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200 Years of Fashion Exhibit at Sac City

Story and Photos by Shauna Pompei

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento City College Department Chair of Applied Apparel Studies Lynne Giovannetti has an ace up her proverbial leg-of-mutton sleeve.

And that ace up her sleeve? Giovannetti is excited to dust off the cobwebs and acid-free tissue to showcase Sac City College's collection of amazing garments in a retrospective that spans 200 years of fashion. The exhibit opens March 3 in the Joan Didion Learning Resource Center on the Sac City campus.

Giovannetti's team of instructors teaches hands-on skills that can take a student to the fashion world or costume world. With a multitude of positions in these arenas, including cutters, drapers and tailors, students go from beginning sewing to pattern making, garment construction, illustration, what textiles work best for various patterns, and assessing historical background of various fashion periods.

Students see firsthand where the seams run and how the sleeves fit into the outfit, and this toolbox of knowledge helps the student designer create a finished product evolving from the bolt of fabric through each tedious step to the end result: the artful, wearable garment.

Applied Apparel Studies isn't in the Technology & Innovation division for nothing; these classrooms have state-of-the-art stations that include computer-driven sewing machines that thread the machines automatically; sewing tables on

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Sac City College's Chair of Applied Apparel Studies Lynne Giovannetti, displaying one of the garments that will be on exhibit at Sac City College in March.

Free Museum Weekend Returning in March



Sacramento Area Museums News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - More than 20 Sacramento Area Museums are collaborating to present a Free Museum Weekend on March 1-2. This is the 27th consecutive year the local museum community has presented a free museum experience.

Similar to the past few years, the popular community event is free but requires advance registration and capacity will be limited for each museum. Nearly 30,000 tickets will be available across all participating destinations but will fluctuate by museum and/or by day.

To make the event accessible to underserved community members, pre-selected nonprofit organizations will have the opportunity to secure tickets early in mid-February. Then, free ticket registration for the general public will be available on February 24 beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until all tickets have been secured.

To reserve free entry on either day, interested community members should visit the user-friendly webpage at sacmuseums.org/free-museum-weekend. With limited availability, event registration is expected to be secured quickly.

Local museums participating in the 2024 Free Museum Weekend include:

- Aerospace Museum of California, 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan
- California Automobile Museum, 2200 Front St., Sacramento
- California Museum, Archives Plaza, 1020 O St., Sacramento
- California State Library, Stanley Mosk Library

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New Light Rail Station Begins to Rise



On Feb. 19, Sacramento-area elected officials and local dignitaries participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Dos Rios Light Rail Station. Photo by Daniel Canfield

By Daniel Canfield

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Light rail train cars, running along Sacramento Regional Transit District's (SacRT) Blue Line, whiz through the Sacramento River District every few minutes. The light rail train cars have never stopped to pick up riders in the River

District, but that is all changing with the development of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station, SacRT's newest light rail station.

On Feb. 19, SacRT hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the future Dos Rios Light Rail Station at 530 N. 16th St. A litany of elected officials and local dignitaries

participated in the ceremonial start of construction on a station that will provide much connectivity for the Sacramento River District and Mirasol Village communities. The station will serve as a multimodal hub connecting SacRT's Blue Line, which is a key step in the district's mission to improve mobility

and accessibility for Sacramento residents.

A passing rain shower did not dampen the mood at the groundbreaking event, as the speakers took their turn at the podium to celebrate this important transit project.

Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-07 District) commented

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Leaf Season is Over

City Receives \$13.4 Million Water Meter Settlement



The final day to put out leaf piles for collection was Feb. 3. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

City of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The final day to put out leaf piles for collection was Feb. 3. The City of Sacramento’s leaf season crews are completing their final round of claw collections, covering more than 93 city zones and collecting over 10,000 tons of yard waste during this leaf season. Wondering what to do with your yard waste now that leaf season is over?

As leaf season concludes, residents still have options to recycle yard waste. The easiest way to dispose of yard waste and organic material is by filling your organics container. Starting this month, the same claw crews will collect waste piles as part of scheduled household junk pickup appointments. City customers are eligible for two free junk pickup appointments between February and

October to dispose of bulky waste. Appointments can be scheduled by calling City Customer Service at 3-1-1 (or 916-264-5011 for those outside city limits), using the Sac311 app, or visiting Sac311.org.

While yard waste that doesn’t fit in the organics container can be included in a junk pickup appointment, it must be separated from other items. Branches should be cut to three feet in length and no more than four inches in diameter. Entire piles should not exceed four feet wide, four feet high, and nine feet long. Residents should place materials out no more than 24 hours before their scheduled pickup. Piles placed out too early may be tagged as illegal to help ensure safe street access for city crews and traffic. For proper disposal of household hazardous waste, such as batteries, paint, and

pesticides, residents can use the Waste Wizard online sorting tool at, https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/public-works/recycling-solid-waste/waste_wizard. “We aim to offer multiple resources for getting rid of junk in our Waste Wizard,” said Jesa David, spokesperson for the Recycling and Solid Waste Division. “Before sending items to the landfill, we encourage residents to explore options for repurposing, recycling, or donating them.” In addition to household junk pickups, residents can schedule separate appointments for appliances or electronic waste. Special instructions apply to the placement of these items, which should not be included in household junk piles. For more information, visit the city website at, <https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/public-works/recycling-solid-waste>. ★

City of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of Sacramento received \$13.4 million to settle its lawsuit alleging non-compliant work and fraudulent billing on the Accelerated Water Meter Program, the city’s initiative to comply with a state requirement that all urban homes and businesses have water meters by 2025. Under the settlement, the largest in city history, Teichert Construction paid \$7.5 million and the city’s construction managers, Psomas and TRC Companies, Inc., paid \$5.9 million. “Sacramentans won’t be deprived of materials and services they paid for,” said City Attorney Susana

Alcala Wood. “The meters accurately track water use but the longevity and durability of the infrastructure supporting them remains in question. This settlement protects ratepayers by providing funds to offset replacement and repair costs, which will come sooner than intended.” In its lawsuit, the city contends Teichert used improper construction materials and methods, that its work did not meet contract specifications, and that Teichert billed the city for materials and labor not used in the course of installing approximately 13,000 water meters in South Land Park, Tradewinds, North Sacramento, Meadowview, Golf Course Terrace, and Lemon Hill.

A comprehensive city investigation into Teichert’s work on the Accelerated Water Meter Program found a large volume of non-compliant work, including not installing special equipment designed to hold meters in place, backfilling excavations with unapproved materials and using plastic pipe instead of copper pipe. Teichert refused to correct its defective work and honor its warranties, necessitating the city’s lawsuit. While not parties to the litigation, the city’s construction managers, Psomas and TRC, participated in this settlement solution based on the city’s contention that their actions contributed to its damages. ★

Newsom Names Appointees

Office of Gov. Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom announced the following appointments. **Kate Hoit**, of Sacramento, has been appointed Deputy Secretary of Communications at the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Hoit has been the PACT Act Enterprise Program Management Office Communications and Outreach Lead at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs since 2023. She was a Communications Lead in the Veteran Experience Office, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from 2021 to 2023. Hoit was the California State Director at the Vet Voice Foundation from 2018 to 2021. She was the Military Marketing Manager at National University from 2017 to 2018. Hoit was the Director of Content and Communications at Got Your 6 from 2014 to 2017. She was a Public Affairs Specialist at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from 2011 to 2014. Hoit served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 2001 to 2009. She is a Pat Tillman Scholar and a member of the Truman National Security Project. She earned her Master of the Arts Degree in Non-Fiction Writing from Johns Hopkins University, and a Bachelor of the Arts in Journalism from the University at Albany, State University of New York. This position does not require Senate

confirmation, and the compensation is \$154,860. Hoit is a Democrat. **Karen Morrison**, of Sacramento, has been appointed Director at the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Morrison has held multiple positions at the Department of Pesticide Regulation since 2018, including Chief Deputy Director and Science Advisor since 2022, Assistant Director and Chief Science Advisor from 2019 to 2022, and Environmental Program Manager and Science and Policy Advisor from 2018 to 2019. She was a Senior Environmental Scientist and Policy Advisor at the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery from 2014 to 2018. Morrison was a Science and Technology Policy Fellow at the California Council on Science and Technology from 2013 to 2014. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Chemistry from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, and she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Harvey Mudd College. This position requires Senate confirmation, and compensation is \$213,651. Morrison is registered without party preference. **Ed Perez**, of Sacramento, has been appointed to the Physician Assistant Board. Perez was a manager at Labor Relations and Performance Management, California Department of Water Resources from 2019 to 2024. He was a Labor Relations Specialist,

Department of Water Resources from 2015 to 2019. Perez was a Labor Relations Specialist & Labor Relations Analyst at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 2013 to 2015. This position does not require Senate confirmation, and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Perez is a Democrat. **Khalil “KC” Mohseni**, of Sacramento, has been appointed Commissioner of the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, where he has been the Chief Deputy Director since 2023. Mohseni was the Chief Operating Officer at the State Controller's Office from 2022 to 2023. He was the Deputy Director of Administration at the California Department of Housing and Community Development from 2020 to 2022. Mohseni was a Project Director of Business at the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency from 2018 to 2019. He was the Chief Fiscal officer at the Board of State and Community Corrections from 2015 to 2018. Mohseni earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine. This position requires Senate confirmation, and the compensation is \$224,868. Mohseni is registered without party preference. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Jazzercise Open House Feb. 22-23
Promenade Jazzercise Studio will host an open house from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23. Along with sign-up specials, refreshments and door prizes, visitors can sample class formats including Power Sculpt and Cardio Sculpt. Bring light hand-held weights and an exercise mat. Promenade Jazzercise Studio is at 7485 Rush River Drive Ste. 630 (next to Device and Goodwill). For more information, call 916-410-8651 or visit jazzercise.com.

Area Museums Offer Plenty of Experiences
Must-see and must-do experiences and special activations offered by local museums include the following: **California Automobile Museum** – Take a ride in a museum car during Sunday Drives, the third Sunday of

every month.. With paid museum admission, take a ride from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Details at calautomuseum.org/ **California State Railroad Museum**—The Chinese Railroad Workers’ Experience offers visitors a view of the Chinese workers who built the western portion of the nation’s first Transcontinental Railroad. Details at californiarailroad.museum/. **Elks Lodge Calendar of Events**
Elk’s Lodge Sunday Breakfast, 8:30 am-11 am every Sunday; \$15 tax included. Best deal in town.
Yoga, Monday 12 pm, Wednesday 3:30 pm. Lodge members free.
Martial Arts, Monday 5 pm
Pickleball, Mon., Wed. 9a-12p, Thur. 4:30-7:30p, Sun. 4-7p.
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Stage Nine Welcomes Voice of Minnie Mouse on March 8

Stage Nine Entertainment News Release

OLD SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Coinciding with Women’s History Month, Stage Nine Entertainment is excited to welcome Disney’s Kaitlyn Robock, the voice of Minnie Mouse, along with eight “leading ladies” of Disney Fine Art, for a fun and free community event on Saturday, March 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is Robrock’s first visit to Stage Nine at the Old Sacramento Waterfront



Image is of an original by Elena Penkova, courtesy of Disney Fine Art, by Collectors Editions

and she will be joined by talented artists that include Michelle St. Laurent, Liana Hee, Jennifer Lanna,

Heather Edwards, Elena Penkova, Denyse Klette, Arienne Boley and Jean Salvatore. Leading up to the event, the “leading lady” artists will each paint their favorite woman character, heroine, villainess, etc. from Disney and Pixar Films that will be on display and available for purchase. Also, all eight will paint Minnie Mouse, in their own unique way, representing differing styles, all of which will be available in a collage print that can be purchased and

signed by all eight artists and the voice of Minnie Mouse. For the one-day public event on March 8, the special guests will be available for storytelling, meet & greet opportunities, and autograph signings on-site at Stage Nine. The pioneering “leading ladies” will be located throughout The Vault on the store’s main level and downstairs in The Underground Vault as well. Plus, special artifacts of pioneering women throughout Disney and

Pixar Films history will be on limited-time display for the weekend in The Underground Vault, many of whom paved the path and inspired future generations of artists. Stage Nine Entertainment is well known as the area’s premier entertainment retail destination that showcases approximately 20,000 unique items related to movies, television, toys and pop culture. Stage Nine is well known for hosting retail events attended by

celebrities, artists, and entertainers. Plus, the on-site art gallery The Vault, is California’s #1 independently owned retailer of Disney Fine Art. Located in a building known as “What Cheer House” at the corner of Front & K Streets (102 K St.) at the Old Sacramento Waterfront, the Stage Nine retail stores are open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information about this special event, call 916-447-3623 or visit www.stagenine.com. ★

Free Museum Weekend Returning in March

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and Courts Building, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento California State Railroad Museum, 125 I St., Sacramento
Capitol Park at California State Capitol Museum, 1315 10th St., Sacramento
Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sacramento
Don & June Salvatori California Pharmacy Museum, 4030 Lennane Drive, Sacramento
Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park, 800 N St., Sacramento
Locke Boarding House Museum, 13916 Main St., Locke
Maidu Museum & Historic Site, 1970 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville
Museum of Medical History, 5380 Elvas Ave., Sacramento
Roseville Utility Exploration Center, 1501 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville
Sacramento Historic City Cemetery,

Enter on Broadway at 10th St., Sacramento
Sacramento History Museum, 101 I St., Old Sacramento
Sacramento Regional Fire Museum, 3650 Industrial Blvd., West Sacramento
SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity, 400 Jibboom St., Sacramento
Sojourner Truth African Heritage Museum, 2251 Florin Road, South Sacramento
State Indian Museum, 2618 K St., Midtown Sacramento
Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, 2701 L St., Midtown Sacramento
Verge Center for the Arts, 625 S St., Downtown Sacramento.
All participating museums will be open at 10 a.m. both days and the last entry is one hour prior to museum closing time (which could differ slightly by museum). Free tickets are available only for regular admission during March 1-2, 2025. ★

Fairytale Town Celebrates Read Across America

Fairytale Town News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Children and their families can enjoy a day of literacy-inspired fun at Fairytale Town's Read Across America Day Celebration event on Sunday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Fairytale Town’s Story Center will be buzzing with literacy-based fun and hands-on activities and crafts, and families can stop by the Mother Goose Stage for a unique nonstop reading of cherished children’s books. Ignite young imaginations through the magic of books at Fairytale Town's Read Across America Day Celebration. The Read Across America Day Celebration is free with paid park



admission. Admission is \$10 for adults and children ages two and older. Children under two are free. Fairytale Town’s Read Across America Day Celebration is sponsored by South Sutter Charter School. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit Fairytale Town’s website at <https://www.fairytaletown.org>. ★

200 Years of Fashion Exhibit at Sac City

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hydraulic lifts enabling various heights for cutting fabric, making patterns, and sewing; and software that designs two- and three-dimensional patterns, although students also learn the craft by hand first. This is a far cry from your great-grandmother’s treadle sewing machine. Giovannetti says, “The curriculum was drafted to match two worlds, fashion and costume, and the goal is for our students to get a job in their chosen field after they leave us.” The exhibit will feature men’s, women’s and children’s garments from between 1770 and 1970. From the earliest, a child’s doublet, to swimsuits from a California manufacturer, including a men’s wool onesie from the early twentieth century; to a velvet opera coat, late 1880’s wedding gown, the finery of beaded capelets and dresses, corsets, crinolines, dusters and much more. Research has been conducted on all the garments being shown for accuracy



Historic swimwear is included in the Sac City College retrospective that spans 200 years of fashion.



A 1960s coat made from paper is part of the 200 years of fashion exhibit at Sac City College.

in dating. Technological innovations advanced the progression of fashion over the last 200 years from the needle for hand sewing to the spinning wheel and sewing machine. Fashion eras can be seen throughout the displays from floor-length hoop skirts and bustles to slimmer silhouettes and ultimately rising hemlines. Hustle your bustle to the Sac City Joan Didion

Learning Resource Center for a fun and eye-catching 200 years of fashion exhibit where I am sure a leg-of-mutton sleeve will be making an appearance. The exhibit, located on the third floor of the Joan Didion Learning Resource Center, is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sunday and Holidays. On Campus parking is \$2 daily. ★



An exhibit at Sac City College, opening on March 3, will display a collection of amazing garments in a retrospective that spans 200 years of fashion.



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Ranadivé to Keynote State of Downtown Event Feb. 25

Downtown Sacramento Partnership News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Produced by Downtown Sacramento Partnership and presented by Kaiser Permanente, the annual State of Downtown breakfast will take place from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25 at SAFE Credit Union Convention Center.

This landmark event welcomes speakers that include Mayor Kevin McCarty, Sacramento State University President Dr. Luke Wood, Athletics Interim President Sandy Dean, and Downtown Sacramento Partnership Executive Director Michael Ault.

Kings Owner and Chairman Vivek Ranadivé will deliver a special keynote presentation.

This year’s theme, “Progress Through Partnership,” continues the story set forth at last year’s event that defined the vision and goals for downtown’s future. The focus now shifts to laying out the framework for achieving that vision, emphasizing the collaborative efforts that drive meaningful change, even in unpredictable times.

“Uncertainty is an opportunity for us to define what comes next,” said Michael Ault, executive director of Downtown Sacramento Partnership. “We want history to reflect that despite financial constraints and the weight of complex social challenges, we rose to the occasion as a united front. This is about setting future generations up for success.”

As the owner and chairman of the Sacramento Kings, Vivek Ranadivé has been a driving force behind the revitalization of downtown Sacramento, highlighted by the development of the Golden 1 Center. He will share his insights on the power of community collaboration and his vision for strengthening Sacramento’s position as a premier sports and entertainment destination.

The State of Downtown will feature the annual JVance Stewart Award for Community Service, recognizing individuals and organizations passionate about improving the quality of life in downtown



Vivek Ranadivé is owner and chairman of the Sacramento Kings. Photo courtesy of Downtown Sacramento Partnership

through service. Attendees will also hear from key downtown stakeholders including Kaiser Permanente, Sacramento Kings and SMUD.

The 2025 State of Downtown program is presented by Kaiser Permanente and sponsored by Sacramento Kings, SMUD, Tsakopoulos Investments, the Athletics, Stantec, Dignity Health, CBRE, Golden 1 Credit Union, Sutter Health, MarketOne, SAFE Credit Union, Delfino Madden O’Malley Coyle & Koewler, Hensel Phelps, LDK Ventures, F&M Bank, Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce, Colliers, California State University Sacramento, KFBK News Radio, Sactown Magazine and Comstock’s Magazine.

For more information about the State of Downtown, go to downtownsac.org/downtown-sac-experiences/state-of-downtown. ★

Museum Exhibit Honors WWII Women Veterans

California Museum News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Museum is pleased to announce the opening of “Our War Too: Women in Service”, a groundbreaking special exhibit from The National WWII Museum honoring the nearly 350,000 American women who answered the call to serve their country during World War II.

On view at the California Museum from Feb. 4 to May 5, the exhibit explores these brave servicewomen’s efforts, struggles, and accomplishments, the impacts of which extend into the present day. The popular and historical narrative of American women during World War II has often focused on those who worked on the home front, while stories of women who volunteered for vital roles in the uniformed services have been largely underrecognized.

This exhibit salutes the hundreds of thousands of women who served in the women’s component branches of the US Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps, and with the civilian Women Airforce Service Pilots, as well as the additional 73,000 women who served in the Army and the Navy Nurse Corps.

“Our War Too” is unique because it presents a history that isn’t often told,” said the exhibit’s curator, Kimberly Guise, Senior Curator and Director of Curatorial Affairs at The National WWII Museum. “We are proud to be able



to share the stories of these women and how their valuable military service opened doors for the many women who came after them. I hope visitors learn something new and see something unexpected, and I hope young women in particular feel empowered by the women they see represented in this exhibit.”

The exhibit features over 200 unique and colorful artifacts from The National WWII Museum’s collection that highlight the personal stories and motivations of individual servicewomen. The exhibit’s digital elements include an interactive scrapbook that allows visitors to explore wartime albums and memory books curated by women to remember their time in service. Film pieces examine women’s service in the war and their legacy today, featuring interviews with women who served in the footsteps of WWII volunteers.

A standout feature of the exhibit is the interactive video stations, where cutting-edge AI technology enables visitors to hear from three WWII

servicewomen in their own words. Stations feature “We Were There” interactive biographies of: Romay Johnson Davis, a Women’s Army Corps driver in the segregated African American 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion; Virginia Leeman Wilterdink, a US Army nurse with the 314th General Hospital Unit; and SPAR Florence Smith, a baker for the US Coast Guard Women’s Reserve. “We Were There” allows guests to converse with these women, drawing from extensive interviews about their lives and war-time experiences.

The California Museum, home of the California Hall of Fame, focuses on the state’s rich history, its diversity and its unique influence on the world of ideas, innovation, art and culture. Located at 1020 O St. in the March Fong Eu Secretary of State complex, the Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$8-\$10. Plan a visit at CaliforniaMuseum.org. ★



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Use Your Library Card to Reach Goals

Sacramento Public Library News Releases

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - If you're losing steam on your New Year's resolution or need fresh inspiration to kick-start your goals, your library card will come in handy.

Library-goers can browse the library's catalog for books and materials, and also have free access to a wide range of digital resources including videos, tutorials and apps.

For example, the online Craftsy has video courses on healthy cooking and eating and a full collection of fitness classes on stress management, sleep, supporting immunity, and exercise for all fitness levels.

Get Healthy U TV is a newer addition to Hoopla BingePasses and includes a diverse range of workouts for all fitness levels including yoga, circuit training, kickboxing, and barre.

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History Museum Offers Exciting Ways to Celebrate Black History Month

Sacramento History Museum News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento History Museum officials are excited to offer two engaging ways for the community to celebrate Black History Month: by experiencing a limited-time exhibit of triumph and by enjoying a lively night of Sacramento jazz and blues blended with Black history.

In proud partnership with the Sojourner Truth African Heritage Museum, the Sacramento History Museum has a special exhibit on display, "A History of African American Educators," through March 30.

The culturally-rich exhibit features two 19th-century teachers who prevailed against racial discrimination by breaking down discriminatory barriers to equal education. The exhibit provides a unique opportunity for visitors to experience what it might have felt like sitting in an early 20th-century classroom, to discover the challenges of segregated schools, and to learn about the triumphs of educators. The educators include Elizabeth Thorn Scott Flood and Sarah Mildred Jones, who broke barriers to provide free public education to all ages and races. This limited-time exhibit is included with museum admission.

To close out Black History Month, the



Here is part of the Sacramento History Museum Black History exhibit. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento History Museum

Sacramento History Museum will present "The West End Blues," a night of entertainment from the Harley White Jr. Orchestra, offering a blend of history and

music. The event is from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 27. Guests will enjoy the sounds of big-band jazz, setting the stage for a journey into Sacramento's West End.

In addition to the powerful music, Sacramento historian William Burg will weave in captivating tales from the lost neighborhood, bringing the stories of its vibrant community to life. With a mix of live music, captivating narratives and historic photos, "The West End Blues" event will highlight the triumphs, struggles and untold stories of Sacramentans who have faded from memory.

"The West End Blues" tickets cost \$50 for adults; \$35 for members and \$35 for youth (under 21) and include appetizers and nonalcoholic drinks plus adults (ages 21-plus) will receive two free drink tickets for wine. Tickets are limited and available at sachistorymuseum.org/events/a-sacramento-jazz-story-west-end-blues.

The Sacramento History Museum, located at 101 I St., Old Sacramento, is managed by the Sacramento History Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to making Sacramento's history accessible to all. In partnership with the City and County of Sacramento, the Sacramento History Alliance operates the Sacramento History Museum and its programs, including the Underground Tours, educational school programs and community cultural events.

For more information about the Sacramento History Museum and/or the Sacramento History Alliance, visit SacHistoryMuseum.org. ★

Bike and Pedestrian Safety Grant Awarded to County

Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Thanks to a new \$188,000 grant awarded to the Prevention and Early Intervention Department at the Sacramento County Office of Education by the California Office of Traffic Safety, students at seven middle school campuses across Sacramento County will lead program activities to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety.

"The safety of people walking and biking on our roads is a top priority for our office," California Office of Traffic Safety Director Stephanie Dougherty said. "Everyone moves, and not always by car. It's important that we invest in efforts to protect people walking,

biking, and rolling that help establish a strong traffic safety culture where everyone on California roads can travel to and from places safely."

The Sacramento County Office of Education has been a recipient of this grant since 2015 and looks forward to continuing the important countywide project. The goal is to help middle school youth develop attitudes and habits that promote lifelong traffic safety values, building a foundation that helps students make safe decisions when they become teen drivers. Working with Safety Center Incorporated and other community partners, the county Office of Education will use the grant to increase bicycle helmet compliance for youth (ages 5 to 18).



The Sacramento County Office of Education received grant funding to provide middle schoolers with program activities to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

Funding for the grant comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and runs through this September.

Students will complete a pre- and

post-observational survey, identify safety concerns in their school community and advocate for changes to be made. They will also educate their peers and families

about bicycle and pedestrian safety and helmet use through school-based activities, contests, public service announcements, social media posts, newsletters and the distribution of safety equipment.

School sites will also receive crossing guard kits, including stop signs, electronic whistles, sandwich board signs and reflective vests.

The Sacramento County Office of Education's Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program is a comprehensive safety program that teaches valuable skills for all types of road users. It includes classroom education, community-based presentations and workshops, plus the distribution and proper fitting of bicycle helmets for students and families in need.

Bike "rodeos" and family

events at Safety Center in Sacramento will encourage safe riding skills. Walking field trips and on-foot safety trainings will also be conducted, allowing students to practice safe habits with adult supervision.

The Sacramento County Office of Education and its partners have seen positive results from the safety education efforts. Last school year, classroom and community presentations reached more than 900 individuals. The program distributed more than 225 helmets at seven participating schools and community events, and more than 100 students participated in on-foot safety trainings. Survey results also demonstrated that the number of students wearing bicycle helmets at school sites increased as did safe walking practices. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Well, the all-star break is upon us, and if ever there is a time of reflection needed for Sacramento Kings fans, the time is now.

A beloved member of the Kings family is no longer with the team, and there are some fans that are simply not getting over it. For others, they understand that at the end of the day, the NBA is a monstrous business, and even the most electric of players at times, must be moved for the good of the franchise.

Make no mistake about it, Zach Lavine is no slouch, and he may not be as fast as DeAaron Fox, but this former all-star has game.

Zach has already impressed fans with his mid-range game, and as his 3-point prowess kicks in, Sacramento fans will get a look at the true foray of talent that this baller has to offer.

The acquisition of Jonas Valanciunas is not only welcome, it is long overdue. I have been writing about this big man for over a year, and my only consternation is why he wasn't acquired over the off season when he was available?

Valanciunas will prove his value as the Kings strive to come down the home stretch healthy, and with a team that is just now finding its rhythm.

Amazingly, as the newly assembled Kings have yet to have a single practice with the bevy of new players and that includes newcomer Markelle Fultz. Markelle was drafted No. 1 overall in the 2017 draft, ahead of players like Jason Tatum, Donovan Mitchell, and yes, Sacramento's former point guard DeAaron Fox. Ironic, I would say so, but the NBA is a league of second chances, and if anyone ever needed one, it's Markelle Fultz.

After a storied college career with the Washington Huskies, Markelle leaped to the front of the class and was drafted No. 1 overall by the Philadelphia 76ers. Sadly, his NBA career would get off to an abysmal start, as he suffered a debilitating shoulder injury and the 76ers gave up on their No. 1 pick. Fultz was traded to Orlando Magic but after 5 uneventful and injury riddled seasons, the Magic did not resign Markelle.

I smiled from ear to ear when I heard that Markelle was quoted as saying on his signing with the Kings, "I haven't felt this good since I came into the league. I never had the opportunity to take my time and get healthy, so being able to do that last summer has been great for me. I'm super excited for this opportunity and I'm thankful for it."

I love hearing that kind of talk, and just as the Kings have had No. 1 draft choice busts in the past, perhaps a real opportunity to turn back the clock has finally come their way.

Our starting five is full of talent, but with departure of Alex Len, Kevin Huerter, Jordan McLaughlin, Jalen McDaniels, and most recently Colby Jones, the real question has been the quality and depth of the bench.

Recently acquired Jake LaRavia and Jonas Valanciunas will bring a sturdier presence to front line, and with a healthy Markelle Fultz coming off the bench to give malik Monk some much-needed rest, it's entirely possible the Kings bench is in its best posture all season.

Isaac Jones remains a diamond in the rough, and I'm hopeful coach Christie hasn't lost sight of him. Dynamic, athletic, and able to jump out of the gym, Issac is in his rookie season, and has still to get anything resembling a real shot at playing time. Don't miss on this guy, because I see an enormous upside, and just as we've seen Keon Ellis rise to new heights, so can Isaac Jones.

So, imagine Valanciunas, Keon Ellis, LaRavia, Fultz, Trey Lyles, and Isaac Jones as the key bench players, with Devin Carter and Doug McDermott in the wings. I believe this is overall the strongest bench the Kings have had in the past three seasons, so hold onto your seats Kings fans, because it's just possible the fun has just begun.

There are stories yet to be written, and it's my hope that players like Markelle Fultz and Isaac Jones will soon take center stage!

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Enjoy the home stretch Kings fans, it could be a real barn burner!

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

Social Security Matters

About Claiming Social Security when I have a Health Savings Account (HSA)



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have reached my full retirement age (66 plus 8 months) and plan to apply for Social Security this month, but I've seen articles which say that when I apply, I must also take Medicare Part A. This, even though I am continuing to work and am covered by my employer's health insurance (a high deductible plan). I contribute bi-weekly into an HSA (Heath Savings Account). I've read that Medicare back dates Part A coverage by 6 months, which suggests I would have had to stop contributing to my HSA six months ago. If this is true, will I need to pay penalties and such to the IRS? I'm not able to find anything else about this topic, and I'm wondering what you might have to say. I have my wife and two children on my employer's HDHP. We contribute \$6,000 annually to our HSA and my employer contributes \$1,250 on January 1st each year. We can live

without the HSA, but the taxes and IRS penalties concern me. Signed: Wanting to Claim SS (but concerned)

Dear Wanting to Claim: I'm afraid that what you've read is correct – it is mandatory for you to take Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) when receiving Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare Part A is free to you, and even though you are still covered under your employer's creditable high deductible healthcare plan and can delay taking Medicare Part B, you must take Medicare Part A to collect Social Security after 65. Medicare and your employer's plan will coordinate healthcare benefit payments.

That does, however, also mean your Health Savings Account (HSA) will be affected because, as you have found, Medicare will backdate your Part A coverage by 6 months. And because Part A is not a high deductible plan (a requirement for HSA), any contributions you make after the effective date of Part A will be subject to an IRS penalty, and your HSA contributions won't be considered tax-exempt. This will mean the IRS will likely assess a 6% excise tax on any contributions made after your Part A effective date, and you'll need to pay income tax on those

contributions.

What you may wish to consider is stopping your HSA contributions now and waiting an additional six months or so to claim your Social Security benefits (to get beyond the HSA penalty phase). This would have the advantage of avoiding the IRS penalty on your HSA contributions and would also increase your Social Security benefit due to Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). You earn DRCs at the rate of .677% for each month beyond your FRA that you wait to claim, which means an SS benefit about 4% higher if you wait six months longer to claim SS.

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A 1995 California Court Ruling That Restored Immigrant Rights Could Backfire Now



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has the nation's largest population of undocumented immigrants with roughly 1.8 million people. Over the last three decades, Californians' attitudes about that fact have undergone an astonishing swing.

Hostility reached a peak in the early 1990s, demonstrated by passage of Proposition 187 in 1994 by a 3-2 margin. The measure would have required police to check the legal status of people they encountered and barred public services, including education, to those who could not prove citizenship or legal residency.

It was the centerpiece of Republican Gov. Pete Wilson's campaign for a second term, contending that undocumented people were overwhelming the state's budget.

However, support for a crackdown was not confined to GOP voters. Not only did many Democrats — then as now the largest bloc of voters — vote for the measure, but a Legislature dominated by Democrats passed anti-immigrant laws, such banning driver's licenses.

Soon, however, public sentiment and the political atmosphere began to change. Undocumented immigrants and their advocates scored a big win a year after Prop. 187's passage when federal Judge Marianna Pfaelzer

ruled that the measure violated the federal government's exclusive power to regulate immigration.

"The California voters' overwhelming approval of Proposition 187 reflects their justifiable frustration with the federal government's inability to enforce the immigration laws effectively," she wrote at the time. "No matter how serious the problem may be, however, the authority to regulate immigration belongs exclusively to the federal government and state agencies are not permitted to assume that authority. The state is powerless to enact its own scheme to regulate immigration or to devise immigration regulations which run parallel to or purport to supplement the federal immigration laws."

A few years later, after Democrat Gray Davis succeeded Wilson, the state abandoned an appeal of Pfaelzer's ruling. In subsequent years the Legislature repealed other laws, such as the one on driver's licenses, and has done whatever it could to treat undocumented immigrants as if they were legal residents, such as expanding health care benefits.

When Donald Trump was elected president in 2016 and promised a crackdown on illegal immigration, California reacted with legislation to make it more difficult for federal immigration authorities to capture and deport undocumented Californians.

The most important was Senate Bill 54, introduced a month after Trump won the election. Dubbed the California Values Act, it essentially bars California police from aiding in any way federal efforts to identify and deport undocumented immigrants.

SB 54 survived one court challenge but Trump is once again in the White House, declaring his intention to rid the nation of undocumented immigrants, and is taking aim at California and other states with sanctuary laws.

The U.S. Department of Justice has filed suit to overturn Illinois laws quite similar to California's SB 54, and its contention in the Illinois suit could — with great irony — convert the federal court decision against Prop. 187 three decades ago into a hammer to smash SB 54. If California was illegally interfering with the federal government's exclusive power over immigration in Prop. 187, the suit implies, sanctuary laws also interfere with that power.

The 23-page complaint, filed in federal court in Chicago, alleges that Illinois laws "have the purpose and effect of making it more difficult for, and deliberately impeding, federal immigration officers' ability to carry out their responsibilities in those jurisdictions."

California officials are aware that the Illinois suit will not be the only challenge to local and state laws meant to protect undocumented immigrants.

Were the Illinois suit's argument to prevail, the situation in California could come full circle. A legal principle that protected California's immigrants from Prop. 187 in 1995 might make identifying and deporting them easier in 2025.

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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Library Helps Teens Shine on Prom Night

Sacramento Public Library News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Starting Feb. 15, Sacramento Public Library is hosting 17 free prom giveaway events across the region.

Teens ages 13 to 19 can browse the library's free formalwear collection and

take home an outfit to keep for their special night.

More than 900 teens benefited from the library's prom giveaways last year.

Formalwear, including gently-worn jackets, ties, dresses, shoes and accessories in a variety of styles and sizes, were donated by community members.

Upcoming prom

giveaway events include March 6 at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library and March 8 at Arden-Dimick Library, Fair Oaks Library and Belle Cooledge Library.

On March 13, the event will be at North Natomas Library, followed by March 14 at Walnut Grove Library. The event will also

be at Walnut Grove Library and Rio Linda Library on March 15.

On March 22, the prom giveaway event will be at Rancho Cordova Library, Valley Hi-North Laguna Library, South Natomas Library and Orangevale Library.

March 29 will feature prom giveaway events at



The Sacramento Public Library is hosting 17 free prom giveaway events across the region. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Public Library

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The final giveaways will be on April 5 at Sylvan

Oaks Library and on April 19 at Arcade Library.

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City Hosting a Small-Scale Development Workshop

City of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of Sacramento is partnering with PLACE Initiative and the Incremental Development Alliance to pilot a Small Developer Incubator Program. A full-day workshop on the program is scheduled for March 8 and registration is now open.

The goals of the Small Developer Incubator Program are to create a network of developers and contractors who are invested in the economic health of local Sacramento neighborhoods and build local capacity to develop smaller-scale housing solutions using missing middle

housing concepts, design/zoning supports, and financing.

City of Sacramento staff introduced the Small Developer Incubator pilot program at a lecture on Feb 5. Lecture attendees also received a presentation from the Incremental Development Alliance and learned about how everyday people can get involved in small-scale real estate development or support and build local capacity for such projects in their neighborhoods and cities. If you missed the lecture or would like to dive deeper into the topic, you can access a free course on the topic through this website, <https://academy.strongtowns.org/p/>

incremental-development-alliance.

The next step in the process is a full-day program workshop taking place on March 8. The City of Sacramento invites you to register for the workshop to continue learning about real estate and community development. This full-day, in-person workshop will provide deeper insights and hands-on experience in the world of small-scale development.

The workshop is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Oak Park Community Center, 3425 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Sacramento. Registration for the event can be accomplished through the program website at www.incrementaldevelopment.org/events/sacramento-workshop.



The City of Sacramento is presenting a full-day workshop on the Small Developer Incubator Program on March 8. Photo courtesy of City of Sacramento

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City Council Approves R Street Development



Here is an architectural rendering of the mixed-use affordable housing project planned at 805 R St. Photo courtesy of Capitol Area Development Authority

City of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) – ON FEB. 4, THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL APPROVED \$3.3 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR A MIXED-use affordable housing project with 241 units on state excess property at 805 R Street.

The Monarch Project, a five-story affordable housing development led by the Capitol Area Development Authority and Mutual Housing California, will transform a former State of California storage warehouse into housing within the R Street Corridor in downtown Sacramento.

The development will offer studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments for low-income households earning between 30% and 70% of the area median income. Twenty units will be designated for people experiencing homelessness

or at risk of homelessness.

“The Monarch Project expands affordable housing in Sacramento while bringing new economic and creative opportunities to the R Street Corridor,” added the City’s Housing Manager Ya-yin Isle.

In addition to housing, the project will include 3,428 square feet of commercial space for art-related or neighborhood-serving businesses and 16,369 square feet of private and public outdoor areas.

“The Monarch Project is an important step in addressing Sacramento’s housing needs, creating safe and stable homes while contributing to the vibrancy of the R Street Corridor,” said Councilmember Phil Pluckebaum, who represents the district. “I’m proud to support this investment in affordable

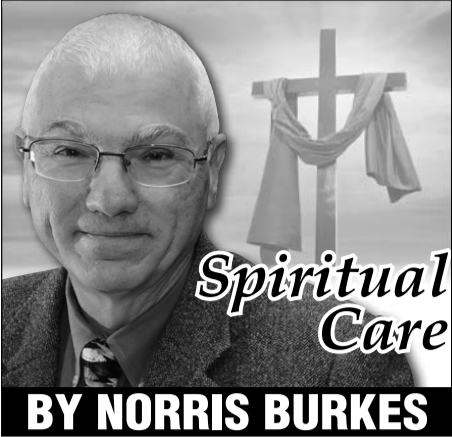
housing. Turning underutilized land into a thriving, mixed-use development is essential to building a stronger, more inclusive community.”

Planned amenities include an exercise studio, event courtyard, private resident courtyard, small corner plaza, laundry rooms on each floor, bicycle racks and vehicle parking at the ground level.

The city’s investment will support predevelopment and construction costs for the project, including \$3 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and \$300,000 in State Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 4 funds.

The development is expected to be completed in spring 2027, with marketing efforts focused on local Sacramento artists in need of affordable housing. ★

Chaplain Gets a Clint Eastwood Lesson



OK, folks, today I’m asking for your best Clint Eastwood impression by repeating these words aloud: “A man’s gotta know his limitations.”

If Eastwood was doing his portrayal of “Dirty Harry,” today, he’d need to be more inclusive. “Everyone’s gotta know their limitations.”

Nonetheless, the maxim still gives solid guidance. However, it’s advice I neglected 15 years ago when I was deployed to an undisclosed location far out onto the sand dunes.

It was a blisteringly hot afternoon when I decided to take a stroll toward our perimeter defenses in hopes of making a morale visit with our Security Forces personnel.

As I walked into their camp, I found a group of cops anxiously unpacking ammunition boxes.

“What’s up, guys?” I asked, a little short of situational awareness.

“We’re a little too busy to chat, Chaplain,” said a perturbed sergeant.

I must have looked a little hurt because their lieutenant appealed me with an explanation.

“Intel reports suggest an attack tonight, so we need to load ammunition magazines for our M-16s.”

“In that case, you’ll need all the help you can get,” I said.

“Agreed,” said an airman offering me a stool and a short tutorial on handling ammunition.

Gratefully, I was soon multitasking — loading magazines and facilitating the chat session I’d come for. I was a happy chappy talking with folks about food, families and weather.

After about 20 minutes, I heard someone loudly clearing their throat. I turned around to see an orange-vested officer standing on our perimeter.

“Chaplain, just what the hell do you think

you’re doing?” he demanded. “Morale visit, Sir. Just chatting up our cops.”

“I mean with your hands!” he said pointing to the magazine I was loading.

Note: This is the moment where I disclose my previously undisclosed location – on the dunes of Malabar, Florida. This was a military exercise, a dress rehearsal for combat.

The irritated officer was an inspector. “Captain Burkles,” he growled. “You KNOW chaplains are non-combatants and forbidden by the Geneva Convention to have anything to do with weapons — most especially during an inspection.”

Wowzer, I can tell you that a superior addressing a chaplain by rank is like hearing your mom using your middle name.

He was right, of course. Chaplains who violate this rule in a real deployment are subject to court martial.

I knew the rule applied to guns but hadn’t given thought to magazines. Obviously I’d lost sight of my limitations.

As a military chaplain, I had to abide by certain rules of engagement that limited my religious freedoms. For instance, in addition to being unarmed, I couldn’t proselytize, nor could I bring parochial prayers to mandatory formations.

Some of my pastor colleagues balked at such restrictions. However, by knowing and accepting my limitations, I was rewarded the high honor of being present with service-members as they walked into harm’s way.

These limitations aren’t much different for many of you who carry your faith into workplaces. A teacher can’t preach to his students. An executive can’t thump her employees with biblical proclamations. A foreman can’t limit his hiring to those from his faith preference. These rules of engagement are about respect, not political correctness.

However, these limitations needn’t keep you from becoming a light in your field. The contrary is true. Keeping the rules of engagement should mean that your light shines ever brighter as it shows your esteem for co-workers.

By the way, I ran afoul of one other limitation that day. The Florida heat index shot up so high that 10 people dropped from heat exhaustion. When Slap Happy Chappy became No. 11, the orange vest yelled into his megaphone, “ENDEX.” (End Exercise.)

All together now — “A man’s gotta know his limitations!”

This column was excerpted from my book “Tell it to the Chaplain.” ★

Newsom Names Appointees to State Leadership Posts

Office of Gov. Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom announced the following appointments.

Kate Hoit, of Sacramento, has been appointed Deputy Secretary of Communications at the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Hoit has been the PACT Act Enterprise Program Management Office Communications and Outreach Lead at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs since 2023. She was a Communications Lead in the Veteran Experience Office, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from 2021 to 2023.

Hoit was the California State Director at the Vet Voice Foundation from 2018 to 2021. She was the Military Marketing Manager at National University from 2017 to 2018. Hoit was the Director of Content and Communications at Got Your 6 from 2014 to 2017. She was a Public Affairs Specialist at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from 2011 to 2014. Hoit served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 2001 to 2009. She is a Pat Tillman Scholar and a member of the Truman National Security Project.

She earned her Master of the Arts Degree in Non-Fiction Writing from Johns Hopkins University, and a Bachelor of the Arts in Journalism from the University at Albany, State University of New York. This position does not require Senate

confirmation, and the compensation is \$154,860. Hoit is a Democrat.

Karen Morrison, of Sacramento, has been appointed Director at the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Morrison has held multiple positions at the Department of Pesticide Regulation since 2018, including Chief Deputy Director and Science Advisor since 2022, Assistant Director and Chief Science Advisor from 2019 to 2022, and Environmental Program Manager and Science and Policy Advisor from 2018 to 2019. She was a Senior Environmental Scientist and Policy Advisor at the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery from 2014 to 2018. Morrison was a Science and Technology Policy Fellow at the California Council on Science and Technology from 2013 to 2014. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Chemistry from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, and she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Harvey Mudd College. This position requires Senate confirmation, and compensation is \$213,651. Morrison is registered without party preference.

Ed Perez, of Sacramento, has been appointed to the Physician Assistant Board. Perez was a manager at Labor Relations and Performance Management, California Department of Water Resources from 2019 to 2024. He was a Labor Relations Specialist,

Department of Water Resources from 2015 to 2019. Perez was a Labor Relations Specialist & Labor Relations Analyst at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 2013 to 2015.

This position does not require Senate confirmation, and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Perez is a Democrat.

Khalil “KC” Mohseni, of Sacramento, has been appointed Commissioner of the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, where he has been the Chief Deputy Director since 2023. Mohseni was the Chief Operating Officer at the State Controller’s Office from 2022 to 2023. He was the Deputy Director of Administration at the California Department of Housing and Community Development from 2020 to 2022.

Mohseni was a Project Director of Business at the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency from 2018 to 2019. He was the Chief Fiscal officer at the Board of State and Community Corrections from 2015 to 2018. Mohseni earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine.

This position requires Senate confirmation, and the compensation is \$224,868. Mohseni is registered without party preference. ★

New Light Rail Station Begins to Rise

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on the project: “For many in the community, public transit is not just an option, it is an absolute necessity. When we were building this area here, we said we would have public transit. It was almost a promise, and it is happening now.”

Sacramento Mayor Kevin McCarty added, “This station represents more than just a stop along the Blue Line; it’s about connecting our city.

Making sure people in these neighborhoods have mobility. This is one of the gateways of Sacramento, so it is critically important that we focus on improving transit for our communities and making sure we don’t have neighborhoods that are disconnected.”

SacRT Board Chair and Sacramento City Councilman Rick Jennings was the final speaker of the day.

“It’s an exciting day as we break ground on the future Dos Rios Light Rail Station,” Jennings said. “A project that represents connectivity, opportunity and progress for Sacramento.”

The SacRT website indicates that construction activities for the new Dos Rios Light Rail Station have already begun with the first task being the construction of a retaining wall at the Loaves and Fishes parking lot, adjacent to the new station site.

Construction of the new light rail station is scheduled to be completed in September 2026.

During the station construction, there will be service disruptions for Blue Line trains. However, these disruptions will be limited to a total of four



Sacramento City Council member and SacRT Board Chair Rick Jennings speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Dos Rios Light Rail Station on Feb. 19. Photo by Daniel Canfield



Sacramento Mayor Kevin McCarty speaks at the Dos Rios Light Rail Station groundbreaking event while construction activities are underway in the background

weekends throughout the construction term. For more information on Blue Line service disruptions, visit the project website, sacrt.com/dosrios.

The SacRT Board of Directors approved funding for this new station on Jan. 8, 2024.

In total, the Dos Rios Station project has secured \$42.8 million in funding from state and federal sources. This includes \$31.2 million in state funding from programs such as the Transformative Climate Communities Program (\$17.6 million), the Affordable Housing

Sustainable Communities Program (\$940,000), Senate Bill 125 funds (\$10 million), and the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (\$2.5 million).

Additionally, \$11.6 million in federal funding has been secured, including \$9.6 million from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant, \$1 million from the Fiscal Year 2024 THUD Appropriations Bill through Congressional Directed Spending, and \$1,200,313 from other local and federal sources. ★

Running for Cancer Research

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On April 21, Maria Amparo Haynes of Elk Grove is running to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 129th Boston Marathon.

Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, they will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$8.5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 36th annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge. One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team benefits Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$132 million for the Barr Program to date.



Maria Amparo Haynes of Elk Grove along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States will be running in the 2025 Boston Marathon. Photo courtesy of Pixaby

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association, which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its

members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon Men's Open Division Champion Jack Fultz, and team training runs. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are

not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been

affected by cancer.

Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment of \$10,000 for runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber and \$4,000 for runners who have obtained

their own race entry.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at 617-632-1970. ★

Pranyte Named Player of the Week



Hornet freshman Emilija Pranyte was awarded Big Sky Conference Player of the Week honors on Feb. 12, after the Hornets posted a thrilling victory over Saint Mary's. Photo courtesy of Sac State Athletics

Sacramento State University News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - An undefeated record and a historic team victory for the Sacramento State women's tennis team helped lift freshman Emilija Pranyte to Big Sky Conference Player of the Week honors on Feb. 12, after the Hornets posted a thrilling victory over Saint Mary's in their lone match of the week.

It is the first career weekly honor for Pranyte and the first for a Sacramento State student-athlete since Irene Riva earned the second award of her career on March 27 of last season.

Extending their unbeaten start to the 2025 campaign to four straight matches, the program's best since opening 4-0 in 2008, the Hornets handed the host Gaels a 4-2 defeat on Super Bowl Sunday, posting the program's first win over Saint Mary's

since a 4-3 win at home in 2011 and its first win in Moraga since a 6-0 shutout in 1992.

Pranyte played a key role in that victory, getting Sacramento State its first win of the day alongside partner Palina Saulevich in their season debut at No. 1 doubles with a 6-3 victory as the Hornets went on to clinch the doubles point for a 1-0 lead in the match.

Shortly thereafter, Pranyte put her team on the brink of victory with a 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (5), win over Juliette Daries at No. 3 singles, breaking a 2-2 tie and setting up teammate Maddy Ferreros to clinch the contest with a three-set win at No. 1 for the final score.

Pranyte's victory improved her to 2-1 in three-set singles contests this season as the Lithuanian improved to 3-1 overall in singles — playing at the No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 spots in the lineup — and 2-0 in doubles play. ★

Athletics Storming into Spring Training

By Martin Gallegos, MLB.com

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - There was a different energy as Athletics pitchers and catchers took the field at Mesa Arizona's Hohokam Stadium on Feb. 12 for the first day of spring training, one that has not been felt around these parts in quite some time.

Since the roster teardown of their previous playoff-contending team took place just before the start of the 2022 season, the A's have entered camp each spring operating in rebuild mode. This year, however, the messaging has shifted, no longer is this a rebuilding period. The A's believe they are ready to win now.

"There is definitely a higher level of expectation," manager Mark Kotsay said. "You look at the progress we made in the second half and the group that came together, that nucleus of guys, I think they've built a culture in there that they believe in each other and know that they belong."

That belief system was established over the second half of last season, when the A's finished 39-37 over their final 76 games. That second-half success led to an improvement upon their 2023 win total by 19 games (69-93), ending the year having identified a talented group of players that have solidified Major League roles such as Brent Rooker, Lawrence Butler, Mason Miller, JJ Bleday, Shea Langeliers and Zack Gelof.

Through the discovery of that core group, as well as the additions of veterans such as Luis Severino, Jeffrey Springs, José Leclerc and Gio Urshela, this spring is going to be atypical from the past few

years. Sure, there might be a couple of roster battles on the pitching side and at backup catcher. But for the most part, 2025 Spring Training is going to focus less on configuring the 26-man roster and more on sharpening up the tools for a year in which the A's expect to be in playoff contention.

"Everyone in this game wants those expectations," Kotsay said. "We haven't necessarily had those over the last [three] seasons. We've had our challenges, and we're still going to have our challenges. Our improvement of 19 games still was only 69 wins. We recognize that. We understand it's going to take a great season to improve on 69 [wins] to get to the playoffs. We're preparing ourselves for that and those are expectations that we want to have."

JP Sears certainly sensed a different vibe inside the clubhouse from his previous two springs with the A's. Whereas in the past, the room was filled with a bunch of players who were just fighting to establish themselves as big leaguers, there is now a true sense of camaraderie amongst a group that has been through the ups and downs of a Major League Baseball season together.

"The past two years of Spring Training, you kind of just came in hoping to survive at times," Sears said. "Now it feels like we can be a little bit more expecting of things. We have a lot of the same guys that have been here the last two years. The overall outlook is that we're going to be more on the attack and know we're going to be really competitive throughout the year. We're going to hang with every team and be better than a lot of teams that we face." ★

Hornet Freshman Named Player of the Week

Sacramento State University News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Feb. 12, Hornet freshman Gur Libal was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week after leading the Hornets to a 3-1 record over the previous week. That included a Big Sky season-opening road win at Portland State.

Those four matches came over a seven-day span, and the Netanya, Israel, native went 4-0 in singles play, and 3-1 in doubles. He won three of the four singles matches in straight sets, including a 7-5, 6-3 win over Portland State's Edoardo Cravanzola at No. 2.

Libal played his first match of the week at No. 3 in the singles lineup, but moved up to No.

2 for his final three matches. He played at positions 1, 2 and 3 in doubles (twice at No. 1).

At No. 3 against American River College on Feb. 5, he won his match by a 6-1, 6-4 score. He followed up that effort with a 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-3 win at No. 2 against Seattle on Feb. 7. He won in straight sets on Feb. 9 at Portland State and dropped just one game in the home-opening victory over Jessup 6-1, 6-0, on Feb. 11.

Libal played with two different doubles partners, including a 6-3 win at No. 1 in the victory over Portland State. It was that match that clinched the all-important doubles point in a 4-3 victory against the Vikings. He also won his match at No. 2 by a 6-3 score against American River, and 6-1 at No. 1 vs. Jessup. ★



Sacramento State University freshman Gur Libal was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week on Feb. 12. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State University Athletics