

# Damp day, but no problems

By SARAH DE CRESCENZO  
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FAIRFIELD — Despite predictions, intermittent rain didn't cause many problems for drivers Saturday in Fairfield.

No major weather-related accidents occurred Saturday, a Fairfield police dispatcher reported. The same was reported by a Vacaville dispatcher.

In Suisun City, one accident took place Saturday that could be linked to the rainy weather, a police dispatcher there said. No one was injured.

The Sacramento office of the National Weather Service predicted rain and possibly a thunderstorm for today.

The chance of precipitation will remain at 100 percent until Monday, when it

drops to 90 percent.

On Saturday, the Weather Service extended a flood advisory for interior northern California, including eastern Solano County.

Minor flooding of underpasses, roadways and other low-lying areas is likely today, the advisory said.

Small streams and creek levels are also expected to continue to rise as the rain accumulates.

Wet conditions are expected to continue through the week, according to the NWS.

Between Friday evening and Saturday evening, about half an inch of rain had accumulated in Fairfield, the NWS estimated.

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The Associated Press

## A juicy treat

A bird eats fruit from a tree Saturday in Los Angeles.

# Suisun City sign up for debate

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SUISUN CITY — Designs for a one-story sign announcing the Suisun City Waterfront District to eastbound drivers on Highway 12 will go Tuesday to the Suisun City Council.

The sign, which is estimated to cost about \$125,000, is part of the city's efforts to get more passing motorists to stop in the downtown and patronize its businesses.

Inspired by the Pike Place Fish Market sign in Seattle, the proposed sign sits atop four pillars announcing the downtown area and bearing the Suisun City logo. The sign would be located by the west end of Spring Street.

This is the latest effort by the city to get more attention from Highway 12.

Two years ago, they finally convinced the state Department of Transportation to put up more informative highway signs announcing the offramps into the downtown.

Not long after, the Suisun City Historic Waterfront Business Improvement District painted a large sign on



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A promotion of Suisun City's waterfront adorns a water tank facing westbound Highway 12. City Council will decide Tuesday whether to erect a \$125,000 sign facing eastbound traffic.

the city water tank across from the Marina Center, which faces westbound Highway 12 traffic.

If the council members approve the design, it will then be up to them to decide whether they want to spend the money on building it.

In May, when the sign idea was brought up, both council members Jane Day and Mike Hudson suggested holding off spending the money because the city was

going through tough times.

Mayor Pete Sanchez and council members Mike Segala and Sam Derting told city staff to go ahead with the sign.

The Suisun City Council meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Suisun City council chamber at 701 Civic Center Blvd.

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## At a glance

- Who:** Suisun City Council
- What:** Consideration of highway signage plan.
- When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday.
- Where:** Suisun City Council chamber, 701 Civic Center Blvd.
- Info:** 421-7300

# David Grant remodels infusion clinic

By IAN THOMPSON  
DAILY REPUBLIC

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE — Longtime patient Shirley Bonacci can't say enough nice things about David Grant Medical Center's recently remodeled and expanded Hematology/Oncology Clinic.

She should -- she has been a steady patient at the infusion center since 1998.

"They have made it so much more comfortable," Bonacci said of what was once a cramped clinic.

That goes for everything from the more comfortable chairs and the quadrupled floor space to the mini-TVs and the blanket warmers to

keep patients from getting chilled.

The nurse's station has also been expanded to increase the effectiveness of monitoring the clinic's multiple patients.

The Hematology/Oncology Clinic recently completed its six-month, \$1.3 million remodel that allowed it to expand from seven infusion stations to 11 stations as well as add state-of-the-art equipment. There are also plans to put in a pharmacy next door that will be dedicated to the clinic needs alone.

This is all part of a massive renovation of several sections of David Grant Medical Center that is mak-

ing the military hospital one of the top medical facilities in the Department of Defense.

"Before, we had been filled to capacity and could not take all of our patients. Some had to be sent outside (to other hospitals)," Dr. (Maj.) Jessica Powers said.

It was also in a cramped space that had patients sharing parts of the clinic with medical folders.

"It was so tiny," patient Rossana Bohl said.

About 70 percent of the patients seen by the clinic are retired military and their spouses.

There are plans to soon open up the facility to Department of Veterans Af-

fairs patients who presently have to get their infusions elsewhere.

This will allow VA patients to get their radiation and chemotherapy in one place "so that we can better monitor the side effects, which can be severe," Dr. (Maj.) Dustin Stevenson said.

The nicer clinic makes it easier for cancer patient Eunice Hulse to take her lab tests.

"When you have such a friendly, nice place such as this, it makes it so much better," Hulse said.

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# 'Grim Sleeper' suspect's attorney criticizes LAPD

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The attorney for a mechanic accused of the "Grim Sleeper" serial killings criticized Los Angeles police for releasing photographs of women seized at the suspect's home.

In a statement to ABC News, Louisa Pensanti said the photos include family and friends of suspect Lonnie Franklin Jr. who are now under intense public and police scrutiny. She also said investigators' comments at a recent news conference were "a deliberate tainting of public opinion and the jury pool," ABC reported Saturday.

"Sadly, the public officials who have the duty to uphold the Constitution have forgotten the basics in their desire for sensationalism and are jeopardizing Lonnie Franklin's chance for a fair trial," Pensanti said. She did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press.

LAPD spokeswoman Norma Eisenman said in-

vestigators could not immediately be reached for comment.

Last week, police released the photos of about 160 women in the hopes of finding out who they are and if anything happened to them.

Police said they've received hundreds of calls. Several callers told investigators they were among the women in the photographs, but police must interview them individually to be sure. Franklin is accused of killing 10 women beginning in 1985, and he has pleaded not guilty. The photos and videos were found in Franklin's home and garage during a search after his July arrest. None of the photos depicted the alleged victims.

Investigators spent years trying to crack the case. Franklin's arrest finally came after his son was swabbed for DNA after being arrested on an unrelated matter, and the son connected the father to evidence from the killings.

# Share good news with DR

By DAILY REPUBLIC STAFF

FAIRFIELD — Are your neighbors mowing the lawns of homes owned by people who have lost their jobs? Is your daughter about to graduate?

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