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Groundbreaking Event for the Rumsey Bridge Replacement Project



Yolo County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Angel Barajas hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the replacement of the County Road (CR) 41 bridge over Cache Creek. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Friday, May 1, Yolo County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Angel Barajas hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the replacement of the County Road (CR) 41 bridge over Cache Creek, commonly known as the "Rumsey Bridge." Originally constructed in 1930, the nearly 100-year-old bridge is located on CR 41 just northeast of Highway 16 in Rumsey. It has been identified by Caltrans to be structurally deficient and nearing the end of its service life. Yolo County submitted the bridge for replacement funding in 2010 and was accepted

into the program in 2011. "This project reflects years of collaboration with the community and our partners," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Angel Barajas. "We are proud to invest in infrastructure that supports our rural communities while honoring the history and significance of the Rumsey Bridge." Following extensive public outreach and a feasibility study conducted by the County's bridge design consultant, Consor, the Board of Supervisors approved a replacement strategy on Dec. 15, 2015. The project includes construction of an approximately 400-foot long, three

span, cast-in-place prestressed concrete box girder bridge with 28 feet of clear width between concrete barriers. The new bridge would be constructed just west (upstream) of the existing bridge along a new alignment. County Road 41 will also be realigned to intersect Highway 16 at a safer, perpendicular angle, improving traffic flow and safety. The existing bridge will remain open during construction to maintain access. The bridge also serves as a critical access route for emergency response and fire operations in the Capay Valley, including use as part of regional fire

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West Sacramento Murderer Denied Parole

Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On April 28 convicted murderer Douglas Bentley was denied parole for the ninth time by a two-commissioner panel of the Board of Parole Hearings. Mr. Bentley is incarcerated at the CA Health Care Facility in Stockton. The hearing took place virtually.

On December 2, 1978, Mr. Bentley and a co-defendant entered the 600 Club in West Sacramento with the intention of robbing the establishment. In a quick turn of events of the botched robbery, Cecil Renfro, aged 43 at the time and a patron of bar, was shot and killed by Mr. Bentley. On February 6, 1979, Bentley pled guilty to first degree murder and on March 26, 1979, he was sentenced to 25-years-to-life in prison for the murder.

The Commissioners both agreed that Mr. Bentley still posed a continued risk to public safety should he be released from prison. As recently as October 2024, Mr. Bentley committed rules violations, making alcohol with the goal of selling it for profit. During Mr. Bentley's closing statement, he stated that he didn't feel he was ready for release, and the psychologist who prepared his 15-page Comprehensive Risk Assessment rated him a Moderate (Higher Moderate) risk. The commissioners cited his institutional behavior as an aggravating factor where he showed a disregard for the rules. Also, they cited his limited insight into the causative factors of his life crime.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the efforts of his Lifer Parole Division and their commitment to protecting the citizens in our communities. "We will continue to protect the public long after the end of the court proceedings."

Mr. Bentley will be eligible for parole again in three years. ★

Women's Empowerment Receives \$50,000 from Wells Fargo

Women's Empowerment News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Wells Fargo recently granted \$50,000 to Women's Empowerment for its housing and workforce development programs for Sacramento women experiencing homelessness.

"Wells Fargo continues to be one of our most steadfast supporters, always prioritizing the women and children in Sacramento who are experiencing homelessness and ensuring they have the tools they need to find jobs with upward mobility and safe homes they can afford," said Lisa Culp, executive director, Women's Empowerment.



Women's Empowerment celebrates the graduation of its quarterly program for women experiencing homelessness in December 2025. The nonprofit recently received a grant from Wells Fargo to continue its work. Photo courtesy of Women's Empowerment

Grant funds will support Women's Empowerment's initial nine-week employment readiness and empowerment program,

as well as paid training programs for its graduates and its Trellis Gardens transitional workforce housing program.

Women's Empowerment is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year as the most comprehensive

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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 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.

Monday, May 11: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12: 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 13: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Evening book club for adults, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pick up this month's title at the Information Desk.

Thursday, May 14: 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 15: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. LEGO block party for all ages, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 16: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Family movie, 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Join us for a free showing of "Raya & the Last Dragon" plus popcorn. Open to all ages.

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

Wednesday, May 13: Teen library council, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for ages 13 through 17. Movie night, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

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.

Friday, May 8: 2nd Friday ArtAbout Reception, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Pence Gallery, 212 D St., Davis. Join us for this preview of the upcoming Davis Art Studio Tour, May 16

and 17. The Pence will preview one piece per artist in the exhibit, and you can plan your tour through the display. Art in various media will be on display, including glass, wood, paintings, photography, ceramics, and more. Exhibition continues through Friday, June 5.

Friday, May 8: Stravaig Spring Concert, San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Theater, 203 E. 14th St., Davis. U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion Caroline McCaskey promises a musical journey like no other as she leads more than 90 musicians on fiddles, cellos, piano, drums and guitars in a high-spirited, family-friendly concert. Tickets and information at <https://sfscottishfiddlers.org>.

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. and Certified California Naturalist Nate Lillge on a wildflower tour in the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument region. The tour will include some of the best wildflower viewing areas in the region. Most of this tour will be done by car with stops that allow for photographing and educational tidbits. This tour fills up fast, so sign up quickly. Brought to you free by Tuleyome but a \$10 donation is suggested to help cover our costs. Register at www.tuleyome.org.

Tuesday, May 12: WCC Symphonic Band Presents "California Dreamin'", 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 2500 E. Gibson Rd., Woodland. Experience an evening of live music at Woodland Community College's Performing Arts Theater. This free concert will feature a selection of pieces inspired by California's iconic sound and spirit. Admission is free, open to the public.

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.

Thursday, May 14: Bike to Work Day, 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Recharge your morning bicycle commute. Stop by in front of City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., and learn about the City's active transportation and recreational travel network. Rumor has it that you may be able to get the coveted new "May is Bike Month" socks if you stop in on a bike.

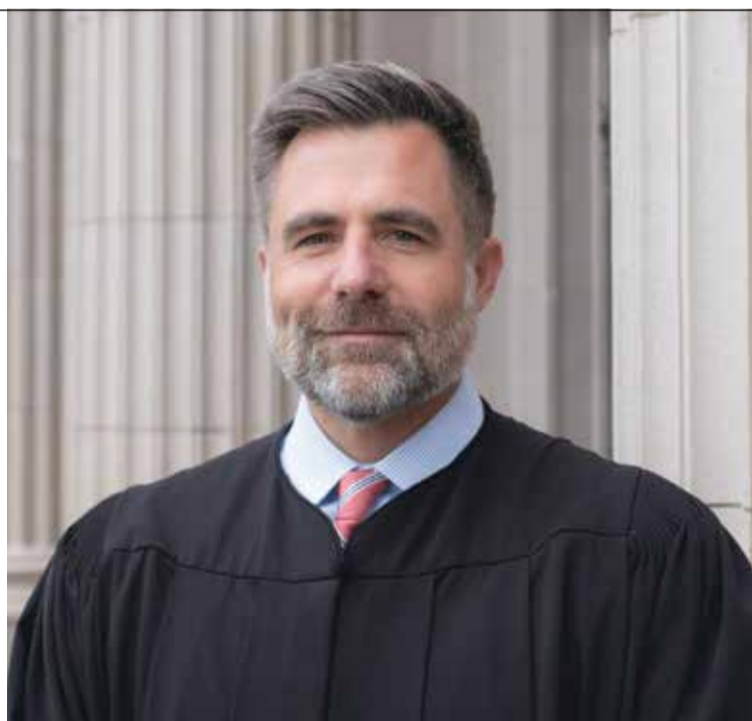
Friday, May 15: Art Reception - "People, Places, and Things" by Celeste Budd, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Gallery 1075, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Enjoy amazing animals, landscapes, and people in this incredible two- and three-dimensional stained-glass display. This free in-person event is an amazing chance to experience and support the arts in our community. Converse with incredible local growing artists. Light refreshments will be served. Exhibition will be on display through Friday, May 29.

Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17: Davis Art Studio Tour, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in various locations. This self-guided, free tour highlights the artwork and creativity from a

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Groundbreaking Event for the Rumsey Bridge Replacement Project

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access and evacuation routes.

The Rumsey Bridge is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a rare and significant example of a concrete tied-arch bridge in California. Because the bridge will be replaced, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was executed on Dec. 4, 2019, between the State of California and Yolo County to address historical mitigation requirements. These include installation of an on-site

monument highlighting the bridge's history, engineering features, and its significance. The Rumsey Improvement Association, Greater Capay Valley Historical Society, and the Yolo County Historical Society all concurred with the mitigation plan.

Over the past six years, the County has completed an environmental review, secured right-of-way for the new bridge alignment, and finalized engineering plans and specifications. County staff also worked closely with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation



The Rumsey Bridge is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a rare and significant example of a concrete tied-arch bridge in California. Photo courtesy of Yolo County



The new bridge would be constructed just west (upstream) of the existing bridge along a new alignment. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

throughout the process to ensure an acceptable design and alignment.

The project is fully funded through the federal Highway Bridge Program, allowing the County to deliver this improvement through external funding sources. Bids were opened on Jan. 29, with Steelhead Constructors of Redding submitting the lowest responsive

bid at \$9,862,680. Construction is expected to take approximately 250 working days. During the 2026 construction season (May through October), crews will build the new bridge upstream while keeping the existing bridge open to traffic. In 2027, the project will move into its final phase, including removal of the existing bridge and completion

of the roadway.

As work progresses, the contractor will provide advance notifications to nearby residents and coordinate with the community. A rafting detour plan is also being developed by the contractor to allow for the safe passage of recreational users through the construction zone during both construction seasons.

Motorists should expect minor delays during construction and are advised to slow down and follow all posted signs and flaggers in the work zone. Access to local properties and businesses will be maintained. For the County's Road Closures Map, visit www.YoloCounty.gov/Road-Closures. ★

Bee Scientist Rob Page Elected to National Academy of Science

By Kathy Keatley Garvey, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Internationally renowned bee scientist Robert E. Page Jr., a UC Davis doctoral alumnus and a UC Davis/University of Arizona administrator emeritus, is a newly elected member of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS).

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) recently announced the election of 120 members and 25 international members in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

Page pioneered the use of modern techniques to study the genetic basis of social behavior evolution in honey bees and other social insects. One of his most salient contributions to science was to construct the first genomic



Robert E. Page Jr. Courtesy photo

map of the honey bee, which sparked a variety of pioneering contributions not only to insect biology but to genetics at large. He was the first to employ molecular markers to study polyandry and patterns of sperm use in honey bees.

"Rob is arguably the most influential honey bee biologist of the past 30 years," said NAS member Walter Leal, UC Davis

Distinguished Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology and former chair of the UC Davis Department of Entomology. "We're delighted to see he's now a NAS member. Very well deserved!"

"I'm ecstatic," said Page, when reached by phone. "Walter Leal is a bulldog."

Page received his doctorate in entomology in 1980 from UC Davis. He joined the UC Davis faculty in 1989 and chaired the Department of Entomology from 1999 to 2004. After retiring from UC Davis in 2004, he accepted an appointment at ASU as founding director of the School of Life Sciences. He served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2011-2013, and provost of ASU from 2013-2015.

Today Page holds multiple titles, including UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus Professor and Emeritus Chair of the



UC Davis doctoral student Rob Page, a 1980 alumnus, with his mentor, Harry H. Laidlaw Jr. Courtesy photo

UC Davis Entomology Department, and ASU University Provost Emeritus and Regents Professor Emeritus.

At UC Davis, Page worked closely with his mentor, Harry H. Laidlaw Jr., for whom the bee biology facility is named. Together they published many significant research papers and the landmark book, "Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding" (Wicwas Press, 1998), considered the most important resource book for honey bee genetics, breeding, and queen rearing.

For 24 years, from 1989 to 2015, Page maintained a UC Davis honey bee-breeding program, managed by bee breeder-geneticist Kim Fondrk. Their contributions include discovering a link between social behavior and maternal traits in bees. Their work was featured in a cover story in the journal Nature. In all, Nature featured his work on four covers from work mostly done at UC Davis.

Page authored three books: "Honey Bee Genetics and Breeding" (Wicwas Press, 2025), "The Spirit of the Hive: The Mechanisms of Social

Evolution" (Harvard University Press, 2013) and the "Art of the Bee: Shaping the Environment from Landscapes to Societies" (Oxford University Press, 2020). In 2023, he launched a free and publicly accessible YouTube Channel, <https://youtube.com/@artofthebee> "to make science understandable."

Among Page's many honors: Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Awardee of the Alexander von Humboldt Senior Scientist Award (the Humboldt Prize, the highest honor given by the German government to foreign scientists); Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; Elected to the Leopoldina, the German National Academy of Sciences (the longest continuing academy in the world); Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin; Fellow of the Entomological Society of America; Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences; Elected to the Brazilian Academy of Science; Recipient of the James W. Creasman Award of Excellence from the Arizona State

University Alumni Association; Fellow, Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation, Munich, Germany, September 2017-August 2018; Thomas and Nina Leigh Distinguished Alumni Award from UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology; Distinguished Emeritus Professor, UC Davis; Exceptional Faculty Emeriti Award, UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Another UC Davis faculty member elected to the National Academy of Science Class of 2026 is Professor Jeff Ross-Ibarra of the Department of Evolution and Ecology.

The National Academy of Science mission is to recognize and elevate outstanding science, foster a broad understanding of science, and oversee the National Research Council to produce and promote "independent, authoritative, trusted scientific advice to the government for the benefit of society." The National Academy of Science was established in 1863 as a private, nongovernmental institution. ★

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By V.G. Harris



Kings Look to Draft Lottery

If you're watching the NBA playoffs count yourself a true basketball fan, because the Sacramento Kings fans don't have a dog in the fight. That's true today, but it doesn't have to be that way.

Just 4 short years ago this city got a taste of what playoff basketball is all about, and I was amazed at the energy it brought to the capital city. I was at both games hosted by the Kings, and I've never experienced the energy that was present in Golden One Arena when the Golden State Warriors came to town.

The Kings came up a little short ultimately, but it marked a moment in time that said, we've arrived!

Sadly, leadership let us down, and what was the most potent offense in the NBA that season, morphed into something else with coaches preaching that the Kings needed to play better defense.

Today's team has a bevy of talent already present, but opportunity was stolen from them when injuries not only occurred but became an epidemic this past season.

So do we give ownership and coaching staff a pass since our best players sat out most of the season? Maybe not a pass, but as knowledgeable fans at least an understanding of what happened.

Time to turn our attention to present day, and what the upcoming season may have in store.

First order of business. Take stock in what you have and don't give it away.

First and foremost, wait on any trades to find out where in the June 23 draft the Sacramento Kings will be drafting.

Don't get the cart before the horse, and by all means don't listen to any offers that would raid this team of valuable talent. That already happened once with the departure of DeAaron Fox, and all Kings fans hope it will never happen again.

So, all eyes turn to May 10 when the ping pong balls will determine the order of the draft, and on that fateful night anything can happen.

Last season it was the Dallas Mavericks that defied the odds and secured the #1 draft choice. All they did was pick Cooper Flagg, who went on to start his NBA career by

being last season's rookie of the year.

Such are the possibilities that the draft can bring, and will it bring fortune for the Sacramento Kings on May 10th?

Well, we are about to see.

I recently watched a documentary called The Logo, which told the life story of the unconquerable Jerry West. Everyone already knew of his prowess as a basketball player, but perhaps not everyone knew that he was equally as talented evaluating talent.

The documentary told how West built the Los Angeles Lakers into a dynasty and then took his talents to Memphis where he helped build the Grizzlies into a perennial playoff team. Just when one would have thought Jerry West's career was winding down, he brought his audacious talent to San Francisco where he helped the franchise build a dynasty around the likes of Steph Curry, Klay Thompson, and Draymond Green.

The ability to judge talent. Often working behind the scenes but men like Jerry West are the real stars of the show, and the Sacramento Kings are in need of such a man right now.

Is that the man sitting in the general managers seat by the name of Scott Perry? We are about to see, and what an opportunity to put your mark on a franchise thirsty for a new direction.

The Memphis Grizzlies haven't yet won a franchise, but they're a perennial playoff team, and what would the Sacramento fan base give to say that.

Yes, I'm preaching hope, but it has more than a realistic possibility of occurring, and it's time to rally around this franchise with renewed vigor.

I was present at a lot of basketball games last season that I didn't enjoy, but I'm happy to say it wasn't because of lack of effort. Our Sactown boys played hard, to the point they were actually receiving criticism for playing too hard down the stretch.

Never let it be said we play too hard.

Put on your lucky sock's Kings fans or buy a rabbit's foot, because May 10 is right around the corner!

All the best! ★

How the Supreme Court's Voting Rights Act Ruling Could Affect California's Gerrymandered Districts



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When California's independent redistricting commissions drew new maps of the state's congressional and legislative districts after the 2010 and 2020 censuses, their members were emphatically told by legal advisors that the federal Voting Rights Act required them to maximize opportunities for ethnic communities to elect officeholders.

The commissions went to great lengths to fold that mandate into the geographic boundaries of the districts, even if it required them to ignore city and county lines.

The effect was to enhance the ranks of Black, Latino and Asian representatives in Congress and the state Capitol. It also helped Democrats achieve overwhelming majorities in the Legislature and the state's congressional delegation, thus leaving Republicans with only token representation.

The commission's redistricting plans were, in effect, gerrymanders, if one defines that term as meaning to seek predetermined outcomes — even though the commission was created, via two ballot measures in 2008 and 2010, in response to gerrymanders the Legislature had decreed in prior decades.

Last year, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature asked voters to set aside the commission's

overwhelmingly pro-Democrat congressional districts and adopt even more lopsided maps, to give Democrats five more seats. It was a response to efforts, backed by President Donald Trump, to gerrymander more Republican districts in Texas and other red states.

Voters agreed by passing Proposition 50. This year's election will test whether the gerrymander has been successful and whether it has enough impact to restore Democratic control of the House of Representatives.

While setting aside the redistricting commission's maps, Prop. 50 promised that the maps would be effective not only this year, but for the 2028 and 2030 election cycles, after which the commission process would be restored using data from the 2030 census.

It's difficult to believe that when the time comes Democrats would truly allow the commission to once again draw the maps. The party's leaders never liked the commission process in the first place, and returning to it could force them to give up some of the seats they are capturing this year.

Additionally, California's congressional delegation, now 52 members, is likely to shrink by four or five seats due to the state's lack of population growth, meaning even fewer positions to distribute.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court gave California's Democratic Party leadership another reason to eliminate the redistricting commission by weakening the Voting Rights Act's effect on drawing districts to maximize representation by non-white ethnic groups.

By a 6-3 vote, the court overturned congressional

maps in Louisiana that had, by lower court order, been redrawn to create one more district for the state's Black residents. The split decision declared that a "racial gerrymander" violates the U.S. Constitution's equal rights language.

The revised congressional districts that California created via ballot measure last year will not be immediately affected by Wednesday's ruling, but it could impact states that had been weighing making changes but had not yet done so.

Furthermore, it could affect California's new maps going forward. When they were placed on the ballot, Democratic leaders boasted that they were fully in compliance with the Voting Rights Act's provisions that now have been reinterpreted. Republicans could contend via lawsuit that the maps are unconstitutional under the court's new standard.

The Supreme Court's ruling would also affect how California's redistricting commission approaches its task after the 2030 census by eliminating, or at least weakening, the mandate that guided its actions in the past.

Democratic leaders could minimize the court's decree by persuading voters to eliminate the commission, thus returning redistricting to a Legislature they overwhelmingly control — something they probably would prefer anyway.

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

I Want to do Everything Right When I Claim Social Security



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I will be 62 in two years. I plan on signing up for SS at age 62, but I have heard there are details that are important when signing up. When it comes time, I want to make sure I do everything right. Can you help me understand?

Signed: Claiming Soon

Dear Claiming Soon:

Deciding when to claim your Social Security benefit is a decision you should make only after careful consideration of your personal circumstances. And details are, indeed, important. For example, if you claim at age 62 (when you first become eligible), your monthly SS benefit will be only 70% of the amount you would get by waiting until age 67 to claim. And there are other considerations as well, including:

- If you are still working and claim at 62, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) which limits how much you can earn from working while collecting early SS benefits. The earnings limit changes each year, and for 2026 it is \$24,480. If the annual limit

after you claim early is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. And, if your work earnings substantially exceed the annual limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible for early SS benefits (until you either stop working full time or reach your SS full retirement age). FYI, the AET lasts until you reach your FRA (age 67).

- The benefit reduction for claiming SS early is permanent. After you claim, you will only get increases for Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) which occur annually according to inflation. FYI, the average annual COLA adjustment is about 2.5%.

- If you are married, the reduced benefit you get by claiming early will potentially be the basis of your spouse's survivor benefit if you pass first. Surviving spouse benefits are based on the amount you are receiving at your death, thus waiting longer for a higher personal benefit may also provide your spouse with a larger survivor benefit as your widow.

- If you wait longer than age 62, your monthly benefit will continue to increase (by approximately 6% per year) until you reach your FRA, when you get 100% of the amount you are entitled to from a lifetime of working. FYI, you can even wait longer - up to age 70 - to claim an even higher monthly amount (8% more for each year of delay after

FRA). At age 70, your SS benefit would be about 75% more than your age 62 benefit amount.

If you haven't already done so, I suggest setting up your personal online "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to see what your SS benefits are estimated to be at various ages. Then, when you are closer to age 62, contact us again to talk about your specific personal circumstances at the time, and we can provide you with everything you need to know about applying for Social Security.

In the end, when claiming your Social Security benefits, you should consider your financial need, your health and life expectancy, your plans for working, and your marital status. We commend you for exploring this well in advance of becoming eligible and we will be here to assist when it is time for you to apply.

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The Indomitable Trump

of the most indomitable figures in the history of our politics. No matter how much he's mocked or hated, no matter how intense the controversy or how impossible the fix, no matter how dramatic the situation, he never breaks or loses his sense of command.

The ever-bullient Teddy Roosevelt, who once gave a speech from shot-through notes immediately after an assassination attempt, might tip his cap. (TR takes the cake for badassery in the face of a threat to his life, given that he delivered that 1912 campaign speech while bleeding and with the bullet still lodged in his chest.)

A fundamental part of the Trump ethos is, as he said right after the dinner attack, when everything was still confused, "Let the show go on." For him, the show must never stop, and he's always at the center of it.

This is one reason that he had the instinct to pump his fist in the air in Butler, Pennsylvania, after he'd been bloodied and nearly killed by an assassin's bullet, demonstrating fight and lack of fear in an instantly iconic moment.

Anyone inclined to dismiss this trait as that of a mere entertainer should consider how showmanship has always had an outsized role in high-level politics; FDR referred to himself, in a positive way, as one of the top actors in the country.

Trump's belief that he's always going to prevail and that if he doesn't, he'll find a workaround

Andrew Jackson is the only president of the United States who got the better of his attempted assassin.

The aged Jackson was at the Capitol for a congressional funeral when a crazed man named Richard Lawrence aimed a pistol directly at his chest and pulled the trigger. It misfired. Jackson bull-charged his assailant with his cane and, incredibly, Lawrence pulled out another pistol. It, too, misfired.

As bystanders intervened, an enraged Jackson supposedly yelled, "Let me alone! Let me alone! I know where this came from." Lest we think we live in a uniquely inflamed, conspiratorial moment, Jackson's Whig opponents dubbed him King Andrew, and John C. Calhoun reportedly called him "a Caesar who ought to have a Brutus." Jackson thought the Whigs had orchestrated the attack, and the Whigs thought he had staged it.

Trump isn't a former general or wizened old Indian fighter like Jackson, but he partakes of the same spirit of aggressive defiance. By all appearances, the least fearful people in the ballroom of the White House Correspondents' Dinner were a random older gentleman from New York who kept eating his dinner during the mayhem ... and the presidential target of the attack himself.

Donald Trump is one

gives him an invincible self-confidence. It doesn't mean that he won't retreat if necessary, but whether he's being firm or flexible, he's equally upbeat and assured about his position.

He couples this with a hyperactive energy. Just look at Washington, D.C. He's deployed the National Guard to fight crime, cleaned up homeless encampments and public parks, vowed to make the grass look greener and the water in the Reflecting Pool look bluer, hosted a military parade, brought the coming attractions of an IndyCar race and an enormous fair on the National Mall, started construction of a massive new White House ballroom, and stated his intention to build a 250-foot triumphal arch.

His omnipresence, ambition and willingness to exercise power across two presidencies -- spanning 12 years with the Biden interregnum -- are going to make him one of the most dominant figures in American political history, up there with the likes of Reagan, FDR and TR in the modern era.

TITLE: None of this means that he's right or wrong on any given question, and, of course, these characteristics all come with downsides, sometimes considerable ones. But no one can question Trump's resilience, or his preternatural ability to proceed unbowed no matter what the circumstance.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



ARRESTS REPORTS

Amber Michelle Royal, 51, was arrested Monday, April 6 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a report of trespassing. Upon arrival, officer observed Royal on the property behind a locked gate, next to a fire she had started in an oil drum. Officer attempted to contact Royal while she was trying to put the fire out, but she walked away. Royal squatted next to another oil drum and defecated, then walked through a small opening in the chain fence. The property owner wanted to prosecute, so Royal was detained and transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with trespassing and public nuisance.

Jeremy Dylan Eubanks, 32, was arrested Saturday, April 11 on Lake Road by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to the location for report of a theft. The reporting party stated that a male, known to be Eubanks from prior contacts, entered the store and attempted to conceal and take items. The reporting party stopped Eubanks, who gave some of the items back, but said he was keeping two Red Bull drinks, and left the store without paying for them. The reporting party wants to press charges and signed a citizen's arrest form. The officer contacted Eubanks, who was now across the street, and took him into custody. A records check found an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, and Eubanks was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant and petty theft of retail merchandise.

Anthony Wayne Davison, 58, was cited Monday, April 13 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for petty theft. On April 12, officer was dispatched to the location for the theft of two cats. Upon arrival, the victim reported the two cats who lived with her in her vehicle had been taken by a male in another vehicle. The victim wanted to prosecute and would sign a citizen's arrest form if the subject could be located. On April 13, the victim called to report she was back at the location and the male was on scene in the property manager's office. Officer returned and contacted the male, identified as Davison, who stated he thought the cats were not being taken care of properly and he decided to take the matter into his own hands. He apologized, stated he lived close by and would bring back the cats. The victim insisted on prosecution, and Davison was cited and released after he brought the cats back.

Darea Darrell Correia, 34, was cited Wednesday, April 15 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft. Officer was dispatched to the location for a shoplifting call. Upon arrival, he contacted a subject, identified as Correia, being detained by loss prevention. She had a backpack containing multiple items that belonged to the store and had not been paid for. The store had video showing Correia hid items on the bottom of her shopping cart during checkout. Correia had given the employee only two items and attempted to leave without paying for the rest. She was released with a notice to appear.

Michael Reyes Justo Escudero, 28, was arrested Wednesday, April 22 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for grand theft. Officer on patrol was flagged down by a loss prevention employee from a nearby retail store. The employee told the officer a male, later identified as Escudero, had exited the store with stolen merchandise and was loading the items into a vehicle. With the officer present, the employee confronted Escudero, who returned two gas-powered lawn mowers to the employee. The officer detained Escudero. The employee explained he had been monitoring video surveillance cameras when he observed Escudero place both mowers on a flatbed cart and exit the store without paying. Under Miranda, Escudero stated he did not pay for the mowers and was going to sell them to make a quick profit. A records check revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, and Escudero was transported to Yolo County Jail.

James David Lyons, 51, was arrested Wednesday, April 22 on Riverpoint Drive by West Sacramento Police for brandishing a firearm replica. Officers responded to a call from the West Sacramento Police Department homeless outreach unit that a subject, identified as Lyons, was brandishing a replica gun at them. Upon arrival, Lyons was detained and a firearm, identified as an all-black, spring-loaded pellet handgun was nearby. The reporting party stated she feared for her safety as Lyons was waving the handgun around in an angry and threatening manner. She signed a citizen's arrest form. As Lyons was arrested, he made multiple threatening statements that led officer to suspect if Lyons were not booked into jail, it would endanger the safety of the homeless outreach team working in the area.

Sergio Armando Rivera-Hernandez, 33, was arrested Wednesday, April 22 on Lighthouse Drive by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign and initiated a traffic stop. The driver, identified as Rivera-Hernandez, stated he drank alcohol 3 hours previously, and the officer observed signs of intoxication. Rivera-Hernandez refused to submit to field sobriety tests and was detained without incident. He later tested >.08 blood alcohol concentration and was transported to Yolo County Jail, with multiple DUI charges and the original charge of failing to stop.

Matthew Noah O'Neil Tucker, 30, was transported Wednesday, April 22 from Contra Costa Jail in Martinez to Yolo County Jail by West Sacramento Police Department's third-party transportation service for an outstanding felony warrant.

Arman Ronald Emerson Porupsky, 31, was arrested Friday, April 24 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Officer responded to the location regarding a subject causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers contacted the subject matching the description provided and recognized Porupsky from prior calls for service. A records check revealed multiple outstanding warrants and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Jerrell Antoine Jurand, 26, was arrested Friday, April 24 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer was dispatched to the location for reports of a male screaming and following people in a motel parking lot. Upon arrival, officers contacted the male. While on scene, another male, later identified as Jurand, arrived and was interfering with officers. A systems check revealed the warrants and Jurand was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Tyler Martin Hood, 39, was arrested Sunday, April 26 on Lake Road by West Sacramento Police for outstanding misdemeanor warrants. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a public disturbance. Upon arrival, officer contacted Hood, and a records check revealed the warrants. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Sean Brian Gray, 42, was arrested Monday, April 27 on Stillwater Road by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a reported commercial burglary. Upon arrival, officers contacted a male, later identified as Gray. The reporting party stated that Gray did not have permission to be inside the location and that nothing appeared to be missing from the business. Gray was arrested pending further investigation, and a records check found an outstanding warrant. During a search, Gray was found with a computer and keyboard, a clear burnt and broken bulbous pipe, several keys and a DoorDash tablet. When asked if he was employed by any

of the businesses associated with these items, Gary stated he was not. Officers contacted the owners of the computer, who advised their business had been burglarized two days prior and that the items in Gray's possession matched the items taken during that incident and confirmed he did not have permission to possess them. Gray was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant, plus charges of possessing unlawful paraphernalia and receiving known stolen property.

Jayson Matthew Bosco, 48, was arrested Monday, April 27 on Evergreen Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a fight with weapons and contacted Bosco. A records check found the warrant and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Linda Marie Albert, 46, and Louie Joseph Viramontes, 42, were arrested Monday, April 27 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a potential theft in progress. Per the reporting party, a male and female had loaded merchandise into a shopping cart and were about to leave the store. Upon arrival, officer found both had been detained by a loss prevention employee, who confirmed the pair had left the store with items valued at \$1,086, and he wanted to press charges. A search incident to arrest found Viramontes in possession of a glass pipe with a bulbous end and two clear plastic bags with a substance consistent with methamphetamine. They were both transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with grand theft. Viramontes was additionally charged with theft with two prior convictions, possessing a controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Emiliano Valle-Landa, 20, was arrested Tuesday, April 28 at Cabaldon Parkway and 3rd Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer heard over the radio that another officer had tried to stop a driver for suspicion of DUI and the driver fled. Responding to the area, the second officer observed the vehicle drive past and initiated a pursuit with lights and siren. The vehicle entered Sacramento, driving as fast as 80 mph in a 35-mph zone, and passed through multiple red lights, finally stopping on 10th Street in Sacramento, and the driver fled from the vehicle. After a brief chase, the driver was detained, and the officer could smell alcohol as well as observing other objective signs of intoxication. The driver identified as Valle-Landa, declined to speak with police under Miranda but openly stated he was drunk and provided a blood sample. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with DUI alcohol, obstructing a peace officer, evading a peace officer with wanton disregard for safety, driving without a license, and possessing an open container while driving – as observed by the original officer who tried to stop him.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Tuesday, Feb. 10 – victim reports a vacant building on Sacramento Avenue was broken into and several items were damaged or stolen by an unknown suspect. Dry wall was ripped, electrical panel cut, sinks ripped out, AC unit wires cut. Suspect took a water heater, toilet, copper and flooring. Loss valued at \$102,000.

Tuesday, March 31 – a business on Tradewinds Circle reports an unknown suspect used a fraudulent credit card to purchase \$6,000 worth of flooring.

Sunday, April 5 – a restaurant on Harbor Boulevard reports an unknown suspect burglarized the business and stole multiple items. Loss valued at \$599.

Saturday, April 11 – victim reports an unknown suspect broke into their mailbox on Jamaica Street and took a package valued at \$40.

Sunday, April 12 – two victims report unknown suspect(s) broke into their respective vehicles in the parking lot of a hotel on Stillwater Road. Both victims had damage to their vehicles and items of value were taken. Loss and damage estimated at \$8,300. No video available and no investigative leads.

Monday, April 13 – victim reports his backpack was left behind in the clubroom of an apartment building on Douglas Street. The backpack, containing a laptop valued at \$3,500, was taken by an unknown juvenile male.

Tuesday, April 14 – a business on Riverpoint Court reports a known suspect entered the store, selected six tape measures valued at \$246 and concealed them, then exited the store without paying. Loss prevention did not notice the theft at first, but it was captured on surveillance cameras. The same suspect committed similar thefts in March 2026 and December 2025. Suspect and vehicle have both been identified.

Wednesday, April 15 – victim reports an unknown suspect took the catalytic converter from his vehicle in a parking lot on West Capitol Avenue. \$1,600 loss.

Saturday, April 18 – victim reports an unknown suspect beat them up and took gold chains worth approximately \$25,000. Suspects may also have pistol-whipped the victim and a witness. The incident took place at Waterfront Place and 3rd Street – suspects remain unidentified.

Monday, April 20 – victim reports their e-bike valued at \$700 was stolen in a sale gone wrong on Smilax Avenue. Unknown suspect.

Tuesday, April 21 – victim reports their work utility vehicle was broken into overnight at a hotel on Stillwater Road by unknown suspect(s). Power and hand tools valued at \$3,500 were taken.

Tuesday, April 21 – a business on Triangle Court reports their HVAC unit was broken into by an unknown suspect. Copper valued at \$3,000 was stolen from the unit.

Tuesday, April 21 – victim on West Capitol Avenue reports their cash app was used by an unknown subject to make a \$38 purchase.

Tuesday, April 21 – victim on Pecan Street reports a residential burglary with missing televisions valued at \$1,100. No signs of forced entry; unknown suspect(s).

Wednesday, April 22 – victim on Gold Hill Street reports an unknown subject got into her bank account and cash advanced themselves \$41,000 from her account.

Thursday, April 23 – victim reports an unknown suspect stole a battery valued at \$250 from her locked vehicle parked in front of her residence on Merkle Avenue. There is no visible damage to the vehicle, no witnesses and no known suspect. A nearby business may have useful surveillance footage and reporting party wants to prosecute.

Thursday, April 23 – victim on Vermont Avenue reports they were fraudulently sold a vehicle in late 2025. The vehicle was repossessed today by the original lienholder. Loss valued at \$65,318.

Friday, April 24 – victim on F Street reports vehicle vandalism valued at \$950. There is no suspect information.

Friday, April 24 – victim reports his bicycle, valued at \$1,200, was stolen from his garage on 5th Street by an unknown suspect.

Monday, April 27 – victim reports vandalism to their vehicle in a parking lot at a store on Sacramento Ave. A vehicle window valued at \$400 was shattered by unknown suspect(s). No items were taken and there are no leads at this time.

Sacramento Man Granted Parole for 1995 Murder

Yolo County District Attorney's Office News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On April 29, Board of Parole Hearings commissioners granted parole to Michael Todd. Todd, now 60, is currently serving his life-sentence at Salinas Valley State Prison.

On March 29, 1995, Todd and Kenneth Buffer brutally attacked James Williams at a home in West Sacramento. During the trial, witnesses testified that Williams owed Buffer and Todd \$10,000, as a result of drug deal. Buffer severely beat Williams. While Buffer watched, Todd burned Williams multiples times with a knife that had been heated on a stove. Buffer later drove Williams, who was nearly dead, to his friend's house where he was abandoned in the back seat of his own car. Williams died ten days later after being taken to the hospital. In 1996, a Yolo County jury convicted both Buffer and Todd of 1st degree murder and torture, and both were

sentenced to 25-years-to-life in prison.

Todd had been denied parole at three prior hearings where the District Attorney's Office opposed his release. Buffer was granted parole and later released from prison in 2021. During the April 29 parole hearing, Todd took full responsibility for the death of Williams and in response to questions from Commissioner Robert Barton discussed his rehabilitative efforts. In granting parole, Commissioner Barton stated, "We find you no longer pose an unreasonable risk to public safety. We find you suitable. We will impose special conditions on you, and we will order additional programming upon your release." Williams' son attended the parole hearing and was the final person to speak. He expressed apprehension due to statements made by Todd but commended the commissioners for conducting a thorough hearing and stated that he trusted that they would make the right decision.

Jonathan Raven, who represented the District Attorney's office, also raised concerns based on statements made by Todd and the 15-page Comprehensive Risk Assessment completed by a psychologist on behalf of CDCR. Ultimately neither the victim's son nor the District Attorney's office expressly opposed a grant of parole.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated that with individuals sentenced to life with the possibility of parole, the law is very clear that they cannot be denied parole based solely on the egregious nature of the crime. Otherwise, there would be no possibility of parole. "We hope that Mr. Todd will be a productive member of society and that he has intensive supervision by state parole," stated Reisig. "Clearly a decision to grant parole to someone convicted of murder is concerning and comes with risk. I find comfort knowing that Mr. Williams' son was at peace with this decision." ★



BY JOSH F.W. COOK

★ CALIFORNIA ★ POLICY AND ETHICS

Commentary on Today's Political News

14 years later, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is back. Just as he said he would be.

He was famous for his movie quote, "I'll be back."

Well, he's back. Former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger & Lt. Gov Abel Maldonado played a central role in advancing California Proposition 14 in 2010. As governor at the time, he strongly supported the shift to a "top-two" open primary system as part of his broader push for political reform in California.

Schwarzenegger argued that allowing all voters to participate in a single primary would reduce partisan gridlock, empower independent voters, and encourage more moderate candidates. Since 2010, all candidates, regardless of party affiliation, can move on to the November General Election ballot if they make the "top two", and voters may vote for any candidate without party restrictions.

Pre-2010, each Party got its top dog into the final fight, and only party members could vote in their Primary Election. It was meant to weaken the political parties, and it has.

Last week, the two leading Republicans, Steve Hilton and Sheriff Chad Bianco, and four Democrats, U.S. Rep. Katie Porter, billionaire Tom Steyer, San Jose

Mayor Matt Mahan, and former Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, did the traditional televised candidate debate. What the six candidates had to say on issues was not really the topic that got the most attention.

What dominated the messaging of the day was the fact that if all of the Democratic candidates stay in the race (they only let the top four on stage) and split up the vote, there's a 50/50 chance that the two Republican candidates would garner the top two spots, creating a situation in which the incredibly democratic state of California would end up electing a Republican governor in 2026.

If the two Republicans split the 30% of CA Republicans expected to vote 15 and 15, they could well get there. This is not some sort of political fantasy; it is a real possibility.

The Chairman of the Democratic Party, Rusty Hicks, holds a weekly press conference, releasing polling results, explaining the problem, and trying to get the candidates to understand that if some of them don't drop out, none of them will get a chance to move forward.

So far, only one, former State Controller Betty Yee, has done the "right thing" for the party. So maybe, like the time-traveling half robot Schwarzenegger played in the movies, he will finally "blow up all the boxes" 14 years after the fact, which was his most famous quote outside of his time in Hollywood. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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
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MOTEL 5-8-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260289
The following person(s) is doing business as: GHL, Generations Home Loans, 1200 E Orangeburg Avenue Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350. 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.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
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.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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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. 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

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

April 9, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
APPAREL 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 July 1, 2006. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 9, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
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.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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JD 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.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
APPLEBEE'S 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. Harlojveet 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. 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. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 1, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
MR 5-15-26

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. TAC HOLDS LLC S/DANIEL ROSS, MANAGER, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/09/2026. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder KIMBERLI, Deputy 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15/26 CNS-4026403#
NEWS-LEDGER 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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260339
The following person(s) is doing business as: DMTarget, 1296 E Gibson Road Suite A #258, Woodland, CA 95776. John Chanchola, 1296 E Gibson Road Suite A #258, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 23, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
DMTARGET 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260243
The following person(s) is doing business as: Affordable Mobility/Medical, 2204 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Kerry Fedorenko, 2204 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2012. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on March 17, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
AFFORDABLE 5-29-26

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 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 has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mauricio Javier Barba Almanza to James Javier Barba.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: March 27, 2026 David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2026
ALMANZA 5-8-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2026-1027

Natalie Carmela Rose has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Natalie Carmela Rose to Natalie Carmela Rose Boulton. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 9, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 6, 2026 Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026
ROSE 5-15-26

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 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 Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 2026
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TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NICHOLAS ALEXANDER LENKOFF CASE NO. PR2026-0101
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Nicholas Alexander Lenkoff. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sanjeev Pathak, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Sanjeev Pathak be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: June 4, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 11. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Cary P. Greisen, Greisen Law Corporation, 2647 Gateway Road Suite 105-560, Carlsbad, CA 92009; 916-781-8338 Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 2026
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct two (2) public hearings on June 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below. The hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearings and express opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

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

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code 12811 of the Government Code of the State of California

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 26-42 CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING IMPROVEMENTS (MAINTENANCE) TO BE MADE FOR THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1

Pursuant to Government Code Section § 54954.6, under States and Highways Code 22556

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 26-43 CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 (RALEY'S LANDING)

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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 **2:00 PM local time on May 22, 2026**, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

WASHINGTON DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE PROJECT (26-023-ITB)

The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor and materials for the: Washington District Infrastructure Upgrade Project.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Cutoff for Questions	no later than	2 P.M.	May 12, 2026
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than	2 P.M.	May 22, 2026
Award of Contract			June 17, 2026

Project construction cost estimate:

Water (Base Bid): \$613,865.00
Sewer (Base Bid): \$1,148,930.00
Fiber Optics (Base Bid): \$570,395.00

This is not a Federal Aid project
Bidder must possess a current Class "A" – General Engineering Contractor's License issued by the State of California, at the time the Bid is submitted.

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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:

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:

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.

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 **2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, May 14, 2026**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review.

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Women's Empowerment Receives \$50,000 from Wells Fargo

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 job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically to help women break the generational cycle of homelessness for themselves and their children. Since 2001, more than 2,000 women have graduated from the program with their more than 4,000 children.

Women's Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To make a donation: www.womens-empowerment.org.

Wells Fargo is committed to helping communities thrive with financially resilient families, vibrant small businesses and

affordable places to call home. The company's grantmaking focuses on financial mobility, housing access and affordability, and small business growth. Wells Fargo has donated more than \$2 billion over the past five years through its foundation. For more information, visit www.WellsFargo.com. ★



School Districts Look to Growers as they Ditch Ultraprocessed Foods

Mandates such as California's Universal Meals Program already provide funding to improve access to nutritious meals served to public-school students. Last year, state legislators passed a law requiring schools to phase out certain ultraprocessed foods from school meals. Some school districts started the transition before the law was passed. Among them is Western Placer Unified, which started making changes in 2023 with the help of the nonprofit Eat Real. Mattea Kelly, marketing director for Eat Real, said a transition away from processed foods can often encourage partnerships with local farmers. "Sometimes the best pathway isn't just going through and trying to remove the ingredients, but it's just bringing in whole foods," Kelly said. "Helping these districts to source from more local farmers can sometimes be one of the lightest pathways to be able to do that."

Study Measures Regulatory Costs for Napa vineyards

A new study has put a price tag on the cost to Napa County winegrape growers of complying with government regulations. The study, which was commissioned by the Napa County Farm Bureau and prepared by researchers at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, found that the cost of regulatory compliance last year for winegrape growers in the region was between 8% and 12% of production costs. For a large grower, that equated to more than \$1,700 an acre and nearly \$2 million overall. For a small grower, regulatory compliance cost more

than \$1,100 an acre and around \$226,000 overall. The study showed that the cost of compliance for the county's growers was twice that of Oregon winegrape growers. "Our members have said continually that regulation is driving them out of business," Napa County Farm Bureau CEO Peter Rumble said. "Without change, we might not have viable agriculture as we know it now in Napa."

Coalition Ensures No Junior Livestock Exhibitor Goes Without a Sale

For young 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors, the county fair auction ring is the reward for months of hard work, investment and responsibility—unless their animals don't attract buyers. But thanks to community coalitions that step in to purchase no-bid animals, kids can be spared this disappointment and financial loss. Among them is the 37th District Buyer's Coalition—parents, businesses and community groups who banded together in 2022 to support youths exhibiting at the Santa Barbara County Fair in Santa Maria. Led by former livestock exhibitors who now have children showing in the ring, the group raises funds to buy auction animals and then donates the meat to nonprofits serving people experiencing food insecurity. To date, the coalition has purchased animals from 260 local kids and has donated more than 80,000 pounds of meat to local charities. "This is a win-win-win," said Renli Pope, the coalition's president. "The kids benefit, the community benefits, and we all feel better being a part of it." ★



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (SEC 6104,6105 U.C.C.)
 Escrow No. 29033SL
 Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below.
 The name and business address of the seller is: MGMT, LLC, 1471 SHORE STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95691
 The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: SAME
 As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: PAPA MURPHY'S CA152 - 2566 GRASS VALLEY HIGHWAY, AUBURN, CA 95603; PAPA MURPHY'S CA226 - 2209 FRANCISCO DRIVE, SUITE 180, EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762; PAPA MURPHY'S CA230 - 1927 DOUGLAS BLVD., SUITE 101, ROSEVILLE, CA 95661
 The name and business address of the buyer are: AH DHILLON FOODS INC., 12744 MOLLI AVENUE, RANCHO CORDOVA, CALIFORNIA 95742
 The assets to be sold are described in general as: INVENTORY, FIXED ASSETS (FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT) TAXABLE AND NON-TAXABLE, GOODWILL, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS ASSETS and are located at: 703 -I.E. BIDWELL STREET, FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA 95630
 The business name used by the seller at all locations is: PAPA MURPHY'S TAKE N BAKE PIZZA CA110
 The anticipated date of the bulk sale is: MAY 28, 2026 at: CRES-

CENT LAND TITLE COMPANY, 890 3RD ST, CRESCENT CITY, CA 95531.
 The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
 If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CRES-CENT LAND TITLE COMPANY, 890 3RD ST, CRESCENT CITY, CA 95531.
 And the last date for filing claims shall be MAY 27, 2026, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
 Dated: APRIL 23, 2026
 Buyer: AH DHILLON FOODS INC.
 Seller: MGMT, LLC
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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 auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property.

You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **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 Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compli-

ance 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 Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (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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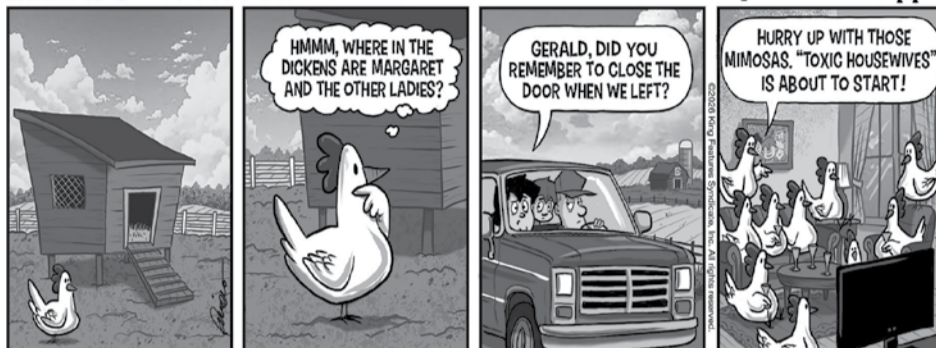
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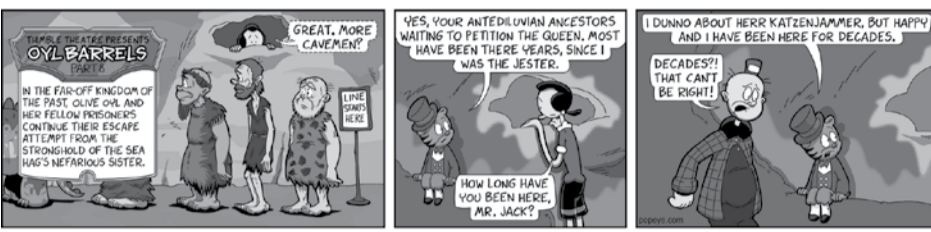
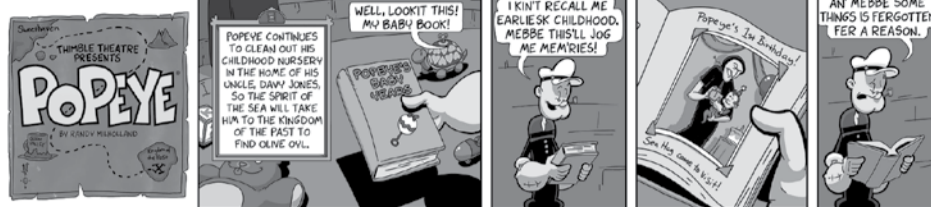
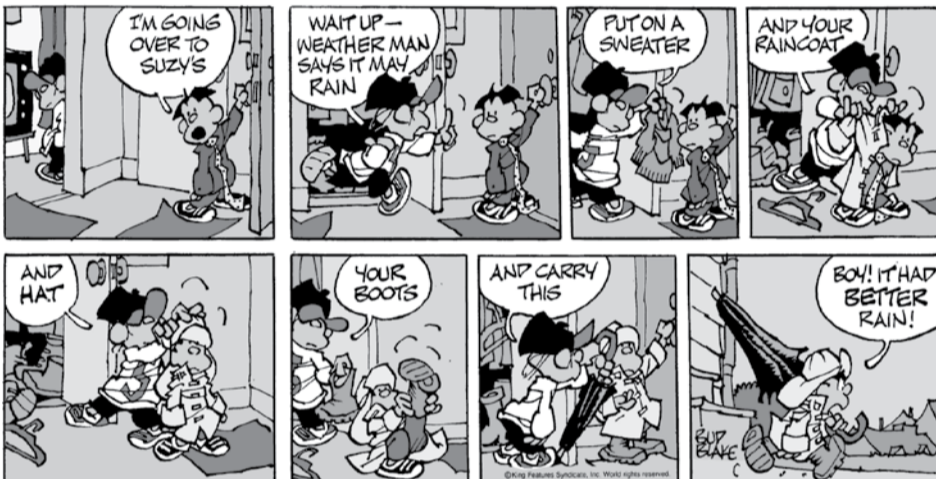
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 - Muslim ruler, respectfully
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Community Calendar

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Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17: California Honey Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland. Enjoy the honey tastings, cooking demonstrations, live music, and a variety of food vendors at this free, fun, family-friendly event. More information at californiahoneyfestival.com.

Saturday, May 16: YOLO Run, 8 a.m. to noon at the UC Davis Health Stadium, Bob Foster Team Center, 864 La Rue Rd., Davis. You Only Live Once, so join us for the YOLO Run for a morning of sunshine that benefits children and families. UC Davis Children's Hospital and the NEC Society are teaming up for Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Awareness Day. Choose your distance, you'll start and finish your race in the Stadium, whether it's 2k, 5k, or 10k. More information and registration at www.runsignup.com/YOLOrun.

Saturday, May 16: UC Davis Arboretum Clearance Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Arboretum Teaching Nursery, 1046 Garrod

Dr., Davis. This is our last plant sale until fall. Selection may be limited, but treasures remain. Everyone is invited to shop, and members save an extra 10% off clearance pricing.

Saturday, May 16: 10th Annual Woodland Winefest, 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Heritage Plaza, 701 Main St., Woodland (VIP entry at 2 p.m.) Sip and savor selections from 15+ local wineries, enjoy craft brews, and treat yourself to delicious bites from Buckhorn BBQ & Grill. Browse our exciting silent auction, try your luck with our wine raffle and cork pull, and bring home a complimentary souvenir glass. 100% of proceeds benefit Soroptimist International of Woodland, empowering women through education and programs to help women and girls achieve economic equality. Tickets and more information at www.soroptimistofwoodland.org/winefest.

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

Café Yolo Social Dining meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Seniors over age 60 are invited to mingle and dine for free, sponsored

by Meals on Wheels. Reservations required 24 hours in advance at 530-662-7035 or email welcome@mowyolo.org.

Davis Craft and Vintage Fair, Sunday, May 24, 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 June 6. 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 "Garlic Harvest, Citrus June Drop and Vegetable Flowers that Don't Produce Fruit" on Saturday, June 6. 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.rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org for more information, including how to join the Rotary.

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

Out of the Box Ministries holds a monthly event for volunteers to pack grocery bags for distribution to community members in need. Join us Sunday, 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 16.

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 20.

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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Why does bread expand in the oven?
 -Skye, 10, United Arab Emirates

Dear Skye,

Every weekend, I make pizza dough. I love watching the dough bubble and rise.

I asked my friend Mel Darbyshire why that happens. She's head of baking at Washington State University's Breadlab. There, scientists and bakers work together to develop grains that make super bread.

It turns out bread rises because it contains yeast.


Yeast is a microscopic, single-celled fungus. Like all living things, yeast needs energy to grow and reproduce. It gets that energy by eating sugar.

When I make pizza dough, I mix together warm water and sugar. Then I sprinkle a packet of yeast over the top and wait. Soon, the liquid gets frothy and bubbly. That's called blooming.

It happens when the yeast chow down on the sugar in my mixture and burp out gases—carbon dioxide and ethanol. Those gassy burps make my mixture foamy.

Scientists call the process where yeast cells consume sugar and release gas fermentation.

Next, I add flour to my mixture and knead it. Kneading stretches the proteins in the dough—called gluten. That makes the protein strands link up in an organized way. If you looked at my dough under a microscope, you'd see a network of



This is baker's yeast, or *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. If you peek inside a packet of yeast, you'll see grains. Each grain contains billions of yeast cells clumped together. Those yeast cells are dormant. They're dehydrated and inactive—but they're still alive. They need warm water and sugar to fully wake up. Mogana Das Murtey and Patchamuthu Ramasamy CC BY 3.0

proteins—like a strong web.

Sometimes dough needs to sit and rise. That's called proofing. It gives the yeast time to eat more sugar and burp out more gas. If the gluten proteins are nice and strong, their web will trap the gas inside the dough. That makes it expand.

When I pop my dough in the oven, it rises again.

"It's like the yeast having their final shout," Darbyshire said. "Because of the heat in the oven, there's a rapid rise called oven spring."

How much the dough rises in the oven depends on many things. It needs strong proteins to trap the gas. It needs just the right amount of heat. That heat changes some of the water in the dough into gas, too.

But dough can only rise so much. Eventually, it develops a crust. That's too hard to stretch against. Plus, once the dough reaches about 120

degrees, the yeast cells die. It's just too hot for them.

At that point, the rising is over—but the science isn't. A chemical reaction makes the crust dark and toasty. Part of that comes from sugars the yeast left behind.

"The bake color comes from gelatinization of the starches," Darbyshire said. "It's called the Maillard reaction. The crust gets thicker and darker, depending on how many sugars there are and how they gel."

So, yeast is why bread—and my pizza dough—rises. It's why it's fluffy and full of spongy holes. It also helps the crust get dark and toasty.

All because of a tiny single-celled fungus. I guess the yeast you could say about those guys is that they really rise to the occasion.

Sincerely,
 Dr. Universe