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From left are Jai Chahal, acting director of Capital Projects; West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero; West Sacramento Councilmember Quirina Orozco; West Sacramento Vice-Mayor Verna Sulpizio-Hull; Pierson Rohr and Deb Banks with Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates at the Sycamore Trail Overpass ribbon cutting on May 29. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

City of West Sacramento News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of West Sacramento proudly celebrated the grand opening of the Sycamore Trail Overpass on May 29, marking a major milestone in the city's vision to become one of the nation's most bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly communities. This new overpass is the first dedicated pedestrian and bicycle bridge in West Sacramento, creating a vital

connection over U.S. Highway 50. The bridge completes Phase II of the Sycamore Trail Project, which will eventually link more neighborhoods and businesses. The nearly two-mile multimodal trail now connects the northern and southern parts of the city, encouraging active transportation and a direct route to schools, sports fields and destinations previously blocked by the freeway. Featuring distinctive architectural elements, locally-sourced

construction materials and thoughtfully-designed community gathering spaces, the overpass embodies West Sacramento's commitment to sustainability and healthy living. "This overpass is more than a bridge, it's a symbol of our dedication to creating safe, accessible pathways that bring our community together. We are proud to provide our residents with infrastructure that supports health, recreation, and sustainable transportation options. The

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'Fighting Fentanyl' Event Raises Awareness

West Sacramento father holds third annual 'Fighting Fentanyl' event to spread awareness after his son's death.

By Seth Henderson

WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG) - According to the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, fentanyl deaths have decreased and 114 pounds have been removed from the streets in the past nine months. A West Sacramento father is holding his annual event "Fighting Fentanyl" to spread awareness and prevent more deaths on June 14 after losing his son to fentanyl poisoning in 2022. The awareness event will be held at Victory Outreach Church on Sacramento Avenue in West Sacramento from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., organized by Ricky Brazil, who



West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero and the River Cats' mascot Dinger pose with a memorial poster of Mason Brazil, the son of "Fighting Fentanyl" event coordinator Ricky Brazil, during the second annual event in 2024. Photo courtesy of Ricky Brazil

said he lost his 23-year-old son Mason to fentanyl poisoning. He said he has been active in the community, holding his

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Metro Chamber Applauds Bipartisan Collaboration



The Capital Caucus Foundation, a newly established nonprofit organization, is founded by the Sacramento Metro Chamber and committed to uniting leaders across the Capital Region. Graphic courtesy of the Sacramento Metro Chamber

Sacramento Metro Chamber News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Metro Chamber is proud to be a founding member of the Capital Caucus Foundation, a newly-established nonprofit organization committed to uniting leaders across the Capital Region to foster bipartisan collaboration and strengthen the region's business climate. The Capital Caucus Foundation was established to support the dedicated efforts of the Capital Caucus, a coalition of eight founding state legislators representing the Capital Region: Senator Angelique Ashby (D-Sacramento), Senator Christopher Cabaldon (D-West Sacramento), Senator Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks), Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters), Assemblymember Maggie Krell (D-Sacramento), Assemblymember Josh Hoover (R-Folsom), Assemblymember Heath Flora (R-Ripon) and Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen (D-Elk Grove).

Similar to the Metro Chamber's Public Policy Declaration of Principles, the Capital Caucus Foundation focuses on key regional issues, including flood control, infrastructure, health care, climate initiatives and economic development. By aligning efforts across public and private sectors, the Capital Caucus Foundation operates as the vehicle to support a cohesive

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Yolo County Library News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County Library invites community members of all ages to participate in its annual Summer Reading Program, running from June 1 through Aug. 15. This year's theme, Color Our World, celebrates creativity, curiosity and diversity through books, activities and special events.

All who sign up for the program can choose a free book from a selection available at their local branch library. Children ages zero to 12 who complete the program will receive another free book, a medal, and certificates for a free kid's meal at both Panda Express and Raising Cane's.

Teens ages 13 to 17 who finish the program will receive another free book and can choose between a medal or a tote bag. Adults who complete the program will receive a free book and tote bag as well.

All participants who complete the program will have the opportunity to take on a bonus challenge to earn

an additional free book. To be entered into the grand prize drawing, participants must return to their library branch and confirm completion by Aug. 15. More prizes may be available but check with your local branch for details. Prizes will be available to pick up through the end of August or while supplies last.

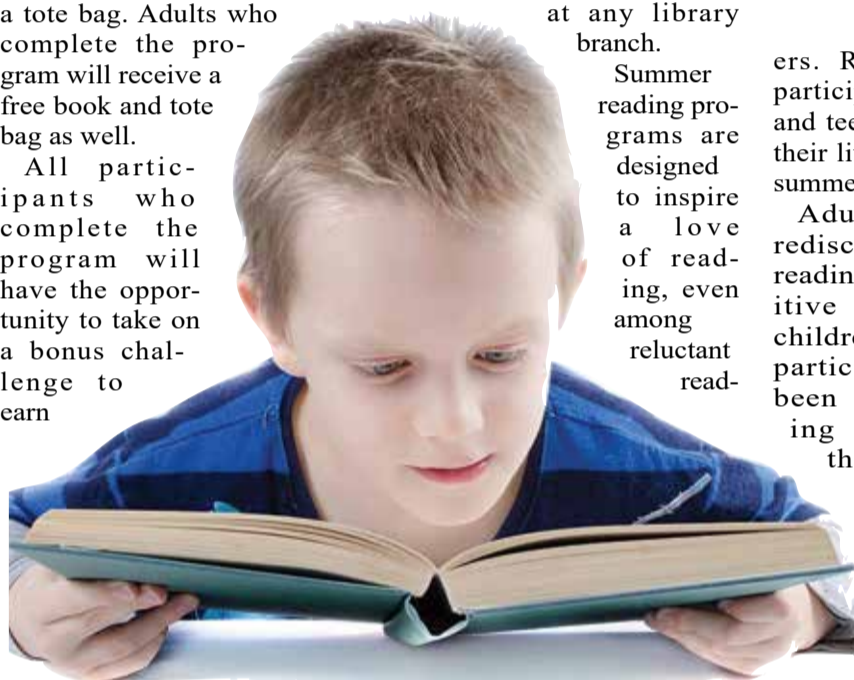
Participants are encouraged to track their reading, log minutes and complete themed activities online using the Beanstack platform on the web or via a mobile app.

Parents and caregivers can manage family participation by creating a single account to track reading for both them and their children. Instructions and sign-up information are available at YoloCountyLibrary.org/Summer. Those who prefer a non-digital option, can pick up paper gameboards at any library branch.

Summer reading programs are designed to inspire a love of reading, even among reluctant readers.



Yolo County Library invites community members of all ages to participate in its annual Summer Reading Program, running from June 1 through Aug. 15. Photo by StockSnap from Pixabay



Summer reading programs are designed to inspire a love of reading, even among reluctant readers. Photo by PublicDomainPictures from Pixabay.

Research shows that participation helps children and teens retain and improve their literacy skills during the summer months.

Adults also benefit by rediscovering the joys of reading and modeling positive reading habits for children. A 2024 program participant shared, "I've been in a bit of a reading slump lately, and the Summer Reading Program always gives me the motivation I need to get back into reading. Not to mention the super cool prizes and the three books I

can potentially get!"

Throughout the summer, the Yolo County Library will also host a range of fun and educational events at local branches. These include a variety of animal encounter programs, arts and crafts, scientific exploration and musical performances.

The summer season kicks off with the fourth Annual Trucktopia event on May 31 in West Sacramento at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library from 10 a.m. to noon. A schedule of Summer Reading Program events can be found on the library's online calendar at YoloCountyLibrary.org/Events.

The Summer Reading Program is free to the public and sponsored by the Yolo County Library Foundation, the various Friends of the Library groups, Raising Cane's, Panda Express, First 5 Yolo, the Davis Odd Fellows Lodge and the Davis Rebekah Lodge.

For more information or to sign up, visit your local Yolo County Library branch in person or online at YoloCountyLibrary.org/Summer. Connect with the Yolo County Library on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok at [@yolocountylibrary](https://www.instagram.com/yolocountylibrary). ★

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annual event to help prevent homicides caused by drugs and seeking justice for the distributors.

"The ones who are hooked on fentanyl, they can't help themselves," Ricky Brazil said. "So, we're offering a lot of resources for the families."

Ricky Brazil said this year's event is focused on finding different outlets for children, expecting a booth from Planet Fitness, where they will be handing out free summer memberships to teenagers.

A boxing club, the West Sacramento Police Department and West Sacramento Mayor Martha Guerrero are expected to attend, showing their support, as well as Yolo County District Attorney Preston Schwab. Schwab was active on Mason Brazil's case and has been working closely with Ricky Brazil "since day one."

Dignity Health will demonstrate how to administer naloxone, also known as Narcan, Ricky Brazil said. Naloxone is a nasal spray used to combat opioid overdose-related deaths, according to the California Department of Health Care Services.

The Department of Health Care Services distributes naloxone through the Naloxone Distribution Project, providing 4mg of generic naloxone nasal spray throughout California in partnership with the CalRX Naloxone Access Initiative as of May 6, according to their website.

"Now, everybody knows somebody who's passed or had a bad experience with it," Ricky Brazil said.

Starting with roughly 40 attendees at his first event in 2023, Ricky Brazil said he's

Mason Brazil, son of "Fighting Fentanyl" event coordinator Ricky Brazil, lost his life to fentanyl poisoning in 2022. Photo courtesy of Ricky Brazil

seen the crowd grow significantly in just a few years and expects hundreds of attendees at this year's event.

Expected in the lineup for food and refreshments are a barbecue held by Victory Outreach Church, Thick Vatos and Tacos, and a Chilly Willy ice cream truck.

Empower Yolo, an advocacy group against human trafficking are expected to attend along with nearly 80 hot rods, two motorcycle clubs and Dinger from the River Cats. The event will feature live music and 11 to 14 pop-up booths with different resources and everyone encouraged to come show their support, Brazil said. ★



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approach to meaningful change and long-term prosperity laser-focused on advancing this region for the better.

“Our mission has always been to unite leaders across the Capital Region to drive smart, bipartisan solutions that fuel economic growth and opportunity for our businesses and communities,” said Robert Heidt, president and CEO of the Sacramento Metro Chamber. “The launch of the Capital Caucus represents a pivotal step in ensuring our region’s unique voice is heard and acted upon at the state level.

For more information about the Capital Caucus

Foundation, visit online www.CapCaucus.com. For more information about the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, visit www.metrochamber.org.

Established in 2025, the Capital Caucus Foundation is a nonprofit corporation committed to bringing people together from the greater Capital Region to foster bipartisan collaboration and educate the public on shared regional goals. The Capital Caucus Foundation strives to amplify the region’s collective voice in a way that enhances its future. For more information, visit online www.CapCaucus.com

The Sacramento

Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce advocates for and supports the inclusive economic prosperity of the Capital Region by leading efforts for business. Established in 1895, the Metro Chamber is the largest, most prominent and established voice for business representing members and their workforce in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. The Metro Chamber leads with a collective voice that brings members together for businesses to prosper by providing the opportunity, service and solutions for a thriving regional economy. For more information, visit online www.metrochamber.org. ★

Sycamore Trail Overpass Opening Celebrated



Councilmember Quirina Orozco leads the first official crossing of the Sycamore Trail Overpass on May 29. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

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Sycamore Trail Overpass truly connects us all,” said Mayor Martha Guerrero.

The May 29 event was highlighted by a community procession of cyclists, scooter riders and pedestrians crossing the new bridge from City Hall, followed by remarks from city leaders and project partners. The Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) participated in the event, with Executive Director Deb

Banks offering remarks on the importance of safe, accessible infrastructure for all road users.

“This overpass is a game-changer for active transportation in West Sacramento. It not only improves safety but also encourages more people to choose biking and walking as part of their daily lives. We’re thrilled to see the community embracing this new connection and look forward to the positive impact it will

have on residents’ health and mobility,” said Banks.

Following the ribbon cutting, the River City Regiment Marching Band drum line led the first official crossing of the bridge, adding a celebratory atmosphere to the occasion.

The City of West Sacramento continues to prioritize investments in infrastructure that promote accessibility, sustainability and vibrant community life. ★

Thompson Hosts Town Hall and Honors 2025 Student Leadership Council Graduates



2025 Student Leadership Council graduates were recognized at an end-of-year town hall and graduation ceremony hosted at the University of California, Davis. Courtesy photo

Rep. Mike Thompson News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Saturday, Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-04) and Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry recognized the 2025 Student Leadership Council graduates at an end-of-year town hall and graduation ceremony hosted at the University of California, Davis. The event featured special guest speakers, and a town hall hosted by Rep. Thompson. Graduates were able to ask questions and discuss any issues of importance to them and our community. Rep. Thompson then presented graduating students with certificates marking their achievement serving on the Council. Among the graduates were eight outstanding students from Solano County.

“I’m inspired by the passion and drive of the students graduating from Assembly Majority Leader Aguiar-Curry’s and my 2024–2025 Student Leadership Council,” said Rep. Thompson. “This year’s students brought incredible energy and ideas to the table, from tackling the climate crisis to gun violence prevention to protecting our democracy. It was an honor to host a town hall with them and hear their thoughtful perspectives firsthand.

To our 2025 graduating student leaders: Congratulations! I can’t wait to see all you accomplish for our community and our country.”

Assembly Majority Leader Aguiar-Curry said, “I am incredibly proud of the collaboration with Congressman Thompson to give our future leaders an opportunity to experience the inner workings of government and learn how to become successful community members. Congratulations to all the students who are completing this program. I hope it has broadened their horizons and sparked their curiosity, inspiring them to dedicate their lives to improving their communities.”

Rep. Thompson and Assembly Majority Leader Aguiar-Curry’s Student Leadership Council is an exciting program that allows local students to work directly with their elected officials and staff to develop leadership skills, learn how government works, and engage with our community. The Council is open to all high school students who live in California’s Fourth Congressional District or California’s Fourth Assembly District. Selected students meet several times a month over the course of a semester. ★

County Seeks Applications for Community Services Action Board

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is currently accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Community Services Action Board’s (CSAB) for the Representative of Community-Based Organizations seat.

Established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the Community Services Action Board serves as the region’s Community Action Agency. Its mission is to combat poverty by promoting the health, safety, stability and self-sufficiency of low-income residents throughout Yolo County.

The Community Services Action Board is advisory to the board of supervisors by convening monthly meetings to evaluate local progress towards combating poverty, conducting a biannual Community Needs Assessment to identify critical gaps in

services, and overseeing programs funded by the Community Services Block Grant.

As part of this oversight, the Community Services Action Board reviews project outcomes, identifies successes and service gaps, and makes recommendations to the Yolo County Executive Commission on homelessness. Board members also serve as advocates for Yolo County residents living in poverty.

The Community Services Action Board meets in person on the second Wednesday of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at various Yolo County locations.

Those interested in serving can complete an online application at YoloCounty.gov, navigate to the “Government” tab and select “Advisory Bodies.”

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



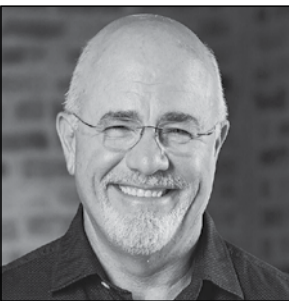
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Dear Dave,
How do you feel about moving credit card balances to other companies to get lower rates when you're trying to get out of debt? I just paid off my first credit card, and a friend suggested this idea for paying off the others faster.

– Von
Dear Von,
Lots of people think they've really done something big to solve their debt problems when they do this. And I'm sure your friend is trying to help with this suggestion, but you've got to remember that getting out of debt, and gaining control of your finances, is all about changing the habits of the person you see in the mirror every day. You've got to make a commitment to a lifestyle change that includes getting out of debt, staying out of debt,

and sticking to a written, monthly budget. That includes keeping track of every, single dollar, giving it a job to do and living on less than you make.

Now, your friend's idea *might* help speed up the process a tiny bit. But the habits that got you into debt in the first place won't change just because you've switched credit card companies. What you're talking about is an easy way to lower the interest rates—temporarily, in most cases—but it doesn't change your everyday behavior with money.

When people have problems with debt, it's often the result of dumb financial choices and living above their means. I've run into so many folks who got into trouble with money just because they wanted to impress other people. But guess what? When you change, interest rates don't matter nearly as

much. And when you shift your mindset about money, it will make a *huge* difference in a way that changing credit card companies and chasing lower interest rates can't.

I hope this helps, Von. And take a look at my Baby Steps plan while you're at it. I promise, if you follow those steps, it will help you move forward, get ahead and put you on the road to a debt-free life and financial peace!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

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UC Davis Football Scheduled for Three Nationally-Broadcast Games

University of California,
Davis News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - For the first time in program history, No. 11 University of California, Davis football will be showcased on the main linear ESPN network when the 2025 season opens at 4 p.m. Pacific Time Aug. 23 against No. 12 Mercer in Montgomery, Alabama.

That will be the first of three nationally broadcast games that the Aggies will be featured on this season.

When the Aggies travel to Washington on Sept. 6, they will find themselves on the BIG10 Network with an 8 p.m. kick-off while the trip to Bozeman, Montana to face the defending Big Sky Champion No. 2 Montana State Bobcats will be picked up by an ESPN linear network. The time and network for the game in Bozeman will be announced at a later date.

UC Davis landed on ESPN2 last season when they traveled to Missoula, Montana for a night game against Montana. It was the first time the Aggies had ever been on a linear ESPN



The UC Davis football team will be televised on the main linear ESPN network against Mercer in Montgomery, Alabama on Aug. 23 and featured nationally for a total of three games during the 2025 season. Photo courtesy of University of California, Davis Athletics Department

network and only the second time they had been nationally broadcast.

The three nationally broadcast

games is a program record, as UC Davis will be shown across the nation for nearly a third of its games this season.

Season tickets are on sale now and fans can head to the Aggies website at ucdavisaggies.com/sports/football to secure their

spot in Shredville for the 2025 season. Tickets start at \$100 for new alumni and \$140 for the general public. ★

Football Game Against Montana Tabbed For ESPN2



Playing against the Montana Grizzlies for a second time on national television in October, the Sacramento State Hornets football team will be televised during its game on ESPN2. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

California State University,
Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - For the fourth consecutive season, the Sacramento State football team will play in front of a national television audience as the team's 2025 game against Montana was selected by ESPN2, it was announced May 29.

The game will now take place on Friday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. PT and mark the second time the Hornets and Grizzlies have played on the network. Sacramento State topped Montana, 31-24, in an overtime battle between a pair of Top-10 teams in 2022. The Hornets hosted Montana State on ESPN2 the following

year and played at San Jose State on TruTV to begin the 2024 season.

This year's game is one of four Big Sky contests that will air on an ESPN network. The other games selected were the Sept. 27 game featuring Idaho at Montana, the Oct. 31 game with Idaho at Northern Arizona and the Nov. 15 game with UC Davis at Montana State.

The Big Sky Conference will also continue its partnership with ESPN+. The remaining five home games, as well as the four conference road games for the Hornets, will be streamed on ESPN+ during the year.

Kickoff times for the remainder of the team's games will be announced during the summer. ★

Hawks' 200 Freestyle Relay Team Named All-Americans



Hawks' Men's swim team Joel Amezcua, Chris Barbusca, Jonah Mafnas and James Pitcock were named in the California Community College Athletic Association All-Americans list for the 2024 to 2024 swimming and diving season. Photo courtesy of Consumnes River College

Consumnes River College
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Hawks' Men's swim team record-breaking 200-meter freestyle relay team, Joel Amezcua, Chris Barbusca, Jonah Mafnas and James Pitcock, all highlighted the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Men's Swimming and Diving All-American teams.

The All-American teams, which

were announced the morning of May 14, were created via the fastest results in the California Community College Athletic Association during the course of the 2024 to 2025 swimming and diving season.

Also on the men's All-American list were fellow swim athletes within the Los Rios Community College District, including John Branson of American River College, and Gar Long and Michael Hansen of Sierra College. ★

UC Davis Master of Management Program Provides Opportunities for Graduate Aggies

By David Collins, UC Davis Director
of Athletics Communications

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Not every college athlete turns pro, so UC Davis prioritizes preparing student-athletes for life after sports. A new collaboration with the UC Davis Graduate School of Management (GSM) helps to create a new pathway that extends student-athletes' collegiate careers while preparing them for post-competition success.

Out of that collaboration came the Master of Management (MM), a one-year program that evolved over time as UC Davis looked to refine an ever-changing post-collegiate landscape. While the athletic department was looking for a way to offer undergraduate Aggies a chance to continue their time at Davis, the Master of Management degree also offered an avenue to easily bring in graduate student-athletes from other top programs in the country, including the likes of Harvard and Dartmouth.

"When we started the program, we saw our market as people graduating from UC Davis where job opportunities were not immediately apparent so a master in management would provide an introduction to management and new opportunities in the job world," said Michael and Joelle Hurlston Dean and Professor of Marketing H. Rao Unnava.

"But over time I had conversations with (Director of Athletics) Rocko (DeLuca) and with UC Davis being a place where the scholarly part of 'student-athlete' is focused on an opportunity to provide for student-athletes looking to continue their education presented itself."

This past season, 21 Aggie student-athletes took part in the first-year Master of Management program, including football, baseball, men's golf, lacrosse, men's track and field, volleyball and women's tennis. And of that list of 21, there were eight who transferred in from other institutions to continue their education at Davis. In addition, two other football players and a men's basketball player enrolled in the Graduate School of Management's two-year Full-Time MBA program.

"It's a real easy recruiting pitch when you're telling a young man he could get his masters paid for at a university like UC Davis," said football head coach Tim Plough. "The pitch is that you can help us win a championship and we can help you further your career beyond football. Having a master's degree from UC Davis is a life-changing occurrence and playing football at UC Davis allows you to compete for a championship."

On the gridiron, several graduate Aggies who took the program played a pivotal role in the team's historic 11-win season that saw UC Davis football finish No. 5 in the nation following a deep Football Championship Series playoff run.

Graduate transfer David Meyer was a multiple All-American who led the team in total tackles and interceptions, and he even sealed an Aggie win early in the season with a pick-six.

The Master of Management program also allowed quarterback Miles Hastings to play one more season in the blue & gold, putting together a season for the ages. Hastings, who

was a Walter Payton Award finalist and multiple All-American, became the first Aggie to throw for over 4,000 yards in a season while also chucking 38 touchdown passes to lead a historic Aggie offense.

The STEM-designated graduate business program pushes students to absorb concepts quickly then immediately put them into action, and where it truly shines is equipping students with a strong foundation in the functional areas of business, such as accounting, economics, finance, marketing and strategy.

It's a tight-knit program that is supportive and helps the student-athletes balance their roles in the program along with their time and dedication needed to be a Division I student-athlete.

Solia Valentine, a graduate member of UC Davis women's tennis, is one example of a student-athlete who was looking to further their professional aspirations while continuing to compete at a high level. Valentine came to the Aggies after getting her undergraduate degree at UCLA in computer science and jumped at what the master of management offered.

"I had a computer science undergraduate degree, and I am interested in potentially doing product management, so I thought the program would help strengthen the managerial skills needed to excel as a product manager," said Valentine. "At the same time, I felt that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity to build the foundational skillset for my career while playing college tennis."

Valentine earned All-Big West honorable mention this season, collecting 20 wins between singles and doubles helping the Aggies snag a win at the Big West Championships with a singles victory at No. 2 over UC San Diego.

Graduate Alex Agnew (lacrosse) also was able to return to the field thanks to the Master of Management program. Battling back from injury, Agnew enrolled in Graduate School of Management program and was able to finish out her career properly. Agnew set record for career assists this year, and shared the field with her freshman sister Tory as the Aggies battled to the Big 12 tournament.

The Master in Management also provides value in a world of Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL), giving UC Davis a competitive advantage in the recruiting world of transfer portals and ever-moving athletic goals.

"We compete with the conference we are in, and we compete with other schools on our level of funding," said Unnava. "So this program acts as leg up on others who might have access to more money for incoming student-athletes, we are giving them an opportunity to be successful after playing. We can attract high-quality athletes who see this program as a compelling option for them because of how it will affect them in the long term not just in the moment."

Together, UC Davis Athletics and the UC Davis Graduate School of Management have created an avenue of success for Aggie student-athletes to better prepare themselves for life after athletics. And in return UC Davis has positioned itself to better compete on the highest levels of competition while maintaining a dedicated commitment to academics and the futures of Aggie student-athletes. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250420

The following person(s) is doing business as: Lexi Language Center/Sprinklercore/Bizion Consulting Solutions, 1214 Hobson Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

Terekson Business Group LLC, 1214 Hobson Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 26, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 5/12/2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025
LEXI 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250330

The following person(s) is doing business as: Baykulture & Co./Baykulture.com/Baylakultura/Baylakultura.com, 1260 Lake Boulevard, Suite 239, Davis, CA 95616.

Baykulture, LLC, 1260 Lake Boulevard, Suite 239, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 3, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/8/2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025
BAY 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250329

The following person(s) is doing business as: Mare Principia & Co./Mareprincipia.com, 1260 Lake Boulevard, Suite 239, Davis, CA 95616.

Mare Principia, Inc., 1260 Lake Boulevard, Suite 239. This business is conducted by a Corpora-

tion. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 23, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/8/2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025
MARE 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250373

The following person(s) is doing business as: Wild West Feed, 3030 West Capital Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Sojourn Independent L.L.C., 3030 West Capital Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 21, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/23/2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025
WILD 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250406

The following person(s) is doing business as: WINNRESIDENTIAL-MOSAIC GARDENS AT HOLLY COURTS, 420 MAPLE STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691, County of YOLO.

Mailing Address: ONE WASHINGTON MALL, SUITE 500, BOSTON, MA 02108

LLAM REALTY MANAGEMENT, INC., ONE WASHINGTON MALL, SUITE 500, BOSTON, MA 02108

This business is conducted by LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (SUBMIT CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE).

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/1/2024

/s/ MICHAEL T. PUTZIGER,

SECRETARY OF LLAM REALTY MANAGEMENT, INC., GP OF WINNRESIDENTIAL CALIFORNIA LP

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 05/06/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: KQUAM, Deputy
5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13/25
CNS-3926860#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250382

The following person(s) is doing business as: CLASSIC CAR COMPANY, 5100 CHILES RD STE 202, DAVIS, CA 95618, County of YOLO.

STEVENS CREEK MOTORSPORTS LLC, 20830 STEVENS CREEK BLVD, #1227 CUPERTINO, CA 95014

This business is conducted by LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (SUBMIT ARTICLE OF ORGANIZATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE).

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

/s/ AMIR SARAFRAZ, MEMBER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/28/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: KQUAM, Deputy
5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13/25
CNS-3924457#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250431

The following person(s) is doing business as: All Around Mobile Clean Truck Check, 216 Jackson Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Sara Jeanine Khan, 216 Jackson Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed

above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 5/15/2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025
ALL 6-20-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250419

The following person(s) is doing business as: John Whitcombe, 3500 Anderson Road, Davis, CA 95616.

Russell Park Apartments, 400 Russell Park, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 1979.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 5/09/2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025
RUSSELL 6-20-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250433

The following person(s) is doing business as: QXO, 920 Stillwater Road #140, West Sacramento, CA 95605, County of Yolo.

Beacon Sales Acquisition, Inc., 505 Huntmar Park Drive, Suite 300, Herndon, VA 20170

This business is conducted by Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/01/2025

/s/ Chuck Gartland, Vice President

Beacon Sales Acquisition, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on MAY 16 2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: ZURI HERNANDEZ, Deputy
5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20/25
CNS-3929129#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250422

The following person(s) is doing business as: WINTERS VETERINARY CARE, 15 E BAKER ST, WINTERS, CA 95694, County of YOLO.

ROCKY RIDGE VET, PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, 3880 PUTAH RIDGE TRL., WINTERS, CA 95694

This business is conducted by CORPORATION.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

/s/ DANIELLE FUSCO, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 05/12/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: KQUAM, Deputy
5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20/25
CNS-3930426#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250439

The following person(s) is doing business as: JLS Mobile Clean Truck Check, 1305 Bonita Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

John Dean Simpson, 1305 Bonita Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 5/21/25.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025
JLS 6-27-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250457

The following person(s) is doing business as: Azucar Morena Cafe, 1417 Irene Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.

Nayely Perez Zamora, 1417 Irene Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 5/29/25.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025
AZUCAR 6-27-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250437

The following person(s) is doing business as: Senlin, 4822 Cowell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95618.

QiuGuo Li, 4822 Cowell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95618. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 5/20/25.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025
SENLIN 6-27-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250424

The following person(s) is doing business as: FARMER SHEP, 900 SUFFOLK PL, WINTERS, CA 95694, County of YOLO.

JEREMY SHEPHERD, 900 SUFFOLK PL WINTERS, CA 95694

This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/05/2017

/s/ JEREMY SHEPHERD

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 05/12/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: KQUAM, Deputy
6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27/25
CNS-3930664#
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-0725

Mohammad Hashim Kamal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Modasir Kamal to Modasir Kamal and Mohammad Qasim Kamal to Qasim Kamal.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: April 30, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025
KAMAL 6-13-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2025-1235

Elias Jose Matamoros has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Elias Jose Matamoros to Elias Jose Evans.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: April 30, 2025
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2025
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC SEC. 6105) ESCROW NO. 15713E

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: SUKHPREET K. HUNDAL AND NARINDER SINGH HUNDAL, 2434 WEST CAPITOL AVE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691

Whose chief executive office is: SAME AS ABOVE

Doing Business as: EXXON AKA AJ HUNDAL MART (Type – FRANCHISE GAS STATION & CONVENIENCE STORE)

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: ZIA OMAR, ABDUL MOSAWER AND MOHAMMAD ALZGHUL AND/OR ASSIGNEE, 610 CATMINT ST, MANTECA CA 95337

The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 2434 WEST CAPITOL AVE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is JUNE 24, 2025

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code

Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be JUNE 23, 2025, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: MAY 15, 2025
ZIA OMAR, ABDUL MOSAWER AND MOHAMMAD ALZGHUL, Buyer(s)

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANNIE JOYCE KING, AKA ANNIE J. KING

CASE NO. PR2025-0133

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Annie Joyce King, aka Annie J. King.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Damali Evans Alston, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Damali Evans Alston be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: July 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 11. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Michael Yee, 4010 S Land Park Drive, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822; (916) 927-9001

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KING 6-13-25

LEGAL NOTICE

The Washington Middle College High School's proposed 2024-2025 Local Control and Accountability Plan will be available for public inspection at the District Office, 930 Westacre Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691, and at Washington Middle College High School, 637 Todhunter Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605 starting at 5:30 pm on June 26th, 2025. A public hearing will be held on the proposed 2025-206 Local Accountability Plan and budget on June 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the District Office, 1110 W Capitol Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct two (2) public hearings on June 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the items listed below. The hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearings and express opinions. Please note: The City does not transcribe its hearings; however, action minutes are prepared and are publicly available once approved by the hearing body.

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

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code 12811 of the Government Code of the State of California

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 25-58 CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING IMPROVEMENTS (MAINTENANCE) TO BE MADE FOR THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1

Pursuant to Government Code Section § 54954.6, under States and Highways Code 22556

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 25-59 CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 (RALEY'S LANDING)

West Sac News Ledger 6-6-2025

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

June 6, 2025

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXvqLe5tVfQ4yNpx-mCOZLg>) or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 or the City's YouTube channel and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on June 18, 2025.

Any interested person or authorized agent may appear and be heard. To submit a comment in writing, please email jenniferc@cityofwestsacramento.org and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 4:00 PM will be provided to the City Council and posted on the City's website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPEAL TO PROPOSED TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 5247 AT 3071 DAVIS ROAD

The purpose of this item is to facilitate the City Council's review of an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of the proposed Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) No. 5247 to create four parcels from one existing ±5-acre parcel at 3071 Davis Road. This project falls within the scope of the EIR and SEIR prepared for the General Plan and no new or substantially more adverse impacts would occur through implementation of the proposed project, pursuant to Sections 15183, 15162 and 15168(c)(2) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



At the end of every NBA season and playoffs, there are 29 disappointed franchises. That's 29 cities in America that are not celebrating. It's always been that way, and it probably always will be. Only one winner, one champion, can be crowned.

Many Sacramento Kings fans are closely watching the playoffs, where defense has taken center stage. The Boston Celtics, for example, struggled after losing star Jayson Tatum to an Achilles tear in Game 4 against the Knicks.

That same intense defense has been the dominant factor in nearly every playoff series this year, and the Indiana Pacers New York Nick series was clear evidence that defense wins the day.

Long wing players that can move and play help defense will be coveted as the off-season trades begin, and Sacramento will be right in the mix of it.

The Kings feature an upcoming Keon Ellis and Keegan Murray who fit the skill model, but the real question is can the Kings retain these players and build around them with more of the same.

Two players that have been prominently mentioned are Jrue Holiday of the Boston Celtics, and Herb Jones of the Charlotte Hornets. Holiday at age 34 may be on the other side of his prime, so look for the Kings to have more interest in Jones who at 6'7" is 3 inches taller and only 26 years old.

The Pelicans have indicated that they are in trade mode, so Herb Jones may be wearing a different Jersey in November.

The question is what Charlotte would want in return for a player on the way up, and the answer is someone of the caliber of Malik Monk. Like DeAaron Fox, Monk is a fan favorite, whether this trade would be popular among fans remains to be seen. At the end of the day, fans need to brace themselves as the likelihood of several changes remains strong.

New GM Scott Perry is playing his cards close to the vest. Although the Sacramento faithful would like some direction, Perry will start making moves when he's ready. About the only thing that he has really indicated is that the Kings need a point guard. It's unlikely that a new GM will roll the dice on a second-year player like

Devin Carter and hope that he can break-out and be the starting point guard that can replace DeAaron Fox.

The NBA finals begin on Thursday, and fans will be treated to two teams that feature some of the best defense you are likely see. Look for low scoring physical games, with the referees swallowing the whistle more and more. The focus will be on the long wing players and the number of times they can get their hands on the ball.

Every Sacramento Kings fan is eager to know Scott Perry's plans, and I'm hoping he's considering building around Domantas Sabonis and Jonas Valanciunas. Not only do both have dominant skills they pose all kinds of problems for teams that like to drive the lane. With both Sabonis and Valanciunas, Perry has more options and can play these two side by side from time to time.

With the #5 spot already secured, the Kings need to target the point guard position and try to add one longer wing player like the aforementioned Herb Jones.

Whether trades begin in earnest now or after the finals conclude, be assured the Kings have moves in mind. That means surprises are in store, but very soon Sacramento fans are going to see the acumen of Scott Perry in full view.

It seems like a lifetime since the Kings went deep into the playoffs, but a capable GM and staff can make a difference, so this writer remains optimistic that the 2025/2026 version of the Sacramento Kings can be something to be proud of.

Grow the young players that we have. Covet them and don't waste them in meaningless trades and fill in the bland spots where the Kings have obvious needs.

Seems simple, but it is anything but. Nonetheless, it's always possible that Christmas may come early just as the Dallas Mavericks discovered in the recent NBA draft.

So, let's see if Scott Perry can catch lightning in a bottle, and Sacramento can celebrate once again.

Keep the faith Kings fans. I still believe the best is yet to come!

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

How do I apply for Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I just turned 65 years old in February 2025. I need to sign up for Social Security but don't even know where to start. **Signed: Seeking Assistance**

Dear Seeking: It is fairly easy to sign up for your Social Security benefits, by either calling the Social Security Administration at 1.800.772.1213 or your local SS office, to make a telephone appointment to apply, or by completing your application for Social Security benefits online at www.ssa.gov/apply. However, to apply for benefits online you will need to first create your personal "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your personal account set up, you can apply directly from that account and also see an estimate of your SS benefits at different ages.

You may already be aware that age 65 is not your Social Security full retirement age, or "FRA." Your FRA is when you

get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. By taking benefits at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced (to about 87% of your FRA amount; a permanent reduction). Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, which means you will be taking your SS benefit about two years early and also means that – if you are still working – you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET). The AET limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. For 2025, the annual earnings limit is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit (they take benefits back by withholding future payments long enough to recover what you owe).

So, you can apply for your Social Security benefits, as indicated above, either online or by calling SS for an appointment. Just be aware that by applying at age 65 your benefit will be permanently reduced, and you will be subject to Social Security's earnings limit (the earnings limit lasts until you reach your FRA, after which you can earn as much as you like without penalty).

Also, because you are 65, if you wish to enroll in Medicare, please be aware that you don't need to take your Social Security

benefits to enroll in Medicare. You can enroll in Medicare (only) by calling Social Security as explained above or enrolling in Medicare online. Here is a link which explains how to enroll in only Medicare: <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up>.

I hope this information is helpful, and please know that the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer your questions. If it's easier, you can also speak directly to one of our certified Social Security Advisors by calling us during normal EST business hours at 1.888.750.2622. We cannot submit your SS application for you, but we can answer all questions you have about applying.

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Why Did the California Senate Shunt a Cost-Cutting Housing Bill?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last month, RAND, a prominent think tank based in Santa Monica, published an exhaustive study on housing costs that devastatingly proves how California has been undermining its official goal of increasing production.

After examining more than 100 multifamily projects in three states, RAND concluded that building them in California is 2.8 times as expensive as in Texas and 1.5 times higher than in Colorado, "with much of the difference driven by state and local policies that contribute to long permitting and construction timelines, and higher local development fees."

Even more shockingly, RAND found that projects for low-income families cost 1.5 times as much to build as market-rate housing in California and four times the average cost in Texas.

Last week, the California Senate appeared to double down on making housing

development more difficult and costly, shunting a bill aimed at making it easier to build housing for lower-income families by exempting some projects from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Senate Bill 607, carried by state Sen. Scott Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat, was gutted in the Senate Appropriations Committee, apparently because Senate leaders such as President Pro Tem Mike McGuire caved into fierce opposition from environmental groups and labor unions, which celebrated the move. The committee announced that SB 607's contents were being stripped out and replaced by vague language declaring intentions to negotiate further, leaving the fate of the proposal unclear.

Those who either oppose housing projects on environmental grounds or demand concessions, such as requiring them to use union construction labor, have often used — or misused — CEQA as a tool. Over the last half-decade, the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom have nibbled at CEQA's provisions, but when SB 607 was introduced, environmental and labor groups drew an opposition line in the sand.

After the bill was bowdlerized last week, the coalition praised McGuire

and other Senate leaders "for recognizing that the language of SB 607 would have created significant unintended consequences on communities and new legal uncertainties."

Just days earlier, Newsom had urged the Legislature to pass SB 607 and a similar measure, Assembly Bill 609, as much-needed reforms to increase housing development.

"It's time to get serious about this issue, period, full stop," Newsom said. "If you care about your kids you care about getting this done. This is the biggest opportunity to do something big and bold and the only impediment is us."

The SB 607 blockage may indicate that Newsom is losing clout with the Legislature as he nears lame duck status. However, he could revive the bill as part of the forthcoming negotiations over the state budget, as a statement by Wiener and McGuire suggested.

The RAND study reveals why the state is falling behind.

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



Putin is Playing Trump

It was never going to be easy for President Trump to bring an end to the Ukraine war, but it's even harder when he's operating under an erroneous theory of the conflict.

The man who instigated the war and who is the chief obstacle to peace is Vladimir Putin. Yet, this enemy of the West, murderer of dissidents and serial perpetrator of wars of territorial aggrandizement has never been subjected to the same U.S. pressure campaign as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whose fundamental offense is to be leading a country that his larger neighbor wants to subjugate.

After a much-anticipated phone call with Putin on Monday, Trump sounded optimistic and said Ukraine and Russia would keep negotiating, although there was no indication of anything new.

After the browbeating he took in the Oval Office a few months ago and a pause in U.S. intelligence assistance, Zelenskyy got the message. He's done everything possible to portray himself as the reasonable one who's interested in pursuing a deal.

A U.S.-proposed general ceasefire? Zelenskyy has said he's willing to accept it. Russia's idea for direct talks in Istanbul? Zelenskyy

said he'd go himself.

He signed a critical minerals deal with the U.S. Putin, in contrast, has been at the receiving end of an all-carrots approach, and has reacted accordingly.

One of Trump's advantages on the world stage is that he can make use of the "mad man theory," the idea that he's so unpredictable and potentially extreme that it's best not to displease him. Against type, Trump has been less the madman with Putin than the therapist who speaks in dulcet tones, is understanding to a fault and is determinedly nonjudgmental.

Pretty much whatever Putin does, Trump says someone else would do the same in his circumstances. Putin could nuke Warsaw, and Trump might observe, "Well, it's a shame and I hope he doesn't do it again."

Trump almost never strikes a pleading tone, but when Putin launched a large-scale strike on Kyiv last month, Trump posted on Truth Social, "Vladimir, STOP!"

The play for the Kremlin is obvious here. It wants to keep inching ahead with territorial gains, and if it continues to string along negotiations, has to hope that Trump tires of the whole thing and cuts off U.S. aid to Ukraine. That would reward Putin's intransigence with an important diplomatic victory -- a split between the U.S. and Europe -- and a chance to make major advances against an increasingly hard-pressed Ukraine.

Trump at times seems to realize this, and has referred to Putin "tapping me along." But the master at

establishing leverage in negotiations has failed to do so over Putin. In part, this is because the president has absorbed his MAGA base's view that Putin isn't really the problem -- the Russian leader was baited into war by globalists who took insufficient account of Russia's interests and feelings.

Whatever one thinks of the policy of NATO expansion, Ukraine didn't invade Russia, and Putin's opposition to Ukraine's existence as its own independently governed nation is at the root of the war.

So long as Putin believes that he's winning and holds "all of the cards," there's no reason for him to become more pliable. Trump and other administration officials have floated further economic measures against Russia, but these would probably be of limited utility. If the administration stipulated that if Putin doesn't drop his maximalist demands -- basically for a Ukraine that can't defend itself -- it will back Ukraine to the hilt, that might change his calculations.

Russia's gains have come at a hideous cost -- nearly a million Russian casualties since the start of the war. If Ukraine isn't going to buckle and the U.S. isn't going to abandon her, then the Russians could reach a point of exhaustion.

Short of that, Putin has every reason to think he can persevere when the world's superpower has little sympathy for the victim of his unprovoked aggression.

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California Commentary: Support the Save Proposition 13 Act of 2026



The Save Proposition 13 Act of 2026 will reverse court-created loopholes, restoring the tax relief first started with Proposition 13. Photo Courtesy of Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

By Jon Coupal,
President of the
Howard Jarvis
Taxpayers Association

Starting in 1978 with the passage of Proposition 13, California voters have repeatedly tried to protect their homes and businesses from excessive taxation by imposing limits on property taxes and requiring two-thirds voter approval for other local taxes that disproportionately burden homeowners and businesses. Despite the clear intent of the voters, California courts have sided with the government and its special interest benefactors by creating loopholes that significantly weakened these protections.

Taxpayers are fighting back. The Save Prop. 13 Act of 2026 will reverse these court-created loopholes and restore the tax relief first started with Proposition 13.

In 2017, the California Supreme Court's decision in California Cannabis Coalition v. City of Upland created an ambiguity as to whether the state constitution applies to local citizens' initiatives in the same way it applies to measures placed on the ballot by a government body. Since that time, all kinds of unconstitutional taxes – backed

by tax-and-spend special interests – have been imposed on Californians costing billions of dollars that they would not have had to pay if the courts followed the letter and the spirit of the law.

Virtually all the appellate courts have used the Upland loophole to allow unconstitutional new taxes to take effect. Despite our efforts to have the Supreme Court resolve the issue definitively, it has not. This statewide initiative will not only restore taxpayer rights, but it will also provide clarity in the law upholding the two-thirds vote protection.

Since Upland, several local initiative tax increases have been declared “approved” despite falling short of Proposition 13's two-thirds vote requirement for special taxes (taxes dedicated to a specific purpose). The Upland loophole has allowed special interest groups to write initiatives that raise taxes, direct the money to themselves, and pass them with just a simple majority. The same tax increase proposed by a City Council or County Board of Supervisors would require a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass. The Save Prop. 13 Act will amend the state constitution to restore and reinforce the taxpayer protections that voters adopted when they passed Proposition 13.

Of particular concern to all property owners is the explosion in higher real estate transfer taxes. For decades, even before Prop. 13, taxes on the sale or transfer of real property were limited to \$1.10 per \$1,000 of property value. However, since Prop. 13's passage, many cities began imposing real estate transfer taxes in excess of \$45 per \$1,000 of value. Even

worse, because of the infamous Upland decision, local governments operating under the guise of “citizen groups” can propose “special taxes” by initiative, evading the requirement of a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass. And while the courts originally said transfer tax revenue must go into a municipality's general fund, special taxes under Upland can be exclusively directed to whatever the local government, or special interest group, wants. The worst abuse of Upland occurred in Los Angeles where, because of Measure United to House LA, high-value properties are now subject to very high transfer taxes.

Because transfer taxes impose a form of “equity theft,” Prop. 13 was intended to prohibit transfer taxes and expressly stated so. But in another judicial ruling, the courts concluded that Prop. 13 only prohibited “special” transfer taxes intended for a specific purpose. For that reason, most cities choose to stay within the pre-existing state limit of \$1.10 per \$1,000. But the real abuse occurred when some charter cities imposed transfer taxes that exceed the state limit, especially those which exploited the Upland loophole, such as the United to House LA tax.

The Save Prop. 13 Act prohibits the Charter City loophole from being used in the future and also invalidates general transfer taxes that exceed the state limit, ending Measure United to House LA.

While there is much for taxpayer advocates to do to achieve comprehensive tax relief, the Save Prop. 13 Act of 2026 closes the major loopholes punched in California's most important and iconic taxpayer reform – Proposition 13. ★

Government Driving Gas Prices Through the Roof



Senator Ted Gaines

By Ted Gaines

California's Progressive political elite hate fossil fuels so much they are willing to impoverish their citizens to punish “Big Oil” and speed up a transition to an even more expensive green energy future.

Governor Newsom wants zero gas-powered cars sold in California by 2035, which sends a strong signal to refiners about the long-term value of investment in the Golden State. The state makes permitting for refinery expansion or upgrades extraordinarily difficult and time-consuming for oil companies. On top of that, California has high labor costs and the highest corporate tax rate in the western states. Our electricity costs are among the highest in the country, making it tough for power-intensive refineries to operate profitably.

All of these headwinds are created by policy decisions from Sacramento, and they make California a rough place to succeed for the oil industry, on purpose.

It appears the oil industry is getting the message and California consumers will soon be paying the price. Two major oil refiners recently announced they are ceasing operations in the state. What will this mean for people at the pump?

A recent study by Michael A. Mische at the University of Southern California highlights the looming affordability crisis, finding that the closure of Phillips 66 and Valero refineries will slash California's refining capacity by 21 percent by 2026, potentially driving prices to \$7.35 to \$8.44 per gallon.

Newsom and the other green energy devotees in the legislature are always quick to blame the oil industry for price gouging or financial trickery every time gas prices go up, and every few years they announce another commission to study what the greedy corporations are doing to make our gas so expensive.

But California's gas prices, the highest in the nation at \$4.82 per gallon as of April, are a direct result of the state's own policies, not corporate greed.

If oil companies were gouging, why are prices in neighboring western states like Nevada (\$3.85) or Arizona (\$3.30) significantly lower? Are the companies somehow less greedy in other states? Does that make sense to anyone?

It's easy to see why Californians pay so much for gas. California's unique blend requirements, cap and trade fees, and \$1.47 per gallon in taxes and regulatory costs, set to rise to \$2.83 by 2026, explain

the disparity. No other western state stacks on so many costs.

The state's own attorney general found no evidence of widespread price gouging, confirming that California's policies, not corporate profits, are the culprit. I'm sure when gas hits \$8 per gallon, they will convene another task force to overlook the obvious.

High fuel prices are a regressive tax that hit poor and rural Californians the hardest. For the poor, gas already takes up a larger share of low-income budgets. This will make that fact dramatically worse. Rural Californians drive longer distances for work, school, or essentials, often in larger vehicles like trucks needed for agricultural, construction or industrial work.

But even though the harm will be more concentrated on some groups, every working Californian and every industry will feel the pain of the gas price sticker shock.

California must reverse course.

Without reforming its business climate and drawing refiners back, the state risks not only economic stagnation but making Californians poorer as they bear the cost of Sacramento's ideological crusade.

Ret. Senator Ted Gaines was elected to represent the Board of Equalization's First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate, defender of Proposition 13 and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly 10 million constituents in 34 counties of Northern, Eastern and Southern California. For more information, visit boe.ca.gov/Gaines. ★

SB 84 Heads to Senate Vote, A Crucial Test for Small Businesses

By Victor Gomez, Executive Director,
California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - This week, California lawmakers will have another opportunity to advance a bill that could drastically improve the landscape for small business owners across the state.

Senate Bill 84, which recently cleared the Senate Judiciary and Senate Appropriations Committees, will have the chance to move from the Senate to the State Assembly for its passage. This development marks another critical hurdle for a bill that if enacted, will ease the burden that lawsuit abuse has on our local small businesses.

At its core, SB 84 is a common-sense proposal aimed to curb predatory lawsuits that exploit the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If passed, the bill would give small businesses, those with 50 or fewer employees, a 120-day window to correct alleged accessibility violations before a lawsuit could be filed. This simple reform could dramatically reduce the number of frivolous, costly legal actions that continue to threaten mom-and-pop shops across our state.

The bill is not about rolling back ADA protections.



Victor Gomez is the executive director of the California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse. Courtesy photo

It's inherently about fairness. Thousands of small business owners support the goals of the ADA and are eager to comply, but too often, they're blindsided by lawsuits dealing with technical infractions they never knew existed in the first place. Instead of being given time to address the issue, they're dragged into court and forced to pay settlements many can't afford.

These lawsuits don't just hurt our business owners. They close community institutions, cost jobs and discourage new investment in our neighborhoods. They also discredit the real purpose of accessibility laws by turning them into tools for personal profit rather than public good.

Last year, a similar bill, SB 585, died in the Assembly without even receiving a hearing. That can't happen again. For the sake of all our small business communities across the state, SB 84 must become law in 2025.

With the full California State Senate poised to take up this bill in just a few short days, this is a test of whether California's elected officials are serious about supporting small businesses or wish to remain content with letting them be sued into submission. We ask that our senators stand up for both accessibility and economic fairness and vote SB 84 through the Senate and onward to the Assembly. ★

California Voters Strongly Back Trump's Position on Medicaid

Protect Our Health Care Coalition
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As the debate over federal Medicaid funding heats up, a new poll by President Donald Trump's pollster Jim McLaughlin, commissioned by Swing Strategies in partnership with the Protect Our Health Care Coalition, finds that voters in five Trump-carried, GOP-held California congressional districts overwhelmingly oppose cuts to Medicaid.

Among the key findings include support for Medicaid is nearly universal with 87% approval, including 78% from Trump voters. Findings also show that 83% of voters agree with President Trump when he has repeatedly said that Congress should not cut Medicaid, including 85% of independent suburban women and 84% of Hispanic voters.

Polls showed that 70% say they are less likely to vote for a candidate who cuts Medicaid funding.

“This data underscores a clear

opportunity for Republican leaders to further broaden the new Republican coalition that made significant gains in 2024 with Black, Hispanic and young voters,” said Jim McLaughlin, president and partner at McLaughlin and Associates. “President Trump's position on Medicaid reflects where voters already are,” which is to leave Medicaid alone.

Surveyed districts include California's First Congressional District (LaMalfa), a safe Republican and rural district;

California's Third Congressional District (Kiley), a suburban GOP-held district; California's 22nd Congressional District (Valadao), a GOP-held Central Valley district with a 14-point Democratic registration advantage; California's 40th Congressional District (Kim), a competitive Orange County district that leans Republican; and California's 41st Congressional District (Calvert), a GOP-held Inland Empire district with nearly even Democratic and Republican registration. ★

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Community Calendar

June

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

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

Saturday, June 7: West Sacramento Friends of the Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (9 a.m. to 10 a.m., members only.) Time to stock up on books and all proceeds benefit our local library. Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday, June 9: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10: Hug-a-Bye baby, 11 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, June 11: Wiggle Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. to noon. English conversation group, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Evening book club, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. This month we will be discussing "Behold the Dreamers" by Imbolo Mbue. Book club copies may be picked up and returned at the meeting or at the information desk.

Thursday, June 12: Tell me a story – bilingual Spanish story time + Loteria, 11:15 a.m. to noon. Yoga at the library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, June 13: English conversation group, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Board games and beyond, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled afternoon of exciting board games, card games, challenging puzzles, and friendly competition.

Saturday, June 14: Russian story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bubble tea and board games, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come make your very own bubble team at our boba workshop. Stay and play afterward with our many board games that are fun for all.

Call 530.666.8005 for more information on any of these events.

Saturday, June 7: 2025 Winters Farm-to-School Annual Feast, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wolfskill Ranch, 4334 Putah Creek Rd., Winters. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon event with live music, passed hors d'oeuvres and a selection of local wine and beer. This fund-raising event includes an auction and a multi-course luncheon under the shade of 160-year-old olive trees. For more information about the Feast, call 530-902-0362.

Saturday, June 7: The Davis Pride Festival, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Davis Civic Center Field, 23 Russell Blvd., Davis. This family-friendly festival includes resource booths, food vendors and entertainment. Full schedule of events and more information at: davispride.org/experience/

Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8 and Friday, June 13 through Sunday, June 15: Lavender Days at D.A.M.N. Good Lavender Farm and Apiary, 17085 County Road 96B, Woodland. This two-weekend celebration runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. most days (Friday, June 13, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.) Visitors can immerse themselves in the soothing scents and beauty of blooming lavender while enjoying a variety of activities. Food, lavender products, beautiful handmade items, educational talks and more are waiting for you. For more information, call 530-681-8053.

Friday, June 13: City of West Sacramento 3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Bridgeway Lakes Community Park, 3650 Southport Parkway. A free community event for the whole family with food, art, music, free activities for kids, and more. For more information, contact Recreation Manager Connie Leek at conniel@cityof-westsacramento.org

Friday, June 13: Starry Night Market, Friday the 13th Edition, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Drake's: The Barn, 985 Riverfront St. Join us for food, music, drinks and your local makers. Dog- and kid-friendly. More information at instagram.com/humbled.culture/

Sunday, June 15: Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Tour, 9 a.m. to noon. Tour the Yolo Wildlife area with an experienced field trip leader. Look for migrating and resident waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, raptors, and wading birds. Tour runs rain or shine. Registration required and tours begin at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 County Road 32B. Information at yolobasin.org/wetlands-tours/

Sunday, June 15: Father's Day Truck Show, noon to 6 p.m. at Drake's: The Barn, 985 Riverfront St. Bring your dad for a day packed with food and drinks, live music, vendors and cool rides. More information at events.drinkdrakes.com

Friday, June 20: "Protect Yourself from

Fraud" Special Workshop, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Attendees will learn about the Department of Financial Protection & Innovation (DFPI), tips and resources for defending against telephone scams, ID theft, cyber scams and more. Open to all seniors aged 50 plus. Please register in advance by calling 916-617-5320.

Saturday, June 21: California Honey Festival, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 E. Gum Ave., Woodland. Celebrate the importance of bees as the lead pollinator. The California Honey Festival's mission is to promote honey and honeybees and their products to a broader public.

Thursday, June 26: Fab 4th Bingo, 12:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Calling all Bingo players aged 50 and up – come join us for a fun afternoon of lunch, Bingo games and treats. Enter to win a raffle prize. Bring your nickels and dimes to play. Last day to register is Thursday, June 19, in-person at the Community Center or online at westsacfun.org

Ongoing Activities

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

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

Home Depot, 690 Riverpoint Court, offers free in-person Kids Workshops on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, while supplies last. The next class will be building a baseball game on Saturday, June 7. Registration required by using the following link: homedepot.com/workshops/

Lowe's, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd., offers free in-person Kids Workshops each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workshop will be creating a door knocker on Saturday, June 21. Registration required by using the following link: lowes.com/events

Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento meets on Fridays at noon at Jackrabbit Brewing Company, 1323 Terminal St., West Sacramento. See rotaryclubofwestsacramento.org/ for more information, including how to join the Rotary.

West Sacramento Urban Farm Mobile Farmers market trucks bring fresh, local, produce to food insecure neighborhoods throughout Yolo County. You'll find the truck in West Sacramento every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. A second truck will be in Woodland and rural Yolo County every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. For specific times and locations, check: landbasedlearning.org/followthetomato/

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions at their West Sacramento Gardening Q&A Desk. It will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at Lowe's, 2250 Lake Washington Blvd. This desk is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jennifer Baumbach at jmbaumbach@ucnar.edu or call the Yolo County Master Gardeners hotline at 530-666-8736. Next session will be Saturday, June 7.

West Sacramento City Council meets at 7 p.m. generally on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave., second floor, also viewable on Astound Cable channel 20 and AT&T channel 99. More information, including how to participate and Committee meeting schedules, can be found at: cityofwestsacramento.org/government/city-council/city-council-meetings-agendas The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, June 18.

The West Sacramento Farmers' Market is now open every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at River Walk Park, 651 2nd St. We are committed to providing our community with fresh, locally sourced produce and supporting our local farmers. We believe in the importance of sustainable agriculture and strive to create a space where farmers and consumers can connect. For more information, contact westsacfarmersmarket@yahoo.com ★

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO



ARREST REPORTS

Sergio Kafu Meda, 22, was arrested Thursday, May 8 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol recognized Meda from previous contacts and knew him to be on probation until 2026. He was detained and two local misdemeanor warrants were confirmed. Meda was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Richard Kendall, 48, was arrested Sunday, May 11 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Cheyenne Georgia Ezell, 31, was arrested Wednesday, May 14 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Daniel Scott Harder, 21, was arrested Friday, May 16 at Riverpoint Drive and Reed Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol heard a vehicle doing donuts nearby. He arrived and found a vehicle doing donuts at a roundabout, within a busy shopping complex with other vehicles driving by and businesses all around. The driver, later identified as Harder, showed a wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. Officer activated lights and siren to conduct a traffic stop and Harder began to accelerate and flee. He ran a stop sign at a high rate of speed and officer engaged in pursuit. Harder ultimately yielded and came to a stop. Harder was detained without incident and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Ashley Lynn Jackson, 33, was arrested Saturday, May 17 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to a nearby location for report of a subject throwing rocks at a parked vehicle. The subject, Jackson, was located and detained without incident. The owner of the vehicle reported Jackson approached his vehicle in the driveway and threw a rock at the front windshield causing damage. Jackson had allegedly broken other windows on the same vehicle in prior events, but the victim had not reported this to police. The victim had been in a prior relationship with Jackson for several years and signed a citizen's arrest form for vandalism. Jackson was found to have several warrants and was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Cassandra Denise Owens, 49, was arrested Saturday, May 17 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for possessing unlawful paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. Officer responded to the location for a possible burglary in progress on a city vehicle. Officer contacted Owens sitting inside the vehicle. In plain view, officers observed a glass pipe containing a white crystal-like substance that tested positive for methamphetamine. Owens was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Audrey Michelle Sikon, 24, was arrested Sunday, May 18 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Daniel Willis, 29, was arrested Sunday, May 18 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Diana Sanchez Manzanares, 27, was arrested Tuesday, May 20 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Angela Marie Corrigan-Stevenson, 51, was arrested Tuesday, May 20 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Nicolas Carmona Gomez, 40, was arrested Tuesday, May 20 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

Montaque Edwards, 28, was booked into Yolo County Jail on Tuesday, May 20 after being transported from Santa Rita Jail for an outstanding felony bench warrant.

Broderick D. Scales, 66, was arrested Tuesday, May 20 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol conducted a records check on Scales, revealing outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants. Scales was contacted and transported to Yolo County Jail.

Kevin Thomas Edwards, 47, was arrested Wednesday, May 21 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer observed Edwards at the location and stopped him, knowing Edwards was on active probation for several charges. Warrants were confirmed and Edwards was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Wallace Troy Dixon, 56, was arrested Wednesday, May 21 on West Capitol Avenue and Maple Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer on patrol observed a bicycle riding against traffic in the bike lane and conducted an enforcement stop. The bicyclist identified himself as Dixon, and a records check revealed a confirmed misdemeanor warrant. Dixon was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Donald Ryan Delaney, 43, was arrested Thursday, May 22 at N. Harbor Boulevard and Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer on patrol observed a bicycle riding northbound in the southbound bike lane after dark with no headlight. Officer stopped the cyclist for the violations and found Delaney had the outstanding warrant. He was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Vladyslav L. Baranovych, 33, was arrested Thursday, May 22 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to a retail store at the location regarding a theft incident. A store employee observed a subject, later identified as Baranovych concealing merchandise on his person, then leaving the store without paying. Officers detained Baranovych near the business and a records check revealed an active felony warrant and active post-release community supervision. A probation search revealed the unpaid store merchandise. The store employee wanted to press charges and signed a citizen's arrest form. A check of Baranovych's criminal history showed he had been convicted of theft at least three times, serving previous jail time. He was transported to Yolo County Jail on the warrant, a petty theft charge, theft with prior convictions and probation violation.

Neal Troy Balmediano, 34, was arrested Thursday, May 22 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police for DUI alcohol. Officer responded to the location regarding a male that was seen slumped over in a vehicle in the middle of the road. Prior to the officer's arrival, other officers arrived on scene and observed the driver slumped over the steering wheel with the engine still running and the vehicle in drive. These officers stated it took approximately three minutes for Balmediano to become alert after they initiated contact with him. Upon arrival, the reporting officer observed Balmediano now out of the car, walking with the officers and displaying objective symptoms of intoxication. He agreed to a standardized field sobriety test and performed poorly. Balmediano was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Sarah Loraine Thomas, 40, was arrested Friday, May 23 at Jefferson Boulevard and Sacramento Avenue by West Sacramento Police for DUI alcohol. Officers on patrol found a vehicle parked in the median at the location. They observed a female, later identified as Thomas, passed out in the driver's seat with the car running. Officers observed objective signs of intoxication and requested that she complete field sobriety tests, which she refused. She did blow into a preliminary alcohol screening device, exceeding the legal limit. She was transported to Yolo County Jail.

Incidents / Crime Reports

Saturday, May 10 – a retail store at Town Center Plaza reports shoplifting of store merchandise by unknown suspect(s). Items valued at \$960 were recovered by Loss Prevention staff.

Wednesday, May 14 – a restaurant on West Capitol Avenue reports property damage and vandalism committed by unknown suspect(s). An exterior security camera valued at \$300 was damaged or destroyed.

Sunday, May 18 – victim reports burglary from their vehicle sometime between when it was parked on 5th Street and picked up after being towed away. Cash, sunglasses and jewelry valued at \$6,050 were taken by an unknown suspect.

Sunday, May 18 – victim reports laundry items were stolen from a washing machine on West Capitol Avenue Loss estimated at \$6.

Sunday, May 18 – a business reports a burglary from their storage facility on F Street Unknown suspect(s) took antique books and hats valued at \$300.

Monday, May 19 – a specialty store on Ikea Court reports an unidentified male subject shoplifted multiple pairs of shoes valued at \$264.

Monday, May 19 – victim reports their storage unit on F Street was broken into by an unknown suspect. Power and hand tools and televisions were taken, valued at \$1,833.

Monday, May 19 – victim reports unknown suspect(s) broke into their storage unit at a commercial facility on F Street sometime since the previous evening. The burglars took tools, camping equipment, a guitar, a shop vacuum and other miscellaneous things. Value of loss undetermined.

Wednesday, May 21 – victim reports their vehicle was broken into by an unknown suspect on Enterprise Boulevard. Packets of cigarettes valued at \$839 were stolen.

Sunday, May 25 – victim reports a firearm was stolen from their firearm safe at a residential facility on Simon Terrace sometime during the victim's vacation. Unknown suspect took a handgun valued at \$350.

Monday, May 26 – victim reports a broken television after a stay in a motel room on West Capitol Avenue Vandalism valued at \$200.

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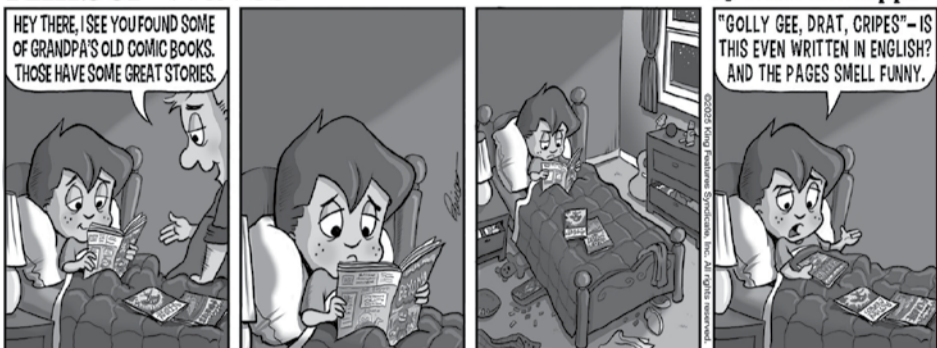
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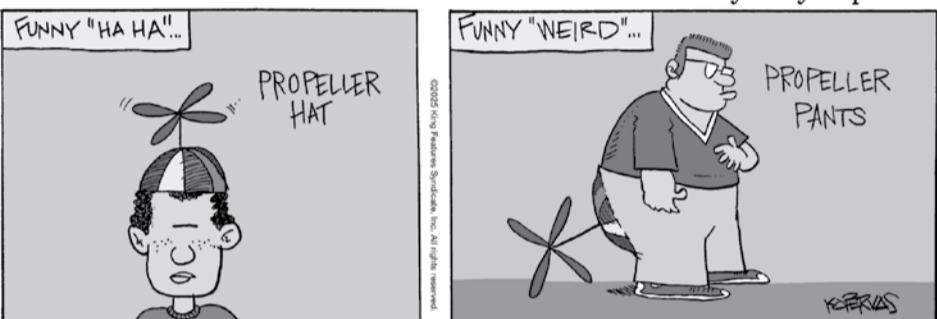
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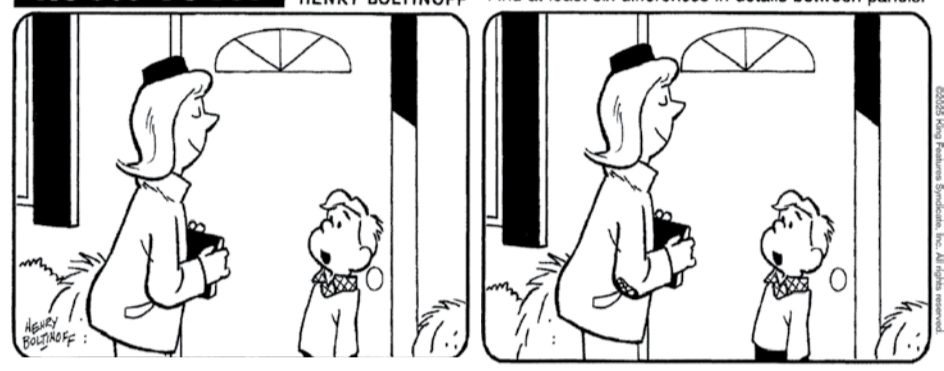
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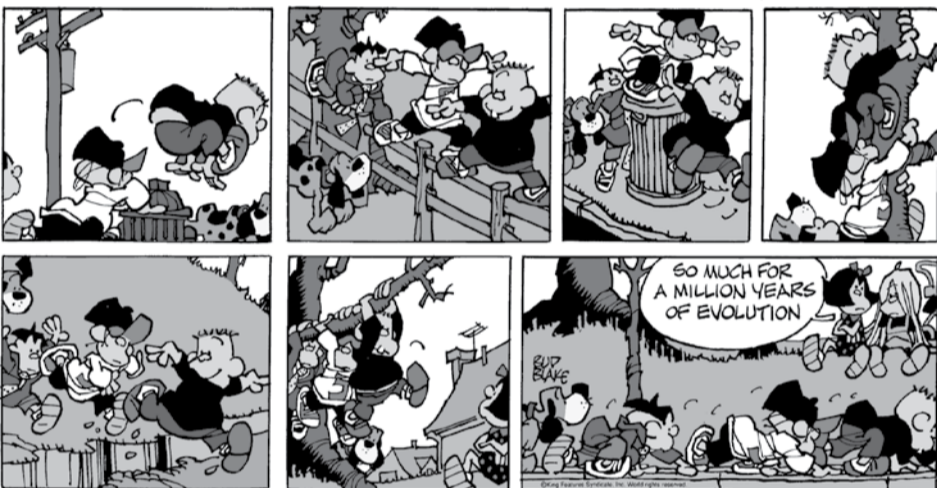
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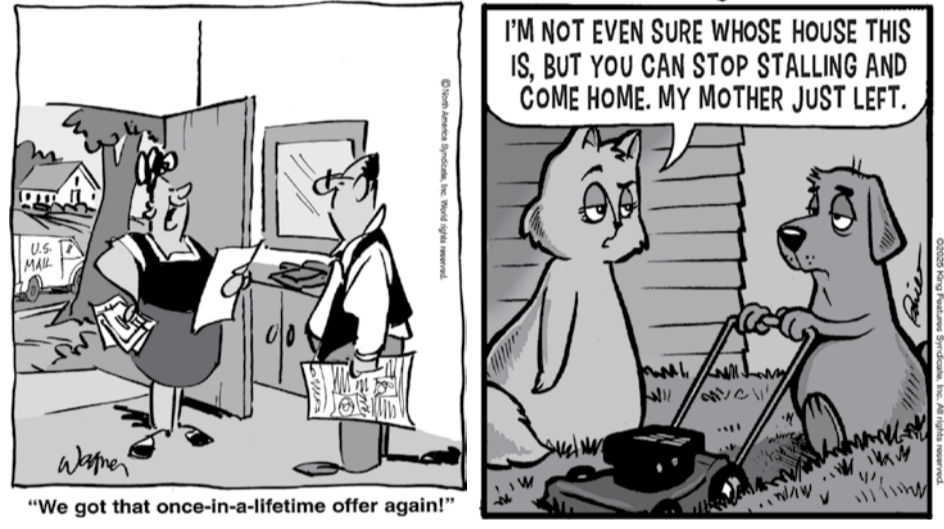
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- *Ned Stark's youngest daughter
- Draw out a conclusion
- Parks of Civil Rights fame
- Toothy wheel
- Birth-related
- *Pinocchio's father
- Fortune-telling coffee remnant
- Religious doctrine
- D.C. mover and shaker, abbr.
- Assembled
- Raidable hotel room amenity
- Evergreen creeper
- *"Fasten" a shoe (2 words)
- Nay, to a baby
- Dryer accumulation, pl.
- Expose to moisture
- White heron
- Sodium hydroxide
- Same as battle-ax
- UN labor grp.
- Like localized disease
- Crab's grabber
- Catcher in the what?
- Food-borne bacteria
- Begone!
- *"Fathers and Sons" author
- Not expensive
- Medicinal plant
- Joie de vivre
- Batu Khan's posse
- *Fils' father
- Chicken of the sea
- Tarzan's adoptive dad
- Before, poetically
- Big Bang's original matter

DOWN

- Financing acronym
- Hot rum drink
- *Official flower of Father's Day
- Adjusts
- Minotaur's island
- *Kurt Russell's son of "Thunderbolts" fame
- Tropical tuber
- Stringed instrument
- Slang for heroin
- Marina ____ Rey, CA
- "To do" list
- ____ a high note"
- *Fictional Mr. ____ who banished children's nanny to a doghouse
- Banana refuse, pl.
- Gladys Knight's band member
- *Christopher Robin's father A.A.
- Like certain flu
- Church assembly
- Speechless
- Gabriel of Chile
- Administer ceremonial oil
- Chopper blade
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- Snake-like reef dweller
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- Nearsighted one
- Degrees in right angle
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Meet Your Juke Box Heroes

Foreigner Returns with a Hit-Packed Night of Unforgettable Anthems

By Ornella Rossi

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - When Foreigner rolls into Wheatland on June 21 as part of their farewell tour, fans at the Hard Rock Live Sacramento are in for more than just a night of classic rock hits. They'll also witness a powerful blend of nostalgia and new voices as Lincoln High School's choir joins the legendary band on stage for their iconic ballad, "I Want to Know What Love Is."

For keyboardist Michael Bluestein, who has been with the band since 2008, the farewell tour is a culmination of a musical journey that spans decades, continents and generations.

"It's definitely a night of hits," Bluestein said. "Generally, we find that people know every song we play. It's very exciting, a lot of energy. We look forward to seeing everybody and we hope they bring their energy because we feed off that too."

Since forming in the mid-1970s, Foreigner has built a catalog of enduring rock anthems such as "Juke Box Hero," "Cold as Ice" and "Hot Blooded." Their farewell tour marks a milestone and celebrates a nearly 50-year legacy that Bluestein describes as "the soundtrack of my childhood and teenage years."

Originally trained in classical and jazz piano, Bluestein's career has taken him through a wide spectrum of musical genres, from touring with Enrique Iglesias to jamming in funky San Francisco jam bands. But stepping into Foreigner's lineup felt like coming home.

"When I got the offer, it was too good of an opportunity to pass up," Bluestein said. "These are songs I grew up with. I had a 'pinch me' moment playing 'Juke Box Hero' for the first time, it's a really dramatic part of the



Foreigner performs Friday, June 21 at Hard Rock Casino Live Sacramento venue as part of their Farewell Tour. Photo courtesy of Foreigner

set with the lighting going low and it's a very intense, kind of moody, section before the song really explodes."

Over the years, the band's extensive touring has brought them to nearly every corner of the world, from Red Rocks in Colorado to amphitheaters in Switzerland and Germany. Still, Northern California holds a special place for Bluestein, who once lived in San Francisco.

"I think the enthusiasm in NorCal is always great," Bluestein said. "We're really psyched to be back up there."

This tour is the last with long-time lead vocalist Kelly Hansen, who has fronted the band for nearly two decades. The band announced the news live on the finale of the "The Voice" on May 20 and broke the news that guitarist Luis Maldonado will step into the role of lead singer.

"Kelly will be doing the shows through like early fall so he still has a lot of shows left with us.

We're sad to see him go, he has been such an anchor and a big part of the taking this band to new heights and keeping us so consistently at such a high level, so we are so thankful to him and his contributions." Bluestein said. "Luis Maldonado, our guitarist, is stepping up as the new lead singer. He's a great guy and a phenomenal musician. We're in good hands."

Now, as the band enters its final stretch with Hansen, Bluestein reflects on the enduring power of Foreigner's music.

"These songs are just so well-crafted, so memorable. Lou Gramm's voice, the songwriting, the production, they were all magic," Bluestein said. "They've been imprinted on people's lives."

With decades of touring behind them, the members of Foreigner have found ways to keep their energy high. On show days, Bluestein meditates, others do yoga or stretching, and everyone

focuses on staying rested and balanced.

"It's about staying healthy out there. Connecting with family and friends," Bluestein said.

One of the most moving moments of each show on this tour comes when Foreigner invites a local high school choir on stage for "I Want to Know What Love Is." In Wheatland, that honor belongs to the students at Lincoln High School, led by retiring choir director Cindy Hagman.

"I just about fell off the couch when we were first asked in 2014," Hagman recalled. "This is the fourth time we've been invited and the last during my career. It's an incredible honor."

Hagman, who has led the choir for 25 years, sees this as a rare and invaluable opportunity for her students to be part of something unforgettable. Each year, a different group of students get to perform and this year 25 students are going. Hagman explained

that performers are usually all seniors but this year since the choir program was smaller so the opportunity to younger students as opened.

"It's not something everybody gets to do. For them to be on stage with a band like Foreigner, to look out over thousands of people, it's life-changing," Hagman said. "And it validates everything we do as music educators."

The partnership is part of Foreigner's ongoing campaign to support music education and raise awareness about the vital role of arts in schools. Each participating school receives a donation to support their music programs.

"The arts are always the first to be cut," Bluestein said. "This is a way to give back and help keep those programs alive. A lot of us in the band came through public school music programs, we got a chance to really explore music when we were young boys in school and it's a chance for younger generations to experience that too."

For students, the performance is about more than the music, it's about self-expression, confidence and connection.

"They're singing a message," Hagman said. "We work on what the song means so they can sing from the heart. That's when it really becomes transformative."

The impact reaches far beyond the stage. One former student who participated in the performance years ago now leads a band of his own, inspired by the experience of singing with Foreigner as a teenager.

"It changed his life," Hagman said. "And now it's doing the same for a new generation."

Foreigner performs Friday, June 21 at Hard Rock Casino Live venue, 3317 Forty Mile Road, Wheatland at 8 p.m. ★

CHP Unleashes Six New K-9 Teams

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) graduated six newly trained K-9 teams May 22 at its West Sacramento K-9 training facility, marking a significant step in bolstering public safety across the state.

After months of intensive training, five Belgian Malinois and one German Shepherd join their human partners on a mission to detect narcotics, explosives, and criminal suspects. This graduating class is the first to include canines trained to detect the scent of fentanyl from the beginning of their instruction, a proactive move to combat California's opioid and fentanyl crisis.

"These new K-9 teams have demonstrated incredible dedication and skill throughout their training," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "They're not just protecting our communities; they're enhancing our department's ability to fight crime and save lives."

The new teams represent various regions across the state, with officers from



The California Highway Patrol (CHP) graduated six newly-trained K-9 teams on May 22. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

the CHP's Coastal, Golden Gate, Valley, Border, and Inland field divisions. These handlers bring between six and 17 years of departmental experience, ensuring seasoned leadership behind each K-9.

The class includes three Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams, one Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine

team and two Narcotics Detection Canine teams.

The Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams completed at least 440 hours of criminal apprehension and narcotics detection training, while the Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine team completed 600 hours focused on criminal

apprehension and explosives detection. The Narcotics Detection Canine teams completed a minimum of 240 hours of training.

All teams adhered to the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) guidelines and will continue to train at least eight hours each week to maintain peak readiness.

The CHP's K-9 program now includes 50 active teams statewide. Those teams are 34 Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams, nine Patrol and Explosives Detection Canine teams, five Explosives Detection K-9 teams and two Narcotics Detection K-9 teams.

In 2024 alone, CHP K-9s helped seize nearly 823 pounds of fentanyl, showcasing their critical role in the fight against illegal drugs.

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CHP Expands Ranks With 133 New Officers

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On May 30, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) welcomed 133 new officers who completed 26 weeks of intensive training at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento.

"This graduation marks the beginning of a commitment to protecting and serving others," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "These officers have demonstrated their dedication to keeping California's communities safe and upholding the CHP's core values."

The officers will now report to one of the CHP's 102 Area offices across California to begin



The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

their law enforcement careers.

During academy training, cadets receive instruction in traffic enforcement, collision investigation, defensive tactics, firearms, emergency

vehicle operations, and community policing. The curriculum also focuses on legal responsibilities, communication, ethics and cultural awareness to prepare cadets to serve California's

diverse population.

The CHP has sworn in 364 officers in 2025 with this graduating class.

Nearly 300 cadets continue training at the West Sacramento



The officers will now report to one of the CHP's 102 Area offices across California to begin their law enforcement careers. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

facility, and another 160 are scheduled to begin instruction on June 9 as part of the department's ongoing efforts to strengthen public safety statewide.

The CHP continues to seek motivated individuals who are ready to make a difference in communities throughout California. A career with the CHP offers comprehensive training, competitive benefits, and opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

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