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Pool Day Kicks Off Summer Events



More than 40 friends and family of all ages attended the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District's Pool Bash to commence the opening day of community pool activities over the summer on June 13 at the Rio Linda High School Aquatic Center.

**Story and photos
by Seth Henderson**

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - The Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks District's fourth annual Pool Bash on June 13 signaled the district's opening day of the community pool at the Rio Linda High School Aquatic Center.

Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks District recreation supervisor Yanni Lagge said that everyone is welcome to attend public swimming sessions facilitated by the district at Rio Linda and Grant Union High School pools. Since youth visit rivers and lakes, Lagge said, knowing how to swim is as much about safety as



Splash Soda co-founders Tarryn Bertoglio (left) and Dina Nelson pose at their booth during the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District's Pool Bash to commence the opening day of community pool activities on June 13.

it is skill.

Public swim hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at Rio Linda High

School Pool through Aug. 10.

"We love to be able to provide the services for the community," Lagge said. "Swimming and having

the ability to have a pool for the summer is really important."

Rio Linda High School has two pools with one featuring a mushroom spray fountain and a three-lane water slide. Swimmers had to pass a swim test to use the slides and there were multiple lifeguards on duty at the June 13 event. Admission cost \$4, down from \$6 last year with the assistance of the Lion's Club providing free hot dogs, chips and drinks, according to Rio Linda Lion's Club President Tonya Haddix.

She said that Twin River students who show their valid student identification card will gain free

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New Air Quality Alert System Launched

**Sacramento
Metropolitan Air
Quality Management
District News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Sac Metro Air District), in collaboration with the air districts of the Sacramento region, has launched a new Air Alert system for the Sacramento Region's Spare The Air program.

Sacramento region residents are strongly urged to subscribe or resubscribe to the new Air Alert to maintain access to important air quality information aimed at safeguarding their health and the environment. Prior Air Alert subscriptions will not transfer to the new system, so resubscribing is essential.

The Spare The Air program is dedicated to measurably improving the region's air quality and helping residents protect themselves from air pollution by providing air quality forecasts, real-time readings and air pollution alerts. The program also offers educational materials for schools, businesses, residents and community organizations.

The Spare The Air campaign runs from May through October each year, which is known as the summer smog season. Ground-level ozone (smog) is the primary pollutant during this time of year and is monitored throughout the Spare The Air season. During wildfire smoke episodes, Spare The Air might provide PM2.5 (particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers or less) forecasts rather than smog, as needed.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) is a measurement that helps community members understand air pollution levels and how they might impact the natural environment and human health. The higher the Air Quality Index, the greater the level of air pollution.

When the forecasted Air Quality Index for smog is expected to reach or exceed 126, the program will issue a Spare The Air Alert.

Spare The Air, which runs annually from May 1 through Oct. 31, encourages residents and businesses to take action to help reduce air pollution in the Sacramento region.

Subscribers have the option to receive the daily air quality forecast and Spare The Air alerts by email or by Short Message Service (SMS) text directly to their phones.

For more information or to sign up for the new Air Alert, visit www.SpareTheAir.com/signup. ★

Highlighting Humanities, Businesses, Summer Plans

**Story and photo
by Seth Henderson**

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - About 10 attendees representing businesses, community organizations, nonprofit organizations and elected officials discussed upcoming community events and promotions June 5 at Brookfields Restaurant Sacramento on Madison Avenue during the monthly Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch.

The Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch is an informal monthly networking "no-host" luncheon that features a guest speaker every first Thursday of the month. Open to the public, participants are encouraged to bring fliers, publications, business cards and information for the community. The Tri-Communities area includes Rio Linda, Elverta



The Antelope Friends of the Veterans sit at their picnic table during the inaugural Western Ranch House Barbeque in Rio Linda on June 7, presented by the Rio Linda Lion's Club.

and North Highlands.

Former Rio Linda-Elverta Country Faire CEO Charlea Moore said that the event has been held regularly for more than 50 years and has 10 to 40 involved community members attending every month. Moore said

the meeting location was moved to Brookfields Restaurant after previously meeting at the Pancake Palace in North Highlands on Watt Avenue before it burned down last year.

"You'll be able to find someone to help you do what you need to do,"

Moore said.

June's guest speaker was Tony Shelton, the new Rio Linda-Elverta Country Faire CEO and soon-to-be Rio Linda Lions Club secretary and a local masonic lodge master. Shelton spoke about humanities

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Pup Pool Days Benefit SPCA

By Seth Henderson

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A pet boarding facility is sponsoring and hosting four Splashy Hour open-swim sessions for dogs to “get a break from the Sacramento heat” that doubles as a Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) fundraiser.

Between July and August, the Animal Den Pet Resort and Spa, located at 4060 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, features an in-ground “doggy” pool and attached play yards, allowing dogs to run around as much as they want.

Two 90-minute swimming sessions will be held on July 16 with the first starting at 5:15 p.m. and the second starting at 7 p.m. Only dogs are allowed in the pool.

Two sessions on Aug. 13 mirror the July 16 schedule with the first starting at 5:15 p.m. and the second starting at 7 p.m.

Each dog must be accompanied by at least one person. Ticket prices are \$35 per dog and admission for owners is free. Each of the four sessions has a limit of 30 dogs and 60 people.

All proceeds will benefit the animals at the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Dog owners must show proof of current vaccines ((Rabies, DHPP and Bordetella) for their dog ahead of time to info@animaldenpetresort.com with “Splashy Hour” in the subject line.

According to the



Multiple dogs trot into the shallow water of the Animal Den Pet Resort and Spa’s in-ground pool during a previous Splashy Hour event in partnership with the Sacramento SPCA. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Animal Den Pet Resort and Spa, this event is best suited for dogs who are well socialized and comfortable playing in large groups. Animal Den employees reserve the right to observe all dog interactions and make necessary decisions to keep all dogs and humans safe.

Adult beverages will be available for purchase.

A community sponsor of the event is Pet Evolution, a locally-owned franchise in Folsom, located at 25065 Blue Ravine Road, Suite 110. Pet Evolution provides an array of grooming and dietary services for pets, promoting health and wellness.

Featured vendors at the Splashy Hour include Howling Apparel; Photogra-V; Rocky and Stella’s Treats; and Xochi’s Pawfections.

Howling Apparel sells printed dog-tie bandanas and stickers, according to its Etsy shop page. The company’s Instagram profile said its production is considered “small batch” and it’s based



A black dog is soaking wet and sticking its tongue out during a previous Splashy Hour event at the Animal Den Pet Resort and Spa, giving the event an ear up. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

in California.

Photogra-V, a photography company run by Victor Martinez and his wife, Deanna, assists adoption agencies around Sacramento and the Bay Area, according to its Instagram profile. They also take professional photographs of dogs and their owners, according to Photogra-V’s website. Booking contact information can be found at photogra-v.com.

Rocky and Stella’s Treats is a Latina owned all-natural dog and cat

treat company that advertises “no sugar, no dyes, minimal ingredients” on its Instagram profile. On its website, products range from ostrich and chicken heads to plush toys and pinatas. Other products include T-shirts, cakes and breath mints for dogs.

Xochi’s Pawfections features many themed bandanas and plush toys on its website, including pastries, tacos and a “Pawchata Toy,” playing on the popular Latin American drink, horchata. Xochi’s also gives back to a local animal shelter, according to its website.

The Animal Den Pet Resort and Spa offers memberships that give access to its pool and playground, with new members signing up at Splashy Hour to receive their first month of membership for free, according to its event flier. Membership access is Thursday and Friday nights, and Saturdays and Sundays.

More information about the Splashy Hour can be found at sspc.org/splashy-hour. ★

87 Animals Receive New Homes



Quincy, 8 months old, is one of 87 animals adopted from the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals during California Adopt-a-Pet Day on June 7. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Sacramento SPCA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) joined more than 150 organizations in California to help find loving homes for pets during the second annual Adopt-A-Pet Day on June 7.

Thanks to CalAnimals, San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, all pet adoptions were sponsored during this one-day event.

Eighty-seven animals were adopted from the Sacramento Society for

the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on Adopt-A-Pet Day: 26 dogs, 56 cats and five small animals.

Three of the SPCA’s adventure-loving dogs, Amigo, Suri and Dolce, who were previously featured in Sacramento SPCA postings, were also adopted.

And last week, Cosmo, who was transferred to the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in January in response to the Los Angeles fires, was adopted following a foster furlough adventure shared on social media.

If you are still looking for a pet to join your family, view the SPCA’s adoptable animals at sspc.org/adoptable. ★



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Accepting Applications for SMUD’s Shine Program

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The application period for SMUD’s Shine Awards will open June 1 through July 31 to nonprofit organizations in our service area. The Shine program is designed to improve and revitalize communities in the Sacramento region.

Proposals should focus on projects that support zero carbon workforce development, environmental justice and equity, inclusive economic development and STEM education. Shine projects should align and support with SMUD’s Clean Energy Vision, which will eliminate all carbon emissions from the power supply by 2030.

Shine awards will range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and are very competitive. Any incorporated nonprofit organization within SMUD’s service area is eligible to apply. Shine awards are available at three funding levels: Spark (up to \$10,000), Amplifier (up to \$50,000) and Transformer (up to \$100,000). Applications will be accepted through July 31.

While SMUD will consider a broad variety of potential projects, it’s primarily interested in proposals that promote 2030 Clean Energy Vision by utilizing clean energy solutions and advance zero carbon workforce development and training. Proposals that also promote energy efficiency, energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction, particularly in diverse and under-resourced communities

(environmental justice & equity). Those that support inclusive economic development and involve clean energy education related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, or related Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields.

SMUD will host multiple technical assistance webinar sessions about Shine and the application process. A registration link and application can be found on smud.org/Shine.

This past year, SMUD awarded over \$532,000 in Shine funding to 21 local nonprofits. SMUD received a wide range of applications, and the selected projects were able to successfully demonstrate collaboration and the potential for broad community impact.

Each year SMUD contributes approximately \$3 million in financial support and in-kind services to community-based organizations. SMUD will continue to support healthy, vibrant and economically sustainable neighborhoods for all customers, with a special eye toward improving equity in our region through SMUD’s Sustainable Communities program.

For more information about the SMUD Shine program, including a list of previous winners, visit smud.org/Shine.

SMUD is a recognized industry leader and award winner for its innovative energy efficiency programs, renewable power technologies and for its sustainable solutions for a healthier environment. For more information on SMUD’s Zero Carbon Plan and its customer programs, visit smud.org. ★

Pool Day Kicks Off Summer Events



The Rio Linda Lions Club partners with Splash Soda, a local custom soda company, and the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks District for their fourth annual Pool Bash to kick off the district’s pool activities over the summer on June 13 at the Rio Linda High School Aquatic Center.

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admission to both pools.

Lagge said that the Recreation and Parks District obtained a mixed land use (MLU) zoning permit about 14 years ago for the Rio Linda High aquatic center, meaning that the pool was built with the park district in mind. Lagge is the swim and water polo coach at Rio Linda High School, in addition to being a lifeguard instructor.

Woodland Christian Schools 10th-grader Chayse Anderson, the lifeguard manager at the Pool Bash event, is in her second year of being a lifeguard after being inspired by her brother, who was also a lifeguard.

“Everyone’s been nice,” Anderson said. “Not too many breaking the rules or anything, so it’s been good. Lots of kids running around the water slide.”

Anderson said the water slides are fun for parents too and she was glad to see all ages at the pool being safe.

Zowie Esparza, the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks District recreation coordinator with the district for six years, said it was exciting to have vendors and a great turnout for opening day. More than 40 attendees participated in the Pool Bash, Esparza said, and “the newly-trained lifeguards did an excellent job.”

A company co-founded by Dina Nelson and Tarryn Bertoglio, a mother-daughter duo, called Splash Soda, helped sponsor the Pool Bash and the Lion’s Club provided its signature soda mixtures. Some flavors included Blue Razz Lemonade Strawberry Boba and Dirty Alanai.

Nelson said that “it means a lot to be able to give back to the community.”

“The Rio Linda Elverta Parks and Recreation District, they don’t have a lot of

donors and sponsors,” Nelson said. “And I raised my kids here. My grandkids are here.”

Nelson said they support local business and it’s “really an honor for me. Like I said, I graduated from this school in 1981.” She said she thinks what they have in the Rio Linda community is quite special and her family has historically been involved, saying she has many generations of family who have participated in multiple facets of the community.

Other Rio Linda High School Aquatic Center events include water aerobics, also hosted by the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks District from July 16 to Aug. 6. Hours are from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. There will be a \$5 drop-in fee to attend.

The district also facilitates its own swim team, competing against other recreation and park districts throughout Northern California, Lagge said. She said the swim team has been around for about 12 years and features 122 swimmers.

The water aerobics program is more social based but features coordinated workouts with weights and pool noodles, according to Lagge.

The Rio Linda High School Aquatic Center is located at 6309 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda, with the aquatic center’s driveway located off of the frontage road on Elkhorn Boulevard.

Grant Union High School is located at 1400 Grand Ave, Sacramento.

More information about public pool hours and events from the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks District can be found online at rleparks.com or call 916- 991-5929. ★

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Highlighting Humanities, Businesses, Summer Plans

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and social involvement. His goal, Shelton said, is to provide an equal opportunity to succeed and he was heavily influenced by a desire for knowledge.

“To be a great person means to be in the community whenever possible,” Shelton said. “Show compassion and healing with the less informed.”

Shelton spoke about the historical difficulties faced by women and minorities in the United States. He described the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that provided women with the right to vote, which led to them obtaining managerial roles by the 1960s. He also spoke about affirmative action through the Civil Rights Movement to prohibit employment discrimination to all.

“When you think about it, the women in our society raise our children, prepare our foods, provide lifelong stability; and we did that. It’s pretty sad. I just strive to hope that we can overcome that in the future wherever everybody is and that applies across all lives,” Shelton said.

Shelton said that the Masonic organization’s goal across the world is to create a society where everyone can have an education. He said that the Masonic organization founded public education and it’s a constant evolution of the organization to make sure it succeeds.

“It’s a necessary evil and that’s why, in that nonprofit that I belong to, we think so highly of (education),” Shelton said.

The Rio Linda-Elverta Country Faire strives to bring their community together with beneficial public events that can assist anyone, Shelton said.

Mentioned at the Lunch Bunch, the Rio Linda Lions Club hosted its inaugural Western Ranch Barbeque at the Dry Creek Ranch House on June 7, featuring views of the 180-acre ranch, lively music, a hearty dinner and a raffle.

Joanna McVay of the North Highlands Recreation and Parks District shared her experience of dealing with cancer while being a business owner during Shelton’s speech when he inquired about the audience’s personal experience. McVay said she echoed Shelton’s comments about unity.

Special assistant Forrest Johnson from Sacramento County Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez’s office and field representative Natalya Sachuk of Assemblymember Josh Hoover’s office provided updates on legislation and county proceedings that affects the tri-communities area and the county abroad.

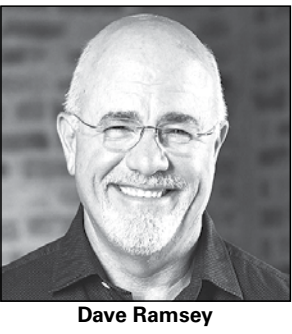
Johnson spoke about Sacramento County’s budget meeting on June 4, reporting that the District Attorney’s office Community Prosecutor program and the county Sheriff’s Homeless Outreach Team will continue to receive funding. The funding was passed with a unanimous vote, Johnson said.

Sachuk spoke about Assembly Bill 84, pertaining to the financial reformation of nonclassroom-based education, implementing stronger audits and stricter regulations. After passing the State Assembly, the bill will move forward to the Senate before making its way to the governor’s desk, if passed.

According to the 2025 Legislative Calendar, Assembly Bill 84 must be passed in the Senate by Sept. 12.

Other participants in June’s Lunch Bunch included Giovanni, a manager from OK Tire and Automotive in North Highlands, who passed out fliers for the California Cool Air Rebate, a program providing financial assistance for California residents in need of repairs to their car’s air conditioning system.

The next Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 3 at the Brookfields Restaurant in Sacramento, 4343 Madison Ave. and there is no reservation or sign up required. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My fiancé and I are getting married this year. We're both in our 40s with kids, so we'll be a blended family. The thing that worries me is that we have drastically different views on handling money. I'm a saver, and he's a spender. I also make significantly more money than he does. He's been trying to get his production company in Tampa off the ground for about 10 years, making \$50,000 a year. I'm an accountant, and I make \$300,000 a year. Considering the uniqueness of the situation, would it be easier for us to keep separate financial lives? I've got a feeling it's going to be hard talking him into being more responsible with money at his age.

— Lisa

Dear Lisa,

You're going to burn a lot of calories either way, aren't you? Either you folks are going to do the hard work of getting on the same page together, or you're going to essentially work against each other and underperform. In your lives and your finances.

Dave Ramsey Says

Unique Situation, Separate Finances?

All the data we've collected shows that the couple who win with money are the couples who work together. Nearly 80% of the 10,000+ millionaires we interviewed in "The National Study of Millionaires" were married. On top of that, 80% of them said they were able to build that kind of wealth because they were working together financially with their spouse, instead of despite their spouse.

As far as your fiancé and his business are concerned, it doesn't take 10 years to get a business off the ground. If you know your stuff, it takes about 10 months. So, he doesn't really have a small business. He has a hobby. Don't get me wrong. I admire the dude's commitment and ambitious spirit. It may just be a case of him being good at what he does but not being good at running a business. Accidental entrepreneurs happen a lot, and that's not a sin. He may just need to educate himself on the how of running a business successfully.

Along those lines, I'd recommend that he pick up a copy of "The E-Myth" by Michael E. Gerber. It's a great read for anyone looking to evaluate their small business and get it moving in the right direction. But if that's not the answer, he needs to find a different career. My guess is he could double what he's making now working for someone else in the production world in a place like Tampa.

Looking at you two on the surface, you've got a chance to build a beautiful life together. That's not going to happen, though, if one or both of you are in denial about a job or your finances. The awkwardness of you making literally six times what he makes — and his business situation — needs to be discussed with a good pre-marital counselor before you two walk down the aisle.

God bless you two, Lisa!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-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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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



How often are rumors worth listening to? Well, if you’re a Sacramento Kings fan, buckle your seat belt.

Ja Morant, really?

One of several unlikely big names that are being cast about, including one notable player the Kings passed up in the draft class of 2012, Damian Lillard.

Does anyone remember the name of Thomas Robinson? The same Thomas Robinson that was drafted by the Sacramento Kings, one pick ahead of Damian Lillard with the fifth pick overall.

Robinson lasted a little over a year with the Kings and bounced around the NBA as a bench player before leaving the league in 2017.

Now, as Damian Lillard is recovering from a torn Achilles and likely to sit out much if not all the upcoming season, rumors have the Kings interested in a 3-team deal that could possibly have Lillard in a Kings jersey. Don’t hold your breath.

One pundit has Ja Morant coming to the Kings after the Memphis Grizzlies inexplicably traded Morant’s backcourt mate Desmond Bane to the Orlando Magic over the weekend.

The NBA has been quiet so far, and the Bane trade kicks off what could be a wild ride of trades as teams prepare for the upcoming NBA draft later this month.

I don’t see Morant coming to the Kings, but it raises the question, why would they want a player already suspended twice for 33 games and with a history of injuries? That’s a bad mix for a team trying to build a playoff contender. Hopefully, like most rumors, that’s all this is.

Scott Perry has remained quiet thus far, and I’m hoping that anything resembling a knee jerk reaction won’t take place.

The fans are anxious, but better to be anxious than to rush into a trade that makes no sense.

I would love to see Perry find a way for the Kings to acquire a first round pick in the upcoming draft, but only if it makes sense, and we don’t have to give up too much to make that happen.

King’s fans won’t have long to wait, as the first round of the NBA draft is on June 25.

A lot can happen in less than 2 weeks. I’m hoping that Scott Perry is looking closely at the talent he already has before

he begins making moves.

Young talents like Devin Carter, Isaac Jones, Keon Ellis, and fourth year player Keegan Murray have a huge upside, and I want to see what these young players look like in the upcoming season before we give up on them. All four of these players have solid defensive games, and the Kings are in sore need of players that bring defense to the court.

If the NBA finals have taught us anything it’s that defense wins championships, and what fans are witnessing is a look at defenses playing at the highest level.

On paper the Sacramento Kings are already checking a lot of boxes.

Perennial rebounding champ and double-double wizard Domantas Sabonis now has big man Jonas Valanciunas to spell him minutes when needed, and with a little maneuvering I can see these two gladiators playing at times side by side.

The Kings have the midrange maestro in DeMar DeRozan who had solid year in 2024/2025 showing no signs of slowing down as he averaged over 22 points per game while adding four boards and four assists. At nearly 48% from the field DeRozan is the consummate pro who can be counted on when the Kings need a basket and remains a stellar tutor to the youngsters coming up.

From 3-point land newly acquired Zach Lavine didn’t disappoint after a slow start in a Kings uniform, Zach ended the year second overall in percentage with a 44% average while draining 239 3-pointers.

Although Keegan Murray slipped to 36% from 3-point land the Kings have 3-point shooters, and Keon Ellis made strides last season shooting 43% from beyond the arc and 49% overall from the field!

Look closely Scott Perry and don’t jump ship. Let’s bring along the youngsters and value the veterans.

Do we need to add talent? Of course we do, but let’s try something different for a change. Let’s make smart decisions and stop including first round draft choices in our trades!

Stay tuned Kings fans. 2025/2026 could be interesting!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at

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Social Security Matters

Can My Husband Work Part Time and Collect Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am writing to you on behalf of my husband. His intentions are to go part time as of January 1, 2026, working 30 hours a week and take Social Security benefits as supplemental income. How can we determine what his Social Security benefit would be with him still working part time? He will be 63 and 7 months old next January and has not yet applied for benefits. We look forward to hearing from someone very soon. **Signed: Anxious for Information**

Dear Anxious: If he claims Social Security at age 63 and 7 months, your husband’s benefit will be about 78% of what it would be if he waited until age 67 to claim. And, since your husband will not yet have reached his SS full retirement age (FRA), he will be subject to Social Security’s Annual Earning Test (AET), which limits how much he can earn while working and collecting early Social Security retirement benefits. The amount he can earn without paying a penalty changes yearly but, for reference, the earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 per year. If his work earnings exceed the annual limit, Social Security will take away some of his benefits. Using the 2025 limit as an example, if your husband’s annual 2025 earnings were

\$40,000, then he would owe about \$8,300 (half of the amount he exceeded the limit by). Social Security would withhold his monthly benefits for enough months to recover what he owes for exceeding the earnings limit (how many months they withhold would be determined by his monthly SS benefit amount).

FYI, the earnings test lasts until your husband reaches his full retirement age (his FRA is age 67), but in the year he attains his FRA the penalty for exceeding the limit is less - \$1 for every \$3 over the limit - and the limit is much higher. The annual earnings test no longer applies once your husband reaches his FRA.

When your husband applies for his SS retirement benefit, Social Security will ask about his work plans and how much he expects to earn each year. Based upon that information, if he expects to exceed the annual limit they will pay his benefits for some months of the year (depending on his projected earnings) and withhold his benefits for the remaining months. They will also monitor his annual earnings as reported to the IRS and make any appropriate benefit adjustment afterwards.

If SS benefits are withheld because your husband exceeded the annual earnings limit, when he reaches his full retirement age (67), Social Security will give him time-credit for all month’s that benefits were withheld. Essentially, they will advance his actual claim date by the number of months benefits were withheld, which will make his monthly benefit higher at his FRA. The higher amount he receives after reaching his FRA will help

him recover some of the money withheld as a result of exceeding the earnings limit before his FRA.

Please note that it is always best to inform Social Security up front if your husband plans to work and earn (even part time) prior to reaching his FRA. The IRS will provide the SSA with your husband’s earnings information, and SSA will (if his projected earnings weren’t disclosed when he applied) issue an Overpayment Notice if he earns more than allowed. He will then be required to repay SS everything owed, or have his benefits withheld until Social Security recovers what he owes.

One final point: by claiming his benefits in January 2026, your husband’s monthly amount will be reduced by about 22% (from the amount he would get at his FRA of 67). Claiming early (before FRA) always results in a benefit reduction, whereas waiting longer than FRA to claim always results in a higher monthly amount (maximum benefit is reached at age 70).

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Newsom Wanted to Fast-Track, the Legislature Slowed



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Repeatedly Gavin Newsom has sought legislative approval of his high-priority policy proposals within the annual state budget process, even though they often have nothing to do with the budget.

The unique rules governing the budget and its accompanying “trailer bills” allow them to be enacted quickly, bypassing many parliamentary hurdles and vote thresholds that other legislation must endure.

The Legislature, controlled by Newsom’s fellow Democrats, generally allows him to use the budget process, in part because legislators often employ the same shortcuts for their own priorities.

Their underlying motive for the sneaky use — or misuse — of the budget process is to avoid prolonged analysis and debate that might, if the bills’ contents are fully vetted, make them more difficult to enact. The trailer bills often contain favors for interest groups that would be difficult to justify in a

more transparent process.

Last month, while unveiling a revised state budget, Newsom asked the Legislature to attach legislation that would fast-track the highly controversial project to move Sacramento River water to the California Aqueduct without it flowing through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta — renewing a tactic that failed two years go.

First proposed as a “peripheral canal” more than a half-century ago, it morphed into twin tunnels and, after Newsom’s election, a single tunnel. Its purpose has also evolved, from a mechanism to increase water deliveries to Southern California, to one that would, Newsom and others argue, improve the reliability of deliveries.

“For too long, attempts to modernize our critical water infrastructure have stalled in endless red tape, burdened with unnecessary delay,” Newsom said. “We’re done with barriers. Our state needs to complete this project as soon as possible, so that we can better store and manage water to prepare for a hotter, drier future. Let’s get this built.”

It would take a book — a big book — to fully explain all of the project’s environmental, financial and political aspects. Briefly, however, while advocates say that isolating water conveyance from the Delta would

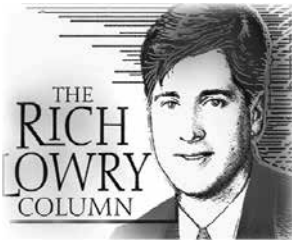
improve habitat for fish and other wildlife, opponents contend that less water flowing through the estuary would further degrade its water quality.

While Newsom and other supporters often depict the tunnel as a stand-alone project, it is inexorably related to other aspects of California’s very complex water picture.

For instance, as it touts a tunnel that would doubtless reduce Delta flows, the state also is pressuring farmers to reduce diversions from the San Joaquin River and its tributaries, to increase flows through the Delta. Those two efforts are not officially linked, but the connection is obvious.

The long-stalled Delta Conveyance Project — the latest of several official names — has slowly approached the final pre-construction phase, which is why Newsom wanted a trailer bill to finally get a green light.

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. Walters began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981, now for CALMatters since 2017. ★



The Future of Warfare is Here

Ukraine may not have “the cards,” as President Trump put it, but it does have drones. They were used to great effect over the weekend in an audacious attack within Russia that has focused the world’s attention on a revolution in warfare.

A badly outmanned and outgunned country just reached far inside its adversary’s territory to destroy or damage hugely expensive, nuclear-capable strategic aircraft with low-cost drones basically indistinguishable from ones available on Amazon.

It’s not quite David versus Goliath, because the Russian giant is not going to be felled by the blow, but the diplomatic and psychological impact of the raid could be profound, as Ukraine seeks to demonstrate to the West its staying power.

For creativity and outsized effect with widely available devices, the Ukrainian attack is in the same league as Israel’s beeper attack on Hezbollah operatives in Lebanon last year. Both operations also carry a message about new vulnerabilities -- to a compromised supply chain and to a surprise drone attack -- that should make us take notice.

We’ve just watched the equivalent of aviation legend Billy Mitchell’s demonstration in 1921 when he had U.S. planes

sink a former German battleship, in a display of the emerging potency of air power.

Ukraine’s Operation Spider Web combined Mission Impossible-style intrigue -- the drones were secreted within Russia and some of them launched from containers attached to trucks, unbeknownst to the drivers -- with clever innovation.

The attacks spanned several time zones and hit 41 Russian aircraft, according to the Ukrainians. The operation was the latest iteration of a cat-and-mouse drone war between Ukraine and Russia. The Ukraine conflict is essentially a war of attrition, yet it is anything but static, as the means of waging it change almost by the week. Offensive innovation is met with defensive countermove, triggering another change on offense.

Drones are vulnerable to electronic jamming? Then, they’ll be controlled by massive spools of fiber optic cable. Drones threaten supply routes? Then, the roads will be covered with netting. And drones will be attacked by other drones. What the siren of the Stuka dive-bomber was to the Blitzkrieg -- an unmistakable herald of a new way of waging war -- the high-pitched whirr of the drone is to the Ukraine war.

Estimates are that drones now inflict about 70% of casualties on both sides, and there are literally millions of them. Russia deployed roughly 4 million drones last year, and Ukraine about 1.5 million. We have much to learn from all this. After last weekend, every commander of a U.S. base should be thinking anew about potential vulnerability to drone attack, and it’s

not hard to imagine the Chinese utilizing drones to execute a wide-ranging strike in the Western Pacific if Beijing goes after Taiwan.

Once a leader in drone technology when its Predators were taking out targets in the War on Terror, the U.S. hasn’t kept up with the adaptations happening in the Ukraine war. Inevitably, our own bureaucratic processes are our worst enemy.

As head of the U.S. National Drone Association, Nathan Ecelbarger, writes, the system for acquiring drones “remains deeply flawed, overly bureaucratic and resistant to innovation.”

We’ll have to focus more on defenses, too, from early detection to counter-drone capabilities. The problem with using missiles to defeat drones is the asymmetry in expense -- an SM-2 missile costs millions, whereas a Houthi drone costs thousands. And drone swarms could overcome a battery of missiles.

This is the reason why the work of next-generation defense firms like Epirus, which has developed a scalable, high-power microwave technology platform that can knock a swarm of drones from the sky, is so important.

What’s happening in the Ukraine war is the norm in human conflict. It’s adapt or watch your castle get reduced to rubble, your fleet get sent to the bottom of the ocean or a leg of your nuclear triad get assaulted by, essentially, a plaything of hobbyists.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2025 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

The Challenge of Democratic Policing

By Steve Smith
of the Pacific Research Institute

News of the fairly small federal enforcement action spread quickly amongst opponents of immigration enforcement, and based on the flags and signs, a host of other political causes as well, resulting in days of riots, assaults on police officers, arson, and vandalism.

The situation is made more confusing in California because here, state and local law enforcement officials are barred from enforcing immigration laws or cooperating with immigration authorities by SB 54, the so-called “California Values Act”.

Specifically, SB 54 prohibits California peace officers from participating in joint federal/state task forces that involve immigration enforcement. They may not arrest individuals for immigration law violations or hold inmates longer than their customary arrest and holding periods without a judicial order for the purposes of immigration enforcement. They must also ensure that schools, hospitals, or other public spaces remain open to all without consideration of the immigration status of anyone accessing those facilities. In all they do, they cannot ask the immigration status of an individual.

ICE actions thus create a strain on the social contract between some Californians and local and state law enforcement agencies who are viewed by many to be indistinguishable from their federal counterparts. Consequently, in Los Angeles, local officers are being attacked and property is being destroyed as protestors and criminal opportunists take advantage of the misconception of their role.

In addition, the tactical response to an emerging riot can be maddeningly slow.

Consider that the Los Angeles Police Department has just 8,900 police officers on staff to provide service to over 3.8 million residents, yet the number of officers actually on duty at any given time is a scant 315, or less than 1 officer per 12,000 residents.

Even with assistance from other local law enforcement agencies and the CHP, it is a challenge for the police to quickly marshal the resources to quell an organized and large civil disturbance. Along with tactical considerations, the law leaves state and local peace officers in Los Angeles in a legal gray area when devising their strategies to maintain peace and manage crowd control while at the same time not being seen to be assisting ICE agents.

Another challenge is the fact that immigration law is administrative and not criminal. Consequently, officers engaged in enforcing those laws may find themselves in difficult legal circumstances were an enforcement action to turn violent or even deadly.

History has shown that the slow police ramp up during the three major LA riots (the 1965 Watts riots; the 1992 Rodney King riots and, most recently, the 2020 George Floyd riots) allowed a considerable amount of crime to take place

before California’s governors utilized the California National Guard to assist in ending the riots and restoring order – a process known as “calling up.”

For that purpose and more, all US states and territories maintain a national guard, which in times of civil emergency can be called upon to assist local authorities. In some circumstances, the President of the United States can assume control of a state or territorial guard, such as when a state’s governor refuses to enforce federal law as famously happened in Alabama when President Kennedy nationalized the Alabama Guard based on Gov. George Wallace’s refusal to comply with the Civil Rights Act. Going back to 1954, President Eisenhower ordered elements of the 101st Airborne Division to protect the “Little Rock Nine” at Central High School in Arkansas.

This weekend (June 7 weekend), President Trump did the same when he ordered 2,000 California National Guard members to Los Angeles over the objections of Gov. Gavin Newsom, who said: “The federal government is taking over the California National Guard and deploying 2,000 soldiers in Los Angeles — not because there is a shortage of law enforcement, but because they want a spectacle.” On June 9, an additional 700 active duty Marines were sent to Los Angeles.

There appears to be ample evidence that, in the past, presidential authority to enforce federal law extends to ordering the US military and national guard to aid in carrying out law enforcement actions and the securing of facilities. California Attorney General Rob Bonta has filed a lawsuit challenging that authority alleging, among other things, the federalization deprives California of the guard in the event of an emergency and infringes on Newsom’s rights as Commander-in-Chief of the state guard.

Despite Gov. Newsom’s assurances that all was under control, there are a shortage of peace officers in Los Angeles and, for that matter, the rest of California. Los Angeles Police Chief Jim McDonnell reported after the first day of rioting that, “We are overwhelmed”.

It should be no surprise as the LA Times reported in January 2025 that LAPD was down hundreds of officers with little hope of returning to full staffing for several years. This situation is echoed by a recent peace officer staffing report by PORAC noting that statewide, law enforcement numbers are at a 30-year low.

There may be soon a day of reckoning in the Supreme Court not just over the extent of presidential authority vis a vis the use of troops to enforce laws but also over the constitutionality of state laws limiting cooperation with federal law enforcement authorities .

The question in Los Angeles today is that given these challenges, will the thin blue line hold?

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Kiley Developing Legislation Against Rioters



Kevin Kiley
Congressman Kevin Kiley
Kiley News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - As the anti-Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) riots continue to be violent and dangerous in Los Angeles, Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA) is developing legislation that would make Non-Governmental

Organizations involved in organizing unlawful riots ineligible for federal funding or tax-exempt status, along with legislation to increase penalties for disrupting federal immigration and law enforcement operations and assaulting federal officers.

Right now, the penalty for a simple assault of an officer is one year in prison and there is no specific financial penalty.

“The violence we have witnessed in Los Angeles is a threat to the safety of our communities and federal officers, and it undermines democracy by obstructing the policies of a duly elected president from being implemented,” Kiley said. “We need better tools to deter

and punish this lawless and anti-democratic behavior.”

In the wake of the L.A. riots, it has come to light that the nonprofit known as Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles received \$34 million in state funding.

The group, which has previously campaigned to abolish ICE, played a pivotal role in enabling the riots by broadcasting the precise location of ICE operations in real time.

Congressman Kevin Kiley represents California’s Third Congressional District, which includes Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Alpine, Mono and Inyo counties, and parts of Yuba, El Dorado and Sacramento counties. ★

Small Business Owners Describe Slightly-Improved Conditions



Small business owners expecting better business conditions and sales. Image by Ketut-Subiyanto pexels

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Small business owners expecting better business conditions and sales boosted the National Federation of Independent Business’s latest Small Business Optimism Index numbers, released on June 10, to 98.8, slightly above the 51-year average of 98.

The latest index also gave labor shortages and labor quality and inflation a break from their occasional rankings as the most important problems, replacing them with taxes. The last time taxes were ranked as the most important problem was in December 2020.

“California was already the highest taxed state in the nation, so the findings in the latest Optimism Index are not so much a surprise as they are a reminder of our crying need for better policies,” said John Kabateck, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business in California. “One such better policy would have been to pay off our \$20 billion debt to the federal government over our unemployment insurance loans when Uncle Sam was lading out gobs of cash a few years ago. Too late now, which means small business owners are on the hook for the increased costs associated with the unemployment insurance taxes, which only businesses pay, for many more years to come. And to think some lawmakers still want to award striking workers who already have jobs with unemployment benefits. More than most examples, this shows the mentality of the policymakers in charge of making decisions for California.”

The National Federation of Independent Business’s Index is the gold standard measurement of America’s small business economy. Used by the Federal Reserve, congressional leaders, administration officials

and state legislatures across the nation, it’s regarded as the bellwether on the health and welfare of the Main Street.

The Optimism Index, aka Small Business Economic Trends report, is a national snapshot of National Federation of Independent Business-member, small-business owners not broken down by state. The typical National Federation of Independent Business member employs between one and nine people and reports gross sales of about \$500,000 a year.

“Although optimism recovered slightly in May, uncertainty is still high among small business owners,” National Federation of Independent Business Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg said. “While the economy will continue to stumble along until the major sources of uncertainty are resolved, owners reported more positive expectations on business conditions and sales growth.”

Highlights from the June 10 Optimism Index included a net one percent, seasonally adjusted, of owners who viewed current inventory stocks as “too low” in May, up seven points from April and the highest reading since August 2022. This was the largest monthly increase in the survey’s history.

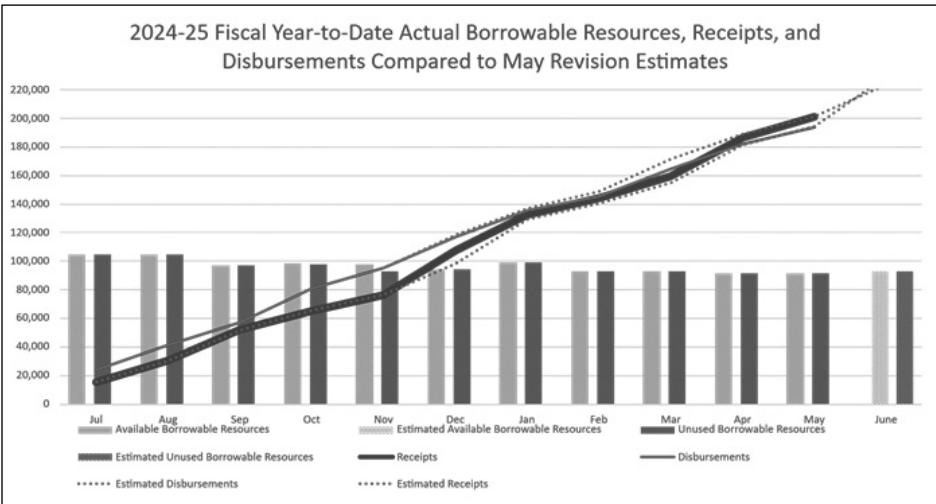
The net percentage of owners expecting better business conditions rose 10 points from April to a net 25%, seasonally adjusted.

The net percentage of owners expecting higher real sales volumes rose 11 points from April to a net 10%, seasonally adjusted. This component contributed the most to the Optimism Index’s improvement.

The percentage of small business owners reporting labor quality as the single most important problem for business fell three points from April to 16%.

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State Controller Issues May Cash Update



The State of California started the fiscal year with a \$14.7-billion General Fund cash balance and ended May with a \$21.7-billion balance, according to the California State Controller’s Office. Image courtesy of the California State Controller’s Office

California State Controller’s Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Controller Malia M. Cohen released her monthly cash report covering the state’s General Fund revenues, disbursements and actual cash balance for the fiscal year through May 31.

As noted in the controller’s monthly statement of General Fund cash receipts and disbursements, receipts for the fiscal year through May were higher than estimates contained in the 2025-26 May Revision by \$640.1 million or 0.3 percent. Fiscal year-to-date expenditures were \$3.3 billion, or 1.7 percent, lower than the governor’s budget estimates. The state started the fiscal year with a \$14.7-billion General Fund cash balance and ended May with a \$21.7-billion balance.

“Even with rising economic uncertainty at home and abroad, the state’s strong cash position and its ability to pay its bills on time and in full continue with revenues and spending meeting expectations,” Cohen said. “With the Legislature currently finalizing its spending plan for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, I encourage continued fiscal restraint coupled

with maintaining reserves in the event the state faces increased volatility in its revenues or spending.”

For the fiscal year through May, personal income tax receipts were \$374.4 million above May revision projections or 0.3 percent. Corporation tax collections were \$225.3 million or 0.8 percent above estimates. Retail sales and use tax receipts were \$255.3 million below recent projections or 0.8 percent.

The controller continues to note that while April 15 is the traditional annual personal income tax payment deadline, the Franchise Tax Board extended the current deadline for Los Angeles County individuals and businesses in response to the fires that began on Jan. 7. These individuals and businesses have until Oct. 15 to file and pay taxes.

As of May 31, the state had \$91.5 billion in unused borrowable resources. These resources are from internal funds outside of the General Fund that are borrowable under state law and that the State Controller’s Office uses to manage daily and monthly cash deficits when revenue collections are lower than expenditures. Internal borrowing from special funds is short-term and is repaid so that borrowing does not affect the operations of the special funds. ★



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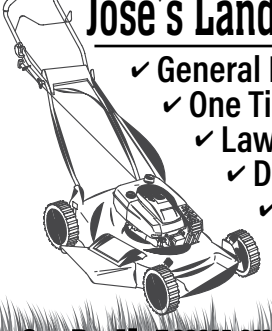
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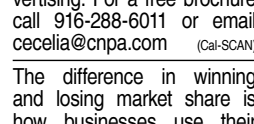
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The Spats

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GULP

A CAKE WITH A FILE IN IT.

by Jeff Pickering

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
POPEYE
BY RANDY MUKOLIND

I WISH UNCLE BRUTUS STILL TOOK US TO WRESTLING.

YEAH, YOUR UNCLE BLUTO'S NOT AS FUN.

I'M RIGHT HERE!

SURE, FOUR SALT IN THE WOUND.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
"BUMMER SLAM" PART 9

AT LONG LAST, THE TIME HAS COME FOR BRUTUS TO FACE MACCHI MACCHADO IN THE WRESTLING RING WHERE HE PLANS TO LOSE TO HELP THE MAN'S CAREER REBOUND.

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT!

TIME TO RENEW HARDTACK'S FAITH IN MACCHI!

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS.

WE WRESTLERS HAVE BEEN TALKIN' AND WE FEEL A BIT GUILTY.

WE WENT ALONG WITH THIS 'CUZ WE WERE TOLD WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORK WITH MACCHI ANYMORE.

THE TRUTH IS, NONE OF US WRESTLE MACCHI 'CUZ HE'S A JERK, AND HE'S DONE THIS SCAM BEFORE. HE GUILTS SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF WRESTLING INTO FEELING BAD FOR HIM TO COME IN AND "SAVE" HIS CAREER.

THEN, KNOWING THEY'LL GO EASY ON HIM, HE GETS IN THE RING AND JUST WRECKS THEM.

AND HE GETS TO PLAY THE "HERO" FOR IT TOO!

THAT'S AWFUL!

WELL, OFF TO MY MATCH WITH MACCHI.

DID HE HEAR A WORD I SAID?

YEAH, BUT WALKIN' INTO BAD SICHUANWAYSHUN'S IS HIS HOBBY.

Amber Waves

UGH, I'M SO TIRED OF EATING FIELD GRASS EVERY DAY. WHAT I'D GIVE FOR A TACO.

OOOH! A PATCH OF THICK KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS. THAT'S EVEN BETTER!

CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!

ACKK!! I TAKE IT BACK. AT LEAST WITH A TACO YOU DON'T GET A THISTLE IN IT!

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TIGER

LOOKIT, TIGER, FROM AN OAK TREE

AN ACORN

UH-HUH

YOU GONNA PLANT IT?

YUP

IF I CAN DECIDE

WHERE MY GRANDSON WILL WANT HIS TREE HOUSE

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1. Croat, e.g.
5. Reverential respect mixed with wonder
8. Island near Java
12. From where to eternity?
13. "Land of the ____"
14. Rowed
15. Diabolical
16. Mideast bigwig
17. Unleashes
18. "Star-spangled banner (2 words)
20. Type of ski lift
21. "Day before Independence Day
22. Quilting party
23. Sherlock Holmes' confidant
26. Formal dinner
30. U.N. working-conditions agency
31. Sextet plus one
34. Cancel
35. Holey confection
37. Electric swimmer
38. Frame job
39. Comparison word
40. Type of deodorant
42. Skater's field
43. "Like "America the Beautiful" skies
45. Covered with a ceiling
47. Tennis do-over
48. Surfer's stops
50. Not guilty, e.g.
52. "Yankee Doodle's feather
55. "To Freedom!", e.g.
56. Tel ____ Israel
57. B b's mother
59. Pseudonym
60. "Cup at a picnic
61. Do like exhaust pipe
62. Late George Wendt on "Cheers"
63. Give it a go
64. "Betsy of #18 Across-related fame

DOWN

1. "He said, ____ said"
2. Russian left
3. Pomegranate seed
4. South African grasslands
5. Knight's protection
6. Odd and unusual
7. Like ghostly howls
8. *July 4th culinary tradition
9. ____ 51 in Nevada
10. Lecherous look
11. Dog tags
13. Felidae family member
14. As a rule
19. Casper, e.g.
22. Cricket club
23. Measurement
24. Hello, to Mr. Hand
25. Opposite of atonal
26. *Philadelphia's Liberty
48. Relish
49. In an unfriendly manner
50. Horseback sport
51. Bear's hang-out
52. Sail holder
53. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" captain
54. Part of an eye
55. Sun kiss
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Men’s Soccer Announces 2025 Slate

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California State University, Sacramento head men’s soccer coach Michael Linenberger announced June 12 an 18-match regular season schedule for 2025, a slate that includes a trio of National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament qualifiers and six opponents that finished inside the final top 100 in the end-of-season Rating Percentage Index (RPI) rankings.

Among the three National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament qualifiers on this year’s schedule are two Big West Conference rivals as the Hornets open this year’s campaign with a road match at Stanford on Aug. 21 and has road league contests at University of California, Santa Barbara on Oct. 22 and University of California, Davis on Nov. 1.

The Stanford Cardinals were a No. 16 national seed in last year’s National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament reaching the third round and finishing No. 13 in the final United Soccer Coaches poll. Following a first-round bye, Stanford eliminated the University of California, Santa Barbara Gauchos on penalties, 6-5, following a 2-2 draw and then fell to Ohio State, 4-3, on penalties after a scoreless draw through 110 minutes.

UC Santa Barbara opened with a 1-0 victory over University of California, Los Angeles before its draw with Stanford and finished among those receiving votes in the United Soccer Coaches poll. Meanwhile, the Aggies made the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament for the fourth time in school history after defeating the Gauchos 2-0 in the



An 18-match regular season schedule for 2025 was released by California State University, Sacramento head men’s soccer coach Michael Linenberger on June 12. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Big West championship match, falling to San Diego, 1-0 in first round

Stanford leads the group among the top 100 in the Rating Percentage Index, finishing the 2024 season No. 12 in the nation followed by UC Santa Barbara (No. 28), UC Davis (No. 54), San Francisco (No. 70), UC Irvine (No. 72) and Cal State Fullerton (No. 90). In addition, six more were among the top 150 in Cal State Bakersfield (No. 102), Cal Poly (No. 107), Utah Valley (No. 111), Pacific (No. 130), UC Riverside (No. 145), and San Jose State (No. 149).

For comparison, California State University, Sacramento ended the year ranked No. 139 in the final Rating Percentage Index rankings.

The Hornets open the year with an exhibition noon Aug. 10 in Berkeley before officially kicking off the campaign with the season opener against the Cardinals. Utah Tech will be the first home opponent for California State

University, Sacramento at 1 p.m. Aug. 24, as the Hornets look to build off a 2024 season that saw them finish 4-2-1 on their home field.

Alternating home and away matches follow over the next two weeks as California State University, Sacramento travels to Grand Canyon (Aug. 28), hosts Santa Clara in a double header with the women’s team on Aug. 31, travels to Utah Valley (Sept. 4) and comes home to host San Jose State in another double header on Sept. 7.

Back-to-back matches against West Coast Conference rivals follow with road contests at Pacific (Sept. 11) and San Francisco (Sept. 15) before the Hornets host Saint Mary’s on Sept. 19 to close out non-conference play and kick off a season-long three-match homestand.

Big West play opens at home against California State University, Bakersfield (Oct. 1) and California State University, Fullerton (Oct. 4) as California

State University, Sacramento hosts five of its nine league contests in 2025. Remaining home conference matches include Cal Poly (Oct. 15), UC Irvine (Oct. 18), and UC San Diego (Oct. 25), while the Hornets will take to the road to face CSUN (Oct. 8), UC Riverside (Oct. 11), UC Santa Barbara (Oct. 22) and UC Davis (Nov. 1).

This year’s Big West Tournament kicks off at campus sites with the quarterfinals on Nov. 5 and the semifinals on Nov. 8, with the championship held on Nov. 15. The National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament play begins with first-round matches on Nov. 20.

The Aug. 10 exhibition match is at California Berkley and starts at noon. The Hornets play on Aug. 21 at Stanford, starting at 7 p.m.

On Aug. 24 the Hornets face **Utah Tech at 1 p.m.**

On Aug. 28 the hornets travel to play Grand Canyon at 7 p.m. The Hornets play **Santa Clara**

(DH) on Aug. 31 at 5 p.m.

On Sept. 4 the Hornets play at Utah Valley, starting at 7 p.m.

On Sept. 7 it’s the Hornets versus **San Jose State (DH) at 3 p.m.**

On Sept. 11 at Pacific, the Hornets play at 7 p.m.

The Hornets play on Sept. 15 at San Francisco and the game starts at 7 p.m.

The Hornets play **Saint Mary’s** on Sept. 19 at 4 p.m.

On Oct. 1 the Hornets play **Cal State Bakersfield* at 4 p.m.**

On Oct. 4 the Hornets go up against **Cal State Fullerton* at 4 p.m.**

The Hornets play CSUN* on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

The Hornets play at UC Riverside* on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.

The Hornets play on Oct. 15 against **Cal Poly* at 3 p.m.**

The Hornets will play **UC Irvine* at 3 p.m. on Oct. 18.**

The Hornets play UC Santa Barbara* at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22. On **Oct. 25**, it’s the Hornets versus **UC San Diego*at 3 p.m.**

The Hornets will go against UC Davis* at 7 p.m. on Nov. 1.

The Big West Conference Quarterfinals will take place on Nov. 5 at campus sites to be determined by season results.

The Big West Conference Semifinals take place on Nov. 8 with campus sites still to be determined.

The Big West Conference Finals on Nov. 15 will take place at a site to be determined and the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament takes place from Nov. 20 - Dec. 15.

*An * denotes a Big West Conference match. Home matches are in bold and are played on campus at Hornet Soccer Field. Dates and times are subject to change. Visit HornetSports.com for the latest information.* ★

Tennis Coach Named Region’s Top Assistant



California State University, Sacramento Hornets’ associate head women’s tennis coach Jack Maddocks speaks with student-athletes Mayya Gorbunova and Reese Walker during a dual match at home against Nevada in 2024. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State University, Sacramento associate head women’s tennis coach Jack Maddocks was honored by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association and named the Northwest Region Assistant Coach of the Year on June 10.

“I am so excited for Jack to be named ITA Region Assistant Coach of the Year,” head coach Sophie Breault said. “He’s shown great leadership, commitment and a team-first mindset every single day. This award is a well-deserved recognition of the impact he’s had on our team over the past few years.”

Recently wrapping up his fourth season with the Hornets, his first as associate head coach in 2025, Maddocks has helped shape a resurgence in the Sacramento State University program since coming on as an assistant in 2022. He teamed up with Breault and volunteer assistant Enrique Alcacer to return the Hornets back to the top of the Big Sky Conference.

In his four years, Maddocks has helped California State University, Sacramento rise from a five-win team in his first season to claiming the 2024 Big Sky Conference regular season title, the 10th in the history of the program and the first since 2012 and winning each of the last two Big Sky

Tournament crowns, giving the Hornets a league-best 13 titles.

As a result, California State University, Sacramento has advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournaments in back-to-back years, the program’s 14th and 15th all-time trips to the postseason, while compiling 41 wins over the last two campaigns. The program posted back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since 2004 and 2005.

The 21-4 overall record during spring 2025 marked the most victories for the Hornets since 2008 as California State University, Sacramento returned to the national rankings for the first time since 2015, reaching as high as No. 49 in the nation, while ending the year in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s northwest regional rankings for the second straight season, finishing No. 10 in 2024 and No. 5 this past year.

Under Maddocks’ tutelage, 10 student-athletes have gone on to collect a total of 22 All-Big Sky honors and 16 conference Player of the Week awards on the court, while claiming three Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team honors, a total of 20 individual academic citations from the organization, and 20 Big Sky All-Academic Team awards off the court over the past three years.

Academic awards for the 2025 season will be released at a later date. ★

Co-Ed Youth League Tips Off at Golden 1

Sacramento Kings News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Kings and Queens Rise Co-ed Youth Sports and Mentoring League, an initiative of The Center at Sierra Health Foundation’s Black Child Legacy Campaign program, launches its eighth season this week with a tip-off event hosted by league partner, the Sacramento Kings.

Focused on basketball and cheer activities, Kings and Queens Rise offers youth various opportunities to engage in inter-neighborhood events during the summer. By fostering these positive interactions, it aims to prevent and combat violence in our communities, creating a safer and more cohesive environment for all participants.

“The Kings and Queens Rise League is integral to our ongoing commitment to supporting Sacramento’s youth through meaningful, community-centered engagement,” said Sacramento Kings Chief Operating Officer Matina Kolokotronis. “We are proud to continue our partnership with the Black Child Legacy Campaign to provide a safe and inspiring space where young people can build confidence, develop leadership skills and connect across neighborhoods. As we launch the eighth season, we remain focused on using the power of sports to uplift the next generation of Sacramento leaders.”

Said The Center at Sierra Health Foundation Founder and CEO Chet P. Hewitt, “The start of our eighth season shows just how deeply rooted Kings and Queens Rise has become in Sacramento’s neighborhoods. This league is more than basketball and cheer; it’s a proven violence prevention strategy that creates safe spaces for youth to grow, lead and connect across neighborhoods. With trusted partnership from the Sacramento Kings, Black Child Legacy Campaign community partners and hundreds of local families, we’re building a culture of safety, belonging

and opportunity that lasts far beyond the summer.”

The eight-week league will run from June 21 through Aug. 23 and feature 24 teams composed of more than 400 youth from fourth- through 11th-grades. Participants will be a part of teams from one of the following neighborhoods served by the Black Child Legacy Campaign and its partners: Arden Arcade, Del Paso Heights-North Sacramento, Foothill Farms-North Highlands, Fruitridge-Stockton, Marina Vista, Meadowview, Oak Park and Valley Hi. Games and practices will take place in community locations throughout North and South



Sacramento and the season will culminate with a final tournament.

Last year, Kings and Queens Rise expanded opportunities for participation with co-ed cheer squads. For the second year, each neighborhood will have their own cheer team that will practice throughout the week and perform during Saturday basketball games.

The Sacramento Kings support Kings and Queens Rise through the Jr. Kings program presented by Kaiser Permanente. The league offers weekly learning modules crafted by Kenneth Duncan of Ball Out Academy, who serves as the league’s commissioner. Black Child Legacy Campaign community partners in each of the program’s priority neighborhoods provide safe spaces for training and season games, and coaches are trained members of these partner organizations.

To learn more about the first season of Kings and Queens Rise, see the season video recap at youtube.com/watch?v=GWxQatKdmnY. View more program videos at instagram.com/p/DACMQe_S2Q6/.

For more information about the Kings and Queens Rise Co-ed Youth Sports and Mentoring League, visit the Black Child Legacy Campaign website at blackchildlegacy.org/kings-and-queens-rise-2025-season-eight. ★