement didn't include future benefits because you are already collecting SS survivor benefits. You can contact SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to obtain the future SS retirement estimates you seek.

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Yes, of Course, War Settles Things



Countless protest signs have informed us over the years that "war is not the answer." We hear this message, with varying levels of sophistication and differing underlying worldviews, from institutions and people ranging from Code Pink to Pope LEO.

"War does not solve problems," the pontiff said in an Angelus address last year. "On the contrary, it amplifies them and causes deep wounds in the history of peoples -- wounds that take generations to heal."

Now, there are many things that can be said about the tragedy of warfare without crediting the blatantly ahistorical cliché that it is never the answer, or doesn't solve disputed questions, often with a terrible finality.

Warfare can determine international boundaries and the nature of governments. It can decide who will rule and who will not. The relative power of states, the extent of religious faiths and the status of a culture can depend on it.

Wars might be pointless, or fought for prestige, revenge or territorial aggrandizement. That's all true, but it doesn't change the fact that military conflict is, at times, necessary and highly consequential; it can achieve beneficial ends, as well as awful ones.

It mattered for the spread of Christianity, for instance, that Constantine, who would become

the first Christian emperor of Rome, won the Battle of Milvian Bridge in 312. Later, Christendom benefited from Ferdinand and Isabella taking back Granada from its Muslim rulers in 1492, and from the Holy Roman Emperor defeating the Ottoman besiegers of Vienna in 1683.

Certainly, it would have been better if all this could have been amiably worked out among the relevant parties, but that's not how the world usually works.

In the early 19th century, Europe had a Napoleon problem -- a world-historical military genius determined to bend the continent to his will through force of arms. After serial failures, the Allies finally solved this problem in the War of the Seventh Coalition. The ensuing diplomatic settlement at the Congress of Vienna forged a peace that lasted nearly a century, but wouldn't have been possible without victory at Waterloo.

In the early 20th century, Europe had a Hitler problem -- a fanatical, race-obsessed militarist who wanted his Third Reich to dominate Europe. This problem, too, was solved by force and led to a lasting peace, although a very tense one during the Cold War. If it's true that war should usually be the last resort, the Allies would have been better off if it had been the first resort against Hitler, checking him when he was relatively weak.

More broadly, the United States wouldn't be what it is today absent two existential wars. When the colonies began agitating for independence,

the British weren't simply going to cede what they considered sovereign territories, especially given their economic and strategic value. The American cause -- and all the good that has flowed from it -- depended on prevailing in a grinding eight-year war.

About a hundred years later, it all could have collapsed had the United States not prevailed in the Civil War, an appallingly bloody conflict that extinguished American slavery and preserved the foundation for the nation's gathering greatness.

TITLE: None of this is a warrant for heedless warmongering, or a reason to dismiss, say, the sheer cynical brutishness of the Roman destruction of Carthage in the Third Punic War, or the horrors of Passchendaele. That war is terrible; however, it doesn't mean that it's ineffective.

In our times, Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022 in the erroneous, but not crazy, belief that a sharp, decisive military campaign would topple the Western-oriented government in Kyiv and force the creation of a regime more to the Kremlin's liking. This was a war that never should have been launched, yet Ukraine had no alternative but to fight it.

If Kyiv wants to protect its sovereign territory and eventually get a tolerable diplomatic outcome, war is the answer -- as, sadly, it has been so often throughout human history.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



ARRESTS REPORTS

Cheyenne Naomi Sala, 35, and Marcus Pierre Hamilton, 36, were cited Monday, March 23 on Sacramento Avenue by West Sacramento Police for violating the municipal ordinance prohibiting illegal camping on private property.

Kenneth Dean Berry, 40, was cited Friday, March 27 at Jefferson Boulevard and Locks Drive by West Sacramento Police for possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Maurelis Adreina Sanchez-Marquez, 24, was cited Friday, April 3 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for battery.

Ivan Jose Uribe-Gutierrez, 41, was cited Friday, April 3 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for assault on a person.

Elijah Joel Hunter, 20, was cited Tuesday, April 7 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for defrauding an innkeeper. Officer was dispatched to a tow yard on Houston Street for report of a stolen vehicle. The reporting party stated that an individual had taken a vehicle from the tow yard without authorization and driven away. A records check confirmed that the vehicle was reported as a towed vehicle after being parked in a handicap space. The general manager of the tow yard indicated the fee to retrieve the vehicle was \$490 and he wanted to press charges. Officers later located both the vehicle and Hunter, the subject matching the description provided, cited him and released him with a scheduled court date.

Aron Pedro Salinas, 34, was arrested Thursday, April 9 at Jefferson Boulevard and Merkley Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officers observed a male, later identified as Salinas, riding his bicycle on the sidewalk and in the dark without lights. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop but Salinas refused to stop for their emergency lights. Officer exited the vehicle and ordered Salinas to stop, but he still refused, and officers lost sight of him. An area check was conducted, and Salinas was located hiding in a home's encampment. Salinas was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with the vehicle violations, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle and resisting a peace officer.

Maurice Marcell Larry, 49, was arrested Thursday, April 9 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer on patrol observed a subject riding a bicycle after dark without appropriate equipment and conducted a traffic stop. A records check found the warrants and Larry was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Dominitt Rage Henderson, 21, was arrested Thursday, April 9 on 4th Street by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct: alcohol. Officer was dispatched to the location at night for report of several subjects in the Sacramento River. One of the subjects, Henderson, was observed with signs of alcohol intoxication, and was detained in handcuffs. Officer determined Henderson was too intoxicated to care for himself: he was standing near the actively flowing river, had already jumped in and struggled to get out, and could not articulate a plan for how to safely get home. Henderson was transported to Yolo County Jail to detox.

Mariano Espino Jaramillo, 40, was arrested Friday, April 10 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer observed Jaramillo, a known warrant suspect, and detained him without incident. Jaramillo was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Michele Adams, 67, was arrested Friday, April 10 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for DUI. Officer was dispatched to the location for a traffic collision. The reporting party stated the driver, identified as Adams, appeared to be intoxicated. Officer arrived on scene and observed Adams to display multiple signs of intoxication. Adams admitted she had backed into the reporting party's vehicle and admitted to having one glass of wine prior. She consented to field sobriety tests and performed poorly. Adams stopped in the middle of the tests and said "just take me in." She was transported to Yolo County Jail on multiple charges of DUI drugs and alcohol.

Joshua Grant McGirr, 51, was arrested Friday, April 10 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to a call for service regarding a mental health crisis at the location. The reporting party saw a tenant, later identified as McGirr, holding a hammer and stick, while possibly on fentanyl. Officer arrived on scene and called McGirr out of his room, where he was detained without incident. McGirr stated he was on probation and gave officers consent to search his room, where they found a broken round bulbous glass pipe with burn marks and white residue on the inside of the pipe. McGirr was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Richard Simon Molina, 53, was arrested Friday, April 10 on Ballpark Drive by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding felony warrants. Officers were notified that Molina, a wanted suspect, was working as a parking attendant at the location. Officers located Molina at the location, confirmed his identity and the warrants and he was transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.

Jennifer Michelle Cedeno-Ornelas, 25, was cited Saturday, April 11 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for littering and violating the municipal ordinance prohibiting consumption / possession of an open container on public property.

Aaron Alan Ryan, 51, was arrested Saturday, April 11 at Enterprise Boulevard and Industrial Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officer contacted the reporting party who advised their vehicle was struck by another and the driver failed to yield. The reporting party followed the other vehicle to the current location. The driver of the second vehicle, identified as Ryan, displayed objective signs of intoxication and refused to perform field sobriety tests. A check of local traffic cameras confirmed he was the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with DUI alcohol, driving without a license, and hit and run with property damage.

Fenix Jordan Ramirez, 18, was arrested Sunday, April 12 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct: alcohol. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a verbal fight. Officer contacted the reporting party at the scene, who stated a male was drinking outside the business and trying to instigate a physical fight with security staff. Officers contacted a male, later identified as Ramirez, holding an open container of alcohol and in an active altercation with security personnel. Since Ramirez was actively trying to fight security staff and did not have a ride home, officers transported him to Yolo County Jail to detox.

Fariba Azimi, 42, and Kimberly Marie Chavez, 33, were arrested Sunday, April 12 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for outstanding warrants. Officer observed a vehicle at a motel on West Capitol Avenue and a records check of the registered owner revealed an active felony warrant for Azimi. The officer followed the vehicle until another officer could assist with a traffic stop. Azimi pulled into a car wash

and was detained without incident. The passenger in the vehicle, Chavez, was also found to have multiple outstanding warrants, and was detained. Officer contacted a detective from the jurisdiction issuing Azimi's warrant, and he requested her cell phones be confiscated as evidence. The West Sacramento officer did so and turned them over to the detective. Both subjects were transported to Yolo County Jail.

INCIDENTS / CRIME REPORTS

Sunday, March 29 – victims on West Capitol Avenue found gang-related graffiti spray-painted throughout West Sacramento. Damage estimated at \$1,000 and included businesses and a variety of residential fences.

Wednesday, April 1 – a subject was observed unconscious outside of his vehicle on Riverbank Road with a narcotic smoking pipe in his hand. A records check found the subject was on post-release community supervision (PRCS). A search of his vehicle was conducted, and multiple narcotic smoking pipes were found as well as substances that tested positive as methamphetamine and fentanyl. Subject was transported to the hospital for further medical treatment.

Saturday, April 4 – a business on West Capitol Avenue reports unknown subjects cut locks to their gate and several boxes containing copper wire, then cut the wire from the boxes. No cameras in the area. Loss valued at \$12,000.

Saturday, April 4 – a business on Riverpoint Court reports their electric car chargers were cut by two unknown subjects. Loss valued at \$63,000.

Tuesday, April 7 – victim reports an unknown suspect broke into their vehicle while it was parked at Jefferson Boulevard and Locks Drive. The suspect took cash and a child seat and caused lots of damage around the vehicle. Loss valued at \$20,400.

Friday, April 10 – victim on Martinique Street reports potential identity theft by an unidentified suspect.

Wednesday, April 15 – a business on West Capitol Avenue reports a window valued at \$2,000 was shattered by an unknown suspect.

Wednesday, April 15 – victim reports their vehicle stripping was removed by an unknown suspect while parked at a residential facility on West Capitol Avenue, causing \$500 in damage.

Friday, April 17 – two unknown suspects took a generator valued at \$800 from the bed of a truck on Poplar Avenue.

Sunday, April 19 – victim reports an unknown suspect broke into their apartment on Sacramento Avenue and stole several items. Loss valued at \$5,000.

Sunday, April 19 – victim reports their unsecured electric bicycle, valued at \$600, was stolen from a parking lot on C Street.

Sunday, April 19 – victim reports a known suspect touched them in an offensive way, leading to a physical fight at a bar on West Capitol Avenue. No reported value of damage.

Tuesday, April 21 – Two victims report their respective work vehicles were broken into overnight at motels on Stillwater Road by an unknown suspect. Several power and hand tools were taken from both. Losses estimated at \$8,000 from each vehicle. check of the driver, Deloney, found an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, and he was transported to Yolo County Jail. Per Deloney's request, the vehicle was left parked and secured in a nearby parking lot.

Cliffon Dale Altrock, 33, was arrested Saturday, April 18 at 5th Street and Cabaldon Parkway by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct under the influence of drugs. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a subject possibly under the influence of narcotics. Upon arrival, officer contacted a male, identified as Altrock, who admitting to having used methamphetamine. Altrock was riding his bicycle into traffic with no brakes and appeared to be under the influence, so he was placed under arrest for not being able to care for himself. He was transported to Yolo County Jail for detox.

Benjamin Ernest Estrada, 30, and Tempest Tanai Anderson, 33, were arrested Sunday, April 19 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police. Officers responded to a call of a shoplifting in progress and observed the described individuals running from the store toward a parked car. Officer turned on lights and siren as the male suspect, later identified as Estrada, continued to flee. Officer exited his vehicle as Estrada led him on a foot chase. Officer caught up with Estrada and pulled him to the ground, recovering two boxes of NFL playing cards. The female suspect, later identified as Anderson, was also detained. Officer contacted the reporting party, who stated he saw the suspects concealing NFL playing cards and attempted a merchant detention, but Estrada shoved him to the ground. During a search, officer found identification cards belonging to other people in Estrada's wallet. Inside the car, registered to Estrada, officer found a black ledger containing two identities belonging to other people. Estrada stated he found the ledger and it belonged to him. Anderson asked for her wallet from the car, and when officers retrieved the wallet, they found someone else's California driver's license. In a different wallet in the same purse, they found Anderson's actual identification, and a records check revealed an outstanding warrant, previous convictions for theft and post-release community supervision (PRCS) status. Officers also found additional banking cards not belonging to Anderson and a glass smoking pipe. Estrada was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with robbery, possessing others' identification, using cards without consent, resisting a peace officer and conspiracy to commit crime. Anderson was also transported, additionally charged with the felony warrant, theft with two prior convictions and possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Aleksey Basistyy, 39, and Cassidy Noel Messatizza, 31 were arrested Tuesday, April 21 on Evergreen Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the area for report of a stolen vehicle. Upon arriving in the area, officer located the vehicle in question occupied by Basistyy and Messatizza. A records check revealed Basistyy had prior convictions for grand theft, burglary, and stealing a vehicle. Basistyy had the key to the vehicle in his pocket. A search of the vehicle found a glass pipe with a bulbous end. The owner of the vehicle confirmed he had allowed the pair to use the car for one day a few days prior, but they never returned it and did not have permission to have the vehicle. They were transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with taking a vehicle without the owner's consent, possessing a stolen vehicle, conspiracy to commit crime, and possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Anthony Dewane Silber, 46, was arrested Wednesday, April 22 at West Capitol Avenue and Merkley Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a cyclist traveling the wrong way on the street and conducted a traffic enforcement stop. A search of his pockets revealed a tube-stemmed pipe with a bulbous end containing residue and a clear Ziploc bag in his backpack containing a white crystalline substance that later tested positive as methamphetamine. A review of Silber's record found at least two convictions for possession of controlled substances. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with possession of a hard drug with prior convictions and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

House Passes Matsui's Bills to Strengthen Emergency Communications

Congresswoman Doris Matsui News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The House of Representatives has voted to pass Congresswoman Doris Matsui's (D-CA-07) Emergency Reporting Act and Kari's Law Reporting Act. These bills would ensure that Americans can count on strong, effective, and modern 9-1-1 systems when disaster strikes.

"The House just passed two of my bipartisan bills to strengthen our emergency communications systems and improve public safety," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am proud to lead this legislation because in an emergency, Americans must be able to trust that a call to 9-1-1 will go through. The Emergency Reporting Act will help us better understand and address communications failures during disasters, while the Kari's Law Reporting Act will help ensure existing 9-1-1 protections are being followed as intended. Together, these bills mark an important step toward a stronger, more reliable emergency response system that can better protect our communities and save lives."

Emergency Reporting Act

With wildfire seasons growing longer and more severe in California and across the country, resilient and reliable communication networks are essential to protecting communities, helping families stay connected, and giving first responders the tools they need to act swiftly. The Emergency Reporting Act would strengthen 9-1-1 networks by requiring the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to issue reports following major natural disasters on the extent to which people were unable to reach 9-1-1, and to develop recommendations to improve outage reporting, resiliency, and coordination with state and local officials. The bill also directs the FCC to review unreported outages and develop recommendations for mobile carriers to better notify 9-1-1 centers of disruptions, ensuring that first



Congresswoman Doris Matsui

responders are not left in the dark during life-threatening events.

Kari's Law Reporting Act

The Kari's Law Reporting Act would build on the 2018 Kari's Law by requiring the FCC to report on the extent to which multi-line telephone system (MLTS) manufacturers and vendors have complied with the requirement that callers be able to reach 9-1-1 directly without dialing additional digits. Kari's Law was enacted after the tragic murder of Kari Hunt in 2013, when her daughter's repeated attempts to call 9-1-1 from a hotel phone failed because the system required dialing "9" before any call.

Full text of the Emergency Reporting Act is available at: matsui.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/matsui.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/matsui_028_xml.pdf

Full text of the Kari's Law Reporting Act is available at: matsui.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/matsui.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/matsui_029_xml.pdf ★

Make It Happen Receives \$20,000 to Expand Outreach

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Schmidt, executive director, Make It Happen for Yolo County. "We are grateful to the Walter S. Johnson Foundation for recognizing our work and ensuring we can increase community engagement and sustain our organization for the future."

Make It Happen for Yolo County served 12 youth when it was founded in 2014. For the past three years, the organization has experienced a five to 10 percent increase in clients served, and this year expects to serve 72 youth.

Make It Happen for Yolo County equips local transition-age youth aged 16-24 with essential furnishings, household goods and bicycles to create safe, stable homes as they move into independent living. Serving young people emerging from foster care, the juvenile justice system or homelessness, the nonprofit provides items that turn an

apartment into a place of comfort, dignity and belonging. To address transportation challenges, Make It Happen provides refurbished bicycles, helmets, locks and lights. Clients are referred through county agencies and community partners and receive personalized support from our primarily volunteer team, along with connections to partner organizations and ongoing advocacy. Since its founding in 2014, Make It Happen for Yolo County has helped nearly 400 transition age youth and is the only organization in Yolo County offering these services. To make a financial or furniture donation, visit www.MIHYolo.org.

The Walter S. Johnson Foundation assists young people aged 14-26 who are disconnected from education and employment in Northern California and Nevada to become successful adults. For more information, visit www.wsjf.org. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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.

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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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
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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.

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ARTHUR 5-1-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260288
The following person(s) is doing business as: Motel 6 West Sacramento, 1254 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
KKCD West Sacramento, Inc., 1615 Alamo Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 2, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
MOTEL 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260306
The following person(s) is doing business as: Vinedo Sofia, LLC, 33939 Jefferson Boulevard, Clarksburg, CA 95612.
Vinedo Sofia, LLC, PO BOX 38, Clarksburg, CA 95612. 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 April 8, 2026.

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APPAREL 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260306
The following person(s) is doing business as: GHL, Generations Home Loans, 1200 E Orangeburg Avenue Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 3, 2026.
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GHL 5-8-26

Generations Home Loans, LLC, 1200 E. Orangeburg Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350. 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 August 15, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 3, 2026.
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GHL 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260297
The following person(s) is doing business as: WHS Class of 1976, 244 Porter Court, Woodland, CA 95695.
Sherri Ann Brown, 244 Porter Court, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 2, 2026.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 7, 2026.
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WHS 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260294
The following person(s) is doing business as: Ubiquitech, 2800 Summerfield Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Ubiquitech, LLC, 813 Harbor Boulevard #183, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2025.

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OBUQUITECH 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260302
The following person(s) is doing business as: Jackass Apparel, 3135 Poppy Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Assery Apparel LLC, 3135 Poppy Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 8, 2026.

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MR 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260287
The following person(s) is doing business as: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 1790 East Main Street, Woodland, CA 95776.
Apple NorCal LLC, 6200 Oak Tree Boulevard Suite 250, Independence, OH 44131. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 2, 2026.
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APPLEBEES 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260258
The following person(s) is doing business as: SpringLake Dental, 1837 E. Gibson Road Suite D, Woodland, CA 95776.
Harloveet Singh DDS Inc, 7281 Arroyo Willow Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 1, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 19, 2026.
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SPRINGLAKE 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260281
The following person(s) is doing business as: Mr. Clean Solar Cleaning, 753 1st Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Robert Wright, 753 1st Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2026.

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VINEDO 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260312
The following person(s) is doing business as: JD Construction Company, JDC Company, 1975 Davis Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Jason Diaz, 1975 Davis Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2026.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 10, 2026.
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JD 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260307
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
The Address Buyers, 3400 Cottage Way, Ste G2 #34508, Sacramento, CA 95825 County of SACRAMENTO
Mailing Address: 3400 Cottage Way, Ste G2 #34508, Sacramento, CA 95825
TAC HOLDS LLC, 3400 Cottage Way, Ste G2 #34508, Sacramento, CA 95825
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 03/22/2026.

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SPRINGLAKE 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260334
The following person(s) is doing business as: Relevance Media Group, 1 W. Hays Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Steven Jeffrey Baumann, 1 W. Hays Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 21, 2026.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 21, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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RELEVANCE 5-22-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
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FILE NO. F20260293
The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name Ubiquitech, 2800 Summerfield Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on February 10, 2023, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Jason Scoggins.
The business was conducted by: An Individual.

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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UBIQUITECH 5-8-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2026-0953
Mauricio Javier Barba Almanza

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HARVEY GARTIEZ
CASE NO. PR2026-0090
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Harvey Gartiez. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Craig Gartiez, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Craig Gartiez be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 14. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260319
The following person(s) is doing business as: Parkside Apartments, 1420 F Street, Davis, CA 95616.
Parkside Apartments, LLC, 8 Crow Canyon Court Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583. 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 January 1, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 15, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
PARKSIDE 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260307
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
The Address Buyers, 3400 Cottage Way, Ste G2 #34508, Sacramento, CA 95825 County of SACRAMENTO
Mailing Address: 3400 Cottage Way, Ste G2 #34508, Sacramento, CA 95825
TAC HOLDS LLC, 3400 Cottage Way, Ste G2 #34508, Sacramento, CA 95825
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 03/22/2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260287
The following person(s) is doing business as: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 1790 East Main Street, Woodland, CA 95776.
Apple NorCal LLC, 6200 Oak Tree Boulevard Suite 250, Independence, OH 44131. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 2, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
APPLEBEES 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260258
The following person(s) is doing business as: SpringLake Dental, 1837 E. Gibson Road Suite D, Woodland, CA 95776.
Harloveet Singh DDS Inc, 7281 Arroyo Willow Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 1, 2024.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 19, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
SPRINGLAKE 5-15-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260334
The following person(s) is doing business as: Relevance Media Group, 1 W. Hays Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Steven Jeffrey Baumann, 1 W. Hays Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 21, 2026.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 21, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026
RELEVANCE 5-22-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
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FILE NO. F20260293
The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name Ubiquitech, 2800 Summerfield Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on February 10, 2023, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: Jason Scoggins.
The business was conducted by: An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 6, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
UBIQUITECH 5-8-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2026-0953
Mauricio Javier Barba Almanza

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2026-10 (CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO – MARSHALL ROAD)
The Board of Directors ("Board") of the California Municipal Finance Authority is considering the formation of a community facilities district (the "CFD") under the authority of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, to fund certain public facilities related to new development within the City of West Sacramento, and to incur bonded indebtedness of the CFD. This Notice contains a brief summary of the proposal, but you are referred to the Board's Resolution of Intention (Resolution No. 26-203, adopted April 17, 2026) and its Resolution of Intention to Incur Bonded Indebtedness (Resolution No. 26-207, adopted April 17, 2026) for details of the proposal. The proposal is to subject the property within the CFD to a special tax which will be used to pay for authorized facilities for the CFD, including paying principal and interest on bonds used to pay for authorized facilities. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to pay for the facilities and other expenses set forth in the resolutions referred to above. A map showing the land proposed to be included in the CFD is on file with the Board.

As set forth below, the Board will hold a public hearing on the establishment of the CFD, the facilities to be financed by the CFD, and the levy of the special tax within the CFD. The proposal also includes authority to issue up to \$3,000,000 in bonds for the CFD, to be repaid by the special tax levied in the CFD. Neither the Board nor any person outside the CFD has any liability for the special tax or the bonds. The security for the bonds issued for the CFD is limited to the property subject to the special tax within the CFD. In order to confer the authority upon the Board to levy the special tax and to issue the bonds, a public hearing must be held on the proposal, then the Board will decide whether to form the CFD, and finally the qualified electors within the CFD must approve the proposal by a two-thirds vote. Where the CFD is uninhabited (as is the case here) the qualified electors are, pursuant to law, the owners of property within the CFD.

This is the notice of the public hearing. The public hearing will be held during the Board meeting on Friday, May 29, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, at City Hall, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., 6th Floor, Anaheim, California 92805. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or potential special taxpayers for or against the formation of the CFD, the authorization to levy the special tax within the CFD, and the authorization to issue the bonds for the will be heard. If written protests against the proposed CFD are delivered to the Board at or before the time set for the hearing by either registered voters residing within, or the owners of property within, the proposed CFD, they will be counted toward a possible majority protest. Such protests by a majority of the registered voters residing within the CFD or by the owners of a majority of the land area within the CFD which is or will be subject to the special tax, if not withdrawn prior to the close of the hearing so as to reduce the value of the protests to less than a majority, will require the proposed CFD to be eliminated from immediate consideration, and prevent its being included in a subsequent proceedings for at least one year. If the Board, after the public hearing, determines that a majority protest under Section 53324 of the California Government Code was not made at the hearing, the Board may conduct an election by mailed ballot to levy a special tax within the CFD.

A request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may be made by any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing by contacting Kirsten Borgquist, Analyst/Administrator, (760) 502-0050, kborgquist@cmfa-ca.com, 2111 Palomar Airport Road, Suite 320, Carlsbad, CA 92011.

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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 10:00am local time on Thursday 05/14/2026, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

SYCAMORE TRAIL EXTENSION PHASE III PROJECT

The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor and materials for the: Sycamore Trail Extension Phase III Project. The proposed work includes but not limited to constructing Class I Trail, lighting, landscaping, installation of sidewalk, curb ramps and striping.

The Contractor shall provide labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals, and shall perform all work necessary to deliver a completed, workmanlike project ready for safe public use and economical maintenance by City forces.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

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| Bid Publication | | April 22, 2026 |
| Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs | no later than | 5 P.M. May 4, 2026 |
| Bids Due / Bid Opening | no later than | 10 A.M. May 14, 2026 |
| Award of Contract | | June 17, 2026 |

Engineer's Estimate cost estimate: \$2,930,829

This is not a Federal Aid project There is no Disadvantage Business Enterprise contract goal. This project is subject to Buy America requirements.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within One Hundred and Eighty (180) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

Submission of Proposals:

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's OpenGov Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **10:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, May 14, 2026**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review on Microsoft Teams.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Opengov system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 p.m. local time on May 14, 2026**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

WASHINGTON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The proposed work consists of streetscape improvements along the south side of F Street between 5th Street and 6th Street in the City of West Sacramento, including installation of new street lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, driveway reconstruction, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and construction of a new traffic signal at the intersection of 5th Street and F Street. This project previously received federal funding for the design phase; however, construction will be funded entirely with local funds. All work shall comply with applicable federal environmental requirements developed during the design phase, including the Cultural Resources Mitigation Plan, as well as all applicable state and local laws, codes, and standards. The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals necessary to complete the project in a workmanlike manner, ready for safe public use and efficient maintenance by the City.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

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| Bid Publication | | April 24, 2026 |
| Pre-Bid Meeting | at | April 30, 2026 |
| Question Submission Deadline | no later than | 5 P.M. May 05, 2026 |
| Bids Due / Bid Opening | no later than | 2 P.M. May 14, 2026 |
| Award of Contract | | June 17, 2026 |

Project construction cost estimate: \$1,900,000

This is not a Federal Aid project.

Completion of Work: The Project shall be commenced on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed. The total project will be completed within Seventy (70) working days as defined in the General Conditions, after the date stated in the Notice to Proceed.

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Rain or Shine, Our Staff is Saving Lives



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Visions In Education News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - At Visions in Education, our commitment to serving students goes hand in hand with supporting the communities around us. Whether inside or outside the virtual classroom, we are always looking for meaningful ways to make a difference.

On April 22, Visions proudly hosted a Staff Blood Drive in partnership with Vitalant, resulting in the donation of nearly 40 pints of blood.

The need for blood donations remains critical. Every day across the United States, patients require approximately 30,000 units of red blood cells, along with thousands of units of platelets and plasma. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood, making

each donation a potentially life-saving act.

Despite steady rain throughout the day, over 40 dedicated Visions staff members showed up ready to be someone's lifeline. With each donation capable of saving up to three lives, the collective impact of this effort is significant.

Donations took place in Vitalant bloodmobiles stationed in the parking lot of the Visions office in Gold River.

Among the first to roll up their sleeves were Visions Superintendent & Executive Director Dr. Steve Olmos, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Micah Studer, Chief Strategy Officer Tom Tafoya and Chief Operations Officer Michael Brubaker.

"I was so proud to see the entire organization and Marketing & Communications team

come together to coordinate a successful event that helps make an impact in the community. Schoolwide, we had over 40+ come together and contribute to this effort!" said Tafoya.

We invite you to share this event and amplify the positive effects of blood donation to the community. For media coordination, reach out to shorton@viedu.org or 916-908-9337.

About Visions in Education

Visions in Education is a non-classroom based public school, providing high quality personalized education options to over 8,000 students in grades TK-12 across Northern California. One of the schools core values is service, first and foremost to the students and families we serve, but to our surrounding community as well. ★



Big Cats Complicate Ranchers' Livelihoods

Mountain lions in California have faced challenges as their environments are developed. Blocked in by roads and other human-made structures, their ability to roam has been limited. In February, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife listed the species' populations in parts of Southern California and the Central Coast as threatened, broadening protections for mountain lions spanning from the San Francisco Bay Area to the southern border. Ranchers and rural residents say the protections given to the predator leave them with inadequate options to protect their livestock and livelihoods when the lions become a problem. "It's a very frustrating situation for anybody in the rural communities, pet owners and the ranchers," said Vince Fontana, a San Mateo County rancher. "We're the ones that are living and working and basically co-existing with these animals."

California Weighs 'Truth in Labeling' Wine Industry Law

California lawmakers are set to consider new legislation that would close a loophole that for decades has allowed winemakers to label wines as "American" even when they are made partly from imported bulk wine. Under current federal law, wines can be labeled American when at least 75% of the liquid came from U.S.-grown grapes or agricultural products. Assembly Bill 1585 would change that threshold to 100% for wines sold in

California. The bill's authors and sponsors said their intent is to promote trust among consumers by improving the accuracy and transparency of wine labels. "We want to make sure that there is truth in advertising when it comes to wine coming from the U.S.," said Assemblymember Rhodessa Ransom, D-Tracy, who co-authored the bill. "This is another way of us ensuring that consumers know what they're purchasing."

National Survey Shows Most Farmers Can't Afford Fertilizer

An overwhelming majority of U.S. farmers who responded to a nationwide survey say they cannot afford to purchase enough fertilizer to get them through the year. The percentage of farmers who pre-purchased fertilizer varies significantly by region. Conducted by the American Farm Bureau Federation April 3-11, the survey shows 70% of respondents say fertilizer is so expensive that they will not be able to buy all of what they need. The survey was conducted as the conflict in the Middle East sent fertilizer and fuel prices soaring. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz has kept critical fertilizer supplies and crude oil from reaching global markets, putting a squeeze on supplies around the world. "Spring planting decisions depend heavily on access to fertilizer and diesel fuel, both of which have been impacted by geopolitical risks that have disrupted global markets," AFBF economist Faith Parum said in her analysis of the survey results. ★

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petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Dylan P. Hyatt, Meissner Ruggles Thompson, Inc, 1555 River Park Drive, Suite 108, Sacramento, CA 95815; 916-292-8009

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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TS No. CA-25-1030220-AB
Order No.: FIN-25019736
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/30/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash,

or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **Darrick Chavis, unmarried man** Recorded: **5/2/2024 as Instrument No. 2024-0007447** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **YOLO** County, California; Date of Sale: **5/28/2026 at 12:45 PM** Place of Sale: **At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$186,333.08** The purported property address is: **1529 HOBSON AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605** Assessor's Parcel No.: **014-052-003-000** All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee

sale. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **916-939-0772** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website **http://www.qualityloan.com**, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1030220-AB**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California

Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **619-645-7711**, or visit this internet website **http://www.qualityloan.com**, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-25-1030220-AB** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-25-1030220-AB and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: **http://www.qualityloan.com**. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospec-

tive Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Post-Sale (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-25-1030220-AB IDSPub #0314329 5/1/2026 5/8/2026 5/15/2026**

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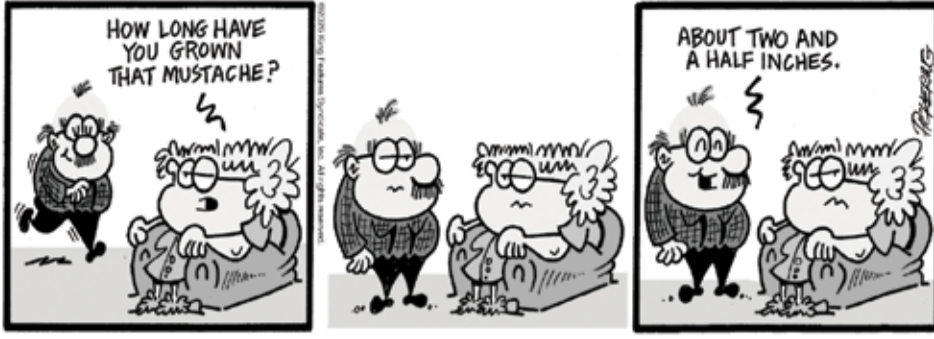
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Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 10: Whole Earth Festival 2026, on the UC Davis Quad, Shields Avenue and 1st Street, Davis. This is a free, three-day student-run festival. It promotes wellness, environmental sustainability, and activism through music, art, workshops, and food. The event is known for being a zero-waste, eco-friendly gathering. Full schedule and more information at www.wef.ucdavis.edu.

Friday, May 8: Senior

Resource Fair, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Vital resources for seniors and caregivers featuring senior support, health and wellness will be provided. 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. For more information, call the Community Center at 916-617-5320.

Friday, May 8: Waggoner Bike Rodeo, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Waggoner Elementary School, 500 Edwards St., Winters. For TK through 5th grade students: learn about bike safety, get a helmet inspection, try a bike obstacle course, bike raffle, bike repairs and more.

Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10: BerryFest Strawberry Festival, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland. The fairgrounds will be filled with classic favorites, beloved traditions, and exciting new attractions designed for all ages. New additions this year include a BerryJam Monster Truck Show in the Area (separate ticket), a strawberry pancake breakfast, build-your-own strawberry shortcake buffet, crafts shopping, and more. Tickets and more information at www.yolocountyfair.net.

Saturday, May 9: Bear Valley Wildflower Tour, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join botany expert Glen Holstein, Ph.D.

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Thursday, May 14 through Saturday, May 23: "Carousel," presented by River City High School, in the River City Studio Theatre, 1 Raider Lane. Join our local students for this Rodgers & Hammerstein classic. Tickets and more information, including showtimes, at www.rchsproductions.org.

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

Cub Scouts Pack 49 meets monthly from September through May on the first Monday at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Road. For more information, contact

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Davis Craft and Vintage Fair, Sunday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Park, 301 C St., Davis. Expect to see friendly vendors with local handmade and original art, crafts, quality vintage items, upcycled treasures, earth-friendly creations, good food and more. Information and more dates at www.daviscraftandvintage.org

Home Depot Kids Workshops are free in-person at 690 Riverpoint Court on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, while supplies last. The next class will be May 2, making a keepsake box. Registration required by using the following link: www.homedepot.com/workshops/

Kitchen Garden Chat, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. The next chat will be "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, 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, May 16 to make a garden basket. Registration required by searching

"events" at www.lowes.com

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

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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 or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, May 2.

Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting, Thursday, May 14, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave.

West Sacramento City Council meets at 7 p.m. generally on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., second floor, also viewable on Astound Cable channel 20 and AT&T channel 99. More information, including how to participate and Committee meeting schedules, can be found at: <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas> The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 6.

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, May 17. Registration is required at www.yolobasin.org ★

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How Do Robins Find Worms?

- Jerry, Washington State

Dear Jerry,

Like most cats, I love watching robins. They hop across the grass then pause and tilt their heads to one side. Soon —jab!—they pull a wiggly worm from the soil.

I asked my friend Heather Watts what those robins are doing. She's a bird scientist at Washington State University.

She told me that robins use two senses to find worms.

"The existing evidence is that they use both visual and sound cues to find worms," Watts said. "Depending on the environment, they might use one more than the other."

Sometimes robins see what they're hunting. They may notice tiny movements in the soil. Or they might spot small holes in the ground—or even a bit of a worm poking out of a hole.

That's probably why robins tilt their heads while hunting.

Unlike us, robins have side-facing eyes. That maximizes their field of vision so they can scan for predators—like curious cats taking a break from answering science questions.

The sharpest vision happens right at the center of a robin's eye—called the fovea. So, when a hungry robin wants to grab a worm, it tilts its head. That lines up its sharpest focus directly

That pose also frees the




Robins are mostly prey animals. (Unless you ask a worm.) That's why their eyes are on the sides of their faces. Predators usually have forward-facing eyes—like cats, humans and owls. You have a fovea—or spot with super sharp vision—in your eye, too. If you unbend a paperclip and look at the end of the wire, that's about the size of your fovea. It's the only part of your eye that can achieve perfect 20/20 vision.
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other eye to scan the sky for danger.

Sometimes robins hear what they're hunting. As worms move through soil, their skin rubs against grains of dirt. That makes rustling or crackling sounds. If a worm's tunnel is wet, it might make gurgling noises. Those sounds are too quiet for humans to hear.

Scientists aren't sure whether robins rely more on sight or sound. A robin probably uses its eyes in open areas with good visibility. Or when noise—like high winds or traffic—make it harder to hear. If the worms are hidden by grass or rocks, a robin may use its ears more.

Scientists don't think robins use their other senses to hunt—like feeling vibrations in the soil or sniffing out worms.

It turns out the robins I see outside may not be hunting worms at all. Worms are only about 20% of a robin's diet. They mostly eat fruit and other tiny invertebrates like insects. But there are times when robins eat lots more worms.

"Worms are a particularly important part of the diet during the breeding season—so spring into summer," Watts said.

That's when adult robins are feeding hungry chicks. Worms are a nutritious snack for growing birds.

So, when a robin scans the ground, it might not even be looking for worms. It could be searching for beetles or other tasty finds.

Sincerely,
Dr. Universe