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# City Demolishes Rodeway Inn



**Demolition work taking place at the Rodeway Inn, 817 W. Capitol Ave., in West Sacramento.** Photo courtesy of city of West Sacramento

***By Kevin Dietrich***

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -** West Sacramento began pulling down a former Rodeway Inn this month, the latest step in turning the site from homeless lodgings into an affordable-housing development.

The motel, at 817 Capitol Ave., housed homeless individuals for much of the past six years. The city plans to transform the property into a 114-unit affordable housing project, part of its Grand Gateway Master Plan.

The Rodeway Inn, with assistance from several Yolo County organizations, was used to provide temporary housing and support services to help individuals get their feet on the ground and transition into permanent housing. Individuals previously housed at the Rodeway Inn site have been placed at other city-operated emergency housing sites.

West Sacramento anticipates breaking ground on the new affordable housing project in spring 2027. Late last year, West Sacramento received

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# Bohart Museum Showcases Live Petting Zoo

***Story and photos by Kathy Keatley Garvey***



**Elias Hartley, 9, of Dixon learning about stick insects, aka walking sticks, at the Bohart Museum of Entomology at UC Davis.**

**DAVIS, CA (MPG) -** "Who wants to hold a walking stick?"

"Me! Me! Me!!"

That's usually the chorus of responses greeting those who staff the live petting zoo at the Bohart Museum of Entomology, located in Room 1124 of the Academic Surge Building, 455 Crocker Lane, UC Davis campus.

The Bohart Museum showcases its popular petting zoo at its regularly scheduled open houses and at the public walk-ins, usually held two days a week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 4:30 (prospective visitors should check for updates on the website at https://bohart.ucdavis.edu/.

Admission to the open houses and the public walk-ins are free. Parking is free only on weekends.

The Bohart Museum's volunteer interns, all UC Davis students, assist with the petting zoo, and perform other duties, such as

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# Blue Angels to Headline 2027 Airshow

***California Capital Airshow News Release***

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -** Get ready, Sacramento! The roar of jet engines, breathtaking aerial performances and the thrill of flight are returning to the skies over Mather Airport as the California Capital Airshow (CCA) announces its 2027 dates, March 20-21, headlined by the world-famous U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron.

Following an extraordinary 20th anniversary celebration that welcomed more than 100,000 spectators, the California Capital Airshow is keeping the momentum soaring with another action-packed weekend of world-class aviation entertainment, interactive experiences and family-friendly fun.

Known for their breathtaking formations, extraordinary precision and high-speed maneuvers, the Blue Angels are among the most celebrated military jet demonstration teams in the world. Their highly anticipated return to Sacramento promises to deliver an unforgettable display of skill, teamwork and the power of flight.

"After the incredible energy and excitement of our 20th anniversary celebration, we're ready to take that momentum into 2027," said Chief Executive Officer of the California Capital Airshow Darcy Brewer. "There's nothing quite like the sight and sound of the Blue Angels overhead, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome them back to Sacramento. We're already working to create another spectacular weekend that brings our community together, inspires the next generation, and reminds us all why we love aviation."

Presented in partnership with Sacramento County and the City of Rancho Cordova, the 2027 Airshow will feature an exciting lineup of military and civilian performers, captivating ground displays and immersive experiences that bring aviation to life. From

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$28 million from the state's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant program for the Grand Gateway Affordable Housing Development.

That award is expected to cover the cost of building the site, which will include a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, along with a playground and multi-purpose room.

West Sacramento City Council in November 2020 approved the purchase of the Rodeway Inn, along with the Flamingo Hotel at 920 W. Capitol Ave., for $6.75 million and $3.1 million, respectively.

The city purchased the properties to provide interim housing for individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness connected with the Covid pandemic, according to West Sacramento City Council information.

Funding for the combined $9.85 million purchase in late 2020 came from several different sources, including $808,351 from the Measure E funds, $602,874 from Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus funds, $600,000 from Community Development Block Grant program income funds and $638,775 from Yolo County Coronavirus relief funds.

Prior to the city's acquisition, the site was leased by Yolo County for housing the homeless through Project Roomkey, a state initiative that began in early 2020 in response to Covid.

West Sacramento's Grand Gateway Master Plan is envisioned as a redeveloped district spread over 8.6 acres and expected to include new housing, retail and a hotel in the east end of West Capitol Avenue. ★

# Blue Angels to Headline 2027 Airshow



**The world-famous U.S. Navy Blue Angels return for the 2027 California Capital Airshow March 20-21, 2027.** Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper

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heart-pounding aerial demonstrations to opportunities for young aviation enthusiasts to explore aircraft, meet pilots, and discover careers in aviation and aerospace, the California Capital Airshow offers something for every generation.

And this is just the beginning. Additional performers, special attractions and event details will be announced in the months ahead.

Fans eager to experience the Blue Angels and everything the 2027 California Capital Airshow has in store are encouraged to save the date for March 20-21, 2027, and sign up to become an AIR SHOW INSIDER® at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com.

AIR SHOW INSIDERS® receive first access to discounted tickets, exciting performer announcements, and exclusive event updates, ensuring they don't miss a moment as the countdown to the 2027 Airshow begins.

Mark your calendars. Spread the word. The Blue Angels are coming to Sacramento!

About the California Capital Airshow

Established in 2004, the California Capital Airshow 501(c)3 plans and operates the exciting, family-friendly annual event designed to honor the Sacramento region's rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people. CCA gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and exciting educational youth programming throughout the year. For more information about the airshow, performers, and discount tickets, visit www.californiacapitalairshow.com ★

# Supervisor Angel Barajas Hosts Knights Landing Town Hall

## *Shares Updates on Traffic Safety, Flood Protection, Winter Preparedness and Public Safety*

***Yolo County Supervisor Angel Barajas News Release***

**KNIGHTS LANDING, CA (MPG)** - Yolo County Supervisor Angel Barajas hosted a community town hall on Nov. 16 bringing together county staff and partner agencies to provide important updates on projects and initiatives affecting Knights Landing residents.

Approximately 20 community members attended the meeting, where representatives discussed ongoing and upcoming traffic safety improvements, the Knights Landing Flood Management Project, winter storm preparedness and public safety concerns. Residents also had an opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns and hear directly from the agencies involved in these efforts.

"Knights Landing is a community that deserves continued investment, attention and resources," said Supervisor Barajas. "From traffic safety and flood protection to public safety and emergency preparedness, there is important work happening, and I want to make sure residents know where these projects stand. Bringing our county staff and partner agencies directly to the community allows residents to ask questions, share concerns and stay involved as we move these efforts forward."

### Traffic Safety and Road Improvements

Yolo County Public Works Director Todd Riddiough provided updates on several roadway improvement projects aimed at improving traffic safety for motorists, pedestrians and residents throughout Knights Landing, including Caltrans projects.

### Caltrans Projects

One Caltrans project discussed was the State Route 113 Knights Landing Complete Streets Project, which is intended to improve pedestrian accessibility, roadway safety and connectivity throughout the community.

The project includes proposed improvements such as new and upgraded sidewalks, crosswalks, accessible curb ramps, improved lighting and traffic signage, bicycle facilities, pavement repairs and drainage improvements.

The project is currently in the environmental review and design development process, with final design anticipated around 2030 and construction targeted to begin in 2031.

The other Caltrans project also discussed was the State Route 113 Jennings/Knights Curve Improvement Project near the Yolo and Sutter County line. This project is designed to improve safety by realigning and flattening a curve along SR 113 and improving access to nearby properties.

### Yolo County Road Improvements

County Public Works staff highlighted complete and planned improvements in the Knights Landing area, and in particular along County Roads 102 and 17, including the completion of pavement treatments along County Road 102 between Woodland and County Road 17, planned improved roadway signage along County Roads, and installed LED-enhanced stop signs on County Road 17 at the County Road 102 intersection to increase visibility and encourage compliance.

### Knights Landing Flood Management Project

Deputy Director of General Service Department, David Van Rijn and MBK Engineers representative Nicole Ortega-Jewell, provided an update on the Knights Landing Flood Management Project, a long-term effort to reduce flood risks and strengthen protections for the community.

Knights Landing has experienced multiple major flood events over the years, highlighting the importance of improving the area's levee system and drainage infrastructure.

The project takes a comprehensive approach to flood protection, including proposed levee improvements, widening and strengthening portions of the levee system and addressing drainage issues.

Staff discussed the project's design, funding and next steps. Approximately $15 million of State and Federal grant funds have been expended to complete the designs, environmental compliance, and permits. An estimated $60 million is needed for construction. The county will continue to work with the California Department of Water Resources and federal partners to secure construction funding and advance the project.

The county remains committed to working with its partners to move the project forward and improve long-term flood protection for Knights Landing residents.

### Sheriff's Office: Public Safety and Agricultural Theft Prevention

Resident Deputy Alex Ingman from the Yolo County Sheriff's Office provided updates on public safety concerns affecting Knights Landing and surrounding agricultural areas.

A key topic was the prevention of theft involving agricultural equipment and infrastructure, including copper wiring, irrigation pumps, well pumps and other valuable supplies.

The Sheriff's Office discussed preventative measures that property owners and residents can take to help reduce opportunities for theft, such as installing adequate outdoor lighting, using security cameras, securing equipment and reporting suspicious activity.

Representatives also discussed matters involving dogs and animal shelter services.

The discussion emphasized the importance of continued communication between residents and law enforcement to address local concerns and protect property throughout the community.

### Community Resource: Free Mobile Dental Services for Children and Youth

In addition to the town hall updates, residents were informed of an upcoming opportunity for free dental services through Smile Dental Services and community partners.

The mobile dental clinic will serve children and youth ages 0–20 at the Knights Landing Resource Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15. Cost is free; no insurance required. Services will include visual dental exams, dental sealants, fluoride varnish and oral health education.

Families are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 888-585-3368 or visiting www.smiledentalservices.com.

### Continued Commitment to Knights Landing

Supervisor Barajas thanked the community members, county staff and partner agencies who participated in the town hall and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration to address the needs of Knights Landing.

The District 5 Office will continue working with County departments and regional partners to advance infrastructure improvements, strengthen public safety and ensure residents remain informed about projects affecting their community.

Residents are encouraged to stay engaged, share concerns and contact Supervisor Barajas' Office with questions or requests for additional information. ★

# Bohart Museum Showcases Live Petting Zoo



**Bohart Museum intern Grace Crites talks about stick insects with Elias Hartley, 9, of Dixon.**

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staffing the family arts-and-crafts activity at each open house.

Tabatha Yang, education and outreach coordinator, recently issued a call for new interns. Fifty-five attended the introductory session, 45 applied and 15 were accepted.

One of those accepted was Grace Crites, a transfer student from a San Jose community college who is majoring in genetics but also loves entomology. "I've loved insects since my childhood," she said, adding that she once held a funeral for a pet lady beetle, aka ladybug.

Crites staffed a recent public walk-in and met bug enthusiasts Elias Hartley of Dixon, 9, and his grandfather John Katonah of Woodland.

While Elias held stick insects and Madagascar hissing cockroaches, Crites enthusiastically answered his questions. He liked the stick insects more than he did the cockroaches.

The next Bohart Museum open house will be on UC Davis Biodiversity Museum Day on Saturday, Feb. 27. This is the annual "Explore Science" Day involving nine nature collections on campus. Admission and parking are free. (Note: Those who wish to support this annual event can donate here: https://give.ucdavis.edu/CAES/BIOFUND).

UC Davis entomologist Professor Richard Bohart founded the insect museum in 1946. It is now the home of a global collection of eight million specimens, the seventh largest insect museum in North America.

Bohart Museum director is Professor Jason Bond, the Evert and Marion Schlinger Endowed Chair of Systematics, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology. Bond serves as the executive associate dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CA&ES) and as president of the American Arachnological Society. For more information about the Bohart Museum, access the website or contact bmuseum@ucdavis.edu. ★



# Madison Community Services District Celebrates Completion of Drinking Water System Replacement Project

*$5.6 million initiative represents generational investment in water system that will improve service, reliability and safety measures for rural town in Yolo County*

***Madison Community Services District News Release***

**MADISON, CA (MPG) -** The Madison Community Services District, county and state officials, local tribal leaders and community members celebrated the completion of the Madison Community Drinking Water System Replacement Project on Nov. 18, a generational investment to improve water reliability, delivery and safety for residents of the rural Yolo County community.

"This project will bring safe, clean and reliable drinking water to Madison for generations to come," said California Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters). "The Madison Community Services District team did a remarkable job bringing together local, state, and Tribal funding to make it happen. I'm proud to support this effort and so excited for what has been accomplished."

A multi-year project to update the community's 60-year-old water system, the initiative has replaced more than 13,000 feet of deteriorating pipeline, installed approximately 150 new service laterals and added the community's first-ever residential water meters. Additionally, the project updated fire hydrants, valves and safety infrastructure and created an accessible system that improves service for all customers.

By replacing the aging pipes with modern materials, the system will support long-term water quality and better public health outcomes. With the new system, there will be fewer breaks and outages, leading to fewer disruptions for families, the local high school and housing for migrant farmworkers. New residential water meters will allow accurate tracking of use, encourage conservation and support fair, consistent billing in line with California's water efficiency goals.

"We really look at this investment in our water system as an investment in the future of Madison," said Andrew Wells, chair of the Madison CSD Board of Directors. "With greater water reliability, we can expect boosts to the local economy, our families will have more information and resources to better manage their daily use, and with improved public infrastructure, the people of Madison are safer and more secure than ever. All of this will make Madison a better place to live for future generations."

The project was funded in large part by a $3.8 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Small Community Drought Relief Program, which paid for full design and environmental permitting, along with a significant portion of construction costs.

"DWR is proud to have provided funds for this project through its Small Community Drought Relief Program, which helps small communities facing water supply challenges," said Paul Gosslin, deputy director of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Office at DWR. "This project's completion ensures clean drinking water for Madison's residents and water security for generations to come. While drought seems like a far-off thought currently, we know it's only a matter of time before it returns. DWR is committed to making sure our water supply is reliable, safe, and resilient during future droughts for all Californians."

To close the final gap in funding, Madison CSD received an additional $400,000 from the State Water Resources Control Board through an interagency agreement with DWR's Small Community Drought Relief Program. Those funds complemented a $990,000 grant from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

"Every family deserves access to clean, reliable drinking water. For Yocha Dehe, supporting this project was personal," said Anthony Roberts, Tribal chairman of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. "Our Patwin ancestors called this land home, and many of our employees live and work in Madison today. We were proud to help close the final funding gap for this project and are grateful to see this long-awaited project become a reality. Congratulations to Madison CSD and Leo Refsland, whose leadership and persistence helped make this achievement possible. We're honored to have played a part in a project that will benefit Madison families for generations to come."




**The Madison Community Services District, county and state officials, local tribal leaders and community members celebrated the completion of the Madison Community Drinking Water System Replacement Project on Nov. 18.** Photo courtesy of Yolo County

In the works for years, the project first gained critical funding support in 2022 with the award of the DWR grant. Since then, Madison CSD General Manager Leo Refsland has guided the project to the finish line, overseeing the complex infrastructure improvement process while maintaining his day-to-day job duties. The project also benefited from the support of Consero Solutions, a social impact consultancy which helped secure grant funding and provided project administration support throughout the process.

"Leo and Madison CSD deserve tremendous credit for their persistence in seeing this project through," said Yolo County Supervisor Angel Barajas. "Yolo County is proud to have worked alongside them over the years, helping with early planning, funding and advocacy as the project moved forward. This is an important investment in Madison, and I'm grateful to everyone who helped make it possible."

Refsland was joined today by Assembly Majority Leader Aguiar-Curry, County Supervisor Barajas and representatives from state, regional and local agencies for a ribbon-cutting event celebrating the completion of the project.

"This was a total team effort," said Refsland. "I might have been the person here on the ground, but everyone – from DWR to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to Yolo County – provided some support on this long journey. Having built connections with the people of Madison, I'm incredibly proud to provide safe, reliable drinking water to this community."

The Madison Community Services District has provided safe, high-quality water, sewer, park and streetlight services to the Madison community since 1967, while maintaining a standard of excellence in customer service and environmental conservation. ★

# WUSD Profile in Excellence: Celebrating Yareli Magana De Enriquez

***Washington Unified School District News Release***

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -** This month's WUSD Profile in Excellence spotlight celebrates Yareli Magana De Enriquez, custodian at Elkhorn Village Dual Immersion School, whose hard work and caring spirit help make school a welcoming place for everyone.

Yareli takes pride in keeping Elkhorn Village clean and looking its best, but her impact goes well beyond a sparkling campus. With a warm smile and a willingness to lend a hand, she makes students and staff feel supported, respected and valued.

One small moment says a lot about her heart: When a student accidentally spilled their food, Yareli stepped in to help clean up. Then she went one step further, personally walking the student to get a new tray. For Yareli, helping meant more than taking care of the spill, it meant taking care of the student, too.

Her connection to Elkhorn Village is personal. Her own children attended the school, and she lives in the community she serves. The care she once appreciated as an Elkhorn Village parent is the same care she gives back through her work every day.

Yareli was nominated for her kindness, dependability and commitment to the school community. When asked, her colleagues shared, "Her hard work, kindness, and positive attitude make a meaningful difference in our school community."

Thank you, Yareli, for the pride you take in your work and the heart you bring to Elkhorn Village. We appreciate everything you do to help our school community shine! ★






# Kings Korner

## By V.G. Harris

# IT'S A WIN

***By V.G. Harris***

How much does an NBA win mean to a fan base? If you ask the Sacramento Kings fan base, the answer is a lot!

The last two games have seen the Sacramento Kings become the team that competes, and it is a pleasure to watch.

Going into Los Angeles and facing the mighty Lakers was not where anyone wanted to be, especially on an extended losing streak. What happened next was more than just surprising, it was completely unexpected.

Holding Luka Doncic to 25 points and 2-for-9 shooting from 3-point range is no small feat, but that is exactly what the high-energy Sacramento Kings did. Although the Kings ultimately lost the game, the intensity and competitiveness made it riveting to watch.

106 to 104 was the final score, but something was brewing, and it was about to be unleashed on the vaunted Boston Celtics.

On their home floor the Sacramento Kings hosted the Boston Celtics the following night, and everyone in Boston had apparently already put this game in the win column, because the Celtics decided to rest their best player in Jason Tatum.

Ultimately, that decision would prove big for the Sacramento Kings, as they battled the Celtics from the opening jump to the final buzzer, in a game that neither team will soon forget.

For the Sacramento Kings fans, they are watching the maturation process of rookie Darius Acuff Jr., as he played team basketball from start to finish and gave the Kings 21 points and eight big assists to defeat the heavily favored Celtics by the score of 97-96.

For Sacramento fans to see fifth year man Keegan Murray contribute 15 points and 12 rebounds was a thrill to watch, but his ferocious defense in the final possession was what ultimately won the game. Yes, I said it was defense that won this game, as the Kings held the Celtics to only 96 points and made them wonder what they were thinking of when they gave all-star Jason Tatum the night off.

The Sacramento Kings could easily be celebrating a two-game winning streak, and many fans are scratching their heads and asking, what changed?

I am finally beginning to see a rationale as to the substitution patterns for the Kings, and that in large part is contributing to more fluid offense that fans have witnessed over the past two games.

Recognizing who can get the job done and then letting the best players play together is a critical start in trying to turn around the most abysmal start in Sacramento Kings history.

Monday night at Golden One Center will undoubtedly see a larger crowd, and many fans will want to see the return of DeArron Fox, and the offensive juggernaut Victor Wembanyama.

If David can defeat Goliath, the Sacramento Kings can face the Spurs with a game plan. Underestimate this team and pay the price!

Progress Kings fans, progress. Rome wasn't built in a day, and it will take a little time to see the Sacramento Kings espousal as they become the competitive team they want to be night in and night out.

Once again, big man Domantas Sabonis made his presence felt contributing 15 points and a huge 17 rebounds in the win over the Celtics and it was just what the doctor ordered.

Although Zach Lavine scored only 13 points, he was 2-3 from the 3-point line and has shown flashes that his shooting stroke is once again a valued commodity.

Likewise, Keegan Murray fans are raising eyebrows and asking if this valued forward is turning his game around. Although still not the 3-point sharpshooter Kings fans got to know in his rookie season, Keegan is beginning to do two very important things and it's making a difference.

Number one is attacking the basket, and good things happen when Murray drives to the hole. He is an accomplished finisher, and it opens the floor for potential 3's when he's more active.

Number two and even more important has been his combination of stringent defense and aggressive rebounding. Helping Sabonis on the boards leads to all good things, and if Keegan's recent successes are a glimpse into the future, more wins are coming.

It's heating up Kings fans. Still early and auspicious things are beginning to happen!

*All the best!* ★

# With California's Insurance Crisis at an Impasse, It Might Be Time for a Different Approach



***By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org***

Nobody really likes writing those premium checks to insurance companies that always seem to be increasing — until they need their insurance to cover losses from auto crashes, fires or other calamities.

The conflict between those two priorities has been particularly acute in California in recent years as a series of horrendous wildfires swept through the state, taking lives, destroying billions of dollars in property and disrupting lives — even of those who escape direct losses.

Californians spend more than $100 billion a year on what the industry calls "property and casualty" policies, according to the state Department of Insurance.

Bills for fire and homeowners coverage topped $19 billion in 2025, but thanks largely to the destructive fires that hit Los Angeles and its suburbs 22 months ago, insurers incurred more than $31 billion in losses on those policies — more than four times the losses in 2024.

As payouts mounted over several years of wildfires, insurers began either pulling out of the California market or imposing tighter restrictions and higher premiums, forcing millions of property owners to scramble for coverage mortgage lenders require.

The state's last ditch "FAIR plan" was deluged with applications for coverage that was both costly and minimal, putting its finances in jeopardy.

It was — and is — a genuine crisis, needing a solution that provides consumers with adequate coverage at affordable prices and makes insurance profitable enough to keep insurers in the market.

After the Legislature failed to come up with a solution, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara weighed in three years ago with a plan he said could advance both priorities, allowing insurers to base rates on estimates of future losses, rather than past experience, while requiring them to meet coverage quotas.

Lara has taken heat from consumer groups, such as Consumer Watchdog, accusing him of caving in to insurers.

Oddly, however, the industry and consumer groups forged a strange bedfellows alliance this year to oppose a scheme Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed, limiting the liability of electric utilities such as Pacific Gas & Electric when their transmission lines fail and spark fires.

Without such limits, utilities argued, their financial stability would be undermined, making it difficult for them to borrow money and attract investors. The plan would, in effect, shift more of fire losses to insurers or property owners.

However, adding utilities' liability to an already dicey insurance coverage crisis was too much to swallow, and as the legislative session ended that plan remained on the table.

Lara could not run for another term, and the election of his successor this month adds still another factor to a situation already fraught with political complexity.

Two Democrats, former San Francisco Supervisor Jane Kim and state Sen. Ben Allen, finished in the top two in the June primary, putting both on the Nov. 3 ballot. Their duel took on an ideological aura. On the left, Kim proposed that the state set up its own fire insurance system, while Allen, a moderate, said Kim's proposal would cost too much and the state should build on Lara's plan.

Kim won decisively, one of many political races that progressives claimed this year. Her victory sets the stage for another legislative struggle.

Kim's notion of having the state directly provide at least some coverage is not particularly novel. The state already has an insurance program for workers' compensation, and it offers earthquake insurance.

Nor is it fatally unworkable, as Allen and the industry contended. Having base coverage provided by the state through taxes or mandatory fees tied to property value — and backed by reinsurance — could, if designed adroitly, protect insurers, utilities and consumers from the economic jolts of catastrophic wildfires.

At the very least, it warrants an independent and authoritative examination.

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# Social Security Matters

## *Have My Social Security Survivor Benefits Increased Since I Claimed Them?*



***By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor***

***Dear Rusty:*** My ex-husband died in 2013. We were married for 24 years and I have never remarried. I am now over 70 years old. I don't remember when I started collecting my Social Security. When he died, I applied and received 50% survivor benefits. Have there been any changes in the survivor benefits that would increase my Social Security payments? I know I may need to contact Social Security for further help, but I would like to know if there have been changes and what to ask. Thank you. ***Signed: Widowed Ex-Spouse***

***Dear Widowed Ex:*** FYI, the rules about ex-spouse survivor benefits haven't changed - how much you get as a surviving ex-spouse depends upon your age at the time you claimed your ex-spouse survivor benefit. If you were married for at least 10 years (which you were) and if you didn't remarry before age 60 (which you did not), and you had reached your SS full retirement age (FRA) when you claimed it, then your monthly SS payment as a surviving ex-spouse would equal 100% of the amount your ex-husband was receiving when he died. However, if you applied for your surviving ex-spouse benefit before you reached your Social Security full retirement age – somewhere between age 66 and 67 depending on the year you were born – it would have been reduced. So, depending on your age when you claimed the ex-spouse benefit, the survivor benefit amount you are entitled to could be less than 100% of the amount your ex-husband was receiving when he died.

The SS rules for surviving ex-spouse benefits have not changed since your ex-husband died in 2013, but it's also important to understand how your ex-spouse survivor benefit is paid. If you have your own SS retirement benefit and claimed that benefit first, and you were awarded more as your ex-husband's surviving spouse when he died, you would continue to receive your own SS retirement amount, supplemented by an additional amount to make your payment equal to the amount you're entitled to as a surviving ex-spouse. You get only one SS payment, but it is comprised of two elements – your own SS retirement benefit and a supplement to make your payment equal your benefit entitlement as a surviving ex-spouse.

If you are uncertain about any of this and wish to confirm that you are receiving the correct amount as your deceased ex-husband's surviving spouse, then I encourage you to contact Social Security to make an appointment to review your current survivor benefit amount. You can make that appointment at your local SS field office (go to www.ssa.gov/locator), or you can call the national SS number 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment. Social Security will almost certainly conduct this appointment over the phone, so you will likely not need to make a personal visit to your local SS office to confirm your monthly SS benefit amount. You simply need to tell them that you and your ex were married 24 years and that you didn't remarry. Also tell them when he died and when you previously claimed your surviving ex-spouse benefit. Social Security will then do the necessary research to confirm your current benefit amount (it will facilitate the discussion if you have your ex-husband's Social Security Number available).

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# Thank you, Specialist Thomas Iglesias

The Secretary of Defense visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Veterans Day, and yet the true voice of military authority on this occasion was an Army specialist.

When the group with Pete Hegseth laughed and began to chatter after taking a photo, the voice of Specialist Thomas Iglesias rang out, "All visitors will maintain an atmosphere of silence and respect at all times!"

It was a stunning moment. We aren't used to high-level officials getting so publicly and starkly upbraided by their underlings, but Iglesias, as part of the Old Guard, or 3rd Infantry Regiment, is a different breed.

The Old Guard stands vigil over the Tomb of the Unknown, 24 hours a day, rain or shine, in heat and cold, and protects it from any indignities, whether from thoughtless tourists or the briefly voluble entourage of the secretary of defense.

There was much tsk-tsking about the episode in the media, which relishes any opportunity to make Hegseth look bad. The secretary, though, cleverly and appropriately embraced the moment. He invited Iglesias and his colleagues to the Pentagon the next day and pinned a Joint Service Commendation Medal on him.

It's been a rocky tenure for Hegseth at the department, but there's no doubting his bond with the troops and his positive influence on recruiting. His handling of this matter showed why. "We love soldiers. We love standards. Well done, Specialist," Hegseth wrote in a social-media post.

Beyond the media commentary and jostling over Hegseth -- who narrowly escaped impeachment the day before -- the episode tells us something about America's egalitarian spirit, and about the sacred status of the Tomb of the Unknown and the amazing fidelity of the Old Guard.

Despite all the talk of inequality in America, we are still a culture that appreciates challenges to status and hierarchy -- think Hank Morgan in "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," disdaining all aristocratic trappings.

An analogue to the Hegseth episode is the famous story of Abraham Lincoln going to witness a battle outside of Washington, D.C., at Fort Stevens in 1864. He supposedly exposed himself to enemy fire and a soldier yelled, "Get down, you damn fool!" The president indeed took cover.

Of course, Specialist Thomas Iglesias wasn't seeking to defy authority, but rather to uphold his duty to see that the Tomb is afforded respect at all times. Established after World War I and containing the remains of war dead from World War I, World War II and the Korean War, the Tomb symbolizes the bond of the nation to its citizen-warriors who have made the ultimate sacrifice. "HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD," reads the inscription.

The Tomb has been continuously guarded since 1937, and since 1948 by the Old Guard. Its standard for carrying out its mission is nothing less than perfection. Every movement is precise and fraught with meaning. For instance, the sentinel's 21 steps walking in front of the tomb and then the 21-second pause before turning and walking back again is a reference to the high honor of the 21-gun salute. The inspection of the rifle during the changing of the guard is a strange and wondrous thing to behold, as elaborate and punctilious as a well-choreographed ballet.

It all betokens the nation's profound gratitude to its fallen, known and unknown, of whatever rank and from whichever walk of life. In his book about the Old Guard, Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton, who served with the Guard, includes an anecdote about a foreign military dignitary visiting Arlington Cemetery and commenting, "Now I know why your soldiers fight so hard. You take better care of your dead than we do our living."

Specialist Thomas Iglesias had so imbibed this ethic that he didn't hesitate to shout his admonition to a group of high-falutin visitors, a sterling example of duty and honor worthy of the 3rd Infantry Regiment he serves.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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# WEST SACRAMENTO CRIME REPORTS

## ARREST REPORTS

**Julius Levi Dudley**, 39, was arrested Saturday, Oct. 3 at Beacon Boulevard and Harbor Boulevard by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to the intersection for a DUI investigation of a vehicle stopped for vehicle code violations. The driver, Dudley, was unlicensed and exhibiting signs of intoxication. He consented to field sobriety tests, which confirmed signs of intoxication. He was transported to Yolo County Jail on multiple counts of DUI and driving without a license.

**Derrick Dwayne Foster**, 63, was cited Sunday, Oct. 18 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing unlawful paraphernalia and a controlled substance.

**Patrice Munsell Lewis**, 68, was cited Sunday, Oct. 18 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

**Trevor John Currier**, 43, was cited Tuesday, Oct. 20 at Harbor Boulevard and Evergreen Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing a controlled substance and unlawful paraphernalia.

**Leyla Goli Haeri**, 18, was arrested Saturday, Oct. 31 at Blue Rock Street and Bayside Road by West Sacramento Police for DUI: any drug. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a physical fight and possible DUI driver. Upon arrival, multiple witnesses relayed they saw the female driver enter the court at high speed, then exited the vehicle, leaving it in drive and rolling down the street. Witnesses stated they had to restrain the driver so she would not continue to drive and believed her to be under the influence. Witnesses stated the driver began to fight with the people restraining her and eventually ran into a nearby house. Officer contacted the female, identified as Haeri, and detained her without incident. Under Miranda, Haeri admitting smoking a wax pen 4 hours prior to driving. Field sobriety tests confirm she was under the influence and she was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Jeffrey Shane Winn**, 56, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 4 on Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for multiple counts of DUI. Officer responded to the location for a DUI investigation and contacted Winn, who was found to have a license suspended for DUI. Officer observed objective signs of intoxication, confirmed by field sobriety tests. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Sheatequa Shesmyne Holland**, 38, was cited Friday, Nov. 6 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for battery. Officer was dispatched to the location for a verbal altercation. The reporting party relayed to the officer that Holland spit in his face during a verbal altercation and left. He desired prosecution and signed a citizen's arrest form. While enroute to the call, an assisting officer detained Holland. Under Miranda, she stated that spit comes out of her mouth when she talks and denied purposefully spitting on the victim. She was issued a notice to appear.

**Mitchell Andrew Gamez**, 36, was arrested Sunday, Nov. 8 on Half Moon Bay Circle by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to a vehicle collision and the driver, Gamez admitted to using fentanyl prior to driving. Officer observed foil, a lighter, a baggie of fentanyl, and an open container of vodka in the front passenger seat. Gamez displayed objective signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance, confirmed by his performance on field sobriety tests. Gamez was transported to Yolo County Jail charged with DUI any drug, possessing a narcotic controlled substance and unlawful paraphernalia.

**Charles Anthony Bridges**, 34, was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 10 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for petty theft. Officer was dispatched for report of a bicycle stolen from the location, belonging to a temporary employee and his only form of transportation. Surveillance video showed a suspect taking the bike and walking out. The victim wanted to prosecute, and officer circulated the area looking for the suspect, finding him nearby. Officer conducted a traffic stop on the bicycle and the suspect, Bridges, was detained without incident. He was found to also have an active warrant, and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Michael Paul Hunter**, 50, was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 10 at West Capitol Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for a vehicle code infraction, possessing a controlled substance and possession of burglary tools.

**Yoland Ann Thaidigsmann**, 49, was cited Wednesday, Nov. 11 on Industrial Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise.

**Andrew Floyd**, 41, was arrested Thursday, Nov. 12 at Harbor Boulevard and Evergreen Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding misdemeanor warrants. Officer was dispatched to the location regarding a traffic hazard. Upon arrival, officer observed a male matching the description provided, who had been reported running in the intersection. A records check found the warrants and he was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Joseph Owen Gregorich**, 59, was arrested Friday, Nov. 13 on Evergreen Avenue by West Sacramento Police for active misdemeanor warrants and possessing unlawful paraphernalia.

**Frank Armando Rios-Sanchez**, 31, was arrested Friday, Nov. 13 at Park Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard by West Sacramento Police for multiple counts of DUI. Officer was dispatched to the location for a traffic collision. Dispatch advised that one of the drivers was intoxicated and fleeing the scene while holding alcohol. Rios-Sanchez was identified by a witness and detained. He demonstrated objective signs of intoxication and became uncooperative and hostile while at the Police Department. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Edward A. Dzhangetov**, 46, was arrested Friday, Nov. 13 on Short Street by West Sacramento Police for disorderly conduct: alcohol. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a physical fight. The reporting party, Dzhangetov, advised he was jumped and choked by his brother-in-law. Dispatch notes indicated Dzhangetov was uncooperative and sounded like he was under the influence of alcohol. Officer arrived on scene and family members advised that Dzhangetov had not slept for numerous days and was drinking alcohol. They showed video footage of an altercation where Dzhangetov appeared to be the aggressor, but they did not want to press charges. While officer tried to speak with Dzhangetov, he displayed objective signs of intoxication. He was unable to articulate anything that indicated he was the victim of a crime and threatened his family members on scene. Due to his apparent level of intoxication and the threats to his family, officer transported to Yolo County Jail to detox.

**Sammy Victor Wells**, 21, was arrested Saturday, Nov. 14 at Enterprise Boulevard and Lake Road by West Sacramento Police for DUI alcohol. Officer was dispatched to the location for a report of a single vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officer contacted Wells, who admitted to driving the vehicle and consuming alcohol prior to the collision. He demonstrated objective signs of intoxication, confirmed by field sobriety tests. He was transported to Yolo County Jail without incident.

**Miguel Angel Leon Valle**, 42, was arrested Saturday, Nov. 14 on F Street by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants.

## Incidents / Crime Reports

**Monday**, Oct. 19 – a victim reports a vehicle burglary at Evergreen Avenue and Pine Street by an unknown suspect. Loss valued at $500.

**Wednesday**, Oct. 28 – a victim reports tools were stolen from their vehicle parked at a hotel on Stillwater Road by an unknown suspect. The vehicle was left unlocked with the windows down. Loss valued at $2,135.

**Friday**, Nov. 6 – a victim reports an unknown suspect broke into their storage unit on Jefferson Boulevard and stole several items valued at $6,150.

**Saturday**, Nov. 7 – a business on West Capitol Avenue reports a Samsung Galaxy phone was taken by an unknown suspect. The suspect walked into the store, broke into one of the display cases and took the phone, valued at $279.

**Sunday**, Nov. 8 – a victim on Bryte Avenue was intoxicated and arguing with a group of males before being attacked and struck with a long cutting instrument. The victim received a laceration.

**Monday**, Nov. 9 – a call for service regarding a battery at a mobile home park on Sacramento Avenue.

**Monday**, Nov. 9 – two unidentified female suspects stole the wallets of two victims while attending an open house on River Crest Drive, and subsequently used the stolen credit cards to make $200 in unauthorized purchases. Surveillance footage and investigative follow-up helped identify both suspects and the vehicle involved.

**Tuesday**, Nov. 10 – a victim on Glide Avenue reports $53,040 is missing from their bank account, taken some time since Thursday, Nov. 5 by an unknown suspect.

**Tuesday**, Nov. 10 – a victim noticed her storage space on F Street was broken into and items valued at $1,500 were taken by an unknown suspect.

**Thursday**, Nov. 12 – a business on Ikea Court reports the theft of goods valued at $500 involving subjects with prior thefts from this location.

**Thursday**, Nov. 12 – a victim reports their vehicle was burglarized in a hotel parking lot on Stillwater Road. His rental car had the car jack stolen.

**Thursday**, Nov. 12 – a retail store at Town Center Plaza reports an unknown suspect stole a baby stroller valued at $500.

**Friday**, Nov. 13 – a victim reports an unknown suspect stole several items out of their car at a residential facility on Savannah Lane. Loss valued at $450.

**Friday**, Nov. 13 – a store at Town Center Plaza reports an unknown suspect stole approximately $500 worth of trading cards and left to an unknown location. ★


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The following person(s) is doing business as: Spero Medical, 120 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Spero Medical, 120 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 5, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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SPERO 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260930
The following person(s) is doing business as: Backstockboys916, 1583 Columbus Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Patrick Chad Padilla, 1583 Columbus Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691 and Adam Edward Lane, 7740 Live Oak Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 6, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 10, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
BACK 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260918
The following person(s) is doing business as: Gibson Plaza, 1801-1897 E. Gibson Road, Woodland, CA 95776.
Peggy Morris, Trustee of the Mac Morris Revocable Trust dtd 04/20/2016 US dtd 10/14/92, 3880 S. Bascom Avenue, Suite 205, San Jose, CA 95124. This business is conducted by a Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 16, 2008.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 9, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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GIBSON 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260950
The following person(s) is doing business as: Mercy Coalition Of West Sacramento, 929 Drever Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Mosaic West Sac, 929 Drever Street, 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 July 1, 2016.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 17, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
MERCY 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260939
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sidequest Hobby House, Sidequest Studios, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816.
Sidequest Hobby House LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 13, 2026.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 13, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
SIDEQUEST 12-18-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20260935
The following person(s) is doing business as: Starhaven Family Child Care, 2919 Rubicon Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Shughla Basharmal, 2919 Rubicon Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 12, 2026.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, 2026
STARHAVEN 12-18-26

## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2026-3099
Isabella Suprunov, a minor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Isabella Suprunov to Isabella Kotseruba.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department TBD, 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 19, 2026
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 2026
SUPRUNOV 12-4-26

## LIEN SALE

LIEN SALE NOTICE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to sections 3071 and 3072 of the Civil Code of the State of California, the undersigned, **CITIZENS TOWING & IMPOUND 1244 FORTNA AVE WOODLAND CA 95776,** will sell at public sale on: **DECEMBER 8, 2026 10:00AM**, the following property:
**2017 HYUN ELNTRA LIC# 9SWF224 CA VIN# KMHD74LF7HU083947**
**2007 CHRYS PT LIC# 9ZCU342 CA VIN# 3C3JY45XX7T582846**
Lien holder has a right to bid at said sale.
11/27/26
CNS-4097574#
NEWS-LEDGER 11-27-26

## TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 072-254-004-000 T.S. No.: 2026-1963 Order No. 2847630CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/24/2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder, payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: LEONORA ANTONIO, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE AND JOY ANTONIO, A SINGLE WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Deed of Trust recorded 11/2/2023 as Instrument No. 2023-0018557 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale:1/7/2027 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: AT THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95691
Amount of unpaid balance and other reasonable estimated charges: $148,625.12 Street Address or other common designation of purported real property: 3873 MARTIS STREET WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 A.P.N.: 072-254-004-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the trustee within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855) 986-9342 or visit this internet web-site www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2026-1963. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet web-site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855) 986-9342, or visit this internet website www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2026-1963 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 11/12/2026 S.B.S. TRUST DEED NETWORK, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION. 31194 La Baya Drive, Suite 106, Westlake Village, California, 91362 (818)991-4600. By: Colleen Irby, Trustee Sale Officer. (TS# 2026-1963 SDI-39003)
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# Community Calendar

## Food Resources

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

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

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

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

Yolo Food Bank, **www.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. 27**: Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

**Saturday**, **Nov. 28**: Russian story time, **10 a.m.** to **11 a.m.** Movie matinee, **2 p.m.** to **4 p.m.** Join us for "***The Sheep Detective***", rated PG, on our big screen with popcorn and a cotton ball sheep activity for the kids.

**Monday**, **Nov. 30**: 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**, **Dec. 1**: Baby story time, **11:15 a.m.** to **noon**.

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

**Thursday**, **Dec. 3**: Yoga at the library, **6 p.m.** to **7 p.m.**

**Friday**, **Dec. 4**: English conversation group, **1:30 p.m.** to **2:30 p.m.**

**Saturday**, **Dec. 5**: Russian story time, **10 a.m.** to **11 a.m.** Make your own snow globe, **2 p.m.** to **3 p.m.** 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 events this week.

**Wednesday**, **Dec. 2**: Anime club, **2:30 p.m.** to **3:30 p.m.** Registration is required on the library website. Movie night for all ages, **5 p.m.** to **6:30 p.m.**

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

Continuing through **Thursday**, **Dec. 24**: Pence Gallery Holiday Market, open daily at **212 D St.**, Davis, **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.

Continuing through **Thursday**, **Dec. 24**: See's Candy Sales. **10 a.m.** to **6 p.m.** daily or until sold out at West Sacramento Moose Lodge #1762, **3240 Jefferson Blvd.** Buy in-house or drive through. Lodge fundraiser proceeds are earmarked for Lodge general fund. For more information, call **916-371-9684**.

Continuing through **Sunday**, **Dec. 6**: Disney's "***The Lion King, Jr.***", various times at the Jean Henderson Performing Arts Center, **607 Pena Dr.**, #10, Davis. Featuring classic songs from the film such as "***Circle of Life,***" "***I Just Can't Wait to Be King,***" "***Hakuna Matata,***" and "***Can You Feel the Love Tonight,***" this show is a story and a spectacle about identity, family, and responsibility that is enjoyed worldwide by people of all ages. Tickets and more information at **www.dmtc.org**.

Continuing through **Sunday**, **Dec. 6**: "***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever***", various times at Winters Opera House, **13 Main St.**, Winters. Join us for a hilarious and heartwarming comedy adapted from Barbara Robinson's beloved 1972 novel. The Herdman kids lie, steal, smoke cigars, and are generally agreed to be the worst kids in town. When they crash **Sunday** school looking for free snacks, they somehow hijack the annual town Christmas pageant. $20 tickets and more information at **www.winterstheatre.org**.

Continuing through **Monday**, **Nov. 30**: Christmas Basket Project Sign-ups, at the West Sacramento Community Center, **1075 West Capitol Ave. 10 a.m.** to **4 p.m. Monday** through **Friday** except **Nov. 26** and 27. Also at Holy Cross Church, **1321 Anna St. Sunday**, **Nov. 22** and 29, **1 p.m.** to **3 p.m.** Must bring proof of West Sacramento residency (rent receipt, utility bill), California driver's license or ID card, and verification of low income (Medi-Cal card) for adults. Must provide Medi-Cal cards for all children in the household who are signing up. One basket per household, will be distributed **Friday**, **Dec. 18** and **Saturday**, **Dec. 19**, **10 a.m.** to **5 p.m.** at Lighthouse Covenant Church, 3605 Gregory Lane. Brought to you by a coalition of local religious groups, community organizations, business owners, and concerned individuals. For more information or assistance, please contact President Olive Morrow at **916-410-5741**.

Continuing 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**.

Continuing 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. 27**: Get Outside on Road 53 – Family Hike, **9:30 a.m.** to **1:30 p.m.** This hike follows a public access road into the Northern Inner Coast Range Mountains to the west of Capay Valley. The road is relatively flat and is inviting to people of all ages, although there are two gate stiles. This is a great way to get outside after Thanksgiving and work off some of all that good food. Please contact Nate (nlillge@tuleyome.org) if you have questions about the event. This is a free event, however a $10 donation to help Tuleyome cover our costs is appreciated. See **www.tuleyome.org**.

**Saturday**, **Nov. 28**: Santa at the Train Depot, **10 a.m.** to **1 p.m.** at **1120 Lincoln Ave.**, Woodland. Join us for family fun, children's activities, and fire trucks. Your $10 donation includes a visit with Santa, holiday ornament, and refreshments.

**Saturday**, **Nov. 28**: Merry Market, **11 a.m.** to **5 p.m.** at Bogle Family Vineyards, **37783 County Road** 144, Clarksburg. Enjoy wine tasting, holiday shopping, and festive fun with more than a dozen local vendors offering unique gifts, seasonal treats, and one-of-a-kind finds. Plus, enjoy a special appearance from Santa and a performance by the Sacramento Ballet.

**Saturday**, **Nov. 28**: Ugly Sweater Mingle & Jingle, **4 p.m.** to **10 p.m.** Get ready to mingle, jingle, and stroll through Downtown Winters. Throw on your ugliest holiday sweater, gather your friends, and enjoy a festive evening filled with holiday cheer, seasonal sips, and plenty of fun. Make your way through downtown and stop by our participating locations for a holiday libation. The uglier the sweater, the merrier the night! Highway 128 at 505.

**Wednesday**, **Dec. 2**: Cocoa with Santa Paws, **4:30 p.m.** to **6 p.m.** at Woodland Dog Park, **2001 East St.** Get a jump on holiday cheer with your dog this season. This dog- and people-friendly event spreads holiday cheer with photos with Santa, Christmas crafting with the pups, and snacks. Dress up for the Festive Fido contest – there will be prizes for the most festive or creatively attired Fidos or families. Pre-registration is $1 at www.bit.ly/CocoaSanta.

**Thursday**, **Dec. 3**: Candlelight Parade, Tree Lighting and Winter Wonderland Celebration, **6 p.m.** to **8 p.m.** in Downtown Davis. Santa and Mrs. Claus are returning this year to lead the Candlelight Parade, which will start promptly at **6 p.m.**, from the Davis Food Co-op parking lot (**620 G St**reet) and conclude at the E Street Plaza. Once the parade arrives, there will be a countdown for the lighting of the community tree led by the Davis City Council at **6:30 p.m.** After the tree lighting, everyone is encouraged to head over to G Street, between Second and Third streets, for musical performances, snow fall, activities showcasing the diversity of the season led by the Davis Phoenix Coalition, photos with Santa on the antique fire engine and more.

**Friday**, **Dec. 4** and **Saturday**, **Dec. 5**: Davis Senior High School's Annual Madrigal Dinner, **6:30 p.m.** to **9 p.m.** each evening at the Richard Brunelle Performance Hall, **315 W. 14th St.**, Davis. Enjoy a festive full-course meal while the award-winning DHS Madrigal Singers fill the hall with beautiful harmonies, accompanied by members of the DSHS Wind Ensemble and Junior Madrigal Ensemble. The evening also features a raffle and a grand performance celebrating one of Davis' favorite holiday traditions. Tickets and more information at **www.davismadrigals.org**.

**Friday**, **Dec. 4**: Woodland Downtown Tree Lighting & More, **5:45 p.m.** to **9 p.m.** at Heritage Plaza and Downtown Woodland. Take photos with Santa, special guest appearances and live music, entertainment zones, and the tree lighting at **7 p.m.** More information at **www.cityofwoodland.gov**.

**Friday**, **Dec. 4**: City of West Sacramento Tree Lighting Celebration. **6 p.m.** to **8:30 p.m.** at City Hall, **1110 West Capitol Ave**nue. Join the City of West Sacramento and the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce as we kick off the holiday season in front of City Hall. Enjoy live music and local entertainment, holiday shopping with local makers, free kids' activities and games. Santa will arrive by fire truck to help the Mayor and City Council light the community holiday tree.

**Friday**, **Dec. 4**: Winters Tree Lighting, **6 p.m.** in Downtown Winters, Hwy. 128 and I-505. Come early and enjoy the holiday vendor market from **4 p.m.** to **9 p.m.** and meet Santa Claus at the Gazebo from **5:30 p.m.** to **8 p.m.**

**Saturday**, **Dec. 5** through **Sunday**, **Dec. 13**: Woodland Wonderland of Lights, at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, **1250 Gum Ave.**, Woodland. Open weekdays **5 p.m.** to **9 p.m.** and weekends **5 p.m.** to **10 p.m.** Join us for a 2.6-mile Christmas drive-through experience. Pre-sale tickets start at $10 per car or ride our 4-person or 8-person carriages. Tractor-pulled wagon rides are also available for groups up to 18 people. Tickets and more information at **www.yolocountyfair.net**.

**Saturday**, **Dec. 5** and **Sunday**, **Dec. 6**: "***Craft is Art***" Christmas Craft Faire, **9 a.m.** to **4 p.m.** each day at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, **1250 Gum Ave.**, Woodland. Enjoy three exhibit buildings full of unique gifts. Free admission and free parking. Enjoy the hunt.

**Saturday**, **Dec. 5**: Dickens in the Valley Holiday Home Tour, **9:30 a.m.** to **3 p.m.** in Woodland and El Macero. Pick up your tour wristband while enjoying a hot cup of coffee and holiday pastries in the general waiting room at the Historic Woodland Train Depot, **1120 Lincoln Ave.**, where you can warm up by the coal-burning stove next to a beautifully decorated tree. Tickets are $40 in advance, $45 day of event. See **www.friendsofmowyolo.org** for more information.

**Saturday**, **Dec. 5**: Family Holiday Festival, **10 a.m.** to **2 p.m.** at the Winters Community Center, **201 Railroad Ave.**, Winters. The annual Winters Friends of the Library (WFoL) Family Holiday Festival is filled with fun for the whole family. You can enjoy musical performances, crafts to make and buy, visits with Santa, delicious food from Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, and quality used adult and children's books for sale.

**Saturday**, **Dec. 5**: Toys for Tats & Holiday Makers' Market, **noon** to **8 p.m.** at Death or Glory Tattoo, **219 E St.**, Davis. This event is our annual toy drive event held at the shop. In addition to a day of fun-filled tattoos, we are hosting a holiday "***Maker's Market***" on our patio for those who may want to pick something extra up for themselves or their loved ones. Our resident tattooers along with others talented artists in our community come together for this day of giving. Toys for Tots are the selected recipient this year. First come, first served – no appointments are being accepted for this event. More information at **www.deathorglorydavis.com**.

**Saturday**, **Dec. 5**: Family-Friendly Holiday Concert, **3 p.m.** to **5 p.m.** at Davis Community Church, **412 C St.**, Davis. The Davis Youth Choir and Davis Chorale come together for an afternoon of joyful holiday music for all ages. Free, with donations gratefully accepted.

**Saturday**, **Dec. 5**: Winters Tractor Parade, **6 p.m.** in Downtown Winters, Hwy. 128 and I-505. Come early for the Holiday Vendor Market, **2 p.m.** to **9 p.m.** and meet Santa Claus at the Gazebo, **4 p.m.** to **8 p.m.** Santa will take a break from **5:30 p.m.** to **7 p.m.** for the Tractor Parade – make sure you join him there.

**Sunday**, **Dec. 6**: Wiggle Worms Nature Play, **9:30 a.m.** to **11:30 a.m.** at Elkhorn Park, **820 Cummins Way.** Come explore, create, get messy, and connect with nature and other families in your neighborhood at this free, outdoor play program for young children and their caregivers. Each session is a little different and may include open-ended nature play, art, simple science and STEM activities, songs, stories, sensory play, and outdoor exploration. There's no firm schedule to follow and no pressure to participate in everything, kids are free to play, explore, and follow their curiosity. Wiggle Worms is designed with ages 1 to 9 in mind, but babies and siblings are always welcome. No registration, just show up and play. Donations are always appreciated and help us keep Wiggle Worms free for families. This is not a drop-off program, so a caregiver must remain with children throughout the session. And grown-ups, you're welcome to bring your coffee and a camp chair and settle in while the kids play.

**Sunday**, **Dec. 6**: Capay Valley Grown Holiday Gift Trail, **10 a.m.** to **4 p.m.** Get your all your holiday shopping done in the Capay Valley. Over 15 different farms, small businesses, and artists from Esparto to Guinda will be open for holiday shopping for friends, family, or yourself. Pick up local produce, jam, wreaths, dried fruit, olive oil, flour, wine, yarn, art, and more on this self-directed trail. For more information, or to RSVP see **www.capay-valley-grown.com**.

**Sunday**, **Dec. 6**: San Pedro Annual Christmas Party, **2 p.m.** at the VFW Hall, **905 Drever St.** Hosted by Family and Friends of San Pedro, you are invited to bring a dessert or side dish and a canned food item for the West Sacramento Food Bank. More information at **www.sanpedroassociation.org/events**.

**Sunday**, **Dec. 6**: 11th Annual Holiday Care Package Creation Celebration, **4 p.m.** to **6 p.m.** at City Hall, **1110 W. Capitol Ave.** West Sac Kids Give Back is back! Join us for a festive holiday wonderland filled with fun and exciting cheer as local children create care packages for our most vulnerable neighbors. Enjoy photos with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, cookies, hot cocoa, face painting, arts and crafts, and more.

## 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**, **Dec. 6**, **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**, **Dec. 5**, making a holiday train. 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**, **Dec. 12**, making a Holiday trolley car. Registration required by searching "***events***" at **www.lowes.com**.

Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento meets on **Fridays** at **noon** at Streets of London, **2200 Lake Washington Blvd.** See **www.rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org** for more information, including how to join the Rotary.

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

Out of the Box Ministries holds a monthly event for volunteers to pack grocery bags for distribution to community members in need. Join us **Sunday**, **Dec. 13** at **2 p.m.** to pack bags at Trinity Presbyterian Church, **1500 Park Blvd.** for **Thursday**, **Dec. 17** distribution at the same location. On distribution days, doors open at **6 p.m.** for volunteers and **6:30 p.m.** for clients. More information at **916-371-5875**.

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions at their West Sacramento Gardening Q&A Desk. It will be open from **10 a.m.** to **noon** at Lowe's, **2250 Lake Washington Blvd.** For more information, please contact Jennifer Baumbach at jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at **530-666-8736**. Next session will be **Saturday**, **Dec. 5**.

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

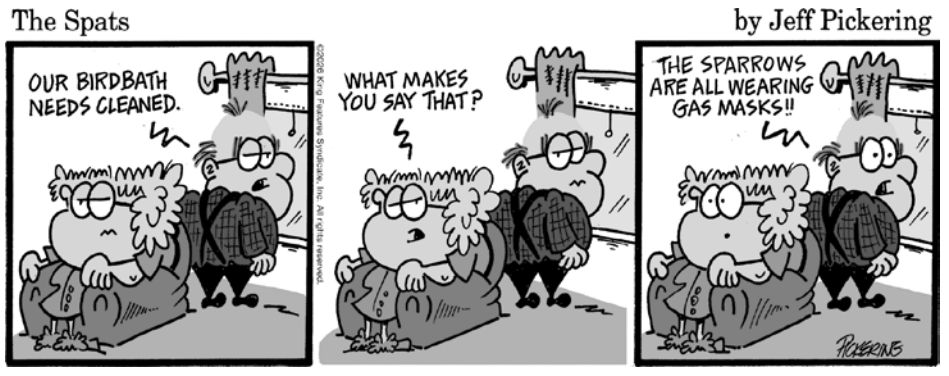
Washington Unified School District School Board Meeting, **Thursday**, **Dec. 10**, **5:30 p.m.** at City Hall, **1110 West Capitol Ave.**

West Sacramento City Council meets at **7 p.m.** generally on the first and third **Wednesday** of each month. Meetings are held at City Hall, **1110 West Capitol Ave.**, second floor, also viewable on Wave Cable channel 20 and YouTube.com. More information, including how to participate and Committee meeting schedules, can be found at: https://**www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas**. The next Council meeting will be on **Wednesday**, **Dec. 2**.

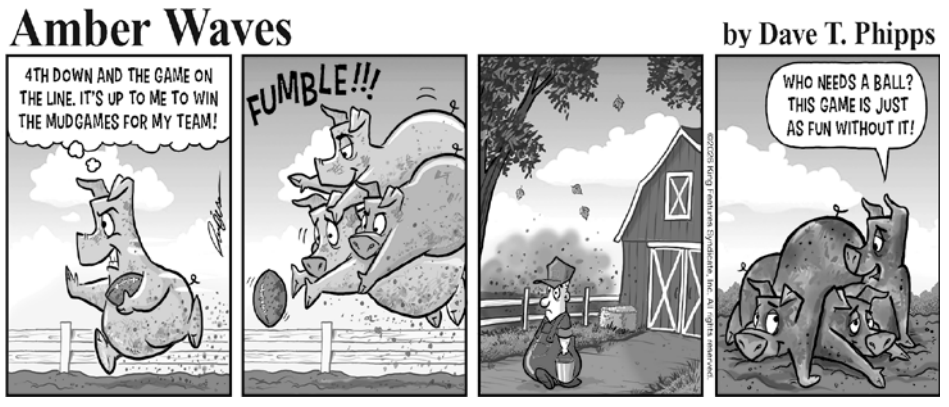
Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Tour, rain or shine at **9 a.m.** on the third **Sunday** each month, except in instances of flooding. Tour the Yolo Wildlife Area with an experienced field trip leader. View flooded seasonal and permanent wetlands, native grasslands and young riparian forests. Depending on the season, look for migrating and resident waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, raptors, and wading birds. Registration is required at **www.yolobasin.org/wetland-tours**. Tours meet at the Headquarters, **45211 County Road** 32B, Davis. ★

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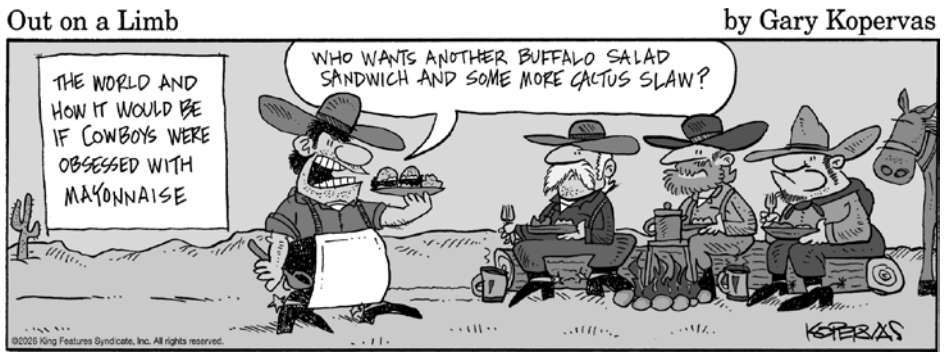
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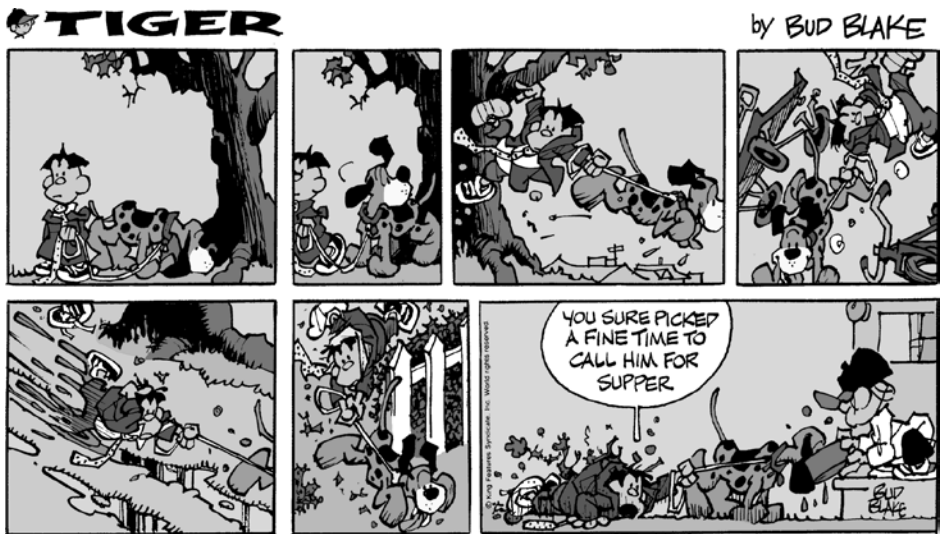

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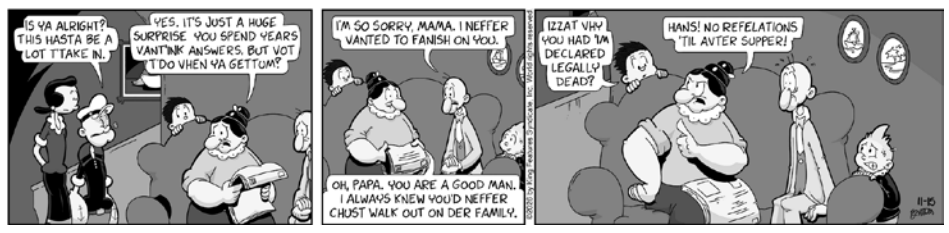

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Grin and Bear It




"OK, I need to pick one of you for my vice president."

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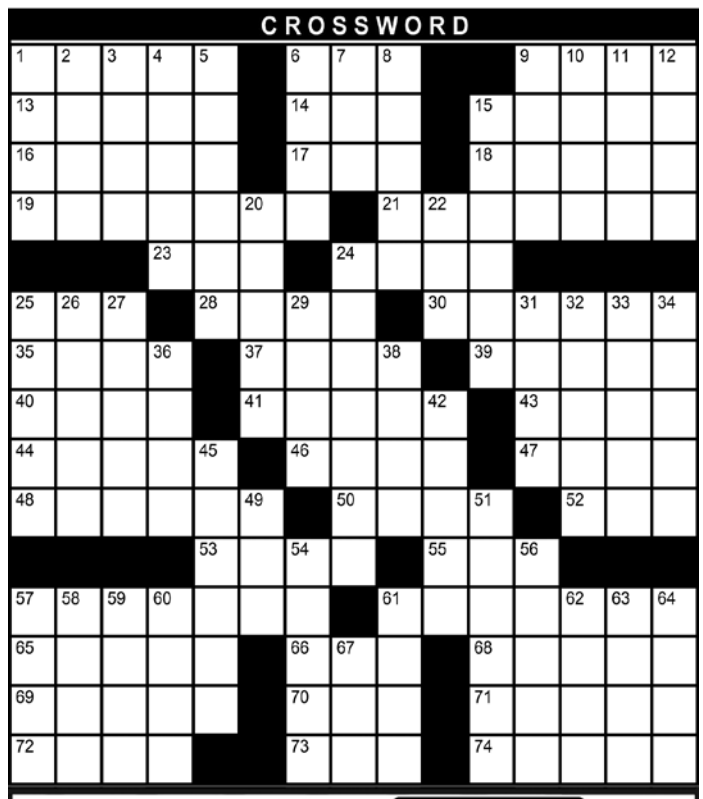

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6. Unit of electric current
9. Army dining hall
13. Channing of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes"
14. Spy org.
15. A in AV
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17. ____-been
18. Beech tree pulp fabric
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25. *Ann Patchett's "____ Canto"
28. Zohran Mamdani's branch of Islam
30. Like some breads
35. Sun beams
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39. Fungal skin infection
40. *Shrek or Fiona
41. *Sasha Baron Cohen's role
43. *Mr. Incredible's son
44. What scribes do
46. Awful
47. Silage holder
48. Bee's favorite drink
50. ALCS counterpart
52. ____ Tsu
53. Hoodlum
55. Not hers
57. *Peter ____ of "The Lord of the Rings" fame
61. *Social network
65. Saudi neighbor
66. Not a sweet wine
68. Sign of cancer
69. Subway coin
70. Long time
71. Mideast V.I.P.
72. Place at angle
73. Genetic info carrier, acr.
74. Pulls apart

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3. ____ 51
4. "Come on, shake your body, baby, do the ____"
5. Modifies
6. Hurting
7. *Jukebox musical "Mamma ____!"
8. Fusilli, e.g.
9. Unstable particle
10. Tropical tuberous root
11. Thailand, once
12. Solo, pl.
15. Protective necklace
20. Substance abuse treatment inst.
22. *"Rocky Balboa" writer and director
24. Stove burner (2 words)
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26. High wave
27. Chicago opera house
29. *Revolutionary music-playing device
31. Helps
32. Type of mail
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34. *Popular search engine, with !
36. Badger's den
38. *"My Name Is ____"
42. Related to technology
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49. Greek R
51. *Train's "Hey, Soul ____"
54. Six feet where?
56. Sea foam
57. Scribbles down
58. In a frenzy
59. *"Short Skirt/Long Jacket" band
60. "I ____ it!"
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# California's Chief Public Defenders Stand with San Francisco Public Defender Mano Raju

*Defenders from across the state say the contempt case is about whether public defense will be funded well enough to provide constitutionally effective representation*

***Yolo County Public Defender's Office News Release***

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG)** - Chief public defenders from across California are speaking with one voice in support of San Francisco Public Defender Mano Raju and his office. On Thursday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m., the First District Court of Appeal will hear arguments on the contempt order against Raju and his office.

Raju and his office were held in contempt and fined after they declined a limited number of new appointments. They did this because taking on more cases than their attorneys could ethically handle would have meant failing the people already counting on them.

"Every person accused of a crime is entitled to constitutionally effective representation, and that promise means nothing when defenders are carrying more cases than anyone can responsibly handle," the chiefs said in a joint statement. "Telling a court 'we cannot take more' is not defiance. It is honesty about what the Sixth Amendment requires."

The chiefs pointed out that San Francisco is not alone. Public defense offices across California are working to meet rising demand with resources that have not kept pace.

Chief defenders are also working toward a lasting fix. They serve as commissioners on the California Independent Commission on Public Defense, helping to shape a sustained state role in funding and supporting public defense. Through the California Public Defenders Association and in their own counties, they are pressing for state investment so that the quality of a person's defense does not depend on the county where they are charged. The chiefs said the stand that Raju and his office have taken is part of that work, and it highlights why the work is not only critical but pressing if California is to keep the promise of constitutionally effective representation.

"What is happening in San Francisco should serve as a wake-up call to the State of California," Yolo County Public Defender Tracie Olson said. "Earlier this year, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing that counties are being asked to shoulder an increasingly costly constitutional mandate without sufficient state funding. Our Board called on the State to establish evidence-based workload standards, address funding inequities between prosecution and defense, and provide ongoing, reliable funding for indigent defense. This is not simply a concern raised by public defenders. Local governments are recognizing that the current system is unsustainable. The State cannot continue to leave counties responsible for fulfilling a constitutional mandate without providing the resources necessary to meet it."

"The answer is not to punish defenders for naming the problem," the chiefs added. "The answer is to fund public defense so that every office can do what the Constitution requires and give the vulnerable people we serve the time, care and skill they deserve."

The chiefs thanked Raju and his team for their courage and expressed their commitment to keep standing with them. ★

Ask DR. UNIVERSE

# How was the Earth made?

***– Penny, 8, Washington State***

Dear Penny,

Blue oceans, green forests, a cozy blanket of oxygen. Our planet is a super comfy home. It's hard to imagine there was ever a time it didn't exist.

I asked my friend Julie Ménard how Earth formed. She's a planetary scientist at Washington State University.

She told me it started with the Big Bang. That was nearly 14 billion years ago.

"The Big Bang is not an explosion," Ménard said. "It's an expansion. Everything in our universe today was in a tiny spot—smaller than the eye can see. Eventually, the pressure and density got so high that it started to expand."

That expansion is why our universe has space, time, energy and matter.

At first, the universe was like a hot stew. Instead of carrots and potatoes, it had particles. As the soupy universe cooled, particles collided to make atoms and elements. Lumps of gas came together until they were super heavy. They collapsed into fiery stars.

About 4.6 billion years ago, a star exploded near where our solar system is now. That explosion caused a shockwave that sent a nearby cloud of dust and gas spinning.

Most of the stuff in the spinning cloud rushed to the center of the cloud. It formed a protostar—our baby Sun. As it spun around the baby Sun, the cloud flattened into a disc. It spun faster and faster.



**An artist made this to show what a dusty accretion disc around a protostar looks like. Accretion happens in our homes, too. Have you ever seen a dust bunny under your bed? That forms when dust and debris in your house bumps and clumps together -** *AKA accretion. NASA*

Bits of dust and gas in the disc started bumping into each other. They clumped together into bigger bits. That bumping and clumping is called accretion. Little by little, bits of dust and gas banged together until planetesimals formed. Those itty-bitty planet builders were about the size of a few city blocks. They were big enough to have their own gravity. That gravity pulled and pushed different planetesimals toward each other. They bashed together and formed protoplanets—sometimes called baby planets.

Then those protoplanets collided and formed planets—like our Earth.

"With each of those impacts, there's a little more heat that is added to it," Ménard said. "So, when the planet first formed, it was a ball of lava. It was molten."

For about a billion years after it formed, Earth was super-hot. Plus, tons of comets and asteroids collided with it. It was very different from the planet we know.

Eventually, things cooled and settled down. Earth slowly changed into the cozy, life-supporting home it is now.

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