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West Sacramento Celebrates Growth



Mayor Martha Guerrero presents the Athletics with the Civic Leadership Award for Progress. Photo courtesy of Tia Gemmell/Riverview Media Photography

By Abbey Wicks

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Members of the West Sacramento community filed into a bustling City Hall on Thursday, May 21 as Athletics mascot Stomper paraded around the room, stopping to take photos with law enforcement and city officials.

The State of the City address, held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., filled 25 tables with energy and enthusiasm as Mayor Martha Guerrero addressed the city's recent accomplishments, growth and vision.

The address was held to "dream, plan and celebrate all things West Sacramento," Mayor Guerrero said in her opening remarks.

Guerrero's one hour talk covered the state of the riverfront city in the areas of housing, parks, climate action, economic development, law enforcement and more. The city's Civic Leadership awards were also presented to five recipients during the ceremony.

According to Guerrero, the recent release of the 2026 Point-In-Time (PIT) count for West Sacramento reported 358 unhoused individuals in

the region, a slight increase from the 289 individuals reported in the 2024 count.

However, as the number of unhoused individuals continues to increase, housing opportunities in the region also continue to rise, Guerrero said. This year, the city secured a \$43 million grant through California's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (ASHC) program and will help fund the Grand Gateway Project, which is expected to offer more than 100 affordable housing units.

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Nearly Half of High School Students Eligible for CalKIDS Scholarships

CalKIDS News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As high school seniors across Sacramento County make college and career decisions ahead of graduation, CalKIDS is encouraging students and families to check whether scholarship funds have already been set aside in their names.

Administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board under the California State Treasurer's Office, CalKIDS provides scholarships to eligible California public school students to help pay for college or career training including accredited colleges, universities, community colleges, trade schools and vocational programs for qualified educational expenses, including tuition and fees, books and supplies, certain room and board, and computer equipment.

"CalKIDS represents California's investment in the promise and potential of our students," said State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA. "These scholarships send a powerful message to families across our state: we believe in our young people, we are investing in their future, and we want every student to know that college or career training is within reach."

CalKIDS is working in partnership with the California Student Aid Commission to support more targeted outreach to eligible students. Through the WebGrants 4 Students portal, school counselors now have access to data that can identify eligible 9-12 grade students and support direct outreach.

"This innovative partnership is transforming how millions of California students access the resources that make college possible. Students can now claim their CalKIDS Account and applying for financial aid more seamlessly" said Dr. Daisy Gonzales, CSAC Executive Director.

"Having a CalKIDS Account made me feel less worried about affording college and grateful for the support," said Francisco Barragan

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Four Years of Fighting Fentanyl

Community event continues to raise awareness, offer resources

By Abbey Wicks

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As the years pass since the loss of his son Mason Brazil to a fentanyl overdose, Ricky Brazil's mission has remained the same: to spread awareness and provide resources for addicts and their families.

The fourth annual Fighting Fentanyl will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Holy Cross Church, 1321 Anna St., West Sacramento.

Expected to speak at the event are Yolo County Supervising Deputy District Attorney Preston Schuab, as well as "Angel parents," or individuals who have lost children to

fentanyl poisoning.

According to Brazil, there will be a broader variety of resources present this year including Empower Yolo, Sacramento County Behavioral Health's Addiction Unit, Yolo Opiate Coalition, Stop Drug Homicide and Recover or Die. The event will also feature local vendors selling goods including homemade cookies and sourdough bread.

For Brazil, organizing Fighting Fentanyl each year has become a positive outlet throughout the process of grieving his son, who died in 2022. He started planning this year's event in January alongside



Ricky Brazil (right) has been planning this year's Fighting Fentanyl event since January alongside fiancé Jessica (left). Photo courtesy of Ricky Brazil

his fiancé Jessica. "I'm numb," said Brazil. "This is my therapy."

Brazil is expecting a strong turnout from the

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The city council also made recent policy changes concerning Tiny Homes on Wheels, setting up a “proportional impact fee reduction program” for those units used as a primary dwelling.

“With the recent policy changes, the city of West Sacramento now recognizes Tiny Homes on Wheels as dwellings creating a pathway for owners to begin the process of establishing, as a permanent home, ability to connect to water, sewer and electricity,” Guerrero said.

On the topic of homelessness, Guerrero addressed the work of Mosaic West Sac, a restorative community centered around nourishment, connection and trauma recovery. The organization’s Recovery Café specifically supports individuals who have suffered trauma, homelessness, addiction and other mental-health challenges.

“It turns out that people impacted by homelessness and substance abuse, they don’t just need housing and therapy and services,” said Don Bosley, executive director. “They need community. They need a community that’s supportive, they need a community that’s there, they need a community that’s available.”

Recovery Café was the recipient of this year’s Civic Leadership Award for Service.

The City of West Sacramento has implemented a tourism marketing district as the city continues to see growth and an increase in visitors to the city.

“The draw of the riverfront, a sports venue and the warmth of a big city with a small-town focus is the roots which has made West Sacramento an increasingly attractive regional destination,” Guerrero said. “The creation of the West Sacramento tourism marketing district is a significant step forward in positioning the



Members of the West Sacramento Police Department pose with Mayor Martha Guerrero and Athletics mascot Stomper. Photo by Abbey Wicks

city as a premier destination for leisure travel.”

The draw to the city is largely in part to the Athletics, who received the Civic Leadership Award for Progress.

“The Athletics have helped generate momentum, not only for sports and entertainment, but also for tourism, small businesses, hospitality and economic work through our city,” Guerrero said. “Beyond baseball, the Athletics have become a valued community partner by helping elevate West Sacramento’s profile nationally and showcasing the spirit and hospitality of our residents.”

The Athletics are scheduled to permanently relocate to Las Vegas for the 2028 MLB season following the completion of a \$2 billion stadium, according to the MLB.

West Sacramento is in dialogue to consider becoming a host to a major league baseball expansion team, according to Guerrero. “West Sacramento has proven to be a success at hosting major league baseball crowds and the

buzz around Sutter Health Park shows that the region is ready. Having MLB teams play in West Sacramento elevates our visibility and our viability.”

The city has also made progress in climate action and sustainability, according to the mayor. The city’s climate action and sustainability division has increased the number of Level 2 EV charging stations in the Bridge and Washington Districts.

For the 19th consecutive year, West Sacramento has been recognized as a Tree City USA. According to Guerrero, 250 trees were added to the city’s urban forest this year. A partnership between the city and Waste Management has resulted in a neighbor’s task force, bringing together representatives from across the city, including Waste Management, to find solutions.

Waste Management has partnered with Repair Café, a monthly gathering where volunteers fix broken household items at no cost. A \$5,000 grant from Waste Management will help the

group stabilize operations and support future plans to expand the Repair Café.

PG&E recently held a listening event for customers to attend and ask questions regarding their energy bills. Approximately 100 residents had questions addressed. PG&E has announced plans to host future events. According to Guerrero, the company is working to add more electrical capacity in the city as warm weather approaches. By the end of the year, new circuits are expected to be added to the Southport area, followed by the area near IKEA and finally the Bridge District in 2027.

The State Streets Pavement Rehabilitation Project, completed this year, delivered roadway improvements, upgrades and utility investments. The League of Cities awarded the 2026 Local Streets and Roads Project Award to the HSIP Traffic Safety & Signal Improvement Project.

“I would like to thank our transportation team for your effort on achieving that big

goal,” Guerrero said. The project focused on reducing collisions and improving safety for motorists and pedestrians.

According to Guerrero, the project was a risky undertaking due to the age of the city. Safety improvements were made to 20 high risk locations citywide including West Capitol, Jefferson, Harbor and Sacramento Avenues. According to the mayor, a number of complaints were received throughout the projects, however “those minor changes do bring safety.”

Guerrero said hirings are on the rise in the city’s public works department, including a 10-person dedicated roads crew.

Along with traffic safety improvements, a new GPS-based emergency vehicle preemption system has been implemented. The West Sacramento Vision Zero Action Plan has also been adapted with the goal of “dramatically reducing serious traffic injuries and fatalities, while creating safer streets for everyone who walks, bikes or drives in the community.” The city is also working to expand its Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan.

Five parks are currently under construction in West Sacramento with Washington Park expected to open in June. The park is the first in the Washington District neighborhood. Parks and public spaces are essential to community health, neighborhood vitality and climate resiliency, the mayor said.

Also honored during the awards ceremony were Stacy Grow & Parents/Stonegate Community Garden who received the Civic Leadership Award for Pride; Akasha Yoga who received the Civic Leadership Award for Community; and Bike Dog Brewing for the Civic Leadership Award for Prosperity. ★



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Four Years of Fighting Fentanyl

West Sacramento Neighborhood Retail Center Trades for \$6.2 Million

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car and bike show, with clubs including Whisker Biscuits, Chelu Car Club, LoLystics Broderick Car Club expected to attend.

Live entertainment is brought by Davis-based DJ Casper for the indoor portion of the event and DJ Santana for the outdoor portion. Family-friendly activities including face painting can be expected.

The event is an opportunity for everyone in the community to gather and raise awareness, even those whose lives have not been directly impacted by fentanyl, said Brazil. Brazil emphasized how common the presence of the opioid has become in narcotics including marijuana, and how quickly it can result in the loss of a loved one.

"It can happen to anybody, at any time," Brazil said. "It's touching all lives."

According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, fentanyl continues to be the primary cause of drug overdose deaths in the United States.

"The awareness part is really deep," Brazil said.

Brazil emphasized the role parents and guardians play in steering



Mason Brazil, son of Fighting Fentanyl event coordinator Ricky Brazil, lost his life to fentanyl poisoning in 2022. Photo courtesy of Ricky Brazil

children away from drugs by closely monitoring their activities and enrolling them in extracurricular activities such as sports.

"Help people that are addicted and reach out to the families. You can't grab them and reach them. They're mentally checked out. That's the person to save them; family and friends."

As Fighting Fentanyl

continues to grow each year, Brazil hopes the event encourages open conversations about addiction, connects families with support and reminds the community that recovery and prevention begin with awareness.

"The stigma has been lifted," Brazil said. "We can't help every person; we can open their eyes." ★



Harbor Central, located at 805831 Harbor Blvd., is a 22,198-square-foot retail center anchored by Vista Paint, Domino's, Subway and Raku Sushi. Photo courtesy of CJ Park & Associates

CJ Park & Associates News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Harbor Central, a neighborhood shopping center in West Sacramento has sold for \$6.2 million, according to public records. The transaction closed May 11.

A subsidiary of CJ Park & Associates acquired Harbor Central from Harbor Corners LLC. Randy Getz and Rick Martinez of CBRE in Sacramento represented the seller, a private investor.

Harbor Central, located at 805831 Harbor Blvd., is a 22,198-square-foot retail center anchored by Vista Paint, Domino's, Subway

and Raku Sushi. Built in 1992 on 1.7 acres, the property is positioned near the California State Capitol with direct access to Highway 50 and Interstate 80, connecting it to major residential and employment corridors throughout the Sacramento region.

"Harbor Central fits well within our portfolio of high-performing neighborhood retail centers," said Andrew Farhadi of CJ Park & Associates. "The property benefits from a stable tenant mix, consistent daily traffic and a West Sacramento location that supports long-term performance."

He added that the firm intends to evaluate targeted

capital improvements and leasing initiatives to enhance tenancy and operational efficiency over time.

The acquisition follows CJ Park & Associates' recent \$27 million purchase of Pacific Town Center, a grocery-anchored community shopping center in Stockton serving a dense residential trade area. The transaction reflects the firm's continued focus on stabilized neighborhood and community retail assets in established markets.

CJ Park & Associates continues to pursue acquisitions of neighborhood retail centers across the western United States. ★

Nearly Half of High School Students Eligible for CalKIDS Scholarships

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Chavez, a CalKIDS recipient and student from the University of

California, Davis. Checking eligibility and claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship is simple

and takes just a few minutes. Students only need their Statewide Student Identifier, or SSID,

which can typically be found on a school report card or transcript, or by asking a school

counselor. Once they have their SSID, students and families can visit CalKIDS.org to check

eligibility and, if eligible, follow the steps to claim their scholarship. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Consider the Talent

Well Kings fans, the playoff world of basketball goes on whether the Sacramento Kings are a part of the conversation or not. The vast majority of the supposed basketball experts have been predicting an OKC repeat and with Shai Gilgeous-Alexander recently garnishing the MVP award for last season, I imagine most people believe the same thing.

As it turns out, the San Antonio Spurs may have something to say about that outcome, as their series is knotted at two-games apiece, and in the last contest they held the potent offensive of OKC to an amazing 82 points for the game.

A stifling defense swarmed the Thunder for 48 minutes and never allowed the defending champions a chance to ever make this game a contest.

But given the overwhelming prediction that OKC would virtually boat race any and all competition to the finish, how did this happen.

Obviously, 7-foot-4 Victor Wembanyama hasn't been listening to ESPN or reading the papers, because he is completely unaware that the Spurs were supposed to be nothing but be a good tune up for the championship series.

Wembanyama has given the Thunder plenty to be concerned about, and at this juncture this seven-game series could go either way.

The New York Knicks have the east coast on fire with enthusiasm as going back to the regular season they have won 16 of their last 20 games, and a surprising eight games in a row in the playoffs.

A shut down defense simply took Cleveland out of their recent series and put an exclamation mark on a 130-93 thrashing of the Cavaliers to complete a 4-0 series sweep.

Experts have been emphatically saying that teams with small guards are a thing of the past and should not be considered a serious threat to the longer teams like the Thunder others that count on expansive wing spans to shut down opposing threats.

Apparently that news never got to Jalen Brunson who generously listed at six-foot-two has been a one-man wrecking crew and virtually unstoppable since the playoffs began.

Two things should be of great interest

to Sacramento Kings fans that are waiting patiently for the 2026 draft to begin.

Number one, the dominance of the population heavy cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and others has finally come into question, as San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Memphis, Indianapolis and others have given rise to the notion that smaller cities can compete and bring championships to their cities as well.

Number two, as stated teams with a smaller back court are not precluded from championship contention, and both of these truisms should make Sacramento Kings fans sit up and take notice.

The outcome of this year's championship series may play a part in which direction the Sacramento Kings go, and who they decide to draft.

I have long been a proponent of building this team around Domantas Sabonis, and I haven't changed my mind. Take stock in what you already have on a team laden with talent and make the necessary tweaks without putting a team together that no one recognizes.

The city of Sacramento is about to find out the true identity of GM Scott Perry, and whether he has the ability to recognize talent when he sees it.

Too many years have passed that left quality players undrafted or simply went to other teams because the Kings passed them by. This needs to stop and I can think of no better time than right now.

Whether the New York Knicks face San Antonio or the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Sacramento fan base will have an opportunity to see how a team with a smaller back court can stand the test of a bigger and longer one.

There is considerable interest in this off season for the Kings, and I've heard virtually every opinion imaginable from fans that have followed the Kings for years.

This fan base has passion, and now they need the front office to demonstrate the ability to draft and make trades that will fill Golden One Arena every night.

Every reason for optimism, so renew those season tickets Kings fans and let's keep the support high!

All the best!

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Education is Vital and Costs California Billions, So Why Aren't Candidates Talking About It?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The single largest item in Gov. Gavin Newsom's recently proposed budget — and arguably its most important — is the \$91 billion (plus \$60 billion in local and federal funds) it would spend to educate the state's nearly 6 million students, from transitional kindergarten through high school.

How well they are educated, prepared for higher education or the job market, will be a big factor determining whether California's economy, and thus its socio-economic whole, succeeds or fails.

Not surprisingly, given the amounts spent on education and its importance, it ranks very high in the Capitol's annual give-and-take over the budget. That's certainly true this year, as Newsom's last budget shorts the state constitution's mandatory allocation for schools by a few billion dollars, with a promise to make it up later, which drew opposition from school officials throughout the state.

Education perennially ranks very high in surveys of voters' priorities. The school lobbies, including the very powerful California Teachers Association, will use that as they press the Legislature to raise their share of the revenue stream. With the high stakes of

education financing and its place in Californians' hopes for a prosperous future, one might think that those who aspire to succeed Newsom would happily volunteer their intentions.

That would be especially helpful given that Newsom, as a parting gesture, wants to all but eliminate the elective office of state superintendent of public instruction and vest nearly all education oversight in the governor's office.

If that rearrangement of duties is enacted, the next governor would be a virtual czar of the nation's largest public education system.

However, the silence about this among the leading candidates for governor is deafening. They are more than happy to exchange personal insults during debates and in campaign ads, and to hold forth on such issues as gas prices, housing and homelessness. But they leave a vacuum when it comes to how, or if, they would change the school system.

Only one candidate, San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, repeatedly brings up this issue during debates, noting that he is a former teacher. The other candidates' blackout is compounded by the eagerness of debate mediators to interrogate the candidates on other issues while failing to bring up education.

A new study by Stanford University's Educational Opportunity Project verifies other data indicating that California's public schools are falling well short of the academic achievement needed for the state's future.

The study catalogued 2025 reading and math test scores throughout the nation

and found that, almost everywhere, achievement is lower than it was 10 years earlier — reading is down in 83% of local school systems and math is lower in 70%.

Most disturbingly, not only is California not immune from the trend but it is one of the states with the greatest declines. Only eight states and the District of Columbia experienced deeper declines in reading than California.

The New York Times, in reporting on the study, created a website that allows readers to find out specific results in individual school systems.

It reveals, for instance, that while Los Angeles Unified, the nation's second largest system, showed fractional gains in reading and math, Oakland Unified experienced declines in both and San Diego fell in reading and gained in math.

After years, even decades, of ignoring its deficiencies in those foundational skills, California has lately done something that it should have done long ago — embracing phonics in teaching reading. Also, legislation to diagnose and treat deficiencies in math is moving in the Capitol.

The next governor needs to build on those and other efforts to restore California's public schools to their former glory. The people vying for that job should tell us if and how they intend to do what's necessary.

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

Social Security Matters Help! SSA Says I'm Not Eligible for Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Help!! The Social Security Administration says I didn't pay enough into my Social Security account, despite being a business owner and paying taxes. What can I do?" **Signed: Self-employed American**

Dear Self-employed: For all potential SS beneficiaries, it is very important to know how Social Security determines if you are eligible for retirement benefits: Everyone (including the self-employed) must have earned at least 40 "quarter credits" contributing to the SS program, which is usually about 10 years' worth of earnings.

You can earn up to four "quarter credits" per year, depending on your earnings, including your net earnings from self-employment. For example, this year (2026) you will get one "quarter credit" for each \$1,890 of

earnings, up to four credits maximum for the year. As a self-employed business owner, only your net earnings are counted (e.g., after all your reported business deductions are taken). The SSA gets your earnings information from the IRS, so SSA goes by whatever information you submitted in the self-employment income tax returns you submitted to the IRS over the years. If you don't have at least 40 "quarter credits" over your lifetime, you won't be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits.

The best way to further investigate this is to create your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. When you have done that, you will be able to see how many quarter credits you currently have (apparently less than 40) and determine how much more you must earn to be eligible for SS retirement benefits. For example, if you have 36 or more credits now, you could likely work just another year, or part of a year, to be eligible for SS benefits next year. Knowing how many "credits" you now have will tell you how much more in annual net earnings from self-employment you must have

to become eligible for SS benefits.

When you create your online SS account, you will also be able to see your entire lifetime record of your earnings reported to Social Security, and you should review that record to make sure that your lifetime earnings have been correctly reported to Social Security. If there are any discrepancies in your lifetime earnings record, they can be corrected by using form SSA-7008. You can find additional guidance on this at the following SSA web link: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf

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Our Screen Culture Increasingly Can't Read

ten how to teach them. We decided to jettison a common-sensical, tried-and-true method of reading instruction -- phonics -- for faddish theories that haven't worked. It is notable that states showing improvement between 2022-2025 embraced phonics, which now goes under the rubric "the science of reading."

It also can't be a coincidence that these harrowing trends are playing out against the backdrop of ubiquitous screens in schools. Schools are starting to ban mobile phones, but the screen that they take away with one hand, they give with the other. According to a New York Times survey, 80% of teachers say that students at their schools have a device assigned to them; it was only a third in 2019. More than 80% said that kids get devices ... by kindergarten.

It would have been comparable recklessness if schools had decided at the outset of the television age that every schoolchild needed a personal TV. Parents struggle to get their kids off devices at home, and then send them to school, where they read "To Kill a Mockingbird" on an iPad.

Now, books haven't disappeared from classrooms, but they aren't nearly as prevalent as they should be. A new study by the Rand Corporation found that most English teachers assigned at least one full book during the school year, although 9% didn't assign any, and roughly two-thirds assigned between only one to four.

Engaging with a whole book in print is so important because not all reading is equal. One analysis found that "digital reading does improve comprehension skills, but the beneficial effect is between six and seven times smaller than that of print reading." So, too, reading a book is better than reading a series of extended passages; it requires more attention and greater immersion.

As education expert Robert Pondiscio of the American Enterprise Institute points out, it's a mistake to think of reading as solely a technical skill, since reading comprehension also depends on what the great educational theorist E.D. Hirsch called "cultural literacy," the basic facts about history, civics, art and the like that form our common knowledge. To our great detriment, schools have downgraded this, too.

The worst-case scenario is that we have become a screen culture that is only capable of producing screen kids. A report last year in the journal *iScience* found that reading for pleasure steadily declined from 2003 to 2023. On top of evidence that reading also fell from the 1940s to 2003, this makes for an 80-year decline.

The poet and essayist Joseph Brodsky said, "There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them." And not being capable of reading them is even worse than that.

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

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ARRESTS REPORTS

Brandy Lynn Dawson, 42, was arrested Wednesday, May 6 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in which Dawson was a passenger. A records check found the warrant, and she was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Eric Anthony Graham, 35, was cited Tuesday, May 12 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possession of unlawful paraphernalia. Officer on patrol observed a male, later identified as Graham, actively smoking from a clear glass pipe with a long glass stem consistent with methamphetamine use. Upon contact, Graham placed the pipe onto a nearby sweater, and the officer retrieved the pipe. Later testing of residue inside the pipe found methamphetamine and fentanyl. Graham was issued a citation and notice to appear.

Zarin Sulesa Talebi, 21, was transported Thursday, May 14 from the Sacramento County Main Jail on I Street, Sacramento by West Sacramento Police to Yolo County Jail for multiple warrants.

Larry Dean Armstrong, 38, was transported Friday, May 15 from the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center on Bruceville Road in Elk Grove by West Sacramento Police to Yolo County Jail for multiple outstanding warrants.

Vladyslav Leonidov Baranovych, 34, was arrested Friday, May 15 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed Baranovych, whom he knew from prior contacts. Officer observed narcotic paraphernalia in plain view on and around Baranovych and a baggie with a white chunky substance fell out of his pocket. The substance later tested positive as fentanyl. A check of prior arrests and convictions found Baranovych had multiple convictions on drug charges. He was transported first to the West Sacramento Police Department, where he told the officer he would shoot and kill him if the officer ever attempted to arrest him again. Baranovych was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with possessing unlawful paraphernalia, possessing hard drugs with prior convictions, and threatening a public officer.

Joseph Edward Esteven Castorena, 31, was arrested Sunday, May 17 on F Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a subject looking underneath vehicles. Upon arrival, officer contacted Castorena, who matched the description provided. A records check revealed an active felony warrant, and he was detained. Near his location, officer found two crumpled pieces of burnt foil, one containing a white powder-like substance consistent with fentanyl. There was also a silicon grenade device with a burnt ceramic stem sticking out of it. Under Miranda, Castorena stated the foil contained fentanyl and the silicon device was used to smoke it, as he intended to do before he was detained. Castorena was transported to Yolo County Jail for the warrant, additionally charged with possessing unlawful paraphernalia and possession of a narcotic controlled substance.

Eric Anthony Graham, 35, was arrested

Monday, May 18 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a vandalism call for service. Upon arrival, officers contacted a suspect later identified as Graham. After several commands were issued, Graham was detained in handcuffs and spat on officers. Officers placed him in a restraint device for officer safety and control. Graham was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with resisting an executive officer.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Tuesday, April 14 – victim reports their storage unit on West Capitol Avenue was broken into by an unknown suspect. Power tools and home furnishings valued at \$3,500 were taken.

Tuesday, April 28 – victim reports two suspects were seen stealing gasoline from the victim's vehicle parked at a multiple family dwelling on Douglas Street. Loss estimated at \$20,000.

Saturday, May 2 – a store on Jefferson Boulevard reports a vandalism by an unknown suspect. A cash register, card reader and cigarette lighter stands were damaged. Loss estimated at \$600.

Monday, May 4 – victim on Kimberly Court reports their personal and business accounts were compromised. Money was taken to purchase goods. Unreported value of loss.

Thursday, May 7 – two victims report the catalytic converters were stolen from their vehicles by an unknown suspect while parked on F Street. Damage estimated at \$2,000 each.

Thursday, May 7 – victim reports the catalytic converter was stolen from their vehicle by an unknown suspect while parked on Fremont Boulevard. Damage estimated at \$2,000.

Thursday, May 7 – victim reports the catalytic converter was stolen from their vehicle by an unknown suspect while parked on Greenwood Avenue. Damage estimated at \$2,000.

Thursday, May 7 – victim reports the catalytic converter was stolen from their vehicle by an unknown suspect while parked on Solano Street. Damage estimated at \$2,000.

Thursday, May 7 – victim reports the catalytic converter was stolen from their vehicle by an unknown suspect while parked on Simon Terrace. Damage estimated at \$2,000.

Thursday, May 7 – a store on West Capitol Avenue reports two unknown suspects entered the business and took items worth approximately \$500 and left without paying.

Thursday, May 7 – a business on Stillwater Road reports the theft of tools and equipment from the unlocked portion of their vehicle by an unknown suspect. Various hand and power tools were taken, valued at \$10,000.

Monday, May 11 – a store on West Capitol Avenue reports unknown suspects took items valued at \$600 from the store without paying.

Monday, May 11 – victim on Lisbon Avenue reports an unknown suspect fraudulently used the victim's cash app card for a \$70.99 transaction. ★



BY JOSH F.W. COOK

★ CALIFORNIA ★ POLICY AND ETHICS

Trump Boosts Trade Schools

Everyone is Not Going to University

By Josh Cook

President Trump added trade schools to the Pell Grant. The Pell Grant is the largest federal program for students in America, disbursing over \$31 billion a year. Starting in 2026, eligible students will be able to get Pell Grants for vocational training programs in skilled trades, manufacturing, and healthcare, enabling quick entry into jobs with minimal debt. Previously, the Pell was aimed at colleges and universities.

Political Economist Nicholas Eberstadt's book "Men Without Work" documents a persistent crisis in which millions of prime-age men, often with limited formal education, have withdrawn from the labor force due to structural barriers, family instability, criminal records, and mismatched training opportunities. Traditional college routes have proven ineffective for this population, exacerbating workforce non-participation and associated social costs. By validating "vocational" training as a legitimate alternative to college for all, the new policy disrupts and directly targets the left-behind workforce segments Eberstadt identifies.

Trade schools and union labor apprenticeship programs have been treated like second-class programs by the higher education industry; the term "vocational education" was scorned, while "shop classes"

were pushed out of high schools. Even today, the education establishment refers to "vocational" programs as "career-technical education."

Keith Dunn, who leads the State Building and Construction Trades Council's efforts in Sacramento, has the most effective nomenclature: they refer to "get a real job" educational offerings as "trained and skilled workforce." The name starts with the end product in mind, which is actually getting people into the workforce earning much more than a living wage, like real money, with benefits and retirement.

The idea that everyone needed to go to a university, and dedicating a preponderance of our taxpayer support to that end, has proven to be a disaster, as the gap between the super wealthy and the poor has gotten worse every year for the last 50 years. Worse than that, upward mobility, more important than wealth, has been headed in the wrong direction, something that leads to social unrest, violence, and chaos.

Upward mobility is a better definition of the "American Dream". It measures whether a person from a poor family can move up the socioeconomic ladder through hard work and by engaging with the systems we build to foster social cohesion, prosperity, and happiness. This move to open "vocational" schools to federal funding is a huge step in the right direction. ★

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Experts Seek Methane-Cutting Solutions

Private companies and researchers at the University of California, Davis, are working with farmers to develop new ways to reduce methane emissions from cattle. To address methane from cow burps, or enteric methane, UC Davis professor of animal science Ermias Kebreab is studying a compound in red seaweed as a feed additive that has been shown to lower methane production in the animals' rumens. Kebreab is also exploring gene-editing technology that could permanently decrease methane production. At the same time, dairy farms have adopted methane digesters and waste-treatment systems that turn emissions from manure into renewable energy and other usable products. Farmers say it's crucial that these solutions make financial sense for their operations so that the technologies could be broadly implemented. "Sustainability always has to start with financial sustainability," Merced County dairy farmer Simon Vander Woude said.

California Cherry Crops Decimated by Spring Storms

Fortunes went from bad to worse this year for California cherry growers. An early heat wave impacted fruit set in many orchards. Then, rainstorms in April and May battered the crop. "It was like getting knocked down and then getting kicked," said Bill Stokes, who grows cherries in San Joaquin County. Growers in the county, which leads California in cherry production, lost 63% of their crop and suffered financial losses of \$174 million, according to the county's request for a disaster declaration, which would make

growers eligible for low-interest federal loans and other assistance. California's other cherry growing regions were also affected. Tony Guerrero, grower relations and farm manager at Lodi-based packer M&R Co., which sources cherries from across California, said this year's crop was the worst he had seen in three decades working with cherries in the state. "It's pretty devastating," Guerrero said. "There was just nowhere that was unscathed."

Why Rocket Scientists Began Counting Nuts in California

For decades, experts have done their best to estimate the size of California's almond crop prior to harvest. With the state producing most of the world's supply, the global market rises and falls with the fate of the Central Valley crop. Expectation of a shortage can stoke competition among buyers and raise prices, while a large crop forecast can achieve the opposite. "It affects many lives," said Jasbir Sidhu, who grows almonds in Fresno and Madera counties. But the expansion of California's almond industry, which brought greater variation from one orchard to the next, made it harder to forecast statewide yields by sampling a subset of orchards. In December, the Almond Board of California's directors voted to stop funding a key forecast provided for decades by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Instead, the industry is looking to private entities to find new ways to estimate the crop. While counting nuts may not be rocket science, some firms have leveraged experience in aerospace engineering—using technologies such as remote sensing and machine learning—to forecast crop yields. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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 Canchola, 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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260375
The following person(s) is doing business as: Studio 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 May 4, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy

Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
STUDIO 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260316
The following person(s) is doing business as: Feast Café, 206 3rd Street, Davis, CA 95616.
Wandz LLC, 206 3rd Street, Davis, CA 95616. 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 13, 2026
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
FEAST 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260331
The following person(s) is doing business as: Massage & Bodywork Integration, West Sacramento Massage, 2531 Evergreen Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Massage & Bodywork Integration LLC, 2531 Evergreen Avenue, 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 N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 20, 2026
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
MASSAGE 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260343
The following person(s) is doing business as:
NATIONAL TIRE WHOLESALE, 3010 RAMCO STREET WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691, County of YOLO.
MAILING ADDRESS: 4260 DESIGN CENTER DRIVE PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410
CARROLL'S LLC, 4260 DESIGN CENTER DRIVE PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410
This business is conducted by LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (submit Articles of Organization from the Secretary of State).
The registrant commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/04/2016
/s/ DOUG SERGENT, SECRETARY CARROLL'S LLC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on APR 23, 2026.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: MARCOS ALCALA-FLORES, Deputy
5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5/26
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260400
The following person(s) is doing business as: Buckeye Five Farms, 37587 Harlan Lane, Woodland, CA 95695.
Blake Harlan and Eleanor O'Leary, 37587 Harlan Lane, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by A General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 7, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 8, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
BUCKEYE 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260394
The following person(s) is doing business as: Traumagotchu, 612 Francisco Place, Davis, CA 95616.
Trevor Fowles, 612 Francisco Place, Davis, CA 95616 and Patrick Schmidt, 3031 Malcolm Avenue, Oakland, CA 94605. This business is conducted by A General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 8, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
TRAUMAGOTCHU 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260399
The following person(s) is doing

business as: Grow Legal Marketing, 1635 Sausalito Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Grow Legal Marketing, LLC, 1635 Sausalito Road, 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 March 23, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 8, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
GROW 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260379
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sophingenix, 2568 Industrial Boulevard, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
MaxGene Bioscience LLC, 2568 Industrial Boulevard, Suite 100, 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 N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 5, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
SOPHINGENIX 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260402
The following person(s) is doing business as: Rockband University, 1100 W Chile Road, Davis, CA 95618.
Michael Clements and Sandy Thai, 1356 Colfax Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by A General Partnership. 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 May 8, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
ROCKBAND 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260382
The following person(s) is doing business as: Orysh Supply, 421 F Street Apt B-105, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
Pavlo Oryshchych, 421 F Street Apt B-105, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 6, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
ORYSH 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260408
The following person(s) is doing business as: Classic Craft, Keaton Boats/Sacramento Boat Repair, 1807 Trinity Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Gary LaVern Minnis, 1807 Trinity Way, 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 N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 12, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
CLASSIC 6-12-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260397
The following person(s) is doing business as:
X1 ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, 3505 LEWISTON RD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691, County of YOLO.
LIVE AND LOVE HALAL, INC., 3505 LEWISTON RD WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691
This business is conducted by CORPORATION (SUBMIT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE).
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ RADAI MASHRIQI, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on MAY 08, 2026.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: KIMBERLI, Deputy
5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12/26
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260418
The following person(s) is doing business as: Elite Garage Door Network, 3253 New York Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Nana Advertising Inc, 3253 New York Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Cyrus David Afkhami, 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695.
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 May 14, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
ELITE 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260356
The following person(s) is doing business as: Cloud Matcha Company, 315 Freeman Street Unit A, Woodland, CA 95695.
Luna Littles & Company LLC, 315 Freeman Street Unit A, Woodland, CA 95695. 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 1, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on April 28, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
CLOUD 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260381
The following person(s) is doing business as:
ALLEN BROTHERS, 211 W. CUTTING BLVD RICHMOND, CA 94804, County of YOLO.
MAILING ADDRESS: 100 EAST RIDGE ROAD RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877
DEL MONTE CAPITOL COMPANY, LLC, 100 EAST RIDGE ROAD RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877
This business is conducted by LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (SUBMIT ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE).
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ ALEXANDROS ALDOUS, CORPORATE SECRETARY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on

05/05/2026.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: MBRAUN, Deputy
5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19/26
CNS-4042162#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260362
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JM Equipment Co., 610 Houston Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 3000 Town Center, Suite 2700, Southfield, MI 48075
Coric Equipment, Inc., 3000 Town Center, Suite 2700, Southfield, MI 48075
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
Coric Equipment, Inc. S/ James Wiese, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/30/2026.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
kimberli, Deputy
5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19/26
CNS-4045342#
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2026-1392
CYRUS DAVID AFKHAMI has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of CYRUS DAVID AFKHAMI to Cyrus David Afkhami.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: May 11, 2026
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
AFKHAMI 6-12-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2026-1534
Cregg Lynn Buchmiller has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cregg Lynn Buchmiller to Craig Lynn Buchmiller.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: May 20, 2026
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
BUCHMILLER 6-19-26

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **2PM local time on May 26, 2026**, at which results will be posted and available for public review for the:

CITY HALL GALLERIA FLOOR CONCRETE REFINISHING PROJECT (REBID)

This Invitation to Bid (ITB) is for the construction phase of the CITY HALL GALLERIA FLOOR CONCRETE REFINISHING PROJECT. The City is seeking a qualified contractor to provide all labor, material, equipment, and services necessary.

CITY SCHEDULE:

Mandatory/Voluntary Bid Walk:
May 14, 2026, 2:30PM
City Hall Galleria, First Floor Lobby,
1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento CA 95691

Bid Release Date	May 8, 2026
RFI Question Cutoff	May 19, 2026
Proposals Due	May 26, 2026

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION / LIEN SALE

NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN that a mobilehome registered to MICHAEL A. THOMAS, and described as a 1976 CHAMPION mobilehome, Decal Number ABC8641, Serial Number 096254S9454UC / 096254S9454XC, Label/Insignia Number N/A, and stored on property owned by Valhalla Estates MHC-LP ("Valhalla Estates MHC"), at 3901 Lake Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691, Yolo County (specifically, those goods located/stored at Space #5 within the park), will be sold by public auction at the Valhalla Estates MHC on **June 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** and such succeeding sale days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sale will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale, as well as costs and attorney's fees pursuant to contract, statute, and/or law.

This sale is by public auction on a certified funds basis (money orders, cashier's or traveler's checks only). **Must have money order(s), cashier's/traveler's check(s) made payable to Valhalla Estates MHC-LP to participate/bid.** NO cash, NO personal checks, NO business checks, NO guarantees or letters of credit allowed. NO exceptions. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees. Valhalla Estates MHC reserves all rights.

This sale is conducted under the authority of California Civil Code § 798.56a and Commercial Code §§ 7209-7210.

DATED: May 5, 2026

Stephanie D. Rice
LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH W. CARROLL, P.C.
Attorney for Valhalla Estates MHC-LP
610 Fulton Avenue, Suite 100
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 10610 – 10656 and 10608, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on June 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. All interested people are invited to attend the hearing and express opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

The draft Urban Water Management Plan (2025 UWMP) is available for public review on City of West Sacramento's Utility Studies Website. <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/community-development/development-engineering-division/utility-studies>

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.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 26-58 ADOPTING THE UPDATED URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

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TEK4GOV, Inc seeks DevOps Engineer in Rancho Cordova, CA. Telecommuting is permitted. \$125,861 - \$170,500 per year. Apply at jobpostingtoday.com/ Job ID# 11004. (5/29/26)

Job Opportunities

TEK4GOV, Inc seeks DevOps Engineer in Rancho Cordova, CA. Telecommuting is permitted. \$119,371 - \$152,100 per year. Apply at jobpostingtoday.com/ Job ID# 31386. (5/29/26)

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Yolo Crisis Nursery Named District 4 Nonprofit of the Year

Yolo Philanthropy Breakfast Brings Community Together



Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters) has named Yolo Crisis Nursery the 2026 Nonprofit of the Year for Assembly District 4, recognizing the organization's exceptional service to children and families and its lasting impact across Yolo County. Photo courtesy of Friends of the Yolo Crisis Nursery

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters) has named Yolo Crisis Nursery the 2026 Nonprofit of the Year for Assembly District 4, recognizing the organization's exceptional service to children and families and its lasting impact across Yolo County. "Yolo Crisis Nursery has been such an important resource for our Yolo County families during difficult times for 25 years," said Aguiar-Curry. "Their compassionate, around-the-clock care for our young children and their commitment to helping families get stronger make them so deserving of this recognition. I'm proud to honor them as the Fourth Assembly District's 2026 Nonprofit of the Year." Founded in 2001, the

Yolo Crisis Nursery (YCN) was established to provide a safe, nurturing environment for children from birth to age five during times of family crisis, while helping prevent child abuse and neglect through trauma-informed care and wraparound family services. Over the past 25 years, the organization has served more than 13,000 children and families across the region. In 2014, YCN became an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit, strengthening its ability to expand services and deepen its impact. Most recently, the organization moved into a larger facility, significantly increasing capacity and introducing additional supportive programs, including supervised visitation services and a fathers' support group. Today, YCN continues its mission of strengthening families and supporting children,

serving as a vital community resource throughout Yolo County. The California Nonprofit of the Year program is sponsored by CalNonprofits. In partnership with the California State Assembly and Senate Select Committees on the Nonprofit Sector, CalNonprofits recognizes one nonprofit annually from each legislative district. Since its launch, more than 1,000 organizations have been honored statewide. This year's celebration took place on May 20, California Nonprofits Day. "We are honored to receive this recognition," said Executive Director Heather Sleuter, Yolo Crisis Nursery. "This award reflects 25 years of community support and our ongoing mission to provide a safe place for children while helping families build stability for their futures." ★

Yolo Community Foundation News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - More than 150 community members gathered at Hotel Winters for Yolo Community Foundation's annual Yolo Philanthropy Breakfast, a morning dedicated to connection, learning and collective impact across Yolo County. Hosted by the Yolo Community Foundation, the event brought together local leaders, nonprofit partners and donors committed to strengthening the region through philanthropy. Attendees engaged in meaningful conversations and left with a deeper understanding of how generosity of time, talent and resources can shape a thriving community. The program featured a presentation from Sacramento Region Community Foundation, highlighting regional trends in giving and opportunities to grow local impact. Their insights underscored the importance of collaboration and data-informed strategies in building a stronger nonprofit ecosystem. A highlight of the morning was a dynamic panel discussion featuring Jeneba Lahai from Yolo County Children's Alliance, Angelika Corchado from Sutter Health and Garth Lewis, superintendent of schools for Yolo County. Panelists explored the critical role nonprofits play in filling gaps when government systems are under strain, sharing real-world examples of how organizations are stepping in to meet urgent community needs. The conversation emphasized the importance

of cross-sector partnerships and sustained investment to ensure vulnerable populations are not left behind. "The enthusiasm of nonprofit leaders, donors and supporters who gathered at the breakfast is a demonstration of what makes Yolo County nonprofits special. The care that everyone shows in the work they do to advance their nonprofit mission and the collaborative, innovative, and community building is exactly what is needed in our nonprofit sector right now" said Stacie Frerichs, Yolo Community Foundation executive director. The Philanthropy Breakfast began the excitement which led to the Big Day of Giving, which took place region wide on May 7. Because of generous donors and nonprofit organizations whose dedication, compassion and tireless work strengthen our communities every single day, this year's Big Day of Giving was an incredible success, the foundation said. This year saw a record-breaking Big Day of Giving, with 62,000 donors and supporters helping bring in a total of \$15,426,525, and Yolo County counting for \$1,978,450 of those donations. Yolo Community Foundation was able to support organizations across the county at Big Day Downtown in Davis, happy hours in Winters, as well as Center for Land Based Learning in West Sacramento. From all of us at the Yolo Community Foundation, thank you to everyone for showing up so generously and wholeheartedly. We are deeply grateful to have you as part of our community. ★

Sierra Donor Services Recognizes AAPI Heritage Month

Honoring Asian American Donor Heroes and Recipients



Sierra Donor Services News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sierra Donor Services (SDS) proudly recognizes Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in May, celebrating the cultures, traditions and contributions of AAPI communities. As the leading organ procurement organization serving Northern California, Nevada and New Mexico, SDS acknowledges the importance of cultural understanding, education and community partnership in advancing fair and equal access to donation and transplantation in Asian American communities. Throughout the month of May, SDS will honor AAPI donor heroes, recipients and families, reaffirming their dedication to inclusion, generosity and health equity.

"During AAPI Heritage Month, we honor the generations of Asian American and Pacific Islander individuals whose resilience and service continue to strengthen our communities," said Sean Van Slyck, chief executive officer of Sierra Donor Services. "We also recognize the importance of culturally responsive outreach and education to ensure all communities feel informed, respected and empowered when making decisions about organ, eye and tissue donation." More than 100,000 people nationwide are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, including nearly 20,000 people in California. In California alone, Asian and Pacific Islanders represent 22% of those awaiting a life-saving transplant. Patients from diverse ethnic backgrounds often face longer wait times due to the need for

compatible donors. Sierra Donor Services remains committed to fostering education and increasing awareness to encourage donor registration across all communities, providing hope to all who are waiting. SDS works tirelessly to facilitate the donation of organs, corneas and tissues, ensuring every gift is treated with the highest level of care and respect. As Sierra Donor Services reflects on over 40 years of impact, the organization remains committed to its mission of saving lives, honoring donors and educating the public. For anyone interested in learning more about organ, eye and tissue donation or to read more about AAPI donor heroes, families and recipients, visit: <https://sierradonor.org/news/celebrating-asian-american-pacific-islander-heritage-month> ★

Free Summer Meals at Washington Unified

Washington Unified School District News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Washington Unified School District is offering FREE summer meals for children 18 years and younger from June 15 through July 10. Children

must be present to receive a meal and eat on site, with one meal provided per person. Meals will be available Monday through Friday at the following locations and times:
River City High School, 1 Raider Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95605

from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Westfield Elementary School, 508 Poplar Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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Community Calendar

APRIL/MAY

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

Friday, May 29: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 30: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Trucktopia, 10 a.m. to noon. All ages welcome to explore all kinds of trucks and working vehicles.

Monday, June 1: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2: Tech help, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a library staff member to help you with your computer, phone, and other technology questions. Bring your personal device or use a library computer. To make an appointment, visit the Information Desk or call (916) 375-6465. Afternoon coloring for all ages, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 4: Tech help, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a library staff member to help you with your computer, phone, and other technology questions. Bring your personal device or use a library computer. To make an appointment, visit the Information Desk or call (916) 375-6465. Yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, June 5: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 6: Friends of the Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for members only, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the general public. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Turner Community Library.

Clarksburg Branch Library, located at 52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg, has no events this week. Call 530-666-8005 for more information on events at any Yolo County Library branch.

MAY – JUNE

Friday, May 29: Club West Beach Party Dance, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 2801 Jefferson Blvd. Current students of grades 6 through 8 are invited to celebrate the end of the school year in style at the Rec Center pool. Participants can swim, dance, or just hang out with friends. Registration and more information at www.reccenter.org.

rec.us/organizations/city-of-west-sacramento.

Saturday, May 30: Repair Café, 9 a.m. to noon at Holy Cross Church, 1921 Anna St. Drop in for free repairs on small appliances, bicycles, jewelry, knife and tool sharpening, or computer diagnostics.

Saturday, May 30: Experience Argentina from North to South, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at International House, 10 College Park, Davis. Community members are invited to experience Argentina through sights, sounds, tastes, and movement while exploring traditions, migration stories, and shared connections. Tickets available at bit.ly/argendavis.

Sunday, May 31: 133rd Annual Freeport/Clarksburg Portuguese Festa, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at IDES Portuguese Hall, 54113 South River Rd., Clarksburg. Events start with the parade at 10:30 a.m., then Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 32890 S. River Rd., Clarksburg. Live auction kicks off at 1 p.m. and sopas will be served through the entire event. More information at www.facebook.com/freeportfesta.

Sunday, May 31: Music for Natalie, noon to 5 p.m. at the G Street Plaza, Davis. Join us for this free community event to remember, honor, and celebrate Officer Natalie Corona's ideals of excellence and service. There will be good vibes, good music, with food and drinks available. This annual event from the Davis Odd Fellows will have a beer garden hosted by Three Mile Brewing. Woodstock's Pizza will also have a stand on the street. Proceeds benefit the Officer Natalie Corona Odd Fellows Memorial Scholarship, for high school seniors to assist them in pursuing careers in law enforcement, criminal justice, or as a first responder.

Sunday, May 31: Annual Family-Friendly Spring Concert, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Davis Community Church, 412 C St., Davis. Presented by "Davis Sings," this free concert features the Davis Chorale and Davis Youth Choirs: Hummingbird, Lark, and Bel Canto. Singers of all ages join together in a fun review of the season. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Friday, June 5: Yolo County Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Woodland Community and Senior Center, 2001 East St., Woodland. More than 50 employers participating, ready to hire. You are encouraged to register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/woodjs26>.

Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7: Lavender Days U-Pick, 2026, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at D.A.M.N. Good Lavender Farm, 17085 County Road 96B, Woodland. Come enjoy the calming fragrance of our lavender, wander the lavender field, pick your own fresh bouquet and make a fresh wreath. Our farm stand will be open and will feature lavender products as well as handmade jewelry and wood items all made here on the farm. We'll also have a handful of vendors, a food truck, and more. Also open Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14.

Saturday, June 6: 12th Annual Run/Walk for Equality, 8 a.m. at Davis Commons, 500 1st St., Davis. This event was created to honor and commemorate the experiences of those whose lives have been forever changed by bigotry and intolerance. Your participation will help build a safer and more inclusive community for marginalized citizens throughout Northern California. More information and link to register at www.davispride.org/run.

Saturday, June 6: "Fighting Fentanyl," Fentanyl Awareness Event, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish, 1321 Anna St. Join us for a free car and bike show, special guests and speakers, food, music, and much more as we honor Mason Brazil, taken from us too soon.

Saturday, June 6: Davis PrideFest, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Davis Civic Center Park, 6th and B Streets, Davis. Discover the heart and spirit of our vibrant community. DavisPride is more than just a party; we are Yolo County's largest LGBTQ+ advocacy event. Join us for a full day of live performances, from drag to dance to live bands. Full schedule of events at www.davispride.org.

Thursday, June 11: Art Reception – Pride Month Group Art Show, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Gallery 1075 at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Join us for an evening overflowing with vibrant creative artistry, insight, and culture. This free, in-person event is an amazing chance to experience and support the arts in our community. Exhibition will be on display through Tuesday, June 30.

Friday, June 12: Live@DCC 2nd Friday Free Noon Concert – noon to 1 p.m. at Davis Community Church, 4th and C Streets, Davis. This month, members of the Light Opera Theatre of Sacramento

will perform highlights from Gilbert & Sullivan's many comic operas and more.

Friday, June 12: Juneteenth Celebration, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Bridgeway Lakes Community Park, 3650 Southport Parkway. This free community event will feature activities, music, performances, raffle prizes, live art, and more. The first 200 attendees will receive a \$10 food truck voucher and a tote bag. Free Via rideshare will be available, and the spray ground will be open late.

Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14: Cache Creek Lavender Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Luna Lavender Farms, 7086 Road 49, Guinda. Stroll through acres of vibrant purple rows, breathe in the calming scent of fresh lavender, and enjoy a day filled with nature, creativity, and community. Whether you're here for photos, picking your own lavender, shopping for handmade goods, or simply unwinding in the sunshine, this festival is designed to be a peaceful escape for all ages. Tickets and more information at Eventbrite.com.

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, June 7, 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, to make a goalie game. 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, June 13 to make a soccer-themed Trophy Cup. 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, June 14 at 2 p.m. to pack bags at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd. for Thursday, June 18 distribution at the same location. On distribution days, doors open at 6 p.m. for volunteers and 6:30 p.m. for clients. More information at 916-371-5875.

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions at their West Sacramento Gardening Q&A Desk. It will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at Lowe's, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. This desk is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jennifer Baumbach at jmbaumbach@ucanr.edu or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, June 6.

Washington Unified

School District School Board Meeting, Thursday, June 11, 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, June 3.

Winters Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday until October 25 on downtown Main Street between Railroad and 1st Street, Winters. Enjoy local produce, fresh flowers, food vendors and more.

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, June 21. Registration is required at www.yolobasin.org.

FOOD RESOURCES

City of West Sacramento Parking Lot, 1271 West Capitol Ave., every Saturday, 8:30 a.m. while supplies last. This is a walk-up distribution. Please bring your own bags or cart.

Home Church, 108 W. Woodland Ave., Woodland, every Monday at 3:30 p.m. This is a walk-up food distribution. Please bring your own bags or cart.

Masjid Aisha, 700 Glide Ave., every Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. while supplies last. This is a walk-up food distribution. Please bring your own bags or cart.

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

Yolo Food Bank, www.yolo-foodbank.org/find-food/, has additional public community food distribution sites updated monthly, as well as information on their network of partner agencies. ★