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Kiley Backs Effort to Replace I Street Bridge



Rep. Kevin Kiley meets with West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero to discuss the replacement of the aging I Street Bridge. Photo courtesy of Office of Kevin Kiley

Office of Kevin Kiley News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The 110-year-old I Street bridge over the Sacramento River desperately needs to be replaced, local officials, including West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero, told U.S. Rep. Kevin Kiley (I-CA) at a special briefing organized by the mayor.

A new bridge will provide a new connection across the Sacramento River between the Sacramento Railyards and the West Sacramento Washington Neighborhood planned developments.

"I would like to thank Mayor Guerrero for organizing this event

and working together in a bipartisan way to address this important regional challenge," said Rep. Kiley. "The current bridge is simply inadequate. This new bridge will be an economic asset that benefits everyone in the area by reducing traffic and creating connections and jobs. I look forward to working with Mayor Guerrero and the entire community to make this dream a reality."

"The I Street Bridge Replacement Project is a once-in-a-generation investment to replace an aging over 100-year-old bridge that no longer meets the needs of our growing region. We are grateful to Congressman Kiley for his support and partnership in helping secure the

remaining funding needed to move this transformative project forward, improving safety, connectivity, and economic opportunity for generations to come," said Mayor Martha Guerrero, City of West Sacramento.

"The I Street Bridge Replacement Project is a generational investment in the future of our region. Delivering this project will unlock economic opportunity, improve transportation choices, and strengthen the connection between Sacramento and West Sacramento for decades to come. Congressman Kiley's support is instrumental as we work to secure the funding necessary to advance this critical regional priority," said

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Caltrans Receives \$1.4 Million Grant to Improve Highway Safety

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Caltrans announced June 29, that it received approximately \$1.4 million in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to help expand and improve traffic data collection that will improve safety on the state highway system.

Caltrans analyzes a wide variety of data sets to help evaluate road safety, including lane conditions, intersection and shoulder types, traffic controls, speed limits and traffic volumes. The fiscal year 2026 funding for the program will help streamline the collection and is provided by a grant from OTS through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Strengthening California's roadway data helps us better understand crash patterns and make smarter safety investments. This grant will boost our ability to improve safety statewide and advance our goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries," said Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy.

The funds will support data collection of average annual daily traffic (AADT) on non-Federal Aid System (NFAS) roads, including rural roads, collector roads that connect to the state highway system, and urban local roads. The funding will also be used for inventory intersection types and designs on NFAS roads, as well as support statewide outreach and coordination with local and regional agencies, including Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), cities, counties, and tribal agencies.

Caltrans is aligning departmental operations with the Safe System approach, which identifies several interconnected elements to achieve a vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries - safe road users, safe roads, safe

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Air District Offers Residents Free Home Air Purifiers

Applications Open Through July 31

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is now accepting applications from residents for a chance to receive a free air purifier through its 2026 Fresh Air For All - Home Air Filtration Program. The program helps households reduce exposure to wildfire smoke and other harmful air pollutants by improving indoor air quality.

"Through the Fresh Air For All program, we are helping residents create cleaner indoor environments and better protect themselves and their families when outdoor air



Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District staff distribute free air purifiers at the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Safety Fair last year. Photo courtesy of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

quality deteriorates," said Air District Board Vice Chair Carol Scianna.

Selected households will receive one Oransi

AirMend150 HB air purifier with a HEPA filter and one replacement filter, providing up to 24 months of air filtration.

Approximately 780 air purifiers will be awarded through a random drawing of eligible applicants. Only

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In Celebration and Gratitude



Paul V. Scholl, Publisher of Messenger Publishing Group and President of Western Web, Inc.

By Paul V. Scholl, Publisher
Messenger Publishing Group

July 1st marked the celebration of Messenger Publishing Group reaching its 20-year anniversary of publishing local news, beginning with the American River Messenger in 2006. It all started in my garage and one converted bedroom into an office in my home in Roseville.

MPG is currently 18 publications strong, 15 of those would not exist if we hadn't rescued them from closure. The Sacramento region would be a local print news desert if these local newspapers hadn't been purchased as the years went on. Through all the tough times, good decisions and bad decisions, oppressive government regulations and overreach, MPG forged on. We did not surrender.

Over the years, many other publications ceased to exist or have been greatly diminished. At the same time, we re-organized and kept printing. MPG now consists of Carmichael Times, Citrus Heights Messenger, Rancho Cordova Grapevine Independent, Elk Grove Citizen, The Rio Linda News, The Galt Herald, Land Park News, East Sacramento News, Pocket News, River Valley Times, Gold River Messenger, American River Messenger, The Gridley Herald, Territorial Dispatch (Marysville/Yuba City), Colusa County Pioneer Review, Dixon Independent Voice, West

Sacramento News Ledger, Arden Arcade News. Along with our special publications, we publish 722 issues each year. And we don't work on Sundays.

In January of 2026, I purchased Western Web, Inc., a commercial printing company in Northern California to produce and print our publications. Our new printing team has been awesome, and the products now look fantastic. We also print dozens more local newspapers and publications that serve their communities throughout Northern California all the way up to the Oregon border.

We are growing. Leadership matters. Commitment matters. Foundational principles matter. We are founded on "God, Country, Family", the same foundation that our great nation is founded upon. We are leaders in local print news because we are dedicated to a higher power. We lift people up. We lift communities up.

My teams at Messenger Publishing Group and Western Web and I want to thank all those who support us through their advertising, subscriptions, readership, printing work and contributions. I want to thank my entire team for all their hard work, especially when deadlines loom. It takes great teamwork at both companies to produce great products.

We will continue to grow. We will continue to serve.
God Bless America,
Paul V. Scholl

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A new bridge will provide a new connection across the Sacramento River between the Sacramento Railyards and the West Sacramento Washington Neighborhood planned developments. Photo courtesy of Office of Kevin Kiley

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Councilmember Phil Pluckebaum, City of Sacramento.

"Operating Engineers Local #3 would like to commend Congressman Kiley for his support in helping to secure the necessary funding for this much-needed project," added John Rector, District

Representative, Operating Engineers Local 3. "The I Street Bridge Replacement Project will make vast improvements to both communities, creating local job opportunities for the residents and our members. Projects like these build careers with fair wages and benefits, it's not just another job. We are proud

to support this project and are ready to lead the way on this important piece of our local infrastructure."

For more information about the I Street Bridge Replacement Project, visit: www.cityofsacramento.gov/public-works/engineering/projects/i-street-bridge-replacement-project ★

Air District Offers Residents Free Home Air Purifiers

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one application may be submitted per household.

Applications will be accepted online through July 31. Following the application period, eligible recipients will be selected through a random lottery process, notified and then shipped the device directly.

To apply, residents must complete an application at www.ysaqmd.org/incentives/fresh-air-for-all-home-filtration-program/ and provide their name and address. District staff will review applications to verify eligibility before conducting the lottery. Once recipients are drawn, applicants will be asked to provide proof of address such as a driver's license, utility bill or other official document.

Wildfire smoke can create prolonged periods of unhealthy air and poses serious health risks, particularly for children, older adults, pregnant

individuals and people with asthma, heart disease or other respiratory conditions. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, HEPA filtration devices can significantly reduce fine particle pollution indoors when used in a well-sealed room.

The district encourages residents to use air purifiers during wildfire smoke events and to designate a "clean air room" in their home, such as a bedroom or living room, to provide a refuge from unhealthy outdoor air.

This is the second year the Air District has offered the program. Last year, more than 700 air purifiers were distributed to residents, with priority given to households in disadvantaged communities, including Rio Vista, parts of West Sacramento and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal lands. This year, the program has expanded,

making more air purifiers available to all residents throughout the Air District. Residents who received an air purifier through the Fresh Air For All program in 2025 are not eligible to receive another unit in 2026.

For questions or more information about the program, contact airfilter@ysaqmd.org or call (530) 757-3650.

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

Yolo Community Foundation Awards over \$100,000 in Scholarships

Yolo Community Foundation
News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo Community Foundation (YCF) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 scholarship program. This year YCF will award more than \$100,000 in scholarships to 20 outstanding students from across Yolo County as they pursue higher education and begin the next chapter of their academic and professional journeys.

Behind every scholarship is a story, not only of a student's hard work and determination, but also of a community that believes in investing in its future.

Through 13 scholarship funds, YCF connects the generosity of local donors with students whose academic achievement, leadership and service to the community demonstrates tremendous promise. This year's recipients represent exceptional talent, resilience and potential in students throughout Yolo County.

"We want to help pave the way for youth living in Yolo County to fulfill their dreams. We have observed that youth living in rural areas often do not have the access to extracurricular activities to build their skills, try out options for their future, and pursue their dreams," said a YCF Scholarship Fundholder.

For many students, receiving a scholarship removes financial barriers and opens doors to opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach. At the same time, these awards create a meaningful pathway for local philanthropy, allowing individuals, families and organizations to make a lasting investment in the next generation of leaders.

Yolo County administers a variety of scholarship funds established by donors who are passionate about expanding educational opportunities. Some donors choose to create scholarship funds that

reflect their personal values, honor a loved one, or support students pursuing specific fields of study. Others establish designated funds to support causes and organizations that strengthen the community for generations to come.

The foundation's scholarship program reflects its broader mission of inspiring and facilitating philanthropy to improve the quality of life throughout Yolo County. By partnering with generous donors and community members, YCF continues to expand access while fostering a culture of giving that benefits both current and future generations.

Yolo Community Foundation congratulates the 2026 scholarship recipients and looks forward to seeing the many ways they will contribute to their communities in the years ahead.

For more information about the individual scholarships or opening a scholarship fund, visit yolocf.org/scholarships/ or contact Stacie@YoloCF.Org.

2026 scholarship recipients are Madiha Omer, Ki'Yana Mitchell, Alia Lilimo, Rehmeen Munir, Remonda Hassan, Kaydence Shilling, Valentina Garcia Lorenzo, Matvii Hordiichuk, Diana Lucero Chavez, Liliana Teague, Isabella Rodriguez, Ricardo Hernandez, Jazmin Guillen, Celeste Santoyo, Ana Palmbaum-Martinez, Sameer Arfan, Jazmin Guillen, Nicole Pimentel Solorio, Armando Diaz, Abigail Chan and Adelina Wehner.

In addition to our scholarships offered in partnership with the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, YCF fundholders also support scholarships through designated funds at local high schools. Currently all such scholarships are offered through the Davis Joint Unified School District. Recipients include Isabel Churchward, Remonda Hassan, Jacob Hughes and Celeste Santoyo. ★

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speeds, safe vehicles, and post-crash care.

As part of this commitment, Caltrans is prioritizing "safety first" in highway planning, operations, construction, and maintenance; focusing efforts on eliminating the most serious crashes; and working to eliminate disparities in road safety outcomes related to race, age, ability, and transportation mode by addressing historic and current

barriers to transportation access and safety.

Safety is also one of the key pillars of the Caltrans 2024-2028 Strategic Plan. Caltrans is committed to maintaining and improving the state's transportation network to make it safer, more reliable and climate resilient.

For more information about transportation and other infrastructure projects funded with state and federal investments, visit build.ca.gov. ★



Safe Heart Safe Parking Program Celebrates First Anniversary

**HEART of Davis
News Release**

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - HEART of Davis is celebrating the first anniversary of its Safe Heart Safe Parking Program, the first and only program in Yolo County to provide a safe, legal place for people living in their vehicles to park overnight while accessing supportive services and working toward permanent housing.

Launched on July 1, 2025, Safe Heart was created to address a critical gap in services for people experiencing vehicular homelessness. In the City of Davis, where sleeping in vehicles is prohibited under the City's anti-camping ordinance, the program offers a lawful alternative that combines overnight parking with case management, community support and connections to essential resources.

"What began as a small pilot has become a proven model of compassionate, practical assistance," said Shoshana Zatz, president of HEART of Davis. "Safe Heart demonstrates that when people are treated with dignity and offered stability, they are better able to take the next steps toward housing, employment, healthcare and renewed independence."

During its first year, Safe Heart interviewed 49 applicants for the program; provided safe overnight parking to 29 individuals; expanded from five pilot parking spaces to eight permanent spaces; served participants ranging in age from 29 to 78, with an average age of 50 and nearly equal numbers of men and women and achieved a 100% participant report of feeling safer and more secure while enrolled.

In addition, Safe Heart connected most participants with case management and supportive services and helped many participants transition to permanent housing or other stable living arrangements, while others reunited with family members or relocated to communities where they had stronger support networks.

Participants typically remain in the program for three to four months, though the length of stay varies depending on individual circumstances.

Beyond providing a legal place to park overnight, Safe Heart offers a pathway toward greater stability. More than 70 volunteers help create a welcoming environment where participants build trust and receive assistance



HEART OF DAVIS

with housing applications, healthcare, legal services, employment, transportation and vehicle repairs.

"Safe parking is about far more than a parking space," said Nancy Morrow, Safe Heart volunteer. "It's about restoring a sense of security and creating opportunities for people to rebuild their lives."

Looking Ahead

Building on the program's success, HEART of Davis plans to launch a second Safe Heart location this fall dedicated to college students who are living in their vehicles while pursuing their education. The student-focused site will provide safe overnight parking along with connections to campus and community resources that

help students remain enrolled and succeed academically.

Community Support Makes the Program Possible

Safe Heart operates almost entirely through the efforts of volunteers and the generosity of community supporters. Operating costs average approximately \$375 per parking space each month and include sanitation services, hospitality supplies, emergency assistance, hygiene resources, transportation assistance, vehicle repairs, program coordination and supportive services. The program receives no funding from local, state or federal government agencies.

Annual operating expenses include more than \$7,000 for

portable restroom and hand-washing facilities alone, underscoring the importance of ongoing community investment.

As HEART prepares to expand services for students, community support will remain essential to sustaining and growing the program.

"Every donation helps provide safety, dignity, and hope for someone facing housing instability," said Hasina Mamtaz, HEART of Davis treasurer. "Together, our community is proving that practical compassion can change lives."

To learn more about the Safe Heart Safe Parking Program, volunteer opportunities, or ways to support HEART of Davis, visit heartofdavis.org, visit godaddysites.com/ or contact heartofdavis@gmail.com. ★

Yolo County Landfill Project Turns Methane into Renewable Fuel

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County is moving forward with a project to replace the aging gas-to-electricity system at the Yolo County Central Landfill with a facility that will convert landfill gas into renewable natural gas.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved the 20-year agreement with Yolo RNG, LLC on May 26. The agreement went into effect July 1, and the new facility is expected to be completed by summer 2028.

"With this project, the county will progress towards our goal of reducing climate emissions while also providing economic benefits for the community," said Sheila Allen, chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. "I am grateful to our Integrated Waste Management team and other county staff who worked to bring this project forward, as well as Redtail Renewables for their collaboration."

Once operational, the facility is expected to process all landfill gas collected at the Yolo County

Central Landfill and convert it into pipeline-quality renewable natural gas. The gas can then be injected into PG&E's existing pipeline system.

The project will also provide long-term operational and financial benefits to the County, including guaranteed annual revenue payments to support landfill enterprise operations. The approved agreement begins a multi-year development and permitting process that will include contractor procurement, environmental compliance review, engineering and design, and coordination with multiple regulatory agencies.

"County staff executed an agreement that takes our grandfathered gas-to-energy facility built back in the late '80s to a state-of-the-art facility that meets all modern environmental standards," said Yolo County Integrated Waste Management Division Director Marissa Juhler. "This is 40 years in the making which will take us into the future with better gas capture and a more versatile end product. We have a lot to be proud of in this partnership."

Over the next two years, the county and project partners will work through several key implementation steps as the project advances through planning, permitting and development phases. This includes following county approved procurement processes for construction contracting and project delivery, coordinating with labor partners to ensure compliance with applicable prevailing wage requirements, and working closely with regulatory agencies including the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District and Local Enforcement Agency to ensure environmental compliance with decommissioning, project construction and long-term daily operations.

The Yolo County Central Landfill has long served as a regional leader in innovative waste management and sustainability efforts. This project represents the next step in advancing renewable energy opportunities and reducing greenhouse gas emissions through responsible landfill operations.

"Redtail was founded on the conviction that organic waste

streams hold enormous, largely untapped clean energy potential," said Redtail Renewables Chief Commercial Officer Rob Morgan. "Yolo County Central Landfill project is a flagship example of the possibility when a forward-thinking county

government and an experienced renewable energy developer share a common vision. This is exactly the kind of project our team is set up to execute professionally, and we are honored by the trust Yolo County has placed in us." ★



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Darius Acuff Debut

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A new era has begun, and Darius Acuff Jr. will be a focal point in that new era.

Beginning with a rousing 79-76 victory on the Fourth of July over the visiting Nets, Darius Acuff Jr. received by far the most rousing applause from a frenetic Golden One crowd poised to see what the future will look like.

A lot of pressure on young Darius produced a shot that wasn't falling, and after one quarter Acuff missed all but one shot from the field and contributed a paltry three points.

But this crowd was inspired, and as it turns out, so was Darius. Putting doubters to rest, Darius showcased excellent ball handling skills throughout and exhibited court management like a veteran.

What impressed me the most as I sat and watched the Kings No. 1 draft choice in action, was his determination to get the job done, and seemingly no number of missed shots was going to deter him.

Playing alongside older and more experienced players, this young 19-year-old looked like a much older player as he simply put his head down and refused to quit.

The Nets led this game nearly the entire way, but with less than three minutes to play, Acuff sank his first NBA 3-pointer, and would prove to be the margin of victory.

Last year's No. 1 draft choice Nique Clifford made the deciding bucket with a "nothing but net" three-pointer on an assist from Acuff, but without a doubt Darius had made his presence felt, and his first NBA action ended with a win.

Criticized to some degree for his lack of defense coming in, Acuff showed a natural ability and even looked comfortable on the defensive end of the court.

Overall, the Kings fans were treated to an NBA debut that few will forget, and in spite of not having his best shooting night, Acuff finished the contest with a game high 25 points.

Not to be lost in all of this drama was the electric play of Dylan Cardwell, who picked up where he left off from last year, and kept the Kings in the game with his high intensity

play. Without question, Cardwell is an intrinsic key into the success of this year's team, and his joy for the game is contagious and enthusiastic.

Stepping from the shadows was the almost forgotten man, 45th in the draft Emanuel Sharp, who added a well received 13 points and played a brand of defense the Sacramento Kings have been hoping to see for ages.

Defense seemed to come naturally for young Sharp, and he seemed to be everywhere at once. At 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds., Emanuel looked every bit of the NBA ready guard he appears to be, and what a welcome sight that is for a team that has struggled with defense like few other teams.

Although Alex Karaban did not see action due to a rolled ankle, both Acuff and Sharp carried the day and opened more than a few eyes, as the Kings did something that the Sacramento fans saw little of a year ago. They actually closed out a game.

The second game of summer league saw the Kings face their archrival, the Golden State Warriors, and although Darius Acuff was given the night off, once again Emanuel Sharp came to play, and just as the Kings had done the night before, they came from behind to post a solid 91-85 victory.

The final game at Golden One will take place on Monday night, and I expect to see Darius Acuff back in action. Look for attendance to be good as Kings fans are feeling the crescendo that is taking place with a bevy of rookies that are vying for a spot of the big squad.

It's hard to wish for more positivity than this young squad has presented to the Sacramento faithful in the first two games, but if you haven't been paying close attention so far, it's not too soon to get excited.

These guys don't like to lose, and that kind of energy is contagious.

Now surround them with the likes of Domantas Sabonis, Keegan Murray and Zach Lavine, and watch the temperature go up.

The real question is how many times will this new unit light the beam this year?

Stay tuned Kings fans, because the fun is just getting started!

All the best!

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California Voters will Decide 14 Ballot Measures, Billionaire Tax Included. There Could've Been More



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

When California voters in 1978 passed Proposition 13, the iconic property tax limitation, they simultaneously rejected Proposition 8, which had been placed on the ballot by the Legislature as an alternate tax relief measure. While Prop. 13 flatly limited property taxes, Prop. 8 merely empowered the Legislature to lower property taxes on owner-occupied homes.

It may have been the first use of a campaign tactic that later became known as a "countermeasure." Rather than just oppose a measure, a rival interest group could place its own measure on the ballot, thus muddying the waters. Voters would either choose between the two or be confused enough to reject both.

A classic example occurred in 2022 when California's casino-owning Indian tribes proposed a measure to give them a virtual monopoly on sports wagering and digital sports betting companies countered with a measure of their own. Hundreds of millions of dollars were raised for the rival measures and voters rejected both, thus preserving the state's ban on sports wagering.

It also exemplified another aspect of ballot measure politics: the tendency of competing interests

take their issues to the ballot when the Legislature could not resolve them.

Over time, both trends had made the ballot measure process — rather than legislation — California's dominant method of resolving big issues.

Legislative leaders disliked being forced into a reactive role. Thus, in 2016, the Legislature changed the rules of the ballot measure game to reassert its place. It decreed that even after they had qualified for the ballot, sponsors of initiative measures could remove them up to a deadline.

Sponsors of rival qualified measures could negotiate compromises with input from legislative leaders, have them written into law and avoid very expensive pro and con campaigns.

The 14 measures that will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot were going to be as many as 20 before last-minute compromises settled three dueling measure conflicts. One pitted personal injury lawyers against ride-share companies, a second involved hospital executives and a health care union, and the third dealt with vote minimums for local taxes.

Whether the compromises make policy sense or not, contending parties got enough out of them to warrant dropping their ballot measures.

However, the most prominent ballot measure conflict — over whether California should impose a 5% wealth tax on billionaires — defied resolution. The measure, sponsored by the SEIU healthcare workers union, will be Proposition 40 and will compete with two countermeasures sponsored by billionaire Sergey

Brin and other Prop. 40 foes, Proposition 41 and Proposition 42.

They could, if passed with higher vote counts, kneecap the wealth tax.

At one point the wealth tax advocates offered to reduce its bite to 2% as a compromise, but made no headway with opponents, most prominently Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Another tax measure, sponsored by the California Teachers Association, would make permanent a temporary surtax on high-income taxpayers first enacted in 2012 — but it could get caught in the shootout over Prop. 40. Democratic legislative leaders gave it some protection with a last-minute decree that it would appear on the ballot as Proposition 3. Thus voters will deal with it before confronting Props. 40, 41 and 42 much further down the ballot.

Given its high stakes and the attention it is getting in national media, the wealth tax is destined to be not only the single most controversial ballot measure this year but probably have the most expensive dueling campaigns, possibly setting a record.

At a webinar on Tuesday covering the array of ballot measures voters will face in November, campaign consultant Tino Rossi said "the pace car (for spending) is the billionaire tax."

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

Why Doesn't My Social Security Record Show All My Military Earnings?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: When I look at my earnings on my Social Security account, I see that in 1955 and 1956 have no earnings. I was in the U.S. Navy as a first officer and have my DD-214 paperwork which shows my military service from Oct. 1954-Oct. 1958. My Social Security earnings record shows that I had earnings in 1954, 1957, and 1958 but doesn't show that I was paid in 1955 or 1956. Shouldn't I have received Social Security credit for all my service years? **Signed: An Older Veteran**

Dear Older Veteran: First, I want to thank you for your military service. Whether your earnings while in the military would provide you with any additional Social Security benefit depends on your career earnings after leaving military service. Here's why:

Your monthly Social Security (SS) benefit is based upon the highest earning 35 years over your lifetime (with earlier years adjusted for inflation). From those highest earning 35 years, SS develops your Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (your lifetime

"AIME") which is the basis of the SS benefit you get if you claim for benefits to start at your full retirement age (FRA). So, if - after you completed your military service - you had at least 35 years of other employment where you earned more money than you did while serving, then your military pay won't affect your Social Security benefit.

FYI, Social Security payroll tax has been withheld from military pay since 1957, which is why your SS earnings record shows your military pay only for 1957 and 1958. Your SS record wouldn't show military pay prior to 1957 because you didn't contribute to SS from your military pay during those years. The earnings you see in your SS earnings record for 1954 are likely from non-military employment prior to starting active duty in October 1954.

SS does provide older veterans with "special extra credits for military service," but those credits are only a supplemental earnings amount added to your military pay record during the years you served. It is not a bonus amount added to your monthly Social Security payment; rather it is only an amount added to your military pay record used when calculating your Social Security benefit. For those who served prior to 1957, Social Security would have no record of your military earnings during those early service years. But when you claimed Social Security later in life, they would have asked if you served in

the military and given you "special extra credit" in the form of presumed earnings for your service years. They likely asked for a copy of your DD-214 and would have added \$160 to your military earnings record for each active-duty month from October 1954 through December 1956, and additional earnings credits for 1957 and 1958.

But that doesn't mean you get a special Social Security bonus for your military service. If you have at least 35 years of civilian employment after serving in the Navy, your service years would only affect your SS benefit if those military service years were among the highest paying 35 years over your entire lifetime. Click here to read more on this topic. And, again, please accept our appreciation for your service to our country.

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Trump's Three Retreats

Last month, the Department of Justice settled Donald Trump's \$10 billion suit against the IRS over the leak of his tax returns. The department agreed to create a \$1.8 billion fund for the compensation of victims of Democratic lawfare, a slush fund for his allies, presumably including Jan. 6 rioters.

Faced with adverse legal rulings and opposition in the Senate, the administration abandoned the scheme that it had initially touted as a means to "right the wrongs that were previously done while ensuring this never happens again."

Then, of course, Trump signed a ceasefire with Iran that wasn't close to the "unconditional surrender" that he had once demanded. The 14-point agreement included more U.S. than Iranian concessions, and Trump admitted that the Iranian closure of the Strait of Hormuz had forced his hand.

TITLE: None of these were incidental initiatives. They all involved core commitments of this president -- to mass deportation, to turning on its head the lawfare campaign against him and to denying the Iranian regime a nuclear weapon.

They were also overreaches that displayed a heedlessness born of hubris. Trump had already driven down overall migration when he surged into Minneapolis; already pardoned the Jan. 6 rioters when his DOJ created the weaponization fund; and already struck a punishing blow against the Iranian nuclear program via Midnight Hammer when he launched Operation Epic Fury.

Trump isn't one for incremental progress toward an objective. He prefers the grand gesture and big gamble. He's drawn to the bridge too far when a drive a couple of blocks down the street would do just fine.

The worry about Trump was that he'd be unconstrained in his second term, and indeed, he's fashioned a team that is loath to tell him "no." But he's subject to checks from the other branches of government and, even more, from routine political pressures.

There was nothing that formally compelled him to remove DHS forces from Minneapolis or to relieve the military pressure on Iran, both of which were within his legitimate powers. It was the poor polling and the potential damage to Republican prospects in the midterms that obliged Trump to declare victory and go home.

The president may enjoy thinking of how he can do things that a Roman emperor never would have imagined, yet Marcus Aurelius wasn't hypersensitive to how stories were playing in the mass media, or to the latest public-opinion surveys.

As the creature of a democratic republic, Trump inherently is mindful of those considerations, which is one reason that it's been a year of retreats. Trump, surely, doesn't think of it that way. As Gen. Oliver Smith put it during the Korean War, he's merely attacking in a different direction -- although not the one he'd intended.

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

WEST SACRAMENTO CRIME REPORTS



Arrest Reports

Ada Elizabeth Torres, 56, was cited Thursday, May 28 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

German Aguilera-Martinez, 29, was cited Wednesday, June 3 at Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise.

Kury Beaudikofer, 40 was cited Wednesday, June 3 at Sycamore Avenue and West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing a controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Maria Maia, 20, was cited Saturday, June 6 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a shoplifting incident. Loss prevention had two female suspects detained and reports observing them enter the store together, select merchandise and place items into separate shopping carts. They were observed consolidating the merchandise into a single cart while one suspect checked the area for loss prevention personnel. They then exited the store without paying and were detained in the parking lot while walking to their vehicle. Both suspects had no money, credit cards, or other means of payment for the \$946 merchandise in their possession. Both suspects were charged with shoplifting and conspiracy to commit crime. Adult suspect Maia was cited and released due to medical considerations. The other suspect was a juvenile and was cited and released to a guardian.

Vladyslav Leonidov Baranovych, 34, was arrested Sunday, June 21 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an active misdemeanor warrant. Officer on patrol observed and recognized Baranovych from previous calls, and a records check revealed the warrant. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Julian Manuel Rios, 20, was cited Sunday, June 21 at Waterfront Place and 3rd Street by West Sacramento Police for multiple vehicle code violations.

Jason Demetrius Johnson, 41, was cited Tuesday, June 23 at Jefferson Boulevard and Park Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a male in a vehicle making multiple hand-to-hand transactions with several individuals and conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle for suspicion of the felony offense of selling or furnishing controlled substances. The driver, identified as Johnson, advised officers that there was a meth pipe in his vehicle, which officers located upon a consent search. A records check revealed Johnson's license was suspended for DUI. He was charged with driving with a suspended license and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Bryant Nguyen, 19, was arrested Wednesday, June 24 on 6th Street by West Sacramento Police for an active felony warrant.

Jordan Hasani Christian Knowlton, 24, was arrested Wednesday, June 24 at Jefferson Boulevard and F Street by West Sacramento Police. Knowlton was observed riding in the rear passenger seat of a truck, and a prior records check revealed multiple active felony warrants. A high-risk vehicle stop was conducted, and Knowlton was ordered out of the vehicle and detained without incident. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Rosing Michael Bounnavath, 44, was cited Wednesday, June 24 at West Capitol Avenue and Poplar Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing a narcotic controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Dominique Benedicto, 30, was arrested

Thursday, June 25 at Michigan Boulevard and Sycamore Trail by West Sacramento Police for multiple active warrants. Officer patrolling the area recognized Benedicto from prior contacts, confirmed the warrants and detained him without incident. Benedicto was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Brandon Demar Toliver, 36, was arrested Friday, June 26 by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a burglary in progress. The victim reported a male was attempting to enter the residence through the window by removing the screen. Officer responded to the residence with lights and siren activated to try to stop and apprehend the suspect. Upon arrival, officer observed a male matching the description provided and ordered him to get on the ground, where he was detained without incident. A records check of the man, identified as Toliver, found multiple active misdemeanor warrants. A search incident to arrest found vehicle keys in his left front shorts pocket, but they did not open any vehicles nearby, so officer suspected the keys were stolen. Officer contacted the victim, who confirmed police had detained the man she observed. Victim had been awakened by her niece who told her someone was at the door and the niece was attempting to lock the door to keep him out. The victim then observed Toliver at the front window and observed him prying at the front window screen, bending it outward. She screamed at him to leave and shut the window. He left about two minutes later and was detained by police. He was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrants and a charge of burglary.

Mariano Espino Jaramillo, 40, was arrested Friday, June 26 at West Capitol Avenue and Sutter Street by West Sacramento Police for multiple active warrants. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Michael Christopher Allen, 28 was arrested Friday, June 26 on 4th Street by West Sacramento Police for multiple active warrants. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a physical fight between two males. Upon arrival, officer contacted a male matching the description provided by dispatch. A records check revealed the warrants, and he was transported to Yolo County Jail. Officers were unable to locate the other male involved.

Michael Robert Ellner, 36, was arrested Friday, June 26 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location regarding a fight. The victim reported Ellner threatened to assault her, putting her in fear for her safety. For more than 30 minutes, Ellner refused to obey officer's commands to exit his hotel room and repeatedly threatened to kill officers if they did not leave him alone. He threw objects at officers and squirted cleaning products that landed on officers. Eventually he surrendered and was taken into custody. At the police department, Ellner continued to threaten to kill officers. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with threatening crime with intent to terrorize, threatening public officers, resisting a peace officer and battery on peace officers.

Ruth Jessica Garcia-Belmontes, 32, was transported Saturday, June 27 from Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center on Bruceville Road in Elk Grove to Yolo County Jail for a confirmed felony warrant.

Gabriel Munguia, 20, was arrested Saturday, June 27 on Monte Diablo Avenue, Stockton by West Sacramento Police. Officers were dispatched to report of a robbery on Riverpoint Court. The victim stated he was threatened and put in fear for his life as his gold chain was physically taken from him by two unknown suspects who fled the scene in a vehicle. Officers alerted nearby agencies to be on the lookout for the vehicle and provided photos of the suspects from store security footage. A few hours later, the San Joaquin County Sheriff's office

located the vehicle and had positive identification of Mungia, one of the suspects. West Sacramento Police responded to the Stockton location and took custody of Mungia, wearing the same clothes as during the earlier robbery. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with robbery and threatening crime with intent to terrorize.

Anthony Michael Jimenez, 33, was arrested Saturday, June 27 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location, where a retail store's loss prevention was asking that Jimenez be trespassed. A records check revealed Jimenez was on post release community supervision (PRCS). A PRCS search found him in possession of fentanyl and methamphetamine. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with possession of a hard drug with prior convictions and PRCS violation.

Edward Jonathan Porter, 52, was arrested Saturday, June 27 at Deerwood Street and Carrigan Court by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a homeless complaint. Upon arrival, officer contacted a male who matched the description provided, confirmed as Porter. A records check revealed Porter was a sex offender who was out of compliance. Porter confirmed he had been unhoused "since the 90's." Porter was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with failing to update his annual sex offender registration and a transient failing 30-day update of registration.

Raymond Vincent Gutierrez, 58, was arrested Sunday, June 28 on I Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer observed a vehicle with expired registration and conducted a traffic stop. The driver, Gutierrez, stated he is not a licensed driver and had been suspended for 40 years. A records check revealed he had an outstanding felony warrant. He was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant, also charged with driving while license is suspended for DUI and lack of vehicle registration.

Fianna Enjoli Alissa Sutton, 41, was arrested Sunday, June 28 on I Street by West Sacramento Police. Sutton was a passenger in Gutierrez' vehicle above. A records check revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, and she was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Aram Mkrтчhyan, 42, was arrested Sunday, June 28 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to a grocery store for a detained shoplifter. A records check of Mkrтчhyan found an active felony warrant and probation status. The store's loss prevention officer searched Mkrтчhyan prior to officer arrival and found a glass methamphetamine smoking pipe in Mkrтчhyan's cross-body bag. A search of Mkrтчhyan's vehicle found a small zip top baggie containing a white crystalline substance later confirmed as methamphetamine. Mkrтчhyan was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with the warrant, possessing a controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Patrick Stephen Villegas, 60, was arrested Sunday, June 28 at Jefferson Boulevard and US 50 eastbound by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed Villegas, a known subject with an outstanding felony warrant, riding a bicycle on West Capitol Avenue. Officer activated lights and siren, and Villegas refused to stop, continuing to ride away. Villegas was given multiple commands over the public address system that he needed to stop. As he continued to flee, he was informed he was now under arrest. Villegas fled through a trail and then surrendered and was taken into custody. He was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant and a charge of resisting a peace officer.

Vadyn Eduardovich Tumasov, 39, was arrested Sunday, June 28 on Bryte Avenue by West Sacramento Police. A subject was seated on a

motorcycle on the street with no license plates, a vehicle code violation. When the officer asked about the missing license plates, the subject got off the motorcycle, parked it on the sidewalk, and attempted to enter the house at the location. Officer instructed the subject, later identified as Tumasov, to stop, which he refused. He tried to close the gate behind him, against officer's commands. Officer grabbed Tumasov and he attempted to pull away. Officer was eventually able to bring Tumasov to the ground and handcuff him. A search of Tumasov's wallet on his person found a small white bindle containing a substance that tested positive for cocaine. Tumasov was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with possessing a narcotic controlled substance, resisting a peace officer and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Chelsea Nicole Payne, 37, was transported Tuesday, June 30 from El Dorado County to Yolo County Jail for multiple outstanding felony warrants.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Thursday, June 18 – victim reports a suspect got into a verbal altercation with a witness who was borrowing the victim's car. The suspect then used a mobile phone charger brick to shatter multiple windows on the car. Damages estimated at \$15,000 and a suspect name was provided.

Thursday, June 18 – a vendor reports three unknown suspects jumped over the fence on Ballpark Drive and stole two case boxes of Cracker Jacks, one of which was recovered. Loss valued at \$196.

Monday, June 22 – victim reports a suspect broke the lock on their storage unit and stole a toolbox, pellet rifles and other miscellaneous items valued at \$2,400.

Tuesday, June 23 – victim reports an unknown suspect forced entry into their storage unit on Harbor Boulevard and took approximately \$6,000 worth of personal belongings. A suspect was named and was captured on video surveillance.

Thursday, June 25 – victim reports that his neighbor spat on him when he walked by the apartment on West Capitol Avenue. The victim wants to prosecute and signed a citizen's arrest form for battery. The manager of the apartment complex reviewed video footage, and the incident was not captured. A warrant request has been submitted to the District Attorney's office.

Thursday, June 25 – victim reports their bike, valued at \$1,500, was stolen from a grocery store bike rack on West Capitol Avenue by an unknown suspect.

Friday, June 26 – victim reports their work van was broken into overnight by an unknown suspect while parked on Seabrook Court. Tools valued at \$3,000 were taken and \$400 damage to the vehicle. There is no camera footage available.

Saturday, June 27 – victim reports their residence on Pillsbury Road was burglarized by an unknown suspect. Neighborhood security cameras viewed a vehicle parked in front of the residence during the time of the burglary. Basketball trading cards valued at approximately \$900 were stolen and the homeowner wants to prosecute if a suspect is identified.

Monday, June 29 – a construction site reports unknown suspect(s) stole copper wire from the site on several different occasions. There is no suspect information, video, or investigative leads. Loss estimated at \$100,000. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260423
The following person(s) is doing business as: Hall Way Construction, 2020 5th Street, Davis, CA 95616.
Devante Johnson Hall, 3095 Woods Circle, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 15, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 15, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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HALL 7-10-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260468
The following person(s) is doing business as: Eclipse Pet Grooming, 250 Touchstone Place #11, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Ailina Seagrove, 250 Touchstone Place #11, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 2, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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ECLIPSE 7-10-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260472
The following person(s) is doing business as: Wild Bird Watch, Investigator Path, 1857 Redondo Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
EJ Strategic Holdings LLC, 2108 N Street #16191, Sacramento, CA 95816. 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.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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WILD 7-10-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260449
The following person(s) is doing business as: Nexus Nurse Academy, The Ungloved Nurse, 805 Riverfront Street #519, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Nexus Nurse Consulting LLC, 1401 21st Street #13970, Sacramento, CA 95811. 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.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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NEXUS 7-10-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260449
The following person(s) is doing business as: Bright Bear Workshop, 1970 Lake Boulevard Suite 1, Davis, CA 95616.
Barry Figrim, 1 W Monte Vista Drive, 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 N/A.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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BRIGHT 7-10-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260489
The following person(s) is doing business as: Buttercreams' Sugar Lab, 2256 Valley Oak Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Juanita McKinney, 2108 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 12, 2026.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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BUTTERCREAMS 7-10-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260488
The following person(s) is doing business as: Elegant Escape Massage and Spa, 948 Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
Elegant Escape Massage and Spa, LLC, 948 Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605. 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.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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ELEGANT 7-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260525
The following person(s) is doing business as: Donner House SRF, 1654 Donner Way, Woodland, CA 95695.
Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health LLC, 5410 White Lotus Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. 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 June 25, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026
DONNER 7-24-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260526
The following person(s) is doing business as: Mooscle, Red Team Bio, 930 J Street, Davis, CA 95616.
Jamin Roh, 930 J Street, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 12, 2025.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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MOOSCLE 7-24-26

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 15, 2026.
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MASSAGE 7-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260379
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sophigenix, 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
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SOPHIGENIX 7-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260495
The following person(s) is doing business as: R&R Hair Cave, 725 Main Street Suite #7, Woodland, CA 95695.
Ruth Ruiz, 1388 Colfax Place, Woodland, CA 95776 and Jo-sette Noel Rocha, 42356 4th Street, Knights Landing, CA 95645. This business is conducted by General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 12, 2026.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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HAIR 7-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260501
The following person(s) is doing business as: Lending by Angela, 3560 Saint John Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
ATW Enterprise, LLC, 3560 Saint John 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 on April 20, 2020.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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LENDING 7-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260504
The following person(s) is doing business as: DOLLAR GENERAL STORE # 16171, 26875 STATE HWY 16 ESPARTO, CA 95627, County of YOLO COUNTY.
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/s/ DONNY H. LAU, CFO
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Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: MBRAUN, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260478
The following person(s) is doing business as: Palladio Nail Spa Jr LLC, 2220 Lake Washington Boulevard #10, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Palladio Nail Spa Jr LLC 2220 Lake Washington Boulevard #10, 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 October 27, 2025.
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PALLADIO 7-24-26

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DONNER 7-24-26

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MOOSCLE 7-24-26

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260490
The following person(s) is doing business as:
Ali G. Wellness, 3148 Redwood Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo.
Major Arcana Wellness LLC, 3148 REDWOOD AVE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691
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/ Allison Goeden, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/12/2026.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kimberli, Deputy
7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24/26
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260515
The following person(s) is doing business as: West Sacramento Automotive Registration, W Sac Auto Registration, 3001 Evergreen Avenue Suite 102, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
West Sacramento, Automotive Registration LLC, 3001 Evergreen Avenue Suite 102, 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 June 23, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
WEST 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260419
The following person(s) is doing business as: Jacob's 8118 Moving and Storage, 1680 Tide Court Unit C, Woodland, CA 95776.
John Bauer, 1680 Tide Court Unit C, 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 May 1, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 14, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
JACOBS 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260482
The following person(s) is doing business as: Riverstone Signature Services, 3588 Tebti Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Rhianna D Martin, 3588 Tebti 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 May 8, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 9, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
RIVERSTONE 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260546
The following person(s) is doing business as: Embarc Cannabis Outlet, 825 East Street Suite 102-103, Woodland, CA 95776.
Woodland Responsible and Compliant Retail LLC, 1616 Webster Street, Alameda, CA 94501. 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 July 1, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260550
The following person(s) is doing business as: Valhalla Manufactured Housing Community, 3901 Lake Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Midway Delaware LLC, 1620 Grant Avenue Suite 200, Novato, CA 94945. This business is conducted by A Limited Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 16, 2011.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on July 2, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
VALHALLA 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260548
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mina Facial and Scalp Spa, 918 Jefferson Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Healthy Point Therapy LLC, 918 Jefferson Boulevard, 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 November 2, 2016.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on July 1, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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SKY 7-31-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260415
The following person(s) is doing business as: Lightning Demolition and Hauling, 2500 Fifth Street, Davis, CA 95618.
John Joseph McNamara, PO Box 1522, Davis, CA 95617. 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, 2000.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 13, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026
LIGHTNING 7-31-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PEDRO PABLO LEAL MEJIA CASE NO. PR2026-0141

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Pedro Pablo Leal Mejia.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Catalina Leal, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Catalina Leal 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: July 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 13. 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: Matthew S Crider, 750 F Street Suite 2, Davis, CA 95616; 530-231-5161
Publish: June 26, July 3, 10, 2026
MEJIA 7-10-26

TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 010-570-010-000 TS No: CA09000195-25-1 TO 250584424-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2020. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 21, 2026 at 01:00 PM, North Entrance, West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on November 30, 2020 as Instrument

No. 2020-0041386, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by NICHOLAS AGAR, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 424 HARRIET LN, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advancements if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$307,876.01 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA09000195-25-1. 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 NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 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 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA09000195-25-1 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. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> Date: June 10, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA09000195-25-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0490361 To: NEWS LEDGER 06/26/2026, 07/03/2026, 07/10/2026
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APN: 045-500-028-000 TS No.: 25-107111CA TSG Order No.: 260077567 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JANUARY 27, 2022. 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. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded February 1, 2022 as Document No.: 2022-0002961 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by: Timothy A Holmes, an unmarried man, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: August 6, 2026 Sale Time: 12:45 PM Sale Location: At the North entrance to the City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 2 File No.:25-107111CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2675 Bradford Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$409,551.63 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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

Free Mobile Dental Screenings for Youth Ages 1–20



WASHINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEST SACRAMENTO

Washington Unified School District News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Washington Unified School District (WUSD) is helping spread the word about a free mobile dental van event for youth ages 1–20 at the Yolo County Children’s Alliance Annual Backpack Give-Away in West Sacramento.

The mobile dental van will be at River City High School, 1 Raider Lane, West Sacramento, from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 25.

Exams, sealants, fluoride varnish and oral health information will be offered at the screening.

Participants do not have to live in West Sacramento – any youth ages 1–20 in Yolo County is welcome.

Interested families must call ahead to make an appointment. Limited walk-ins may be accepted on the day of the event as space allows.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-888-585-3368 during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday). ★

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Informing, Empowering & Engaging Readers With Their Community



By Patsy McGavock, JustServe.org

This column was originally printed in the July 11, 2025, issue of the American River Messenger.

A year ago, I began this column with a simple hope: to help connect our community — one reader (more specifically five per issue) at a time — by highlighting the people and efforts making a difference. I wanted to show what’s possible when we each get involved in what speaks to us and better understand how our community works.

I didn’t anticipate what I would learn. Again and again, I’ve found the true story is in the listening. Contentment and growth lie in balance. And good things come from courageous first steps and consistency.

I’m not a professional, in any sphere. I’m a full-time mom of four tweens and teens, who volunteers wherever my kids are. Four years ago, while fundraising with my daughter, a sponsor suggested sharing the story in the local newspaper. That became my first article. About the same time, I was asked to help connect my church with the community, through service and interfaith efforts. I began attending Orangevale Community Council meetings (Column 1 – Sept 27, 2024). I wanted others to see what I was seeing, be as inspired as I was and know how to get involved. I occurred to me, I could write about it.

It took a year,

Listening Deeper: A Year of Community Conversations

encouragement and a deep breath of “just do it — right now.” I called an editor I knew. Her enthusiasm gave me the confidence to contact another I didn’t. Then, I began — first with the Orangevale View, then the American River and Citrus Heights Messengers.

I quickly learned the real story rarely matches my assumptions. I’d hear about an initiative — a volunteer need or a community board’s function — and think I understood it, only to realize I was projecting. I had to speak less, and listen more without inserting myself. The true story came through good questions and attentive listening.

Such as November’s column. When a call went for community volunteers in schools, I expected to hear there’re weren’t enough parent volunteers. Instead, I learned: “When a school puts out a call for help, the spots fill. The spirit of volunteerism is there.” But timing, life circumstances, language differences, and even a school’s awareness to ask can create barriers.

Unassuming listening applies beyond journalism. It’s essential in civic life, neighborly exchanges, and family conversations. February’s “civil voice” column (Feb 21, 2025) and each September’s honoring 9/11 highlight how curiosity, not presumed certainty, fosters understanding.

I’ve also gained wisdom from those I interviewed. You don’t have to do it all — do one thing, do it well, then repeat. You don’t have to do it alone. Identify other’s skills and invite. Many

want to help but need the invitation to know personally how. You don’t have to give everything. Matching how you serve to what energizes you matters. Fill your cup, then serve what overflows to the saucer. And organizational growth often requires knowing when to lead and when to step back. Like pruning in an orchard, cutting back makes room for new, healthy growth. Balance is essential.

I have a confession: I don’t love writing. In college, I chose not to become a journalist. I love connecting with people and their stories, but crafting something accurate, thoughtful, and worthy of your time intimidates me every time. So does reaching out to department heads when I hold no official title.

So why do I do it? Because the result matters. Because I deeply believe connection builds stronger communities. Every time I step out of my comfort zone, I grow — and I hope that growth ripples outward. If just five readers a month take action —volunteering, forgiving, connecting — that’s sixty new threads in our community tapestry each year. The result, and the community conversations, fill my cup.

Maybe that’s the message: growth begins in discomfort. Strength and beauty follow. What will you grow this year?

Patsy McGavock is a volunteer community advocate working to inform, empower and engage readers with the community. Connect with Patsy at PatsyMcGavock.JustServe@gmail.com. ★

★ CALIFORNIA ★
POLICY AND ETHICS

BY JOSH F.W. COOK

New Tech Reactors, Big Stakes: Why California Can’t Afford to Sit Out Nuclear

By Josh Cook

If California is serious about reaching its clean energy goals, nuclear power must be part of the solution. While solar and wind are crucial, they alone cannot keep up with the rapidly growing energy needs driven by electrification, artificial intelligence, and data centers. Nuclear energy can fill this gap.

Today’s small modular reactors are far safer and cleaner than older nuclear plants. They feature passive safety systems, require less land, and are built in factories, making them faster and cheaper to deploy.

Utah has already shown that this is possible. In February, the U.S. military delivered a five-megawatt Valar Atomic reactor to Hill Air Force Base in Emery County. The reactor achieved criticality in June and is expected to generate power by July 4. Meanwhile, Holtec International and Hi Tech Solutions plan to build up to ten small modular reactors at a new nuclear campus in Brigham City. These are not just experiments—Utah is providing a real-world example of how a state can go from announcement to op-

erational reactor in months rather than decades.

The benefits extend far beyond electricity. Clean, reliable energy makes large-scale desalination affordable, turning nuclear power into a solution for water security as well as clean energy. As drought and water quality issues grow across the West, pairing reactors with desalination and water treatment could be a game changer. But here we sit, California still bans construction of new nuclear plants, a policy dating to the 1970s that no longer matches the technology or the moment; the rest of the world kept moving forward.

While we debate (and pay double for electricity), Utah and Nevada are building. The jobs, the manufacturing base, the water solutions, and the energy security that come with small modular reactors will land wherever the plants are built. Think about it - cleaning up environmental hazards and historic screw-ups always requires energy. If California doesn’t lift its ban and start permitting now, we won’t be leading the clean energy transition. We’ll be watching our neighbors lead it for us (and we pay double for electricity). ★

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TRUSTEE SALE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD
Yolo County, California
NOTICE TO TAXPAYER

The State Board of Equalization has granted the Assessor an extension of time to complete this year’s tax roll to August 1, 2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period during which assessment protests will be accepted by the filing of a written application begins on July 2, 2026 and ends on November 30, 2026.

Assessment protests in the form of an application may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Yolo, Erwin W. Meier Administration Building, 625 Court Street, Room 204, Woodland, California. The application forms are available in this office and at www.yolocounty.gov > Government > Clerk of the Board > Assessment Appeals.

Please note there is a \$45 non-refundable filing fee to file each application.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the time the Assessment Appeals Board will meet to equalize assessments of property on the local roll is August 26, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. and shall continue in session for that purpose from time to time until the business of equalization is completed.

Dated: July 10, 2026 Julie Dachtler, Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPER FEE STUDY AND THE INCREASE OF THE STATUTORY SCHOOL FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Washington Unified School District will hold a hearing and consider input from the public on the proposed adoption of a Developer Fee Justification Study for the District and an increase in the statutory school facility fee (“Level I Fee”) on new residential and commercial/industrial developments as approved by the State Allocation Board on January 28, 2026. The adoption of the Study and the increase of the Level I Fee are necessary to fund the construction of needed school facilities to accommodate students due to development.

Members of the public are invited to comment in writing, on or before July 23, 2026, or appear in person at the hearing at 6:30pm on July 23, 2026, at the following location:

Washington Unified School District (District Office)
930 Westacre Rd.
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Materials regarding the Study and the Level I Fee are on file and are available for public review at the District Office located at 930 Westacre Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

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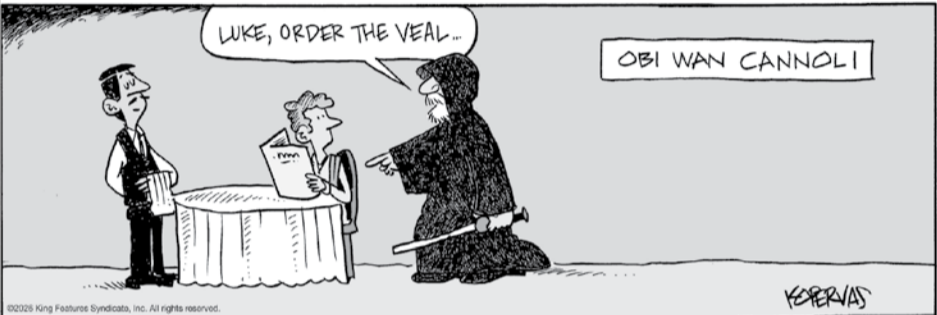
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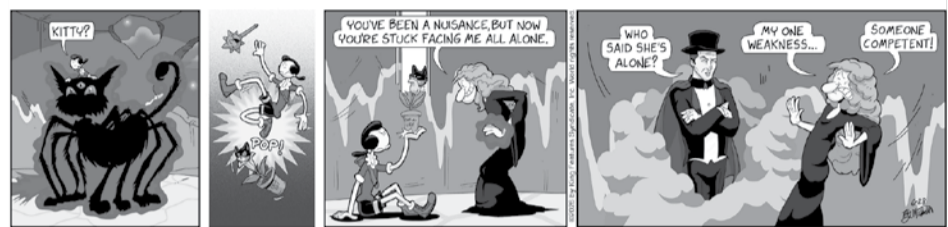
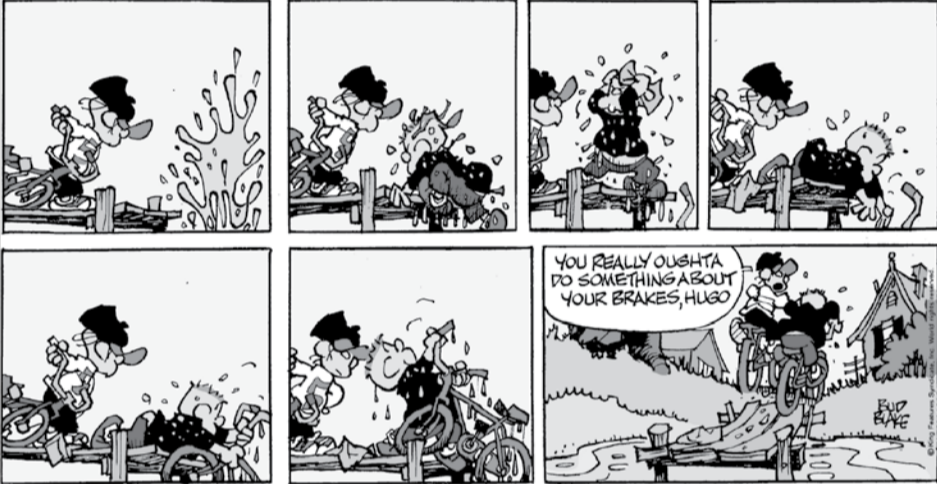
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Yolo County to Rehabilitate County Road 28H

Lane Closures Scheduled July 13–17

Yolo County News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Yolo County will rehabilitate a section of County Road 28H between County Roads 102 and 103 during the week of July 13–17. The work is part of the County's \$5.54 million 2026 Pavement Preservation Project, which will improve approximately 26 miles of roadway throughout Yolo County.

Crews will replace the top four inches of asphalt pavement and restripe the roadway. The work will improve driving conditions and help extend the useful life of this important route near the Yolo County Central Landfill.

Work is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17. The road will remain open during construction, but motorists should expect intermittent

lane closures in both directions and travel delays.

Flaggers and signs will guide traffic through the work area. Access to nearby properties and businesses will be maintained, and the road will fully reopen to traffic each evening. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes when possible.

Access to the Yolo County Central Landfill will remain open during the road work. Customers approaching the landfill from the west via County Road 102 may experience delays. Customers may avoid the work area by approaching from the east via County Road 32A, County Road 105 and County Road 28H.

The schedule is subject to change based on overall project progress, weather conditions and the availability of equipment or materials.

Yolo County asks motorists to slow down,

remain alert, follow posted signs and flagger instructions, and use care around workers and construction equipment.

Residents can view current and planned road work on Yolo County's Road Improvement GIS Map at YoloCounty.gov/RoadImprovement. Questions or concerns may be directed to the Department of Community Services, Public Works Division, at (530) 666-8811 or ppw@yolocounty.gov.

The 2026 Pavement Preservation Project is funded through Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, and Highway Users Tax Account revenues distributed by the State of California. SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding each year, shared equally between state and local agencies. ★

Yolo County Assessment Roll Reaches Record \$41.2 Billion

Yolo County Assessor's Office News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County's 2026 assessment roll has reached a record \$41.2 billion in total assessed property value, according to Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters Jesse Salinas. The roll reflects a 3.98% increase over the prior year.

The 2026 assessment roll represents approximately \$1.58 billion in new assessed value countywide over the prior year. This marks the fourteenth consecutive year of growth in the county's assessed value and the tenth consecutive year the Yolo County Assessor's Office has delivered the assessment roll ahead of the statutory July 1 deadline.

"The assessment roll is more than a measure of property values – it is a critical source of funding for the services our communities rely on every day," said Salinas. "Property tax revenue helps support public schools, public safety, roads, libraries, parks, and other essential local services. While growth has moderated from the

historic increases seen in recent years, the continued expansion of Yolo County's tax base reflects the strength and resilience of our local economy. My office is proud to deliver the assessment roll on time and with the accuracy local agencies depend on for budgeting, planning, and maintaining funding stability for our communities."

For the first time in a decade, West Sacramento led Yolo County in overall assessment roll growth, reflecting continued investment and development within the city. West Sacramento posted a 4.66% increase, followed by Winters (4.41%), Davis (4.23%), Woodland (3.73%) and the unincorporated areas (2.69%). These figures reflect property values as of Jan. 1.

Detailed valuation breakdowns by jurisdiction are available online at: ace.yolocounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/972/2026-Roll-matrix

Salinas emphasized the importance of transparency, encouraging property owners to review their assessments.

"The values reflected on this roll are based on market conditions as of Jan.

1, 2026," he said. "We encourage property owners to review their assessments and contact our office if they have questions. Our goal is to ensure every property owner understands their assessment and that all properties are assessed fairly, accurately, and in accordance with California law."

Key Dates and Resources

The Informal Review Filing Period for residential properties is July 2 – Dec. 31. Assessed values are available online by late August at <https://common1.mptsweb.com/mbap/yolo/> asr. Tax bills are mailed by mid-September by the Department of Financial Services.

The Assessment Appeal Filing Window is July 2 – Nov. 30

For more information, contact the Clerk of the Board: (530) 666-8195 or yolocounty.gov/assessment-appeals.

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Community Calendar

FOOD RESOURCES

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

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

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

Woodland Community College, 2300 E. Gibson Rd., Woodland, every **Friday at 8:30 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.

JULY

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

Friday, July 10: English conversation group, **1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Saturday, July 11: Russian story time, **10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Mini dino gardens, **2 p.m. to 3 p.m.** All ages are invited to create a tiny prehistoric wonderland in a jar, complete with dinosaurs.

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

Tuesday, July 14: Hug-a-Bye baby, **11 a.m. to noon.** Tech help, **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Book a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a library staff member to help you with your computer, phone, and other technology questions. Bring your personal device or use a library computer. To make an appointment, visit the Information Desk or call **916-375-6465**. Afternoon coloring for all ages, **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

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

Thursday, July 16: Tech help, **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Book a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a library staff member to help you with your computer, phone, and other technology questions. Bring your personal device or use a library computer. To make an appointment, visit the Information Desk or call **916-375-6465**. Yoga at the library, **6 p.m. to**

7 p.m.

Friday, July 17: English conversation group, **1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** LEGO block party, **3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

Saturday, July 18: Russian story time, **10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Drop-in tech support, **10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Need help figuring out how to use your phone, tablet, or computer? Stop by the library study room for our volunteer-led drop-in support. No appointment required. Prehistoric technology, **2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Join the UC Davis Anthropology Museum for a live, hands-on demonstration of how ancient humans made tools from stone and wood, and see stone and wooden tools from a variety of prehistoric cultures. Junk journaling, **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Feeling creative? Give junk journaling a try (or work on your current one) at the library. All crafting supplies will be provided, as well as a limited number of journals.

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

Wednesday, July 15: Movie night. **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Families are invited to join us for a free movie with popcorn. Friends of the Clarksburg Library monthly meeting, **6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

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

Continuing through Sunday, July 19: "Rent," presented by Davis Musical Theatre at **607 Pena Dr., Davis**. Set in the East Village of New York City, "Rent" is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Rent has become a pop cultural phenomenon, with songs that rock and a story that resonates with audiences of all ages. Showtimes vary, tickets and more information at www.dmtc.org/mainstage.

Friday, July 10 through Sunday, July 12: **805 Night Market Street Food Festival, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.** **Friday, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.** **Saturday and Sunday at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 East Gum Ave., Woodland.** This is the local spot for a traveling national food festival designed to bring communities together through flavor, culture, and good energy. It features a curated lineup of food vendors serving street food, desserts, and specialty drinks. With live entertainment and a maker's market, this event is built to be shared: friends, families, and first-timers welcome. Free parking, advance ticket sales only at Eventbrite.com. No

tickets will be sold at the door.

Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11: Davis Aquastarz Watershow 2026, **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the Community Pool, **203 E. 14th St., Davis.** The AquaStarz Synchronized Swim Team season ends with our annual show. This major event offers our swimmers an opportunity to show their friends, family, and community what they have worked so hard to achieve. All team and junior swimmers participate in the show, showing off the routines that they have learned throughout the season. The Annual Show is for everyone and is the team's biggest fundraiser. Tickets and more information at www.aquastarz.org.

Friday, July 10: Live@DCC Free Noon Concert, noon to **1 p.m.** at Davis Community Church, **412 C St., Davis.** Come cool your heels and enjoy the "Yolo Hot Club," a jazz manouche or gypsy jazz instrumental string trio, in the style of the Parisian hot jazz clubs of the 1930's and 40's.

Friday, July 10: 2nd Friday ArtAbout: **5 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in locations around Davis. Check out art receptions, pop-ups, open studios, live music, and more in Downtown Davis and beyond. This is a great free event to enjoy with friends and family each month. List of participating venues and map at www.pencegallery.org/events/artabout/.

Friday, July 10: Dive-in Movie, **8 p.m. to 10 p.m.** at the Recreation Center, **2801 Jefferson Blvd.** Join us for a unique night with a movie at the pool. Water access begins 30 minutes before showtime. The movie will start at sundown (estimated time **8:30 p.m.**) Bring your swimsuits, blankets, and don't forget the snacks. Watch the movie from the pool deck, grass area, or swim and watch from inside the recreation pool. \$15 for residents; non-residents are \$18 at www.rec.us/organizations/city-of-west-sacramento.

Saturday, July 11: Westacre Party in the Park, **10 p.m. to 1 p.m.** at **1755 Evergreen Ave.** Come celebrate our newest park with a free, fun-filled community event for everyone. Enjoy treats, giveaways, and plenty of opportunities to explore the park's new amenities, including a skate park, pickleball courts, a spray ground, and more.

Sunday, July 12: West Sac Buy Nothing, noon to **4 p.m.** at Jack Rabbit Brewing Company, **1323 Terminal St.** Bring what you don't need, take what you love. Bring your clean gently loved items, place them on a table for others to enjoy. Browse other tables and take home treasures for

free. This month you're invited to bring plant, garden, or yard supplies, working musical instruments, music supplies, records. Before you leave, please take home any unclaimed items you brought. See www.jackrabbit-brewingcompany.com/buynothing for more information.

Tuesday, July 14: Clarksburg Community Blood Drive, **4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at Clarksburg Library, **52915 Netherlands Ave.** Make an appointment at www.vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL. Use blood drive code: 100562345. In addition, donations between **July 9** and **Aug. 8** could have a chance to win a car. Find details at www.vitalant.org/cargiveaway.

Thursday, July 16: Woodland Hot Summer Nights Car Show, cars cruise in anytime after **5 p.m.**, show starts at **6 p.m.** at Mojo's Lounge, **428 1st St., Woodland.** Cruise in your Hot Rods, Low Riders and Cool Cars into our free "Show n' Shine" car show at Mojo's Lounge. No registration, all ages welcome.

Friday, July 17: Dinner on the Farm, **6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the Center for Land-Based Learning, **40140 Best Ranch Rd., Woodland.** Join us to enjoy a beautiful farm-to-table family-style dinner prepared by local chef Juan Barajas of Savory Cafe. The evening includes a thoughtfully prepared meal that celebrates the connection between food, farming, and community. Your \$125 ticket purchase provides critical funding for our Community Food Program and will help us bring fresh nutrient-dense foods to Yolo and Sacramento neighborhoods with little access and provide markets for beginning farmers in our region. This event is currently sold out, but you are invited to join our waitlist at www.landbasedlearning.org/dinner-on-the-farm-waitlist/.

Friday, July 17: Summer Group Art Show Reception, **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 open creativity, insight, and artistic culture. This free in-person event is an amazing chance to experience and support the arts in our community. Converse with incredible growing artists working alongside us. Don't miss out on this exciting celebration of imagination and talent. Light refreshments will be provided. Exhibition continues through **Friday, July 31.**

Saturday, July 18: Owl Release and Picnic, **4 p.m.** to dusk at Heringer Estates Vineyards & Winery, **37375 Netherlands Rd., Clarksburg.** The best family friendly event of the year

is back. Join Heringer Estates in partnership with Wildlife Care Association of Sacramento for an unforgettable afternoon as we celebrate wildlife, community, and sustainable farming. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and relax in the beauty of Marjorie's Garden while you enjoy food from local vendors, wines by the glass, and wine slushies. The evening will conclude with the grand finale release of rehabilitated owls back into the wild. Tickets and more information at www.heringer-estates.obtain-wine.com/collection/events.

Sunday, July 19: Watermelon Festival **11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at Vierra Farms, home of Dave's Fruit Stand, **3010 Burrows Ave.** Let's celebrate summer with BBQ, jumping pillow, yard games, music and entertainment, and a watermelon-eating contest.

Saturday, July 25: CAFF Summer Soiree, **4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at Full Belly Farm, **16090 County Road 43, Guinda.** Join the Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) as this year we honor the essential yet too often unrecognized contributions of women across our food system. Feast on delicious food sourced from women farmers and ranchers, sip on wines and seasonal libations crafted by women artisans, and raise a glass while we enjoy talks from women leaders and live music from women artists. Every ticket purchased, every raffle ticket bought, every dollar donated is a direct investment in that work. Your presence at the Soiree supports CAFF's advocacy and programs that strengthen women-led farms, all while building more resilient communities across California. Tickets start at \$125 and are available at www.caff.org/summersoiree.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

Bat Talk and Tour, starts most evenings near sunset, through **Sunday, Sept. 27.** You'll begin with a presentation on bat natural history, where you will have the opportunity to see live ambassador bats up close. Then your group will carpool out to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area for a brief tour of the wetlands and rice fields, before getting in position to watch the "flyout" of the largest urban colony of Mexican free-tailed bats in California. The bats emerge in long ribbons as they head out to hunt for insects for the night. This family-friendly experience takes about two and a half hours. Full schedule, registration, and more information at www.yolobasin.org/bat-talk-tours/.