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Yolo County Supervisors Angel Barajas (District 5) and Oscar Villegas (District 1) joined county administrators on Oct. 15 for a tour of the county's new Agriculture Shop at 120 W. Main St. in Woodland. Photo courtesy of Yolo County

Yolo County News Release

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The new building will serve as a centralized home for the Agriculture Department's day-to-day operations. It will include laboratories, testing rooms, a maintenance shop, a garage, a break room and restrooms, as well

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Independence in West Sacramento Opens

Story and photo by Kevin Dietrich

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A Southern California developer has opened the Independence rental townhome community in West Sacramento.

Lewis Apartments, part of Lewis Group of Companies in Upland, opened the 208-unit development in the Southport area in October. The company hasn't released a cost for the project, but it valued a 220-unit rental community slated for Solano County at $110 million.

Rent for the West Sacramento units, which range in size from 1,176 square feet to 1,722 square feet, starts at $2,885 a month and goes to $3,700, according to information found on the Lewis Apartments website. The development contains two- and three-bedroom rentals.



The Independence development in the Southport section of West Sacramento is open.

Amenities include a heated pool and a hot tub area, a 24-hour fitness center, pickleball courts, outdoor barbecue and gathering areas, and a dog park.

Independence marks the second area development opened by Lewis recently, following Independence in Dixon, a $93 million, 186-unit rental community project.

"The success of Independence in Dixon showed us there is strong demand for rental homes

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Work Begins on Park Boulevard

By Kevin Dietrich

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The city of West Sacramento recently initiated work on a $1.9 million project to improve roadway safety.

Workers broke ground last month on the Park Boulevard Resurfacing and Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project in an effort to make the busy city corridor safer.

Repairs to 1.1 miles of Park Boulevard between Jefferson Boulevard and Stone Boulevard include repaving work, restriping of bike lanes, improving crossing visibility through the addition of colored pavement and new signage.

The project is being funded by money from Measure O, a 1-cent sales tax approved by voters in November 2024.

Measure O is designed to provide approximately $20 million annually for general city services, with funds going to repair roads, maintain parks and trails, and expand police and fire protection.

Work on Park Boulevard will be done by the city's new public works road crew, West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero said.

Repairs to Park Boulevard will be completed in-house this fall, allowing surface treatment, striping and colored pavement work to begin in spring 2027.

"This project does more than improve one stretch of road; it creates safer crossings for pedestrians, a more comfortable connection for cyclists, and smoother road conditions for motorists and motorcyclists throughout our community," said Verna Sulpizio Hull, West Sacramento mayor pro tem and councilmember.

Also, the West Sacramento Capital Projects Department recently secured $955,000 in grant money through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' System Preservation Program.

This funding will support pavement preservation along Harbor Boulevard between West Capitol Avenue and Rice Avenue, helping smooth pavement

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as electric vehicle charging for county fleet vehicles. The facility will support agricultural testing, administration, maintenance, and weights and measures functions, with improvements to pest identification, water meter testing and other services that support local agriculture and protect consumers.

Relocating the shop to a commercially zoned area will also reduce the department's footprint in a residential neighborhood, improving compatibility with surrounding land uses and making department operations more efficient.

"Agriculture is the backbone of Yolo County, and our Ag Department deserves a modern facility that matches the importance of its work," said Supervisor Barajas. "This building is an investment in our farmers, our food supply and our local economy."

"I'm grateful for the County's investment in the Agriculture/Weights & Measures Department," said Agricultural Commissioner Izquierdo. "This new facility will strengthen our pest detection program by upgrading our pest identification lab, providing additional space for supplies and consolidating our operations into one location."

The facility will also provide significant improvements for the Weights and Measures division, including a modern water meter test bench, increased storage for the department's heavy-capacity weight truck, gas pump testing equipment, and other specialized tools. These improvements will strengthen the county's ability to protect consumers and safeguard agricultural and natural lands.

The project has no impact on the County's General Fund. It was funded through the Agriculture Department's Ag Capital Fund, development impact fees, and bond proceeds. The Board of Supervisors awarded the construction contract to Creekside Commercial Builders, Inc. in January 2025.

The facility advances the county's strategic goals of a flourishing agriculture sector and a robust economy. Opening and operations are anticipated in December or January. ★

Air District's 'Don't Light Tonight' Season in Effect

Vouchers Available to Replace Old Fireplaces and Woodstoves

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District News Release



DAVIS, CA (MPG) - The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is reminding residents that its "Don't Light Tonight" program began Nov. 1 and runs through the end of February. "Don't Light Tonight" advisories ask residents not to burn wood on days when fine particulate matter, or PM2.5, pollution is forecast to reach an Air Quality Index of 78 or higher. These advisories apply to all of Yolo County and northeastern Solano County, including Dixon, Rio Vista and Vacaville.

"During winter, weather conditions can trap pollution close to the ground, and wood smoke from residential wood burning can further worsen air quality," said Air District Board Chair Jim Ernest. "Checking the 'Don't Light Tonight' status before lighting a fire is a simple way to help protect the health of our communities."

Residents can check daily "Don't Light Tonight" advisories at www.ysaqmd.org, follow YSAQMD on Facebook (Facebook.com/YoloSolanoAir), Nextdoor and X (@YoloSolanoAir), sign up for email or text alerts at www.ysaqmd.enviroflash.info, or call 530-757-3787. Daily status information is updated by noon when an advisory is issued.

The Air District is also encouraging residents to take advantage of its Woodsmoke Reduction Program, which offers financial assistance to replace older wood-burning devices with cleaner heating alternatives. The program offers $2,500 or $5,000 vouchers, depending on household income, to replace older, non-EPA-certified woodstoves, fireplace insert or open-hearth fireplaces with cleaner heating devices. Eligible replacements include natural gas, propane or electric fireplace inserts and EPA-certified wood-burning devices such as woodstoves and pellet stoves.

Replacing older wood-burning devices can help reduce neighborhood wood smoke throughout the winter. To learn more about eligibility and apply, visit www.ysaqmd.org/woodstoves.

Wood smoke contains fine particulate matter, PM2.5, and other harmful air pollutants. These tiny particles can penetrate deep into the lungs and worsen asthma, trigger asthma attacks and contribute to serious cardiovascular effects, including heart attacks and strokes, according to the U.S. EPA. Children, older adults and people with heart or respiratory conditions are particularly vulnerable. Reducing wood smoke can help improve air quality and protect community health.

During the 2025–26 "Don't Light Tonight" season, 35 advisories were issued, up from 18 the previous season. Persistent high pressure limited air mixing last winter, allowing pollution to build up over multiple days. Light winds also reduced pollutant dispersion, while frequent morning fog contributed to increased particle formation.

Air quality was in the Good AQI category on 24 percent of days and the Moderate AQI category on 76 percent of days. No days reached the "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" category, which begins at an AQI of 101.

About the Air District

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

Richard Cervantes Campa Sworn in as CHP Officer

California Highway Patrol News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Richard Cervantes Campa of Stockton has successfully completed cadet training at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy. He is assigned to duty at the CHP's North Sacramento Area office.

Officer Campa graduated from Stockton Early College Academy in 2018 and then attended San Joaquin Delta College. He served as a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) specialist in the California Army National Guard for seven years, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He counts completing the U.S. Army Air Assault School among his proudest achievements. Officer Campa is passionate about helping others and chose to join the CHP as the ultimate way to serve his home state.



Richard Cervantes Campa of Stockton, California has successfully completed cadet training at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

At the CHP Academy, cadet training starts with nobility in policing, leadership, professionalism, ethics, and cultural diversity. Training also includes mental illness response and crisis intervention techniques. Cadet instruction covers patrol operations, crash investigation, first aid, and the arrest of suspected violators, including those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The cadets also receive training in traffic control, report writing, recovery of stolen vehicles, assisting the motoring public, issuing citations, emergency scene management and knowledge of various codes, including the Vehicle Code, Penal Code and Health and Safety Code.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of safety, service and security. ★

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that offer more space, privacy and the features people value in a home, without giving up the flexibility and convenience of renting," said Randall Lewis of Lewis Group of Companies.

Independence in West Sacramento offers "a more residential way of living while keeping residents close to Downtown Sacramento and the region's major employment centers," he added.

Lewis plans to expand into additional Northern California markets, with future communities planned in Folsom, Vacaville and Fairfield, among other locations.

Lewis has served the Sacramento region for more than 50 years, and it has built more than 15,000 homes and 2,500 multifamily units in Northern California during that time. ★



Yolo County Gets Ready Before It Rains, Shares Steps Residents Can Take Now

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County is preparing for winter weather and encouraging residents to take steps now to prepare their homes, households and property before storms arrive.

The County's Ready Before It Rains campaign brings together information about how Yolo County is preparing for the 2026–27 winter season and provides residents with tools they can use to prepare as well. Find preparedness information and resources at YoloCounty.gov/rain.

County departments and emergency partners are preparing now for the winter season. Yolo County Public Works crews have spent recent months cleaning key roadside ditches to help water move away from county roads. The Office of Emergency Services is coordinating with local, regional and state partners on flood preparedness, emergency resources and public warning systems.

On Sept. 29, Yolo County hosted a preseason flood coordination workshop that brought together local agencies and state and federal partners to review flood risks, available resources and response coordination.

As Yolo County gets ready before it rains, residents can prepare, too.

Prepare Your Home and Property

Before rainy weather begins, residents can clear gutters and drains, secure outdoor items and check how water moves across and around their property.

Property owners along County roads should check private driveway culverts and keep them clear of debris. Blocked culverts can contribute to roadway flooding. Residents who see blocked or dammed roadside ditches along County roads can submit a Road Maintenance Request to Yolo County Public Works.

Residents with a creek, slough or drainage channel on their property should also watch for trash, blockages, erosion or other conditions that could affect drainage. Because work involving vegetation, streambanks, the channel or the flow of water may require permits or agency review, property owners should check before beginning more substantial work. The County's Living with Your Creek resource provides information about maintenance, permits and agency contacts.

Make Your Winter Weather Plan

Think now about what your household would do if flooding, a power outage or a road closure affected your normal routine. Know how family members will stay in touch, where you could meet, where you might go if you needed to leave home, and which alternate routes you could use if roads were closed.

The County's Your Winter Weather Plan is a printable template households can use to record emergency contacts, meeting locations, routes, medications, pet needs and other important information. Download Your Winter Weather Plan.

Check Your Emergency Supplies

Keep basic supplies available in case severe weather or a power outage makes it difficult to leave home.



Yolo County is preparing for winter weather and encouraging residents to take steps now to prepare their homes, households and property before storms arrive. Photo by Sandid at Pixabay

Think about food, water, medications, flashlights, batteries, phone chargers and other household needs. Include supplies for children, older adults, people with disabilities and pets or livestock as needed.

Get Alerts

Make sure you can receive emergency information when conditions change.

Alert Yolo is Yolo County's emergency notification system. Residents should sign up and make sure their contact information is current. Sign up at AlertYolo.org.

Residents can also use Genasys Protect for evacuation-zone and hazard information and should follow official County and local public safety sources during an emergency. Visit protect.genasys.com.

Stay Safe on the Road

Winter storms can flood low-lying roads and make normal routes unsafe. Never drive around a road-closure barricade or walk or drive through floodwater. Water may be deeper or moving faster than it appears, and the roadway beneath it may be damaged. Turn around and use another route.

Why Prepare Now?

El Niño is a climate pattern, not a storm, and it does not mean that Yolo County will experience any particular storm or flooding event. It does provide a timely reason for communities and residents to prepare before winter weather arrives.

Governor Gavin Newsom has proclaimed a state of emergency to help California prepare for the potential effects of the developing 2026–27 El Niño. The proclamation allows state agencies to move more quickly on planning, resource coordination and flood-preparation work, while supporting local partners as they prepare their own communities.

Yolo County will continue updating Ready Before It Rains throughout the winter season with information about County preparedness, steps residents can take, and local, state and federal resources that may be useful before, during and after severe weather. Learn more at YoloCounty.gov/rain. ★

APA Sacramento Valley Section Honors Urban Planners

Awards event celebrates regional innovation across Sacramento Valley



The Sacramento Valley Section (SVS) of the American Planning Association (APA) convened on the evening of Oct. 15 to honor those who have outstanding achievements in city planning.

Story and photo by Khushi Salgia

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Urban planning informs how a city grows, develops and what kinds of resources are available to its residents. To honor those driving local innovation and community development, the American Planning Association (APA) Sacramento Valley Section (SVS) hosted their annual awards show on the Oct. 15. The SVS is the largest APA section in the region with a 23-member board.

"It provides us with networking and educational opportunities," said Paula Danelouk, APA member.

Selected by a five-member jury panel led by APA Awards Director Nikki Zanchetta, this year's award recipients demonstrated creative problem-solving and visionary thinking to tackle complex planning challenges.

Among the evening's top honors, the Transportation Planning Award of Excellence went to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Regional Mobility Hubs Design Guidance. This project aimed to figure out how transportation could be improved to reduce mileage.

"The mission is to create accessible transportation hubs," said Chelsey Norton, a representative from SACOG. "We want to create environments where people are able to move freely and efficiently."

The Comprehensive Plan Award was awarded to Marysville 2050: General Plan and Downtown Specific Plan.

"[This plan] addresses housing, multimodal transportation and historic preservation," said JT Lee, an APA board member who presented the award.

Marysville, a town north of Sacramento, is landlocked due to levees and therefore hasn't been able to grow or expand outwards. In addition, there are two major highways that bisect the city, which makes mobility restricted.

"It's a snapshot in time," Lee said.

The core vision establishes a framework for a diverse and economically sustainable community with active downtown spaces, minimized vacancies, affordable housing options and expanded park and recreation access. This is the first time a plan to grow Marysville has been updated since 1985.

The Planning Excellence Award went to the SACOG 2050 Blueprint. What makes this plan special is that it gathered data and input from over 6,000 residents, which is more data than a typical plan would collect.

"Our success depends on planning and acting together," said Lisa Lind, blueprint manager at SACOG.

The next award presented was the Planning Agency Award of Merit, which recognizes an agency that shows both innovation and implementation in city planning. This was awarded to the Citrus Heights Community Development Department (CHCDD) for their commitment to translating long-term goals to meaningful actions.

"Never underestimate the power of a bold vision," said Casey Kempenaar, community development director at CHCDD.

Afterwards followed the Planning Agency Award of Excellence which went to the Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review. Next was the Planning Firm Award of Excellence which went to Mintier Harnish.

Another Planet Entertainment (APE) and SKK Developments received the Local Vision Award. This award, which honors projects with out-of-the-box thinking or an unconventional vision, was given to them for their Channel 24 project. This project turned an industrial warehouse into a concert venue because many touring musicians have to skip Sacramento due to there not being an appropriately-sized venue for them to play.

"APE wanted an opportunity to bring live music to Sacramento," said Sarah Ellis, the architect who designed the venue.

The Emerging Planner Awards were awarded to Nikki Zanchetta and Hannah Woolsey of Mintier Harnish for their promising contributions early in their planning careers.

The highest individual honor was the SVS Legacy Award, which is for "honoring an SVS professional showing exemplary commitment to the planning and practice [of urban design]." This award went to Kacey Lizon of SACOG.

"Kacey is a competent and warm leader," said Bernadette Austin, CEO of CivicWell who presented the award to Lizon.

In her speech, Lizon reflected on the honor and the inspiration provided by her peers across the Sacramento region.

"My heart is full tonight," said. "It makes me want to step up my game." ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Let's Get a Win

By V.G. Harris

As the Sacramento Kings enter the week with a winless 0-6 record to start the 2026/2027 NBA season, fans scratch their heads and ask the question, "where do we go from here?"

In this column I have discussed the value of leadership, and as the Kings continue searching for their first win of the season, I'm asking from what quarter will that leadership come?

Radio talking heads and pundits from all corners are calling for a change in the coaching staff and for All star Domantas Sabonis to be traded.

Doug Christie appears to be a ships captain without a rudder, and of the 6 losses the Kings have to start the season, only 2 of those games did Sacramento have a legitimate chance of winning.

If I have any criticism, it is not having a collective game plan. Simply telling the team to play better defense or shoot more 3's is not a game plan, and I wonder how long it will be before the players begin to lose faith.

All eyes are on Monday night's game against the Dallas Mavericks, and I am hopeful although doubtful that it will produce a win.

For those fans that simply say we don't have the players, I would say as I have before that there is legitimate talent on this team already.

Domantas Sabonis continues to be the constant foundation of the team, and whether it's scoring, rebounds, or defense, Domantas gives it 100% effort from start to finish.

When we talk about leaders, they come from outside the court and most definitely on the court.

While the organization won't stop talking about trading Sabonis, I completely disagree with their assessment, and if the worst thing that Sacramento will have to endure is a cellar dweller of a season to weather the storm, I believe that the fan base will hold their nose and stay the course.

Let it not be said that Sacramento fans ever turned their backs on this team, because it has never happened.

However, ownership needs to begin the process of making cogent changes that will not just bring energy to this team, but true direction.

The idea of playing the rookies and second year players is a no-brainer, but the offensive is unimaginative, and on defense any semblance of guarding the 3-point line simply isn't there.

Fans need to give credit where credit is due, and both Domantas Sabonis and Zach Lavine have shown up in a big way.

Is it any surprise that a healthy Domantas Sabonis is already leading the league in rebounding once again, and relative newcomer De'Andre Hunter is currently 32nd in the league in 3-pointers made.

Zach Lavine is tied in 32nd place in 3-pointers made, and I look for that to improve dramatically if the Kings can make progress with their offensive schemes.

Yes, Kings fans, it is a dark time in Sactown, but this early in the season it is way too early to throw in the towel.

I am but one opinion, and I'm anxious to hear from you, the fans.

Go to thekingskorner.com and subscribe to my website and please, by all means leave me a comment. What direction do you believe the Sacramento Kings should go?

I'll publish your collective thoughts, and we'll navigate through this difficult time together.

Without question bright spots remain in both Darius Acuff Jr., and rookie Emanuel Sharp, and how the Kings develop these 2 youngsters will be a testament of good things to come.

I heard a poem many years ago that the Kings should take note of and it goes like this:

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost,
For want of a shoe, the horse was lost,
For want of a horse, the rider was lost,
For want of a battle, the kingdom was lost,
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.

Kings fans, Doug Christie and his staff don't need to reinvent the wheel. They need to find one small thing that is wrong and correct it. Once that has been accomplished, find the next thing, and repeat the process.

Once this exercise has been done a dozen times watch the victories mount up, and one more thing. Keep us informed as to what you're doing. We're all waiting for positive things to root about.

All the best! ★

California's Campaign Drama Entices Political Junkies, But Serious Issues Get Short Shrift



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

This year's political campaigns gave California's political junkies plenty of chaotic events to savor: gerrymandered congressional districts; the sudden, scandalous downfall of a frontrunner for governor, and running feuds with President Donald Trump over voting.

However, for those of us who just want effective governance that addresses the multitude of challenges arising from California's socioeconomic complexity, the campaign season has been drearily disappointing.

Few, if any, office seekers have even mentioned such serious issues as unstable water supplies, budget deficits, homelessness or rising living costs, much less offered voters clear-eyed approaches to them.

The Democratic playbook has often been to blame Trump for everything negative, even though those important issues afflicted California long before he appeared on the political scene.

Meanwhile Republicans, with very slim chances of making gains in such a blue state, have pinned every unresolved problem on outgoing Gov. Gavin Newsom, even though he inherited many of them when he took office in 2019.

Polls tell us that Californians are in a sour mood. They're worried about soaring living costs and the economy in general and are unhappy with the status quo. Yet they seem unwilling to make big political changes — preferring the known to taking a chance on the unknown.

That contradictory attitude is particularly evident in the campaigns for the two most important offices being filled this year, the governor and mayor of Los Angeles.

Despite having served in public offices for decades, including a stint as attorney general, Xavier Becerra's support for governor in polls last spring was in the low single digits. Back then the odds-on favorite, Congressmember Eric Swalwell, self-destructed as multiple women accused him of sexual harassment or even assault.

Swalwell not only dropped out of the race but resigned his congressional seat. The only other candidates with double-digit support were left-leaning billionaire Democrat Tom Steyer and Republicans Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco.

But they were unacceptable to Democratic leaders and their labor union allies, who immediately chose Becerra as a known quantity and therefore the most acceptable of the single-digit candidates. With Democrats holding a massive edge in voter registration, that made Becerra the likely next governor, and he still is.

Becerra's campaign has consisted almost entirely of blaming Trump and refusing to offer any tangible approaches to the multiple issues he'll likely inherit from Newsom. He knows he can win without committing himself publicly, so he doesn't.

While Becerra represents the don't-rock-the-boat stance at the state level, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, another veteran of multiple offices, is his counterpart in the state's largest city.

But she, unlike Becerra, cannot coast into victory. Bass is carrying heavy baggage from her sloppy handling of the wildfires that swept through Los Angeles and its suburbs early last year.

Bass was junketing in Ghana when the fires erupted, even though there had been forecasts that hot winter winds could create wildfire conditions. She tried to blame others for the miscue, fired the L.A. fire chief and later attempted to alter an official report on how the fires were handled.

Bass is highly unpopular but offers herself as a known quantity, while her left-leaning opponent, city councilmember Nithya Raman, represents the potentially disruptive unknown. The outcome could go either way.

Thank goodness the cacophony of shrieking TV spots making promises that cannot be kept or portraying rivals as devils incarnate — and the fliers filling our mailboxes — will all end soon.

Sometime after the polls close Tuesday — maybe weeks later in some close contests — we'll learn who survived. The losers will be disappointed, the winners will be jubilant and once again we will hope that they'll do more than plot how to climb the next rung on the political ladder.

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

Social Security Matters

Am I Entitled to More Social Security as a Veteran?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I served in the U.S. Army from July 1964 to July 1967. Am I eligible for a higher Social Security payment? Thank you. ***Signed: Vietnam Era Army Vet***

Dear Army Vet: Please accept my sincere thanks for your military service. I believe you are referring to the "Special Extra Credit for Military Service" which has been the subject of many published articles. That refers to a special Social Security accommodation available only to those who served in the military during specific periods of time - but it does not add to your monthly Social Security payment. Rather, it adds to your military earnings record for the years you served, which may (or may not) result in a higher Social Security benefit when you later claim Social Security.

Here's how it works in your case:

Serving between 1964 and 1967, if you told Social Security of your military service when you applied for Social Security benefits (or gave them a copy of your DD-214), they would have added up to $1,200 per year to your military pay record (FYI, those who served after 1966 were automatically given earnings credit for their military service years). However, whether those special extra credits would affect your monthly Social Security benefit depends on your lifetime earnings record when you later claimed Social Security.

When you applied for benefits, Social Security reviewed your lifetime earnings and used the highest earning 35 years of earnings over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) to calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount" (or "PIA," which is what you get if you claim benefits to start at your Social Security full retirement age). If, after your military service, you had 35 or more years of earnings which were higher than your earnings while serving in the military, Social Security would have used your later higher earning years to calculate your benefit, and your military earnings would not have had an effect on your Social Security benefit. However, if any of your military earnings (including the "special extra credits") were among the highest over your lifetime, then those higher military earnings would be included when calculating your Social Security benefit.

So, whether you would benefit from these "special extra credits for military service" depends largely on your earnings history after you were discharged from active duty. If your military earnings were among the highest earning years over your lifetime, and you provided SSA with a copy of your DD-214 when you applied for Social Security, then your current SS benefit already includes consideration of your military service (FYI, Social Security should have asked about your military service when you applied). If you didn't tell SS about your military service when you applied for Social Security, or if you aren't sure, you should contact the SSA at 1.800.772.1213 and ask if you were given those "special extra credits for military service" for your 1960s military service years when you applied for Social Security. But if you had at least 35 years of higher earnings after you left military service, your current SS benefit is already based on those later higher earning years, and you will not get any additional /Social Security benefit because of the "special extra credits" for your military service years.

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Abdul El-Sayed is no JFK

Abdul El-Sayed, the Democratic Senate candidate in Michigan, thinks he's another JFK, not in terms of charm or wit, but as a fellow victim of religious bigotry.

When he ran for president in 1960, Jack Kennedy indeed encountered anti-Catholic prejudice, including the preposterous claim that he'd take orders as president from the Vatican. This was irrational conspiracy theorizing, whereas the questions that El-Sayed is facing about his family's ties to extremist groups are well-founded.

It wasn't a right-wing smear artist who first said that El-Sayed's mother was with the Muslim Brotherhood, but his own half-sister. She tweeted in 2012, "Had an amazing talk with my mom about her activism in the Muslim Brotherhood during the early 70s while she was in college #respect." She suggested that other family members in Egypt were involved in the Muslim Brotherhood. His mom -- just her luck -- also worked for the Islamic American Relief Agency, which the U.S. government designated a supporter of terrorist groups.

Now, El-Sayed could say that none of this has anything to do with him, since his biological mother didn't raise him, and that his mother made a mistake in working for the Brotherhood. Or he could produce evidence of the falsity of what his half-sister said, which, if it's wrong, shouldn't be difficult given that both his mother and half-sister are around (his half-sister is a radically anti-Zionist University of Chicago professor who is very excited about El-Sayed's candidacy).

Instead, he's argued that questions about this constitute rank Islamophobia. He makes it sound as though the Muslim Brotherhood is a fraternal association, a Knights of Columbus for Muslims, such that any concerns about associations with it are inherently hateful. His reaction is a little like someone being asked about his family's alleged KKK associations, and responding, "How dare you question my white Protestant heritage."

In a viral exchange, a questioner at a town hall asked the candidate if he disavows the Muslim Brotherhood. El-Sayed responded with a curt, "Yeah, sure," before challenging his interlocutor about why he was asking and going on a long riff about freedom of religion in America. Of course, no one is challenging his right to worship as he pleases, or to run for public office as a faithful Muslim. The questions have to do with the associations and his own views.

His father-in-law, a major donor to his campaign, served on the founding committee of the Islamic Society of North America, a group designated as an unindicted co-conspirator in the 2007 Holy Land Foundation case. He also -- just his luck -- served as president of the Council on American-Islamic Relations Michigan chapter, another group named an unindicted co-conspirator in that case.

As for El-Sayed himself, the New York Times reports that when he was a student at the University of Michigan, he was president of the Muslim Students Association, an organization founded by the Muslim Brotherhood in the 1960s. In 2012, he joined an open letter backing Muslim Brotherhood leader Mohamed Morsi, who had just become president of Egypt: "We, leaders of the Egyptian community, support the revolutionary decisions taken by the president, and we call on him to purge the media and the police as quickly as possible."

Here one must pause to express a little sympathy for El-Sayed: Who among us hasn't, at least once, urged an Islamist authoritarian to crack down on his political opponents? During this Senate campaign, El-Sayed excused an Islamist attack on a Michigan synagogue (before apologizing). He invited streamer Hasan Piker, who has repeatedly expressed sympathy with terror groups, to campaign with him. And he has refused to say that Iran is more dangerous than Israel.

He doesn't deserve the benefit of any doubt and has responded to questions about all of this with evasions and high dudgeon. No matter how often El-Sayed invokes JFK, Kennedy didn't defend his Catholic faith as a way of distracting from his own extremism and that of people around him.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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WEST SACRAMENTO CRIME REPORTS

Incidents / Crime Reports

Demetrius Nathaniel Russell, 33, was arrested Saturday, Oct. 3 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for multiple counts of DUI and driving without a license. Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with tinted windows. The driver, Russell, displayed objective signs of intoxication and performed poorly on standardized field sobriety tests. A preliminary alcohol screening showed high blood alcohol concentration. He was transported to Yolo County Jail and records found he was unlicensed.

Bradley Michael Griswold, 37, was cited Sunday, Oct. 4 on Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to the location for an unrelated robbery incident that involved a foot pursuit. During the pursuit, the officer's wallet fell onto the ground in front of a subject later identified as Griswold. The officer did not realize the wallet was missing until he returned to his vehicle after the arrest, and reviewed video footage that showed him running in front of Griswold and the wallet falling from his vest onto the ground. Griswold immediately picked it up and continued walking, passing other officers. Officer cancelled his credit and debit cards. A short time later, a call for service was received from Glide Avenue regarding a subject that keeps stealing property. The description matched Griswold from the video footage. The occupant of the location on Glide stated Griswold, her grandson, does not live there but leaves his property near the back of her trailer. A records check found Griswold is on searchable probation through May 2027 and has an extensive theft history. A search of Griswold's property did not find the wallet. Another officer advised via radio that he had located Griswold at a business nearby and that Griswold admitted he had the wallet but threw it on the ground down the street. The original officer responded to the location and found some of their missing cards, but not all, and no wallet. Griswold was transported to the West Sacramento Police Department Pre-booking with the intent of a in-custody arrest for a probation violation, petty theft and keeping known lost property instead of returning it to the owner. However, it was determined Griswold needed medical attention, so he was cited for the charges and released to ambulance staff with his written promise to appear.

Timothy Shaun Duffy, 40, was arrested Monday, Oct. 5 at Jefferson Boulevard and Triangle Court by West Sacramento Police for multiple counts of DUI. Officer on patrol observed a vehicle make a sudden left-hand turn and nearly caused a traffic collision. Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop, and the driver, Duffy, displayed objective signs of being under the influence of alcohol. Duffy agreed to a standardized field sobriety test, which he failed. He refused a preliminary alcohol screening and was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Ruben David Cabrales, 45, was arrested Saturday, Oct. 10 at Jefferson Boulevard and Vermont Avenue by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct: alcohol. Officer was dispatched to the area for a verbal fight. The reporting party provided a description of a male who was intoxicated and in a verbal argument with a female. Officer located Cabrales, who was walking in a busy street and displaying objective signs of intoxication. He stated he was left behind by his wife and had no way of returning home. Due to Cabrales being unable to safely care for himself, he was placed under arrest and transported to Yolo County Jail to detox.

Ashleigh Morgan Larae Davison, 31, was arrested Sunday, Oct. 11 at Merkley Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for multiple active warrants. Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle with expired registration and no front license plate. A records check found the passenger, Davison, was on probation and had the active warrants. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Carmen Virginia Beltran, 31, was arrested Tuesday, Oct. 13 at West Capitol Avenue and Poplar Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple active misdemeanor warrants.

Exavier Rivera Ortega, 21, was cited Wednesday, Oct. 14 on Southport Parkway by West Sacramento Police. Officer working traffic enforcement observed a vehicle speeding in a 45 MPH zone. The driver, Ortega, voluntarily disclosed that he was carrying a firearm in his waistband. Officer located and removed a concealed 9mm handgun from a waistband holster, loaded with 11 rounds including one chambered round. An additional loaded 10-round magazine was also located. A subsequent consent search of the vehicle found no additional weapons or contraband. Under Miranda, Ortega stated the firearm belonged to his girlfriend who asked him to take it because they did not have a safe at home. Ortega stated he was taking the firearm to work and was not carrying it for personal protection. A records check found the girlfriend was the registered owner of the firearm and she corroborated Ortega's story. Ortegas was provided a notice to appear for multiple firearms charges and speeding. The firearm, magazine, and ammunition were booked into evidence.

Reyna Mae Lopez, 41, was arrested Saturday, Oct. 17 on Lake Washington Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol recognized Lopez and records check confirmed an active felony warrant. During a search incident to arrest, officer found a meth pipe in her backpack. She was transported to Yolo County Jail for the warrant and a charge of possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

Saul Martinez, 46, was arrested Tuesday, Oct. 20 on Bandalin Court by West Sacramento Police for an active misdemeanor warrant. Officer was dispatched to the location for a report of threats. Upon arrival, he contacted Martinez, who matched the description provided by dispatch. A records check found the warrant and Martinez was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Kuldip Singh Johal, 46, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 21 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant.

Andrew Patrick Foley, 31, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 21 on Stillwater Road by West Sacramento Police. Officer was working a muti-agency undercover prostitution sting, operating an undercover female account that was contacted by a user. The user invited the undercover to join him, outlining a relationship where the undercover would be prostituting for him and requested a fee. The undercover spoke via video call with the user and was instructed to go to a casino where the undercover would work. The user, identified as Foley, arrived to the sting operation site to pick up the undercover officer, and was taken into custody. A search of his vehicle found multiple female shoes, condoms, a pink taser, and various denominations of cash. A records check found he had a prior felony conviction. Foley was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with pandering and felon in possession of a stun gun.

Devonia Tyrone Inman, 48, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Park Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle after learning the occupant was on parole. The driver pulled over and exited the vehicle in an aggressive manner, flailing his arms and yelling at the officer. Officers gave multiple commands to get back into the vehicle and he did not comply. He continued to refuse to follow commands, at one point even walking toward an officer until ultimately detained. A records check found an active misdemeanor warrant and he was transported to Yolo County Jail with the additional charge of resisting a peace officer.

Archie Castillo Samaniego, 48, was arrested Friday, Oct. 23 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for annoying calls to 911. Officer was dispatched to the location for a 911 wireless hangup. At the location, officer contacted Samaniego who advised he was not in need of medical assistance. Police had received multiple calls from this location since the prior evening and all the calls resulted as unfounded or unable to locate a subject. Officer advised Samaniego of this and that this was misusing the 911 dispatch system, which Samaniego acknowledged. About 90 minutes later, the officer was dispatched to the same location for multiple 911 hangup calls and found Samaniego actively on a call with 911 though he was not in need of police assistance or having a medical emergency. Dispatch advised the officer Samaniego had called 911 approximately 24 times since the prior evening. A consent search of his cellphone call log revealed multiple 911 calls and call backs from Yolo County Dispatch. Since the behavior seemed likely to continue. Samaniego was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Alan Lepe Vazquez, 21, was arrested Sunday, Oct. 25 at Waterfront Place and 3rd Street by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct: alcohol. Officer on patrol observed a car that was running and pulled over to the side of the road. The occupants exited the car and walked away leaving it parked in a no parking zone. As the officer prepared to write a citation, the pair returned. As the officer attempted to talk to the driver, the passenger walked behind the officer with his hands in his pockets. The officer told the passenger to not walk behind him and to remove his hands from his pockets. The passenger stated he didn't have to comply. Officer issued numerous orders to remove his hands and not to walk behind him. The passenger, identified as Vazquez, quickly approached the officer and was detained. He admitted being drunk and officer found his actions reckless and jeopardized his safety. The driver was arrested, and officer determined Vazquez to be so intoxicated he could not be left at the scene to care for himself. He was transported to Yolo County Jail to detox.

Gary McLeod Nuno, 55, was arrested Sunday, Oct. 25 at West Capitol Avenue and Poplar Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. ★

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RESOLUTION 26-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO ANNOUNCING ITS INTENT TO ABANDON A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT AND SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 817 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE AND SETTING THE DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ABANDONMENT

WHEREAS the Community Development Department requests abandonment of a 12.5-foot-wide Public Utility Easement and a 15-foot-wide Sanitary Sewer Easement on property located at 817 West Capitol Avenue and generally described in the exhibits attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS no private utility purveyors or other entities having interest in said Public Utility Easement have indicated an objection to the proposed abandonment; and

WHEREAS the existing Sanitary Sewer Easement currently only serves the subject site and one upstream parcel; and

WHEREAS the Economic Development and Housing Department is planning the relocation of the sewer collection system to an optimal location within the existing public right-of-way,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the intent of the City Council of the City of West Sacramento to abandon said Public Utility Easement and Sanitary Sewer Easement pursuant to the applicable provisions of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing at Section 8320).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the proposed abandonment is set for a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on the 18th day of November 2026 in the City Council Chambers of the City of West Sacramento.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be posted on the Directory in the lobby of City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California at least two (2) weeks before the public hearing, and notices of the hearing shall be published and posted in the manner prescribed by Sections 8322 and 8323 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Sacramento on this 7th day of October 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: ALCALA, EARLY, OROZCO, SULPIZIO HULL, GUERRERO.
NOES: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.

Martha Guerrero
Martha Guerrero, Mayor

ATTEST

Jennifer Cusmir
Jennifer Cusmir, City Clerk

EXHIBIT 1B

Legal Description

All that real property situate in the City of West Sacramento, County of Yolo, State of California, being those portions of Swamp Land Survey No. 770 in projected Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 4 East, M.D.M., being more particularly described as follows:

Public Utility Easement

Commencing at the Northwest corner said Swamp Land Survey No. 770; thence South 21° 13'52" West, 104.98 feet to a point on the Southeasterly right of way of West Capitol Avenue (formerly California State Highway, Yolo County Route 6, Section C); thence North 73°29' I 18" East, 110.61 feet to a point on the Westerly right of way line of the California State Highway right of way, thence along said State right of way and the arc of a non-tangent curve, concave to the South, having a radius of 94.00 feet, the chord of which bears South 78°00'04" East, 45.85 feet; thence continuing along said State right of way, South 16°34'08" East, 90.26 feet, to the **Point of Beginning**; thence leaving said Westerly right of way line along the arc of a non-tangent curve, concave to the Southwest, having a radius of 268.00 feet, the chord of which bears South 51 °13'38" East, 10.46 feet; thence South 40°51'11" West, 3.00 feet; thence along the arc of a non-tangent curve, concave to the Southwest, having a radius of 265.00 feet, the chord of which bears South 37°31'36" East, 115 .55 feet to a point of compound curvature; thence along the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 141.50 feet the chord of which bears South 18° 15'24"East, 32.91 feet; thence South 11°34'46" East, 36.59 feet; thence South 73°25'07" West, 12.55 feet; thence North 11°34'46" West, 37.69 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 129.00 feet, the chord of which bears North 18° 15'24" West, 30.00 feet to a point of compound curvature; thence along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 252.50 feet, the chord of which bears North 36°01'51" West, 97.20 feet to a point on the Westerly line of said California State Highway; thence along said Westerly line North 16°34'08" West, 28.30 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing an area of 2,263 square feet, more or less.

End of Description

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EXHIBIT 1C

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All that real property situate in the City of West Sacramento, County of Yolo, State of California, being those portions of Swamp Land Survey No. 770 in projected Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 4 East, M.D.M., being more particularly described as follows:

Sanitary Sewer Easement

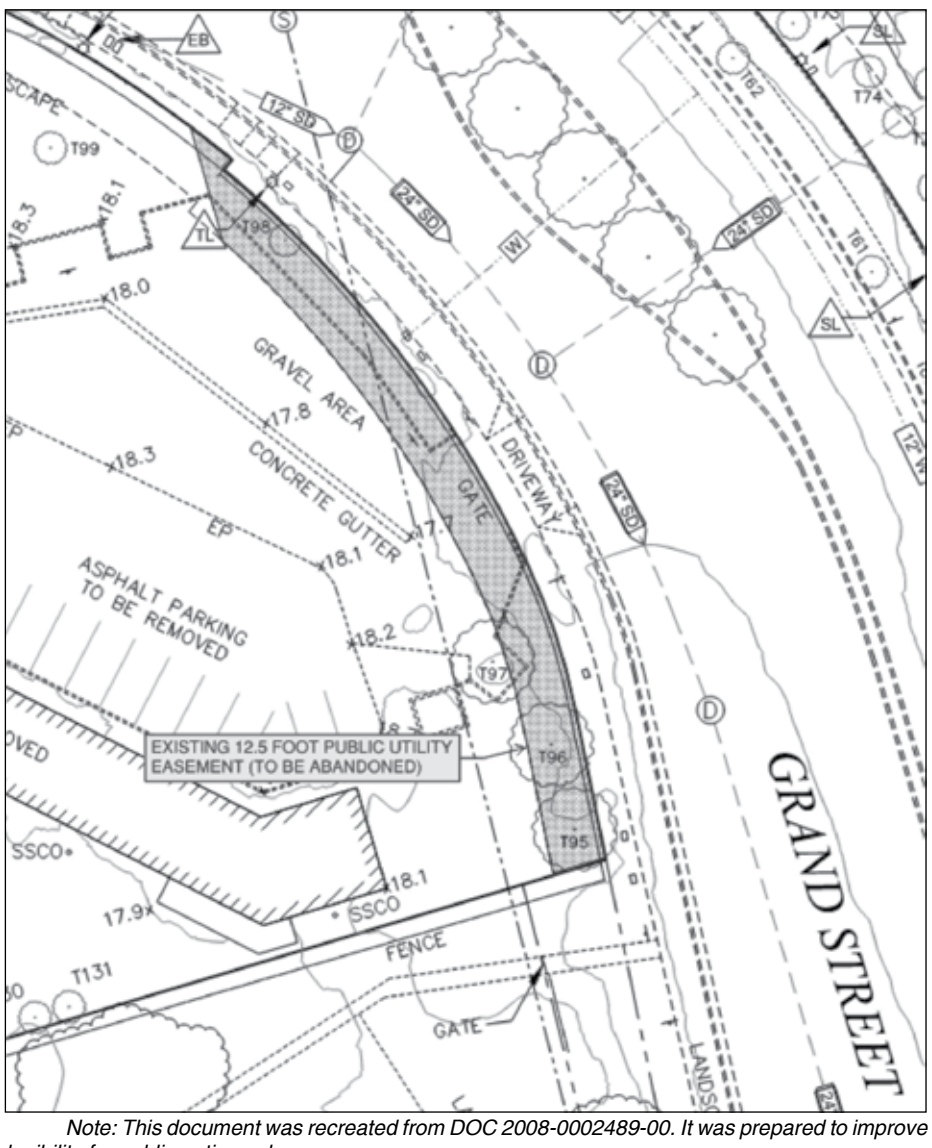
Commencing at the Northwest corner said Swamp Land Survey No. 770; thence South 21° 13'52" West, 104.98 feet to a point on the Southeasterly right of way of West Capitol Avenue (formerly California State Highway, Yolo County Route 6, Section C); thence North 73°29' I 18" East, 110.61 feet to a point on the Westerly right of way line of the California State Highway right of way, thence along said State right of way and the arc of a non-tangent curve, concave to the South, having a radius of 94.00 feet, the chord of which bears South 78°00'04" East, 45.85 feet; thence continuing along said State right of way, South 16°34'08" East, 90.26 feet, thence leaving said Westerly right of way line along the arc of a non-tangent curve, concave to the Southwest, having a radius of 268.00 feet, the chord of which bears South 51°13'38" East, 10.46 feet; thence South 40°51'11" West, 3.00 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 265.00 feet, the chord of which bears South 47°43'34" East, 22.14 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 265.00 feet, the chord of which bears South 41°50' 02" East, 32.34 feet; thence South 14°12'11" East, 129.18 feet; thence South 73°25'07" West, 15.01 feet; thence North 14°12'11" West, 158.45 feet, to the Point of Beginning, containing an area of 2,168 square feet more or less.

End of Description

The Basis of Bearings of this description is the California State Plane Coordinate System, Zone II, NAD 83, established from City of West Sacramento Geodetic Control Points (B14-01, B14-02, B15-01 & B15-03) as shown on Book 13 of Maps and Surveys, Pages 61-69, Yolo County Records. All distances are ground distances in U S. Survey feet.

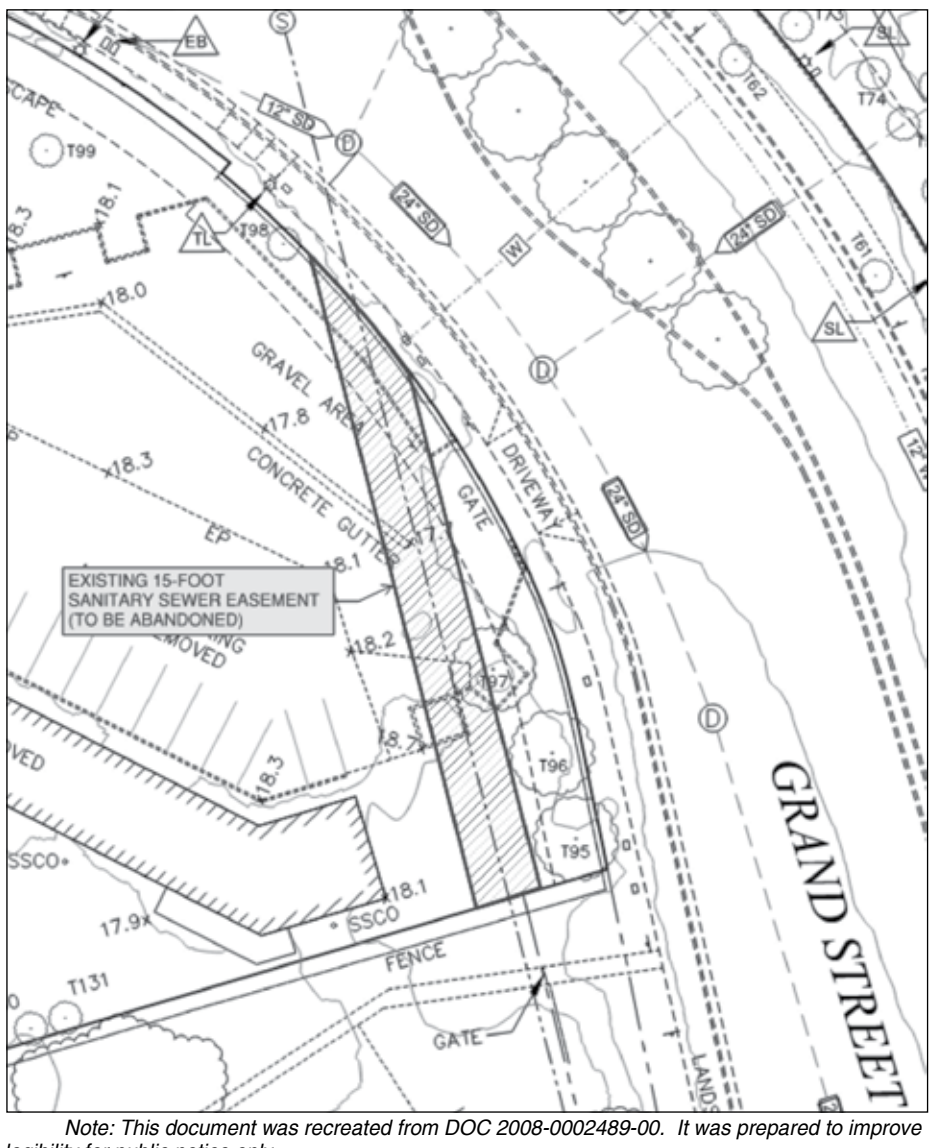
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EXHIBIT 2B



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 26, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 19, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
MAGNUS 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260852
The following person(s) is doing business as: Moditechs, 3411 Savannah Lane Apt 1125, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Farhad Rahimi, 3411 Savannah Lane Apt 1125, 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 October 12, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 15, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260862
The following person(s) is doing business as: The Evolved Owner Consulting, The Evolved Owner, 2370 Ortiz Avenue, Woodland, CA 95776.
Carrie Willhoff, 2370 Ortiz Avenue, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 20, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
EVOLVED 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. F20260828
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
On Point Frame, 805 Riverfront St Unit 552, West Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO
Steve Sibillia, 805 Riverfront St Unit 552, West Sacramento, CA 95691
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/18/2026.
S/ Steve Sibillia,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/06/2026.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
N/A, Deputy
10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20/26
CNS-4089320#
NEWS-LEDGER 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. F20260838
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GUY JEANS, 4501 ALHAMBRA DR APT 201, DAVIS, CA 95618 County of YOLO
ZANDER WHITE, 4501 ALHAMBRA DR APT 201, DAVIS, CA 95618
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/13/2026.
S/ ZANDER WHITE,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/08/2026.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
kimberli, Deputy
10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20/26
CNS-4089327#
NEWS-LEDGER 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. F20260851
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. SOUTH RIVER DENTAL GROUP, 2. SOUTH RIVER DENTAL GROUP AND ORTHODONTICS, 2455 JEFFERSON BLVD., SUITE 130, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 17000 RED HILL AVENUE, ATTN: LEGAL DEPARTMENT, IRVINE, CA 92614
SOUTH RIVER DENTAL GROUP, INC., 17000 RED HILL AVENUE, IRVINE, CA 92614
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/18/2008.
SOUTH RIVER DENTAL GROUP, INC.
S/ AMARDEEP GILL, CFO,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/15/2026.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
KIMBERLY, Deputy
10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20/26
CNS-4081086#
NEWS-LEDGER 11-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260859
The following person(s) is doing business as: TGN Collectibles, 1822 Maryland Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Nicholas Lamb, 1822 Maryland Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 20, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
TGN 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260888
The following person(s) is doing business as: Smilebliss-Woodland, 507 Bush Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Ryan Gaw Dental California PC, 3075 Beacon Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 26, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 27, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
SMILE 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260880
The following person(s) is doing business as: All Gen Coffee, 2716 Blue Rock Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
All Gen Coffee LLC, 2716 Blue Rock Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 26, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
ALL 11-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260872
The following person(s) is doing business as: Cocoa Berry, 717 Water Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
Daniel Ostapenko, 717 Water Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on October 22, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
COCOA 11-27-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV20262423
ERIC CHRISTOPHER SWAIN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of ERIC CHRISTOPHER SWAIN to Eric Christopher Swain.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 12, 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.
Dated: September 28, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 2026
SWAIN 11-6-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2026-3107
Gizelly Gomes Criswell and Ronald Matthew Criswell have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jessica Renee Criswell to Jessica Renee Vianello.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 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.
Dated: October 22, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
CRISWELL 11-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2026-3108
Daniel Adam Criswell has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Daniel Adam Criswell to Daniel Adam Vianello.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 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.
Dated: October 22, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 2026
CRISWELL 11-20-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2026-3025
Konscious Cheval Hopes Bey has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Konscious Cheval Hopes Bey to Timothy Chevil Hopes.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 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.
Dated: October 15, 2026
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026
BEY 11-27-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARILYN N. COONS
CASE NO. PR2026-0246
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Marilyn N. Coons.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Robert Hernandez, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Robert Hernandez be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 14. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Mark Saakian, 3500 Douglas Boulevard, Suite 180, Roseville, CA 95661; 916-597-0770
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COONS 11-20-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF AMARPAL TUMBER
CASE NO. PR2026-0252
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Amarpal Tumber.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Everest Jagdeepsingh Tumber, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Everest Jagdeepsingh Tumber be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

November 18, 2026

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday, November 18, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the Livestream meeting via Astound Broadband Channel 20 or the City's YouTube channel and *to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on November 18, 2026.*

Any interested person or authorized agent may appear and be heard. To submit a comment in writing, please email **clerk@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 City Council. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

7:00 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY FOR ON-SITE BEER SALES AT 1271 MERKLEY AVENUE (LAFFEY)

The City Council will consider a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for liquor sales and a determination of Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) to allow Hobby Badger Games at 1271 Merkley Avenue (APN: 067-310-026-000) to receive a California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 40 license, which allows for the sale of beer for consumption on or off the premises. The applicant proposes on-site consumption only, and the recommended conditions of approval prohibit off-sale and "to-go" transactions. 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. A PCN determination by the City Council is required because the project site is located in a census tract with an undue concentration of on-sale licenses. On October 1, 2026, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve the Conditional Use Permit and PCN determination. This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Daunte Arriaga
City of West Sacramento

If you disagree with the decision of the City Council, 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 City Council 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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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at **https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid** until **2:00 PM local time on December 17, 2026**, at which results will be posted and available for public review for the:

CLUB WEST HVAC REPLACEMENT

This Invitation to Bid (ITB) is for the construction phase of the Club West HVAC Replacement. The City is seeking a qualified contractor to provide all labor, material, equipment, and services necessary.

CITY SCHEDULE:

Mandatory Bid Walk:
November 18, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Club West Teen Center
1125 Riverbank Road
West Sacramento, CA 95691
On-street Parking may be required.

Bid Release Date		November 6, 2026
RFI Question Cutoff	no later than 5:00 PM	December 11, 2026
Proposals Due	no later than 2:00 PM	December 17, 2026

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

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at **https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento** until **2:00PM local time on Tuesday, November 24, 2026**, at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review for the:

CARPORT REPAIR - 920 WEST CAPITOL AVE PROJECT

The following invitation for bid involves all design, engineering, labor and materials for the: CARPORT REPAIR - 920 WEST CAPITOL AVE project.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication			**October 30, 2026**
Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs	no later than	**2 P.M.**	**November 13, 2026**
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than	**2 P.M.**	**November 24, 2026**
Award of Contract			**December 2, 2026**

Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting: 10:00 AM, November 10, 2026

Project construction cost estimate: $10,000.00

This is not a Federal Aid project.

1. **Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within 15 Working Days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

2. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's Procurement system at **https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento**.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, November 19, 2026**, at the West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on the item listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting livestream at **https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/commissions-committees/planning-commission-1461** or via Astound Broadband Channel 20, and may submit written comments by **4:00 p.m. onNovember 19, 2026**.

Any interested person or authorized agent may appear and be heard. To submit a comment in writing, please email **dauntea@cityofwestsacramento.org** and include "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 p.m. will be provided to the Planning Commission and posted on the City's website. Comments submitted shall become part of the official record of the meeting.

6:00 P.M.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A PROPOSED FREIGHT/TRUCKING USE AT 620 HARBOR BOULEVARD (BERUMEN)**

Description: The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request by Greenline Express for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the operation of freight and trucking services at 620 Harbor Boulevard (APN 008-372-013). The subject site is zoned M-2 (Heavy Industrial) which requires a CUP to be approved prior to operation of this use. The project number is P26-0014. The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which exempts the operation, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section § 6062(a), the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on November 18, 2026, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and express opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 26-99 AMENDING THE ANCILLARY RATES IN THE REFUSE BOOK OF FEES

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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 Petitioner is: Everest Jagdeepsingh Tumber, 1639 Hooper Road, Yuba, CA 95993; 619-607-6272

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Work Begins on Park Boulevard

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and repair potholes.

In all, the board of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments approved $46 million in funding for 24 projects to cities and counties across the region, which was announced in late September.

The System Preservation Program invests federal transportation money into maintaining, paving and rehabilitating major roadways across a region made up of El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★



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.yolofoodbank.org/find-food**, has additional public community food distribution sites updated monthly, as well as information on their network of partner agencies.

November

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

Friday, **Nov. 6**: English conversation group, **1:30 p.m.** to **2:30 p.m.**

Saturday, **Nov. 7**: Russian story time, **10 a.m.** to **11 a.m.** Beaded jewelry workshop, **2 p.m.** to **4 p.m.** Learn how to make a beaded necklace in this hands-on workshop with Sarah Spinka, proud member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona. Drop-in tutoring for K-8, **4 p.m.** to **5 p.m.** Join our high school volunteer for free, first-come, first-served tutoring. A parent or other responsible party must remain nearby during the tutoring session.

Monday, **Nov. 9**: Drop-in tutoring for K-8, **3 p.m.** to **4 p.m.** Join our high school volunteer for free, first-come, first-served tutoring. A parent or other responsible party must remain nearby during the tutoring session. Family story time, **4 p.m.** to **4:45 p.m.**

Tuesday, **Nov. 10**: Baby story time, **11:15 a.m.** to **noon**.

Wednesday, **Nov. 11**: Library closed for Veterans Day.

Thursday, **Nov. 12**: Yoga at the library, **6 p.m.** to **7 p.m.**

Friday, **Nov. 13**: English conversation group, **1:30 p.m.** to **2:30 p.m.**

Saturday, **Nov. 14**: Russian story time, **10 a.m.** to **11 a.m.** Southwest pottery, **2 p.m.** to **4 p.m.** Learn to make traditional Southwest pottery with instructor Alex Russell, member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Drop-in tutoring for K-8, **4 p.m.** to **5 p.m.** Join our high school volunteer for free, first-come, first-served tutoring. A parent or other responsible party must remain nearby during the tutoring session.

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

Thursday, **Nov. 12**: Make your own earrings, **3:30 p.m.** to **6:30 p.m.** All materials provided.

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

Continuing through **Sunday**, **Nov. 8**: "***Woody Guthrie's American Song***", at The Black Box Theater at the Community Center, **1075 West Capitol Ave.** SplinterGroup Theatre invites you into this high energy, heart forward celebration of Guthrie's music and the people it was written for. Through story, harmony, and the raw poetry of everyday Americans, this production honors Guthrie's legacy as one of the most influential social and political voices in American folk. See **www.splintergrouptheatre.org** for full schedule and tickets.

Continuing through **Sunday**, **Nov. 15**: "***The Diviners***" at River City High School Studio Theatre, 1 Raider Lane. This marvelously theatrical play is the story of a disturbed young man and his friendship with a disenchanted preacher in southern Indiana in the early 1930s. Tickets and more information at **www.rchsproductions.org**.

Friday, **Nov. 6** through **Sunday**, **Nov. 29**: "***Mean Girls***" **Fridays** and **Saturdays**, **7:30 p.m.** and **Sundays** at **2 p.m.** at the Jean Henderson Performing Arts Center, **607 Pena Dr.**, Davis. Brought to you by the Davis Musical Theatre Company, Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. Tickets and more information at **www.dmtc.org**.

Friday, **Nov. 6**: Winter Craft Fair, **10 a.m.** to **2 p.m.** at the Community Center, **1075 West Capitol Ave.** Looking for gift ideas? Come check out the unique hand-crafted items and purchase a perfect gift for that special someone. All purchases are paid in cash. All featured vendors are active members of the Community Center. If you are a member and would like a free table to sell your items, please contact Christine Prater in person or call her at **916-617-5320**.

Friday, **Nov. 6**: First **Friday** Art Walk, **6 p.m.** to **8 p.m.** in Historic Downtown Woodland. Stroll through galleries, boutiques, and pop-up exhibits featuring talented regional artists showcasing their newest work while live music and street performances fill the downtown streets with energy. See **www.visitwoodland.com** for more information.

Saturday, **Nov. 7** and **Sunday**, **Nov. 8**: Buddy Poppy Fundraiser, **9 a.m.** to **5 p.m.** each day at Grocery Outlet, **1800 E. 8th St.**, Davis. Stop by, meet local members of VFW Post 8151, receive a Buddy Poppy, and donate to help us continue supporting Veterans, Veteran programs, and our local communities. VFW Post 8151 serves Veterans throughout Dixon, Davis, Woodland, and Winters. We are working to build a stronger VFW presence in Davis and make sure local Veterans know they have a place to connect, serve, and find support.

Saturday, **Nov. 7**: 3rd Annual Christmas Bazaar, **9 a.m.** to **3 p.m.** at Saint Anthony's Parish Hall, **511 West Main St.**, Winters. This indoor event will feature many talented local crafters. Start your holiday shopping early. There will also be door prizes raffled off.

Saturday, **Nov. 7**: Community Olive Harvest, **9 a.m.** to **noon** at the Center for Land-Based Learning, **40140 Best Ranch Rd.**, Woodland. Harvesting olives is an old-world tradition that brings communities together across the centuries and around the world. Join us right here at our HQ in Woodland as we harvest our five-acre olive orchard by hand to be milled at Cobram Estate, about a mile away. We will use hand rakes and mechanized hand-held harvesters, collect the fruit on tarps, sort out the sticks and leaves and pile the fruit into bins. The best olive oil comes from the freshest fruit; our fruit will be just a few hours off the trees when it is milled. Children under 18 are welcome if accompanied by an adult. This is a free event, but donations to support our work are always welcome at **www.landbasedlearning.org**.

Saturday, **Nov. 7**: 9th Annual Salmon Festival, **11 a.m.** to **4 p.m.** at **201 Main St.**, Winters. Join us in welcoming salmon back to Putah Creek with live music, children's activities, food trucks, and more. This festival celebrates the collaborative effort to restore portions of Putah Creek, which resulted in the arrival of a salmon run. The return of salmon shows the resilience of nature to bounce back when the community comes together to help.

Saturday, **Nov. 7**: I-Fest 2026, **2 p.m.** to **9 p.m.** at International House Davis, 10 College Park. For one day, we open our doors wide to celebrate and uplift the many cultures and people who make our region so vibrant. Explore cultural and artisan booths throughout I-House, enjoy food trucks out front, and experience a full lineup of performances on our backyard stage. I-Fest is a celebration, but your participation also supports the work I-House does all year long: welcoming newcomers, supporting English learners, and helping people from around the world find connection and community in Davis. At a time when many of us are feeling anxious or disconnected, creating spaces for joy, belonging, and connection feels more important than ever. More details at **www.internationalhousedavis.org**.

Sunday, **Nov. 8**: Empty the Shelter Adoption Event, **10 a.m.** to **4 p.m.** at Yolo County Animal Services, **2640 E. Gibson Rd.**, Woodland. Help us find loving homes for our adoptable dogs and cats. Stop by the shelter to meet the animals waiting for their new families. Whether you've been thinking about adopting or simply want to support your local shelter, we invite you to come out and help us make this a special day for Yolo County's shelter pets.

Sunday, **Nov. 8**: Native Arts Market, **11 a.m.** to **5 p.m.** at The Gorman Museum of Native American Art, **181 Old Davis Rd.**, Davis. The event will feature Native American artists from across California and beyond. Participating artists will feature a wide variety of items including jewelry, cards, clothing, housewares, artworks, and gifts galore. All are welcome. Parking and admission are free.

Sunday, **Nov. 8**: Second **Sunday** Bingo, **noon** to **4 p.m.** at the Davis Odd Fellows Lodge, **415 2nd St.**, Davis. Each month, Davis Odd Fellows Bingo connects with a local organization that needs assistance. Community members, friends, and family are encouraged and welcomed to come to the Lodge for an afternoon of fun playing Bingo. For as little as $12, you can sit with friends and chat or meet new people while helping people in our community.

Sunday, **Nov. 8**: "***The Producers***", Doors open at **6:31 p.m.**, movie starts at **7:01 p.m.** at the Davis Odd Fellows Hall, **415 2nd St.**, Davis. After putting together another Broadway flop, timid accountant Leo Bloom teams up with down-on-his-luck producer Max Bialystock in a get-rich-quick scheme to put on the world's worst show. The movie is free of charge (although donations are always welcome to support classic films). Popcorn is provided free of charge. The bar will be open to purchase beer, wine, or soft drinks. Part of the Odd Fellows Classic Film Festival.

Monday, **Nov. 9**: Master Gardener's Class "***Botany Bingo***", **1 p.m.** to **2 p.m.** at the Community Center, **1075 West Capitol Ave.** Classes are open to seniors regardless of membership. "***Botany Bingo***" is an interactive, educational game that teaches plant identification, terminology, and regional horticulture facts in a fun format. Please register in advance by calling the Community Center at **916-617-5320** or register online at rec.us-westsacramento.

Wednesday, **Nov. 11**: Davis Veterans Day Program, **10:30 a.m.** musical prelude followed by program at **11 a.m.** at **820 Pole Line Rd.**, Davis. Musical performances by Golden State Brass, Evie Barnett, and The Key of G. Opening and closing prayers by Rev. Alex Haider Winnett. Keynote speaker: Sterling Koliba, a veteran and current member of the California Army National Guard, who is deeply committed to serving his local community. Join us to express our gratitude to our veterans and active military.

Wednesday, **Nov. 11**: West Sacramento Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon, **11 a.m.** from **1100 Clarendon St. to Westacre Road** and ending at Park and Stone Boulevard. Immediately following the parade, come by VFW Post 8762, **905 Drever St.** and enjoy a delicious meal while listening to some jazzy tunes at our Heroes Lunch.

Friday, **Nov. 13** through **Thursday**, **Dec. 24**: Pence Gallery Holiday Market, open daily **11:30 a.m.** to **5 p.m.**, except for holidays. Our Holiday Market is a treasure trove of hand-crafted items created by regional artists and artisans, perfect for holiday gift giving. Visitors can enjoy shopping for unique ceramics, cozy knit scarves, handmade jewelry, amazing paintings, and more. There are over 50 artists participating this year, and our gallery will be overflowing with fun items that will make great gifts for loved ones. You're also invited to join our public opening reception, **Friday**, **Nov. 13** from **6 p.m.** to **9 p.m.**

Friday, **Nov. 13** through **Sunday**, **Nov. 29**: "***Annie***", various times at the Woodland Opera House, **340 Second St.**, Woodland. Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, "***Annie***" is a worldwide phenomenon and the winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The beloved book and score by Tony Award winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, features some of the greatest musical theatre hits ever written, including "***Tomorrow.***" Full schedule and tickets at **www.woodlandoperahouse.org**.

Friday, **Nov. 13**: Thanksgiving Luncheon, **11 a.m.** to **1 p.m.** at the Community Center, **1075 West Capitol Ave.** Join us for a festive Thanksgiving celebration at the West Sacramento Community Center. Enjoy a traditional turkey meal, entertainment, raffle prizes, and quality time with friends and neighbors. Open to all Seniors ages 50 plus, resident or non-resident. Presented by the West Sacramento Community Center Active Aging Programs. $25 for members and $30 for non-members. Register online at rec.us-westsacramento by **Nov. 6** to reserve your spot.

Friday, **Nov. 13**: Live @DCC Free Noon Concert, **noon** to **1 p.m.** at Davis Community Church (DCC) **412 C St**reet, Davis. Join us to enjoy Tres Musicos: Anita Felix, violin; Curtis Kidwell, oboe; and John Cozza, piano, performing works of Ravel, Respighi and Turina.

Friday, **Nov. 13**: 2nd **Friday** ArtAbout: **5 p.m.** to **9 p.m.** in locations around Davis. Check out art receptions, pop-ups, open studios, live music, and more in Downtown Davis and beyond. This is a great free event to enjoy with friends and family each month. List of participating venues and map at **www.pencegallery.org/events/artabout/**.

Friday, **Nov. 13**: Wonder After Dark – TGIF 90's Night Fun-Raiser, **6 p.m.** to **9 p.m.** at Burgers and Brew, **317 3rd St.** Dust off your flannel and grab your crew. This night is da bomb, and it's all for a great cause. Join The Wonder Grove After Dark for live music, games, and food. Play isn't just for kids, and every ticket helps bring more outdoor play to children across our community and moves us closer to our permanent home. Tickets and more information at **www.thewondergrove.org/calendar**.

Saturday, **Nov. 14**: Special Olympics Fall Games, **7:30 a.m.** to **6 p.m.** at UC Davis, Russell Field. Athletes from across Northern California will be competing in soccer for a chance to win gold. See **www.sonc.org/events** for more information or to volunteer.

Saturday, **Nov. 14**: Kitchen Garden Chat, **10 a.m.** to **11 a.m.** via Zoom. The next chat will be "***The Persephone Period: What is it? Why is it important?***" Join UC Master Gardener of Yolo County, Treva Valentine for these events, free and open to anyone who wants to get more to eat from their garden throughout the year. No registration is required. Zoom link at **www.ucanr.edu**, look for the UC Master Gardeners-Yolo upcoming events webpage.

Saturday, **Nov. 14**: The HIVE Anniversary Party, **11 a.m.** to **5 p.m.** at The HIVE Tasting Room and Kitchen, **1221 Harter Ave.**, Woodland. Kick off your holiday shopping, taste 30+ varietal honeys, craft mead and enjoy selections from our farm-to-fork menu. This over-the-top celebration features live music from Wolf Jett, steep holiday discounts, giveaways and interactive activities for all ages including honey and mead tastings, honeybee education with live bees, tours of our pollinator garden and facility, a HIVE Spelling Bee and Waggle Dance Competition. See **www.thehivewoodland.com/events** for a full schedule of activities.

Saturday, **Nov. 14**: Boots, Bourbon and Bubbles, **5:30 p.m.** at the Roth Event Venue, **427 Main St.**, Woodland. Join us for an exclusive evening benefiting the Yolo Crisis Nursery. Guests will begin the evening with a curated tasting of bourbon or champagne. The evening will continue with a sit-down dinner and delicious dessert, followed by live auctions and raffles. Tickets and more information at **www.yolocrisisnursery.org**.

Sunday, **Nov. 15**: VETs Inaugural Fundraiser, **noon** to **2 p.m.** at Little Reata Stables, 26275 CR 96, Davis. Join Veterans Equine Therapy (VETs) for our inaugural fundraiser and help build something meaningful from the very beginning. VETs provides Veterans with hands-on, equine-assisted experiences designed to build confidence, reduce stress, and strengthen connection. This special community event is an opportunity to learn more about the program, meet the people behind it, tour the facility, and see how local support can directly impact the Veterans we serve. Enjoy an afternoon featuring comedy, raffles, food and drinks, merchandise, and a facility tour, while discovering ways to support VETs through sponsorships and donations. Free admission. Learn more at **www.veteransequinetherapy.com**.

Sunday, **Nov. 15**: "***What's Up Doc?***", Doors open at **6:31 p.m.**, movie starts at **7:01 p.m.** at the Davis Odd Fellows Hall, **415 2nd St.**, Davis. This film is a 1972 American screwball comedy film directed by Peter Bogdanovich and starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal. The movie is free of charge (although donations are always welcome to support classic films). Popcorn is provided free of charge. The bar will be open to purchase beer, wine, or soft drinks. Part of the Odd Fellows Classic Film Festival.

Thursday, **Nov. 26**: Woodland Turkey Trot, begins at **8 a.m.** at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, **2001 East St.**, Woodland. Start your Thanksgiving morning with a fun, family-friendly tradition that supports Yolo Food Bank. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome, with race distances for kids and adults winding through the city of Woodland. Whether you're chasing a personal record or enjoying a relaxed stroll, the Woodland Turkey Trot is the perfect way to kick off your holiday with fitness, laughter, and community spirit. Register today at **www.yolofb.org/trot**.

Ongoing Activities

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

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

Davis Craft and Vintage Fair, **Sunday**, **Nov. 15**, **10 a.m.** to **4 p.m.** at Central Park, **301 C St.**, Davis. Expect to see friendly vendors with local handmade and original art, crafts, quality vintage items, upcycled treasures, earth-friendly creations, good food and more. Information and more dates at **www.daviscraftandvintage.org**.

Home Depot Kids Workshops are free in-person at **690 Riverpoint Court** on the first **Saturday** of each month from **9 a.m.** to **noon**, while supplies last. Next workshop is **Saturday**, **Nov. 7**, making a dump truck. Registration required by using the following link: **www.homedepot.com/workshops/**.

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**, **Nov. 14**, making a Holiday Engine train. Registration required by searching "***events***" at **www.lowes.com**. ★

New Perspective on Transition from Nurse Bee to Forager

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

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Noted bee scientist Robert E. Page Jr. examines the nurse-to-forager transition in honey bees in an entirely different perspective in newly published research in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

Page, a retired UC Davis and Arizona State University (ASU) entomology professor and administrator, along with scientist Eric Bonabeau of Berkeley, analyzed "the nurse-to-forager transition in worker honey bees (Apis mellifera) from a network perspective, treating the transcriptome as a gene–gene correlation system whose global organization reflects collective regulatory states."

"Division of labor in social insects is enabled by coordinated changes in physiology, neural signaling and gene regulation, yet it remains unclear to what extent behavioral maturation reflects incremental changes in individual genes and/or a reorganization of transcriptomic regulation at the system level," they explain in the paper, titled "System-Level Reorganization of Gene Networks Underlies the Nurse-to-Forager Transition in Honey Bees."

Page wrote the article as part of a special series of inaugural articles by members of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). Elected a NAS member in 2026, he is a UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus Professor, emeritus chair of the UC Davis entomology department and emeritus provost of ASU.

In discussing the significance of the research this week, Page commented: "In this paper, we wanted to view gene expression networks from 10,000 meters and focus on the topological structure of them rather than the individual gene-gene interaction structures. I think this gives a very different global perspective on the dynamics of the networks through development, one that isn't often given."



Queen bee and her retinue. Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey

"Using fat body gene expression data across five developmental time points that span an interval of behavioral transition, we construct signed gene–gene correlation networks and quantify their macro- and mesostate properties," they related in the research article. "We then descend to the level of the gene and construct microstate gene lists of interacting genes. Behavioral maturation of worker honey bees is accompanied by coordinated, nonmonotonic changes in global network structure rather than simple global shifts in interaction strength across the network."

"The intricate symphony of gene expression that accompanies the development of bees and their transition from nurses to foragers reveals some interesting patterns that we analyzed using tools from network science and statistical learning," Bonabeau commented in a post on LinkedIn. "It involves a fundamental reorganization of gene networks, rather than simply changes in the expression of individual genes."

"The implication is that behavioral differentiation may reflect collective changes in molecular organization, not just individual gene activity," Bonabeau wrote. "Big caveat: the study demonstrates correlations, not causal regulatory mechanisms or dynamical attractors."

Among their findings early gene networks exhibit predominantly positive correlations. Between days 6 and 10, their organization changes dramatically. Two groups of genes become internally coordinated but negatively correlated with each other: a nurse-associated, high-vitellogenin (VG) module and a forager-associated, low-VG module. --VG is an important multifunctional protein. By day 15, bees exhibit two distinct gene-expression profiles, suggesting alternative physiological states.

Page, known for his research on honey bee behavior and population genetics, particularly the evolution of complex social behavior, constructed the first genomic map of the honey bee and pioneered the use of modern techniques to study the genetic basis of social behavior evolution in honey bees and other social insects.

A UC Davis doctoral alumnus (1980), Page worked closely with Professor Harry H. Laidlaw Jr. , for whom the UC Davis bee biology facility is named. Together they published many significant research papers and the landmark book, "Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding" (Wicwas Press, 1998), considered the most important resource book for honey bee genetics, breeding and queen rearing.

Page maintained a UC Davis honey bee-breeding program, managed by bee breeder-geneticist Kim Fondrk, for 24 years, from 1989 to 2015.

Page is the author of several books, "Honey Bee Genetics and Breeding (Wicwas Press, 2025); "The Art of the Bee" (Oxford University Press, 2020) and "The Spirit of the Hive" (Harvard University Press 2013). In 2023, he launched a YouTube Channel, https://youtube.com/@artofthebee. ★

Yolo County Seeks Applications for Community Services Action Board

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is seeking applications for four openings on its Community Services Action Board (CSAB).

The Board of Supervisors currently has four vacancies to fill including two low-income population representatives (applicants must either meet the low-income eligibility criteria or work for an organization that serves the low-income population).

The board also seeks one private organization representative, an individual representing a private organization that operates in Yolo County such as a private social service agency, private educational institution, business or religious organization. Applicants must submit a letter of nomination from the organization they represent.

The board is also seeking one District 4 representative who will be appointed by Supervisor Sheila Allen.

Established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the CSAB serves as the region's Community Action Agency with a mission to combat poverty throughout Yolo County and promote the health and safety of low-income residents.

The CSAB serves as an advisory body to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. Its responsibilities include evaluating local efforts to combat poverty, conducting a biennial Community Needs Assessment to identify gaps in services and overseeing programs funded by the Community Services Block Grant. The CSAB reviews project outcomes and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

The CSAB meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at rotating locations in Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland.

Those interested in serving can apply online at www.YoloCounty.gov/government/board-of-supervisors/advisory-bodies. Applications may also be printed and submitted to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors' Office at 625 Court St., Room 204, Woodland.

A map of the supervisorial districts is available on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors website at www.yolocounty.gov/government/board-of-supervisors.

For more information, visit www.YoloCounty.gov/CommunityServicesActionBoard or contact Kerrie Covert at kerrie.covert@yolocounty.gov. ★



Popp Talk

With Mary Jane Popp

Why Veterans Day?

We all love celebrations, don't we? We celebrated Memorial Day and now it's time for Veterans Day. Aren't they for the same reason to honor our military men and women. Not exactly. They are six months apart, but the emphasis is quite different. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who have died in the service of our country, particularly those who have died in battle. While those who died are also remembered Veterans Day, the day is set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely attended to thank LIVING veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served not only those who died-have sacrificed and done their duty.

That's why I am so proud to have had one of those honorable men in my life for both these special days. My late husband was a Vietnam Vet and served overseas fresh out of OCS as a Second Lieutenant, stayed in the reserves after he served his stint in Vietnam, and retired a LT Colonel. By the way, haven't you wondered why there is no apostrophe in Veterans Day, but does include an "s" at the end of the word veterans? How about this? Because it is not a day that belongs to veterans, it is a day for honoring ALL veterans. I honestly did not know that. Never to old to learn. Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls.

How about a little history on this special day. It goes back a very long time to 1918. WWI was known at the time as "The Great War" that officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919 in the Palace of Versailles in France. However, the fighting ceased seven months earlier when the armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany, went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded "the war to end all wars." It was a true wish for all to hope for, but unfortunately, that was not the end of all wars as WWII was in the wind.

Perhaps we can learn from tragedy of all the wars that were to come from WWII to the Korean War, Vietnam War, even though they didn't call it a war, to Dessert Storm, Iraqi War, Afghanistan, to the Iran War. God willing there will not be more, but I am beginning to believe as long as humanity exists, there will be wars over something that is believed to be justified. For now, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we will continue to honor all those men and women whose courage makes sure we remain free. GOD BLESS THEM ALL! ★

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Policy Not Partisan 2: Finding Common Ground Without Losing Our Principle

By Patsy McGavock

In interview, Assemblymember Josh Hoover told me about a recent press conference with colleagues from across the aisle celebrating a bill they'd co-authored. "It was just really cool to see, and to feel the accomplishment of doing something with buy-in from all sides."

He brought his teenagers along to see the collaboration firsthand.

"My son was asking me questions, like, 'So you do work with Democrats sometimes?'"

Yes, they do work together. Perhaps more often than we realize.

Last time, I shared the moment my understanding of politics changed. I began seeing politics as policy about people, and how we may be limiting ourselves by associating politics primarily with partisan division.

Today, I'm clarifying something else about collaboration: Consensus isn't unanimous agreement. It's finding a direction people can support, even when differences remain.

That's a harder part of healing our division. An essential part. An essential part.

Hoover described the bipartisan California Problem Solvers Caucus. Members join to seek solutions across party lines, but political expectations can make that difficult in general assembly.

Democratic Assemblymember David Alvarez acknowledged that when colleagues and supporters expect a clear party line, working across the aisle can be perceived as giving something up.

How many possible solutions go unexplored when someone doesn't feel free to explore beyond their party's preferred approach.

While discomfort is expected when we challenge our thinking, meaningful collaboration requires room to disagree without pressure to surrender our principles.

Democratic Assemblymember Anamarie Ávila Farías, offered a refreshing perspective. She hasn't experienced that pressure within the caucus.

"I don't lean in starting with a label. I dissect the problem and engineer outward," she explained.

She described Democrats as "fifty shades of blue," with similar differences among Republicans. Why limit ourselves to one shade when a problem may require ideas from many?

The caucus, she said, provides a "sandbox" where members can explore different solutions without being judged by their particular shade – or color.

Consider immigration.

Last year, members of the caucus developed shared principles on this deeply divided issue. They identified areas of agreement on immigration's economic importance, border security, due process and possible paths toward legal status.

They didn't settle every disagreement. They identified common concerns and a starting point for policy discussions.

Ávila Farías described the significance of agreeing on the problem to solve before debating solutions. If we can't even agree on what problem we're trying to solve, how can we work together to solve it?

Alvarez likewise distinguishes between negotiating the methods of reaching a goal, but not abandoning the purpose behind it.

Compromise needn't mean surrendering principle. Consensus shouldn't mean pressured – or uncomfortably silent – agreement. It takes all voices.

The process can be the beginning of a better solution.

I've been thinking about this as I learn to chair meetings myself. Consensus isn't simply getting everyone to say yes, nor is it settling for a watered-down middle ground.

We want a path people can genuinely support.

How? Identifying the problem and shared outcome. Invite differing perspectives, including quieter voices. Separate principles from preferences. Test alternatives together. Ask whether people can support the direction, even with reservations. And make room for an honest no.

Being heard doesn't mean every preference will prevail. It means having a genuine opportunity to influence the outcome while retaining our integrity. Hopefully shaping something better than any one voice might have developed alone.

It takes bravery to enter an unfamiliar space. Bravery we often find when something is more important than our present discomfort.

Avila Farias emphasized all representatives need to hear from us, including officials outside our own party – she is only one of 80. Encourage them. Let them know we value thoughtful collaboration – solution-based policy - not just agreement with us.

My neighbor Dotty Hayes, 85, recently shared some wisdom from a less divided decade: If we open our hearts and our minds and not take everything so personally - we will grow tremendously. "And besides, it's so fun to learn from each other."

Perhaps healing division is less about eliminating disagreement than learning what we can build together despite it.

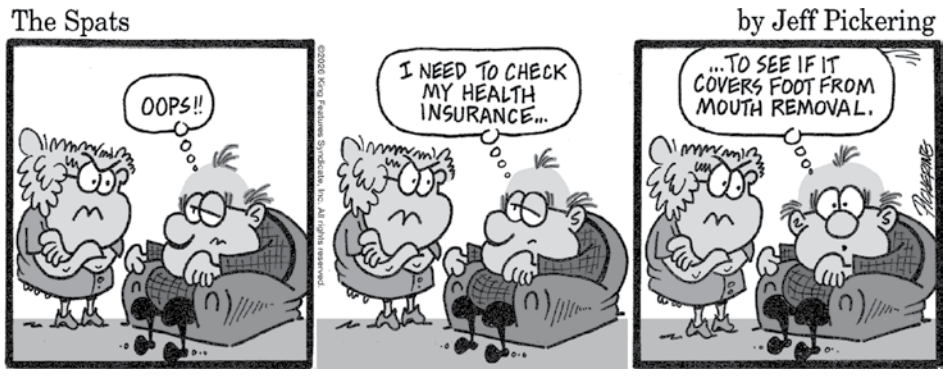
Be the collaboration in the room.

Next time, we'll explore how we can carry those relationships into effective advocacy for problem solving for our own communities.

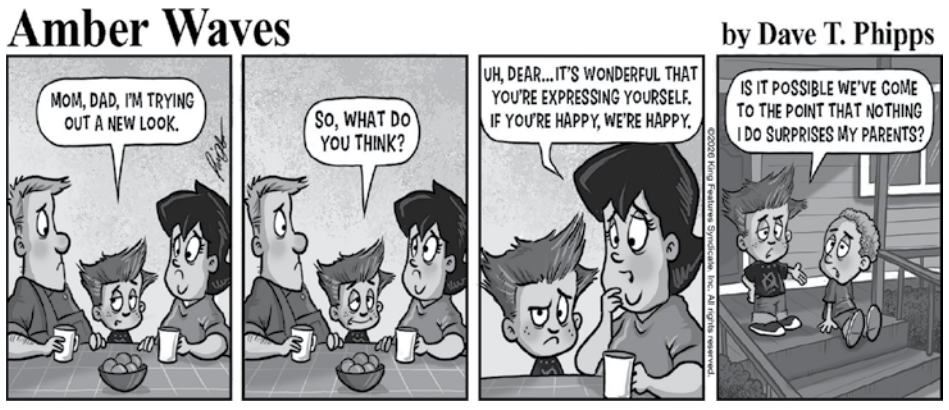
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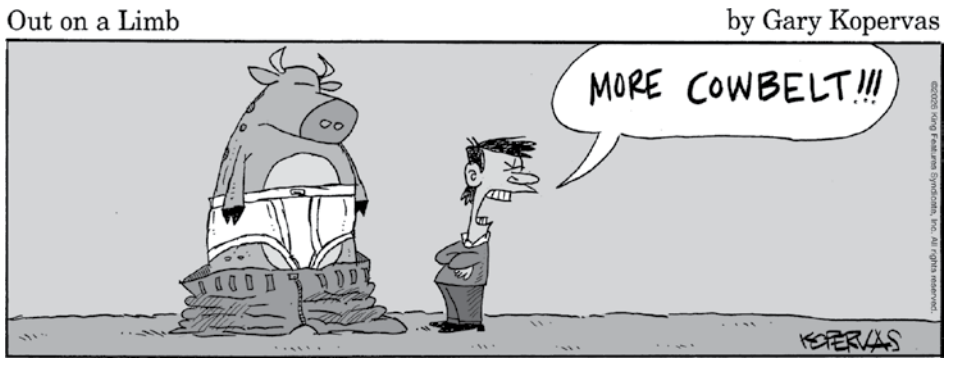
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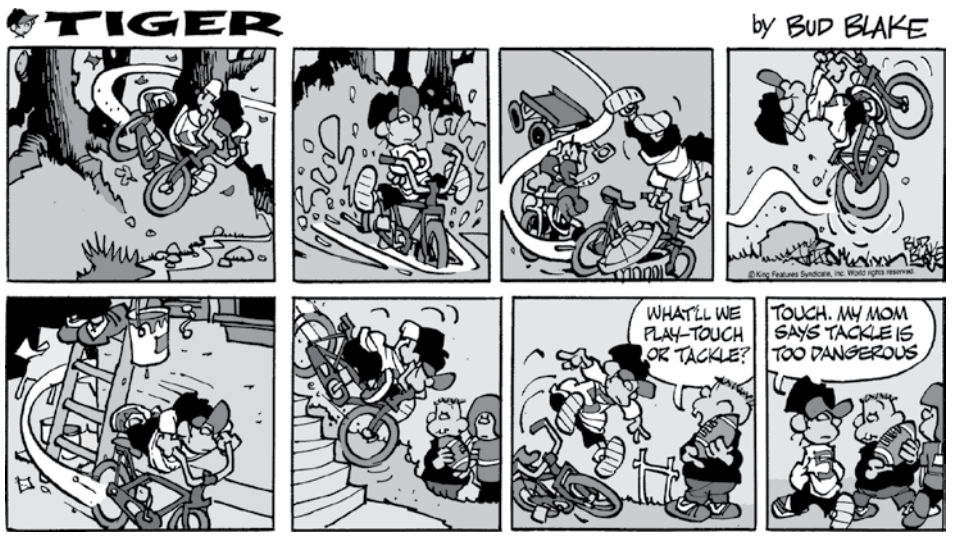
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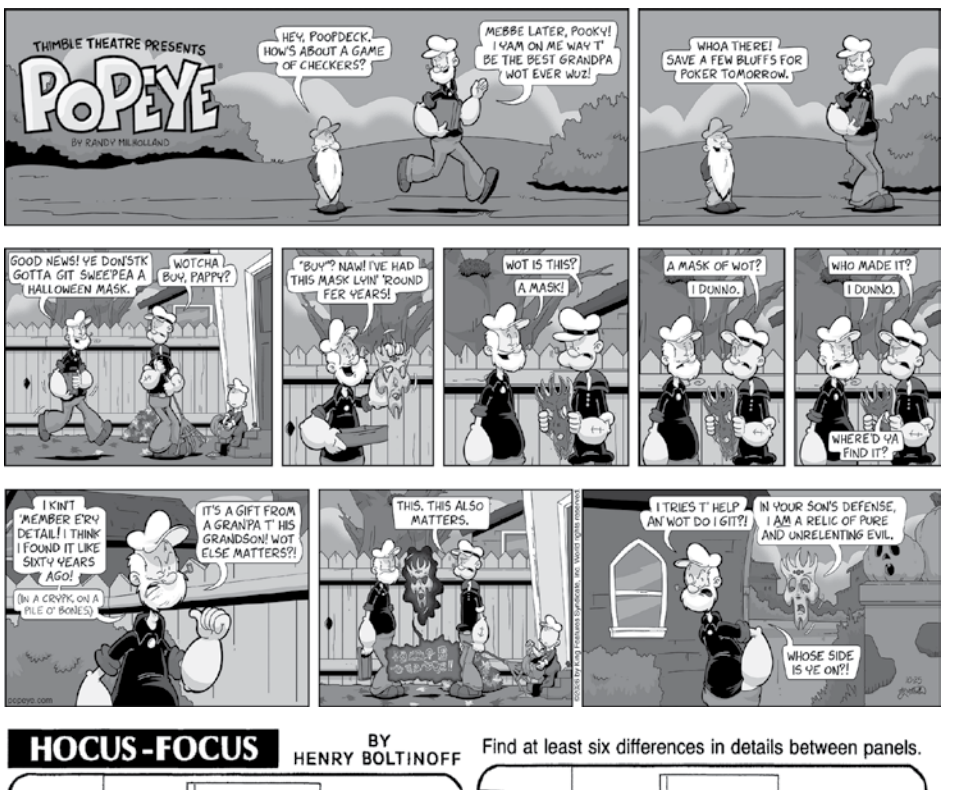


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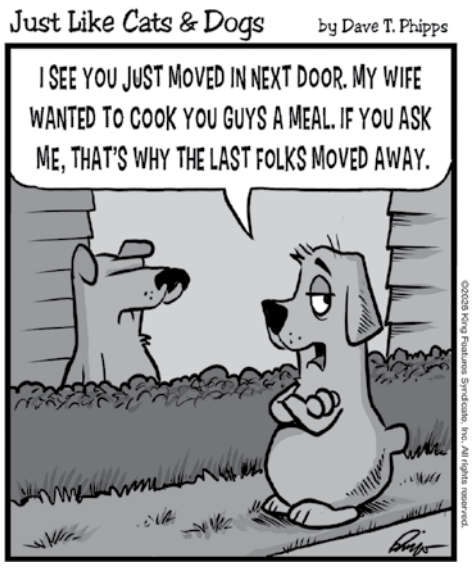
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GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



"Santa wants his letters in Morse code!"

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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CLUES

ACROSS
1. "As the World Turns" and such
6. Hundredweight, acr.
9. Notable achievement
13. Keep a threat ____ ____, or away
14. Across, in verse
15. Jiggly dessert
16. Opposite of bow
17. Sch. grp.
18. Kidman's ex
19. *HomeExchange story, with The
21. *Rudolph's father
23. *Kevin to Buzz in "Home Alone"
24. "Dickens!"
25. Quantity, acr.
28. *"Candy ____ Lane" starring Eddie Murphy
30. Opposite of an-aerobe
35. Russian mountain range
37. Coxae, sing.
39. Tori, sing.
40. Goals
41. Famous Mac & Cheese manufacturer
43. One of auto pioneers
44. Letter-shaped girder
46. Home to Taj Mahal
47. A la _____, with ice cream
48. Relating to teeth
50. "My bad"
52. Eucharist vessel
53. Multicolored horse
55. NHL court
57. *Bailey of Bedford Falls
60. *Mount ____, Grinch's home
64. Supercharger
65. Ewe's mate
67. Alice Halsey on "Little House on the Prairie"
68. Ammo in a quiver, sing.
69. Knot-tying vow (2 words)
70. Sensory threshold, in psychology
71. Artist's inspiration
72. Bajillion years
73. Guns N' Roses lead guitarist

DOWN
1. "Away to the window I flew like a flash, ... and threw up the _____"
2. "Beetle Bailey" pooch
3. Cain's brother
4. *The McCallisters' travel destination
5. Trustee
6. Printer button
7. *Harry and Marv, a.k.a. the ____ Bandits
8. Pro move
9. Shade-loving plant
10. Hamburg river
11. Winglike
12. Freight weight
15. Official work trip
20. Taken where?
22. South American tuber
24. Six-sided polygon
25. *Cousin Eddie actor
26. Human social group
27. Mandarin's headquarters
29. *Luther Krank's wife
31. Living space
32. Lowest deck
33. *Will Ferrell's famous holiday role
34. English county
36. Future J.D.'s hurdle
38. Like Bob Ross' do
42. Short-trunked ungulate
45. Bone filler
49. Yule treat
51. Type of racing boat, pl.
54. Nest for an eagle
56. Not your grandmother's mail?
57. Spiritual leader
58. Makes a mistake
59. Double reed woodwind
60. Slangy "Follow me!"
61. Cat on a shoe
62. Wraths
63. Hyperbolic tangent
64. _____ o' shanter
66. Fuss, to Shakespeare

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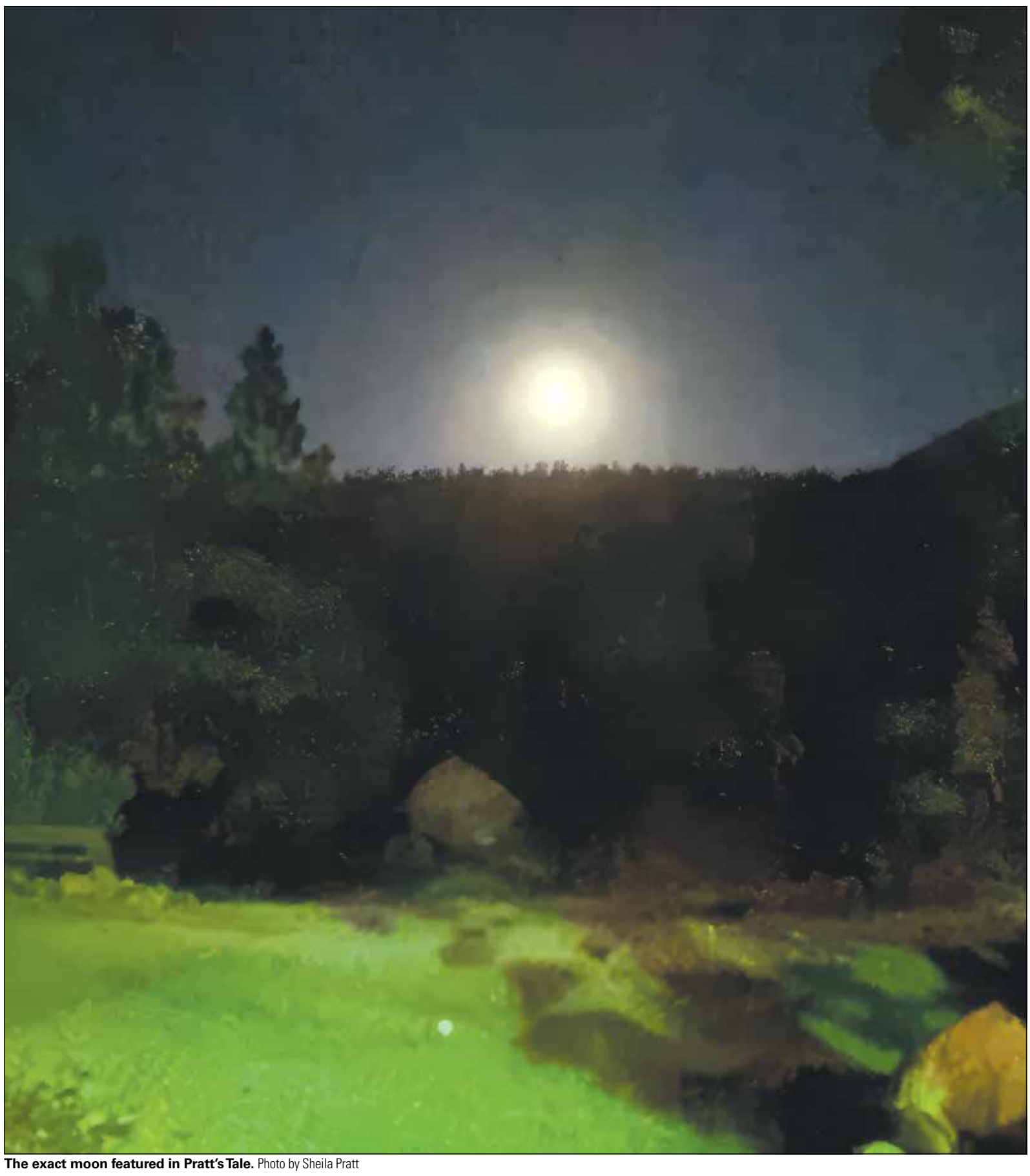
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The Mountain's Reservoir of Light

By Sheila Pratt



The exact moon featured in Pratt's Tale. Photo by Sheila Pratt

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Growing up alongside four brothers, the great outdoors was less of a destination and more of a second home. Amidst the cheerful chaos of a large family, I quickly learned to cherish the deep solitude and grounding that only nature can provide. It became my anchor. When I had children of my own, I knew I wanted to pass down that same inheritance of wonder. Every summer, we packed up our gear and went camping with friends, weaving memories of shared experiences beneath the canopy of the trees. Today, one of my greatest joys is watching my own children carry on this tradition, taking their little ones out to sleep under the very same stars.

As the years rolled on, I found myself deeply missing those immersive outdoor experiences. To fill that void, I discovered a volunteer opportunity at Camp Ritchie, a summer camp nestled high in the mountains of the Eldorado National Forest. For one week every year, I get to step back into that world, helping young women aged 12 to 18 push past their comfort zones. I watch them leap into the crisp waters of the lake, steady their hands at the archery range and axe throwing, and conquer their fears while rappelling down sheer rock faces. They learn the practicalities of outdoor survival, from basic first aid to the rustic art of campfire cooking. It is exhausting, rewarding work, but it also gifts me precious pockets of solitude.

It was during one of those rare moments of downtime late in the afternoon that I decided to steal away for a walk. Seeking a bit of quiet reflection, I stumbled upon a faint, narrow path winding its way up a fairly steep mountainside. In hindsight, it was almost certainly a deer trail rather than a designated hiking route, but its wildness only added to its charm.

As I climbed higher, the world below began to shrink, and the terrain changed dramatically. The dense forest gave way to a sparser, rugged landscape. The vibrant summer wildflowers had passed their prime, turning crispy and golden at the edges, and the ground beneath my feet grew increasingly rocky. Eventually, the trail opened up to a spectacular, unobstructed vista. I found a smooth, sun-warmed ledge of granite and sat down, positioned to watch the sky.

What followed was an extraordinary display of atmospheric theater. The heavens ignited in an array of majesty that only Mother Nature could pull off, a breathtaking canvas of deep pinks and purples, fiery oranges, and brilliant reds. I sat transfixed, lost in the sheer scale of the beauty before me.

But the mountains have a way of shifting realities in the blink of an eye. As I sat gawking at the final, fading embers of the sunset, a sudden chill pierced through me. The temperature dropped, and the vibrant colors collapsed into a heavy, suffocating darkness. Night falls with startling speed at high altitudes, and within minutes, my peaceful afternoon stroll had transformed into a backcountry night hike, one for which I was entirely unprepared. I had no jacket to stave off the hadn't even brought my phone. I was stranded on a rocky slope in total pitch blackness.

In the mountains, darkness is not merely the absence of light; it is a heavy, physical presence. I knew that attempting to navigate a steep, rocky deer trail in the dark was a recipe for disaster. Then, a memory surfaced: the previous night, the moon had been nearly full. If I stayed put and kept my head, the moon would eventually rise to illuminate my path.

So, I sat tight on my granite perch which was still warm from the day sun, wrapped my arms around myself, and listened. In the absolute stillness, the mountain came alive with night noises. Crickets chirped in a rhythmic, steady chorus and the distant, hooting of an owl echoed through the canyon. Sitting there, I began to think about how seamlessly nature works together. The trees exhale the air we breathe; the roots hold the rocky mountainside stable beneath me; the nocturnal creatures step forward to play their part the moment the daytime world retreats. Every element relies on the other in a perfect choreography.

My thoughts drifted to the sun itself. I realized that the sun's warmth and light never truly leave us; they are constant fixtures in the universe. The sun doesn't just cease to exist when night falls; rather, it is we who turn our backs to it once a day as the earth rotates. Even in our darkest hours, when we are turned completely away from its direct heat, the cosmos provides a reminder of its permanence. It reflects its light back to us through the stars and the moon, serving as a quiet celestial whisper that we are never truly alone. Daylight is always coming, if only we can manage to hold tight a little longer.

Right on cue, the earth rotated toward a magnificent, massive harvest moon, which broke over the ridge and flooded the landscape with a brilliant, silver glow. The rocky path danced back into my view. With my way finally illuminated, I carefully navigated my way down the mountain and back toward the safety of Camp Ritchie where I was met by a few relieved faces who had been actively out looking for me.

That night on the mountain stayed with me. Wherever you find a light that brings you hope; whether it is the warmth reflected in the eyes of a trusted friend, the pure joy of a cherished grandchild, or the safety of a welcoming community, hold fast to it. Life has a way of throwing us into unexpected seasons of shadow. There will inevitably be dark nights where we find ourselves lost on a metaphorical mountaintop, shivering and searching for a way down. It is in those exact moments that we must rely on our inner reservoirs of light to see us through. My advice is simple: stock up on light wherever and whenever you find it and share it with those who need it. ★

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