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## Classic Car and Truck Show Returns to Yolo



Michael McGinnis received Best of Show honors at the 2025 "Cruisin' into the Next Chapter" Classic Car and Truck Show for his 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air. Photo courtesy of Mike Keon

### Yolo County News Release

**YOLO, CA (MPG)** - Yolo County Library and the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library will host the annual "Cruisin' into the Next Chapter" Classic Car and Truck Show on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free, family-friendly event drew more than 900 people in 2025 and will take place at and around the Yolo Branch Library, 37750 Sacramento St., in the town of Yolo, about a five-minute drive north of Woodland.

More than 100 classic cars and trucks will be on display, along with antique fire trucks, tractors and engines. The event will also feature a lowrider bike show for all ages.

New this year, TrackLab 4WD will bring its multi-lane Mini 4WD racing course to the library lawn, where people of all skill levels, including beginners, can race small, battery-powered model cars.

Children can receive free books and take part in activities throughout the event, with free balloon creations available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors can also enjoy food, vendors and music by Chris Rockwell, enter drawings for prizes, and purchase event T-shirts and Yolo souvenirs.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library and Yolo County Library. Proceeds will support the Yolo Branch Library, which serves Yolo, Zamora,

Dunnigan and surrounding areas. The Yolo Fire Protection District, Miguel Vasquez, Yolo Market, Cache Creek High School, dozens of local businesses and organizations, and community volunteers have contributed to making the event possible.

For more information, visit [www.FriendsOfYoloLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsOfYoloLibrary.org), email [YoloCarShow@gmail.com](mailto:YoloCarShow@gmail.com), or call Meg Sheldon at (916) 837-9171. Event updates are also available on Instagram at @yolocarshow and on Facebook through the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library. For more information about Yolo County Library, visit [www.YoloCountyLibrary.org](http://www.YoloCountyLibrary.org) or follow Yolo County Library on Facebook. ★

## Sacramento Selected as New Sample Area for the Consumer Price Index

**United States**  
**Department of Labor**  
**News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will begin collecting data for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the Sacramento area in October.

According to Regional Commissioner Chris Rosenlund the communities of El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo Counties make up one of six new areas in which CPI data will be collected beginning this year, the first addition of new areas to the CPI sample since its 2018 revision.

Data collected in the Sacramento area will be included in the following geographic area indexes: U.S. City Average, West Region, West Size Class B/C and Pacific Division.

The Consumer Price Index is one of the nation's most important economic indicators. It is a principal gauge of inflation used widely in the formulation and evaluation of economic policy; adjusting cost of living payments (COLA) under many government programs including payments to Social Security beneficiaries, retired military and federal civil service employees and survivors; adjusting agreements including rentals/leases, collective bargaining and wages and pensions.

It is a measure of the average change in prices paid by urban consumers for a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is an estimate based on a group of representative prices paid for items including food, clothing, shelter, fuels, transportation, medical services and other goods and services people buy for day-to-day living.

The Consumer Price Index periodically updates the geographic areas across the country in which prices are collected. The last time the areas were updated was

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## Sycamore Trail Phase III Expands

**City of West**  
**Sacramento**  
**News Release**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The City of West Sacramento is excited to share Phase III of the Sycamore Trail has begun. This important milestone signifies the city's long-term vision of creating a safer, more connected transportation network for people walking and biking throughout the community.

Phase III will extend the Sycamore Trail along an existing utility corridor behind Deerwood Street, creating a Class I multi-use



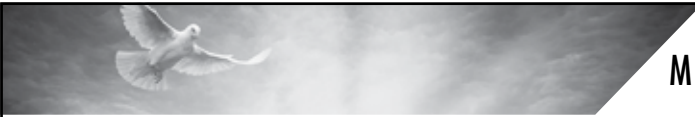
Phase III will extend the Sycamore Trail along an existing utility corridor behind Deerwood Street, creating a Class I multi-use trail, connecting Grande Vista Avenue to Stone Boulevard. . Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

trail, connecting Grande Vista Avenue to Stone Boulevard. The project will provide a low-stress route near Westmore Oaks

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DOROTHY ROSE (MILLER) CUMINGS • 10/21/1952 - 08/05/2026

Dorothy Rose (Miller) Cumings peacefully passed away on August 5, 2026, surrounded by the love of those whose lives she touched so deeply. She was born on October 21, 1952, in Woodland, California, and was raised in West Sacramento, a community she proudly called home throughout her life.

Dorothy was a woman of unwavering strength, compassion, and resilience. She was the person family and friends turned to for guidance, comfort, and support—a true rock whose steady presence brought peace to those around her. She had a remarkable ability to make everyone feel welcomed, accepted, and loved. Her home was always open, as was her heart. Whether someone needed a meal, a place to stay, a listening ear, or simply a hug, Dorothy never hesitated to help. She didn't just make friends—she made family, welcoming countless people into her life as if they had always belonged.

She dedicated many years of service to River City Bank before retiring. Never one to slow down completely, Dorothy continued working part-time at Walmart, where she enjoyed connecting with coworkers and customers alike. Her strong work ethic, kind spirit, and friendly smile left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Above all else, Dorothy cherished her family. She found her greatest joy in spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren,



celebrating life's milestones both big and small. She took immense pride in watching her family grow and loved creating memories that will be treasured for generations. She also had a special love for animals, especially her beloved dogs, especially her faithful companion, Bella, who remained by her side until the very end.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Laverne Miller and Algan Miller; her brother, Rick (Algan) Miller; her beloved granddaughter, Alexandria Cumings; and her faithful dog, Walle, all of whom she held close to her heart.

She leaves behind her devoted husband, Hershel "Honey" Cumings, Sr.; her son, Travis Duboise; her daughter, Trista Duboise (Robbie); her son, Hershel Cumings Jr. (Jamene); her cherished grandchildren, Felicia Duboise (Raven), Cheyenne Duboise (Xavier), Elizabeth Cumings, and Ariella; and her treasured great-grandchildren, Xavier Jr., Cooper, Abel, and Axel. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and countless dear friends whose lives were forever enriched by her love, generosity, and friendship.

Dorothy's legacy is one of unconditional love, unwavering strength, kindness, and selfless generosity. Though she will be profoundly missed, the lessons she taught, the love she gave so freely, and the countless lives she touched will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Her memory will forever be a source of comfort, inspiration, and enduring love.

# Council Places Delinquent Service Accounts on Property Tax Rolls

By John McCallum

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Like other cities in the region, West Sacramento is attempting to collect monies owed from service accounts by placing these delinquent charges on the county tax rolls of the subject properties — an amount totaling over \$1.26 million.

At its first meeting in a month on Aug. 5, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution that would “certify inclusion of delinquent charges and penalties for water, sewer and refuse services on the secured tax rolls” for the properties whose owners are delinquent. The amount is payable just like general property taxes, and the resolution also directs a lien placed on any property owing back services charges and late fees.

West Sacramento Finance Supervisor Angie Familia told council the city had sent out 1,132 letters to delinquent account holders requesting payment before resorting to collection measures. The total amount owed, including late fees, was \$1,265,256.

As of July 27, 367 account-holders had paid their charges, reducing the number included in the resolution to 765. That was reduced further, Familia said, as 12 additional individuals had paid their accounts by Aug. 5.

The smallest amount on the list is \$282 with the largest, owed by West Sacramento Hospitality LLC — the former Ramada Inn — at \$27,371. The median balance owed is \$1,682 with mean average at \$1,654.

During the council question and comment after the public hearing, during which there were no public comments, Councilwoman Dante Early asked if the city was seeing more delinquent accounts given the current economic conditions people are facing. Familia said the totals are

comparable to previous years. According to the report, there were 878 delinquent accounts in 2025 totaling \$1,181,603. Balances ranged from \$125,257 to \$251, with the mean at \$1,629 and the median at \$1,346.

Familia said the current delinquent balances don't include a utility rate hike passed by council in March and taking effect April 1. That included a 45% increase in sewer and 30% in water basic single-family residential rates along with an increase in the consumption charges for water, rates that gradually decrease to single digit increases by 2030.

“So, it may be a little higher next year, but this year it's pretty comparable,” Familia said, adding the total dollar amount in 2026 was lower than 2025.

According to the staff report, the city has six procedures in two categories it undertakes to enable customers to make timely payments of service charges. The first is scheduling account billing cycles beginning at six different days of the month, allowing customers 27 days to pay before fees are assessed.

Late fees and interest are assessed first at an initial 10% one-time basic penalty, followed by a charge of one-half of 1 percent for the next month, and then 1.5% monthly after that. The final step is to have the delinquent account placed on that property's Yolo County tax rolls.

Larger accounts, including multifamily units, may require liens placed on the property and possible legal action. A last resort is shutting off water to the account.

“Have we ever had to do that?” Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem Verna Suplizio Hull asked about shutoffs.

“We don't currently shut off the water,” Familia said, adding while that may have happened in the past, it hasn't

taken place since she came to the city.

Familia said the city prefers the process of placing delinquent account balances on the property in question tax liabilities, which must be paid by the current owner or someone wishing to purchase that property.

Councilwoman Quirina Orozco asked what steps property owners can take if they find themselves on the list of delinquent accounts. Familia said the city can work with them to create a payment plan to take care of back charges and make the account current, with the city requiring a “good faith” payment up front of the first month's payment.

“We did probably more this year than previous years, but we don't get a ton of requests for this,” she added.

“Are we certain we have the correct information for the property owners?” Orozco asked. “How do we know?”

Familia said the city receives a list of property owners from the county and compares it with its list of delinquent service charge accounts. This information is then sent to a consultant for review before filing with the county to attach the balance to the property tax roll.

Orozco asked what steps owners can take who are just now discovering their account is on the delinquent list. Familia said the city has a very short window in which to file with the county to get the accounts placed on the property tax rolls, but if those owners contact West Sacramento Utility Billing, there is some paperwork the city file to clear the account if paid.

Other area cities have taken similar measures regarding delinquent service accounts. In July the Elk Grove City Council approved a resolution placing 1,736 delinquent accounts totaling over \$1.18 million on the Sacramento County property tax rolls. ★



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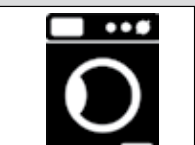
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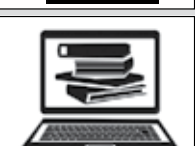
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in 2018 based on the 2010 Census of Population. The new design reflects shifts in the U.S. population based on the 2020 Decennial Census. During this time, 14 new areas will be added and work in 14 current areas will be discontinued, and the counties covered in other areas may change as well based on updated information from the Office of Management and Budget.

Employees from the

CPI will make personal visits to explain the survey to retail establishments selected from surveys conducted that asked local residents where they bought various goods and services. They will also visit housing units chosen using statistical methods to represent the local housing market. The interviews are brief and no one will be asked to fill out any forms. Data collected from businesses and households by BLS are

held in strict confidence and used for statistical purposes only.

Representatives will carry official identification and are U.S. Department of Labor employees. Local staff members will be part-time Economic Assistants who will be trained to collect data in person and by telephone using portable tablet computers. Job announcements for Economic Assistant positions can be found soon on [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov). ★



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# Sycamore Trail Phase III Expands

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Elementary School while enhancing access for residents traveling to neighborhoods, parks, schools and other community destinations. In addition, the trail will include new lighting, landscaping and benches.

"We are committed to building a city where thoughtful infrastructure investments deliver lasting benefits for our residents," said Mayor Martha Guerrero. "The Sycamore Trail brings that commitment to life by creating more opportunities for residents and visitors to stay active and enjoy outside."

The groundbreaking marks the next chapter of the city's signature Sycamore Trail project, first envisioned in the City's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan. Phase I, completed in 2019, connected Westfield Park to Joey Lopes Park, while Phase II delivered a pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing spanning U.S. Highway 50 and connecting neighborhoods to Westmore

Oaks Elementary School. Phase III builds on that progress by continuing the trail south toward Stone Boulevard.

"Sycamore Trail brings our community closer together," said Mayor Pro Tem and District 4 Councilmember Verna Sulpizio Hull. "Whether you're walking to a nearby park, biking to school, or simply enjoying time outside with your family, this trail provides a safe, welcoming space that strengthens the connections between our neighborhoods."

The trail has also been designed to accommodate emergency response and maintenance vehicle access as needed. Once complete, Sycamore Trail will further strengthen West Sacramento's growing network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and advance the city's vision of becoming one of the nation's most bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly communities.

"SACOG is proud to invest in this trail to make it easier for people to walk, bike, and



The groundbreaking marks the next chapter of the city's signature Sycamore Trail project, first envisioned in the City's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

access important destinations," said Jill Gayaldo, SACOG chair and councilmember for the City of Rocklin. "By strengthening connections between neighborhoods, schools, parks, and regional corridors, this trail will deliver lasting mobility and provide benefits for generations to come."

Pierson Rohr with Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) is also proud of the rapid progress on the Sycamore Trail, "Each West Sacramento resident that can choose a safe alternative

north-south travel corridor on two wheels eliminates one more car from the daily lines and slow-downs on parallel routes. Investment in trail networks lowers Vehicle miles traveled (VMT), congestion, injuries and fatalities in our city." ★

## Washington Unified Celebrates Reopening of Elkhorn Village School

### Washington Unified School District News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On Aug. 3, the Washington Unified School District (WUSD) celebrated the reopening of Elkhorn Village School with a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the completion of a major campus modernization project funded through Measure Z.

The newly modernized campus will welcome students for the 2026–27 school year and reopen as a new Spanish dual immersion school, expanding learning opportunities for students in West Sacramento.

District leaders, school staff, project partners and invited community guests gathered Monday morning to commemorate the milestone and recognize the collaborative effort that brought the project to completion.

"Elkhorn Village School represents an important investment in our students, our families, and the future of our community," said Dr. Cheryl P.

Hildreth, superintendent of Washington Unified School District. "This beautiful new campus and the launch of our Spanish dual immersion program reflect our commitment to providing learning environments where every student can thrive."

"We're excited to see Elkhorn Village welcome students and families back to the transformed campus," said Nick Cardin, project executive at XL Construction. "This project reflects the strong partnership between Washington Unified School District and XL Construction, working toward a shared goal. We're proud to have played a role in delivering a campus that is ready to serve Sacramento's gifted students, providing them with the modern and inclusive education they deserve."

The morning program featured welcome remarks from Principal José Gutierrez, remarks from Board President Virginia Coffey and Board Vice-President Vannessa Castro, construction partners and Superintendent Hildreth.

The event concluded with an official

ribbon-cutting led by district leadership and construction teams, followed by photo opportunities and campus tours.

Later that same day, Elkhorn Village School hosted a community celebration at 5:30 p.m., giving families and community members an opportunity to visit the campus and celebrate the start of the new school year.

**About the Project**

In August 2024, the Washington Unified School District Board of Trustees approved the start of the Measure Z Elkhorn Village modernization project in partnership with XL Construction. The project is a major modernization and partial rebuilding effort that supports the reopening of the school on a transformed campus for the 2026–27 school year.

Measure Z passed in 2020 with 60.93 percent approval and authorized \$150 million in general obligation bonds to support school facilities improvements, construction and modernization across the district. ★

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## Rate the Referees

By V.G. Harris

With the upcoming season looming less than three months away, my thoughts turn to the state of the league as it relates to NBA officiating.

Ironically, the NBA decided to release the best and the worst ratings for NBA referees for the first time recently and they broke it down into three categories. Three tiers from excellent being tier one, good or solid representing tier two, and finally needs improvement in tier three. Although I don’t often write about the officiating because it does little good, I have long believed the NCAA has somehow ferreted out a better class of officials than the NBA currently enjoys. I don’t believe the NBA officials are sordid or lacking in officiating acumen as much as I simply understand that no two officials are ever going to be the same.

Today’s officials are employed year-round, and at times I wonder what training classes are you attending, because it often appears the crowd gets the call right more than the officials do.

Obviously, the NBA realized they had a problem, or coaches challenges would not have been implemented in 2019-20. Did it make a difference? Only to the extent that games were won and lost because of a coach’s ability to question a call made by a referee.

I heartily applaud the NBA’s decision to implement this critical element to ensure a fairer outcome, but I’m all for taking it to the next level. For my money, as long as a coach wins a challenge that coach should continue to have a challenge available to him. Simply being given a number of challenges that runs out and potentially leaves that team wanting during crunch time, makes no sense when the object is simply to get it right.

So, with the release of this critical information what did it reveal?

411 NBA players from all 30 teams participated in the voting or analysis of the current NBA referees, and a total of 20 referees found themselves in the bottom category.

You may or may not find that acceptable, but I do not. That number represents nearly 30% of the referees in the NBA and that number is far too high for me.

The fact the NBA saw fit to finally release

the ratings of their current referees speaks volumes, and it tells me the commissioner’s office recognizes a problem.

I’ve already cited one potential remedy and there are certainly more, so let’s not let any grass grow under our feet Adam Sliver, and start making some cogent tweaks to the existing system.

On a sad note, I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the passing of basketball legend Don Nelson who at one time was the winningest basketball coach in NBA history. Currently ranked second all-time with 1,335 wins, Don Nelson was a basketball maverick in a good way and was responsible for the first point forward as it relates to running an unconventional offense.

Steph Curry cites Nelson as one of the key factors in him being drafted by the Golden State Warriors, and although Curry played just one season for the legendary coach, Don Nelson made an indelible mark on Curry that he never forgot.

Always an entertaining interview Nelson would undoubtedly have some pointed thoughts on the current state of affairs with NBA refereeing and was an ardent supporter of the value of free throw shooting.

In 150 playoff games as a player, Nelson shot 50% from the field and 82% from the line.

At one time tormented by his inability to shoot free throws at a high percentage, Nelson pioneered the one-handed shot-put version that propelled his career and made him an asset at the line as opposed to a liability.

Rest in peace Don Nelson and thank you for the many years of competitive greatness as you won five NBA championships with the Boston Celtics.

His No. 19 jersey was retired by the Celtics, and although he was never inducted by the hall-of-fame as a player, the Celtics acknowledged his contributions with the retiring of his jersey.

Nelson would reach the Hall of Fame as a coach inductee in 2012, and it was so well deserved.

Would that the Sacramento Kings could have this intrepid inventor back for just a day to give some guidance to a young squad in need.

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## Pension Boosts for California Police, Firefighters Could Spur Increases for Other Workers



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

It may be just a coincidence, but when California’s public employee pension system touted very high earnings on its investments last month, it was a political windfall for unions seeking to increase retirement benefits.

They could argue that the California Public Employees Retirement System’s report of a 14.8% gain during the 2025-26 fiscal year indicated that California could afford to boost pensions for police and firefighters with little or no impact on taxpayers.

Conversely, the CalPERS report was a setback for local governments that oppose the pension boost, contending it would open the door to higher pensions for other categories of public workers and would exacerbate budget shortfalls.

Opponents of the pension increase proposed in Assembly Bill 1383 appear to face an uphill battle. The legislation passed the Assembly with an overwhelming bipartisan vote prior to the Legislature’s summer recess and could gain Senate approval before adjournment in a few weeks.

The situation is similar to what happened 27 years ago, shortly after Gray Davis was inaugurated as governor. Davis had survived a bruising primary battle in 1998 against two

wealthy, self-financed opponents and a tough duel with Republican Attorney General Dan Lungren, thanks largely to big donations from public employee unions.

Davis repaid his political debt to the unions by sponsoring two benefit increases, one in unemployment benefits, the other in pensions. He and the unions contended the pension boost could be covered without new taxes because CalPERS said as much.

However, investment earnings cratered during the Great Recession a few years later. Local governments struggled to pay the increased contributions that law requires them to make when pension fund investments falter.

Local officials argued that the mandatory increases in contributions to cover the pension system’s weak earnings were diverting money that otherwise would support vital and popular services, including police and fire protection.

Eventually that led to a major overhaul of pension benefits and the contributions to finance them in 2012 — changes that AB 1383 would partially undo. Among other things, the reforms didn’t affect pensions of current retirees or employees, but reduced them for future hires.

The 2012 reforms would, it was believed, slow the increase in pension costs as workers retired and replacements were hired with lower pension guarantees. However, the impacts of the Davis-era increases continued to affect local budgets.

It was common for California cities to pay 50 cents into the pension fund for every dollar in salary for

their police officers and only slightly less for firefighters. Lodi’s city manager at the time, Steve Schwabauer, told CalPERS trustees at a meeting, “I have the unfortunate obligation to tell you that Lodi is on a slow, inexorable slide toward insolvency if you maintain your present course.”

Three California cities — Vallejo, Stockton and San Bernardino — declared bankruptcy, with fast-rising pension costs as major factors. During Stockton’s bankruptcy, the presiding federal judge, Christopher Klein, declared the city could reduce pension benefits to improve its financial position, touching off a brief but fiery debate. However, none of the three cities acted on Klein’s advice.

Back to AB 1383. Sweetening the pensions of public safety employees would increase costs for the state and local governments by \$4.8 billion, an analysis by CalPERS actuaries estimates, with contributions by employers rising by \$233 million a year.

That’s a hefty number. The true impact of passing AB 1383 could be much higher, because once the pension limits on police and firefighters hired since 2012 are breached, unions representing other categories of workers will demand parity. And a Legislature dominated by union-friendly Democrats will be hard-pressed to refuse.

*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.*

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## Social Security Matters

### Is the Medicare Part B Premium a Percentage of our Social Security Amount?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social  
Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I have a simple question: Is the amount we pay for Medicare Part B premium a percent of our Social Security amount we receive?

**Signed: Curious**

**Dear Curious:** Your Medicare Part B premium is not based on a percentage of your monthly Social Security benefit amount. Medicare Part B premiums are set in October of each year by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and are based upon anticipated total costs of the Medicare program in the forthcoming year. Generally speaking, Medicare Part B enrollee premiums are expected to offset about 25% of CMS’ anticipated total Medicare Part B costs; the rest is borne by the Federal Government. So, when CMS estimates Medicare program costs for the upcoming year, they also look at the number of anticipated Part B enrollees. They then divide 25% of total anticipated Part B program costs by the number of expected Part B enrollees, resulting in the “standard” Medicare Part B premium for next year. For 2026, the standard Part B premium amount is \$202.90. The standard premium for 2027 will be announced in October 2026

and will likely be different.

It’s important to understand also that not everyone pays the “standard” Part B premium. Some lower income seniors may pay less because of the so-called “hold harmless provision,” and some higher income folks may pay more than the “standard” monthly Part B premium because of a provision called “IRMAA.”

The “hold harmless provision” says that monthly Social Security benefits cannot decrease as a result of a Medicare premium increase, so if the annual SS COLA (cost of living adjustment) is insufficient to offset any increase to the standard Part B premium, then the SS beneficiary may pay a smaller Part B premium amount so that their SS benefit doesn’t decrease (note there are exceptions to this rule).

Conversely, those with a higher “provisional income” (an IRS definition), may pay more than the standard Medicare Part B premium. That’s because of a provision known as “IRMAA” (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount), which adds a supplemental amount on top of the standard Medicare Part B premium. IRMAA supplement amounts are determined using a sliding scale to define the required higher Part B premium for each income level category, and IRMAA will cause the Part B premium to be more than the standard premium amount. For those with exceptionally high incomes, the Part B premium can be as much as \$690 per month.

FYI, income reported to the IRS two years ago is used

to determine if an individual is subject to IRMAA for the forthcoming year. The reason for this is timing: when next year’s Part B premium is determined in October of each current year, the IRS has processed all tax returns for the preceding year but doesn’t yet have individual income for the current year. Thus, they must use a person’s income from October of the preceding year to determine who will pay the standard Part B premium next year, and who will pay a higher IRMAA amount.

And just to complete this picture, you should be aware that IRMAA also applies to Medicare Part D premiums. And that means that those with higher incomes who are affected by IRMAA for Part B will also pay a higher Medicare Part D premium. (Medicare Part D is private insurance coverage for prescription drugs). But none of this is related to your Social Security benefit amount.

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An Iran war that was supposed to be brief, and then was supposed to be over, is imposing an increasing price on Donald Trump’s presidency.

We’ve seen a second term of a Republican administration go this way before. There are distinct echoes of George W. Bush’s Iraq War -- the conflict that Trump has long excoriated --in the president’s predicament.

Now, the Iran War is different from Iraq. There is no ground invasion, no regime change, no occupation, no counterinsurgency. The casualties aren’t close to the same scale, and Donald Trump has been fighting Iran for months, whereas George W. Bush was embroiled in Iraq for years (and so were his successors).

Yet, the political trajectory looks similar. Then, as now, an unpopular conflict is putting downward pressure on a Republican president’s approval rating.

Mainstream pollsters routinely have Trump’s approval rating below 40%, and some put it below 35%; Fox News has him at 39%, while CNN (34%) and AP (33%) are lower. At this juncture of Bush’s second term, his average approval rating was a roughly comparable 38%, although he had further to fall as the war continued and the financial crisis hit.

If the Iran War is not exacting nearly the same price in blood and trea-

## The Iran War is Eating Trump’s Presidency

sure as the Iraq War, it is inflicting a direct economic cost on Americans that wasn’t present during the Iraq war.

It was often said of violent clashes in the streets of the U.S. in the 1960s, “The Vietnam War has come home.” Well, the Iran War came home the first time the average price per gallon of gasoline went above \$4. Trump would have much more leeway to engage in a protracted operation to bring Iran to heel if the public could, in effect, forget about the war for a while, but there’s a reminder every day of what’s happening in the Strait of Hormuz on gas signs across America.

In the CNN poll, 28% approve Trump’s handling of Iran, while 25% approve his handling of inflation and 21% of gas prices. These issues are related. Trump wants his presidency to matter. So, rather than being content with doing whatever he could at the margins to lower prices, he went for big, legacy-defining initiatives -- tariffs and the Iran War -- that raised prices. In so doing, he forfeited his signature issue of economic stewardship. In the latest Fox News poll, 33% approve of his handling of the economy and 67% disapprove.

When the memorandum of understanding with Iran was signed, Trump boasted about how, by reopening the strait, it would avoid greater economic distress; he said he didn’t want to be another Herbert Hoover. Now, the strait is basically closed

again. Absent another deal, he’s faced with the choice of escalation or an ongoing low-level conflict, neither of which is going to be palatable to the public.

The CNN poll found that nearly three-quarters of Americans think Trump hasn’t paid enough attention to the country’s most pressing problems. The fact is that Iran wasn’t a priority for the public and there was no attempt by the White House to make it one until after it had already launched the war.

Just as Bush’s success in toppling the Taliban created the predicate for the Iraq War, Trump’s stunning capture of Nicolas Maduro made it easier to believe that the Iran war would be a cakewalk. The idealistic establishment Republican and the “America First” populist both got lured into overestimating the efficacy of American military power.

We still don’t know how the Iran war will end. Perhaps Trump will manage a satisfactory conclusion, and he has more room to bounce back up again politically than Bush did after years of the Iraq War. Still, the next Republican president would be well served to be more prudent and mindful of worst-case scenarios when launching major military operations than either of his two, otherwise very different, GOP predecessors.

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WEST SACRAMENTO CRIME REPORTS



ARREST REPORTS

**Sergio Efrain Hernandez**, 58, was cited Sunday, May 3 at West Capitol Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, possession of a hard drug with prior convictions and possession of a controlled substance for sale.

**Asrayel Amalia Lopez**, 38, was cited Friday, July 10 at Jefferson Boulevard and Gateway Drive by West Sacramento Police for petty theft. Officer was dispatched to a call regarding a theft at a discount store. The reporting party provided a description and picture of a suspect who had filled a duffel bag with items in the store and left without paying. Officer located a subject matching the description at the arrest location and detained her. She gave consent to a search of her duffel bag and officer found the merchandise with store tags still attached to the items. An assisting officer transported the reporting party to the arrest location, and they positively identified Lopez as the person who had taken items from the store. The reporting party signed a citizen's arrest form and Lopez was released with a notice to appear.

**Yadira Alvarez**, 35, was cited Wednesday, July 22 on Maple Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the intersection of Sycamore Avenue and Merkley Avenue for report of a hit-and-run with no injuries. At the location, officer found a heavily damaged vehicle leaking fluids. Officer contacted the driver, the reporting party, who said she had been involved in a traffic collision and the other driver fled the scene without stopping to exchange information. The driver provided a description of the other vehicle. Officer canvassed the area for video or other evidence with no results. Later, dispatch received a phone call from Alvarez, who stated she had been in a vehicle accident at that location and agreed to meet with officer on Maple Street. Upon arrival, officer contacted Alvarez, who stated she knew a collision had occurred and she fled the scene without contacting the other party due to being in fear. A records check found Alvarez did not have a valid California Driver's License. Her vehicle showed moderate damage to the front passenger's side. Alvarez was cited for hit-and-run with property damage and driving without a license. She was provided a notice to appear.

**Megan Courtney Gonzales**, 30, was arrested Wednesday, July 22 on Bryte Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a verbal altercation. Upon arrival, officer contacted Gonzales standing outside a stairwell, displaying objective signs of being under the influence of alcohol. Officer attempted to have her relatives take her back inside their apartment, which they refused. Gonzales informed officers she had no one else to pick her up. Gonzales started to become verbally hostile with relatives and was placed under arrest for being drunk in public, placing herself or others at risk. A records check revealed an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, and she was transported to Yolo County Jail to detox.

**Hu Xiao**, 40, was cited Friday, July 24 at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police for petty theft. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of theft at a retail store. The call text reported a female was currently trying to pay with merchandise with multiple different credit cards. The store loss prevention team had detained her and reported that Xiao had paid for multiple Apple gift cards and failed to pay for multiple beauty products in a separate bag, valued at \$199.83 by an itemized store list. Xiao was uncooperative with law enforcement and did not speak English fluently. She was provided a notice to appear and released from the scene.

**Jerimiah Shane Berger**, 20, was arrested Saturday, July 25 at Cabaldon Parkway and Ironworks Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle at a gas station on West Capitol Avenue and a male exited the rear passenger-side seat and began walking toward the gas station's entrance. Officer gave verbal commands to the male, later identified as Berger, to get back into the vehicle, as he was detained. Berger refused commands and ran from the scene. Officer initiated a foot pursuit and Berger was found later at the arrest location in a tent and taken into custody. A records

check found he was on juvenile probation until 2031 and had an outstanding felony warrant. He was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant, with the additional charge of resisting a peace officer.

**Miranda Louise Darrough**, 30, was arrested Monday, July 27 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct: alcohol. Officers received multiple calls about a female, later identified as Darrough, screaming, yelling for help, and walking into the roadway trying to stop passing vehicles. Upon arrival, officers found Darrough displaying objective signs of alcohol intoxication. She left the officers and immediately walked into the roadway yelling "hit me" and trying to be collided into by passing vehicles. It was evident she was unable to care for herself. She was transported to Woodland Memorial Hospital to detox.

**Marcus Pierre Hamilton**, 36, was arrested Monday, July 27 at Westacre Road and Evergreen Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer conducted a bike stop on a male for having no rear red reflector and riding on the sidewalk. The rider, Hamilton, was armed with a machete and an assisting officer removed it from his person. After Hamilton was disarmed, he fled from the stop on his bike. Officers pursued him with lights and sirens activated. Hamilton dropped his bike, ran on foot, fell down, and was taken into custody. On his person, officer found two bindles containing fentanyl, and found three glass straws for smoking in Hamilton's backpack. A records check found an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Hamilton was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with the vehicle infraction, the warrant, resisting a peace officer, and possessing unlawful paraphernalia and a narcotic controlled substance.

**Chelsea Nicole Payne**, 37, was arrested Thursday, July 30 at West Capitol Avenue and Walnut Street by West Sacramento Police for an active felony warrant. Officer on patrol observed Payne, known from prior contacts. A records check confirmed the warrants and Payne was transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.

**Mitchell Andrew Gamez**, 36, was arrested Thursday, July 30 on Richards Boulevard, Sacramento by West Sacramento Police. Officers were dispatched to the area of Vermont Avenue and 16th Street for report of a vehicle collision and possible DUI. The involved suspect vehicle struck a parked car near this location and witnesses provided a description of the vehicle, including license plate number. A witness spoke with the driver, who stated his name was Mitchell and that he "could not go back to jail" and then fled the scene. The vehicle was located on the freeway by Sacramento County air support and a traffic stop conducted by Sacramento Police Department at the request of West Sacramento PD due to the hit and run and possible DUI. The driver, Gamez, owned the vehicle and a white powdery substance later confirmed as fentanyl was found inside. Under Miranda, Gamez stated he had used fentanyl earlier in the day. He was unable to perform field sobriety tests as directed. He was transported to Yolo County Jail charged with DUI, hit-and-run with property damage and possessing a narcotic controlled substance.

**Mia Elizabeth Munoz**, 22, was arrested Friday, July 31 by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched on a call for service and arrived on scene to find Munoz in an elevated emotional state walking in the parking lot and yelling at another woman. Munoz was yelling at the victim and following her through the parking lot, challenging victim to a fight. Officer gave Munoz repeated commands to stop, which she ignored. Officer then observed Munoz strike the victim multiple times on the head and face before officers could pull her off. She continued to refuse officers' commands before turning on officers and striking one officer on the head multiple times before she was detained. She was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with battery, resisting an executive officer and battery on a peace officer.

**Laura M. Miller**, 34, and Alex James Amaro, 35, were arrested Saturday, Aug. 1 on Ikea Court by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for a potential shoplifting – two suspects who had stolen from the location in the past were now

inside the store. Officers arrived on scene and located a vehicle matching the description provided and found the two suspects walking away and detained them without incident. Officer then returned to the reporting party, who stated he was walking the floor when he recognized the couple from a prior theft. He radioed to loss prevention to monitor the couple. Loss prevention was able to observe and record when the couple walked out the emergency exit with the merchandise, skipping all points of sale. The store manager wants to press charges. Officer reviewed the video footage confirming the correct suspects and matching vehicle. They were also in possession of the stolen merchandise valued at approximately \$1,418. A records check found Miller had at least two prior theft convictions and they were transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with grand theft and conspiracy to commit a crime. Miller was also charged with theft with prior convictions.

**David Michael Eugene Waggoner**, 33, was arrested Saturday, Aug. 1 on N. Hobson Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for no license plates and contacted Waggoner, the driver. A records check showed him to be on post release community supervision (PRCS) along with multiple outstanding warrants. He was detained without incident. Officers located a gray True Religion bag beside the road where Waggoner parked. Officers searched the bag and found a loaded revolver handgun, multiple new unused baggies, a marijuana container with methamphetamine inside and a separate baggie with additional methamphetamine. Camera footage from the residence where Waggoner parked showed him tossing the bag out of the vehicle prior to being stopped. Under Miranda, Waggoner confessed to throwing the bag out of the vehicle and stated it was his. Waggoner was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrants and a variety of drug and gun-related charges.

**Timothy Arneze Baker**, 31, was arrested Monday, Aug. 3 by West Sacramento Police. Officers were dispatched to a report of a physical fight – a subject had been assaulted by a roommate. Officers arrived on scene and contacted both subjects inside the residence. The victim informed officers that he was having a conversation with Baker, who began to shove him for no apparent reason. As the victim was shoved, he fell to the ground and hit his head on the wall. The victim mentioned he had previous traumatic brain surgery and once he fell, he lost consciousness for an unknown period. He was unable to see for a time. When he attempted to stand, Baker shoved him two more times. A witness on scene confirmed Baker had shoved the victim multiple times, causing him to fall and hit his head. A records check found an active felony warrant and Baker was transported to Yolo County Jail for the warrant and a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with force and possible great bodily injury.

**Jennifer Leanna Hake**, 36, was arrested Tuesday, Aug. 4 on Merkley Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officers on patrol located an unreported stolen vehicle out of Sacramento. Sacramento PD confirmed they were in the process of adding the stolen vehicle report to the system. A records check provided the name of the registered owner. Officers followed the vehicle, conducted a stop and detained all occupants. The driver, Hake, stated under Miranda that she had borrowed the vehicle from "Priscilla" and was using the vehicle to run errands. Officers contacted the registered owner, who confirmed he did not know Hake and never gave permission to drive his vehicle. Hake was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with taking a vehicle without owner's consent and attempting to receive stolen property.

**Lizette Guadalupe Tafolla Aguilar**, 22, was arrested Tuesday, Aug. 4 at Cabaldon Parkway and Grand Street by West Sacramento Police for multiple DUI charges. Officer responded to the location for a vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officer observed a vehicle on the center median of Grand Street and contacted a female identified as Aguilar. She had a strong odor of alcohol on her breath and person. She consented to field sobriety tests, which she performed poorly. Preliminary alcohol screening tests demonstrated blood alcohol concentration >.08. She was transported to Yolo County Jail without further incident.

Incidents / Crime Reports

**Saturday**, May 30 – victim on Evergreen Avenue reports battery by an acquaintance. No damage estimate.

**Tuesday**, July 21 – a retail store on Riverpoint Court reports the theft of merchandise valued at \$298. A suspect name was provided.

**Wednesday**, July 22 – a traffic stop was initiated on a subject who was riding an electric dirt bike at Village Parkway and Oak Brook Road. The subject did not stop at multiple stop signs and refused to stop, leading officers on a pursuit. The subject was able to evade apprehension and officers did not located him or the e-bike.

**Thursday**, July 23 – an unknown suspect took items of value past the last point of sale without paying at Town Center Plaza.

**Friday**, July 24 – victim on Treasure Island Road reports an unknown suspect broke their truck window and stole their gym bag containing miscellaneous items. No surveillance footage is available. Loss and damage estimated at \$1,200.

**Friday**, July 24 – victim on Ballena Bay Road reports an unknown suspect broke their car window, causing \$1,500 in damage. Nothing was stolen and Ring video footage is available.

**Friday**, July 24 – victim on Independence Avenue reports an unknown suspect broke their car window and stole miscellaneous items. Loss and damage valued at \$540. Neighbor has Ring video footage.

**Friday**, July 24 – victim on Duet Drive reports unknown suspects tampering with their vehicle. There is no damage and miscellaneous items were moved around. Video is available.

**Monday**, July 27 – an apartment complex on Savannah Lane reports unknown suspects entered the complex's mailbox hallway and pried the doors open, stealing all the mail and causing permanent damage to the mailboxes. Loss and damage estimated at \$11,401.

**Tuesday**, July 28 – victim reports their semi-truck was broken into in a lot on F Street. An unknown suspect stole USA/Russia citizenship papers and passports, valued at \$920.

**Tuesday**, July 28 – victim on James Street reports an unknown suspect exhibiting a firearm in a threatening manner. No estimated value of damage.

**Tuesday**, July 28 – victim on Summerfield Drive reports unknown suspect(s) drilled holes into their gas tank and stole gasoline from the vehicle. No video surveillance is available. Loss and damage estimated at \$1,500.

**Wednesday**, July 29 – victim on Maple Street reports an unknown suspect broke into their vehicle and stole the entire ignition block, valued at \$1,000.

**Wednesday**, July 29 – a restaurant on West Capitol Avenue reports unknown suspects destroyed three industrial compression tanks on their roof and stole copper pipes. Damage estimated at \$51,000.

**Wednesday**, July 29 – victim on Quail Road reports their vehicle was broken into, and miscellaneous items were taken by unknown suspects. Video surveillance is available. Loss and damage estimated at \$450.

**Wednesday**, July 29 – victim reports 3 to 4 unknown suspects broke into their vehicle overnight on Gold Hill Street and stole an iPad and cash. Surveillance video is available. Loss and damage estimated at \$7,100.

**Wednesday**, July 29 – a business on Industrial Boulevard reports vandalism. An office window was broken, \$450 damage.

**Wednesday**, July 29 – victim on Nautica Court reports an unknown suspect broke into their vehicle and stole a backpack. There is no video surveillance available. Damage and loss estimated at \$600.

**Thursday**, July 30 – victim on Elder Drive reports their vehicle window was smashed, ignition punched, and items stolen by unknown suspects. Loss and damage estimated at \$2,300. ★

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September 3, 2026

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas/planning-commission>), or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 or the City’s YouTube channel and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on September 3, 2026.

Any interested person or authorized agent may appear and be heard. To submit a comment in writing, please email [dauntea@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:dauntea@cityofwestsacramento.org) and write “Public Comment” in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 4:00 PM will be provided to the Planning Commission. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

6:00 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ON SITE BEER SALES AT 1271 MERKLEY AVENUE (LAFFEY)**

This item is a public hearing for a conditional use permit for liquor sales to allow for Hobby Badger Games at 1271 Merkley Avenue (APN: 067-310-026-000) to receive a California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license Type 40 which allows for the sale of beer for consumption on or off the premises. A Type 40 license does not permit wine or distilled spirits to be on the premises. Full meals are not required; however, sandwiches or snacks must be available. Minors are allowed on the premises. The property is zoned Central Business District (CBD) which allows for liquor sales as an accessory use in buildings under 10,000 square feet with a Conditional Use Permit. This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing facilities) and 15303 (New Construction of Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines. Applicant/Owner: Anthony Villa, 1271 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPEAL TO STAFF’S DETERMINATION THAT A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MODIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT 3785 AND 3855 CHANNEL DRIVE (LAFFEY)**

This item is a public hearing on an appeal filed July 29, 2026 by Adam K. Guernsey of Harrison, Temblador, Hungerford & Guernsey, on behalf of Valley Slurry Seal Emultech (VSS), of the Interim Community Development Director’s July 15, 2026 determination that a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) modification is required for the installation of eight new liquid bulk storage tanks at 3785 & 3855 Channel Drive (APN: 067-053-035-000, 067-053-034-000), associated with building permit application #25-07-271E. The property is zoned Waterfront Industrial (M-3) and carries a General Plan land use designation of Water-Related Industrial (WRI). The existing facility operates under a CUP approved by the Planning Commission on February 7, 2008 for Rail Car Loading (Rail Spur). Staff determined that the proposed expansion constitutes a major revision to the approved CUP under WSMC §17.35.110 because it increases the facility’s capacity to receive material by rail and intensifies a potential project impact, and that the CUP modification must be approved before the building permit application can be processed. The appellant contends that the storage tanks are part of a by-right cargo handling use permitted in the M-3 zone under WSMC §17.10.020, that issuance of the building permits is a ministerial action, and that no CUP modification is required. The determination is appealable to the Planning Commission pursuant to WSMC §§17.35.130, and 17.34.060. The appeal is a determination regarding the applicability of the City’s permit processing requirements and is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines; no physical change to the environment is approved or authorized by this action, and any required environmental review would occur in connection with a future entitlement application. Harrison, Temblador, Hungerford & Guernsey on behalf of Valley Slurry Seal Emultech, 1501 28th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

**Daunte Arriaga**  
Planning Commission Clerk  
City of West Sacramento Planning Division

*If you disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission, you have a right of appeal. Only persons who participated in the review process by submitting written testimony or oral testimony at the public hearing, may appeal. Appeals are limited to those issues raised at the Planning Commission meeting. If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.*

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| <b>WinnResidential-Woodmark, 700 Kincheloe Court Woodland, CA 95776,</b> County of Yolo.<br>Mailing Address: One Washington Mall, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02108<br>LLAM Realty Management, Inc., One Washington Mall, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02108<br>This business is conducted by Corporation (submit Articles of Incorporation from the Secretary of State).<br>The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/9/2026<br>/s/ Michael T. Putziger, Secretary<br>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 07/17/2026.<br>Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder<br>By: Kimberli, Deputy<br>7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21/26<br>CNS-4056438#<br>NEWS-LEDGER 8-21-26 | Mailing Address: 2390 Peace Portal Drive, PMB 304 Blaine, WA 98230<br>Metrie Inc., 2390 Peace Portal Drive, PMB 304 Blaine, WA 98230<br>This business is conducted by Corporation (submit Articles of Incorporation from the Secretary of State) .<br>The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/07/2024<br>/s/ Jeremy Black, CFO<br>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 07/10/2026.<br>Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder<br>By: Kimberli, Deputy<br>8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28/26<br>CNS-4064756#<br>NEWS-LEDGER 8-28-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA<br>COUNTY OF YOLO<br>ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE<br>CHANGE OF NAME<br>#CV2026-1855<br>Jay Lara has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lavender Wright Lara-Callison to Lavender Fred-erica Lara.<br>IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 13, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.<br>Dated: July 22, 2026<br>David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court<br>Publish: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026<br>LARA 8-28-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME<br>STATEMENT<br>FILE NO. F20260585<br>The following person(s) is doing business as:<br><b>The Flaming Poppy Co, 2519 Higgins Rd, West Sacramento, CA 95691,</b> County of Yolo.<br>Melissa Wright, 2519 Higgins Rd West Sacramento, CA 95691<br>This business is conducted by Individual.<br>The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A<br>/s/ Melissa Wright<br>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 07/13/2026.<br>Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder<br>By: Kimberli, Deputy<br>7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21/26<br>CNS-4063221#<br>NEWS-LEDGER 8-21-26                                                              | FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME<br>STATEMENT<br>FILE NO. F20260640<br>The following person(s) is doing business as:<br><b>Rate</b><br>Located At: 433 2nd St. Suite 100B, Woodland, CA 95695<br>Mailing Address: 3940 N Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, IL 60613<br>County of Yolo.<br>Registrant Name and Address: Guaranteed Rate, Inc.<br>3940 N Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, IL 60613<br>This business is conducted by a Corporation.<br>The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A<br>Guaranteed Rate, Inc.<br>/S/ Nikolaos P. Athanasiou, Chief Operating Officer<br>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 07/30/2026.<br>Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder<br>By: Kimberli Quam, Deputy<br>8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4/26<br>CNS-4066810#<br>NEWS-LEDGER 9-4-26 | NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF<br>DORAN REYNOLDS<br>CASE NO. PR2026-0174<br>To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Doran Reynolds.<br>A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kyle B. Reynolds, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Kyle B. Reynolds be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.<br>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.<br>A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: September 4, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.<br>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.<br>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.<br>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: Michael G. Abrate, 601 University Avenue Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95825; 916-550-2688<br>Publish: July 31, August 7, 14, 2026<br>REYNOLDS 8-14-26 |
| FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME<br>STATEMENT<br>FILE NO. F20260577<br>The following person(s) is doing business as: Worksheets and Me, 1399 Sacramento Avenue Space 102, West Sacramento, CA 95605.<br>Mandy Jean Flores, 1399 Sacramento Avenue Space 102, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 6, 2026.<br>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on July 9, 2026.<br>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy<br>Publish: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026<br>WORKSHEETS 8-28-26                                                                                                          | FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME<br>STATEMENT<br>FILE NO. F20260637<br>The following person(s) is doing business as: Swifty Crafts, 2836 Gadwall Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691.<br>Kara Lawson, 2836 Gadwall Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 29, 2026.<br>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on July 29, 2026.<br>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy<br>Publish: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026<br>SWIFTY 8-28-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA<br>COUNTY OF YOLO<br>ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE<br>CHANGE OF NAME<br>#CV2026-1699<br>Jennifer Caitlyn Dunphy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jennifer Caitlyn Dunphy to Caitlyn Jennifer Dunphy.<br>IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 13, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.<br>Dated: June 4, 2026<br>David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court<br>Publish: July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2026<br>DUNPHY 8-21-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME<br>STATEMENT<br>FILE NO. F20260502<br>The following person(s) is doing business as: Doubleup Questabrias, 374 California Street, Woodland, CA 95695.<br>G&R Innovative Foods, Inc., 374 California Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 13, 2026.<br>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 16, 2026.<br>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy<br>Publish: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026<br>DOUBLEUP 8-28-26                                                                                                                                   | FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME<br>STATEMENT<br>FILE NO. F20260599<br>The following person(s) is doing business as: Lowe’s, 2250 Lake Washington Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.<br>Lowe’s Home Centers, LLC, 1000 Lowes Boulevard, Mooresville, NC 28117. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 12, 2008.<br>This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on July 16, 2026.<br>By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy<br>Publish: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026<br>LOWES 8-28-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA<br>COUNTY OF YOLO<br>ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE<br>CHANGE OF NAME<br>#CV2026-1996<br>Makayla Brooke Jordan Smith has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Makayla Brooke Jordan Smith to Brooke Jordan Colan-Aguilar.<br>IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.<br>Dated: July 21, 2026<br>Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court<br>Publish: July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2026<br>SMITH 8-21-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Outside the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE – continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: LOT 68 OF LITTLE POULTRY FARMS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, IN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO, COUNTY OF YOLO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF YOLO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ON NOVEMBER 10, 1926, IN BOOK 3 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 57. 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: 731 PECAN STREET 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, 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 trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$191,404.28 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 8/5/2026 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "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 on 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 the outstanding lien 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. "Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfer. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federal-register.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/

anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#d5 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 88952. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the

property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869, or visit this internet website www.STOX-POSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 88952 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; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; 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. Disclosure In compliance with CA civil code 2924(F), the opening bid for the foreclosure sale is based on a valuation provided to the trustee by the lender of the lender's representative. The trustee does not determine, verify, or opine on the accuracy of this valuation and makes no representation regarding the market value of the property subject to foreclosures (the "Property"). The trustee's compliance or non-compliance with CA civil

code 2924(f) shall not be construed as an opinion, warranty, or representation regarding (i) the priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, (ii) the condition of title to the Property, or (iii) any other matters affecting the Property, including the value of the Property. The trustee relies solely on the trustee's sale guaranty and/or information provided by the lender regarding the lien priority and title condition and does not independently verify such information. All bidders are solely responsible for conducting their own Independent due diligence regarding the loan, the Property, its value, the lien priority of the deed of trust being foreclosed, and the condition of the title to the Property. The trustee assumes no liability for the accuracy or completeness of any information provided by third parties, including the lender. The valuation used to determine the minimum opening bid applies only to the Initially scheduled sale date. Any postponement or continuation of the sale does not obligate the trustee to obtain or rely upon a new valuation, nor does it alter the trustee's limited role in the process. Published 8/14/2026, 8/21/2026, 8/28/2026 NEWS LEDGER 8-28-26





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## You'll Keep Paying for Wildfires on Your Electric Bill Until California Fixes Its Forests

By Josh Cook

If you live in California, you've probably seen the ads: "Home insurance rates skyrocket." "The FAIR Plan is broken." They urge you to call your legislator and demand a fix. What they don't mention is who paid for them — Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric shareholders, through a campaign called Wildfire Victims First.

Despite the name, not one wildfire survivors group supports it.

Meanwhile, the Governor's staff has been quietly negotiating a wildfire package with lawmakers' staff. No bill text has been released. The Legislature returned from recess on August 3 and adjourns at the end of the month — the exact window for a "gut-and-amend," where lawmakers strip an existing bill, drop in new language, and fast-track it to get something done.

Eaton Fire survivors and Consumer Watchdog say the package would cap payments for pain and suffering, block insurers from recovering costs from utilities, and limit attorneys' fees, making it harder for survivors to find lawyers. Insurance companies agree — and when insurers and fire victims end up on the same side, that's worth noticing.

Here's the part almost nobody in this fight is discussing: none of it addresses why the fires get so big, and the answer is not just "climate change". That is a cop out for years of systematic mismanagement.

Roughly 46% of California is federally owned — national forests, BLM land,

parks, refuges. Much of the state's highest-risk landscape sits on those federal acres. A century of aggressive fire suppression and reduced logging let fuel pile up. Many California forests are far denser today than they were historically, which turns ordinary ignitions into fast-moving infernos. Scientists point to fire exclusion, drought, insect die-off, and a warming climate working together — with excess vegetation driving how these fires behave. Remember, even as our forests burn down, we are importing timber from foreign countries. Bad policy in action.

Fuel loads are measured in tons per acre and vary by forest type. But in overstocked Sierra Nevada forests, they run well above historic levels; they remain a "tinder box". That's why mechanical thinning and prescribed burns are so widely recommended. On another note, properly managed forests also get more water in the streams; more on that in a future column.

The problem is pace and political will power. Fuels accumulate faster than crews can treat them; the idea that logging is a bad thing just won't go away. Tree lovers are loving the forests to death. The Native people actively managed the forests much better than the Federal Government does. Congressional research finds millions of acres still at high hazard, with treatment backlogs growing because new growth outruns current work.

So CA lawmakers continue to argue over who writes the check. Until forests get thinned and maintained, the answer stays the same: you do, every month, on your power bill.

## UC Davis Professor Shahid Siddique Receives International Award



UC Davis nematology professor Shahid Siddique won the 2026 Excellence in Teaching Award from the international Society of Nematologists. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

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

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis Professor Shahid Siddique of the UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, received the 2026 Excellence in Teaching Award at the annual meeting of the international Society of Nematologists (SON) held in Baltimore.

In congratulating him, SON President Johan Desaeager of the University of Florida said that a recipient "must have excelled in classroom teaching of a nematology course or through developing innovative nematology teaching materials for use in a classroom setting."

Joanna Chiu, professor and chair of the

department, nominated Siddique for the award. "He fosters a learning environment of curiosity, collaboration, and critical thinking, three factors important in teaching science," she wrote in her letter of January 2026. "In doing so, he encourages and empowers his students to succeed, and champions their accomplishments."

Siddique, a member of the department's executive committee, is the lead faculty advisor for the undergraduate entomology major. Siddique is known for his innovative teaching, strong communication skills, passion for nematology, and dedication to academic excellence and public engagement.

"He is an exceptional scientist with an outstanding research track record; he is currently a principal investigator of nine research grants,"

Chiu shared. "His commitment to excellence shows in all he does, from organizing sessions at SON's international meetings, to serving on editorial boards, to reviewing upcoming journal articles, to engaging in scientific outreach, to advising industry boards, and to sharing information in public outreach. All of these experiences combine to create the exemplary educator that he is."

Siddique joined the UC Davis faculty in March of 2019 from the University of Bonn, Germany, where he served as a research group leader in nematology from August 2010 to February 2019. Born and raised in Multan, Pakistan, he holds a doctorate in entomology (2009) from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria. ★

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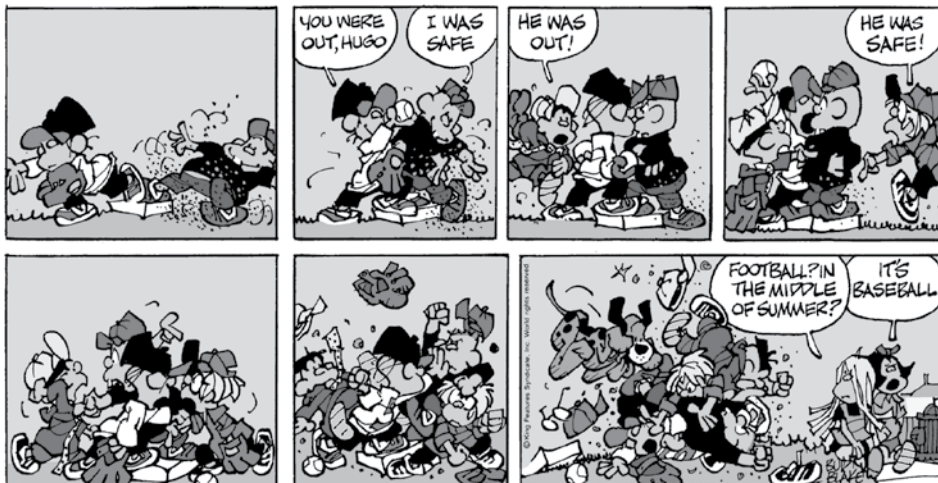
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THAT'S ALL FOR NOW! I'M GONNA HANG OUT WITH MY COUSIN OLIVE! THANKS FOR JOINING ME!

WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO, SUZIE?

MY FOLLOWERS. I WAS LIVESTREAMING.

SOUNDS LIKE YOUNG PEOPLE NOISENSE.

A LOTTA PEOPLE IN OUR FAMILY ARE DOING IT.

CYLINDA HAS A FASHION VLOG, COUSIN SWEET STREAMS GIVING.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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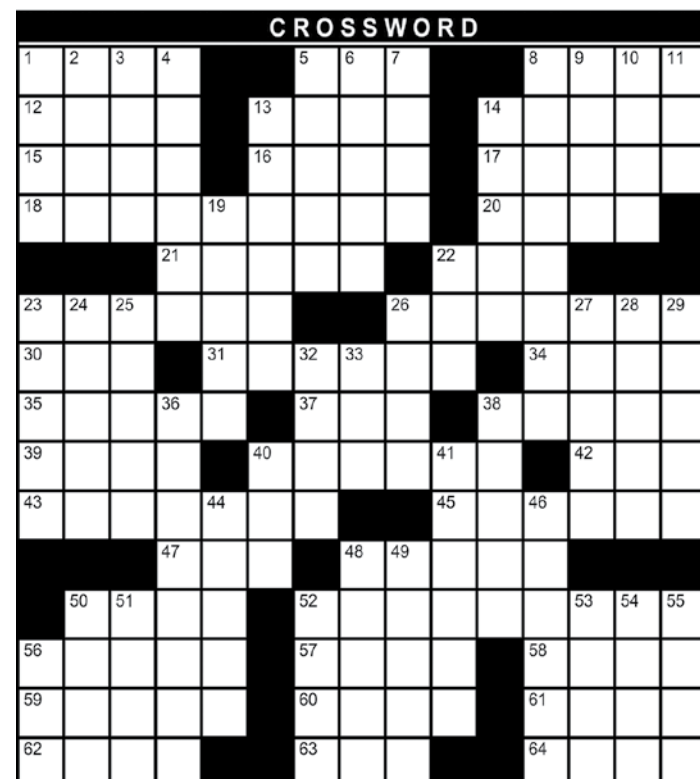
ACROSS

1. Eye affliction
5. Mowgli to Raksha in "The Jungle Book"
8. Cured pork product, pl.
12. "Every lap you run in gym class completes one
13. Ripped
14. Throw up
15. Mythological ship
16. Agitate
17. Like worthless promise
18. "Go to the \_\_\_\_'s office"
20. Hatchling's home
21. Wasted on the young?
22. "Amazing!"
23. \* \_\_\_\_ Core, academic standards
26. "Rock N' Roll High School" band
30. Be obliged
31. Orange \_\_\_\_ tea, pl.
34. Of low density
35. Earthenware pots
37. Farm layer
38. Bagpipes sound, in Scotland
39. Vessel's "spine"
40. "Mary, Mary quite contrary" place
42. Radio knob, abbr.
43. Blended family member
45. Trotters
47. Owned
48. San Diego baseballer
50. Castle defense
52. "a.k.a. lunch room
56. \_\_\_\_ little cubby all stuffed with fluff"
57. Knight's breastplate
58. Bit of smoke
59. Willow twig
60. Pub arrow
61. Popular street-lining trees
62. Post-deductions amount
63. Opposite of WSW
64. Somebody

DOWN

1. Dueler's blow
2. Unit of pressure
3. Jellystone Park denizen
4. Amerigo to America
5. \*Plagiarize, technically speaking
6. Heep of "David Copperfield"
7. \*School signaling device
8. \*Unwelcome load
9. Current unit, pl.
10. Catcher's catcher
11. Chester White's home
12. Three in one
13. Animal toxin
14. Poultry houses
22. "It \_\_\_\_ a dark and stormy night..."
23. Too many in the kitchen?
24. Baby owl
25. Free-for-all
26. Tear
27. Lacking guile
28. Baseball fielding mistake
29. "She \_\_\_\_ sea shells..."
32. \* \_\_\_\_ Academy, online study aid
33. " \_\_\_\_ the land of the
38. Stall call
40. \*Character in Greek Mythology reading assignment
41. Firstborn
44. Nymph chaser
46. Diminutive
48. Like nature worshipping, e.g.
49. Flamb
50. Dante's Beatrice, e.g.
51. Passing mention
52. Relinquish
53. Small brook
54. Doctrines
55. Part of church
56. \*Unit in measurement and weight math lessons

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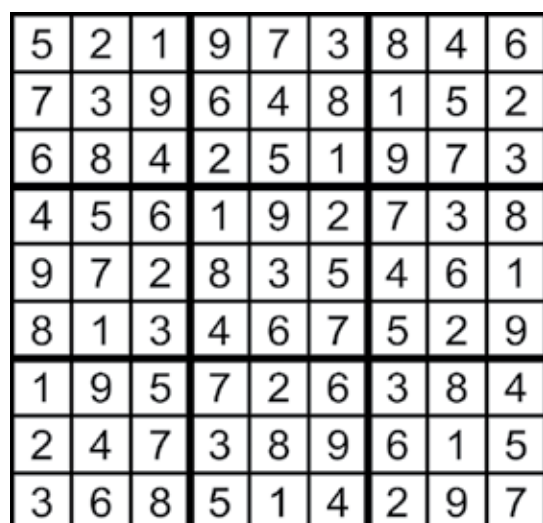
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# Community Calendar

## 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](http://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. Turner Library, located at **1212 Merkley Ave.** has the following events this week:

## AUGUST

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

**Friday,** Aug. 14: English conversation group, **1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Saturday,** Aug. 15: 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. Russian story time, **10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Mahjong, **10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.** Learn how to play Hong Kong-style Mahjong at the library. Beginners are welcome, as well as players who just need a refresher. All game supplies will be provided. Make your own lava lamp, **2 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Join us for a science demonstration explaining the concepts of density and polarity through a hands-on activity resulting in a fun lava lamp you can take home. All materials provided.

**Monday,** Aug. 17: Family story time, **4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.**

**Tuesday,** Aug. 18: 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. Baby story time, **11:15 a.m. to noon.**

**Wednesday,** Aug. 19: Wiggle **Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon.** English conversation group, **2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Thursday,** Aug. 20: 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. Dino time toddler paint & sip, **11:15 a.m. to noon.** Yoga at the library, **6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Friday,** Aug. 21: English conversation group, **1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** LEGO block party, **3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** for all ages.

**Saturday,** Aug. 22: Russian story time, **10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Author talk, **3 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Join local author Kate Washington for a reading and signing of her new book *“Midstream: A Life Remade in 50 Swims.”*

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

**Wednesday,** Aug. 19: Game n’snack, **2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Teens are invited to join us in the library for some fun Nintendo Switch gaming. Friends of the Clarksburg Library 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 Saturday,** Aug. 22: *“Grease”*, various times at the Woodland Opera House, **340**

**Second St., Woodland.** It’s 1959 at Rydell High School, and the duck-tailed, hot-rodding *“Burger Palace Boys”* and the gum-snapping, hip-shaking *“Pink Ladies”* are ruling the roost. Over the summer, head greaser Danny Zuko and sweet new girl Sandy Dumbrowski had a secret romance. But when Sandy unexpectedly transfers to Rydell, Danny is torn between his feelings for her and maintaining his tough-guy reputation with his gang. Tickets and more information at [www.woodlandoperahouse.org](http://www.woodlandoperahouse.org).

**Continuing through Sunday,** Aug. 16: Yolo County Fair, at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, **1250 Gum Ave. Woodland.** This year’s theme is *“Hog August Nights,”* with free entry, parking is \$10 per car. Enjoy all the traditional fair favorites, including a demolition derby, livestock exhibits, local and commercial vendors, your favorite fair food options and so much more. Full schedule and more information at [www.yolocountyfair.net](http://www.yolocountyfair.net).

**Friday,** Aug. 14: Live @DCC Free Noon Concert, noon to **1 p.m.** at Davis Community Church (DCC) **412 C Street, Davis.** Join us to enjoy Christine Choi, violin, and Shinae Kim, piano, playing works of Bach, Schumann, and Ravel.

**Friday,** Aug. 14: 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/](http://www.pencegallery.org/events/artabout/).

**Friday,** Aug. 14: Dive-In Movie *“Cars”*, **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 **8:30pm**). 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. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online through the Recreation Center’s website, [www.rec.us/organizations/city-of-west-sacramento/](http://www.rec.us/organizations/city-of-west-sacramento/) \$15 residents, \$18 non-residents.

**Saturday,** Aug. 15 and **Sunday,** Aug. 16: Dog Days at SBV, **11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at Scribner’s Bend Vineyards, **9051 River Rd., Sacramento.** Mark your calendar, grab the leash, and bring your pup. Enjoy great wine, meet local pet vendors, and make unforgettable memories together. Free admission. Dog adoptions available too – maybe you’ll meet your new best friend!

**Saturday,** Aug. 15: Yolo Wine Night, **6 p.m.** at the Old Sugar Mill, **35265 Willow Ave., Clarksburg.** The Yolo County Vineyard and Winery Association invites you to the best of Yolo County. Taste wines from participating wineries from **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**, then settle in with your favorite selections available by the glass while enjoying live music and local food trucks on a lovely evening in the Delta. Tickets available at [www.yolocountywines.com/winenight](http://www.yolocountywines.com/winenight).

**Saturday,** Aug. 15: Those Darn Accordions, **7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** at the Winters Opera House, **13 Main St., Winters.** America’s favorite rock & roll accordion band returns to the Winters Opera House for a fundraising concert to benefit Winters Theatre. Get ready for a wild accordion jam session that’ll blow you away. Two accordion players out front, and bass and drums hold down the rhythm. Fronted by squeezebox wizard/lead singer Paul Rogers, the band writes many original rock and funk songs, and explores eclectic musical genres like ska, country, and – of course – polkas. Tickets are \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. More information at [www.winterstheatre.org](http://www.winterstheatre.org).

**Tuesday,** Aug. 18: Inside West Sacramento – Growth, Development, & Baseball, **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Legacy Club at Sutter Health Park, **400 Ballpark Dr.** Hear firsthand from

Aaron Laurel, West Sacramento City Manager, and Chip Maxson, President & COO of the Sacramento River Cats, as they discuss the latest developments shaping our city, key growth initiatives, and the exciting future of baseball in West Sacramento. Your registration includes buffet-style lunch, parking, and exclusive access to this special program in the Legacy Club.

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**Thursday,** Aug. 20: Woodland Hot Summer Nights Car Show, cars cruise in any time 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.

**Thursday,** Aug. 20: Hope Café at International House Davis, 10 College Park, Davis from **6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Hope Café is a pause from everything happening in the world right now to connect with neighbors. It’s a little bit of a workshop, and a little bit of a party. Guests will experience live music alongside creative activities and guided conversations. All of it unfolds in a warm, welcoming space complete with snacks provided by the Davis Food Co-op and delicious treats for sale by local small businesses. Tickets and more information at **530-302-6636**.

**Friday,** Aug. 21: Art Reception – *“Parks Make Life Better”*, **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at Gallery 1075 at the Community Center, **1075 West Capitol Ave.** Celebrate our desire for parks and nature, leisure and recreation alongside talented artists in our community at this evening art reception. This free in-person event is an amazing chance to experience and support the arts in our community. Light refreshments will be provided. Exhibition will be on display through **Monday,** Aug. 31.

**Saturday,** Aug. 22: Cruisin’ into the Next Chapter Classic Car and Truck Show, **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Yolo Branch Library, **37750 Sacramento St., Yolo.** Join us for this fun family event with over 100 classic cars and trucks, antique tractors and gas engines, all ages lowrider bikes and more. Live music, vendors, food, free books and activities for kids. All proceeds go to support the Yolo Branch Library serving Yolo, Zamora, Dunnigan and the surrounding areas. \$30 pre-registration by **August 13**, \$40 day of show as space allows – registration and more information at [www.friendsofyololibrary.org](http://www.friendsofyololibrary.org).

**Saturday,** Aug. 22: Owl Release and Picnic, **4 p.m.** to dusk at Heringer Estates Vineyards & Winery at **37375 Netherlands Rd., Clarksburg.** Join Heringer Estates in partnership with Wildlife Care Association of Sacramento for an unforgettable afternoon as we celebrate wildlife, community, and sustainable farming at our annual Owl Release & Picnic. 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. Part of the proceeds from this event are donated to the Wildlife Care Association of Sacramento. Additionally, representatives from Wildlife Care will be onsite to introduce some of their critter friends, share more about their organization and host a raffle. Learn more at [heringer-estates.obtainwine.com](http://heringer-estates.obtainwine.com).

**Sunday,** Aug. 23: 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 whatever you have that still has life left in it. Whether you’re clearing out closets,

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**Wednesday,** Aug. 26: Classic Car Meet, **4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at Lenise’s Café, **3150 Jefferson Blvd.** Show starts at **4:30 p.m.**, free admission, bring your ride. For more information, contact Bill Steffey Sr. at **916-949-3267**.

**Thursday,** Aug. 27: Rhythm on the River – Mix Tapes and Marina Escapes, **5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at Drake’s: The Barn, **985 Riverfront St.** *“West Sac Rhythm on the River”* is the City of West Sacramento’s free monthly summer concert series, featuring live music, family-friendly activities, and food and beverages available for purchase from the event venue, Drake’s: The Barn. Limited paid parking is available on nearby streets and in parking lots. Attendees are encouraged to rideshare, bike, or use Via.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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**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/](http://www.yolobasin.org/bat-talk-tours/).

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

**Davis Craft and Vintage Fair, Sunday,** Aug. 16, **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at Central Park, **301 C St., Davis.** Expect to see friendly vendors with local handmade and original art, crafts, quality vintage items, upcycled treasures, earth-friendly creations, good food and more. Information and more dates at [www.daviscraftandvintage.org](http://www.daviscraftandvintage.org).

**Friday Night Concerts, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in Downtown Winters featuring the Music on Main series, hosted by the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Main Street, downtown Winters.

**Home Depot Kids Workshops are free in-person at 690 Riverpoint Court on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon,** while supplies last. Next workshop is **Saturday,** Sept. 5, making a school bus organizer. Registration required by using the following link: [www.homedepot.com/workshops/](http://www.homedepot.com/workshops/).

**Kitchen Garden Chat, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.** on the first **Saturday** of each month. The next chat will be *“Choosing Cover Crops and Garlic Varieties”* on **Saturday,** Sept. 5. Join UC Master Gardener of Yolo County, Treva Valentine for these events, free and open to anyone who wants to get more to eat from their garden throughout the year. No registration is required. Zoom link at [www.ucanr.edu](http://www.ucanr.edu), look for the UC Master Gardeners-Yolo upcoming events webpage.

**Lowe’s Kids Workshops are free in-person each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. Next workshop will be Saturday,** Aug. 15, with a special theme from *“Paw Patrol: The Dino Movie”*. Registration required by searching *“events”* at [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com).

**Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento meets on Fridays at**

**noon at Streets of London, 2200 Lake Washington Blvd.** See [www.rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org](http://www.rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org) for more information, including how to join the Rotary.

**Mobile Farmers Market,** various locations in West Sacramento and Woodland, **Tuesday through Friday** each week. Our trucks bring fresh, local, sustainably-grown produce to food insecure neighborhoods throughout the Sacramento region. To better serve low-income customers, we accept SNAP/EBT (food stamps) and offer a 50% discount through Market Match. Find us at [www.followthetomato.org](http://www.followthetomato.org).

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

**Out of the Box Ministries holds a monthly event for volunteers to pack grocery bags for distribution to community members in need. Join us Sunday,** Aug. 16 at **2 p.m.** to pack bags at Trinity Presbyterian Church, **1500 Park Blvd.** for **Thursday,** Aug. 20 distribution at the same location. On distribution days, doors open at **6 p.m.** for volunteers and **6:30 p.m.** for clients. More information at **916-371-5875**.

**The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions at their West Sacramento Gardening Q&A Desk. It will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at Lowe’s, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd.** This desk is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jennifer Baumbach at [jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu](mailto:jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu) or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at **530-666-8736**. Next session will be **Saturday,** Aug. 15.

**Walks with Friends,** is a community-centered network of walking groups designed to increase active living and social connection among residents. Walking group members participate in regular health education workshops as well as weekly free produce markets set-up after each walk and made possible through a partnership with the Sacramento Food Bank. Choose from Westfield Park, **1916 Michigan Blvd.** every **Tuesday** from **8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** or Elkhorn Community Park, **820 Cummins Way,** every **Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.** Brought to you by the Health Education Council.

**Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting, Thursday,** Aug. 27, **5:30 p.m.** at City Hall, **1110 West Capitol Ave.**

**West Sacramento City Council meets at 7 p.m. generally on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave.,** second floor, also viewable on Astound Cable channel 20 and AT&T channel 99. More information, including how to participate and Committee meeting schedules, can be found at: <https://www.cityofwest-sacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas>. The next Council meeting will be on **Wednesday,** Aug. 19.

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

**Woodland Farmers Market,** twice each week: Saturdays, **9 a.m. to noon** through mid-October, and Tuesdays, **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** through August 25th. Find us at First & Court, Woodland, across from the Woodland Public Library. All goods are sourced from within an hour of Woodland and help support local businesses and farmers. Come by and check out what we have available and meet others in our community. ★