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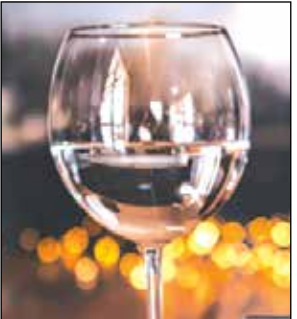
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Community Support Needed for Squad to Attend



The Rio Linda High School Cheer and Stunt Team performed at the NorCal Princess Encounter at the American Cheer & Dance Challenge. Photo courtesy of Michelle Deleon

By Annie Kerr

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - The Rio Linda High School Cheer and Stunt Team is gearing up for a major milestone: their chance to compete at the United Spirit Association (USA) Spirit Nationals and Collegiate Championships in Anaheim from Feb. 13 to 17.

Both qualifying teams, the Game Day Situational Cheer and the Co-Ed Varsity Cheer, are led by head coach Michelle Deleon, now in her second year of head coaching at Rio Linda High School. Deleon's relationship with the program runs much deeper, as she has been involved with the squad for 12 years, and three of her four children attended the high school.

The full squad is made up of 17 dedicated athletes, 13 girls and four boys, according to Deleon.

Last year was Rio Linda High School's first time qualifying for Nationals, making this year their second consecutive appearance, according to Deleon. They will compete with the hope of improving on *Continued on page 3*

Handyperson Exemption Increases to \$1,000



Assembly Bill 2622, effective Jan. 1, allows an unlicensed person to complete small projects up to \$1,000 without obtaining a contractor's license. Photo courtesy Pixabay

Contractors State License Board News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A new law will raise the threshold for work requiring a contractor's license from \$500 to \$1,000.

Assembly Bill 2622 (Carrillo, Chapter 240, Statutes of 2024), effective Jan. 1, allows an unlicensed person to complete small projects up to \$1,000 without obtaining a contractor's license if they do not hire workers and no building permits are needed. If a consumer's project under \$1,000 requires workers or permits, a contractor's license in the appropriate license classification is required.

The new law states that a person who is not licensed can advertise for construction work if the total contract price for labor, materials and all other items on a project is less than \$1,000. The \$1,000 includes all costs associated with the project. The advertisement must state that the person is not licensed.

As with any home-improvement construction project, Contractors State License Board cautions that a down payment should not exceed 10 percent of the contract price and any subsequent payments should not exceed the value of the work completed or the materials delivered.

If an unlicensed person provides a bid greater than \$1,000, performs work requiring a permit or employs any workers, that person is subject to legal action. Penalties for unlicensed contracting include administrative fines of up to \$15,000, jail sentences of up to six months and fines up to \$5,000. Repeat offenders can face a mandatory 90-day jail sentence and a fine of \$5,000 or 20 percent of the contract price, whichever is greater.

Contractors State License Board operates under the Department of Consumer Affairs' umbrella and licenses and regulates about 285,000 contractors in California. ★

Sacramento Life Center Receives Grant to Support Low-Income Pregnant Women

Sacramento Life Center News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Life Center is proud to announce the receipt of a generous \$20,000 grant from The Kelly Foundation to further its mission of supporting low-income pregnant women and families in the Sacramento area. This funding will directly benefit the Life Center's critical "New Moms" program, which provides essential resources, care and support for new mothers during a crucial period of transition.

The "New Moms" program has been a cornerstone of the Sacramento Life Center's services, offering personalized assistance to mothers as they navigate the challenges of pregnancy and early parenthood. The funding from The Kelly Foundation will enable the center to expand its services, providing additional prenatal care, educational resources, parenting support and financial assistance to those in need.

"We are deeply grateful for The Kelly Foundation's support," said Marie Leatherby, Executive Director of the Sacramento Life Center. "This grant will allow us to continue offering life-changing services to the women and



The Sacramento Life Center's mission is to support low-income pregnant women and families in the Sacramento area. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Life Center

families who need them most. Our mission is to ensure that every woman, regardless of her financial situation, has access to the care and resources she deserves during her pregnancy and after the birth of her child."

The grant will be used to enhance various aspects of the "New Moms" program, including expanding prenatal and postnatal care services; providing parenting classes, life skills training and mental health support; offering financial aid for baby supplies, medical costs and other critical needs; and connecting new mothers to community resources and

job placement programs.

The Sacramento Life Center has been a vital community resource for nearly four decades, helping thousands of women and families through its comprehensive programs. The center provides free medical services, counseling, education and support, empowering women to make informed decisions and build strong families.

The Kelly Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting programs that improve the lives of vulnerable populations, has been a longstanding partner in advancing the welfare of families across the region.

Sacramento Perch Returned to Namesake City, County

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has returned California's only native sunfish, the Sacramento perch, to its namesake city and county, recently stocking 3,000 mostly juvenile fish into a pond at Granite Regional Park to create a unique urban fishing opportunity.

Granite Regional Park is already part of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fishing in the City Program and receives regular stockings of rainbow trout in the winter and channel catfish in the summer to provide fishing opportunities for urban and suburban residents.

While those stockings will continue, Sacramento perch could complement those offerings with a year-round fishery at the small, former quarry pond surrounded by office buildings, soccer fields and parking lots.

"It's an experimental, pilot effort," said Max Fish, a senior environmental scientist within the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fisheries Branch. "We're trying to assess whether the fish do well in the pond first and foremost and, if so, whether anglers enjoy this unique experience to interact with a heritage fish being brought back to the Sacramento area for the first time in many decades."

Once found in abundance within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Clear Lake in Northern California, Sacramento perch have been displaced from their historical range as the result of habitat modification and competition from non-native sunfish, including bluegill and green sunfish, that were widely introduced into California in the early 20th century.

Today, Sacramento perch are a "Species of Special Concern" in California and are found in only



California's only native sunfish, the Sacramento perch, has been returned to Granite Regional Park. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife



A California Department of Fish and Wildlife employee shows off a Sacramento perch. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife



Three thousand fish were stocked into a pond at Granite Regional Park recently. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

about two dozen isolated waters mostly in remote parts of northern California and along the Eastern Sierra. Where they exist in abundance, notably at Crowley Lake and Bridgeport Reservoir in Mono County, Sacramento perch support popular sport fisheries and are especially prized for the table. The state record Sacramento perch was caught at Crowley Lake in 1979 weighing 3 pounds, 10 ounces.

Prior to the December stocking at Granite Regional Park in Sacramento, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

fisheries biologists surveyed the pond and found only small numbers of non-native sunfish to compete with the perch. Although Sacramento Perch struggle to reproduce in the presence of non-native sunfish, California Department of Fish and Wildlife is experimentally stocking older juvenile and adult fish, which have shown to coexist more successfully.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife acquired the Sacramento perch from Livermore-based M4 Aquatics.

While the majority of stocked fish were juveniles about six months old and 2 to 4 inches in length, about 150 of the perch were over a year old and of "catchable size" of six inches in length or more.

"These fish are special for a number of reasons," said Richard Muñoz, Fishing in the City coordinator for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's North Central Region. "These are warmwater fish we can plant pretty much year-round. And they represent

an opportunity to provide more equitable access to fishing opportunities for folks who may not have had access to these fish before."

Sacramento Perch can tolerate a wide range of environmental conditions, including waters with high alkalinity, salinity, cold temperatures and warm temperatures, which make Sacramento perch a good candidate to establish sport fisheries in some urban park ponds and communities historically underserved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's fish planting efforts.

The stocking of Sacramento perch into Granite Regional Park is part of a comprehensive effort by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to strengthen existing populations, expand its range and introduce the native species to more anglers statewide.

Other actions within this effort include: the translocation of Sacramento perch between Biscar Reservoir in Lassen County and Bridgeport Reservoir to increase the genetic diversity of both populations; reestablishing source populations of Sacramento perch within its historic range in the Sacramento Valley. Refuge populations recently have been established at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area and at the Woodland Regional Park Preserve, both in Yolo County. While these new populations are closed to recreational fishing, they might provide fish for future stocking opportunities elsewhere and future translocations; and the stocking of Sacramento perch into the recently renovated Lindo Lake, San Diego County, to establish the first population in Southern California and create another unique urban fishing opportunity. That effort has been complicated by the illegal introduction of black bass and other non-native sunfish into Lindo Lake. ★



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Rio Linda High School Cheer to Compete in Nationals



Rio Linda cheerleaders pump up the crowd at a prior event. Photo courtesy of Michelle Deleon

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2024's performance and showcasing their skills on a national stage.

"Going to Nationals is such an incredible experience not only for ourselves but for our team as well," said team captain Marissa Gutierrez. "Most of the people on our team have never stepped foot on a National Competition mat, which makes it so much more special. As a team, it's so nice to be able to spend time with each other outside of practice. This trip really brings us together and ends our season on a great note."

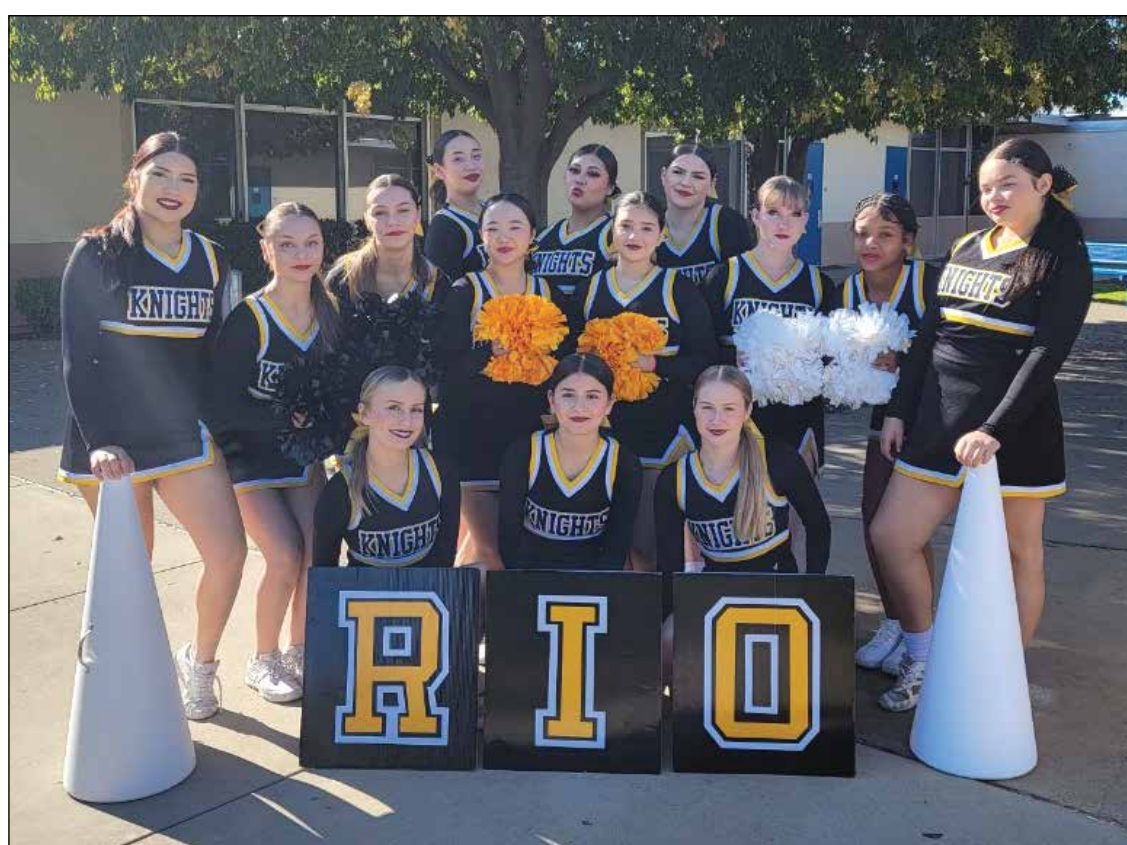
However, as is often the case with competitive cheerleading, the journey to Nationals comes with a hefty price tag.

"Cheer is a costly activity and we are looking for sponsors to help offset the costs," Deleon said. "This past summer, our team attended the USA Summer Camp to build skills, relationships and unity. This year, our team is going to the National Competition in Anaheim. The cost for Nationals is \$1,000 per participant."

To make their dream of competing in Anaheim a reality, the team organized several successful fundraising events in recent months.

On Dec. 18, the Rio Linda Knights hosted a Bingo Night at the school's cafeteria, where community members enjoyed an evening of bingo for \$20. The event was a success, bringing together students, parents and local supporters in the spirit of teamwork for the upcoming competition.

Then, on Dec. 21, the squad held a Kids Camp, where they spent the day with children aged 4 to 12. The event was packed with activities, including a pancake breakfast, arts and crafts, a cheer clinic and a movie. The children had the opportunity to learn from the cheerleaders while engaging in a day of excitement.



The Knights Cheerleading squad is prepared to take on Nationals in Anaheim. Photos courtesy of Michelle Deleon

The team has worked hard to raise funds but additional support is still needed. According to Deleon, the team has already raised \$15,000 but still needs an additional \$4,000 to meet its goal.

"We would not have a program without community support," said Deleon.

For those who wish to support the team, donations can be made via check or online. Checks can be mailed to Rio Linda High School, 6309 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda, CA 95673 and made out to "Rio Linda High School Cheer." The school's tax ID number is 26-1773196. As a non-profit organization under the 501(c)(3) code within the Twin Rivers Unified School District, all donations made to the team are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Another way to donate is via the cheerleading team's online link, available at https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZ5RGB7DKMF-TOHR_ZZ5VLV6QKXKT2PC.

In terms of practice, the team has been working hard, training three to four days a week as competition approaches, according to Deleon.

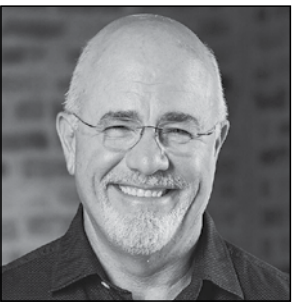
"I am really proud of how hard they are working," Deleon said. "It's just not cheerleading; it's teaching these students life skills, teamwork and discipline."

According to Deleon, if anyone wants to see the team perform before they leave for Nationals, they are performing at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at Rio Linda High School Large Gym. There will be a \$5 cash only entry fee as a last chance fundraiser.

As the squad continues to prepare for Nationals, the community's support will play a crucial role in ensuring the team has the resources needed to compete at their highest level, according to Deleon. ★



On Feb. 12, residents can see the cheer team perform one final time before their big competition. Photo courtesy of Michelle Deleon



Dave Ramsey Says Honor Your Obligations

of situations.

You know, lots of times when people say they can't afford something, what they're really saying is they don't want to give up fun stuff in order to honor their obligations. If that's the case, I'm not the guy you need to be talking to or want on your team. You accepted the responsibilities that came with borrowing money. That means if you don't get to eat in restaurants, go on vacation or buy cool new gadgets until you repay the debt, that that's how it is.

However, if you're already living on a crazy-tight, rice and beans budget, and \$20 is literally all you can squeeze out, then give them \$20 a month. That way, at the very least, you're trying to honor your obligation. And you can tell them with a clean conscience it really is all you can afford.

But there's a bright spot in all this. If you're

already scrimping and saving and paying all the money you have—first toward running your household, then secondly to your creditors—you'll find an amazing thing starts to happen. Your dollars start to stretch a little bit further. This will help you clean up your student loan mess and enable you to have a little better life in the process. Good luck, Sydney. You can do this!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★

Dear Dave,

I can't afford my student loan payments. Is the best approach to send them what I can afford, even if it's not the minimum payment, or not send anything at all until I'm in a better financial position?

– Sydney

Dear Sydney,

Here's the deal. Those guys aren't going to stop calling and bugging you, no matter which of those options you choose. But then, you probably already know that. The benefit, however, of sending them \$20 or \$25—if the minimum payment is \$50—is you're forcing yourself to start thinking in terms of planning and living on a budget. My advice? Do everything you can to honor your commitments. That's the moral, legal and spiritual thing to do in these kinds

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



A team in search of an identity. That's all we've heard from the pundits all year. The Kings don't have an identity. They can't figure out who they are.

A six-game losing streak and falling six games below 500 cost coach Mike Brown his job.

Monte McNair and Vivek Ranadive were roundly criticized and vociferously so from columnists and even talk show hosts from Kings radio station 1140 AM.

Even the hiring of Doug Christie was met with raised eyebrows as he leap frogged over other assistant coaches with more experience.

Winners of seven out of eight games since Christie took over, including an eye popping seven straight wins, has fans and pundits singing an entirely different tune.

Winning five straight home games was amazing to be sure, but we were all prepared for what the inevitable would be when the Kings entered the Boston Garden. World Champs from last year and playing some of the best basketball in the NBA, the Celtics take no prisoners on their home court.

All that the Kings did was hand Boston their worst defeat of the season and win by an overwhelming 17 points! Platitudes alone don't tell the story. This was the Sacramento Kings at their finest hour, playing frenetic and inspired defense that Sactown fans had been dreaming of. Oh, did I mention that Kings leading scorer and point guard DeAaron Fox sat this one out with a hip injury?

It's time to get on your feet Sacramento and put your hands together, because this unit of basketball players deserves a standing ovation.

Sunday, DeMar DeRozan went into Chicago with his teammates riding a 6-game winning streak, and the game was a see-saw event with a total of 28 lead changes. Zach LaVine looked as though he was a one-man wrecking crew, and regardless of who the Kings put on him, LaVine did pretty much what he wanted. Add to that an inspired game by Lonzo Ball and this contest had all the makings of a game where winning streaks die.

The Kings played a style of defense once again that we have rarely seen, and

at crunch time took care of the ball, all the while making timely baskets. DeRozan was there to remind his former teammates why he was a 6-time all-star, and his 21 points were crucial to the Kings victory.

Domantas Sabonis continued his torrid streak with another stellar game, scoring 22 and adding 15 huge boards. His eight assists were only eclipsed only by Malik Monk's nine, but in this victory, everyone played a part.

Admittedly the Kings are on a roll, and this team is fun to watch.

So, what's changed? If you ask the players, they will say that since Doug Christie took over, they are playing loose and having fun. The results don't lie, but why couldn't former coach Mike Brown achieve the same results.

Part of the answer lies in his desire to experiment with his bench on a constant basis, to the point that no one knew from game-to-game whether they would get significant minutes or no playing time at all. This type of coaching smacks a player's confidence, and it showed in bench players and starters alike.

There is no question that being a former NBA player brings a different perspective to a basketball team, and Doug Christie has their attention in a very positive way.

At this point, fans are taking a completely different attitude, and after giving the Celtics their worst defeat of the season and being only one of two teams to hold the world champs to under 100 points, anything looks possible.

So, how has this affected the Kings and their organization? Well, it quells crazy trade rumors and puts Sacramento in a much better bargaining position as it relates to players that might bolster the front court and give Sabonis some support.

The desultory play of the past is just that, past. This team is bent on showing DeAaron Fox why being a King for life is the ticket to happiness, and nothing would make me happier than to see DeAaron Fox in a Kings uniform for the next 10 years!

Stay tuned Kings fans because this is just heating up, and the best is yet to come!

All be best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Social Security Matters

About Investing Social Security Money in the Stock Market



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: For most folks collecting Social Security, you get back what you put in within 3-5 years, so for those that scream - "SS is not an entitlement, it is my money"- that is not entirely accurate beyond 3-5 years. For me personally 4.4 years is the number. But had I been able to invest that money over the 43 years I worked at a modest 6% interest, I expect the amount would have been a lot more. And of course, the stock market averaged 9.5% over that time. Perhaps Social Security should invest in the stock market instead of U.S. Government treasury bonds. **Signed: Interested Observer**

Dear Observer: You bring up a point we frequently hear - that if, instead of paying into Social Security, I had invested the same money in the stock market I would have gotten more. That, of course, might be the case if you had the unwavering discipline to religiously invest the equivalent amount in the market, avoiding the temptation to use that

investment for any other reason. And life is full of good reasons - financial emergencies, for example, or the simple temptation to buy something desperately needed, or just occasionally skipping a month to pay bills. Also, the stock market is notoriously volatile, which can create substantial angst for investors who are faint of heart. The fact is that Social Security provides guaranteed financial growth from the age of eligibility (normally 62), up to age 70 when the maximum benefit is attained. Benefits claimed at one's full retirement age are about 24% - 32% more than if taken at age 62 (depending on full retirement age), and benefits taken at age 70 are about 75% more than benefits taken at age 62. And that is guaranteed growth for those with the patience to wait longer to claim.

You may recall that the idea of investing Social Security reserves in the stock market has been floated a few times in previous years, but accompanying risks made Congress essentially unwilling to even entertain the idea. It has always been a political "hot potato" and those who suggest it are usually castigated for wanting to "give SS money to Wall Street," so I expect it is unlikely to happen. Guess we'll need to be satisfied with the interest on those Special Issue Government Bonds (which, by the way, returned about

\$67 billion to the Social Security Trust Fund in 2023). FYI, average interest rate for new deposits to the Trust Fund in 2023 was 4.1%, and the overall effective rate of return on all Trust Fund assets was 2.4%.

Social Security has some issues and will face some financial difficulty in less than a decade unless Congress enacts program reform soon. But it is a program which most seniors rely on for a major part of their retirement income and one which keeps over 22 million Americans out of poverty. Here at the AMAC Foundation, we strongly advocate for sensible Social Security reform and we're very optimistic about the program's future. But Congress needs to act soon to avoid a cut to everyone's Social Security amount in about 2033.

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Newsom and California Museum Induct 18th Class of California Hall of Fame

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 19, Governor Gavin Newsom, First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom and the California Museum inducted the 18th class of the California Hall of Fame, consisting of trailblazers in athletics, civil rights, culinary arts, entertainment and more.

For the first time in the history of the California Hall of Fame, this class is entirely comprised of women in a meaningful recognition of women's achievements, which have historically been underrepresented in California's history. The posthumous class was inducted on Thursday, Dec. 19 in a virtual ceremony.

The California Hall of Fame 18th Class inductees are Julia Child, a cook, author, television personality; Ina Donna Coolbrith, California's first poet laureate; Vicki Manalo Draves, an Olympic gold medalist; Mitsuye Endo, a civil rights activist; Dian Fossey, a primatologist, gorilla conservationist; Alice Piper, a civil rights hero; and Tina Turner, a singer and performer.

"We are very proud to induct the California Hall of Fame's 18th class. This all-female cohort consists of powerful women who remain beloved cultural icons and civil rights luminaries today, truly embodying the California spirit," said

Governor Gavin Newsom.

"We are thrilled to announce the induction of the first all-women class of honorees into the California Hall of Fame. These trailblazing women have shattered barriers, challenged societal norms, and driven progress that has transformed California and the world. By celebrating their extraordinary and lasting accomplishments, we are moving closer to truly honoring the rich diversity that defines our great state," said First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom.

"The California Museum is honored to be the home of the California Hall of Fame, celebrating remarkable individuals who have shaped our state and nation," said Anne Marie Petrie, Chair of the California Museum Board of Trustees. "The 18th class highlights the inspirational achievements of women who overcame obstacles, making indelible contributions to our culture and influencing the path of history. We are proud to play a part in recognizing their enduring legacies."

Launched in 2006, the California Hall of Fame honors history-making Californians who embody the state's spirit of innovation and have changed the state, the nation, and the world. Inductees are selected annually by the Governor and First Partner for achievements in arts, business and labor, entertainment, food and wine, literature, music, public service, science and sports. ★

Los Angeles County Wildfires Underscore California's Growing Threat of Disaster



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Hollywood thrives on depictions of desperate battles against overwhelming forces of destruction.

A real life version, the equal of any cinematic disaster film, is raging today. Wildfires, driven by fierce Santa Ana winds blowing off the desert, are sweeping through Los Angeles County neighborhoods, most prominently and destructively in Pacific Palisades, home to many film industry stars.

Thousands of residents have fled as thousands of acres of lavish, multimillion-dollar homes and lush foliage have been scorched, with at least five deaths reported so far.

As of noon, the fires were uncontrolled and firefighters were reporting that many water hydrants were unusable due to a shortage of water.

"We woke up to a dark cloud over all of Los Angeles, but it is darkest for those who are most intimately impacted by these fires," said LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath.

No one knows how far the fires will reach before being controlled. Movies come to a climactic end, but the outcome of this catastrophe is as dark as the Southland skies.

Just a few days earlier, Gov. Gavin Newsom released a very upbeat video looking back at 2024 in California.

But today he was on scene in Southern California, praising outgoing President Joe Biden for immediately offering aid with "no politics, no handwringing."

However, Biden's successor, Donald Trump, who will take office in less than a fortnight, didn't sympathize with California. Instead, he issued another blast at Newsom, one of his fiercest critics and a potential 2028 presidential candidate.

"Governor Gavin Newsom refused to sign the water restoration declaration put before him that would have allowed millions of gallons of water, from excess rain and snow melt from the north to flow daily into many parts of California, including the areas that are currently burning in a virtually apocalyptic way," Trump posted on his Truth Social website, mentioning a declaration that apparently doesn't exist. "He wanted to protect an essentially worthless fish called a smelt, by giving it less water (it didn't work), but didn't care about the people of California."

Will a President Trump be as generous with firefighting and reconstruction aid as Biden? He was quite helpful - and drew praise from Newsom - when the Camp Fire destroyed the town of Paradise in 2018. But that was before Newsom began building a national political image as a harsh critic.

Politics aside, Southern California's disaster again demonstrates that while wildfires were once mostly confined to rural timbered areas during summer and fall months, a warming climate means they can and do strike anywhere and anytime, including residential

neighborhoods in the middle of winter.

While Northern California has experienced strong winter rain and snow storms of late, Southern California has been bone dry, making it extremely vulnerable when Santa Ana winds stream from the region's deserts during winter months. Local authorities had warned that the lack of rain and the onset of Santa Anas posed a particularly high threat of disaster and their nightmares became reality.

There is one more aspect of the catastrophe that will be persist long after the fires are extinguished - whenever that happens.

Fire insurance payouts will be particularly heavy due to the value of the homes being consumed, bolstering the insurance industry's growing unwillingness to write policies in California under the current regulatory system. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, with support from Newsom, has proposed a major overhaul that would allow insurers to include projections of future losses and the cost of reinsurance in their premiums if they agree to continue writing policies in fire-prone areas.

If implemented, the new regulations would very likely lead to premium increases, which draws the ire of some consumer activists. But having such insurance is not optional in the real world, and without it, the residential real estate market could be doomed.

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

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Charlene Harrell, 10520 Chardonay Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fraghead Scents" 10520 Chardonay Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024

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FRAGHEAD 1-24-25

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Connected Care Living Systems LLC, 5720 Morningside Court, Rocklin, CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Schofield House" 4125 Schofield Way, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024

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Sabrina Garcia Perez, 3142 Occidental Drive Apt 12, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "S & J Cleaning Services" 3142 Occidental Drive Apt 12, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2024

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James Grimaud and Hannah Fleck, 807 Reading Street, Suite J, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Logo Visions/LogoVisions" 807 Reading Street, Suite J, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2024

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KS Management & Consulting Services LLC, 2404 Del Paso Road, Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Innovative Helpline" 2404 Del Paso Road, Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2024

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Dustin Waite LLC, 3032 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Without Limits Publishing Company" 3032 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 24, 2024

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Hadin Inc, 12801 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 428, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hadin Engineering" 12801 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 428, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2024

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Jorge Maldonado-Morales, 10624 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 35, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Maldonado Pro Wash" 10624 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 35, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2024

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MALDONADO 1-31-25

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Nicamex LLC, 7683 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s)

"Panchito Mexican Restaurant" 7683 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2024

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A Plus Tires, LLC, 5702 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A Plus Tires and Wheels" 5702 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2024

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Carl Battiste, 637 Kirkstone Court, San Ramon, CA 95482 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Epic Properties Group" 1610 R Street, Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024

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Heravi's LLC, 5522 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cariz Auto Parts/Cariz Auto" 5522 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2024

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Trestles, LLC, 599 Menlo Drive Suite 200, Rocklin, CA 95765 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "City Creek Post Acute" 6248 66th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024

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Veniamin-Oleksii Halperin, Viktoria Davydenko, Danil Halperin and Oleksandra Davydenko, 7853 Paseo De Aiston, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pan Baran" 7853 Paseo De Aiston, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2025

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Anastasios Papadopoulos, 5885 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Papadopoulos Flowers" 5885 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2025

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TN3 Enterprises LLC, 8215 Auburn Boulevard, Suite A, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TN3 Automotive" 8215 Auburn Boulevard, Suite A, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024

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TN3 2-7-25

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Charles Hewitt, 9475 Golden Gate Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wash Works" 9475 Golden Gate Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 6, 2025

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WASH 2-7-25

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999 Thai Inc, 3609 Don Julio Blvd, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yummy Sushi Express" 1501 N C Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025

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YUMMY 2-7-25

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CJVA Construction, Inc, 8219 War Horse Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CVA Construction" 8219 War Horse Court, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025

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CVA 2-7-25

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Emmanuel Santiago Salas, 2640 29th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Manny General Construction" 2640 29th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2024

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MANNY 2-7-25

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Pocket Pilates, LLC, PO Box 331, Loomis, CA 95650 is doing business under the Fictitious

Business Name(s) "Club Pilates, Natomas" 2860 Del Paso Road, Suite 102, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2024

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PILATES 2-7-25

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Yvette Estrada-Rocha, 6231 Riverside Boulevard, #12, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Best You Esthetics" 902 Florin Road, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025

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ESTHETICS 2-7-25

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Thanh Tat Nguyen and Lan Phuong Ngoc Nguyen, 2460 Venture Oaks Way, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gojee Sandwiches" 2460 Venture Oaks Way, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025

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Daniel Ellison, 3626 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tribe Realty" 1610 R Street, Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2024

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Andrey Kovalenko, 7731 Sayonara Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SimpleNet" 7731 Sayonara Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2024

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SIMPLE 2-7-25

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MKT Brothers Inc, 5135 Archcrest Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Expo Car Wash and Detail" 2105 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2025

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EXPO 2-7-25

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Chief of Staff Academy LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite 4758, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Transcend FX" 2108 N Street, Suite 4758, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2024

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TRANSCEND 2-7-25

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OctaHexa Media LLC, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "WP DevOps" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025

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DEVOPS 2-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00090
Nunziato Kuykendall Inc., 639 39th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Actor's Workshop of Sacramento" 639 39th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2025

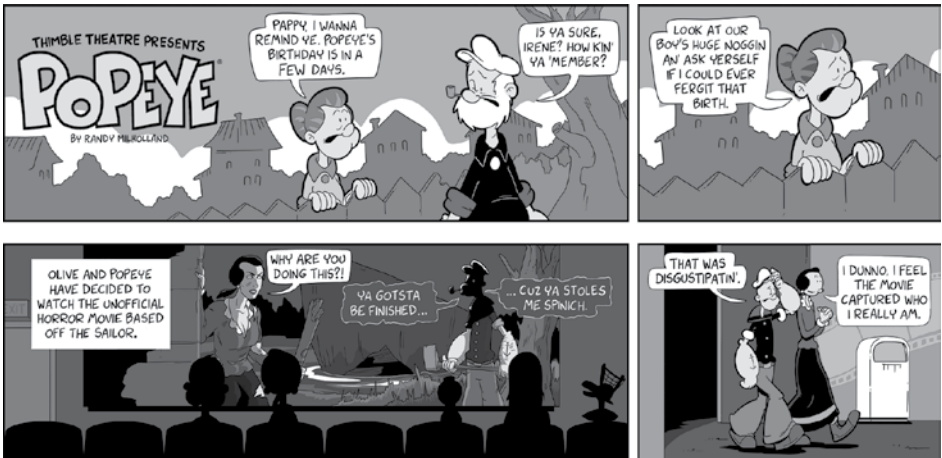
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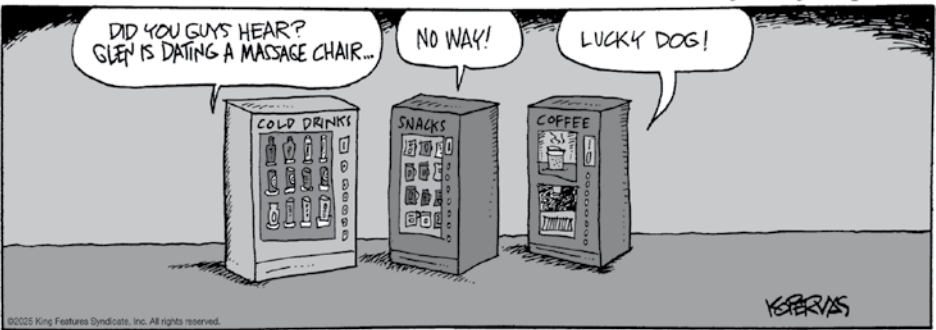
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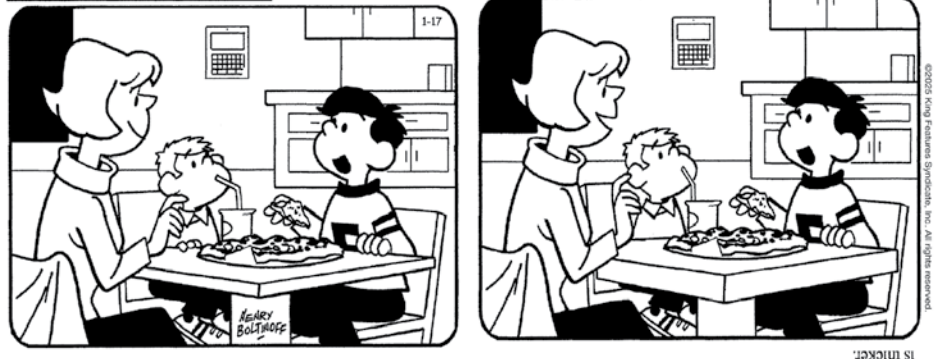
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 - Like some wines
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Donate Formalwear to Library's Annual Prom Drive



In 2024, more than 900 teens shopped free Prom Giveaway events at the Sacramento Public Library locations. Photos courtesy of Sacramento Public Library

Sacramento Public Library News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Ready to retire formal wear collecting dust in your closet? Give your glam a new home. Starting Jan. 21, Sacramento Public Library will accept donations of jackets, ties, dresses, shoes and accessories for its annual Prom Drive. Visit www.saclibrary.org/prom for full details.

Drop off gently-used formalwear from Jan. 21 through Feb. 1, at any library location during regular hours of operations. Donated clothing, shoes, jewelry and accessories should be free of holes, stains, rips and tears. A variety of styles and sizes including extended and plus are needed.

The library will host a series of Prom Giveaway events in the spring. Teens can browse the free collection and take home the perfect outfit for their special night. Last year, more than 900 teens shopped free Prom Giveaway events at the library.



The Sacramento Public Library is accepting gently used formalwear from Jan. 21 through Feb. 1 at any library location during regular hours of operations. Photos courtesy of Sacramento Public Library

"Prom should be a celebration, not a financial burden. Our Prom Drive ensures that every teen has the chance to shine without worrying about the cost," said Christie Hamm, Sacramento Public Library Youth Services manager. "This initiative, created by teens for teens, allows them to express themselves through the perfect outfit and make lasting memories."

Sacramento Public Library is committed to removing barriers and expanding access for all

in our community. From free access to information and technology to a range of learning opportunities and experiences, the Sacramento Public Library strives to meet the community's needs.

The Prom Drive is one of many programs for youth. Teens are invited to a free night of fun at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria from 8 to 11 p.m. Jan. 25. Library After Hours: Teen Takeover will feature video games, a deejay, board games, food and drinks. ★

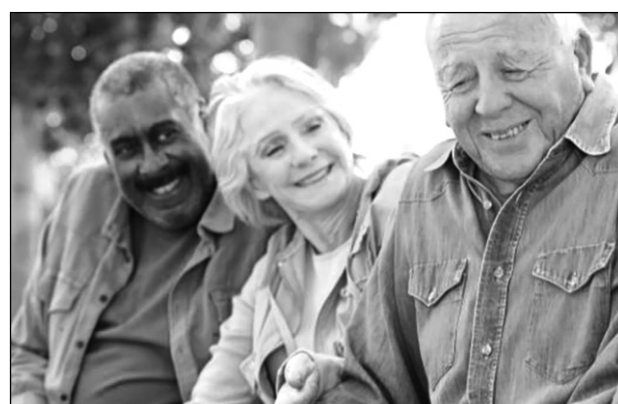
Volunteer Award Nominations Now Open

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission is now taking applications for its "5 Over 50" Volunteer Award.

If you know someone who makes Sacramento County a better place to live and is 50 years old or older, now is your chance to celebrate them. Each year, the "5 Over 50" Volunteer Award recognizes outstanding members of our community.

The "5 Over 50" Awards will be presented during a Sacramento County Board of Supervisors meeting in May. The award is presented in May to coincide with Older Americans Month. Five nominees will receive the award, with one person selected from each district within Sacramento County.



The Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission is accepting applications for its "5 Over 50" Volunteer Award through Feb. 7. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Nominees must be 50 years old or older, actively involved in volunteer work, and residents of Sacramento County. Two letters of reference are required as part of the application. Applications are due Friday, Feb. 7.

If you know someone who meets the criteria and has made an impact in Sacramento County, nominate them for the "5 Over 50" Volunteer Award. Learn more about the

application process and access the form by visiting the Adult and Aging Commission website at www.dcfas.saccounty.net/SAS/Pages/Adult-and-Aging-Commission.aspx.

Sacramento County's Adult and Aging Commission members look forward to celebrating the winners. Winners will also be featured on Sacramento County's website and YouTube channel. ★

Supporting Dry January Goals

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - As the new year begins, Sacramento County is highlighting the importance of a healthy start by recognizing January as Substance Use Disorder Treatment Month. Many might unknowingly celebrate this month with positive "new year, new me" changes such as "Dry January," which encourages individuals to limit or eliminate their consumption of alcohol and drugs to promote physical and mental well-being. This is also a great opportunity to evaluate your relationship with drugs and alcohol and seek treatment if needed.

Substance use disorder affects countless individuals and families, often showing signs that can be easily overlooked. These warning signs include drastic changes in mood or behavior, such as irritability, impulsivity or depression, as well as shifts in eating or sleeping habits, memory blackouts and neglect of home or work



Sacramento County is highlighting the importance of a healthy start to the new year. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

responsibilities.

Arguments about alcohol or drug use, strong cravings and risky behaviors such as driving under the influence are also key indicators.

For those struggling with substance use, Sacramento County offers comprehensive prevention and treatment services for youth and adults. The Behavioral Health Services, Screening and Coordination team is available 24/7 for screenings and referrals to appropriate treatment providers.

Individuals seeking help

can call 916-875-1055, CA Relay 711 or toll-free at 888-881-4881 to take the first step toward recovery.

By promoting awareness and access to treatment, Sacramento County representatives hope to encourage residents to reflect on their relationship with alcohol and drugs, take steps to improve their health and support loved ones who might be in need. Remember, recovery is possible and resources are available every day of the year to assist those on their journey. ★

Shape Sac County's Economic Future Together



Three meetings in January will be to go over Sacramento County's updated Economic Development Strategic Plan. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County's Office of Economic Development (OED) invites residents, business owners and stakeholders to participate in shaping the county's updated Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP). Three community meetings, two in-person and one virtual, will provide opportunities for the public to share insights and help craft a shared vision for Sacramento County's economic future.

These meetings are part of the county's ongoing effort to create a comprehensive roadmap that supports equitable economic growth, job creation and resource prioritization.

The first in-person community meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 22 at the North Highlands Recreation and Park District at 6040 Watt Ave. in North Highlands. Residents can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sac-county-economic-development-strategic-plan-update-community-meeting-tickets-1115898826429?aff=oddtcreator>.

The second in-person meeting will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Sacramento County Health Department at 7001 East Parkway, Suite A, Sacramento. Residents can

register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sac-county-economic-development-strategic-plan-update-community-meeting-tickets-1115903650859?aff=oddtcreator>.

The third meeting is a virtual meeting from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Jan. 30 on Zoom. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sac-county-economic-development-strategic-plan-update-community-meeting-tickets-1115904563589?aff=oddtcreator>.

Meeting objectives are to hear from community members about economic development priorities; collaborate on a shared vision that reflects collective goals for Sacramento County; and inform the development of an inclusive economic development strategy.

These events are open to all Sacramento County residents, workers and business owners, and focus on addressing the needs of unincorporated areas. Your participation is vital to ensure the updated strategy reflects the diverse perspectives and priorities of our community.

For additional details on the Economic Development Strategic Plan process and to stay updated on progress, visit the Economic Development Strategic Plan webpage at economic.saccounty.gov. For any questions, email Jean Coleman at colemanj@saccounty.gov. ★

2024 Seventh-Best Year for Region's New Home Sales

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Well above-average new home sales in December pushed sales for the year to just under 7,000, making 2024 the seventh-best year for sales in the Sacramento region since the North State Building Industry Association (BIA) began keeping records.

The Building Industry Association announced Jan. 7 that its members reported selling 398 new homes in December, bringing the yearly total to 6,993. That figure is up 8% from 2023 and is 35% higher than the average year since records began being kept in 1997.

Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said area builders are optimistic that the market for new homes will remain robust in 2025.

"While mortgage interest rates remain higher than expected, there is still high demand for new homes, and we are optimistic that trend will continue into 2025," Murphy said. "Many builders are able to offer incentives that make new homes more affordable, and the advantages of buying new are clearly a major selling point as well."

December's sales total was down 24% from November, which is normal as December is historically the slowest month for builders. Sales for the month



The Building Industry Association announced Jan. 7 that its members reported selling 398 new homes in December. MPG file photo

were even with December 2023 and were 24% above the monthly average. As with sales for the year, it was the seventh-best December on record.

For the year, Rancho Cordova nosed out Roseville for the most sales with 620, five sales more than the usual leader. Sacramento was third with 431, followed by Elk Grove (428) and Folsom (331.) Note that total sales for 2024 have been true up by including statistics for a handful of builders who do not report on a monthly basis. Thus, the monthly figures and the annual total for 2024 are different.

Building Industry Association statistics include sales by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★

Athletics Make Themselves at Home

By Martín Gallegos, MLB.com

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As Major League Baseball's Athletics prepare to begin their temporary relocation to Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento for at least the next three seasons, manager Mark Kotsay and some of the club's top players spent some time getting to know their new community.

The intermingling began on Sunday, Jan. 5, when outfielders Brent Rooker, Lawrence Butler, JJ Bleday and left-hander JP Sears enjoyed a private dinner at Mulvaney's B&L, a Michelin-recommended restaurant located near downtown Sacramento. In addition to being treated to a five-course meal, the players encountered plenty of friendly welcomes from locals who are excited about the opportunity to watch Major League Baseball in their hometown.

"The number one thing that stood out to us was that everybody was super nice and smiling," Sears said on Jan. 6 from the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel in Sacramento. "They're super excited to have us here. It seems like everybody around here is going to be supporting us."

"I've played in so many different cities over the years that, as long as you have good people supporting you, that's all you really ask for as a player from a



The Athletics' mascot Stomper pays a visit to Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento where the Athletics will be playing their 2025 home games. Photo by MLB.com

fan base or city. Just people supporting you and uplifting the team. I think this is a place for that, for sure."

Monday, Jan. 6 also brought some NBA action, as all four players along with Kotsay were invited to sit courtside at Golden 1 Center for a matchup between the Sacramento Kings and Miami Heat. Earlier in the day, they received a tour of Sutter Health Park, which is undergoing major renovations in anticipation of the A's arrival.

Among the ongoing construction to get the ballpark - which will be shared with the Sacramento River Cats, Triple-A

affiliate of the Giants - up to Major League standards is the addition of extra lighting structures around the field, upgraded dugouts and bullpens, and a brand new two-story home clubhouse designed specifically for the A's during their stint.

"It looks good," Rooker said. "We were all very encouraged with the things we saw as far as the amenities and facilities that are important to us as players that we use extensively on a daily basis. The plans look great, and the execution looks great. As a whole, we came away from the tour more optimistic and more excited than we were

beforehand."

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, Rooker, Butler, Sears, Bleday and Kotsay visited Mariemont Elementary school in Sacramento and interacted with the students as part of a recess takeover. Also on the agenda for the group was breakfast and lunch at different food spots around the area, including The Sandwich Spot, which features a sandwich named after current A's radio broadcaster and longtime River Cats broadcaster Johnny Doskow that is fittingly named 'The Dosky.'

"It's very important," Butler said of showing their faces around town. "When you're a

new team coming into a new city, you want to draw fans in. Us going out there signing some hats and giving some hats away, throwing some balls out and taking pictures, that'll be a cool way to get the fans involved and let them know what they're getting."

There already appears to be plenty of local interest drumming up for this young Athletics squad on the rise based on season ticket sales. According to the club, there have already been close to 6,300 seats sold for the season, which leaves only about 3,700 season tickets remaining for Sutter Health Park, which of its total capacity of 14,014 includes 10,624 permanent fixed seats. By the time Opening Day rolls around in March, the Athletics expect a complete sellout for the majority of their home games in 2025, beginning with their home opener against the Cubs on March 31.

"We are expecting to sell out a lot of games, which is exciting for us," Rooker said. "I think the atmosphere is going to be great. ... We're building excitement by just getting out here and meeting people. Developing relationships and getting people excited that we're going to be here and that they get to come to Major League baseball games in their backyard. Adding on to an already existing incredible fan base is what we're trying to do." ★

Sac Republic FC Names New Coach



Former English Premier League player Neill Collins has been named as Sacramento Republic FC's new head coach. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

By Grace Ogata-Beutler, Sacramento Republic FC

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic Football Club (FC) announced that Neill Collins has been named as the Indomitable Club's fifth head coach and is set to lead the club beginning with the 2025 season. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"Neill is a tremendous addition to our club and his past successes speak for themselves," said Republic FC Managing Partner Kevin Nagle. "I'm excited for our fans and city to get to know Neill and support him as we all look to win a championship."

"We are delighted to welcome Neill and his family to Sacramento," said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Duniav. "His history of success in USL, combined with a steady demeanor and well-respected reputation, align with our pursuit of championship hardware. Neill is a proven winner, a fantastic leader, and we have no doubts he is the right man to lead our club forward."

"I first of all would like to thank Todd and Kevin for this fantastic opportunity to join Sacramento Republic. I aim to repay that faith by working hard every day to bring success to everyone associated with the club," said newly appointed Head Coach Neill Collins. "Sacramento have been one of the most consistently successful teams in the USL for the past few years and I can't wait to help build on that platform. I am well aware that Sacramento Republic is more than just what happens on the pitch and I look forward to being part of the community and creating special memories for our fans."

Collins is one of the all-time winningest head coaches in USL Championship history, fifth overall with a record of 94 wins, 42 losses, and 34 draws in six seasons with the Tampa Bay Rowdies. After ending his playing career in Tampa, Neill began his coaching career immediately for the Floridian club and quickly found an upward trajectory.

After reaching the playoffs in 2019, the Rowdies would go on a dominant multi-season run, reaching three straight Eastern Conference Finals and claiming the Eastern Conference title in 2020 and 2021.

He was awarded the 2021 USL

Championship Coach of the Year after leading Tampa Bay to the best regular-season record with 23 wins and 71 points, one of the best single-season performances in league history. During the Players' Shield Campaign, the Rowdies posted a nine-game win streak and had held opponents scoreless for 891 consecutive minutes, the longest-ever shutout stretch in USL Championship. They would go on to reach the playoffs for a fifth straight year in 2022 after a 73-goal regular season campaign.

During his time in Tampa Bay, players under the direction of Collins experienced tremendous success. The team accolades would include 6 All-League First Team Selections, 3 All-League Second Team Selections, the 2022 USL Championship Player of the Year, a two-time Defender of the Year, as well as the Goalkeeper of the Year and Golden Glove winner. In four separate seasons, Collins' side finished the season with a goal differential of 20 or more, including a +40 goal differential in 2022, the third largest in league history.

After going undefeated in 15 of the first 20 games of the 2023 USL Championship season, Collins departed Tampa Bay to return to the United Kingdom as the Manager for EFL League One side Barnsley FC (24-15-13). Earlier this year, he made the move to the Scottish Championship to lead Raith Rovers FC.

As a player, Collins amassed 598 appearances, with 35 goals and seven assists. He featured for some of the biggest clubs in Europe, with stints in Premier League, EFL Championship, and EFL League One for Sunderland AFC (2004-2005), Wolves (2006-2008), Leeds United (2009-2010), and Sheffield United (2011-2016). He won three EFL Championship titles and in the 2009-2010 season helped Leeds earn promotion from League One to Championship. He made the jump across the pond to play for Tampa Bay Rowdies in 2016, then playing in the NASL, and made the move to USL Championship with the club in 2017.

Season ticket memberships are now on sale for the 2025 season, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seats in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. For more information, or to purchase a membership today, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★

Hornet Jaiteh Comes Up Roses in Portland

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State junior forward Fatoumata Jaiteh parlayed a career afternoon against Portland State in the team's Big Sky Conference opener into league co-player of the week honors on Tuesday, Jan. 4, the conference office announced.

It is Jaiteh's first career player of the week award and the second for a Hornet women's basketball student-athlete after teammate Jaydia Martin picked up honors back on Dec. 10.

In the team's first game in over two weeks, the junior from Lynnwood, Wash., helped power Sacramento State to a victory in its league opener, outlasting the Vikings for a 76-74 overtime win on the road. Jaiteh finished with a collegiate-high 28 points to go with four rebounds, a block and two steals, hitting a near-perfect 6-of-7 from the field and 16-of-19 from the free throw line.



Sacramento State junior forward Fatoumata Jaiteh scored a career-high 28 points against Portland State in the Hornet's Big Sky Conference opener on Jan. 4. Courtesy photo

Of her 28 points, 24 of those came in the second half and overtime, including 13 of those in the fourth quarter, as the Hornets erased an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit to force the extra period. Jaiteh hit all six of her field goals after the break and finished 12-of-13 at the line in the final 25 minutes, including 6-for-6 in the overtime period alone.

Her shooting performance from the field fell

just one make shy of tying the school's Division I era single-game record of 7-for-7 set by Isnelle Natabou against Fresno State in 2022, while her 16 makes from the line were the most by a Hornet since All-American Kristy Ryan made 17 at UC Irvine on Dec. 4, 1993, and were just two shy of Ryan's school single-game record of 18 against Alaska Fairbanks on Jan. 8, 1994.

Jaiteh's 28-point explosion double-up her previous collegiate high of 14 points set at Montana while playing with Northern Arizona on Jan. 5, 2023, and demolished her Sacramento State career high of 10 points set against Cal State Fullerton and matches against UC Davis earlier this season.

It was the second-highest point total by a Hornet this season behind only Martin's 31 points against Kansas City on Dec. 4, while the 16 makes from the free throw line entered the week tied for the fourth-most in a single game in the nation this season. ★

ARC's Cleland Named Cross Country Coach of the Year

American River College Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Community College Athletic Association announced their selections for this year's 2025 Head Cross Country Coaches of the Year and American River College's own Melanie Cleland was named the Head Women's Coach of the Year.

Coach Melanie Cleland is responsible for reviving the American River College women's cross country team in just three seasons at the helm. In fall 2024, the American River College women's cross country team placed fourth



American River College's Cross Country Coach Melanie Cleland was named the 2025 Head Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year by the California Community College Athletic Association. Photo courtesy of American River College Athletics

at the state championship led by the All-American finish of freshman Alejandra Magana-Ramirez in seventh place and All-State finish by Alanna Laverty in 24th place.

From once struggling to be able to field a full

scoring team just a year ago, the American River College women rose up in 2024 and placed second at the NorCal Championship and won the Big 8 conference title. Way to go Beavers and Coach Cleland. ★